



Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor David

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As I was thinking about this month's newsletter, I came across the following old rabbinic parable.

There once was a farmer who had two sons. As soon as they were old enough to walk, he took them into the fields and taught them everything he knew about growing crops and raising animals. When he got too old to work, the boys took over the chores of the farm and when their father died, they found their working together so meaningful that they decided to keep their partnership. So each brother contributed what he could, and during every harvest season, they would divide equally what they had produced together. Across the years the elder brother never married; stayed an old bachelor. The younger brother did marry and had eight wonderful children. Some years later when they were having a wonderful harvest, the old bachelor brother thought to himself one night, "My brother has ten mouths to feed. I only have one. He really needs more of his harvest than I do, but I know he is much too concerned about fairness to renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead of the night when he is already asleep, I'll take some of what I have put in my barn and I'll slip over into his barn to help him feed his children."

At the very time he was thinking that, the younger brother was thinking to himself, "God has given me these wonderful children who can help me and take care of me in my old age. My brother hasn't been so fortunate. He really needs more of this harvest for his old age than I do, but I know him. He's much too fair-minded. He'll never renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead night when he's asleep, I'll take some of what I've put in my barn and slip it over into his barn." And so one night when the moon was full, as you may have already anticipated, those two brothers came face to face, each on a mission of generosity. The old rabbi said that there wasn't a cloud in the sky when a gentle rain began to fall. You know what it was? God weeping for joy because two of his children had gotten the point. Two of his children had come to realize that generosity is the deepest characteristic of the holy and because we are made in God's image, our being generous is the secret to our joy as well. Life is not fair, thank God! It's not fair because it's rooted in grace.

Our Bible tells the story of God's generosity, from beginning to end, from the gift of an abundant creation, an earth overflowing with more than enough for all, to the gift of Jesus himself, the gift of the Spirit, the gift of the church, the vision and promise of a new creation. As we are created in God's image, generosity is part of our DNA. It is also inherent in our calling as followers of Jesus Christ from whose generous bounty we have received grace upon grace, gift upon gift. Whenever we have an opportunity to give, may we remember the character of the God whose image we bear and of the Christ we follow. Amen.

Thank you again for the privilege of being your pastor and all that entails!

Pastor David

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS—Several people have asked about the expenses for our 175th anniversary celebration activities, and if they can help with covering the costs. The answer is yes. We have set up a special account for tracking both our expenses (outflow) and contributions (inflow), and it would be very nice if our contributions covered our expenses. People can contribute in the usual way; that is, by putting their clearly marked contribution in the offering plate, putting it in Gloria Cifonelli's mailbox at the church, or by mailing in a contribution. We will also put out a donation basket at the Saturday night banquet. Thank you in advance for any financial help you decide to give in defraying the costs of our anniversary celebrations.



PICTURES taken by Matt LaFave last fall are on the small table in the Narthex, (near the wall of historical photos of Zion). Please take yours home. Thank you!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE - will meet on **Wednesday, November 1** at **5:30 PM** in the Fireside Room. We'll be evaluating the special activities for Zion's 175th Anniversary and the 500th of the Reformation, plus planning for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and future worship. **Please attend. If unable to attend, let a committee member know about your ideas:** Kim & Jim Marscher, Bob & Bonnie Loomis, Wendy Stevens, Laura Hilt, Gloria Cifonelli, Mary Senn, John Aceto, Matt Aceto, Jim Schieble, Diana Inserra, Jeanne Gymburch and Pastor David.



175TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER & PROGRAM: Saturday, November 11 at 5 - 8 PM in Zion's Fellowship Hall. **Please sign up by Sunday, November 5** if you're planning to attend the dinner at Zion. **This dinner is catered, and an accurate count will be very important.** (We'll plan on a few extra meals, so if your schedule changes and you can attend at the last minute, please join us.) This will be a memorable evening with special guests, delicious food, good stories and great fellowship. Please plan to attend! See **Claudia King, Fran Holzberger, Cheryl Edmiston** or **Kim Marscher** if you have questions or can help with serving drinks or dessert.



Sunday, November 12 - 175th Anniversary Celebration Service at **2 PM**. WWII Honor Roll will be rededicated. (There will be **NO** 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM service on this day). Questions, see Pr. David or Jack Henke.

