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Zion's News & Notes



A Few Words From Pastor David

Zion Lutheran Church

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In last month's newsletter article, I continued my encouragement for us to become more engaged in social ministry beyond our walls. This should have come as no surprise to folks as I have often encouraged us to increase our outreach into the surrounding communities and the wider world. I think we are definitely growing in this area and I am extremely grateful to all who have made this a greater priority one way or another, be it through their time, talent, treasure, or prayers. Thank you, and let's keep up the good work and growing in this area!

But this month I'd also like to thank those who have found their calling to service within the church. Outreach is one side of the proverbial coin, a necessary side, but only one side. In-reach is the other side, the flip side, and an equally necessary side. So in this article, I'd like to publicly express my deep thanks and appreciation to all those who serve among us and within our walls. I think that too often we take your service for granted or offer a "too quick" thank you. So, I'd like to pause and say a sincere, heartfelt "thank you!" Thank you to those who serve in official capacities and those who serve in unofficial ones. Thank you to those who do visible things and thank you to those whose contributions are behind the scenes and hidden from public view. Thank you to those who do big things and to those who do small things. Thank you to those who simply "show up" and/or who hold us in their thoughts and prayers. Thank you to everyone for contributing to Zion's *gemeinschaftsgefühl* (literally, "community feeling" or "social interest," a term describing the state of social connectedness and interest in the well-being of others, or as John Heitz defined the spirit he felt upon returning to Zion in 1944, "a caring congregational spirit that embraces and nurtures all people.") that Jack Henke mentioned in his recent Retirement Tea presentation on Zion's history.

For the body of Christ known as Zion Lutheran Church to effectively minister to the communities outside it, it must be strong within. As the apostle Paul says in 1st Corinthians 12, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

I don't think that it matters very much whether one feels called to ministry within the church or outside the church. What I think matters more is the call to ministry that we all have that comes from the same triune God and how we respond to it. Thank you for your respective and various ministries. I pray that you feel appreciated and find your ministry rewarding. I also pray that we all will continue to grow in our own particular sense of call to ministry and in our ability to respond to it.

Your brother in Christ and fellow sojourner in the faith,

Pastor David

LIFE isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Announcements

Traditional Worship service: 10:00 AM Sundays with a Contemporary Service at 6:00 PM.

And as always, *All Are Welcome!*

BIBLE STUDY: Meets at **10 AM** and **6:30 PM** in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays. All are welcome.

Questions, please contact Pr. David (pastor@zionluth.com or 315-732-4110).

WORSHIP TEAM OPPORTUNITIES: Have you considered helping out with church service? There is a new opportunity each week to serve Zion as a Greeter; welcoming guests as they come into the church. Ushers, Worship assistants, and communion assistants are always needed!. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the narthex. Or ask around for Bonnie Loomis, Laura Hilt or Marty Pughe. **Ephesians 4** says that It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers (Greeters, Ushers, Worship Assistants and Communion Assistants) to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ might be built up.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: Will meet on Tuesday, May 1st at 5pm in the Fireside Room. Please see a committee member if you have any questions: Kim & Jim Marscher, Bob & Bonnie Loomis, Wendy Stevens, Laura Hilt, Gloria Cifonelli, Mary Senn, John Aceto, Matt Aceto, Jim Schieble, Diana Inserra, Jeanne Gymburch and Pastor David.

AMAZON SMILE: Please take advantage of the AmazonSmile Foundation when you are shopping, as it now benefits Zion! Amazon lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile (smile. Amazon.com), the AmazonSmile foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Zion. Please share with your friends and family and shop here! —>> <https://smile.amazon.com> and shop for the charity, Zion Lutheran Church.

YOUR NEIGHBORS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: May 4 & 5 at Our Saviour Church. If you have any items to donate, there is still time to drop them off before the sale starts, (drop off by 5/2)! Your neighbors will pick up any items that are too large for you to transport, or if you are unable to deliver and as always, they cannot accept clothing, sporting goods, books or luggage. Or just come out and shop, we know you will enjoy the sale! Volunteers are needed for the sale- as well as after the closing of the sale! Please call Challee Kohl with any questions at 315-235-7149. Thanks for your continued support!

