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**Zion Lutheran Church  
Zion News & Notes**

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# Zion's News & Notes

## A Few Words From Pastor Bill

**SUDDENLY** everything changes! On the Sunday of Transfiguration we found ourselves on a mountaintop and with the disciples witness the dazzling brilliance of Jesus, and hear the Lord's words: "This is my son...listen to him". On Ash Wednesday we hear words that could seem hard on our ears: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Marked with a dark cross of ash on our foreheads there is evidence of our humanness.

And yet, just as ash reminds us that we are human, the mark is that of the life-giving cross. This same cross was marked on our foreheads at baptism. Think about this as we journey through the time of Lent, a journey of forty days, when we again pray and long for a deeper understanding of what it means to be a child of God...we have already been reconciled to God through Christ.

Now the fact that we are reconciled to God does not lessen the need for and the importance for these days of Lent. Traditionally this is a time to search our hearts as we journey with Jesus toward the cross. It is a time for each of us to consider what it means, today, to be God's child in the midst of God's creation.

From my Lenten file: *The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian* -

*O Lord and Master of my life!*

*Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.  
But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.*

*Yes, O Lord and King!*

*Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother;  
For Thou are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Everything changes! We begin this time of Lent together. I do not know what changes may come our way. While I anticipated stepping back as Transition Pastor at the end of February, as I compose this message a new Interim/Transition Pastor has not been identified. As we enter March I will modify my level of involvement, but continue to journey with Zion. I will likely continue to preside at Worship twice a month with Deacon Patsy Glista presiding once a month. While things are changing, be assured that Bishop Miller, Synod Staff, and Dean Ferguson continue to search for a Transition Pastor to work with Zion...but, until that day, we will continue to journey together.

God's Peace,  
Pr. Bill



## March Announcements

**Sundays at 10am:** We truly apologize to anyone who has showed up after 10 for the service and was unable to get in. 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.

**Inclement Weather:** When a Worship Service at Zion is cancelled due to weather, it will be announced on WKTV, in an e-mail from the Church, and on the Church website.

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

**Faith Alive:** We look forward to seeing you at 9am for the next Faith Alive on Sunday, March 12th, *the key word will be WATER*. In January, we talked about baptism, and in February, it was all about love—love for one another and God's love for us. This month, we will learn about ways Moses and Jesus both used water. Faith Alive is an intergenerational approach to growing our faith and learning about Jesus and for sharing Bible stories. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 9am in the Fireside Room. Members of all ages are invited to gather for this time of prayer, Biblical lessons, coupled with some conversation and fun. Come and see what it's all about, bring your children, grandchildren, or a friend!

### *Welcome Council Members 2023*



*Installation of new council members on February 5th. Council President: Curtis Pulliam. Vice President: Linda Lambe. Treasurer: Wendy Stevens. Secretary: Nancy Thompson. Council reps; Gloria Cifonelli, Laurel McCurdy, Evon Pinkos, Dan Rodahan, Mark Thompson, and Barb Wilson.*

## March Birthdays



Matthew Sowers	1	David Nicholls	20
Mildred Pelrine	1	Brian Gymburch	20
Mary Lou Millar	1	Patsy Glista	21
Amelia Roberts	1	David Hunter	22
Debra Murdock	5	Laurel McCurdy	23
Matthew Grove	6	Mark Youngkrans	24
Pam Wilson	7	Katherine Thompson	24
Ben Silva	8	Ralph Youngren	26
Deena Barbagallo	14	Cayden Hunter	26
Nicolas Manino	14	Nicole Manino	27
Carol Youngren	14	Cole Szemeczko	27
Etta Head	17	Gloria Cifonelli	30
Jim Marscher (son)	20	Bonnie Loomis	30



## WOMEN OF FAITH

**Do you know who Mary Magdalene really was?** Come join the Women of Faith from Our Saviour, Trinity, and Zion for our next Bible study on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7pm on Zoom. Let's discuss the true meaning behind Mary Magdalene. If you want to do some reading about her before the Bible study, here are some scripture references to check out:

*Luke 8:1-3; Luke 7:37-50; Mark 15:40-41; John 19:25, John 20:11-18; and Luke 24:1.*

Please mark your calendars now to join us!

*Thank you to Fran Holzberger, who will be our facilitator for March's study.*

### Zoom Link

**Topic:** Women of Faith Bible Study

**Time:** Mar 27, 2023 07:00 PM

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429778790?pwd=VnBzTXdyNWRUTC9ScHhzUEo1YytlUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 2977 8790, Passcode: 583970

One tap mobile: +16465588656,,83429778790#,,, \*583970# US (New York)

## Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Elizabeth LaFave	Memorial Fund	Carole Grove
Betty LaFave	General Fund	Jack Henke
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Bo Lambe	CaringBridge	Bob & Bonnie Loomis

## Treasurer's Report

		January 2023 Treasurer's Report		
	Jan-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Giving	\$ 16,590.02	\$ 16,590.02	\$ 14,333.00	\$ 2,257.02
Other Income	\$ 481.33	\$ 481.33	\$ 1,463.51	\$ (982.18)
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 17,071.35	\$ 17,071.35	\$ 15,796.51	\$ 1,274.84
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 17,232.76	\$ 17,232.76	\$ 15,927.58	\$ 1,305.18
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ (161.41)	\$ (161.41)	\$ (131.07)	\$ (30.34)

**2023 Offering Envelopes:** We are at a loss for words regarding the envelopes. We have been corresponding weekly with the company, and all they can say is that they are doing their best to get their shipments out. Let's put the "Church Budget" company on our prayer list, shall we?!

