



October
2022



Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words from Pastor Bill

October is a month that brings with it many changes. Summer is gone, Fall has arrived. Trees are bursting with new colors. Gardens begin to be “put to bed” for a winter siesta. Pumpkin Spice (not my favorite) is the advertised seasonal flavor for almost everything. Retailers are beginning, already, to advertise it is time for Holiday Shopping. I recently saw a comment that some retailers are suggesting that we shop for Thanksgiving Dinner in a Halloween Costume while also buying Christmas gifts. And of course, it is the time of year when political ads bombard us from every direction.

However, my sight is really focused on something very important in the life of the church, and perhaps for the life of Zion's congregation in particular. Reformation Sunday is October 30th this year. I know Reformation Day is the 31st, but we take the liberty of remembering this day on a Sunday.

I encourage us to not only think of Reformation as something that happened in the past, but to realize that, in God's Living Church, reformation is always happening. Martin Luther, posting his questions on the Wittenberg Cathedral door, raised concerns calling the people of his day to recognize the eternal and abiding truths of Faith and how this lives on in his present day.

Reformation is on-going, it is continual. Zion's congregation through the Abide Process is alive in today's reforming time. The important work of past generations is recognized, as is the fact that this is a new day. The people of Zion today are called to be stewards of the good work that has been accomplished, and to look forward to good work in God's Kingdom yet to be revealed.

Bishop Miller recently identified three elements that are evidence of the church of Christ always being “born anew,” even today: 1. Collaboration; 2. Viability; 3. Community of Belonging. These elements acknowledge the reality of the time in which we find ourselves. I hope we can all think about these reforming times for the church, for Zion, even with everything else that swirls around us....even while sipping a pumpkin spice coffee (or whatever).

I look forward to being with you in Worship....and in the journey into what God calls us all to be today.

God's Peace,
Pr. Bill

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THRIVENT CHALLENGE!!

COLLECT 500 CANS FOR A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY AND THRIVENT WILL DONATE \$500 TO THE FIRST 100 TEAMS THAT PARTICIPATE TO THE SAME FOOD PANTRY. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AND ZION WILL BE PARTICIPATING! PLEASE BRING YOUR CANS UPSTAIRS IN THE NARTHEX, WE'LL HAVE A CART AVAILABLE.

October Announcements

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life...

Ed Grove passed away on August 28th. Please continue to keep Carole and family in your prayers.

Worship and Music: The next Worship and Music meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 11:15am.

Cook-In & Wellness Program: Please join us for a “cook-in” Sunday, October 16th at 12-noon! Kelli Watson has a Wellness Program planned for this event which will take place in the Fireside Room. Please see the signup sheet for meal ideas if you are able to bring a dish/tray, or if you can help package the food into meals for Your Neighbors. You can bring your dish or tray into the downstairs kitchen before the worship service. The cook-in will officially begin after the Wellness Program ends.) If you’d like to bring finger foods or a snack for the Wellness Program, there is also a signup sheet posted for that.

Sexton: Please submit all work orders and messages designated to Zion’s Sexton to Ben Silva. You can put work orders in his mailbox or submit them via email to: silvaben1408@gmail.com. Please try not to send Sara messages and work orders to transfer to our Sexton, these should go directly to Ben. Thank you for your cooperation! -Jim Schieble and Sara Silva

First Communion Instruction: Many years have passed since the last opportunity at Zion for young people to be welcomed to the Lord’s Table. We are preparing for our young people to take their appropriate place at the Lord’s Table! There is no specified “appropriate” age for this preparation. Parents have the ability to determine when a young person is ready to receive God’s Gift of the Sacrament. Parents who desire their young person (or young persons) to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact Pastor Bill by calling Zion’s Church Office, 315-732-4110, or by email at: PastorBill@zionluth.com.

