



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

It's not often that I get feedback that someone actually listened to my sermon or the announcements.

Recently, I mentioned that in some ways Zion is three different congregations because we have three different worship services. While some people go to the different worship times, others pretty much go to the same service each week. Which results in people from the 4 pm service not knowing people who go to the 8 am service who don't know people who go to the 10:15 am service.

It was intended to get everyone to go to the church picnic so they would get to know more people who are part of this community. Can you imagine what it might be like if we had everyone at the church picnic worship service.

What was not intended was this: the week after I said that, there were some people who normally worship at the 8 am service who came to the Saturday service and people who normally attend the Saturday service came to a Sunday service. They said they did it because they realized that it was an opportunity to meet and worship with others.

Like the original announcement, this letter is to invite you to come to the worship service at the church picnic (10:30 am on June 9th) and then stay for the picnic. So that you can meet and get to know others from this community (if you really would like to, you can still worship at the 4 pm service). But maybe, just maybe, think about going to a worship service on a different day/time this summer. So that you can get to know more of the wonderful people who are part of Zion.

Peace, Pastor Jeff

Did you know? Pastor and Debbie Stalley will be attending the New England Synod Assembly in Worcester. A new bishop will be elected as Bishop Hazelwood is retiring after two terms as bishop. The Synod asks that all congregations in the synod lift up prayers for the assembly and the work that will be done there. Many are discerning their future, and their willingness to serve the church in different roles. Not only will there be an election for bishop, but also Synod Council and voting member for the Churchwide Assembly.

Zion's Church Picnic (On the Lawn) **Sunday, June 9th 10:00AM - 3:30PM**

- 10:00AM Coffee etc.
- 10:30AM Worship w /Holy Communion
(New Members received, Recognition of College & High School Graduates)
- 11:30AM Chowder & Chili
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 1:00PM "Tony the Magician"
- 2:00PM Bingo (with prizes)
- 3:00PM Vespers




We'll have a Crazy Shirt contest for adults and Crazy Hat contest for kids!

There will be lawn and table games too!

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fresh air, good food and fellowship! Bring a friend!

Please bring a lawn chair, and a food or toiletry item for Southington Community Services.

Help is always appreciated for: Set-up on Saturday, 6/8 at 2:00PM and Clean up after Vespers on Sunday.

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

Come and Join Us for Worship!

Our Summer Schedule begins June 16th

Saturdays at 4:00PM

Sundays at 9:00AM



Three of More of Our Apple Fritter Mission Outreach Partners Receive Donations!



Pastor Jeff & Lisa Proffitt give checks to three more of our six missions.

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

(see last month's and next month's newsletter for more pictures!)



Southington Community Services



Prudence Crandall



The Cove Center

Do you know anything about Roses? Can you help us with our Memorial Rose Garden?

Please reach out to Lois Garafola or Pastor if you have any expertise in growing roses! WE NEED YOU!



Update on "The Chosen"

We continue to have two showings of 'The Chosen' each week followed by discussion time. The coffee pot is on. Popcorn is popped. If you are concerned about being behind with the episodes, we can let you know where to find them.

We meet Sundays at 6:00PM and Wednesdays at 10:00AM. Check the weekly emails for updates.

Are you a Thrivent Member?



Did you know that you can sign-up for special funding for the ministries that Zion supports? Thrivent provides promotional resources and seed money to jump-start our fundraisers, community events, and service projects and Zion provides the people power to bring them to life. If you are interested and willing to sign-up and help, please contact: Lois Garafola at (860)628-8513 or the church office to learn how! It's so easy and we can guide you every step of the way!

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. We're so excited to officially welcome you to our Zion Family!



Will You Share Your Time & Talent with Zion? We invite you all to complete the yellow brochure enclosed. We'll collect them at the church picnic! If you can not make it that day, feel free to drop it off in the collection plate, or the basket in the Gathering Place, or mail it to the church! (We'll have extras available too, in case you need them.) Thank 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:

Linda Graham; Beverly Clark; LeAnn Kroll; Bill Umile; Sue Skrzypiec; Lee Bluis; Ray Tanguay; Ruth Heering; Carol Wright; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Michelle Adametz.

Those in Hospitals / Care Centers / Assisted Living:

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

Wedding Anniversaries: 6/4, Jack & Effie Cahill; 6/5, Nancy & Glenn Benoit; 6/10, Gail & Bill Fissette; 6/12, Pastor Jeff & Debbie Stalley; 6/13, Pam & Jim Turner; 6/14, Peter & Christine Spataro; 6/18, Lee & John Sirotnak; 6/20, Sandy & Charles DeMarino; 6/22, Michelle & Bill Gibbs; 6/26, Matthew & Linda Benoit; 6/28, Laura & Michael Webster; 6/28, Kenneth & Cindy Paul; 6/30, Sue & Doug McGough.

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; Nate, friend of Joyce Suess; 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; 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; Andrew Petito, grandson of Karen Erasmus; Wendy, Rusty; Patti Salerno, Anna (Tranquillo) Zarra, cousins of Nick Salerno.

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 or call 860-628-5759.