YOUNG FAMILIES DINNER: Thursday May 3rd at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. We will have a family dinner and “worshipful play” for families with pre-K children. *Please join us!*

ZION'S MEN'S GROUP: Will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday May 5th at Breakfast at Tiffany's.

All men are welcome.

THE PARIS HILL BRASS will perform a concert at Zion on **Sunday, May 20th** from 2-4 PM in Zion's sanctuary, with refreshments during intermission in the Fireside Room. *Donations would be gratefully accepted.*

INTERFAITH/INTERFILM: Film series at Munson Williams Proctor Auditorium 310 Genesee Street in Utica. This series aims to create a productive, safe space to discuss the connections and clashes between religious traditions and to think about the place of religion in public life today. The following movie will be playing -Ave Maria on Tuesday 5/29 @630PM.

TRANSPORTATION GROUP - We are trying to establish a driving pool to transport people to and from church for worship and other activities. If you are willing to help or have any questions, please contact Pr. David at 315-732-4110. Thank you!

Reflections of Zion



Jim Marscher & Katie Lockwood sang their annual Easter song (The Jellybean Song) it was Beautiful!

May Birthdays

Michael Stevens Jr.	2
Kristen Free	3
Alfred Moretz	4
Evan Marscher	4
Tricia Meneses	5
Mildred Angevine	5
Hayley Killian	6
Emilia Stevens	6
Krista Beiswenger	7
Lloyd McLennan	8
Kaleena Cain	9
Dawn Straite	9
Erik Smith	10
Jed Jecen	11
Olivia Pierce	12
Brandon Scalise	12

Holly Marshall	13
Bill Pentland	13
Tina Tolia	13
Dan Dellecesse	15
Ed Hecklau	15
Harry Morrison	16
Pr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew	17
Shirley Eadline	17
Eleanor Hecklau	18
Kate Lambe	18
Ryan Kulawy	19
Audrey Scholl	19
Robert Lambe	20
Tracy Stevens	22
Abigail Tompkins	23
Brandon Straite	24
George McGlynn	25
Kris Larsen	28

Andrew Miller	28
Loretta Berie	28
Avery Zanker	28
Moirra Dowd	30
Robert Kuiken	31
Alison Manderson (Inserra)	31
Karen Toepp	31
Joni Pulliam	31

Vignettes from Zion's History: Release Time Education

Zion members who grew up in the Utica area from the 1940s through the mid-1960s will recall "release time education," where public school pupils were dismissed an hour early one day per week for religious instruction. Students needed written parental permission to participate. Protestant and Catholic congregations, including the city's five Lutheran churches, organized instructional programs.

Although release time education in our country started in the early 20th century, it didn't become popular until the late 1940s, when over two million students enrolled in religious after-school classes. Opponents challenged the practice in court. The Champaign, Illinois, School District's custom of allowing religious personnel to teach release time sessions in public school buildings was declared unconstitutional in *McCullum v. Board of Education* (1948). However, when New York's release time regulations, which involved no use of public facilities or monies, were tested in *Zorach v. Clauson* (1952), the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that the practice was legal. New York education law mandated that "no announcement of any kind in the public school concerning the released time program" will occur and that students could be released for one hour per week for this instruction. Release time teaching had to be administered by "duly constituted religious bodies."

Regional religious organizations helped churches organize release time programs. In January 1956, for example, the Utica Council of Churches sponsored a leadership training session for release time teachers at First Presbyterian Church. The Council honored these instructors at banquets held Trinity Episcopal Church, Faxton Street, in 1957 and Plymouth-Bethesda Congregational Church, Oneida Square, in 1958. The New Hartford Cooperative Protestant Released Time Board contacted all Protestant parents in the district in 1958 to inform them of after-school Christian education offerings at Hilltop Moravian and New Hartford Methodist Churches. These efforts generated an enrollment of over 400 pupils in the board's release time sessions.

Utica's four United Lutheran Church congregations banded together to create a release time curriculum and organization. In the 1940s and 1950s, Holy Communion Church, at the corner of Sunset Avenue and Mulberry Street, served as a teaching site on Tuesday afternoons for students from Utica Free Academy and Proctor High Schools. Zion Pastors Edmund Bosch and John Sprock, along with the Revs. William Hammann of Holy Communion, Arnold Keller of Redeemer, and Robert Nelson and Paul Arnold of St. Paul's, taught classes on alternating years. Zion, Redeemer, and St. Paul's churches hosted sessions for elementary and middle school pupils.