### *Social Media*

If you use social media, Facebook, or YouTube,  
**like & share** Zion's posts! **Subscribe** to our YouTube Channel (Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford, NY), **share** the videos of our worship services, and **share** our website, ([www.zionlutheranNy.org](http://www.zionlutheranNy.org)).



**Thank you!!!!**



### March Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Mar. 5	Wendy Stevens	Tom Henry, SAM		
Mar. 12		Deacon Patsy Glista		
Mar. 19		Pr. Bill		
Mar. 26		Pr. Bill		



## Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

**Dear Zion**

On behalf of our new neighbors at the Refugee Center, thank you for the donation of winter clothes. We appreciate being included each year in your "Mitten Tree". Your church has been such a faithful partner of the Refugee Center for so many years!

Appreciatively yours,

Deb Martin/Donations Coordinator

**Dear Debbie and everyone at Zion,**

Thank you so much for the Wal-Mart gift cards that you donated to the youth at the Thea Bowman House this past Christmas. It really brightened the lives of children who have faced tremendous struggles during these past two years. Zion has been making this happen for the past several years. We pray that God will continue to bless your faith community.

Gratefully,

Jane Dominique

**Thank you** to everyone who brought in cans of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday. We collected 422 cans! Many thanks to John Blackburn for coordinating this annual tradition!

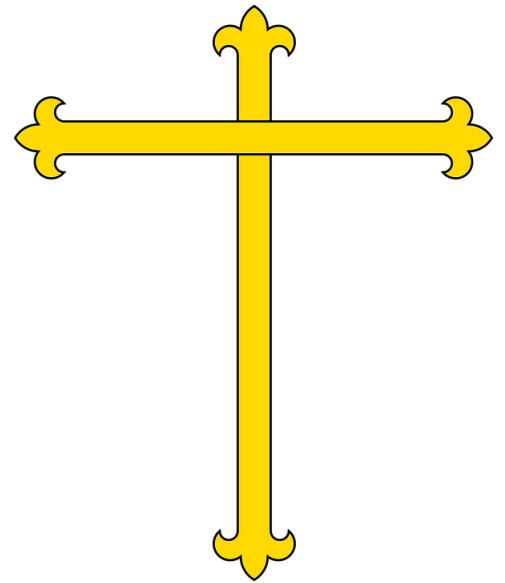
*thank  
you*



*Pastor Bill presented those going off council with a nice certificate on February 5th.  
Many thanks to Carol, Linda, Michele, and Matt for your time & talents!*

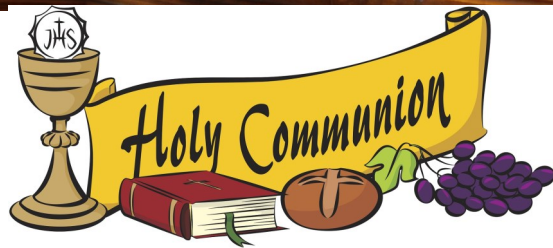


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## Special Notice

Many of you have asked how you can help Bo Lambe and the Lambe family.

Chris & Jenna Lambe shared Bo's story on a website called CaringBridge. If you're not familiar with CaringBridge, it is an online platform where families can share their stories, as well as any needs, while going through this type of difficult time. Zion has registered a profile with CaringBridge, and you are welcome to log on, read the updates, as well as donate in the areas of their current and specific needs.

1. Go to: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/bolambe](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/bolambe). The log in credentials are as follows:  
Email: [office@zionluth.com](mailto:office@zionluth.com). Password: prayersforbo. First name: Zion Lutheran Church.  
Last name: New Hartford NY.) Click on "Home" to read all of Bo's current updates. Click on "Ways to Help" to donate to specific areas.
2. You can also create your own profile.
3. If you will not be using the online platform, you can send your donation to the church and we will take it from there. You can do this by marking Bo Lambe on your envelope or in the memo line on your check.





## Events

Zion is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Saturday, March 4th from 10-3pm. Donors can make appointments by searching keyword 'ZionLutheran' on [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-redcross. (All blood types needed!) March donors will receive a \$10 VISA gift card and be entered to win one of five \$3000 VISA gift cards!

### Cultivating a G.R.A.C.E. Mindset

We are pleased to announce that in-person [GRACE Gatherings](#) will be taking place next month! You are encouraged to attend a local in-person gathering.

**St. Paul's - Liverpool, NY on March 19th**

Bishop Lee Miller II will be preaching during worship at the host congregation. Following worship, there will be a time for fellowship and discussion around the topic of Restorative Justice (this year's focus for the G.R.A.C.E mindset).

Attendees are encouraged to network and share ideas around the topics of:

*Gender Justice | Environmental Justice | Hunger Justice | Racial Justice | Any topics from the justice portal*  
[Justice Portal - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](http://Justice Portal - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (elca.org))



THE STONE CHURCH STORYTELLERS *present*

## STORIES FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



APRIL 02, 2023  
AT 2:30 PM

STONE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*An offering will be received for the Country Pantry*

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

