



May Newsletter 2025

Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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Zion's News & Notes

*"But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."* – Luke 12:7

We were sitting on the back porch last night when we heard a distinctive birdsong. It was three descending notes. Carefully sung, evenly spaced, endless loop.

Google told me that it was likely a Golden-Crowned Sparrow. "Look!" I showed Sass the picture. It has a golden line on its crown, perched like a little hat. We must find this bird of descending song. We will need binoculars.

If you have seen the series, *The Residence*, you know that my new interest in birds is no match for Detective Cordelia Cupp.

Det. Cupp is a committed birder. Birdwatching, finding, and sketching helps her think about the crime she is trying to solve precisely by giving her something else to think about so that her subconscious can untangle the clues, and she can see what to do next.

After I identified the song of the sparrow, I was moved to look up its symbolism. Sparrows symbolize protection and resilience. They are messengers of joy and are thought to be good omens. They symbolize new beginnings, fresh starts, renewal, and opportunity.

On Saturday, May 17th, at 5:00 p.m. I will be installed as your new pastor. Bishop Miller is coming to preach. The call committee is coordinating the details. The invitations are in the mail and the music is being practiced. Appetizers and drinks are being planned.

It is a new beginning for you and for me and for us. All of us. It is a time of renewal.

I heard the song of the sparrow before I saw her. It made me consider how often we hear of life before we see it. A phone call that a baby has been born. The mewling of newborn kittens under the porch. The bellows of a new tuba player practicing in the neighbor's house – with the windows open.

The bells from a church steeple calling people to come.

Come to see the life that is nurtured here. Come and witness the lives that are being transformed. Come and find the one with the golden crown that calls you to stop, listen, look up.

Stop. Listen. Look up. And come. New life is rising. The birds are singing all about it.

With you, Pastor Marie

May Announcements

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee hour every Sunday after the service. You are welcome to bring cookies, snacks, etc. Thank you to our many volunteers who help make this happen!

Zoom Service

If you need help with the service on Zoom, please reach out to Isabel during or before the service begins at: ZionLuthTechnologist@gmail.com. You can also use Zoom's chat option.

Walking With Friends

Zion's Walking Group will start meeting on Thursdays at 11:00 AM at the Target wing of Sangertown. We stress friendship more than athleticism - please come and join us! Text Kim at 315-794-6233 for updates and walking locations should the location change to outside.

Worship & Music

The next Worship & Music meeting will be held in the Fireside Room on May 13th at 3 PM.

Open House at the newly renovated parsonage!

Sunday, June 1st, from Noon - 3:00. There will be snacks, beverages, and tours. 620 French Road in New Hartford.

Boilermaker Planning Meeting

We will be having a planning meeting after worship on the second Sunday of June. Look for more information in next month's newsletter! There will be a sign up sheet for the meeting posted in the Narthex by mid-May.

Spring World Hunger Campaign

This year's campaign will focus on refugee resettlement. From managing some of the world's largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts. *To make a contribution, use the green envelopes and write "WH-Feed Refugees" on the memo line of your check that is made out to Zion Lutheran Church.*

Pastor Marie's Installation

Please plan to join us for Pastor Marie's Installation on Saturday, May 17th at 5 PM!

There is an RSVP sign up sheet posted in the Narthex—or you can call/email Sara and she will get you signed up. **Refreshments:** Please take a moment to look at the sign up sheet for refreshments and sign up if you can! Many thanks to the Call Committee for all the work being done behind the scenes to make this happen!



Birthdays

Michael Stevens, Jr.	2	Eleanor Hecklau	18
Kristin Free	3	Kate Lambe	18
Evan Marscher	4	Ryan Kulawy	19
Tricia Meneses	5	Robert Lambe	20
Millie Angevine	5	Tracy Stevens	22
Emilia Stevens	6	Abigail Tompkins	23
Lloyd McLennan	8	Loretta Berie	28
Olivia Pierce	12	Moirra Dowd	30
Ed Hecklau	15	Alison Manderson	31
Harry Morrison	16	Karen Toepp	31
Shirley Eadline	17	Joni Pulliam	31



Zion's Walking Group in April! We'd love for you to walk with us!

May Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Asst.	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
May 4	Mark Thompson	Rev. Marie Duquette	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	
May 11	Wendy Stevens	David Grindle, SAM		
May 18	Mark Thompson			
May 25	Joe Schmidt	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth		

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Carole Grove	World Hunger	Jeanne Gymburch

*The air hangs sweet, a gentle, vibrant hue,
 With blossoms bursting, painted skies anew.
 A whispered promise in the leafy breeze,
 Of sun-drenched days and rustling, golden trees.
 The world awakes, a canvas bright and bold,
 A story of rebirth, beautifully told.
 May, a month of dreams and hopeful sighs,
 Reflected in the warmth of sunlit skies.
 “The Essence of May”*