YOUNG FAMILIES GATHERING: On **Thursday, November 2** at **6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, we will have a family dinner & "worshipful play" for families with pre-K children. *Dinner will be provided. Please join us!*

PLEASE NOTE:

The Church
Office will be CLOSED
on
**Monday,
November 13.**

ALSO:
The Church
Office will be CLOSED
on
**Thursday & Friday,
November 23 & 24
(Thanksgiving).**



REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AND WATCHES back one hour on **Sunday, November 5.**



BIBLE STUDY: Come join us for our Bible study called, "Introduction to the Bible" on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 - 11:30 AM & Wednesday evenings at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. This study is envisioned as a year-long project. Questions, please contact Pr. David (pastor@zionluth.com or 315-732-4110).

Vignettes From Zion's History: Briefly Speaking ...

The following items could have been published in our church's history, but they escaped notice until after deadlines. I share them with you because, as parts of our congregation's past, they helped enable Zion Church today.

Otto von Bismarck unified the German states after Prussia's victory over France in the brief Franco-Prussian War of 1871. Utica's German-Americans celebrated the event in grand style. On June 12, *Deutschtum* (the city's German community) staged a parade, labeled "the King of Processions" by the *Utica Morning Herald*. The paper also reported that several zealous Germans broke into City Hall the night before the parade, ascended the building's tower, and rang the bell until it "drove slumber from citizens' eyelids." June 13 witnessed a gathering of thousands at French's Grove, a park near the intersection of French Road and Genesee Street. This fete, entitled a "German Peace Jubilee" featured speeches by Mayor Calvert Comstock, New York Governor Horatio Seymour, and Zion Pastor Andrew Wetzel, a pioneer of the city's *Deutschtum*. "Father Wetzel," as he was affectionately known, was one of Utica's most respected citizens.

Andrew Wetzel's circuit-riding ministry established a Lutheran church in Hawkinsville, a community located on the Black River east of Boonville. The congregation dissolved in the early 20th century. Their sanctuary, built in the 1840s, received new life in 1921 when residents of Otter Lake, in the Adirondacks, purchased the building. Local carpenters journeyed to Hawkinsville and carefully disassembled the church, "marking each stick and timber." The sanctuary was reconstructed and named the "Otter Lake Community Church." It stands today. The nave boasted a raised pulpit, common in German Lutheran structures. The congregation built a "minister's lodge" next door and enticed clergy by offering free "vacation housing" for two weeks if they preached at the chapel. Zion member George Bingel superintended the lodge's construction.

In 1983, Utica College Professor Frank Bergmann published a paper entitled, "Utica's Germans: a Tricentennial Retrospect." Bergmann cited Zion's effort to preserve German language worship. "A spokesman for Zion Lutheran Church issued an urgent appeal in 1931: 'Many who used the German tongue have died, and there's no end to the dying. German worship will also die if there's no new blood. We therefore ask the German immigrants and the children of those families who still understand German not to pass up our German worship, but to join us and support our effort to keep it alive.'" The spokesman could have been a representative of Zion's "German Group," active throughout the 1930s, or it may have been Pastor William C. Nolte, who cherished German worship. Zion's Council eliminated these services in 1941. Dwindling attendance (around twenty-five worshipers per rite) helped sway the vote, but the anticipation of another war with Germany placed tremendous pressure on the congregation. Vivid memories of persecutions of German-Americans during the tragic World War I era strongly influenced this decision.

During its building fund stage in the 1950s, Zion published a pamphlet entitled "Arise, Therefore, and Build Ye the Sanctuary of the Lord God." The cover depicts an architect's drawing for a New Zion that, amusingly, shows groups of people entering the three rarely used doors that face French and Burrstone Roads. The pamphlet's opening paragraph stated: "Our new church, pictured on the cover, will cost about \$175,000 to build. We believe it is as efficient and economical a church plant as is possible to erect within the limits of our abilities." In 1958, Zion's members built what they could afford. We were not a rich congregation.

During Pastor Ronald Meyer's tenure (1971-1977), Zion's newsletter was called *The Lamplighter*. The September 1974 issue stated that our church's Sunday school boasted eighteen teachers and assistants. Among that devoted group were current members Ann McCarthy, Bob Loomis, Mary Lou Millar, and Betty LaFave. The Sunday school instructed nearly 200 pupils in the 1970s. The church's calendar for September 1974 included 9:30 and 11:00 services every Sunday, Bethel Bible studies' meetings, a "Newcomers Club" event, and an acolyte/crucifer training session.

