



# Good News From Zion

Connecting People with God's Grace...

December 2020

## A Message from Pastor Kat

It's my pleasure to begin ministry at Zion Lutheran Church as your part-time interim pastor, while the call committee conducts its search for your next called pastor. I will be with you through June unless a candidate is approved by the congregation before that time.

This is an appropriate time for a new beginning between pastor and congregation as we enter the new church year with the season of Advent. With hope and expectation, we look forward to God's arrival in the flesh.

While this is indeed a holy time, it is also a difficult time. Nearly a year of living with challenges caused by the epidemic has worn us down. Many of us hoped that by Christmas we would be able to enjoy time – in person! – with our family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ; however, due to rising infection rates across the nation and in New Jersey, we will celebrate Advent and Christmas virtually this year to prioritize the safety of those who are most vulnerable among us.

When will the hoped-for time of security arrive – when we no longer need to worry about masks and social-distancing? How does God continue to be present among us even in the midst of hardship? These heavy questions are exactly the questions that the scripture readings of Advent and Christmas address.

*[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. –Mark 13:24-26*

In a time of great suffering and darkness, when the foundations of our lives have been shaken by change and national upheaval, this is when God comes to us powerfully in the person of his son, Jesus Christ.

Fear not, people of Zion, the glad tidings of Christmas will come to you whether we celebrate together or apart. With creativity and courage, the leaders of Zion will craft a celebration of the birth of Christ that will be different and perhaps not what we had imagined, but which will surely welcome God's presence into our midst once more during this holy season.

May you know the blessing of Emmanuel, God with us, this Advent and Christmas!



### Christmas at Zion — 2020

It is with a heavy, but cautious heart, that the church council has decided there will be no in-person Christmas Eve service this year. All possibilities were considered, but in the end, safety and logistics won. The Worship and Music committee is in the process of making the virtual Christmas Eve service video as close to normal as possible. We are decorating the church on Saturday, December 5th so we will all get the Christmas spirit watching the "decorated" worship videos that begin December 12th. This year there will be no BIG Christmas tree since its location means it would not be visible during virtual worship. Instead, we are placing two smaller trees on either side of the altar. We are improvising. Let us be grateful for what we do have. Hopefully, next year at this time, we can say "remember when".

**Two outdoor opportunities to see each other in person this season are Advent Parish Night on December 6th (see page 7) and the Family Christmas Program on December 13th (see page 5).**

## Congregation Council Highlights



The Council met via Zoom conference call on November 19. Below are the highlights of that meeting.

- The Council reviewed the first draft of the 2021 budget. A proposal for the budget will be finalized at the December Council meeting and emailed to the congregation for review. The vote for approval will take place in February.
- Pastor Kat reported that she is spending the majority of her time on worship preparation and administration. Worship videos are being well received. Pastor Kat will explore ideas for offering adult education / bible study online.
- The Christian Education committee will be sending Advent Kits to all families of PK-6th graders. These will include craft materials, a family devotional, and information about Zoom Sunday School.
- An outdoor Christmas Program is being planned for December 13th, led by our Sunday School and Confirmation families. See page 4 for more details.
- Advent Parish Night will be held outdoors on December 6th. All are invited for a bonfire, s'mores, and carol singing. Take-home craft kits will be ready for pick-up. See page 7 for more information.
- Online sign-up sheets have been posted for the Giving Tree, Alternative Giving, Advent Parish Night, and the Women of Zion Cookie Exchange, and links were emailed to the congregation. If you need help finding the sign-up for any of these opportunities, please contact the church office.
- The Call Committee report was received from liaison Rick Schroeder. Please see below for the update from Chair Mike Jennison.
- Thank you to:
  - \* Rhonda Rossi, who continues her coordination and management of the COVID-complicated efforts of the Sunday School, Christian Ed committee, Confirmation Class, etc.
  - \* Jenny Gelson, for smooth operations in the office during the transition from Pastor May to Pastor Kat.
  - \* Rick Schroeder and the Finance committee for their excellent work in preparing the draft 2021 budget.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council is scheduled for Thursday, December 10. Meetings are open for all to attend. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting, please let the Parish Office know and we will send you the Zoom link.

## Update from the Call Committee

Hello Congregation,

We recently received our first candidate from the Synod — very exciting! We reviewed the “resume” (about 10 pages!) on November 18th. This truly is an exercise in discernment: considering the requests/desires of the congregation, considering our recent history of having a senior pastor lead us for 30+ years and how this person could fit with Zion. We all know our new pastor will never replace what we had with Pastor Mark (or Dale or Jeff), they truly will be their own person. We need to consider how this person will bring his/her personal gifts to Zion to inspire, lead and challenge us. The Holy Spirit is indeed present in our deliberations!

