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Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor Janet

When my niece, Lauren, was a little girl, she told me that she knew I went to a Lutheran Church, but she went to a Catholic Church. I thought that very odd for her to say since, as far as I knew, she had never even visited a Catholic Church. So I told her "We both go to Lutheran churches, Lauren." It wasn't until she insisted that she went to the "holy catholic Church" that I understood. Lauren had been listening to the congregation recite the Apostles Creed during the worship service, perhaps even joining in that confession of faith. And of course Lauren was right—she *was* a part of the holy catholic Church, in the same way all Christians belong to the small "c" catholic universal Church.

This is the time of year when the Church calendar readings prompt us to reflect on Christian unity. John's Gospel gives us Jesus' prayer, that his disciples would be one, as he is one with the Father. How has that turned out? Those who study these things say there are over 40,000 different Christian denominations in the world today. That is an astounding number of people letting issues divide them despite a common commitment to One whose dying prayer was that his followers be one. And yet, there were divisive issues practically from the get-go as we read the New Testament epistles and Paul's response to conflicts in the churches. The unity Jesus prayed for did not result in his followers all believing the same things or practicing their faith in the same way. That is not what it means to be one in Christ. Jesus prays for us to be drawn into the relationship of love that is at the very heart of God; he wants us to be drawn into an abiding relationship with him and his Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The book of Acts gives us a description of the events of Pentecost, when a diverse gathering receives an outpouring of the Spirit of the Risen Christ and the Church catholic was born. If that group, from all those different countries, speaking all those different languages, could come together and be the Church, then who are we to let differences divide us? They didn't stop being who they were, but now they had a common mission in sharing God's deeds of power.

As we celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit, may we also find ways to celebrate the gifts each one of us brings to the holy catholic Church.

Your Co-worker in the Gospel,
Pastor Janet

Zion Lutheran Church
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May Announcements

Attention New Zion Attendees!!!

If you are new to Zion, or if you have been attending for a while and would like to become a member, please let the office know and we will schedule a special service for new members. You can call the office at 315-732-4110 or send us an email at office@zionluth.com. We would love to have you as part of our church family!

Sundays at 10am

Greeters come upstairs at 10am and, for the safety of our worshipers, we keep the doors locked. Please ring the normal office bell and we will do everything we can to listen for the bell and have someone run down and open the door.

Abide

The Building Analysis and Internal Structure and Systems Working groups will meet the third Sunday of each month following worship.

Faith Alive

Faith Alive is taking a summer vacation. We anticipate resuming on Sunday, September 10th. Watch for information in the August and September newsletters.

Boilermaker Outreach Opportunity!!

Boilermaker Parking & Hospitality Tent July 9th: Social Ministry is looking for two parking lot attendants to collect canned goods/donations in Zion's parking lot, and three volunteers to man the Hospitality Tent and potentially walk spectators to restrooms on Boilermaker Sunday! We have the signs and collection cart and we believe we have the small tent for the Hospitality Tent. Please see the signup sheet if you're interested!

Games in the Fireside Room

We would love to open the Fireside Room during the week for fellowship and games. You are welcome to bring refreshments and have coffee. Zion has games but, if you had something else in mind, please let Sara know! We are flexible on the day of the week as well as the time.

Notebook

We are hoping to find the owner of a small a purple notebook (from Staples) that has Zion's Property information enclosed. Please call the office if it's yours!

Flowers

Please bring donations of flowers to be planted at Zion by the 2nd Sunday in June. Thank you!

Graduates

Zion welcomes you to submit announcements for the graduates in your life for us to share.

Fellowship & Coffee Hour

We are working on a few last minute changes and schedules.

We look forward to seeing you again in the Fireside Room for coffee & fellowship in the very near future!

We will post updated announcements in the upcoming bulletins.