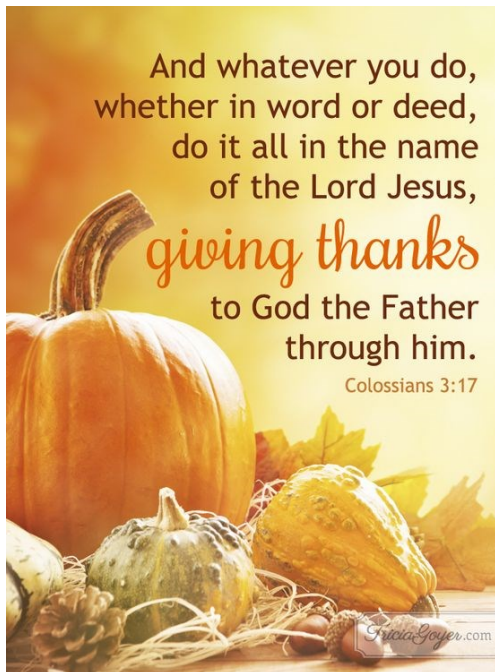
Women of Faith: All women are invited to participate in our next Women of Faith Bible study on Monday, October 24th, at 7:00pm on Zoom. Pam Donovan from Our Saviour will be our facilitator as we explore the story of Hannah, a woman of faith and prayer and the mother of Samuel. In preparation for this study please read 1 Samuel, chapters 1 and 2. **Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85775274614?pwd=dDcwYW5rVGV0ZVA0WlZ2YktteUd0dz09>
Meeting ID: 857 7527 4614, Passcode: 800487

SAVE THE DATE – The Women of Faith from Our Saviour, Utica; Trinity, Herkimer; and Zion will gather in-person on Sunday, November 12th at 12noon. Keeping with our rotation of locations, we will meet at Trinity. Car-pooling will be available from Zion. More information in the November newsletter.

Zion’s Choir: We are excited to announce that we will be resuming regular **choir rehearsals** on Sundays following the service! If anyone is interested in singing with the choir, please feel free to attend rehearsal and/or contact Richard Bostick for more information: 315-790-4032 or email at oculus.praesidio@gmail.com



October Birthdays



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

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
David McCarthy	Memorial Fund	Diana Inserra
David McCarthy	Zion Food Ministry	Jeanne Gymburch
Randy Richards	Missionary	Laurel McCurdy
Rev. Norman Heid	Missionaries	Laurel McCurdy
Rev. Norman Heid	Ukraine Disaster Response	Jeanne Gymburch
Ed Grove	Memorial Fund	Cheryl Edmiston
Randy Richards	World Hunger	Linda Bennett
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Chuck & Shirley Carlson
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Carolyn Dzwonkas
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Carl & Judy Schmitt
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Claudia King
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Gloria Cifonelli
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Linda White's Birthday	Building Fund	Laura Campbell
General	Lutheran Disaster Response	Linda Bennett
Barbara & George Franciso	General Fund	Evon Pinkos

Thank You Notes

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 to ELCA Global Mission. Your support enables ELCA Global Mission to send missionaries to service in over 40 countries. It provides scholarships to women leaders from around the world as they respond to God's call to ministry. And it funds investments in evangelism, education and church expansion. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

With gratitude,

Rahel Mwitula Williams, Director, ELCA Global Mission Funding

Thank you to everyone who helped facilitate the church picnic! We are looking forward to the next one.

Thank you to our Property Team and Sexton for all of the work that went into the preparations for the resurfacing of Zion's Parking Lot!



IMPORTANT TRUTHS

We have staked the whole future of American civilization not in the power of government, far from it, we have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments.

-James Madison,

4th president of USA and active participant in the Continental Congress, Continental Convention, and a framer of the Bill of Rights.

-Submitted by Millie Angevine

Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Oct. 2	Karen Toepp	Rev. Yost		Deb Murdock
Oct. 9		Pastor Bill	Linda Bennett	Carolyn Dzwonkas & Evon Pinkos
Oct. 16		Pastor Bill		Doreen Nicholls & Jeanne Gymburch
Oct. 23		Pastor Bill		
Oct. 30		Pastor Bill		Carolyn Dzwonkas & Evon Pinkos

Council President's Report

It was another busy month at Zion. Sunday, September 18th, was our picnic with our friends from Trinity/Herkimer and Our Saviour. The Frankfort Marina Park was a perfect location, and we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing. We also brought canned goods that will be delivered to an area food bank. Thanks to Ann Maher, we received a Thrivent grant for this event. I'd also like to thank Janet Bagnall, Patsy Glista, Fran Holzberger, Laurel McCurdy, and Karen Toepp for creating Faith Tool bags for all picnic attendees. These bags are a welcomed preview to our Faith Alive program that will begin in November.