We're also in conversation with Dean Brown from the NJ Synod about next steps and the details of navigating the process. Of course we'll pass on more info to the congregation through newsletter updates, council updates and the congregational meeting.

We ask for your continued prayers and support!

In Peace,  
The Call Committee



## Thank You from JT Wieder

I wanted to extend a special thanks to my Zion Family for supporting my Eagle Project.

It was after a Readington Middle School wrestling match last February that I pitched my idea for an Eagle Project to Dr. Moss, our Vice Principal at RMS. I wanted to give the courtyard a makeover. I wanted to make it more inviting for students and teachers to share conversation and good times. Dr. Moss liked the idea and encouraged me to continue developing it. After receiving school administration approval I was able to complete my Eagle Project Proposal for review and approval by my troop and council leaders.



My first challenge was routing my proposal for comments and approval through email, mail and Zoom calls during COVID lockdown. My project was finally approved in April with a planned completion in June, just prior to my RMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. Unfortunately, school closed and it took 4 months for me to gain access to the courtyard. Once I had access, I led a series of safe and COVID-compliant workdays to complete the project in 5 weeks.

The courtyard makeover started with the removal of the COVID jungle; 5 months of overgrowth and weeds took two full workdays! Next, the tree beds were edged with pavers and freshened with mulch. We also repaired the shed roof, installed a seasonal hose bib and power washed the stone pavers and picnic benches. Then the picnic benches got a facelift with two coats of paint. Last, the finishing touches were added with new umbrellas and stands for tables.

Special thanks to the following Zion members for their support: Einar & Laura Bredeson, Judy Formalarie, Mike Jennison, Joe & Linda Lovas, John & Wendy Minerowicz, Todd & Stacey Rothermel, John & Kathy Rustwick, Bill & Kelli Wallace, Don & Estelle Wieder and of course my Mom & Dad.

Thank You.  
JT Wieder



## Thank You from Lily Rogers

THANK YOU to everyone who helped me with my Adopt-a-Family project. I committed to providing a Thanksgiving meal for six families, but due to the generosity of our church and community, I was able to provide a COMPLETE Thanksgiving meal for TEN FAMILIES! Please pay it forward this holiday season in any way you can. It will ALWAYS make someone's day brighter.

## Thanksgiving Baskets







**November 29th —**

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School online

10:00 a.m.—Confirmation Class online

**December 5th —**

3:00 p.m.—Youth & Family Christmas party  
for 7th-12th graders and their families and friends  
(outside CEB)

**December 6th —**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School online

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class online

4 p.m.—6 p.m. Advent Parish Night (see page 6)

**December 12th —**

12 p.m.—5 p.m. Oldwick Holly Day

**December 13th —**

9:30 a.m. Christmas Program (outside CEB)

**December 20th —**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School online

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class online

**December 24th —**

All families are invited to celebrate Christmas Eve  
with Zion's online worship service

**December 27th —**

NO Sunday School or Confirmation Class  
Classes resume on January 3rd

## Opportunities to Serve

### Open Cupboard Food Pantry

The food pantry is looking for youth and families to help with food distribution on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. through December 19th.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Tavormina at 908-730-7320 or [opencupboardfoodpantry@comcast.net](mailto:opencupboardfoodpantry@comcast.net).

### Oldwick Holly Day

Help is needed for setting up luminary bags at 9 a.m. (meet in front of the General Store). Please contact Shellie Evers if you will be there. Also, if you would like to volunteer to staff the Zion outreach tent in front of the library, please arrive at 3:30 p.m. At the end of the event we will need help with cleaning up the luminaries. For more information, contact Shellie Evers at [shellie.eversafe@gmail.com](mailto:shellie.eversafe@gmail.com).



## Youth Christmas Party — December 5th at 3 p.m.

7th-12th graders! Please join us outside behind the CEB for fellowship, Christmas gift exchange (please bring a gift valued at \$5 wrapped with no name on it), s'mores, hot chocolate, and carol singing. Friends and family are invited to attend. RSVP by December 2nd to Rhonda Rossi at [youth@zionoldwick.com](mailto:youth@zionoldwick.com).