June Birthdays

Don Gregory	3	Nathan Killian	20
John Blackburn	4	Bob Kulawy	24
Debra Tompkins	4	Jayden Silva	24
Danyelle Stevens	7	Jeanne Youngkrans	25
Carl Schmitt	8	Linda Lambe	26
Alex McAllister	11	Sue Pardee	27
Phil Renno	14	Lois McAllister	27
Gerrit Weir	13	Joanne Spetz	29
Christopher Pulliam	18	Barb Wilson	29
Jim Smith	18	Connor Russell	29
Alan Swierczek	19		



Central Crossroads Conference Spring Assembly Summary

On April 15, 2023 the Central Crossroads Conference (CCC) met in assembly at Faith Lutheran Church in Cicero. The conference is one of seven conferences in the Upstate New York Synod established for the purpose of fostering interdependent relationships for missional purposes among congregations, with our synod and the churchwide organization and other affiliates, such as campus ministry. Membership is defined by the Synod Council but generally includes those congregations, affiliated organizations and worshipping communities recognized by the ELCA in the conference's defined geography which for us is NS from the St. Lawrence to Cortland and EW from Auburn to Dolgeville. Each congregation is entitled to send two (2) voting members who are not rostered ministers to represent them at spring and fall assemblies similar to Synod Assembly.

The highlights of the April Spring Assembly actions included:

- Approval of 2022 Fall Assembly minutes

- Receipt and approval of conference financial report

- Approval of revised Central Crossroads Covenant which serves as the guide for functioning of the conference.

- Nominations and election of new Conference Cabinet members for 3-year terms -

- Re-elected Rev. Dana Smith, Atonement, for a 2nd term

- Elected the following lay members to the Cabinet

- Kathy Haldenwang, St. Peter's, Verona

- Sue Nalle, Grace, Oswego

- Judy Sadlon, Trinity, Herkimer

- Greg May, St. Stephen, Syracuse

These people join current Cabinet members, Tom Henry (St. Mark's, Baldwinsville), Pam Donovan (Our Saviour, Utica and conference Synod Council representative), Rev. Allan Ferguson (Conference Dean, Faith, Cicero), Rev. Katie Yahns (St. Peter's, Verona) and Deacon Patsy Glista (Secretary, Zion, New Hartford). The assembly thanked Dianne Klafehn (St. Paul's, Liverpool) for her past three years of service on the Cabinet.

Lutheran Charities discussion was referred to the Cabinet for the next steps.

Receipt of 2023 Synod Assembly information from Pam Donovan

If you'd like to know more, please speak with Patsy Glista.

Treasurer's Report

	April 2023 Treasurer's Report			
	Apr-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 12,196.00	\$ 57,322.47	\$ 57,332.00	\$ (9.53)
Other Income	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 6,110.32	\$ 5,853.45	\$ 256.87
Total Income	\$ 15,121.00	\$ 63,432.79	\$ 63,185.45	\$ 247.34
Total Expense	\$ 11,659.71	\$ 60,599.89	\$ 63,008.20	\$ (2,408.31)
Net Income	\$ 3,461.29	\$ 2,832.90	\$ 177.25	\$ 2,655.65

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Doris Miga	World Hunger	Jeanne Gymburch
Betty & Don Clark	World Hunger	Loretta Berie
My Mother	World Hunger	Fran LaGase
Our deceased family members	World Hunger/Bees	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall
Jim & Vergie Bowie	World Hunger	Evon Pinkos
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
All nurses & all mothers	World Hunger/Bees	Claudia King

June Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
June 4	Joe Schmidt	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Karen Toepp	Caryn Carlson & Laura Hilt
June 11	Wendy Stevens	Pastor Bill		Darlene Hill & Caryn Carlson
June 18	Joe Schmidt	Pastor Bill	Linda Bennett	
June 25		Deacon Patsy Glista		

Martin Luther's Europe 2025



Martin Luther's Europe July 9-20, 2025

St Peter's Lutheran Church in Verona is hosting a 12-day trip to Germany (via travel agency) and invited other local Lutheran Churches. If anyone is interested in more information please call or email the office and Sara will send you the 22 page Power Point Presentation of the trip. There is already interest within Zion and three people are signing up!

Where are they going?

Berlin | Wittenberg | Munich | Paris | Rome

Cost breakdown

- Depart from Syracuse Wednesday, July 9, 2025.
- Program Cost \$5549 -\$300 Early Enrollment Discount until June 1, 2023 Total \$5249
- Estimated Monthly Payments \$202 per month \$6.51 per day with E-Z Pay and \$0 deposit
- Final payment is due 3/21/2025 or, with E-Z Pay, 6/9/2025. Tour cost is based on a group size of 40 participants.

What's included?

