



# THE LIGHT

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

Dear People of God,

Have you been to Calumet (full name Calumet Lutheran Ministries), our Lutheran Camp in New Hampshire? There really is something for everyone.

During the summer there is overnight camp for kids 8-16 and a day camp for kids 5 and older. There is Family Camp where you can camp in a tent or camper. Or "glamp" in a conference center room or hotel style rooms.

There are programs throughout the year: Women's weekend, men's weekend, a golfing weekend, retreats for quilters and knitters, special retreats on long weekends, retreats for Sunday school students and for confirmation students. There is even a Lego weekend!! Each of Calumet's programs is a time a learning, worship, getting to know more people, and enjoying the outdoors of New Hampshire. You can be involved with as much or as little as you would like.

Or.....you can just go up to Calumet for your own mini-vacation.

You don't have to just take my word for it. Talk to the Jobs, the Krolls, Simoniellos, or the Celanis about family camp. Talk to the Kroll or Simoniello or Sherrick kids about overnight camp. Look at our Facebook profile picture of the women who go to Women's Weekend and talk to them.

Or go to [calumet.org](http://calumet.org) to find out more information.

If you make it to Calumet, I can (almost) guarantee that before leaving, you will sign up for another trip.

It's my hope we can find time to go up as a church community.


Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

**Have You Completed Your Time & Talent Survey?** We encourage you (one per person) to complete the yellow brochure and drop it off in the collection plate, in the basket in the Gathering Place, or mail it to the church! (You should have received one (or 2) in the June issue of "The Light.") We have extras available at church in case you need them. Please let us know how you would like to grow in your relationship with Zion and/or how you are already involved. Thank you! We're gathering this information to distribute to the lead person in each area (some are newer to these positions and it's a great help to them!) Call the Church Office if you have any questions.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Jeff is taking vacation over the next few weeks, beginning THIS SATURDAY, July 20<sup>th</sup>. (This includes a week of service.) He will be back for a few days to lead worship on July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and will be in the office on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> before resuming his vacation. Pastor will return to Zion on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

*For Pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact  
Rev. Carl Kramer (First Lutheran, Southington) at 860-307-6652.*

 **For Pastoral Care and Concerns,**  
Please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley  
by phone: cell # 860-490-5784 or  
email: [pastor@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org)

## **Come and Join Us for Worship!**

*Our Summer Schedule began June 16th*

**Saturdays at 4:00PM**

**Sundays at 9:00AM**



(Our standard times begin after Labor Day on September 7th & 8th.)



## **Another One of Our Apple Fritter Community Partners Receive Donation!**

Pastor Jeff & Lisa Proffitt present a check to one more of our six missions.



**Fritters taste great,  
AND they DO great  
things for the  
community!**

(see the May and June issues of  
our newsletter for more pictures!)

*Southington Veterans*

## **FRITTER MEETING - JULY 30th @ 6:00PM**

Join Us on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00PM for our last  
Fritter meeting **BEFORE** the Frenzy begins!

We don't have anything earth-shattering to discuss or any  
big decisions to make, but if you'd like to come hang out  
and enjoy some good company, or ask questions we'll be  
there!

If you'd rather stay home and lounge in your pajamas  
while binge-watching your favorite show, and rest up for  
all the Fritter Activities to come, we totally get it. Either  
way, we will still love you...probably.

THANK YOU!!! *Krista & Lois*



## **Help Wanted: Pot Scrubbing Prodigy!**

Join Steve Kroll and Bogie at 'Bread for Life' for the ultimate dishwashing adventure  
during the Fritter Festival! Think you can handle 40 minutes of intense suds & bubbles?  
Volunteer now and become the hero who makes dirty pots and pans sparkle!

*Warning:* Unexpected laughter & camaraderie may occur. Don't miss your chance to join the fun!

Please text Krista at (860) 770-8696 or let Pastor know you're down for some fun!

Thank you! Krista and Lois



**To Celebrate the 55th Anniversary of  
Zion's Apple Fritter Ministry, anyone  
helping out in preparation for the  
festival or at the Fritter Booth will  
receive a complimentary  
55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt & hat!**

**There is also an opportunity to purchase  
crewneck & hooded zip-up sweatshirts.**

(They will have the same logo as the t-shirts.)

If you are interested, please complete an order form  
(they can be found at church and as a link in the  
weekly email.) Place your order form with payment  
in the RED BOX on the table by the side door in the  
Gathering Place or mail it to Zion.