Treasurer's Report

		Mar. 2025 Treasurer's Report		
	Mar-25	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 12,477.50	\$ 39,237.59	\$ 39,050.06	\$ 187.53
Other Income	\$ 4,536.16	\$ 11,660.77	\$ 23,107.40	\$ (11,446.63)
Total Income	\$ 17,013.66	\$ 50,898.36	\$ 62,157.46	\$ (11,259.10)
Total Expense	\$ 19,960.29	\$ 60,008.76	\$ 65,019.98	\$ (5,011.22)
Net Income	\$ (2,946.63)	\$ (9,110.40)	\$ (2,862.52)	\$ (6,247.88)

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Dear Zion friends,

I am sending my greetings to Zion. I want to express my gratitude for all the cards and prayers that I have received. It means so much to me. I do enjoy short visits as my voice only holds out for short periods. Thank you to all,
Diana Inserra

Dear Zion friends,

It was a delight to share the Maundy Thursday service with you and to have the time to visit with so many of you. I am so appreciative that you made it an occasion to honor and thank me for my nearly two years as transition pastor. The beautiful cake, the Amazon Gift Card, the thanks expressed in the greeting cards~these were all lovely gestures and I thank you. It was such a privilege to serve in this role that it is I who thank you!

With much love, Pastor Janet Griffiths

Dear Rev. Marie and Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for supporting our 2025 Lutheran Campus Ministry Spring Music Festival and Basket Raffle on April 6th with your donation of a Doggy Basket and a Kids' Easter Activities Basket. Your donation, along with those from other congregations, helped to raise just over \$2,500 that will benefit students through campus ministry.

In Christ,

Deacon Patsy Glista, Secretary



Thank you to Linda Bennett for putting together the gift basket for Lutheran Campus Ministry. Many thanks to Curtis & Joni Pulliam for also putting together a basket and for attending!

Zion Food Ministry

Can & Bottle Returns: Please separate your glass bottles from the plastic. Cans & plastic bottles may be bagged together, but *please put glass bottles in the cardboard box by the recycling bin.*

Food Pantries April-June: Food donations & bottle/can donations will go to St. Margaret's Food Pantry at Grace Church.

Women of Faith

All women are invited to a Women of Faith Bible Study held via Zoom.

The topic is: *"Relationships that Form us: All in the Family?"* We'll examine the stories of Jacob and Esau, as well as Mary and Martha. These biblical characters can help us explore how our early family relationships shape how we think about the everyday relations in our lives.

(The topic of this study was taken from the May/June Gather Magazine.)

Time: May 13th at 7 :00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81896854431?pwd=QLAcG94iHNXSAAbFVSXpa59P9K8Og5.1>

Meeting ID: 818 9685 4431 **Passcode:** 063849



Calling All Lovers of Card Writers!

The Prayer Fellowship team is looking for another person to send out cards to those we are thinking of. We send cards for birthdays, illness, get well, etc. As we write the cards, we pray for the recipient. If interested, please contact Loretta Berie.

Zion packaged more than 20 soups for Your Neighbors with the leftovers from the supper/communion on Maundy Thursday.

Thank you!!

You can listen to Pastor Marie's sermons at:

YouTube@MarieDuquette—Take Off Your Shoes With Rev. Marie Duquette

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You can also listen to the podcasts at:

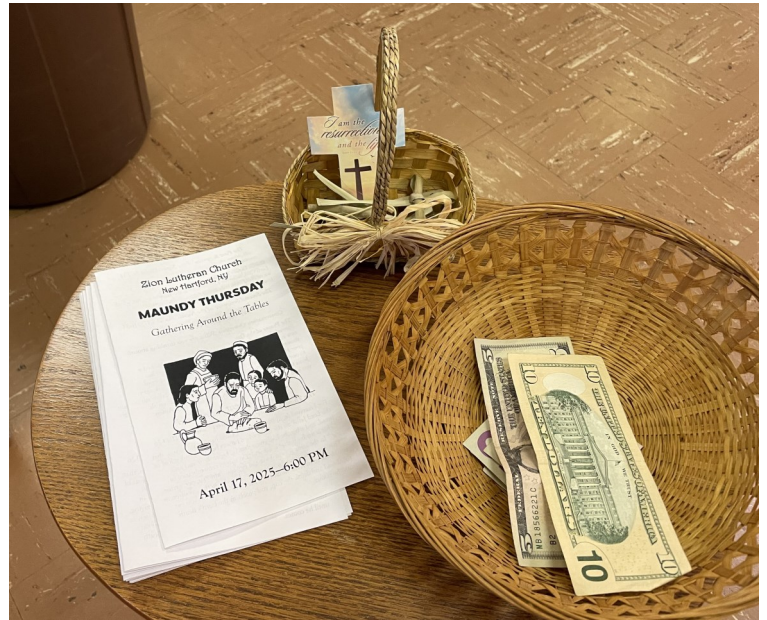
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Holy Week 2025



