



Zion's News & Notes

My friend recently wrote online, “Anybody else tell “destined-for-the-trash” appliances a heartfelt thank you before throwing them out?

The replies got me thinking...

- Hey, when you have a big family, the appliances give it their all for you!
- When our washer ran its final load, I played “One Last Time” from Hamilton.
- The old family tent was a hard one. There was probably still a grain or two from Camp Michi-Lu-Ca dirt on there.

This got me thinking about things I no longer have – things I have lost. Some you have lost, too. I think it’s a given, that people grieve their family homes, their homestead, a favorite car, even. And I know I once had a pair of Levis that were cool decades before Kendrick Lamar wore them at the Super Bowl; a pair of Frye Boots; a long red wool coat I bought in New York City when I was 21.

Thinking about these things led me to consider other things I have lost that are both more and less tangible, and whose absence weighs heavy on my heart, even when I push through and pretend not to notice.

I miss the world before the current climate crisis. I miss the sense of growing compassion that marked other periods of history ~ for me around 2008. As I write this, on February 17, 2025, I miss having a more manageable amount of snow.

Missing things is the verb, to the noun, loss. Loss is something we all carry, and it can be hard to find a place to put it down, to give your heart a rest. I think that a good way for us to begin walking together might be to talk about things we have lost, and things we have gained.

I will be offering a Lenten Bible Study at Zion, right after coffee hour on Sundays in March: the 2nd, 16th, 30th. We will look at this phrase from Amazing Grace: **“I once was lost, but now am found...”** alongside scriptural references about losing and gaining.

Please come and bring a favorite bible if you have one. We need not all have the same translation. Read Luke: 15: 11-32, a couple of times to prepare.

And please think about things you’ve lost – places, objects, routines, abilities. AND things you’ve found, especially things that seemed to fill the void of what has been lost. Or things we never realized we needed, until we made room to receive them.

I’ll be in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, to offer ashes and prayer to anyone who stops by. I think you’ll find it a meaningful way to enter Lent. It can also be a way to begin forging mutual compassion and trust, at this beginning of our walk together.

My prayer is that we connect more deeply this Lent, and find the holy around us, within us, before us.

With you, Pastor Marie

March

Newsletter

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Zion Lutheran Church

Zion News & Notes

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March Announcements

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee hour every Sunday after the service. Please see the sign up sheet if you are interested in making coffee or cleaning up afterwards. You are welcome to bring food/snacks to Coffee Hour.

Zoom/YouTube Online Services

If you need help with our online services, please reach out to Isabel at any time during the service 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.

Cook-In

We will be having a **cook-in** for Your Neighbors following the worship service on March 23rd. Please bring your dishes to the kitchen before the start of the service. There is a **sign-up sheet** posted in the Narthex for your dishes. We are hoping to get a variety of main dishes, sides, starches, and soups. Thank you for your continued support!

On Ash Wednesday—March 5th

Pr. Marie will offer ashes, Holy Communion and prayers between 10-noon in the sanctuary. You may come and go as necessary, or remain as long as you wish. There will be a worship service with Holy Communion, ashes, and prayers at 6 PM that day. Pr. Janet Griffiths will lead that service. Please join us in preparing for the season of Lent.



March Birthdays



Mildred Pelrine	1	David Hunter	22
Amelia Roberts	1	Laurel McCurdy	23
Debra Murdock	5	Mark Youngkrans	24
Matthew Grove	6	Katherine Thompson	24
Ben Silva	8	Ralph Youngren	26
Deena Barbagallo	14	Cayden Hunter	26
Nicolas Manino	14	Nicole Manino	27
Carol Youngren	14	Gloria Cifonelli	30
Jim Marscher (son)	20	Bonnie Loomis	30
Brian Gymburch	20	Aubrey Stevens	31
Patsy Glista	21		



Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Doris Miga	Zion Food Ministry	Jeanne Gymburch
Randy Richards	Food Pantries	Bob & Bonnie Loomis
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
John Blackburn	Souper Bowl	Bob & Bonnie Loomis