Sunday School News

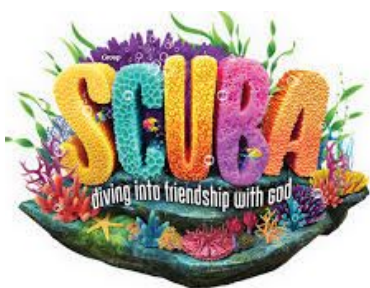
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submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School & Confirmation

Our last day of class this year will be June 2nd.

It has been a great year with many in depth conversations about the Bible, Jesus, and God. A huge Thank You to Bill, Lydia, Jeanne, Mike, Aimee, Christine, and Carra for all of their hard work teaching everyone this year and a special thank you to Chris Messer for accompanying us with our singing each week. We could not have done it without you!



VBS 2024

July 15th -19th from 5:45PM-8:00PM

Our theme this year is

“SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God”

Look for the sign-up link in the weekly emails, and on the Zion webpage or you email the church!

Volunteers are needed to make this a great and successful year so please reach out to Ali if you are interested in sharing your time and talents this week in any way.

You can email her at sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org.



APPLE FRITTER NEWS !!!



Attention All Apple Fritter Devotees and Non-Devotees!

PLEASE mark your calendars in the boldest, brightest ink you can find because the Apple Fritter Fundraiser is season is coming around again!

We're excited to see you on the dates listed...



2024 Apple Harvest Festival

October 4th - 13th

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	



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Zion Nursery School 4 year olds and Pre-K students recently attended a field trip to 'Cheshire Hollow Farm'. They enjoyed meeting bunnies, chickens, goats and more. All three classes have been preparing for their end of the year celebrations. In addition, 'Dinner with Dad' will be held to celebrate an early Father's Day. Summer for our students and staff is just around the corner! We will be sad to see some of our kiddos go, but know they are ready for Kindergarten.

If you have family and friends looking for schooling for their 4-5 year olds, spots are available in our 4 year old and Pre-K classes for the fall. Call Danielle at (860) 628-6007 for more information.

Please Join Us for Ladies Breakfast!

Saturday, June 22nd at 9:00AM at the 'Carousel Coffee Shop', 190 Main St. Please come...All Are Welcome!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We are excited to recognize the following graduates

College Graduates

Sean Crean graduated Johnson & Wales University with a BS in Business Administration and will pursue a career in medical sales.

Logan Clasby graduated Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS in Electrical Engineering and has accepted a position with Electric Boat in Groton, CT.

Emma Doran graduated the University of New Hampshire with a BS in Nursing and has accepted a position at Boston Medical Center in the neuro-ICU.

Daniel Mauro graduated Bentley University with a BS in Finance.

Matthew Mauro graduated Eastern Connecticut State University with BS in Communications.

High School Graduates

Dylan Bouteiller graduates Southington HS and will attend LaSell University majoring in Exercise Science. Dylan will also play on the volleyball team.

Mia Peters graduates Southington HS and will attend the University of St. Joseph majoring in Nursing. Mia will also play on the lacrosse team.

Katharine Teator graduates Cheshire HS and will attend the University of New Haven majoring in Criminal Justice.

Bryndle Kroll graduates St. Paul's HS and will attend Harding University majoring in Nursing.



Scholarship News... It is with great pleasure that the Scholarship Committee announces our scholarship recipients for the 2024 school year.

Congratulations to all of our High School and College Graduates.

We wish them the best in their new adventures.

We will celebrate these very worthy recipients, as well as all the members of our church graduating from high school at the Church Picnic worship service at 10:30AM on June 9th.

Congratulations and best wishes as they begin their journey.

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The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Post-Secondary Education Scholarship will be awarded to Katharine Teator!

Katharine is the daughter of Aimee and Mark Teator and will be graduating from Cheshire High School. Katharine will be attending the University of New Haven studying Criminal Justice.

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The Czarnota Family Apple Fritter Scholarship will be awarded to Effie Cahill!

Effie is the wife of Jack and mom to their 3 boys, George, Teddy, and Orion. She is the Transition Specialist for the Southington BOE in the Special Education Department and works with the Stellar Program. Effie is currently enrolled in an educational leadership graduate program at the University of New England.



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 26 Holy Trinity 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion	27 Memorial Day office closed 	28	29 10:00AM "The Chosen"	30	31	June 1 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion & Healing Service
2 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:30AM Worship / Holy Communion 6:00PM "The Chosen"	3 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	4	5 10:00AM "The Chosen"	6 NE Synod Assembly	7 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in NE Synod Assembly	8 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion NE Synod Assembly
9 10:00AM-4:00PM Zion's Annual Picnic 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion Outdoors	10 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 7:00PM Financial Affairs	11	12 10:00AM "The Chosen"	13	14	15 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
16 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion. 6:00PM "The Chosen"	17 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	18 6:30PM Council @ Pastor's House	19 10:00AM "The Chosen"	20	21 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in	22 9:00AM Ladies' Breakfast @ Carousel Coffee Shop 4:00PM Worship
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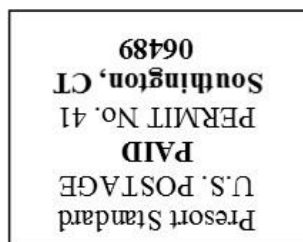
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