



Zion's News & Notes



A Few Words From Pastor Janet

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Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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Dear friends,

You may think your congregational council only has the responsibility to gather on the 4th Monday of the month to discuss church business but, in reality, they are in contact throughout the month to deal with issues as they arise, from the opportunity to provide space for a preschool, to what to do with the prayer request cards after they have been incorporated into the intercessory prayers during worship. Regarding the latter, it was suggested that the prayer cards be passed on to Pastor Janet. So when I checked my mailbox in the church office, I found a pile of yellow cards that had been brought to the altar and lifted up in petition to God.

One of the most sacred duties a pastor has is to pray. It is right there in the ordination vows! I certainly never lack things for which to pray, but having requests, knowing what is on people's hearts and minds—that takes prayer to a deeper level. I hear your concerns. I see your love for the neighbor. I feel your faith. And being able to actually hold in my hands those expressions and pray over them...that makes it all the more precious.

I still don't know most of you very well since my time at Zion is so minimal, but I pray for you every day and know we are connected through the love of God in Christ. And I hope you pray for me! I love that you include whatever prayer concerns an individual may have in the Prayers of the People as well as prayers for our synod companions in southern Africa.

When I traveled to Zimbabwe in 2001 with the synod delegation, the time came as we neared our destination to fill out the customs card and someone asked, "Do we check the box that we are here for business or for pleasure?" Bishop Miller directed our attention to another option and replied "We are here to visit family and friends." Everyone who travels to visit our Lutheran siblings in Zimbabwe will affirm that we are welcomed as family!

One of the songs we learned from our family in Zimbabwe was: I pray for you. You pray for me. I pray for you. You pray for me. Sister, won't you pray for me?

Whether here at home or across the globe, we pray for each other.

Your Co-worker in the Gospel,

Pastor Janet

If you are interested in a home visit with communion by Pastor Janet, please call the Church Office.

September Announcements

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is September 8th!

For this year’s “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, we are having a cook-in for Your Neighbors. Let’s make this our best cook-in yet! Your Neighbors wants to focus on your favorite fall meals. Please make your dishes ahead of time and bring them to church with you on Sunday, September 8th. We will need help packaging the dishes into individual meals. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex with the areas that need help.

Attention Zion Attendees

If you are new to Zion, or if you have been attending for a while and would like to learn more about becoming a member, please call the church office at: 315-732-4110 or email office@zionluth.com.

Zoom/YouTube Online Services

If you run into an issue or if you need help with our online services, please reach out to Isabel at any time during the service at: ZionLuthTechnologist@gmail.com. You can also use Zoom’s chat option.

Book Group

The next book group has been rescheduled from September 22nd to October 20th at 11 AM in the Youth Room. We are looking forward to seeing you this fall!

Walking With Friends

Zion’s Walking Group won’t meet in September. We might resume sometime in October. Check with Kim Marscher (315-794-6233) for future plans.

Council Binders

If you are a member of church council and have not received your council binder, they are available for pick up in the church office.

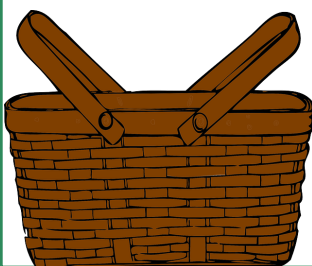
Please join us for the annual Church Picnic!!

Sunday, September 15th at 10:00 AM

Sherrillbrook Park in New Harford

THERE WILL NOT BE A WORSHIP SERVICE AT ZION ON THIS DAY

Pastor Anita will be leading the worship service at the picnic at 10 AM.



Please plan to bring your own place settings & utensils.

Special Announcement

In mid-August, Zion was approached by Apple Tree Preschool, Inc. about possible space to rent at Zion. After an abrupt request to vacate their previous facility, Apple Tree found themselves in an emergency situation to find a new space for their 2024/25 school season.

After careful consideration in an emergency council meeting that was held on August 15th, council approved their use of space at Zion.

Beginning in September, Apple Tree Preschool, Inc. will be occupying the three classrooms downstairs, which will now function as preschool rooms and, therefore, will be unavailable for any other use. The use of the Fellowship hall is unknown at this time. We will be sharing more information with you in the weeks to come.



September Birthdays

Happy
Birthday

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

To
You!

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Mae Parker	Your Neighbors	Kerstin Soykan
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:



"Walk on a rainbow trail. Walk on a trail of song, and all about you will be beauty."

