

November Newsletter

To our Zion Family,

This week I am giving thanks for our family at Zion. My calendar indicates that I spent nearly 13 hours in Zoom calls last week and of that time, sharing in worship and fellowship with Zion is easily the most joyful. Laughter during our times of greeting and of “joyful chaos” - that’s the big difference! As we did the walk-through in preparation for Sunday, I experienced God’s presence in the faces of fellow members of Zion and the familiarity of our sanctuary. I am looking forward to worshipping with you on Sunday, whether in-person, via Zoom/livestream, or in spirit through the service of the word!

-Announcements and updates:

-Our first return to in-person worship service will occur this Sunday, Oct. 25th. Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth will serve as our supply pastor and Wendy Stevens as our worship assistant. A detailed description of what to expect for those attending this service can be found on pages 5-7 of this document. For those not yet ready to return to the sanctuary, we will continue to offer this Sunday service on Zoom, Livestreamed on Facebook, and through the printed Service of the Word.

-Those who are joining us this Sunday remotely can continue to do so over Zoom and by livestreaming via YouTube. Our regular Zoom room will be open before and after the service for chatting and “joyful chaos” with the same log-in info as last week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84354840714?pwd=TDJGTkwwSTBER2lNb1o1Qzd6WGxDdz09> Meeting ID: 843-5484 0714, Password: 022654. Or by PHONE, 6465588656, 84354840714#, 1#, 022654. The service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWzOtbCe2z7-bIPvxp62lA>.

-The worship team for our service this Sunday performed a walk-through on Oct. 19th to prepare for our first in-person gathering and we are excited to welcome Zion congregants back to the Sanctuary, for those who feel comfortable attending. During the walk through, Mary Senn was practicing on the organ - what a joy to the ears! This will surely be a treat, whether it is heard in-person or on Zoom.

-We ask for your continued prayers for Rusty and Bill Pentland, Fran and Claudia King, Norm and Patsy Glista, and all those included in our prayers of the congregation this past Sunday. If you know of anyone we should specifically keep in our prayers, please let Sara know by leaving a message on the office phone (315-732-4110) or with an email (office@zionluth.com).

-The church council will be looking for new council members to replace those completing their three-year terms in February 2021, and also to fill current vacancies. If you have any interest in serving on council starting in February, we invite your expression of interest. Please contact the nominating committee members: Jeanne Gymburch (jgymburch@aol.com), Kim Ritchie (kimritchieus@yahoo.com), Michele Lasher (michlsh@aol.com), or Mark Thompson (mdthompsonphd@gmail.com).

-This past Sunday, Rev. Janet Hoover shared these words in her sermon, reflecting on the sons of Zebedee: “To follow Christ is a new adventure all the time, and a process that moves us into new situations that we have never encountered before. To follow Jesus is to be open to God’s leading in every situation, to listen for God’s new Word, to be aware that there is still more light and truth to break forth from God. Faith is not lived in the past, it is lived today with a kind of energetic expectation that this moment, right now, is a moment that God has made.” May God bless your many moments this week.

Peace,

Kristen Burson and Mark Thompson
Church Council co-presidents

Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2020

SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #504, Verses 1 & 3 –Mary Senn

Vs. 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

Vs. 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading: Romans 3: 19-28

Second Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Sermon: *Reformation –Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth*

On Reformation Sunday we celebrate a festival, with red vestments and a joyous return to the physical sanctuary for some of us, with others watching a screen, and still others reading these words on paper. Zion is not all together physically yet, but together we lift up the insight of the Reformation, that we are saved by God's grace through faith, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Grace and peace to you, in the name of God our loving creator-parent, and Christ Jesus, the Word and the truth of God for us. Amen.

How did the Lutheran Reformation come about? Some say it was growing problems in the Catholic church—selling indulgences, corruption. Others believe that the strands of the Reformation were there in late medieval theology—a gradual increase in attention to scripture. Still others think that it was really about the power struggles between the German princess and the emperor. Add any of these to the insightful and well-timed theology of Martin Luther’s early writings and you have the Reformation.

