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Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor Janet

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower
~ Albert Camus

Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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Daffodils and tulips, cherry blossoms, butterflies, brighter days of sunshine, each day bringing more hours of daylight, the shedding of jackets, baseball—Spring has always been the season for me. Everything is fresh and new; scripture acknowledges it as “the season of singing” according to The Song of Solomon. The only thing about spring that I’m not fond of is that weekend we spring ahead and lose an hour.

And yet, when I moved to New York, it seemed everyone was enamored with fall. Apple picking, crunchy leaves underfoot, gearing up in chunky sweaters, cider and donuts, bonfires, pumpkin decorating, pumpkin spice everything, football, Halloween celebrated for weeks on end—autumn is the favorite festive season.

The Christian message is so upfront and center in spring with new life, Easter, the Resurrection.

Fall’s witness to God’s presence is more subtle. Fall is mentioned in Jude 1:12, when false teachers are compared to autumn trees without fruit, implying autumn should be a fruitful season, a time of harvest when we give thanks for God’s provision, and indeed, abundance.

In truth, there is no real competition between the seasons. Each has its own special offerings and delights, and we do well to appreciate each in their time. Fall encompasses the latter half of the long green season after Pentecost, when we focus as the Church on growing in faith and discipleship. As we find ourselves in autumn, how can we honor this beautiful season?

Gratitude comes immediately to mind. Cultivating an attitude of gratitude as we reflect on the blessings in our lives and give thanks to God and the people who touch our lives with their gifts.

As the leaves fall, let us reflect on what we might need to let go of in our own lives that hinders us from growth or harms us.

There are so many wonderful fun fall traditions that can be enjoyed in sharing time together with the people in our lives.

This autumn, enjoy all the things you love about this season, whether it’s the pumpkin spice or jumping in the leaves, and make it a fruitful time.

Your Co-worker in the Gospel,
Pastor Janet



October Announcements

Attention Zion Attendees!!!

If you are new to Zion, or if you have been attending for a while and would like to become a member, please let Sara know. You can call or email us at: 315-732-4110 or office@zionluth.com.

Walking with Friends

Zion's walking group will start again on Wednesday, October 18th at 2:30. We'll meet at Zion this time and decide whether to walk at another spot in the future, and plan to meet weekly. We can adjust our speed according to how much we'd like to talk! Please join us, and email Kim at:

kmarscher@yahoo.com with questions.

Coffee Hour

Please see the Coffee Hour Schedule posted in the narthex and sign up where you can so that we can keep the coffee brewing for you on Sundays! Feel free to bring in snacks, cakes, cookies or whatever you'd like to coffee hour!

Worship & Music Meeting

The next W & M meeting will be held in-person at Zion on Wednesday October 18th at 10am.

Women of Faith

Beginning in October, Fall Bible Studies are moving to **second Monday evenings at 7pm**. Please join us for Bible Study, "Sacred Spaces" on October 9th at 7 PM via Zoom. You can pick up a copy of the material in the narthex. Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85430422055?pwd=Q3Y2a0VCSkNGZEk5SWNoTmFna0F2dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 3042 2055, Passcode: 221838. One Tap Mobile: 16469313860, 85430422055#, *221838# US +16465588656,,85430422055#, *221838# US (NY). Meeting ID: 854 3042 2055, Passcode: 221838. **Save the Date:** The Women of Faith will be meeting at Zion on Saturday, November 11th from 10-12pm. Our Saviour will present the program. There will be coffee, tea and water along with goodies. We'd love to see you there!

Church Office

As always during cold and flu season, we ask that you not use the main desk in the office. Please use the writing desk if you need to make calls or notes, or if you need a tissue or office supplies. We keep the writing desk stocked with writing utensils, note paper, office supplies, tissues, etc., and it is available when needed. Please put notes in Sara's mailbox. Thank you!

Faith Alive

Faith Alive, an intergenerational approach to Faith Formation, began in the fall of 2022. We met on the second Sunday of each month from 9-9:45 in the Fireside Room. This year, we would like to try meeting after church in a room to be determined. Zion attendees of all ages! **Please join us on October 8th** when we will learn how our ELCA missionary in Africa, Pastor Kristin Engstrom, keeps Faith alive in Zambia.



