



# THE LIGHT

The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Southington, CT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I've been thinking a lot about communion lately. Partly, because we recently had First Communion Classes. Partly, because we've been trying to find a way to distribute communion that works best for all the people who come to worship. Partly, because someone told me recently that they like how I tell people that everyone is welcome, but if people prefer not to come up for communion that is fine, too.

I've always love word play with the word communion. The words that come out of it and words that it reminds me of.....like community and unity.

Mostly though, I like reminding people that communion is "for you". In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther writes "... a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sins' is really worthy and well prepared [for communion]. It what I wanted to make sure the First Communion Class knew (it was the final exam.)

It's what I want you to know as you come forward to eat the bread and drink the wine and hear the words "given and shed for you"

You are always welcome at the table.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff


P.S. In a similar way, I hope you feel welcome in The Gathering Place. Whether it is between services on a Sunday morning, following a funeral, for the book club, or where two or three are gathered. It is a continuation of communion. A community, unity, often with a meal.....or at least some great snacks. It's a great place to share your highs and lows, to offer support and be supported, to laugh and to cry, or maybe just to be. I love when I see people gathered at the table for communion. I love when I see people gathered at the tables of The Gathering Place. I hope you know that both places are "for you".




### 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. If you are concerned about being behind with the episodes, we can let you know where to find them (or you can borrow our DVD).

We meet Sundays at 6:00PM (except for Mother's Day and Memorial Day Weekend) and Wednesdays at 10:00AM.

 **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)

 **Join Us for Worship!**  
Saturdays at 4:00PM  
Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:15AM  
Sunday School & Confirmation at 9:00AM

**A Message from the Council President**

**Special Congregational Meeting Sunday June 2, 2024  
Immediately Following the 10:15am Service**

Dear Zion Members:

On Tuesday evening on April 23, 2024, the Church Council voted to hold a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday June 2, 2024 immediately following the 10:15am service. This article, together with the email that was sent out last week serve as the required 10-day notice of the special meeting. The meeting will focus on the following three issues:

1. Vote on a paving contract for parking lot and funding.
2. Vote on a landscaping contract for the front of the church and funding.
3. Call to form a Constitution and Bylaws Committee to update both.

The largest item on the agenda is the paving contract for the parking lot and the way to pay for it. The Council will be requesting the congregation to approve the paving contract and the contract to line the parking lot. The total cost is approximately \$115,000. There currently is \$70,669 in the parking lot fund. The remaining balance of \$44,331 would be funded by the rainy day fund which currently has a balance of \$106,437. The parking lot would be paved either in late June or July.

The landscaping details are currently being finalized, but the initial quote is for approximately \$7,000. The work would entail edging the front flower beds, remove the mulch, put down a weed barrier and top with river stone. It would also include some plantings. A more detail explanation will be provided over the next several weeks. The motion would be to use the bottle and can fund of approximately \$5,000 for this project and fund the remaining amount from the rainy day fund.

The third item is to form a Constitution and Bylaws committee to make amendments to both documents and request volunteers to serve on the committee.

Additional information will be provided for all three of these agenda items over the next several weeks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



**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.



**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; LeAnn Kroll; Bill Umile; Sue Skrzypiec; Lee Bluis; Ray Tanguay; Ruth Heering; Michelle Gibbs and family; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Sandy and family of George McKenney.

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

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

### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

5/2, Nick & Erika DiGeronimo; 5/5, Cindy & Mike Babon; 5/5, Russell & Giselle Cowles; 5/16, Jason & Brandi Dougherty; 5/23 Bonnie & George Zownir; 5/24, Gary & Susan Neilan; 5/30, Duane & Patricia Judd.

**Births:** 4/29, Camdyn Jo Theriault, daughter of Leah,  
granddaughter of Tammy & John

**Deaths:** 4/12, George McKenney; long-time member of Zion.  
4/14, Carl Parenty; father of Michelle Gibbs, grandfather of Jennifer Parenty

## **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; Mary Mousch, Vinnie Cascio and family, family 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 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

May 2024

submitted by Ali Frega

## Sunday School & Confirmation

We are getting close to the end of the school year.