Easter Sunday was an extremely busy day at Zion in the 1960s. The church scheduled a "dawn service" at 7:00, followed by a communion rite at 8:00. This sacrament was offered only once per month until Paul Joslyn's pastorate. Many members remained in their pews after the early service to participate. The Sunday school produced an Easter program in the fellowship hall at 9:30. Worship concluded with an 11:00 service. The day also witnessed a popular social event - the "Easter breakfast." The Lutheran Church Men and Luther League team-catered this traditional meal. Every Easter morning, the savory aromas of freshly cooked ham, bacon, summer sausage, pancakes, and scrambled eggs filled the fellowship hall. George and Tom Stein, Fran King, Dave Millar, and Bob Reardon, among others, manned a busy grill in Zion's kitchen during the decade.

The Vignettes columns are researched and written by Jack Henke.

Next month: *Sophie's Gift*

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Chancellor Kent Syverud and Dr. Ruth Chen invite you to attend the installation of the **Reverend Brian E. Konkol, Ph.D.** as the seventh dean of Hendricks Chapel. **Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 4 p.m. in Hendricks Chapel.** A reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the Syracuse University Life Sciences Complex Milton Atrium. *Hendricks Chapel is accessible. Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided.* In addition, all are welcome to attend a community tailgate preceding the installation on **Tuesday, November 7 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kenneth A. Shaw Quadrangle.** R.S.V.P. to speialevents@syr.edu.

Social Ministry News



The UN Refugee Agency Global Trends Report finds 65.3 million people were displaced from their homes by conflict and persecution in 2015 and more than half are under the age of 18. The current political unrest in places such as Syria, Sudan, Venezuela, and Myanmar/Burma has not stopped for the weather, and displaced people from all corners of the world still rely on ELCA World Hunger efforts in their refugee camps. **Since January 1, 2017, Zion has contributed \$2,340.85 as of October 1 toward these efforts.** Our annual goal is \$4000. **You can help! Please consider a donation to ELCA World Hunger via the green envelopes.** Checks are payable to Zion Lutheran, and write in *World Hunger* in the memo section. Zion sends it to the Synod, who then sends it to ELCA World Hunger.



SHHH! Amidst all the hurricanes that Zion is responding to through Lutheran World Relief, we're also quietly keeping people who are hungry in our thoughts & prayers. Whether from natural disasters or war, millions of people around the world go hungry every day. In fact, nearly 11% of the world's population is undernourished, including close to 20% of all children under five. Zion is contributing to these efforts with a silent campaign this year. You won't hear much about our efforts to feed these people, but the work of ELCA World Hunger continues.

Stories & Memories for the 175th Anniversary Dinner & Program

Saturday, November 11 at 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Zion's Fellowship Hall

If you have a short story (2-3 minutes) you'd like to share at the 175th Anniversary Dinner, please see Pastor David, or contact him at pastor@zionluth.com or **315-732-4110**. Thank you!

Announcements



Angel Tree & Mitten Tree



IT IS GETTING CLOSER! Social Ministry will once again be supporting the Angel Tree and Mitten Tree this year. The trees will be going up in the Narthex on **Sunday, November 26, 2017**. The Angel Tree will be adorned with gift tags to support the organizations selected this year. And thanks to the wonderful knitters already at work creating beautiful handmade items. *Any questions, please see Deb Murdock.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Could you help set up/clean up our Coffee Hour? John Kelly usually does this as a ministry to Zion, but sometimes his job keeps him away on Sundays. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can help. Thank you!

ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT at Utica College on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 PM in Strebel Auditorium. Zion's choir is invited to participate, and the congregation is invited to attend. We'll do a brief run-through with the band at 6:15 PM.

Reflections of Zion



At Left: Zion's choir took part in *Choirfest* at First Pres. Church in Rome on October 8th. The audience enjoyed the hymn-sing.



