



THE LIGHT

The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Southington, CT
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

When you are reading the Bible or listening to the passages at worship, do you ever picture in your head what it might look like? I call it making a movie in my head. I wonder what it might look like when Jesus is sleeping in the boat, talking with Nicodemus at night, or standing before Pilate.

'*The Chosen*' is a video series that "is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the series shares an authentic look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings" (IMDB). It helps to visualize the story of Jesus.

You have an opportunity to see '*The Chosen*' at Zion and then have an opportunity for discussion afterwards. We will watch in the Gathering Place (on the new 65" TV) and then have a chance to discuss afterwards. People who have seen it before are welcome to watch with us or come for the discussion part. There will be two sessions, so hopefully one will fit your schedule. The sessions will be similar, but not identical, in terms of which episodes will be viewed and when.

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00AM: April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29

Sunday Evenings at 6:00PM: April 21, April 28, May 5, May 19

Bring your own popcorn or snack.
We will have the coffee on.

Hope you can join us. I am excited about this opportunity

Peace,
Pastor Jeff



+ For Pastoral Care and Concerns,
 Please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley
 by phone: cell # 860-490-5784 or
 email: pastor@zionlutheranct.org



Join Us for Worship!

Saturdays at 4:00PM
Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:15AM
 Sunday School & Confirmation at 9:00AM

“Treasure Talk” by John Miller

<u>March 2024 Results</u>	<u>2024 Budget*</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 21,337.92	\$ 19,030.49	\$ 16,195.99	\$ (2,307.43)
Total Expenses	\$ 30,958.66	\$ 28,626.87	\$ 32,921.32	\$ (2,331.79)
Net Income/(Loss)	(9,620.74)	\$ (9,596.38)	\$ (16,725.33)	\$ 24.36
<u>2024 YTD Results (Jan-Mar)</u>	<u>2024 Budget*</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 64,113.76	\$ 98,486.56	\$ 52,537.89	\$ 34,372.80
Total Expenses	\$ 92,726.06	\$ 104,298.43	\$ 89,961.95	\$ 11,572.37
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (28,612.30)	\$ (5,811.87)	\$ (37,424.06)	\$ 22,800.43

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve



Our Next Fritter Meeting will be Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00PM

in the Gathering Place. All are welcome to become part of this committee!
 We will discuss what's been happening since our last meeting including the new website / schedule and pondering the “merchandising and “DoorDash” issues.



Time for Fellowship

The Gathering Place lives up to its name on Sunday mornings as people gather around the tables for conversation, for coffee, and for snacks. It is a great way for people to get to know each other and for relationships to develop. It's all about the gathering of our community.

That said, the coffee and snacks are a great draw. We could use some more people to start the coffee, provide some snacks, and clean up afterwards. Maybe people who sit at the same table could even work together to make that happen.

On the bulletin board in the kitchenette, there is a sheet that describes what you need to do to "host" Fellowship Time. So please take a look at that and see if it is something that you think you could do. Then sign up on the list that you will find on the bar in The Gathering Place.



Zion Nursery School had more than 130 children participate in their Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday morning and raised over \$600 towards some new playground equipment! What a great day!

We Will Be Receiving New Members During Worship On June 9th
 (Church Picnic Day)



If you are interested in becoming a member of Zion or have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff.



Become Part of Our Church Family

Remember in Your Prayers



Our prayer list is updated monthly - Let us remember these people as we pray daily.

Members of Zion

Lord in your Mercy:

Linda Graham; Beverly Clark; George McKenney;
LeAnn Kroll; Bill Umile; Sue Skrzypiec; Lee Bluis; Ray Tanguay; Ruth Heering.

Those in Hospitals / Care Centers / Assisted Living:

William Brown - *The Summit*; Jean Wiltse - *Cedar Mountain Commons*

Wedding Anniversaries:

4/8, Robyn & Scott Kroll; 4/22, Roger & Debbie Garrett; 4/24, Jeanne & Paul Garrett, Sr.;
4/24, David & Michele Peters; 4/27 Larry & Marilyn Pellett; 4/27 Danie & Ashley Hanusch;
4/29, Jacob & Taylor Webster; 4/30, Mark & Katie Sherrick; 4/30 Mark & Aimee Teator.

Births:

Deaths: 3/21, Alma Erikson; member of Zion; former member of Prince of Peace

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy:

Ralph Johansson, father of Deb Stalley; Walter Cockcroft, brother of Joan Cockcroft;
Nate, friend of Joyce Suess; Dave Main, friend of Lois Garafola; Katie; Al, MaryAnn,
Kiley, friends of John Miller; family of Alma Erickson; Mary Mousch and family, aunt of
Karen Erasmus; Steve Cardillo, friend of Karen Erasmus; Debbie & Fred, Roz & Joe,
friends of Carra Rockwood; Alex Meyer; grandson of Lois & Ron Griszkauskas; Robert
Green, Reno Pelletier, friends of Lois & Ron Griszkauskas; Carol Rose, sister of Ron &
Lois Griszkauskas.

Service, For the men and women in the military serving our country:

Russell Karshis, cousin of Dawne Cappellino; Staff Sgt. Michael McKenney; Lt. Colonel
Zachary Fulton, USAF, nephew of Lisa Proffitt; Danny Woolley, son of Diane and Dave
Woolley; Matthew DeLorenzo, U.S. Navy, friend of the Doran Family; 1st Lt. Colton
McInnis, USAF pilot, son of Susan Prairie; 2nd Lt. Kurt Oden, USAF, nephew of Christine
Kryzwick; Sgt. Phillip J. Reynolds, friend of Lynn McCormack.