Palm Sunday

Holy Week 2025



Special thanks to Pr. Janet for all she did for Zion over the last almost two years! Pastor Janet was more than our interim pastor; she prayed for us and gave us valuable advice, and we are grateful to have her as a member of Zion

Maundy Thursday

Holy Week 2025



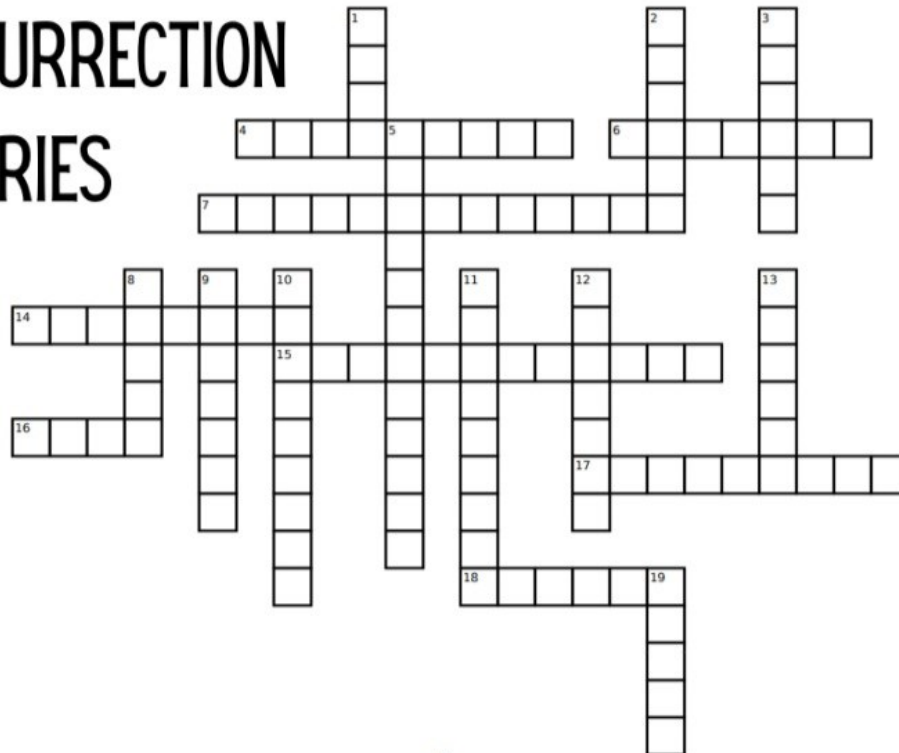
Easter Sunday

Zion Banner Sign Work



April 12th—thank you to all who came out to help!

RESURRECTION STORIES



Down:

1. Jesus is seen cooking fish over this along the lakeshore (John 21:9)
2. She was among the women who brought spices to the tomb (Mark 16:1)
3. Two men in dazzling clothes ask the women why they look for the ____ among the dead (Luke 24:5)
5. Two believers were walking out of Jerusalem along this road when they encounter Jesus without knowing it (Luke 24:13-35)
8. This is what Jesus speaks upon entering the locked room (Luke 24:36)
9. "After this, when the first day of the week was dawning..." (Matthew 28:1)
10. Jesus taught that it was ____ that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into glory (Luke 24:26)
11. Jesus commissions the disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ____ them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28: 19)
12. The name of one of the people who walks on the road mentioned in 5 Down (Luke 24:13-35) This disciple was not present
13. when Jesus appeared in the Upper Room (sometimes called "doubting") (John 20:24-29)
19. This is the number of weeks in the season of Easter, sometimes referred to as a week of weeks.

Across:

4. The place where disciples were often found hiding (John 20:24-29)
6. This is what the Gospel of Mark says was told about the resurrection (Mark 16:8)
7. The woman who mistook Jesus for a gardener (John 20:11-18)
14. The apostles accuse the women who report news of the resurrection of telling this... (Luke 24:11)
15. The men who were warned of Jesus' resurrection and who plotted to pay soldiers to lie and claim the disciples had taken Jesus' body (Matthew 28:11-13)
16. Jesus asks Simon Peter if he ____s him three times, mirroring the three times Peter denied knowing Jesus in the crucifixion (John 21:15-19)
17. This is the fancy church word that is used to describe Jesus' rising into the heavens (Luke 24:51)
18. The men who were terrified at the sight of the angel rolling back the stone in Luke's Gospel (Matthew 28:4)

Scripture hints are taken from the NRSVUE translation of the Bible.

**Are you enjoying these crosswords?
Let us know!**



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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.*



YOU'RE INVITED TO
THE INSTALLATION OF

Rev. Marie Duquette

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025

5:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church

630 French Rd New Hartford, NY

Bishop Lee M. Miller II, preaching

Reception to follow

Please RSVP to Sara Silva at
ssilva@zionluth.com or by calling
315-732-4110

Clergy are invited to vest in the color of
the Easter season