All these explanations have some validity, but there is something missing, perhaps the most important thing. I wonder if what got the Reformation going was Martin Luther and what got Martin Luther going was the only thing that ever gets any Christian going really, and that is **prayer**. I imagine Luther sitting over Psalm 46: “Be still and know that I am God.” He sat still and prayed. In prayer we learn the need we have for forgiveness and that our need is met by God. What we all need as human beings, from moment to moment in our lives, is a fresh start, a clean slate, and we can’t get this for ourselves. It is given to us. In prayer, Luther discovered that he was granted this clean slate by God.

Luther found, as we read in Jeremiah, that God forgives iniquity and remembers our sin no more. Luther read Paul, and also found for himself in prayer, that God passes over sins previously committed, that God is righteous and justifies those who have faith. All this Luther found in prayer.

Some years ago, I was reading about the Augsburg Confession and came across a bit of evidence to support my theory that the Reformation’s true cause was prayer. At the conference in Augsburg in 1530, after the first public reading of the Confession, and in the midst of endless politicking and theologizing, the emperor’s own priest, exasperated by the discussion, pulled aside Phillip Melancthon, the Lutheran reformer who wrote the Confession, and he addressed him privately. “You,” he said, “You have a theology which a person can understand only if he prays much!”

I don’t know how Melancthon responded, but I know how I would have “Exactly! Aha, now you see it!” After all, what good would theology be if it did not come from real religion—that is, from prayer? Prayer is where the buck stops for Christians, for Luther, and Melancthon, and for all of us. People of Zion, from your praying comes your theology, your worship together, your care for one another, your ministry in the community. *From your praying*. From the regular act of bringing yourself before God to meet and talk and listen.

When we pray, we see our needs and worries clearly: the weight of our mistakes and failures no longer lives in shadows where they can paralyze and imprison us. When we pray, we see that we are **freed** from our failures so that we can live our lives for others. For Luther, to be free, to be free *indeed* is **Christian** freedom: “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly obedient servant of all, subject to all.” If you are free *from* what everyone else thinks of you, subject only to how God treats you, you are free *for* everyone else, and in this freedom, *you are bound to serve their good*. This is the freedom for which Christ has set each one of us free.

The scripture passages that we read on Reformation Sunday set forth the reality of our sin, and our need for God’s love and forgiveness. They proclaim that, in Christ, God’s love is made manifest to us. You know these readings well. You know this Lutheran theology and you know this gospel. Perhaps I will only say this morning that all these readings, all these Reformation insights, can only change **us** if we pray. Luther prayed and saw his own need, and also that God’s mercy met his need. Paul prayed, and saw a life in Christ that was different than anything he had known before. *But no one else’s prayers can be your prayers*. The only way is to come before God yourself, in stillness, as the Psalm says, and “in secret” as the Sermon on the Mount says.

That’s it. Bring yourself before God as best you imagine God. When we come before God in prayer and **confess** our sins, by the grace of God we are freed from them, and this is the goal: Christian freedom for service and love of others. But as the reformers discovered, we seem only to be able to dare to confess our greatest fears and deepest failures when we have **faith**, when we can *trust* that the God we come before is merciful rather than angry and unforgiving. And so, in Christian life, confession comes before freedom, and faith comes before confession. What comes before faith is grace. **Nothing** comes before grace. This is the singular insight of the Reformation, that grace is prevenient and all-sufficient and that from grace flows all and only that which is good and true and freeing in any way. Grace belongs to God alone. Pray, be still and know this God. Amen. God’s grace -> faith -> confession -> freedom (from sin, for service and love)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM: Morning Hymn -Young

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen to the cries of your people waiting patiently for your healing hand and comforting Spirit especially: those who suffer with chronic pain and all cancer patients, Pr. Mary Etta, Gail, healing for Norm, Rusty, Edween Ham, healing for Jim, the family of Robert Imobersteg, Claudia and Fran, Edie Marie, Suzee, prayers for Michael Gilleece and family, Your Neighbors clients, and Theresa, that the light of Christ may shine upon them with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us unto the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #708, Verses 1, 2, & 3 -Mary Senn

Vs. 1 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to service the neighbors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them.

