

Dear Friends at Zion,

On Sunday, while I was downstairs by Zion's door waiting to greet people coming to church, I heard Kelli Watson play, "Here I Am, Lord." I could not hear the words being sung, but thought of some—"Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied," "give them hearts for love alone," "I have heard my people cry," and "I will hold your people in my heart." Comforting words for us who are keeping Fran King, now at the Siegenthaler Center, close to our hearts. In her sermon, Deacon Patsy Glista said that God put the hymn, "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" on her heart when she was listening for God's message. When I looked on page 769 in the hymnal, I found more phrases that were meaningful—"The Lord our restless hearts is holding," "If you are in your Savior's keeping," and "For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss." Deacon Patsy reminded us that, for five Sundays, the Gospel reading has come from the sixth chapter of John, and each week, Jesus tells us that He is the bread of life. One of her favorite communion hymns is "Eat This Bread." We are blessed to have hymns, Bible readings, and sermons to remind us to trust God, have faith, believe, and love.

#### NUMBER OF ZION WORSHIPERS ON AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

Twenty-five congregants worshiped in person and nineteen others worshiped remotely, for a total of forty-four.

#### WORSHIP FOR THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS

The people of Zion have been invited to join the congregation of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1640 Genesee Street, Utica, NY (use the driveway to the left of the church and park and enter in the back) on August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Anita Mohr will preside at both services that begin at 10:00 AM. The Worship Plans and Zoom access information will be provided in this mailing and the one next week.

#### CALL COMMITTEE NEEDS A SEVENTH MEMBER

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Call Committee met briefly on Zoom. Due to a recent resignation, there are six members on the committee. This would make voting difficult. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Jack Henke at 315-861-7665 or [jhenke@midyork.org](mailto:jhenke@midyork.org).

#### THANK YOU, HAMILTON COLLEGE STUDENTS

Twelve students, who stayed at Zion last week during their orientation service experience, spent Friday afternoon picking up broken pieces of asphalt in our parking lot. It's much safer for Zion members to walk into our church.

#### MORROW WARMING CENTER

Thank you to all who have dropped off items that are needed by the guests of the warming center. More donations may be brought to the downstairs coat room at Zion, Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:30-1:30. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is September 12<sup>th</sup>.

One plus for Zion members in this pandemic is that we receive copies of the sermons so we can read and reread them during the week. Thank you to all of our guest pastors for providing these gifts and tools to increase our faith and to urge us to go out into the world to serve others.

Faithfully,  
Laurel McCurdy, council co-president

## September Birthdays - Happy Birthday from your Zion Family!!

Caryn Carlson	1	Timothy R. Mahay	16
Donna Moulton	8	David Bonvicino	17
Carolyn Renno	8	Roger Beiswenger	18
David Midura	9	Sarah Bennett	18
Brandon Miller	10	Shelby Miller	25
Christopher Lambe	12	Ed Grove	26
Eric Weir	14	Ella Bonvicino	27
Jack Henke	16	Carol Buchholz-Blackburn	28
Aaron Tompkins	16	Patrick Smith	28

### *Given to the Glory of God*

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Claudia Trad	Memorial Fund	Fran & Claudia King
Doris Berry	Building Fund	Laurel McCurdy
Doris Berry	Memorial Fund	Loretta Berie
Barbara Reinshagen, a sister in Christ	Memorial Fund	Bob & Bonnie Loomis
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Barb Reinshagen	Building Fund	Laurel McCurdy
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Laurel McCurdy	Roof Fund	Jeanne Gymburch
Our children	Zion Food Ministry	Dave & Ann McCarthy

	July 2021 Treasurer's Report			
	July 2021	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Giving	\$ 10,932.90	\$ 94,221.85	\$ 95,608.34	\$ (1,386.49)
Other Income	\$ 6,543.53	\$ 23,829.67	\$ 17,032.15	\$ 6,797.52
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 17,476.43	\$ 118,051.52	\$ 112,640.49	\$ 5,411.03
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 11,305.23	\$ 88,424.13	\$ 133,685.87	\$ (45,261.74)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 6,171.20	\$ 29,627.39	\$ (21,045.38)	\$ 50,672.77