- Round-trip transportation on scheduled airline. All public transportation tickets included where applicable.
- Accommodations in centrally-located three-star or four-star hotels. Rooming on a double basis.
- All breakfasts. All dinners
- Services of a specially-trained passports Tour Director throughout. Whisper headsets included.
- Entrances and activities as noted on itinerary.
- Passports provides and pays for a Post Departure Travel Protection Plan that includes coverage for Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, Baggage Loss or Delay, Medical Expense and Evacuation and more.

A Gift from Zion's Past

Recently, Terry and Jacquelyn Snyder of Fort Plain blessed our congregation with a gift of three artfully framed baptismal and confirmation certificates from a century ago. The documents belonged to Jacquelyn's mother, Helen Mary Baumes (Cronk), who grew up in Old Zion Church on Fay/Cooper Streets in West Utica.

Helen (1913-2002) was born in the Town of Russia, north of Utica, the second child of William and Lillian Russer Baumes. Employment opportunities drew the family to Whitesboro by 1920. William (1886-1969), a molder by trade, initially worked in foundries, but was hired by Kelsey-Hayes Mfg. around 1940 and labored there until he retired in 1958.

Lillian (1889-1969) was a stay-at-home mom for the couple's six children: Ernest (born 1912), Helen, Irene, William, Melvin, and Audrey. All the Baumes' children were baptized and confirmed at Zion. Helen and Ernest were members of our church's Confirmation Class of 1925. Newspaper articles clearly document the family's Sunday School and Luther League activities.

Helen's baptismal certificate was signed by Otto Von Bueren, Zion's sixth pastor, who served our church from 1901-1918. The Rev. William C. Nolte signed her confirmation certificate. Nolte shepherded Zion from 1918-1945.

On September 10, 1937, Helen married Raymond E. Cronk in Old Zion. Raymond was baptized by Pastor John Carl Nestel at the former Trinity Lutheran Church on South James Street in Rome. The Snyders' gift also included his framed baptismal certificate. Nestel ministered at our church from 1892 until 1901. He served Trinity in the years immediately before and after his Zion pastorate. This Lutheran congregation, like ours, traced its roots to the Rev. Andrew Wetzel's circuit-riding ministry in the 1830s and 1840s.

In the early 20th century, Rome's Trinity Lutheran evolved into Trinity United Church of Christ, located on West Court Street. We contacted the congregation and offered them this beautiful document from their heritage. As you might imagine, the offer was enthusiastically accepted. Today, Raymond Cronk's baptismal certificate is displayed in its proper home.

One final note. Another Zion connection emerged during my visit to Rome. Pastor Karen Marshall, who lives in Syracuse, currently serves Trinity. During conversation, I discovered that David Cleaver-Bartholomew used to prepare her taxes, a revelation that engendered joyful stories.



Zion's Confirmation Class of 1925. Helen is in the lower row, seated on the far right. Her brother, Ernest, stands behind her on the far right of the middle row. Our church's confirmation classes were professionally photographed in studios during the 1920s.

A Gift from Zion's Past



Helen's baptismal certificate.



Helen's certificate of confirmation.

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Thank you to all those who sent me a birthday card for my 94th on May 5th. I appreciate them all, plus the feedback on my quips and quotes. Thanks to those who included quips for my collection.

Love you all,
Millie

Dear Carole,

I want to thank you and all the people who make the delicious, fresh, homemade gourmet food and pastries and pasta, etc. that I have been privileged to enjoy and which have improved my health considerably in just a few weeks!! I think of you every time I heat up a meal and it is a comforting feeling. Just want you to know how valuable and appreciated you are and the comfort you bring to people like me!

From, Patty (*a Your Neighbors meal receiver.*)

To Zion Council and all of Zion Members

Thank you to all of you who helped the Your Neighbors program get through a difficult transitional time. Because of you, several of our most vulnerable client/neighbors were able to be fed good nutritious meals and soups and "goodies" without interruption. (See a related message from one of them in this "thank you" section.) Please know that you have made and continue to make a difference in the lives of some very special "neighbors".

