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**Zion Lutheran Church
Zion News & Notes**

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Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor Janet



I believe in ...the communion of saints...

Dear Friends,

November brings a small flurry of holidays and holy days—Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, Election Day, Christ the King, and for me, the most beloved at the very first of the month, All Saints Day. For most church-goers, what comes to mind for All Saints is the tradition of reading the names of those who have died in the past year, often lighting a candle in their memory. This year we will include the names of some of Zion's saints, like Carl Schmitt and Mary Lou Millar. I will add the name of my brother, David, who died in February and whose birthday falls on All Saints Sunday November 3rd.

According to church tradition, the end of October and beginning of November signal a time when the veil between this world and the next is especially thin. In the 8th century, Pope Gregory established All Saints on November 1st to coincide with the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain (pronounced Sow-INN), observed as a time when the spirits of the departed were believed to mingle more freely with this world.

Zion's custom to celebrate Holy Communion weekly is a welcome one despite the fact that it can be a challenge to find a guest pastor to preside over the Eucharist every week, and one of the reasons is how this is truly a holy communion of all the saints. In my brief time at Zion we have had continuous communion, which has a lovely flow and keeps things moving. But the altar rail is highly symbolic, with its curved semi-circle at which the communicants are to gather, and the other half of the altar, which is not there, or unseen, going behind the altar to symbolize the space at which gather the saints who have gone before~ the church on earth and the hosts of heaven. It is a weekly celebration of All Saints!

Some saints have made such an impact on the world and left such a legacy that they get their own day on the church calendar, but All Saints Day is a time to honor those who didn't get their own day but made an impact just the same, living lives of faith and love, letting the light of Christ shine through them.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in thee for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia! ~ William W. How

Your Co-worker in the Gospel,

November 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.

Attention Zion Attendees

If you are new to Zion, or if you have been attending for a while and would like to learn more about becoming a member, please call/email the office: 315-732-4110—office@zionluth.com.

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.

Church Envelopes

Mark your calendar! 2025 offering envelopes will be available Sunday, December 1st. Envelopes will be available for pick-up from the large table located in the Narthex. For questions, contact Joni Pulliam, financial secretary, at 315.793.2020.

Walking With Friends

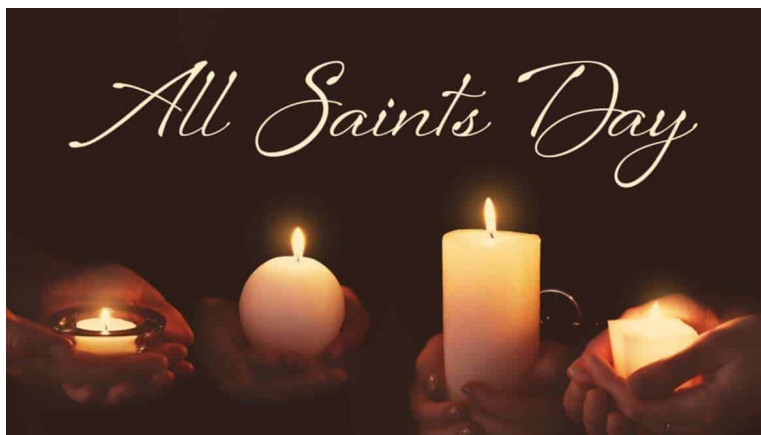
Zion's Walking Group will meet again November 6th and every Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Target wing at Sangertown. All are welcome - please join us!

Zion's Food Cart Returns

During this season of harvest, Zion's once longstanding food cart will return. Look for the decorated food cart in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Use the cart for your food donations, i.e., canned goods, boxed goods, paper products, etc. All donations will be shared with the various local food pantries that Zion supports through its Social Ministry efforts. Thank you for sharing your bounty with those in need in our community!

Book Group

The group is looking into two books to read together and discuss: *"The Once and Future Church"* by Loren Mead (recommended by Patsy Glista), or *"Mostly What God Does"* by Savanna Guthrie (recommended by the book group of Trinity Lutheran Church in Herkimer). Please let Kim know if you're interested in one of these books or another book, and if you'd rather meet on a Sunday after worship or some other time in the future by talking to Kim or emailing kmarscher@yahoo.com.