There will be no class Memorial Day weekend.

Our last class will be on June 2nd. We will wrap up the year for all grade levels on that day before we head off for the summer.

## Youth

There will be no Youth Group in May - Keep an eye out for a possible outing in June to wrap up the year - plans are still in the works.

## First Communion

We are overjoyed to welcome  
Nate and Hannah  
who received communion for the first time  
during worship on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.



## VBS 2024

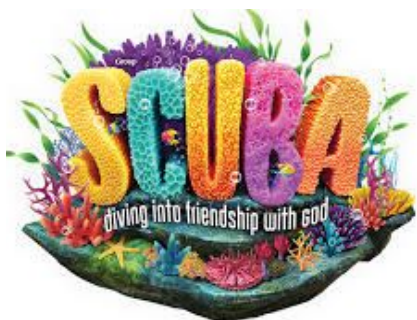
July 15th -19th from 5:45PM-8:00PM

Our theme this year is

“SCUBA - Diving into Friendship with God”

Sign-up Link coming soon!

If you're interested in helping during this fun week with the kids, please see Ali or email her at [sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org)





## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

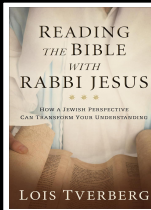
The Spring weather is here and the ZCNC students are loving visiting the playground almost daily. Our 4 year olds and Pre-K students had a community helper day in April and enjoyed hearing about the jobs of nurses, teachers, police officers, firefighters, and more!

On Monday, May 6th, the 4s and Pre-K will host their very first art show. All month long, students have learned about a variety of artists in Friday "Art with Mrs. Muir" lessons. They can't wait to show off their work inspired by Van Gogh, Mondrian, Kaminsky, and Warhol.

Students in the 3 year old class were visited by friends from Flanders Nature Preserve recently. They enjoyed learning about animals that go from 'Eggs to Legs' and also meeting Polly, a box turtle!

All three classes are working on top secret Mother's Day projects and can't wait to share a Mother's Day Tea with their moms!

There's always something fun going on at Zion Nursery School!



**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.**

(You can come even if you didn't read the book!)

We will be discussing Lois Tverberg's 'Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus'.

*There are still a few books available to purchase in the Gathering Place for \$12.*

### **"Work Where You Pray" Day!**

**Please Join us on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**from 9:00AM-11:00AM** for weeding and mulch spreading. Come help make Zion beautiful for the season! Remember, many hands make light work!

Thank you in advance, we look forward to seeing you!



### **Please Join Us for Ladies Breakfast!**

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM at  
'Ellie's Farmhouse', 461 Queen St.

Please come...all Are Welcome!



## **Two of Our Apple Fritter Mission Outreach Partners** **Receive Donations!**



Pastor Jeff & Lisa Proffitt delivered checks to two of our six missions. They were thrilled!



**Fritters not only taste great, they DO great things for the community!**

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

*Bread for Life* (left)

*Women & Families' Center* (right)



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

We will worship outdoors that day and have the picnic afterwards on the lawn! Join us at a planning meeting on

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM if you would like to help!**



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 28</b> 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 6:00PM "The Chosen"	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b> 10:00AM "The Chosen" 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00PM Fellowship Drop-in	<b>4</b> 11:30AM-2:00PM "High Tea" 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion & Healing Service
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<b>19 Pentecost</b> 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"	<b>20</b> 9AM-3:00PM Library in Use - ZCNS 10:00AM Bottles & Cans 7:00PM Book Club	<b>21</b> 6:00PM Apple Fritter Meeting	<b>22</b> 10:00AM "The Chosen" 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
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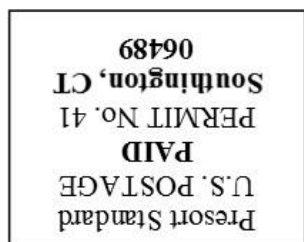
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