Vs. 2 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to service the neighbors we have from you. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away.

Vs. 3 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to service the neighbors we have from you. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

Blessing

Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for being a part of the service, whether in-person, reading it at home, participating on Zoom, or watching the livestream on Facebook, or YouTube. We know that we are all together in spirit.

Preparing for our Return to In-person Worship

Zion's church council, the Task Force for Return to In-person Worship, and the Worship & Music Committee enthusiastically look forward to our first In-person Worship Service on Sunday, Oct. 25th, at 10:00 AM. We know that our congregants have a range of feelings about returning to Zion's sanctuary. For those planning to attend the Oct. 25th service in-person, this outline will provide a step-by-step outline of how we'll safely gather together for worship. For those who continue to worship from home, either via Zoom, Livestreaming on Facebook, watching the service during the week on YouTube, or utilizing the Service of the Word, we remain together in spirit and worship as a community in whatever way feels right for each of us at this time.

Our goal—a safe return to in-person worship; both parts are essential.

Here are steps we'll be following to accomplish our goal. Please read through the steps so you'll know what to expect should you decide to attend the Oct. 25th service in person.

Everyone who attends the service in our sanctuary will be required to wear a face covering, worn properly (covering nose and mouth), from the time you leave your car in the parking lot until you return there following the service. This is essential, and there will be no exceptions.

Plan to arrive earlier than usual, we suggest between 9:30-9:45 (at the latest). If you will need to use the elevator to get to the sanctuary, please arrive closer to 9:30.

We will be following CDC guidance about social distancing, maintaining a 6' distance from others not in your family unit at all times. If you see a line at the front door when you arrive in the parking lot, please remain in your car until the line shortens to allow for 6 feet distancing.

At the front door, you will be greeted by one of our congregants staffing the service. Your temperature will be taken with a no contact thermometer. Your temperature will need to be below 100 degrees in order to be allowed to enter the building. If your temperature is higher than 100, we will ask you to have a seat and have your temperature retaken after you cool down. If your temperature remains above 100, we'll have to ask you to return home and view the service via Zoom, livestreamed on Facebook, or utilize the Service of the Word.

After having your temperature taken, you'll step into the foyer and will be met by our next greeter, who will ask if you are able to answer "No" to the following five health-related questions:

1. Are you experiencing any of these symptoms associated with COVID-19 that are not caused by another condition? (E.g.—You may typically experience some congestion due to seasonal allergies. This would result in your answering "no" to this health question.)
 - Fever or chills • Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches • Headache
 - Recent loss of taste or smell • Sore throat
 - Congestion • Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
2. Within the past 14 days, have you had contact with anyone that you know had COVID-19 or COVID-like symptoms?
3. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test for the active virus in the past 14 days?
4. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection?
5. In the past 14 days, have you traveled out-of-state to any currently restricted areas (aka "hot spots")?

Again, you will not be asked each of these individual questions. The greeter will simply say, "Are you able to answer 'No' to the 5 health-related questions?" You will simply answer "yes" or "no." If you cannot answer "no" to all five questions, we will have to ask you to refrain from attending the service in-person and return to your car. Please think about these questions before you leave your home to drive to church on Oct. 25th. If you can't answer "no," please stay home and worship in another way.

In case there is a need to be reminded of these questions, we will have them posted at the entrance.

After taking your temperature (below 100) and a "no" response re: the five health-related questions, we'll ask you to use hand sanitizer, provided at a table in the entrance, and then proceed to the sanctuary, either via the stairs or the elevator. Please remember to respect social distancing.

If you use the elevator, we ask that only two people, or one family unit, use the elevator at a time. There will be tissues at the elevator entrance. Please take one tissue to push the elevator buttons outside and inside and discard it in the trash inside the elevator. Please follow the same steps when you depart after the service.