All Saints Sunday/Coffee Hour

Please join us for All Saints Sunday on November 3rd. We will have a special time after communion when you will have the option to light a candle in memory of loved ones. Also on this day, the Apple Tree Preschool director, Erin Curtin-Telesca, will speak for a moment early during the service to introduce the preschool program.

Please plan to stay for coffee hour.



Duff Campbell	2	Norm Jeché	18
Shane McLennan	2	David Goewey	24
Doreen Nicholls	10	Colin Richards	25
Shirley Carlson	14	Cindy Weir	28
Jan Kowalczyk	16	Robert Berkhoudt	30

Treasurer's Report

		September Treasurer's Report		
	Sep-24	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 9,621.75	\$ 113,543.46	\$ 115,124.99	\$ (1,581.53)
Other Income	\$ 6,803.65	\$ 16,690.95	\$ 12,531.05	\$ 4,159.90
Total Income	\$ 16,425.40	\$ 130,234.41	\$ 127,656.04	\$ 2,578.37
Total Expense	\$ 13,099.36	\$ 123,108.01	\$ 127,138.50	\$ (4,030.49)
Net Income	\$ 3,326.04	\$ 7,126.40	\$ 517.54	\$ 6,608.86

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Randy Richards	World Hunger	Linda Bennett
Fran King	Food Pantries	Claudia King
Mary Lou Millar	Memorial Fund	Bruce Millar & Family
Mae Parker	Memorial Fund	Wendy Stevens
Fran King	Building Fund	Claudia King
Fran King	Memorial Fund	Claudia King
Fran King	Knobloch Fund	Claudia King
Fran King	Food Pantries	Claudia King
Fran King	Your Neighbors	Claudia King
Fan King	Zion Food Ministry	Claudia King

Advent & Christmas Season

The sign up sheets for the Advent/Christmas season have been posted!
Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex and sign up where you can
for the following services:



Advent Wreath Readings/Candle Lighting



Church Decorating Party

Hanging of the Greens Readings

Lessons & Carols

November 17 – December 8, 2024

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree will benefit the children at Thea Bowman Center. The greater need this year to help the children and their families will again be through gift cards. The gift card contributions Zion has provided continue to be a lifeline for the families. If you would like to participate in this year's Angel Tree tradition, please send your monetary contributions directly to Zion Lutheran Church with the notation of "Angel Tree" so it is clear where the monies are to be directed. This year, members will also be able to take an angel off the tree which will have an envelope attached to it to make it easier to contribute directly to Zion and identify your donations for Thea Bowman. All the monies received will be converted into Walmart gift cards that will then be handed to Thea Bowman for distribution to the families. The Angel Tree will be up for the November 17th church service, and contributions will be collected through Sunday, December 8, 2024. Thea Bowman is deeply appreciative of all the assistance Zion has provided to their organization throughout the years.

MITTEN TREE: The Mitten Tree will benefit The Center (*formerly Resource Center for Refugees*). The greatest need at The Center is for **men's and women's gloves sizes medium and large, and men's hats**. Handmade or store-bought hats/mittens, gloves, scarves are also welcomed and will be collected through December 8, 2024. Any children's sizes will go to Thea Bowman, and the women's and men's glove sizes and men's hats will go to The Center. The Mitten Tree will be up for the November 17th church service. Items can be dropped off Monday – Thursday during church office hours beginning November 18th, and also during Sunday in person services. The Social Ministry Committee members gratefully appreciate all of your contributions this year for the Angel Tree and the Mitten Tree.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

Date:	Worship Asst.	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Nov. 3	John Blackburn	Pr. Rick Klafehn	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	Darlene Hill & Laurel McCurdy
Nov. 10	Karen Toepp	Rev. Jen DeWeerth	Jan Corn	Laurel McCurdy & Caryn Carlson
Nov. 17	Wendy Stevens	Pr. Janet Griffiths		Caryn Carlson
Nov. 24		Pr. Jen DeWeerth	Linda Bennett	Deb Murdock & Doreen Nicholls

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

To our Zion family,

Thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time when we lost our son, Jason.