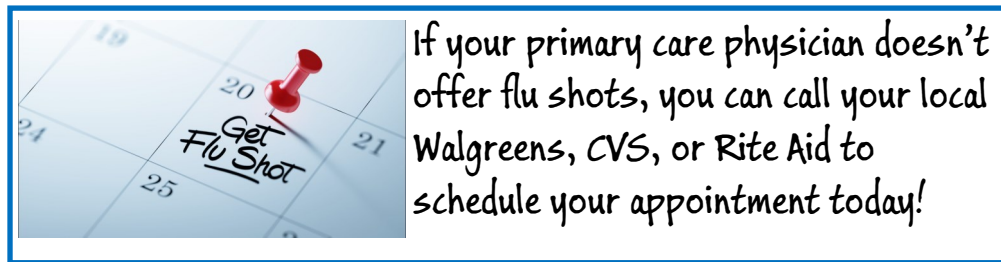
We are looking forward to another time of fellowship and working together on Sunday, October 16th. Zion will host a cook-in and wellness presentation on that date. Our friends from Our Saviour and Trinity have been invited. After the wellness presentation, meals will be put together in trays that will go to the Feed Our Sheep and Your Neighbors food ministries. Sign-up sheets for meal items and finger food to snack on during the wellness presentation are available in the narthex. I hope you'll participate in this event.

Covid/Health Precautions Update for Zion: Many of the precautions put in place by Zion's Church Council have been revised, but please note:

- Communion will continue in the pews for now.
- Please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated or if this is more comfortable for you.
- When sharing peace, please refrain from physical contact.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home and utilize Zoom or Facebook to worship virtually.

Following these guidelines is a way in which we can show respect and concern for the wellbeing of our neighbors.

In Christ,
Linda Bennett
Council President



Treasurer's Report

		August 2022 Treasurer's Report		
	Aug-22	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 7,571.54	\$ 119,453.61	\$ 100,003.23	\$ 19,450.38
Other Income	\$ 493.06	\$ 11,883.37	\$ 13,628.04	\$ (1,744.67)
Total Income	\$ 8,064.60	\$ 131,336.98	\$ 113,631.27	\$ 17,705.71
Total Expense	\$ 12,920.98	\$ 107,942.56	\$ 113,378.91	\$ (5,436.35)
Net Income	\$ (4,856.38)	\$ 23,394.42	\$ 252.36	\$ 23,142.06

Events

The Fall Banquet Lutheran Campus Ministry of Syracuse University & ESF



Sunday, November 6th, from 5 pm to 8 pm
(cash wine bar from 4:45 pm)
Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel
801 University Avenue, Syracuse, New York
(free onsite parking)



Keynote Presenter: The Rev. Rick Bair
LCM's second full-time Chaplain

Honoring 2022 LCM Distinguished Disciple, Mrs. Debra Rafte
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Verona

Choice of sirloin steak, herb seared salmon or roasted vegetable napoleon

Tickets are available in the church office
Supporter at \$80 – Patron at \$125
Support a student to attend at \$80
Benefactor Table of 8 at \$1,000



Another reason to attend the SU Lutheran Campus Ministry Banquet?

Pr. Rick Bair will talk about why there is nothing you can do to make yourself 'born again'. Pastor Bair, LCM Syracuse's second full-time campus pastor, will offer his Lutheran understanding of "born again." That Lutheran understanding of "born again" fundamentally differs from that being preached and taught in many churches here in America and throughout the world. It's the difference between what we do and what God does, between us as actors who think we get ourselves saved and us as recipients of the grace of God. And, as Luther taught, our need to be born again from the outside is every day. For we are never the people we should be, never not in need of forgiveness, never not in need of selfunderstanding, never not in need of a more faithful life. But, by the working of the birthing Spirit, the proclaimed Gospel draws us into Christ; the broken bread and the wine outpoured feed us again and again in ways we cannot feed ourselves.

Celebrate World Food Day with Rick Steves

Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day with Rick Steves and special guest Mark Jansen, CEO of Blue Diamond Almonds. This event will be streamed online, so you can celebrate with ELCA World Hunger wherever you are! Join the celebration Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. Central time. Registration is not required; simply visit the ELCA's Facebook or YouTube page to attend. Can't stream it live? The recording will be available on Facebook and YouTube after the event is over.



