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Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor Janet

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. ~ Martin Luther

Music plays an integral role in my ministry at LutheranCare. Worship services and hymn songs come to mind immediately, but it enriches Bible study when we close with the verse of a hymn and it often brings peace and comfort to the dying to hear a favorite song of faith. People with dementia who can't remember where their room is or that their parents have died, will confidently join in singing "Jesus Loves Me."

I do believe music raises our spirit and brings us closer to God, so I added a time of Christian music, playing songs off of YouTube. Sometimes it's an old familiar song but sung by a different artist. Sometimes I introduce a new song that no one else knows but me. I always ask for requests and sometimes it's me who learns something new. Sometimes the request is not an overtly Christian song, but I play it because it makes someone happy. Sometimes what I discover is a song that would never make it in a hymnal still has a Christian message.

For example, a resident requested "Big Bad John" by Jimmy Dean. I was hesitant, trying to remember the lyrics, but when we listened to the song, telling the story of how this big, fearsome man saved the lives of 20 miners, holding back the timbers in a collapsing coal mine to allow them to escape, before collapsing to his own death under all the rubble, I recalled how Jesus told his disciples, "No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Another example of this is "Lean on Me." I grew up with the Bill Withers' version, but the request was for Anne Murray. It was a song I never would have thought to include, but after listening, I said, "This is what our lives as a Christian community is all about!" Especially do I like this version that substitutes "faith" for "thing," recognizing that we have a communal faith. Isn't that what we mean when we say, "we believe" in the Nicene Creed? Faith is a living thing and sometimes is weak and sometimes is strong, but we have a community of faith to help us along. Sometimes we're the giver and sometimes the receiver, but we are here for each other, "to bear one another's burdens," as Paul reminds us in his letter to the Galatians.

Sometimes in our lives We all have pain we all have sorrow But if we are wise We know that there's always tomorrow Lean on me when you're not strong And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on For it won't be long till I'm gonna need Somebody to lean on Please swallow your pride If I have faith you need to borrow For no one can fill those of your needs That you won't let show Just call on me brother when you need a hand We all need somebody to lean on I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on Lean on me when you're not strong And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on For it won't be long till I'm gonna meet Somebody to lean on Just call on me brother when you need a hand We all need somebody to lean on I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on If there is a load you have to bear That you can't carry I'm right up the road and I'll share your load If you just call me.

There are so many different genres of music and they speak to us all differently, but I hope music is a part of your day and that it raises your spirits and brings you closer to God.

Your Co-Worker in the Gospel,
Pastor Janet

Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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Hello,
September!



September 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. We are holding an information session for potential new members on Sunday, September 17th at 6:30pm and Thursday, September 28th at 6:30pm. We do need an RSVP for those planning on coming. You can call the office at 315-732-4110 or send us an email at office@zionluth.com. Thank you!

Walking with Friends

Zion's Walking Group will resume in September, date and time TBA soon! Join us for a little exercise and lots of good conversation. We usually walk and talk for about 45 minutes. Walking locations do vary, so please contact Kim at kmarscher@yahoo.com, if you'd like to join us.

Faith Alive

Faith Alive will be joining hands with God's Work Our Hands Sunday for the first event since summer. Beginning in October, Faith Alive will be held after the worship service!

Women of Faith/Save the Date

The Women of Faith will be meeting at Zion on Saturday, November 11th from 10-12pm. We are moving to Saturdays instead of after church on Sunday. Our Saviour will present the program. Watch for more information about the program in future newsletters. There will coffee, tea and water along with goodies. We would love to see you there. Mark your calendars.

Beginning in October, Fall Bible Studies are moving to **second Monday evenings at 7pm**. We will be planning our Fall Bible Studies at our September 11th meeting on zoom. Your attendance and input would be so appreciated! All are welcome; come and join us in making the decision for Bible Study topics, dates, time and locations. The **Zoom** link for Sept. 11 is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87981701559?pwd=eitiQ0o2QmdnZ3BkTGxOTExS1BUUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 8170 1559, Passcode: 846033 One tap mobile: +16469313860,,87981701559#,,,,*846033# US +16465588656,,87981701559#,,,,*846033# US (Y) Meeting ID: 879 8170 1559, Passcode: 846033

Join in the conversation and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you at these two events.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday/Faith Alive Sunday, September 10th after the service

We are excited to extend **Faith Alive's** hands into **God's Work Our Hands Sunday** this year!!

We will be stuffing 60 drawstring bags with snacks like nuts, chips, protein bars, juice, water, dried fruit, a prayer card, and band-aids, to deliver to **The Warming Center** for them to hand out to the people in the community who go to them daily for help with food.

We will be keeping **Faith Alive** by writing prayers and personalized words of encouragement to include in the bag.

*Please join us in participating!!!!
This is an appropriate event for all ages,
bring your kids & grandkids!*

September Birthdays

Caryn Carlson	1	Timothy R. Mahay	16
Carolyn Renno	8	Roger Beiswenger	18
David Midura	9	Sarah Bennett	18
Christopher Lambe	12	Carol Blackburn	28
Eric Weir	14	Patrick Smith	28
Jack Henke	16		

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Lois McAllister	Missionary	Laurel McCurdy
Lois McAllister	Memorial Fund	Linda Bennett
Lois McAllister	Memorial Fund	Claudia King
Lois McAllister	Local Food Pantries	Jeanne Gymburch
Ed Grove	Your Neighbors	Laurel McCurdy
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Silva Family	Operating Expenses	Claudia King
Patsy Glista	Your Neighbors	Jeanne Gymburch
Ron & Jan Kowalczyk	Your Neighbors	Kerstin Soykan
Patsy Glista	Your Neighbors	Laurel McCurdy
Carole Grove	Your Neighbors	Laurel McCurdy

September Worship Team Schedule

***We need your help!** We are in need of ushers, greeters, and worship assistants for the fall months. Please see the signup sheets and sign up where you can!!*

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Sept. 3	Wendy Stevens	Pastor Rick Klafehn		
Sept. 10	Joe Schmidt	Pastor Carol Jubenville	Fran Holzberger	
Sept. 17		Pastor Paul Herpich		
Sept. 24	Joe Schmidt	Pastor Jennifer DeWeerth		

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Dear Wendy & Zion Congregation,

We wish to thank you and the members of Zion Lutheran Church for your donation of \$31.10 from your cans and bottle returns to benefit the Seeds of Hope Food Pantry here at First Pres. We invite you to visit us during open hours, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 AM.