It means a great deal to know that so many others share in our sorrow.

Blessings and Love,

Jan & Ron Kowalczyk

And the family



Dear Zion friends & members,

Thank you for all of the birthday cards and wishes. That was really nice of you!

Love,

Isabel Silva

Dear Zion friends & members,

Thank you very much for the items that you contributed to the Hurricane relief on behalf of the New Hartford City School District! Five students and one staff member carried the items inside. The truck picked up donations from New Hartford schools and left on Thursday, October 10th to bring all the items to North Carolina to be distributed. The staff at Perry Jr. High said to send a great big thank you to Zion.

Sincerely,

Isabel & Jayden Silva



FAIR TRADE NEWS

Welcome, **Love Buzz**
Coffee! New!

The price of chocolate has come up. Now is your last chance to purchase a bar for \$3.00

.....Women of Faith.....

Women from Zion had a good visit with women from Trinity, Herkimer on Saturday, October 19th. Linda Bennett from Zion presented a program about "Katie Luther, A Bright and Morning Star." She was Martin Luther's wife, advisor, helpmate and mother of his 6 children. Katharina von Bora was born on January 29th, 1499 to a noble but impoverished family. Her mother died when Katie was 5 years old, and her stepmother placed her in a convent, where she learned to read, do household management, farm, and brew beer. She was consecrated as a nun in 1515. Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses (describing reforms for the Roman Catholic Church) on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517 and was outlawed and exiled to Wartburg Castle in 1522. Katie escaped the nunnery in 1523, and she and Martin married in 1525 when she was 26 and Martin was 42. Martin died in 1546, Katie died in 1552 after leaving their property due to the Black Plague. She sat in on Martin's Council, read his new translation of the Bible into German, cared for their family, foster children, and property, and worked as his equal in his ministry.

The talk was followed by a delicious lunch made by the women of Trinity, including several German dishes. We enjoyed getting to know each other a little better and finding out how Trinity and Zion can work together in the future. We're planning to have a Katie Luther Star Coffee Hour at our churches the last Sunday in January at our individual churches to celebrate the life of an important leader of the Lutheran Church.

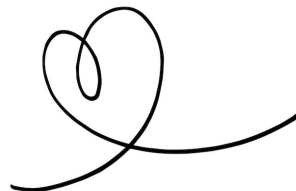
Thanks to everyone involved!

Women of Faith Upcoming Events

All women are invited: Tuesday, January 28th at 7pm on Zoom - planning meeting for Zoom Bible Studies. Please research and let us know if you're willing to lead a Bible study, February–May. (Look for the Zoom link in WOF January emails.)

All women are invited to meet at Zion on Saturday, March 8th (snow date March 15th) at 10 AM. Zion will provide drinks and snacks, followed by a program by Our Saviour about women and the church.

Our Saviour will look into hosting a program about Juneteenth on Saturday, June 7th. This will possibly be held in Peterboro at the Abolitionist Hall of Fame. Carpooling options TBA.



Please call/email Sara if you would like to be on the Women of Faith emailing list.

315.732.411. office@zionluth.com

Outside Events



New Hartford Presbyterian Church
45 Genesee Street, New Hartford

Saturday
November 9, 2024
9 am—3 pm



Crafts, lunch, bake sale, used
books, attic treasures & more!

**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN
CHURCH — ALL SAINTS DAY
WORSHIP — 7: 30 PM ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

Names in memory of loved ones
will be said aloud; each person
will light a candle for those who
have been lights to their lives.
Candles will be placed in the
window. “For All the Saints” will
be sung outside - enjoying the
lights shone from the sanctuary.

Kingdom Choir

Celebrate the season with Kingdom Choir! Get into the holiday spirit on
Thursday, December 12th at The Stanley Theater.

Enjoy soulful harmonies and Christmas classics, like “Silent Night” and
“O Holy Night” in a night of festive joy.

Get tickets at www.broadwayutica.org or The Stanley Box Office





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to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*