FAITH ALIVE

Did you know that a rubber band is a Faith Tool? Faith Tools, helpful Biblical tips to help you grow your faith, were shared with all who attended the joint church picnic on September 18th. If you didn't get them, you can pick up a Ziplock bag of 'Faith Tools' in the narthex at church.

How is a rubber band a faith tool? Rubber bands remind us to be flexible, that things may not always go the way one wants, but it will work out. Paul tells us in Romans 8:28, "*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*" Want to know more? Look for the Faith Tools matching game on the easel in the Narthex at church.

Our Faith Tools kits were assembled with the help of a Thrivent Action Grant provided for the roll-out of Faith Alive, and the helping hands of Janet Bagnall, Karen Toepp, Fran Holzberger, Laurel McCurdy, and Patsy Glista.

Faith Alive, an intergenerational new way to experience growing our faith and learning about Jesus, is coming to Zion. Beginning in November, it will be a time prior to worship on Sunday morning, initially once a month, when members of all ages gather for prayer, relationship building, snacks, some type of activity, maybe even a song or two and listening for God's presence. Want to help? Contact Laurel McCurdy or Patsy Glista for more information.



Honoring Ed Grove's Memory

We will miss seeing Ed in the church office. Ed faithfully came to Zion to gather and return hundreds of cans & bottles. The money collected went to local food pantries and, sometimes, Ed would take the time to shop for the pantries and make the delivery.

Let's keep Ed's memory alive! We are looking for someone to replace Ed's position with returning the cans and bottles that are collected in the downstairs coat room. If interested, please contact Sara Silva or Linda Bennett.

Thank you for considering.



September 25th, Abide Meeting



Thank you to Pr. Lori Kochanski, Asst. to Bishop Miller for Synod Life and Learning, for leading the congregation in conversation as an important element in the Abide Process, discerning the shape of congregational life in the future. A good number of Zion members participated in this important conversation and in the Worship Service that preceded it.



CCC Fall Assembly

The Central Crossroads Conference Fall Assembly met at Luther Memorial Church in North Syracuse on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 9 am to noon. Those attending from Zion were: Pastor Bill Preuss, Deacon Patsy Glista (Secretary), Linda Bennett, and Laurel McCurdy. At the end of the assembly, Pastor Bill snapped a photo of us with Bishop Lee Miller, II.

In his Meditation at the opening worship, our new Dean, Rev. Allan Ferguson, spoke about trusting only God. When we gather every week as God's people, we are empowered to serve and strive for justice for all people. When we worship together, the prayers, hymns and scripture make us who we are. The Bishop also spoke of how we are renewed and inspired at worship to collaborate and build communities of belonging. He reminded us of the difference between fitting in (changing yourself to look like others) and belonging (knowing you belong just the way you are). We were encouraged to connect with people, build relationships, and share our passions and joys—read and contribute to the Upstate Update that is published twice each month; the first issue will feature Faith Practices and the second one will highlight the work our synod does to promote justice and joy. Bishop Miller also described the new roles of our four synod specialists: Assistant to the Bishop for Synod Life and Learning (Pastor Lori A. Kochanski), Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Roster Care and Administration (Julie Grindle), Mobility Specialist (Rachel Sosebee), and Financial Specialist (Christopher George).

Reports were given on: the Churchwide Assembly, SU Lutheran Campus Ministry, Racial Justice Task Force, Gender Justice Task Force, Appleseed Community, Lutheran Charities, and Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries.



Zion Endowment Fund Annual Distribution 2022

Zion's Endowment Fund has \$24,320 available for distribution in 2022. 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.zionlutheranny.org/Zions-Permanent-Funds>. 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 November 1, 2022. All applications will be considered at the November 2022 Endowment Committee meeting. Recipients will be notified in writing and checks will be sent in December 2022.

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, KEYS Program, Foothills Rural Community Ministry, and Center for Family Life and Recovery.

HISTORY OF GIFTS RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTIONS

In the thirty-seven 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 \$290,000. The Endowment Fund expects to distribute approximately \$24,320 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.



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discern God's call to help people
to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*



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