### \*SEPTEMBER WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE\*

DATE:	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	USHERS
September 5	Worship with Our Saviour	Worship with Our Saviour	Worship with Our Saviour
September 12	Wendy Stevens	Linda Bennett & Laurel McCurdy	Jeanne Gymburch & Doreen Nicholls
September 19			
September 26			

***Prayers Of The Congregation:*** Listen to the cries of your people waiting patiently for your healing hand and comforting Spirit, especially those who suffer with chronic pain and all cancer patients, Pr. Mary Etta, Rosemary, Chuck Carlson, comfort for Fran King at this time, Claudia, Shirley, Steve, Ben, healing for Joyce, Carole, Pr. Roger, Patsy, Wesley Williams, Ed and family, comfort for the family of Michael Gilleece, and Theresa, that the light of Christ may shine upon them with hope. God, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***



### Zion's Religious Artifacts III - Old Zion's Altar Cross

The largest cross that rests atop the Pietsch altar in our chapel room occupied the same place in Old Zion's sanctuary at Fay/Cooper Streets from 1925 until our move to New Hartford in 1959. These words are inscribed on its base: "In Memory of Theodore J. Hagen; Who departed this life November 16, 1916; Given by his mother Mrs. T. Hagen; To Zion Ev. Luth. Church; Utica, N.Y."

Theodore Jacob Hagen, son of German natives Jacob and Thusnelda ("Nellie") Schrader Hagen, was born in West Utica in 1882. A graduate of Utica's Advanced School (an accelerated elementary), Utica Free Academy, and the Utica Business College, "Ted" Hagen trained as a bookbinder and worked at the Utica State Hospital's bindery. This institution, also known as the "Utica Psychiatric Center," was located on Court Street. Many buildings, including the impressive Greek Revival "Old Main," endure.



Occupational therapy was often used to treat patients at Utica State. Some worked at the hospital's farm that occupied Utica College's campus. Ted Hagen probably taught his craft to patients assigned to the bindery. He was active in the hospital employees' union and, through this association, befriended Charles P. Miller, the institution's photographer. Miller's photographs of Zion's Crescent Dramatic Society's vacations/performances at Miller's Mills provide a unique, invaluable documentation of our church's outreach in the early 20th century.

Ted loved Zion Church and immersed himself deeply in the life of his congregation. He taught Sunday school and belonged to the Council, serving as its secretary. He partnered with Henry Zoeckler to coach Zion's basketball team and was a vital member of the Young Men's Association. He shared the camaraderie of the Crescent Dramatic Society's troupe and acted in numerous productions. His Zion schedule had to fill several evenings weekly.

Ted's funeral, held in the Hagen home on Churchill Avenue in Utica's "Highlands" neighborhood, was so heavily attended that many mourners stood outside. Floral offerings from Zion's societies, the Bookbinders' Union, the State Hospital Employees' Association, the Utica Masonic Lodge, and the Kings of Labor attested to Ted's popularity.

When Ted Hagen entered the church triumphant, he left his mother, his sister, Louise Roberts, of Boonville, and hundreds of church friends who, every time they approached the altar at Old Zion and looked at its cross, may have given thanks, tempered with sorrow, for this dedicated, beloved member.



Zion's basketball team, 1914-1915. Coaches Henry Zoeckler (left) and Theodore Hagen are in the center row.

**Help is needed to deliver these donations to The Warming Center at 500 Plant St. in Utica.**

**We are happy to announce that you will likely need a truck!**

**We are still firming up the date/time for delivery, but please call/email Sara if you can help. Thank you!**



*This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are at Zion Lutheran Church— one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.*

⇒ This God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Zion will be helping to support the Morrow Warming Center in Utica. Morrow is working with the homeless- feeding them, offering help with places to sleep, and providing work opportunities such as cleaning streets and gardening.

**Warming Center Immediate needs:** Milk, coffee, sugar, cereal, snacks, mayonnaise, laundry detergent, and dryer sheets, brown paper lunch bags, syrup, plastic ware, napkins, paper towels, and we will always take meals or cookies, fresh fruit, (softer is better because of teeth) and we could use pillowcases.

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