Sincerely,

Fredrick "Rick" W. Kincaid, (for the Steering Committee)

Dear Zion Members,

Thank you so much for all of the beautiful birthday cards (back in July). They meant a lot to me. I love the personalized messages inside.

With love,

Sara Silva

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support toward Johnson Park Center. You are a part of the rebuilding of lives and revitalizing hope in our community and we truly appreciate your gift.

Yours Respectfully,

Rev. Dr. Maria A. Scates, D.d., CEO/Founder

Dear Kim Marscher & Linda Bennett,

Thank you for initiating and planning the reception for Pasty on August 20th.

Sincerely,

The church office & Zion

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Feed Our Vets, thank you for your support and donation of \$16.00 for our organization. Please keep us in mind for future donations. Thanks again and God Bless.

Joseph P. Ancona, Director, Utica Pantry FOV

(Thank you to Ted McCarthy for returning Zion's cans/bottles and bringing the money to FOV!)

Thank you to Kim Marscher and Barb Wilson for signing up as a team to replace Patsy's position monitoring the Your Neighbors freezers!

Thank you to Patsy Glista for donating the next supply of bags for Your Neighbors meals! This box of bags will last three years!

Thank you for the lovely reception after church on August 20th and everyone's greetings and cards of appreciation. Being a part of Zion was a gift and joy for both Norm and me. Over the past 2 1/2 years so many of you have helped me keep moving forward, sometimes I am certain you didn't even know. I will miss everyone and plan to come back and visit from time to time. I leave you with Paul's words to the Philippians. *"I thank my God every time I remember you constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."* Philippians 1:3 - 6

Shalom,

Patsy

Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning of the picnic on August 27th!!

Treasurer's Reports

		June 2023 Treasurer's Report		
	Jun-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 9,248.53	\$ 75,002.04	\$ 85,999.00	\$ (10,996.96)
Other Income	\$ 2,068.40	\$ 8,230.02	\$ 8,778.08	\$ (548.06)
Total Income	\$ 11,316.93	\$ 83,232.06	\$ 94,777.08	\$ (11,545.02)
Total Expense	\$ 14,870.38	\$ 85,662.33	\$ 93,475.65	\$ (7,813.32)
Net Income	\$ (3,553.45)	\$ (2,430.27)	\$ 1,301.43	\$ (3,731.70)



		July 2023 Treasurer's Report		
	Jul-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 9,948.02	\$ 84,950.06	\$ 100,332.00	\$ (15,381.94)
Other Income	\$ 2,656.41	\$ 11,221.43	\$ 10,239.40	\$ 982.03
Total Income	\$ 12,604.43	\$ 96,171.49	\$ 110,571.40	\$ (14,399.91)
Total Expense	\$ 11,731.72	\$ 97,729.05	\$ 108,709.48	\$ (10,980.43)
Net Income	\$ 872.71	\$ (1,557.56)	\$ 1,861.92	\$ (3,419.48)

Summer, 2023 Memories



Thank you to everyone who helped with our cook-in on July 30th. We packaged 59 meals, 16 desserts and 10 sides, plus cookies. Our women also made an additional 107 meals and 46 soups during the month of July. Thank you one and all!



(Pictured Left)

We raised 210 food items for the Boilermaker Free Parking! Thanks to Ted McCarthy for delivering everything to the Seeds of Hope Food Pantry!

The Parking Lot & Hospitality Tent raised \$394!

Summer, 2023 Memories



*We had another successful Car Wash on August 18th thanks to the students from Hamilton College!
The students had so much fun; they really enjoyed competing with the group from last year!
Sounds like we have a new tradition.*

Summer, 2023 Memories



Thank you to everyone who came to the reception for Patsy Glista on August 20th.

Patsy will be dearly missed!



Summer, 2023 Memories



Church picnic on September 27th with our friends from Trinity and Our Saviour!

Calling All Women!

The Women of the ELCA of the Upstate New York Synod invite you to the **2023 Women of the ELCA Convention**, *“Where is God Leading Us?”* being held on October 6 – 8, 2023 at Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua, NY.

This is the first such gathering since 2019 due to COVID, the primary goal is “gathering together.” This will be an opportunity to renew friendships, make new friends, listen, and share the ways we have navigated during unusual times, as well as conduct the business of the organization.

Hi-lights include:

Keynote Speaker, Marilyn Dyer, will share the story of the creation of St. Paul’s Center for homeless mothers and their children.

WELCA’s GOT TALENT – entertaining each other. Do you do card tricks? Play an instrument? Yodel? Come and share your talent. Games will also be available.

Come join us at Notre Dame, a beautiful setting overlooking Canandaigua Lake. Additional information as well as Registration forms for convention and room/board at Notre Dame are available in the Narthex in the **EVANGEL-LINES**. You may also request it by email by contacting any Zion member of the Women of Faith planning team. (Fran Holzberger, rholtzberger@roadrunner.com; Kim Marscher, kmarscher@yahoo.com; Patsy Glista, paglista@alumni.nmu.edu)



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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.*



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