Once you arrive at the Narthex outside the sanctuary, please continue to respect social distancing guidelines (6'). Even though we will have the understandable urge to connect with people, especially after not seeing one another in-person for so many months, we ask that you make your way into the sanctuary to find a seat as quickly as possible.

You can seat yourself. If you need assistance in finding a seat, please ask one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist.

The pews in the sanctuary are marked off, designating seats to occupy. We will use alternating rows in order to provide safe social distancing. Please do not sit any closer than 6 feet apart if there is someone else in your row. There are pieces of blue tape on the top of the pew where you can sit. Please sit behind the blue tape. "Sit behind the blue in the pew!" There are also white chains that indicate the pews where people should not be sitting. Family units can certainly sit together.

Many aspects of this service will be familiar, but there will be some differences to let you know about, so you're not caught by surprise. They are:

A bulletin will be handed to you by an usher who will be wearing gloves before you enter the Sanctuary so you can follow along with the service. Please take your bulletin home with you when you leave church, along with everything else that you have brought in with you.

The ushers will not be collecting the offering in the traditional way - instead, there will be an offering plate just inside the sanctuary for you to put your offerings in. Even though the ushers will not be bringing the offering up to the front of the church, our offerings to God are still an important part of the service.

Once you are seated, you'll notice that there are two 6' x 6' transparent screens at the front of the sanctuary. Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth, our supply pastor for Oct. 25th, will be standing/seated behind one and Wendy Stevens, our worship assistant, will be standing/seated behind the other. Mary Senn will be at the organ, but not behind a screen. Rev. Jen, Wendy, and Mary will maintain social distance from one another and the congregation in the pews throughout the service.

In addition to the large transparent screens, there will be an air filtering machine near the front of the altar to circulate air. In addition, we plan to have windows open as weather conditions allow. We encourage you to bring

your coats/sweaters into the sanctuary in case you might feel chilly. The circulation of fresh air helps reduce the chance of aerosols being transmitted.

Only Rev. Jennifer and Wendy will be speaking during the service, and they will do so from behind the transparent barriers. In order to minimize the spread of aerosols, there will not be any professed community prayer (e.g.—the Apostles' Creed or the Lord's Prayer) or singing. We know these are important components of our worship service but, at least for now, we are acting in a conservative manner to maximize safety for all.

Wendy will read some reminders at the start of the service. We are all creatures of habit, and reminders about what we can expect will help us all to remember.

Mary will be playing an opening hymn, an anthem, and a closing hymn, but we will not be singing individually or as a congregation due to the concern about the potential spread of aerosols.

Wendy will be reading the Apostles' Creed and Pastor Jennifer will be reading the Lord's Prayer for the congregation. We ask that you recite these prayers in your head, but not aloud.

We will not be having the distribution of communion at this first Sunday back, but plan to have communion at subsequent services in a safe way. We appreciate your patience with this decision for our first Sunday back together.

As the service concludes, we ask that you remain in your pews and follow the direction of the ushers for departing the sanctuary. Please follow their directions. We will start at the back of the church, leave one row at a time, and continue respecting social distancing. Wait for the ushers to indicate when it's okay for you to depart. Please be sure to exit through the center aisle and not the side aisles. Please keep 6 feet between you and the fellow congregant ahead of you as you leave. Please take all personal belongings, tissues, and any printed materials that you brought in with you as you leave.

Once in the Narthex, please continue to move either down the stairs or to the elevator to depart the church. If we congregate in the Narthex, even at social distances, that will result in a back-up for people looking to depart the sanctuary.

Once you are in the parking lot, people may be anxious to connect with others and have some fellowship. If you do decide to connect with others, please do so with your masks on, maintaining social distancing, and go to the outskirts of the parking lot in order to allow others to get to their cars. If you are connecting with others, please be very cognizant of safety, as cars will be driving through the parking lot.

Our apologies for such a long and detailed document. We can't wait to see as many of you as possible who feel ready to return to our sanctuary to worship together in-person. However, we feel a genuine and significant responsibility to do our best to safeguard the safety and well-being of each and every member of our Zion family. All these steps may seem draconian, but we feel that they are necessary, at least for now.