Below: We hosted a Reformation-themed concert called "**Best of Bach**" at Zion on **Friday, September 29**. Lovely music was performed by Sonya Williams and Jonathan Hwang - violin, Dana Huge - viola, Lindsay Groves - cello, Dr. Bonnie Choi - harpsichord, Kelly Covert - flute, Janet Brown - Soprano, Daniel Fields, and David Neal - Bass. *Thanks to all who brought delicious desserts, and big thanks to those who donated to make this evening possible!*



Thank you's & Other News

From the Pen of Mae Parker



As I gaze upon this table
I see blessings on every hand
I see the poor and hungry before me
Who do not live in our free land

Our Pilgrim fathers made this country
To worship God and to worship free
What has happened to our morals
Integrity and honesty are gone, you see

So when we count our blessings
On this Thanksgiving Day
Don't forget where all this comes from
From our God to whom we pray

Dear Pastor:

On behalf of Lutheran Homes Foundation, I wish to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to the members of the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church for your very generous contribution of **\$100** to our organization via Upstate New York Synod. Your gift will greatly assist us in our efforts to provide those programs and services which enhance the quality of life we continually strive to achieve for the individuals we care for and care deeply about.

Once again, our sincerest thanks to Zion for your very kind donation to The Foundation.

Warmest regards & Blessings,

Karen Ann Ostinett

Director of Funds & Volunteer Development



Zion's Food Ministry

Please keep Zion's Food Ministry in mind this upcoming holiday season. Zion provides food baskets each Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas for roughly 10 needy families in the area. Every monetary donation we receive toward this effort makes a difference and is very much appreciated. Thank you!

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during my illness and recovery. I have truly been blessed in every way.

~ Linda Lambe



Dear Zion Lutheran Church:

Thank you for the **\$855.00** to Lutheran Disaster Response. With this gift you are providing emotional and spiritual care, supplying emergency relief, and addressing long-term recovery.

With your gifts you are making possible the support of unmet needs, the coordinating of volunteers in the U.S. through our local affiliates, and the promoting of disaster risk-reduction internationally, expanding knowledge and ability.

Thank you for this gift and all your faithful generous gifts. Thank you for encouraging others to learn, act, pray and give with you.

In God's grace,
The Rev. Daniel Rift



WORSHIP TEAM SIGN-UPS: Please consider taking a week to be a Greeter, Usher, Worship Assistant or Communion Assistant.

Please sign up in the Narthex. Any questions, please talk to the following chair people:

Bonnie Loomis - Worship Assistants & Communion Assistants, Laura Hilt - Ushers, and Marty Pughe - Greeters. Thank you!

Reflections of Zion - Oktoberfest 2017



At Left: Carole Grove & one of the *The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers*.

At Right & Below: The Schuhplattlers demonstrate several traditional dances, and encourage the audience to join them.



Below Left: Jim Marscher tends the beer tasting booth.



Below: Abigail LaFave sports a new look. A great time was had by all!



PLEASE NOTE:

The Newsletter Deadline is the 17th of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Thank you!



Treasurer's Report

| | September 2017 Treasurer's Report | | | |
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| | | | | |
| | Sept 2017 | Year to Date | Budget | Over/Under Budget |
| | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| Giving | \$ 11,526.75 | \$ 145,141.31 | \$ 132,453.75 | \$ 12,687.56 |
| Other Income | \$ 1,991.94 | \$ 19,230.14 | \$ 18,565.44 | \$ 664.70 |
| Total Income | \$ 13,518.69 | \$ 164,371.45 | \$ 151,019.19 | \$ 13,352.26 |
| | | | | |
| Total Expense | \$ 20,114.45 | \$ 174,261.32 | \$ 184,987.78 | \$ (10,726.46) |
| | | | | |
| Net Income | \$ (6,595.76) | \$ (9,889.87) | \$ (33,968.59) | \$ 24,078.72 |
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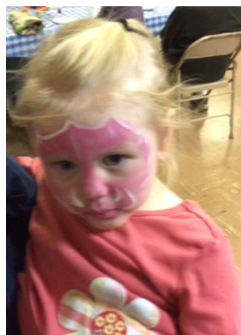
Reflections of Zion - Oktoberfest 2017



Above: The Edelweiss Schuhplattlers dance.

At Left: The kids loved the face-painting!

At Right: Matt Aceto entertains the crowd.





Zion's Choir Schedule

Please come and help the choir worship and praise our God!

Congratulations to Zion's choir for participating in the festival in Rome on Sunday, October 8! It was a good experience for us. Next year, the date planned will be the last Sunday in October in the afternoon in the Utica area.