Concerning Our Prayer List: We take the prayer list seriously and appreciate it when you feel comfortable adding a person to it. Please always make sure that it is okay with the person that they are on a public list. We also know that life gets busy and it is hard to remember to take someone off the prayer list when it is appropriate. Or it might make us feel anxious to do so.

Therefore, we started the prayer list over on Easter Sunday. If you would like someone to be on the prayer list or to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office at office@zionlutheranct.org or call 860-628-5759.

Sunday School News

April 2024

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who helped us put on our stations for Palm Sunday. It was once again a great success and a fun way to share the Easter Story with our students. We always enjoy this tradition and look forward to it each year.

There will be No Class on April 7th as it is the beginning of Spring Break in Southington.

Please join us at the 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, April 14th as Nate and Hannah celebrate their First Communion with their families. We have been looking forward to this day all year and are very excited that it is finally here. We hope you can join us!



Youth Group

We will meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church this month.

All meetings are at 6:30PM

Meeting Dates: April 21st & April 28th

Lessard Lanes on March 17th (above and right)



Zion's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday!



The Passion Story with Sunday School and Confirmation Students on Palm Sunday!



Thank you to all of those who helped out with and participated in this wonderful event!



VBS 2024

July 15th -19th

Our theme this year is "SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God"

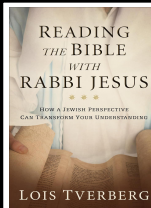




A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Zion Christian Nursery School held its Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday. It was a huge success! We would like to thank Pastor Jeff for the usage of his backyard. All of the kids and families in attendance had a great time.

Students in our four year-old and pre-K class will be studying community helpers this month. It will culminate with visits from parents representing community helpers. All three classes are also discussing how April showers bring May flowers. Our three year old class is looking forward to a visit from Flanders Nature Center. during the visit, they will learn all about animals that go from "eggs to legs."



Our May Book Club selection is
“Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus”
by Lois Tverberg.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 20th
at 7:00PM in the Gathering Place.

We will be discussing Lois Tverberg's *‘Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus’*. At our last meeting, we found *‘Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus’* to be insightful. It helped explain the Jewish culture, which in turn makes the meaning of God's and Jesus's words make much clearer sense. *‘Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus’* will shed light on how this Middle Eastern people approached life, God, and each other.

Lois Tverberg explains age-old imagery that we often misinterpret, allowing us to approach God and the stories and teachings of Scripture with new eyes.

A few books are available to purchase in the Gathering Place for \$12.

Please Join Us on Saturday April 27th SPRING CLEAN-UP / WORK DAY!

Spring has sprung! March “showers” have brought April “weeds”, so ‘pick your plot’ before it’s taken!

We will have a “work day” on Saturday, April 27th at 9:00AM (weather permitting.) to clean up the church grounds for the season. YUMMY SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE! Projects to consider are: weeding, fence construction /repair, bottles & cans sorting & ‘cashing in’, 3 hose holders/hangers need to be installed, weeding and clean-up around the waterfall in the front of the church, rose garden suggestions and care, trimming of bushes in the front of Pastor’s house and some work in the garage needs to be completed.

Does anyone have an ‘edger’ to separate the grass from the mulch? A hedge trimmer?

Please join us for this fun and rewarding work! Hope you can make it and spend an hour (or 3) ANY and ALL time is greatly appreciated! As they say “come when you can, leave when you must, many hands make light work!”



Join Us for ‘HIGH TEA’ on Saturday, May 4th from 11:30AM-2:00PM in the Gathering Place.

There will be a presentation from Bigelow Tea, live classical music, and delicious food & teas and wonderful fellowship!



We will have varieties of Bigelow Tea, finger sandwiches, and desserts.

Sign-up in the Gathering Place to reserve a spot! (Free will donations are welcome!)

Zion is happy to be a drop-off location for Southington Community Services’ “Operation Stay Warm 2024” Coat Drive!



There is a special ‘bin’ in the Gathering Place where you can put new / gently used coats to be distributed to needy Southington residents. Coat donations will be collected through the month of April and the contents of the bin will be collected weekly.

Please contact Rosemary Salerno at salernor@southington.org with questions.

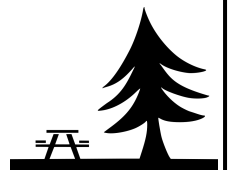
Please Join Us for Ladies Lunch!

Saturday, April 20th at 12:00PM at
‘The Back Nine Tavern,’ 150 Savage St.
All Are Welcome!



Zion's Annual Church Picnic is Sunday, June 9th

We will worship outdoors that day and the picnic will begin afterwards on the lawn!
Look for more information soon!



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 31 <i>Easter</i> 6:00AM Worship @ Sunrise 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion	April 1	2	3	4	5 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in	6 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion & Healing Service
7 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion	8 10:00AM Bottles & Cans	9	10 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	11	12	13 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
14 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 11:30PM Gathering Place in use	15 10:00AM Bottles & Cans 7:00PM Mutual Ministry	16 6:30PM Council	17 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	18 6:30PM Women's Group	19 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in	20 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch @ Back Nine Tavern 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
21 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 11:30PM Worship & Music 6:00PM "The Chosen" 6:30PM Youth @ St. Paul Episcopal	22 9AM-3:00PM Library in Use - ZCNS 10:00AM Bottles & Cans	23	24 10:00AM "The Chosen" 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	25	26	27 9:00AM Zion Work Day 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
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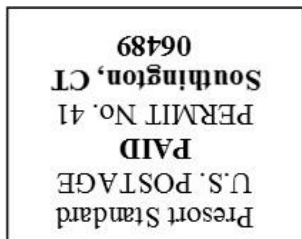
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