Treasurer's Report

		<i>Jan. 2025 Treasurer's Report</i>		
	Jan-25	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 13,902.00	\$ 13,902.00	\$ 13,016.74	\$ 885.26
Other Income	\$ 710.96	\$ 710.96	\$ 7,702.60	\$ (6,991.64)
Total Income	\$ 14,612.96	\$ 14,612.96	\$ 20,719.34	\$ (6,106.38)
Total Expense	\$ 16,711.76	\$ 16,711.76	\$ 21,674.42	\$ (4,962.66)
Net Income	\$ (2,098.80)	\$ (2,098.80)	\$ (955.08)	\$ (1,143.72)

Worship Team

MARCH WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

Date:	Worship Asst.	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Mar. 2	Karen Toepp	Pr. Marie Duquette	Barb Wilson	
Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday 10am		Pr. Marie Duquette		
Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday 6pm	Wendy Stevens	Pr. Janet Griffiths		
Mar. 9 1 Lent	Wendy Stevens	Pr. Rick Klafehn	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	
Mar. 16 2 Lent	Joe Schmidt	Pr. Marie Duquette	Laurel McCurdy	
Mar. 23 3 Lent	Wendy Stevens	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth		
Mar. 30 4 Lent		Pr. Marie Duquette	Linda Bennett	

Thank you to our dedicated team of worship leaders!

Greeters, Ushers, and Worship Assistants!



Pastor Marie is leading a bible study starting March 12th!

Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire – March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 10-11:15am in the Zion Fireside Room.

Join us for 4 weeks as we explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the lessons we can use as we live at the intersection of faith and civic life today. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally renowned Bonhoeffer scholar and president of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is a partner in distributing to congregations to inspire deeper conversation and discernment about how we live as disciples.

Women of Faith



Join us in the Fireside Room for a special program led by women of Trinity on **Saturday, March 8th at 10 AM.** Zion will be providing the refreshments. Please see the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

Thanks to Patsy Glista for leading the Bible Study on the Book of Esther.

We learned about being brave and standing up for what's right, and also about the crazy times of Xerxes, Queens Vashti, and Esther, and the Jewish holiday of Purim.

Women of Faith Bible Study March 11th at 7 PM

Please join us on Zoom for Bible Study titled, "Faithfulness: Faith in the Depths" based on Psalm 22. Patsy Glista will lead the study. "The words of this psalm, like the lyrics of a favorite song or hymn, let us see ourselves in another's experience. As we struggle to hold on to faith in difficult times, these words model how to confess both pain and praise."

Save The Dates For Spring

Bible Study, Tuesday, May 13th at 7 PM.

Road Trip to Peterboro for an event based on Juneteenth, Saturday, June 7th.

YES! SIGN ME UP!

To be sure you don't miss any special announcements or Zoom links, please let Sara know if you would like to be added to our Women of Faith emailing list.

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$450 to ELCA Global Mission. This was your designated gift and total contribution for Kristin Engstrom.

With Gratitude,

Benjamin A Hogue/Director, Giving, Christian Community and Leadership

Dear friends,

Thank you for your tax-deductible donation of \$1375 to the KEYS Program in 2024! (*Endowment Fund Grant.*)

With my heartfelt thanks,

Colleen Bennett, Executive Director/Founder

Dear Zion Members,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$350. Your commitment to helping Veterans in need within our community is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Vincent Scalise, Founder/Executive Director

You can listen to Pastor Marie's sermons at Trinity by visiting:
YouTube@MarieDuquette—Take Off Your Shoes With Rev. Marie Duquette



You can also listen to the podcasts at:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/take-off-your-shoes-podcast-by-marie-duquette/id1486318454>



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 a separate bag.

Food Pantries January-March: Food donations & bottle/can donations will go to *Veterans Outreach Center.*

Food items on their wish list include: canned soups, vegetables, stews, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta, juices, and water.

Non-food items on their wish list include: any personal hygiene products such as deodorants, soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bandaids, feminine hygiene products, incontinence products, toilet paper; any household cleaning products such as paper towels, detergents, and floor cleaners.

