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# Zion's News & Notes

## A Few Words from Pastor Bill

As I compose these "few words" for November, it is still October. By the time you receive this newsletter it will either still be October....or perhaps early in November. In any case, I begin with a few words from Romans read on Reformation Sunday: "*For we hold that a person is justified by faith....*" We are "put right" with God by faith, and faith is a gift from God. Faith, not something we earn, but a gift we receive.

People of Zion, on Reformation Sunday you are again invited to a time for conversation as you look to the future, in faith, and seek to understand what this future might be. I think it is appropriate that Pastor Lori Kochanski will guide this conversation on Reformation Sunday. "*Sundays and Seasons*," a helpful tool for planning worship, shares these words as part of an **Introduction** to Reformation Sunday: "*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.*" I am convinced, echoing words of Martin Luther from the *Catechism*, this is most certainly true.

It is true that our roots are in the past. On All Saints Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will take time as we Worship to remember individuals who have been part of the Zion congregation and other people who have been important in molding us to be who we are today as individuals and as a community of faith. We are reminded that who we have become also rests in the witness of persons who "now rest from their labors". In this remembrance we grow into the future.

November also will be a time for all of Zion's faith-filled people to prayerfully consider how to live into the future. The time has come to think about individual commitment to the work of the church for 2023. God has promised that everyone has a gift from God to be shared... Prayerfully consider how you may utilize your God given gift/talent as Zion looks to the future.

And finally, while we may think about Thanksgiving and what that means in each of our lives, there are two other important days in the life of the church to consider. November 20<sup>th</sup> is the final Sunday of the Church Year – *Christ the King Sunday*. November 27<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of a new Church Year – *The First Sunday of Advent*.

Where has the year gone may be the question we ask ourselves. More importantly, I believe, is how have we responded to God's love and grace during the past year, and how do we hope to live in faith during the year that is beginning.

So much has happened in this community called Zion. We are gradually coming out of limitations put in place during the Covid pandemic. Worship attendance is increasing (more bulletins being printed), and we continue to be the community that worships in person and in remote locations near and far. Some traditions of past years are returning and new traditions are emerging.

Today and every day, let us not forget the on-going, continuing, need for people of faith to grow into the future as faithful proclaimers in word and deed of God's living presence in the world today.

I look forward to greeting you in Worship.

God's Peace Always,  
Pastor Bill

### Zion Lutheran Church

#### Zion News & Notes

Zion News & Notes is published each month by the church office. It includes news of upcoming events, thank you notes, a calendar, archives, photos and many other items of interest. Our newsletters are also available on our website: [www.zionLutheranNy.org](http://www.zionLutheranNy.org)

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## November Announcements

**Worship and Music:** The next Worship and Music meeting will be held on February 12th.

**Red Hymnals:** For those of you who join Zion services on Zoom, there are a limited number of hymnals, but you are welcome to borrow one! Please call or email the office if you'd like to stop by the office to pick one up.

**All Saints Sunday:** Please join us to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one or church member for this special service next Sunday, November 6th.

**Social Ministry:** We will once again be continuing our Zion holiday tradition with the **Angel Tree** and the **Mitten 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 instead of toys. 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 going up after the November 13<sup>th</sup> church service, and contributions will be collected through December 11, 2022. Thea Bowman is deeply appreciative of all the assistance Zion has provided to their organization throughout the years.

**The Mitten Tree** will benefit The Center (formerly Resource Center for Refugees). The Center is especially in need of warm adult gloves. Handmade or store-bought hats/mittens, gloves, scarves will be collected through December 11, 2022. Children's sizes will go to Thea Bowman, and adult sizes will go to The Center. The Mitten Tree will also be going up after the November 13<sup>th</sup> church service. We ask that you place your items in clear baggies. 1 and 2 gallon Ziploc baggies will be provided for you to place your items in. Items can be dropped off Monday - Thursday during church office hours beginning November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

**Holiday Food Baskets:** If you or someone you know is in need of a food basket for Thanksgiving, please let Pastor Bill or Sara know. Contributions may be made by putting funds in a green envelope and designating those funds to the Zion Food Ministry.



If you use the Amazon app for Christmas shopping, use the search tab and search Amazon Smile, type in the charity, Zion Lutheran Church New Hartford, and turn **ON** the Amazon Smile Program. *Your shopping experience will not change.* Follow the same directions if you use the website version. *(Please see Sara with questions!)*

## November Birthdays

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

**Daylight  
Saving Time  
Ends**

**6<sup>th</sup>  
November**



## Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Jim and Ellen Smith
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Diana Inserra
Ferhun Soykan	World Hunger	Kerstin Soykan
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:

## November Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Nov. 6	Karen Toepp	Pastor Bill	Linda Bennett	
Nov. 13	Wendy Stevens	Pastor Bill		Evon Dzwonkas & Evon Pinkos
Nov. 20		Pastor Bill		
Nov. 27	Mark Thompson	Deacon Patsy Glista		Evon Dzwonkas & Evon Pinkos

# Thank You Notes

## To Zion Lutheran Church:

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your Fellowship Hall for our Dad's 90th birthday celebration! That was a huge help to us and was greatly appreciated!