We welcome your suggestions and feedback. Thank you!

Your church council, Task Force for Return to In-person Worship, and the Worship & Music Committee

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday from your Zion family!!

Duff Campbell	2
Shane McLennan	2
Lynn Moretz	6
Doreen Nicholls	10
Shirley Carlson	14
Janet Kowalczyk	16
Norm Jeché	18
David Goewey	24
Colin Richards	25
Cindy Weir	28

	September 2020 Treasurer's Report			
	Sept 2020	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 13,517.75	\$ 120,624.53	\$ 143,250.00	\$ (22,625.47)
Other Income	\$ 4,155.49	\$ 23,285.00	\$ 25,532.50	\$ (2,247.50)
Total Income	\$ 17,673.24	\$ 143,909.53	\$ 168,782.50	\$ (24,872.97)
Total Expense	\$ 11,787.99	\$ 117,328.38	\$ 194,232.91	\$ (76,904.53)
Net Income	\$ 5,885.25	\$ 26,581.15	\$ (25,450.41)	\$ 52,031.56



***Thank you** to everyone who donated items for the Lutheran World Relief! Zion contributed ten Personal Care Kits, and six School kits! Thanks to Patsy G., Fran H., Kim M., and Kim R., for your help organizing!*

ZION ENDOWMENT FUND ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION FOR 2020

Zion's Endowment Fund has approximately \$15,300 available for distribution in 2020. One fourth of the total distribution will go to each of the following categories:

- (1) Community outreach programs
- (2) Special ministries of Zion
- (3) Missions of the ELCA
- (4) Zion Capital Projects

To be considered for a grant, submit a Zion Lutheran Church Grant Application Form describing your organization and what the funds will be used for to:

Zion Lutheran Church
630 French Rd
New Hartford, NY 13413
Attn: Endowment Distribution
Or send via email to office@zionuth.com

The Grant Application form is available from the church office. There is a link to the form in the Endowment Fund article on the church web site at: <http://www.zionlutheranny.org/Zions-Permanent-Funds>
Deadline for receipt of the form is November 1, 2020. All applications will be considered at the November 2020 Endowment Committee meeting. Recipients will be notified in writing and checks will be sent in late November/early December 2020.

ZION ENDOWMENT FUND OVERVIEW

Zion's Endowment Fund was established in 1985 for the purpose of enhancing the mission outreach of Zion Lutheran Church apart from the general operations of the congregation. The Fund welcomes gifts from Zion and Utica community members. Gifts can consist of memorials, bequests in wills, charitable remainder and other trusts, charitable gift annuities, assignment of life insurance and transfer of property, such as cash, stocks, bonds, or real estate. To-date, most gifts have been from bequests in wills. Planned giving is one method of providing end of life gifting of one's wealth to the Zion Endowment Fund.

YEARLY DISTRIBUTIONS

The Endowment Fund by-laws require that yearly distributions be made from the Fund. The distributions are divided among the following: one-quarter each to; community outreach, missions of the ELCA, special ministries of Zion Lutheran Church and Zion capital projects. The Endowment Fund Committee makes recommendations to the Church Council and Zion's congregation concerning the charitable distributions. Some past recipients include; Community Food Bank, Your Neighbors, Family Nurturing Center, Canstruction, Lutheran Homes Foundation, Vanderkamp, KEYS Program and Foothills Rural Community Ministry.

HISTORY OF GIFTS RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTIONS

In the thirty-five years of its existence, the Endowment Fund has received gifts and bequests of about \$200,000. Over this same period, distributions from the Fund now exceed \$280,000. The Endowment Fund expects to distribute approximately \$15,300 this year.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND ARE WELCOME

Contributions to the Zion Endowment Fund need not be just in the form of bequests in wills or trusts. Cash or checks, in any amount, in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, would be appropriate and welcomed. Our hopes and expectations are that additional gifts, coupled with Fund earnings, will cause the Fund value to increase so that Zion may play an ever-larger part in fulfilling its mission in the world. Your endowment gift would be a part of that process.