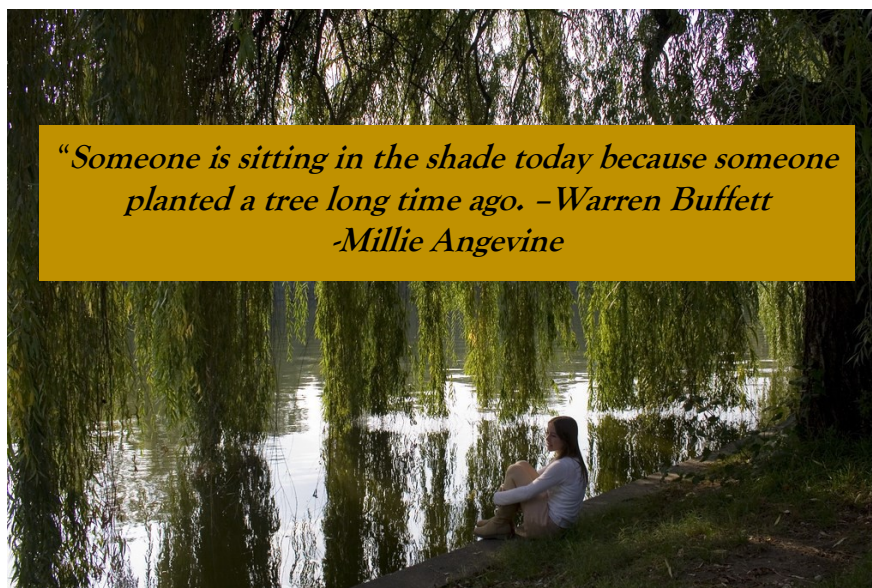
Carole Grove

To Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for hosting the Hamilton College Outreach Adventure Program May training. We enjoyed our stay in this beautiful facility and hope to stay with you all again during our August orientation trip.

The Students of Hamilton College

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations to World Hunger for the Bee Generous Campaign. The goal for each congregation was \$440. Zion came in at \$665!!



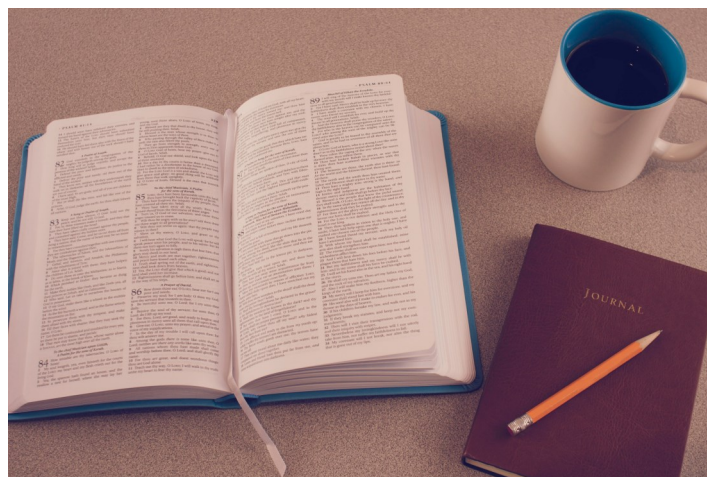
Women of Faith

Summer Bible Study series – *Salvation Now* by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen will be held on the 4th Monday of each month, June 26, July 24, and August 28 at 7 PM on Zoom.

We will use the summer Bible study series from the Women of the ELCA Gather magazine. This three-part study focuses on one small word, “now”, and the role that it plays throughout the Gospel of John. Session One can be downloaded from the Gather website at [Summer 2023 Bible study: Salvation Now by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen - Gather Magazine](#). Paper copies will also be available in the narthex at church. The Zoom link will be shared closer to the meeting.

- **Session One:** *Promised Salvation Now – Jesus Brings Wellness* – Looks at John’s use of the word “now”. In this session, we’ll look at how John focuses on the differences Jesus makes in peoples’ lives in the here and now.
- **Session Two:** *Tangible Salvation Now – Christians Bringing Wellness* – Being followers of Jesus includes expressing our solidarity with Him and his mission. In this session, we will look at the biblical and theological reasons for not waiting until some future time, but to be faithful ambassadors for Christ now.
- **Session Three:** *Needed Salvation Now – A World Wanting Wellness* – Looking at John 3:17, “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him,” this session explores John’s commitment to service and how we can bring that service into the world.

Save the Date – Women of Faith in-person gathering at 12 PM on Sunday, August 13th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herkimer. Our program will be provided by women from Zion. Please bring a bag lunch, bring a friend and plan to join us. Trinity will provide beverages and dessert. *More information about the program will be forthcoming.*





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*The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to prayerfully
discern God's call to help people
to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*



We need a couple of volunteers to help with the Boilermaker.

***** Hospitality Tent & the Parking Lot *****

Please call or email the office if you'd like to help.

Thank you!!