**THE LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>.**

See the display in the Gathering Place for more details.  
Contact Lois Garafola with questions @ 860-538-3925.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The Church Parking Lot is scheduled to be  
repaved beginning Monday, July 29th. It is  
only supposed to take a few days and  
should not affect parking for worship  
services on Saturday and Sunday August  
3rd & 4th. When coming to Zion, please be  
aware of any signs posting parking  
directions /restrictions. Thanks!



**Mid-Year Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, August 11th @ 10:00AM**

**All are encouraged to join us after worship  
for this brief meeting. We will have a  
mid-year review and discuss a water issue  
in the Gathering Place.**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

# 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:**

Nick Salerno; Linda Graham; Beverly Clark; LeAnn Kroll; Bill Umile; Sue Skrzypiec; Lee Bluis; Ray Tanguay; Ruth Heering; Carol Wright; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Jacki Willametz.

## **Those in Hospitals / Care Centers / Assisted Living:**

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

### **Wedding Anniversaries:** **July:** 7/3, Katherine & Brian Reeves;

7/14, Jason & Sarah McDonnell; 7/20, Meaghan & AJ Candelora;

**August:** 8/2, Christine & Kevin Doran; 8/7, Michael & Susan Simoniello;

8/9, Richard & NikkiHeitz; 8/12, Ronald & Betty Lou Schweiger;

8/13, Danielle & Paul Forand; 8/18, Anne & Doug Graham; 8 /21, Marjorie & Mark Appleby; 8/26, Scott & Jill Polverari; 8/27, Dot & Andy Nicholas.

## **Family & Friends of Zion**

### **Lord in your Mercy:**

Ralph Johansson, father of Debbie Stalley; Robert Johansson, brother of Debbie Stalley; Walter Cockcroft, brother of Joan Cockcroft; Dave Main, friend of Lois Garafola; Katie; Al, MaryAnn, Kiley, friends of John Miller; Mary Mousch and family, aunt of Karen Erasmus; Steve Cardillo, friend of Karen Erasmus; Vincent Cascio; Susan Chappo; family of Karen Erasmus; Debbie & Fred, Roz & Joe, Barbara, 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; Mia Falvey, friend of Liam Gardner; Lori Coviello, teacher of Liam and Nate Gardner; Wendy, Rusty; Patti Salerno, cousin of Nick Salerno; Pete B.; Kathy; Matthew & Lindsay; Jeffrey & Marissa; Patricia; Kristen; Dorothy Babon, mother of Mike Babon; Barbara; Nicolo DellaVecchia, grandson of Nick Salerno; Nancy; Nadine Kowalec, friend of Betty Lou Schweiger.

## **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. This prayer list will be restarted periodically throughout the year. We will alert you to when that happens..

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](mailto:office@zionlutheranct.org) or call 860-628-5759.



# Sunday School News

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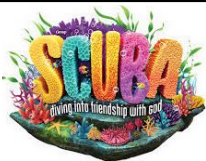
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## Sunday School & Confirmation

Classes will begin after Labor Day! Keep an eye out for dates for *Rally Day* and the first day of class.

The Registration Link for Sunday School and Confirmation is active and can be found in the weekly emails and on the Zion webpage ([zionlutheranct.org](http://zionlutheranct.org))

TO ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS - Please use the link designated for Confirmation so that we have updated information for our acolyte list. Thanks



## Pictures from VBS 2024 July 15-19

### **"SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God"**

Our week has started off with a SPLASH with 23 kids and 7 young helpers.  
We're having so much fun learning about our relationship with God!

Look for more pictures in September's Issue!







## Update on 'The Chosen'

We continue to have two showings of 'The Chosen' each week followed by a discussion time. The coffee pot is on. Popcorn is popped. We meet Sunday evenings at 6:00PM & Wednesday mornings at 10:00AM. Both groups are now watching Season 2, so if you'd like to borrow the DVD for Season 1, let Pastor know. For those curious about 'The Chosen' (or for fans of the series) all 4 Seasons are available to watch on 'The Chosen' YouTube page, Amazon Prime, Peacock, and 'The Chosen' app.

## Join us for Zion's Book Club

**Monday, August 19th at 7:00PM**



We will be meeting to discuss our last two books: 'Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus' by Lois Tverberg and 'Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus' by Lois Tverberg and Ann Spangler.