October Birthdays

David Stevens	4	Megan Free	21
Kerstin Soykan	4	Rusty Pentland	21
David Meneses	8	Jaclyn Marscher	21
Wendy Barrett	11	Isabel Silva	22
John Inserra	11	Emily Sowers	23
Betty Schieble	11	John Dowd	25
Jeanne Gymburch	12	Sandra Russell	26
Curtis Pulliam	16	Abigail LaFave	30
Timothy Owens	18		

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Randy Richards	World Hunger	Linda Bennett
Robert "Bo" Lambe	Memorial Fund	Loretta Berie
Bo Lambe	Your Neighbors	Carolyn Dzwonkas
Bo Lambe	Your Neighbors	Jeanne Gymburch
Lois McAllister	Memorial Fund	Bob and Bonnie Loomis
Randy Richards	Missionary	Laurel McCurdy
Bo Lambe	Memorial Fund	Wendy & Mike Stevens
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
All Zion People	Operating Expense	Claudia King

October Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Oct. 1	Joe Schmidt	Pastor Jeff McArn	Fran Holzberger	Deb Murdock
Oct. 8	Karen Toepp	Pastor Rick Klafehn	Kim Marscher	Darlene Hill
Oct. 15	John Blackburn		Karen Toepp	Jan Corn
Oct. 22	Joe Schmidt		Linda Bennett	
Oct. 29	Karen Toepp	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Kim Marscher	

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications



Patsy Glista turned in her Zion key on Monday, September 11th. Thank you, Patsy, for ALL that you have done for Zion!!



Cornerstone Community Church

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We are so grateful to Zion Lutheran Church in New Hartford for their generous donations of snack bags for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.



Treasurer's Report

		August 2023 Treasurer's Report		
	Aug-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$8,961.02	\$93,911.08	\$114,666.00	\$(20,754.92)
Other Income	\$727.09	\$11,948.52	\$11,700.72	\$247.80
Total Income	\$9,688.11	\$105,859.60	\$126,366.72	\$(20,507.12)
Total Expense	\$10,669.39	\$108,398.44	\$123,943.29	\$(15,544.85)
Net Income	\$(981.28)	\$(2,538.84)	\$2,423.43	\$(4,962.27)

ZION ENDOWMENT FUND ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION FOR 2023

Zion's Endowment Fund has \$15,108 available for distribution in 2023. 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@zionluth.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.zionlutherannny.org/ZionsPermanentFunds>

Click on the blue bar (Click Here for Endowment Application) under the "How to Apply for a Distribution" paragraph.

Deadline for receipt of the form is Nov. 1, 2023. All applications will be considered at the November 2023 Endowment Committee meeting. Recipients will be notified in writing and checks will be sent in Dec. 2023.

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. Past recipients include; Community Food Bank, Your Neighbors, Family Nurturing Center, Canstruction, Lutheran Homes Foundation, Vanderkamp Center, KEYS Program, Foothills Rural Community Ministry, Center for Family Life and Recovery and Rebuilding the Village.

HISTORY OF GIFTS RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTIONS

In the thirty-eight 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 \$310,000. The Endowment Fund expects to distribute \$15,108 this year.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO 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.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday/Faith Alive



Before!



Special thanks to Darlene Hill for creatively putting together 60 of these bags!



God's Work Our Hands Sunday/Faith Alive



God's Work Our Hands Sunday/Faith Alive



After!

*Thank you to everyone who helped/donated items for this successful project.
You are all amazing!!!*

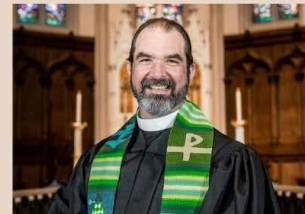
LUTHERAN CAMPUS
MINISTRY SYRACUSE

Fall Banquet

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 2023
SHERATON SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY HOTEL

**Bishop
Lee Miller II**
Upstate NY Synod, ELCA

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER



DOORS OPEN AT 4:45 (CASH BAR)
PROGRAM, DINNER AND AWARDS FROM
5PM TO 8PM

810 UNIVERSITY AVE, SYRACUSE, NY 13210

TICKETS & INFORMATION SOON AT: [LCMSYRACUSE.ORG/BANQUET](https://lcmssyracuse.org/banquet)
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE IN CONGREGATIONS



Cook-in at Zion

On Sunday, October 15th, we will have a cook-in at 11:15 in the kitchen. If anyone can bring a main dish, vegetable or freezable dessert to the kitchen and either stay to help package meals or drop off a prepared dish, it would be greatly appreciated!!



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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.*



October's Party

October gave a party; The leaves by hundreds came—
The chestnuts, oaks, and maples, and leaves of every name.
The sunshine spread a carpet, And everything was grand,
Miss weather led the dancing, Professor Wind the band.

The chestnuts came in yellow, The oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners, And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow, At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown, And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder; They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended in jolly "hands around."

by George Cooper, submitted by Millie Angevine