-Navajo Song

Submitted by Millie Angevine

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Sept. 1	Wendy Stevens	Pr. Janet Griffiths	Jeanne Gymburch	Darlene Hill
Sept. 8		Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Darlene Hill	
Sept. 22		Pr. Rick Klafehn	Linda Bennett	
Sept. 29	Mark Thompson	Deacon Patsy Glista	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	Darlene Hill

*Please Remember: There will not be a service at Zion on Sunday, September 15th.
We hope to see you at the church picnic!*

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Dear Members & friends of Zion,

Thank you to everyone who donated so many wonderful and needed items to the seniors from Georgian Arms!! You managed to fill the entire cart in just one week! On behalf of Social Ministry, Jeanne Gymburch delivered the items to Georgian Arms, per the request of the Quality Inn. Georgian Arms sends a big thank you to Zion for all the items! At this time, their stock room is full and they are no longer able to accept donations. They are certain that the residents will have everything they need once they are able to return.

Sincerely,

The Church Office

Thank you to Darlene Hill for stepping in to help Kim & Barb with the Your Neighbors freezers for September!

Women of Faith



Women of Faith had a very enjoyable and informational morning at Munson on Saturday, August 17th. Women from Trinity, Zion, and Our Saviour learned about the "Voyage of Life" paintings by Thomas Cole through a docent-led program. Lunch, conversation, and laughs were enjoyed at Babe's Restaurant following the presentation.

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

We received a wonderful phone call in the church office last week! Ruth Furhovden (Healy) called Zion to say hello! Ruth spoke very highly of many people who are still actively involved at Zion. She told me that she was the first woman on Zion's Church Council! Ruth was married at Zion in the late sixties before moving to Florida in 1967. Ruth recalls the day of the first service Zion had at its new location. She laughed about the stairs that lead to the sanctuary and said that the building was meant for walkers! She now attends a Zion Church in Florida where she is the greeter on most Sundays. Please call or email the church office if you are interested in Ruth's contact information to call and say hello!

thank you

We've received a handful of communications via the church website and email recently. Many thanks to Jack Henke for assisting the church office with records and requests from those who have reached out to us. We've had requests come in from Florida, New York, Germany, you name it, and there has been a lot of needed research on Jack's end. Some of it was even translated to German! Danke, Jack!

Sincerely,
The Church Office



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

A fundraising event benefiting Lutheran Campus Ministry at Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF

Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Drumlins Country Club—800 Nottingham Road, Syracuse, NY

Keynote Address: Robert Roger Lebel, M.D.

Professor of Genetics, SUNY Upstate Medical University

Distinguished Disciple

The Rev. Brian Konkol, Ph.D.

Dean, Hendricks Chapel

Syracuse University

Cash Bar, Dinner, Raffles & More! Kindly RSVP by October 21st

Please call or email Zion's church office if you are interested in attending.

A baby with a sad expression is sitting, holding a small decorated Christmas tree in their right hand and a lit menorah in their left hand. The background is dark with warm, out-of-focus bokeh lights.

**KOSHER
LUTHERANS**

BY
**WILLIAM
MISSOURI
DOWNS**

DIRECTED BY
**ART
FELSHAW**

Fridays: September 6 & 13 at 7:30 pm
Saturdays: September 7 & 14 at 2 pm
Sundays: September 8 & 15 at 2 pm

 **Players of Utica**
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Season Sponsor: PJ Green



MORE INFORMATION
TICKETS



Alice Batson Laurenson Photography Exhibition

CONNECTIONS

September 3 - 28, 2024

Artist Reception / Gallery Talk
at Utica Public Library on
Wednesday, September the 11th 4 - 6 pm

Laurenson will give a Gallery Talk on the
stories behind her photographs at 5 pm



Treasurer's Report

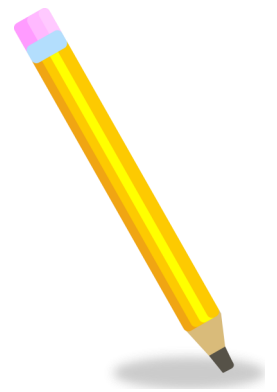
		July Treasurer's Report		
	Jul-24	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 5,385.00	\$ 93,519.71	\$ 89,541.65	\$ 3,978.06
Other Income	\$ 2,000.66	\$ 9,729.69	\$ 9,746.39	\$ (16.70)
Total Income	\$ 7,385.66	\$ 103,249.40	\$ 99,288.04	\$ 3,961.36
Total Expense	\$ 12,553.98	\$ 95,562.79	\$ 99,345.48	\$ (3,782.69)
Net Income	\$ (5,168.32)	\$ 7,686.61	\$ (57.44)	\$ 7,744.05

Puzzle: The more you take away, the larger it becomes. What is it?



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.





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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.*



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Tuesday, September 10th — 1:00-5:00 PM

In the Fellowship Hall

**The Red Cross is trying to increase the number of donors at
Zion's Blood Drives. If you are interested in giving blood,
please consider scheduling an appointment at
www.redcross.org — Please Share the news!**

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!!!