Pastor John Sprock (1950-1971) changed Zion's approach to release time. Prior to his arrival, students walked from their schools to churches to receive instruction. This practice limited Zion's attendance. Gloria Palmer Cifonelli recalled how, when she attended Lincoln Elementary School in Utica's Highlands neighborhood, she walked to Calvary Baptist Church for release time instruction. The distance to Zion dictated her enrollment at Calvary. "You just couldn't get to Zion," remembered Gloria, "because it was too far away." Pastor Sprock recruited a team of "release time drivers" to pick up students at their schools and deliver them to Fay and Cooper Streets. This group included, among others, Louis Ditzel, Loretta Koehler, Pastor Emeritus William Nolte, Frances Stein and, of course, the pastor. The driver system continued after our congregation moved to French and Burrstone Roads. In addition, several parents drove their children to release time sessions. Gladys Zoeckler, for example, regularly transported Claudia Zoeckler King and her brother, David, to Zion from Clinton Central School.

Students from other Lutheran churches took advantage of Zion's release time sessions. *Observer-Dispatch* editor Dave Dudajek grew up in St. Paul's Lutheran and attended New York Mills Jr./Sr. High School. As Dave recalled: "Most of the kids in my school were Catholics and could easily walk to Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Burrstone Road. St. Paul's, however, was four miles away and inaccessible to my brother Paul and me. We were envious because our friends got an early dismissal every Wednesday and we had to stay in school - until Zion moved to French Road. Then, we could enjoy the 'benefits' of release time education."

Members joined Zion's pastors on the church's release time faculty. Susan Bingel, Helen Esherrick, Marion Henke, Helen Lambert, Marie Sprock, and Eleanor Lockwood Voll, among others, taught after-school religious classes. Release time instruction gradually lost its popularity. Our church ended the practice in the late 1960s. Nationally, an estimated 250,000 pupils attend release time sessions today. Half of these are enrolled in LDS programs. Jewish release time education occurs in New York City and Philadelphia.

Additional notes: My thanks go to Gloria Palmer Cifonelli, Dave Dudajek, Claudia Zoeckler King, and Gene and Linda Voight White for their contributions to this article.

Palm Sunday at Zion



Above: Musicians for Zion's Palm Sunday service: Rosee Head (who also played a beautiful violin solo for the Prelude called "Summerland"), Ryan Kullaw, Alfred Moretz, John Blackburn, Drake Dowd and Mary Senn.

Below: Zion's Choir warming up for the service.



"Never regret something that once made you smile"

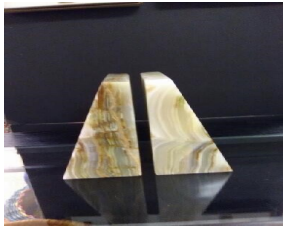
Easter Sunday at Zion



Announcements & Events

An announcement from Cecelia Gilbert of Stone Presbyterian Church

A great bookend is like a piece of jewelry for the bookshelf.” (Barrie Benson) The beauty and wonder of hand carved onyx reflects the remarkable artisans who bring these objects to life. Dominion Traders work with underprivileged artisans who make stone and shesham wood crafts in the city of Karachi. It disperses orders to independently owned and operated onyx workshops that own their own equipment and rent or own their facilities. Most are family businesses employing several family members. These workshops are scattered throughout Pakistan, and employ artisans of different religions and creeds who work together in cordial relationships. Benefits to artisans include profit-sharing, pension plans and medical benefits. Bring extraordinary joy to your family and friends with a gift from the Fair Trade Shop at Stone Presbyterian Church in Clinton. We have a nice selection of bookends, baskets, exquisite jewelry, collectibles, wood items, chocolate and food items, clothing, and toys from 38 different countries. Purchasing fair trade ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope for marginalized peoples. Our hours are 10am -6:30pm every Thursday and 10am-4pm second Saturdays. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, lkolb@hamilton.edu, 315-725-1326, visit our website at www.stonepres.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stonepres.