The Paciello Family

## Dear Zion Council:

Thank you for letting us have Isabel's sweet 16 Birthday party in the Fellowship Hall. She had a wonderful time and what a special place to have it in!

The Silva family



## PLEASE DONATE TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Zion's Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for all their donations to World Hunger, especially to the "Holy Cow: the Utter Joy of Giving" Campaign. Now, we would urge you to generously give to LDR to help support the people of Ukraine and/or the people whose lives were disrupted by Hurricane Ian.

*To give online:* go to ELCA Eastern Europe Crisis Response or ELCA Hurricane Ian Relief

*To give by mail:* Make checks out to Lutheran Disaster Response with Eastern Europe Crisis Response or Hurricane Ian Relief on the memo line and mail to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

**If you decide to give to LDR, know that 100% of your gift will go for that disaster.**

# Council President's Report

We experienced a most successful wellness presentation by Kelli Watson on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Kelli's presentation was based on Jonathan Field's "How to Live a Good Life." She showed us a three-legged stool and demonstrated what happens if one leg falls off. All three legs are needed to live a meaningful life. These three legs were related to three buckets: (from Jonathan Fields) vitality, connection, and contribution. For the vitality bucket, Kelli shared food labels and emphasized that the foods with fewer ingredients are healthier. We also did some simple exercises that involved using all parts of our bodies. Some key traits from the connection bucket are feeling loved unconditionally, feeling strongly connected to friends, and feeling connected to something bigger than ourselves. Kelli felt that the contribution bucket should have the strongest emphasis. She complimented Zion on its contributions to our community. Feeling a sense of meaning in the ways we contribute to the world and feeling a sense of purpose are a few of the key traits from the contribution bucket. Kelli, thanks for a totally OUTSTANDING presentation.

Following the wellness presentation, we packaged 182 meals with our friends from Trinity and Our Saviour. These meals were divided between the Your Neighbors and Trinity's Feed Our Sheep food ministries. Many helped by providing food and packaging these meals. Thanks so much for all you did to make this another successful event.

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Lori Kochanski will guide us in another important Abide session. We will participate in self-selected small groups that will help us answer our focus question: How do we continue as Zion Lutheran Church? Please make every effort to attend and participate in our important discussions. A Zoom link will be available.

In Christ's Service,  
Linda Bennett  
Council President



## Treasurer's Report

		September 2022 Treasurer's Report		
	Sep-22	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Giving	\$ 12,682.02	\$ 132,135.63	\$ 112,500.01	\$ 19,635.62
Other Income	\$ 2,881.20	\$ 14,764.57	\$ 15,331.53	\$ (566.96)
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 15,563.22	\$ 146,900.20	\$ 127,831.54	\$ 19,068.66
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 17,510.75	\$ 125,453.31	\$ 127,347.76	\$ (1,894.45)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ (1,947.53)	\$ 21,446.89	\$ 483.78	\$ 20,963.11

## Wellness Event & Cook-in October 16th



*THANK YOU* to everyone who helped with the October 16 Cook-in. 182 meals were made which were divided between the Your Neighbors program and Trinity's 'Feed My Sheep' feeding program.

## Women of Faith

The Women of Faith from Our Saviour, Utica; Trinity, Herkimer; and Zion will next gather in-person on Sunday, November 13 at 12noon at Trinity, Herkimer. Did you know that the ELCA has a new worship supplement to the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal called, 'All Creation Sings?' Have you ever thought about all the various images for God that are in the Bible? Concerned about justice issues? Do you wonder about how worship supports us in the current changing times in church and in our world? Join us as we learn about this new resource *All Creation Sings*; gather together for a Service of Word and Prayer and SING some of these new songs. We will have accompaniment to help us with the tunes. Not sure about singing new songs? There are at least six places in the Psalms where we are told to 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.' (Ps. 98:4) (*Carpooling is available from Zion. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, and note if you need a ride.*)

## Faith Alive

Did you find a pencil in your Faith Took Kit? A pencil reminds us to write down our blessings, a good daily habit. *Ephesians 1:3* says "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."

### Thanksgiving is also a time to remember our blessings.

Faith Alive, an intergenerational new way to experience growing our faith and learning about Jesus, begins **Sunday, December 11th at 9 AM at Zion**. We will gather from 9-9:45 AM.

Please plan to join us!

### A Psalm for Giving Thanks

*Psalm 100*

Shout to the Lord with joy, everyone on earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come to him with songs of joy.

I want you to realize that the Lord is God

He made us, and we belong to him.

We are his people.

We are the sheep belonging to his flock.

Give thanks as you enter the gates of his temple.

Give praise as you enter its courtyards.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

The Lord is good. His faithful love continues forever.

It will last for all time to come.



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to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*