Sunday, November 5 (All Saints Sunday - Daylight Savings Time Ends - "Fall Back") - **Handbell Choir** will rehearse in the sanctuary at 9:30 for the 10:00 service. **Gathering Choir** will sing "Faith of our Father's" at the anthem time from the back of the sanctuary. Zion's choir will rehearse after worship in the choir room.

Sunday, November 12 - Honor Roll Recognition Sunday - the service will be at **2 PM**. Rehearsal at 1 PM. Choir will wear robes.

Sunday, November 26 - 9 AM Choir rehearsal, we will sing for the 10 AM service.

Sunday, December 3 - **Gathering Choir** will sing "What Feast of Love" at the anthem time from the back of the sanctuary. Zion's choir will rehearse after worship in the choir room.

**2017-2018
ZION CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION SCHEDULE**
Students: Ages 3 years – Grade 6
Sundays @ 11:15 – 12:00



NOVEMBER

- | | |
|----|---|
| 5 | Christian Crafts |
| 12 | Dig In – Jesus Performs His 1 st Miracle |
| 19 | Christian Crafts/Ornaments |
| 26 | No class (<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>) |

DECEMBER

- | | |
|----|--|
| 3 | Ornaments |
| 10 | Christmas Pageant practice |
| 17 | Christmas Pageant/celebration |
| 24 | No class (<i>Christmas Break</i>) |
| 31 | No class (<i>Christmas Break</i>) |

November 2017

Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 AM Traditional Worship
11:15 AM Christian Ed for all ages
6:00 PM Contemporary Worship

Nursery Care is available from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM for children up to age 5

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| Oct 29 | 30 | 31 | Nov 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | 10:00am 11:30am Bible Study (FR) 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) 5:30pm 7:30pm W&M 6:30pm 8:00pm Bible St | 6:00pm 8:00pm Young Families Dinner (FH) 6:00pm 7:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #20681 6:00pm 7:00pm Walking with Friends (Zion) | 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) 2:00pm 5:00pm Joslyn Wedding Rehearsal 7:00pm 9:00pm RR Hist Soc Mtg (FH) | 9:00am 11:00am Men's Group Mtg. (Breakfast at Tiffany's) 3:00pm 5:00pm Laura Joslyn's Wedding (Zion) |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| All Saints Sunday Set Clocks Back 10:00am 11:15am Traditional Service 6:00pm 7:00pm Contemporary Service | 9:30am 2:30pm Financial Team (Conf. Room #3) 10:15am 11:15am Pilates Class (FH) 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) | | 10:00am 11:30am Bible Study (FR) 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) 6:00pm 7:30pm Girls Sco 6:30pm 8:00pm Bible St | 6:00pm 7:00pm Walking with Friends (Zion) | | VETERAN'S DAY 5:00pm 8:00pm Catered Banquet & Program (Zion) |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| ONE Service Today 2:00pm 4:00pm 175th Anniv. Celebration Service (Zion) | OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am 2:30pm Financial Team (Conf. Room #35) 10:15am 11:15am Pilates Class (FH) | 5:00pm 8:30pm N.A.M.I. Mtg. (FH) 7:00pm 9:00pm Council Mtg. (FR) | 10:00am 11:30am Bible Study (FR) 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) 6:30pm 8:00pm Bible Study (FR) | 6:00pm 7:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #20681 (FH) 6:00pm 7:00pm Walking with Friends (Zion) | 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) | |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | 2 |
| Christ The King Sunday 10:00am 11:15am Traditional Service 6:00pm 7:00pm Contemporary NO Christian Ed today | 9:30am 2:30pm Financial Team (Conf. Room #3) 10:15am 11:15am Pilates Class (FH) 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) | | 10:00am 11:30am Bible Study (FR) 12:30pm 1:30pm Al-Anon Mtg. (CR #10) 6:30pm 8:00pm Bible Study (FR) | 6:00pm 7:00pm Walking with Friends (Zion) | | |



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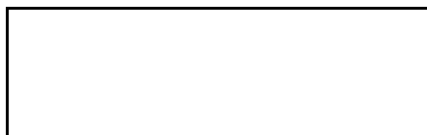
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*The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to prayerfully
discern God's call to help people
to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*



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