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GLORY DAY

UPSTATE NEW YORK'S MOST THRILLING CHRISTIAN FAMILY DAY!

Great Escape Six Flags Theme Park

Fundraising and performing opportunities available!

Packages include parking. Tickets available online at

sixflags.com/gloryday Use Promo Code: GLORY

TRASH & TREASURE FLEA MARKET

New Hartford Recreation Center ~ Saturday May 19th from 10-4

Come look around! Vendors may obtain applications at the New Hartford Library or online at www.newhartfordpubliclibrary.org or call 315-733-0343.

A 12x12 space is \$35, tables are \$10, applications accepted through May 15

(All proceeds benefit the New Hartford Public Library)

Life without FRIENDS is like a garden without Flowers.

Announcements

*On May 20th we
are celebrating
Companion
Synod Sunday as
well we Pentecost.
We will remem-
ber them and pray
for them on that
Sunday, and our
companions in
Zambia and
Zimbabwe will be
praying for us as
well!*

Let us recycle for you!! Bring your cans and bottles with you to Church on Sundays or to Bible Study on Wednesdays, it supports the Utica Food Pantries! There are bins in the coat room downstairs. Ed Grove recently returned \$150.00 in bottles.

Great Job & Thank You!



FOOD DONATIONS:

The food offering total for April was 320 pounds in weekly donated food. Many thanks for your continued support!



*God
is good
all the
time*

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have an article or a
Thank You note to contribute to the
Newsletter, please submit it to us by the 21st
~ if you have a photo or a lengthy insert~
please submit it to us by the 17th to

SSilva@zionluth.com

We love to hear from you and look forward to your
participation, letters, events etc.!

Thank you!

Thank You Letters

From the Pen of Mae Parker

What do you do when the roof falls in
Do you give in to despair
Would you like to live there in the rubble
and pretend that you don't care?
Or do you rise up from the ashes
Dust yourself off and say
This is but a minor setback
This too will pass away?
Trials may come and trials may go
But we have help along the way
We have God who comes to
Strengthen
And support us every day!

To everyone at Zion Church,



Thank you is more than I can say...

From,

Mike Lamandia

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gifts given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in February.

With these gifts you are providing education and advocacy, water and sanitation, livestock and agriculture, health care and microloans.

With your gifts you are making possible ministry and projects that are transformative, holistic and integrated.

Thank you for this gift and all your gifts. Thank you for your faithful generosity and for encouraging others to join ELCA World Hunger in the fight against hunger and poverty.

“Alleluia! He is risen indeed, and you are making Christ known. Thank you for your gracious gift!”

In God's grace,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster appeal



Claudia King read her wonderful story “I love to tell the story” to the children during Easter Service. All the children gathered around and were given a stuffed donkey. The children listened attentively and adored their donkeys.

Thank You, Mrs. King!



A special acknowledgement and a big **Thank You** to God's Housekeepers, Caryn Carlson & Evon Pinkos. Caryn and Evon come in once a week and clean the entire Church. It takes hours to do and of course it is no easy task. We appreciate both of you and everything you do to keep Zion Lutheran Church looking its best at all times!

-Zion



SPECIAL REQUEST: You have seen and enjoyed the results of a beautifully renovated Fireside Room and newly upgraded bathrooms. These improvements were paid for by loaning ourselves money from our savings. Now, we need to repay these capital improvement expenses. The Council and the pastor ask for your assistance by making a contribution to the Building Fund. This can be done by using the green envelopes in the pews or send your contribution to the church and marked “building fund”. Thank you in advance for your generosity



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Treasurer's Report

		March 2018 Treasurer's Report		
	Mar 2017	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 17,219.88	\$ 49,591.68	\$ 43,480.30	\$ 6,111.38
Other Income	\$ 2,204.31	\$ 5,692.03	\$ 6,264.17	\$ (572.14)
Total Income	\$ 19,424.19	\$ 55,283.71	\$ 49,744.47	\$ 5,539.24
Total Expense	\$ 22,616.63	\$ 59,544.74	\$ 66,459.58	\$ (6,914.84)
Net Income	\$ (3,192.44)	\$ (4,261.03)	\$ (16,715.11)	\$ 12,454.08

Given to the Glory of God

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Randy Richards	Randy Richards Fund	Don & Wanda Gregory
John and Marion Henke	Building fund	Jack Henke
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Ann McCarthy	ELCA Be The Light	Bob and Bonnie Loomis
Zion Family	World Hunger	Kerstin Soykan
Carole Grove	World Hunger	Ellen and Jim Smith

“No act of kindness, no matter how small,
is ever wasted”.—Aesop

Given to the Glory of God

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers to beautify the
sanctuary during Holy Week. Thank You to Laura Hilt, our
Easter flower display was beautiful!