February 2025 Memories



With the winter weather interfering with two worship services, we extended our collection through February 23rd!

Thank you to everyone who donated—353 cans of soup were donated!

Many thanks to John Blackburn for coordinating the efforts, making signs, and for making the delivery. Pantries TBD.

February 2025 Memories



The Book Group met on February 13th for brunch and book discussion.

Spring
**Music Festival
Basket Auction**
Sunday, April 6th, 2 – 4 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
2840 Cold Springs Rd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship, food,
and a basket raffle and live auction to support
Lutheran Campus Ministry at SU/SUNY ESF.

\$5.00 admission includes five (5) raffle tickets

For more information and to make a
basket donation contact:
Christine Jones, (315) 200-7625
Sue Sterner, (315) 635-8062 or
Rev. Jeff Kane, jkane@syr.edu
(315) 355-7900

 **Lutheran Campus Ministry Syracuse**
Discover Your Mission

Lutheran Campus Ministry Spring Festival and Basket Raffle – Join us on Sunday, April 6th, 2 – 4p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 2840 Cold Springs Rd., Baldwinsville for this afternoon of music, fellowship and food PLUS a basket raffle and live auction to support Lutheran Campus Ministry. Once again, we will have our famous Chocolate Basket donated by Thrivent Financial. We are seeking basket and raffle item donations for the auction. For more information and to donate baskets and other items please contact: Sue Sterner (315.635.8062).

Outside Events

Cultivating a GRACE Mindset: Collaboration



Collaboration
for Christ's Sake

2025 PRE-ASSEMBLY IN-PERSON EVENTS

SIX opportunities to embody Collaboration for Christ's Sake with others in the Upstate NY Synod.

In response to requests for more time to be together, the Synod has created in-person events at six locations throughout Upstate New York this spring. Be inspired by local ministries, network with other attendees, learn together, and bring specific ideas back to your congregations!

Who is invited?

- Everyone! We invite all lay and rostered folks to come together around collaboration, with other ELCA congregations, ecumenical and inter-faith partners, and area agencies.
- We would love to see teams from congregations, as well as rostered ministers, and lay voters for our online Synod Assembly.
- Do not feel restricted by your conference – all are welcome at any event!

What can I bring?

- Your insight and imagination!
- Non-perishable food and other pantry items for a local outreach ministry.

What is happening at each event?

- Fellowship
- Words from Bishop Miller
- Presentation from Local Collaborative Partner
- Open Forum on Collaborative Opportunities.
- Live-streamed Communion Service with Affirmations of Baptism and Vocation

Where and when are the events?

- Saturday, February 22, 9:30am-12:30pm @ Holy Trinity, Buffalo
- Saturday, March 8, 1pm-4pm @ Good Shepherd, Glenville
- Saturday, March 15, 2pm-5pm @ Incarnate Word, Rochester
- Saturday, March 29, 9:30am-12:30pm @ St. Paul's, Liverpool
- Saturday, April 5, 10am-1pm @ Bethany, Elmira
- Saturday, April 12, 9:30am-12:30pm, @ Zion, Frewsburg

Pre-Assembly

Saturday, March 29, 9:30-12:30

St. Paul's in Liverpool

Lutheran Campus Ministry In Support of Students

Twice a year members of our Lutheran Congregations in CNY come together to support the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry at SU and SUNY-ESF. In the fall we gather at a hotel for a major banquet. In the spring we gather in one of our churches for a fun time together.

This year's spring gathering takes place on **Sunday, April 6, from 2 pm to 4 pm at St. Mark's, Baldwinsville**. St. Mark's provides the fun, the refreshments, the games, the auction, the music, and more. In addition, each congregation prepares a theme basket, which guests bid on at the event to benefit our Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Congregations are being contacted about their participation in the theme basket auction. Please put the April date on your calendar and plan to be at St. Mark's for our important and fun time together.



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discern God's call to help people
to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*



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& your blessings be
more and nothing
but happiness come
through your door.



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