The book club is made up of anyone who wishes to participate. If you can only make it once in a while or you can come all the time, All Are Welcome!

Please come with some book title suggestions. The books can be fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or something else of interest. We will try to set a schedule along with the books we wish to read for the year ahead. Hope to see you there!

## The 'Back to School' Sales Have Begun!!!

Throughout the month of August we are collecting School Supplies to be given to *Southington Community Services*.



As a retired educator, I know how important it is for our students to be prepared.

Some suggestions are: pencils, erasers, crayons, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers, pencil sharpeners, sticky notes, 1 subject notebooks, highlighters, and backpacks. Place donations in the blue wagon in the Gathering Place.

*As always, thanks for all you do! Lisa Proffitt*

## Join Us for Ladies Lunch!

**Saturday, August 24th at 12:00PM**

at *Saint's Restaurant*, 1248 Queen St.

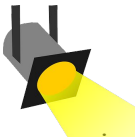
Please come...All Are Welcome!



## It's Time to Save the Date for the Women's Weekend

**at Calumet November 8th - 10th!** Watch for more information as the time draws closer. Contact Debbie Stalley at [debrajstalley@gmail.com](mailto:debrajstalley@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Spotlight On Our Members

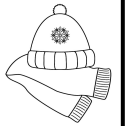


Congratulations to our church treasurer, Kevin Doran. Kevin was recently named the new principal of Elizabeth Green Elementary School in Newington. We know it will be a rewarding and fun year for all.

If there is someone from the congregation we need to recognize, please reach out to Lisa Proffitt. Thanks!

## Looking Ahead...

*Southington Community Services* will be having a town-wide collections of hats, gloves, and scarfs. These winter items will be distributed with winter coats through 'Operation Stay Warm'. During the month of September, there will be a box for your donations. These need to be new or unused items. If you are a knitter or crocheter, here's an opportunity to try out some new patterns!



# APPLE FRITTER NEWS !!!



**Mark your calendars and prepare your stretchy pants — our Apple Fritter Fundraising Event is getting closer every day!**

We need all hands-on deck, so keep these volunteer dates open.



Seriously, no sudden trips to the Bahamas or surprise root canal appointments. We promise your time will be spent in the most deliciously chaotic way possible, and you'll leave smelling like cinnamon and victory.

Come for the fritters, stay for the camaraderie, and maybe a little flour fight on the side!

We can't wait to see you there!

Krista and Lois, and the Fritter Committee.

## 2024 Apple Harvest Festival

**BOOTH SHIFTS: October 4<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**

Aug 17	Barrel Washing-----	8AM	Set-up
		9AM	Start
Sept 7	Flour Mixing-----	7AM	Set-up
		8AM	Start
Sept 30 & Oct 1,2,3	Booth Building----- (downtown)	5PM	
Oct 2	Apple Bagging-----	5PM	
Oct 3	Apple Bagging-----	5PM	
Oct 8	Apple Bagging-----	5PM	
Oct 10	Apple Bagging-----	5PM	
Oct 13	Booth Break-down----- (downtown)	5PM	



# July / August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 14</b> 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion. 6:00PM "The Chosen"	<b>15</b> 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 5:45 - 8PM VBS	<b>16</b> Ladies Lunch @ Wood-n-Tap in FARMINGTON 5:45 - 8PM VBS	<b>17</b> 10:00AM "The Chosen" 5:45 - 8PM VBS	<b>18</b> 5:45 - 8PM VBS	<b>19</b> 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in 5:45 - 8PM VBS	<b>20</b> 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
<b>21</b> 9:00AM Worship. 6:00PM "The Chosen"	<b>22</b> 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	<b>23</b> 6:30PM Council	<b>24</b> 10:00AM "The Chosen"	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
<b>28</b> 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 6:00PM "The Chosen"	<b>29</b> 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	<b>30</b> 6:00PM Fritter Meeting	<b>31</b> 10:00AM "The Chosen"	<b>August 1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in	<b>3</b> 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion & Healing Prayers
<b>4</b> 9:00AM Worship. 6:00PM "The Chosen"	<b>5</b> 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00AM "The Chosen"	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00AM Women's Group 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
<b>11</b> <i>Sweatshirt Orders Due</i> 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 10:00AM Mid-Year Congregational Meeting 6:00PM "The Chosen"	<b>12</b> 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00AM "The Chosen"	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in	<b>17</b> 8:00AM Barrel Washing 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
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Return Service Requested

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