May 2018 Worship Team Schedule

<u>Greeters 10:00 AM Service</u>	
May 6	Evon Pinkos
May 13	Judy Schmitt
May 20	Evon Pinkos
May 27	Darlene Hill

<u>Ushers 10:00 AM Service</u>	
May 6	Evon Pinkos & Darlene Hill
May 13	Caryn Carlson & Laura Hilt
May 20	Evon Pinkos & Ed Nelson
May 27	Caryn Carlson & Laura Hilt

<u>Worship Assistant 10:00 AM Service</u>	
May 6	Kristen Burson
May 13	Carl Schmitt
May 20	Lisa Lucas- Myers
May 27	Fran La Gase

<u>Communion Assistants 10:00 Service</u>	
May 6	Diane Jecen
May 13	
May 20	
May 27	Diane Jecen

ZION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2018

Students: Ages 3 years – Grade 6 Sundays @ 11:15 – 12:00



MAY

6 Regular C.E.
 13 Regular C.E.
 20 Celebration Sunday
 27 (No Christian Ed)

JUNE

3 (No Christian Ed)
 10 (No Christian Ed)
 17 (No Christian Ed)
 24 (No Christian Ed)

“Piglet: How do you spell love?

Pooh: You don’t spell it, you feel it.”

-Winnie the Pooh

May 2018

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

		1 5pm Worship meeting	2 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon 6:30 Bible Study	3 6pm Young Families 6pm girl scouts	4 12:30 Al-Anon Your Neighbors garage sale	5 9am Men's group at Tiffa- ny's Your Neigh- bors garage sale
6 10am Worship Service 6pm Contempo- rary Service	7 12:30 Al-Anon 9:30-2 Finan- cial team	8 7pm Council meeting 5-8:30pm N.A.M.I mtg	9 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon 6:30pm Bible Study	10 6pm girl scouts	11 12:30 Al-Anon 7pm railroad meeting	12
13 10am Worship Service 6pm Contempo- rary Service	14 1230 Al-Anon 9:30-2 Finan- cial team	15 11:30 Your Neighbors board meeting	16 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon 630pm Bible Study	17 6pm girl scouts	18 12:30 Al-Anon	19
20 Pentecost 10am Worship Service 12:15 Johnson Park Center 2pm Paris Hill Brass,in sanctuary 6pm Contempo- rary Service	21 9:30-2 Finan- cial team 1230 Al-Anon	22	23 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon 6:30pm Bible Study	24 6pm girl scouts	25 12:30 Al-Anon	26
27 10am Worship Service 6pm Contempo- rary Service	28 Office Closed for Memorial Day 12:30 Al-Anon	29	30 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon 6:30pm Bible Study	31		

Happiness is not a Destination It is a way of Life



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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.*



NEWSLETTER BREAKING NEWS!

Good news! We've decided to cut back on some spending here at Zion. As the newsletter is pertinent, as well as costly, we would like to ask that members and regulars here at Zion pick up their copy here at church, which will be available to all in the Narthex and we're hoping that makes the most sense to everyone.

As of June 1st, our monthly Newsletter will be mailed *by request* only, but rest assure that you can still opt-in to get yours mailed to you. We enjoying sending our Newsletter out of town and to our friends who cannot make it in to get theirs. So don't be nervous we will ALWAYS send you your copy so you can stayed informed with our events & schedules!

We also upload our monthly Newsletters on our website at www.zionluth.com, you can click on Newsletters and download your copies if you choose.

If you'd like to request your copy to be mailed to you please email Sara at SSilva@zionluth.com or call us at **315-732-4110**.

Thank You in advance for your participation & timely responses!