## Christmas Program — December 13th at 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to the annual Christmas Program presented by Zion's children, youth and families. We will meet outside the CEB at 9:30 am for the telling of the Christmas story and singing Christmas carols. After the program, we will gather around the fire pit to enjoy hot chocolate and coffee. If you would like to volunteer for a reading or be involved in the program, please contact Rhonda Rossi at [youth@zionoldwick.com](mailto:youth@zionoldwick.com).

## Confirmation Class Update

The Confirmation Class has been trying to keep up with all the changes COVID-19 has brought us, like everyone else. We had a good start to this year's lessons outdoors, and now we are meeting on Zoom at 10 a.m. on Sundays. This is the year we study and learn from the Bible. We started learning about the constant love of God love for us and all creation in Genesis. We have discussed the meaning of sin, and those who put their faith in God, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses. We have now moved into Exodus, and the longest hiking trip ever. Forty years. Last week we started with the meaning of law and the Ten Commandments. Much more to follow!

## New Youth Room!

Revamp is underway in converting the 3rd floor library into the new youth room. Josh Evers has agreed to be the foreman for the project. Special thanks to Kade Iervolino for his help in moving books. There will be specific tasks and more information forthcoming on ways you can be involved. We're looking forward to having a larger space to call our own! Please contact Rhonda at [youth@zionoldwick.com](mailto:youth@zionoldwick.com) for more information.



# Zion Lutheran Church

## Advent Sunday School Lesson Schedule



**This year, an Advent Kit is being mailed to all Sunday School families with materials for crafts and activities, and our time together will be on Zoom. Here is the weekly schedule.**

### **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday in Advent**

Advent Lesson with Sandy Matsen

- *Making of Family Advent Wreath and lighting the first candle*
- *Angel and Mary/Joseph stones from the Nativity story*

### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday in Advent**

Nativity Story on Shepherds with Melanie Hodges

- *Lighting of candles on Advent Wreath*
- *Designing the shepherds and sheep on the craft stones*

### **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday in Advent**

Please join us for our annual Christmas Program presented by Zion's children, youth and families. We will gather outside the CEB at 9:30 am for the telling of the Christmas story and singing Christmas carols. After the program, we will gather around the fire pit to enjoy hot chocolate and coffee.

*(Please continue with the Advent Wreath lighting at home)*

### **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Nativity Story continues with Rhonda Rossi

- *Lighting of candles on Advent Wreath*
- *Designing the star, manger and Baby Jesus on the craft stones*

### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service**

We invite all families to celebrate Christmas Eve with us during Zion's online Christmas Eve Service.

### **Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Epiphany Lesson**

Nativity Story concludes with Sandy Matsen

- *Designing the Wisemen and gifts on the craft stones*

**Zoom links for the Sunday School sessions will be emailed on the Saturday before the Sunday class time.**





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## **The Giving Tree**

*Donations accepted  
until December 6th*

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## **Alternative Giving**

*Nov. 24th– Dec. 18th*

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## **Advent Family Parish Night**

*Bonfire and craft pick-up  
December 6th at CEB*

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## **Women of Zion Cookie Exchange**

*December 16th by Zoom*

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## **Oldwick Holly Day and Tree Lighting**

*December 12th in  
Oldwick*

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## **Grocery Delivery & Gift Wrapping**

*On-going until Dec 31st*

# **SEASON OF CONNECTION**



*Connecting Zion congregants, local kids and families in need, the broader community, and the world — with God's grace!*

## Introducing Zion's Season of Connection!



Even with the challenges of 2020, there is so much beauty to be found and so many ways to connect and reflect God's love in the Season of Advent and Christmas. Besides weekly online worship services, Zion has six additional opportunities for connection during the month of December. Please participate in any or all of them!



1. **The Giving Tree** - This year, we are continuing our tradition of the Giving Tree to benefit the children of Family Promise of Hunterdon County. Family Promise families are facing additional challenges this year and could really use some help in providing a little Christmas magic for their children. Zion has adopted 30 children who need presents under the tree. Please sign up using the link emailed from the church office to provide one or more of the gifts the children have asked Santa to bring. Gifts should be placed in a gift bag (rather than wrapped) and **delivered to the Christian Education Building by December 6th**. If you prefer to order a gift online and have it shipped directly to Zion, please have it delivered to 18 Miller Avenue, Oldwick, NJ 08858, and Social Ministry will provide the gift bag. Please send us an email to let us know your gift is on its way so we can be on the lookout for it. Contact Rebecca Melick at 908-229-3744 or rrmelick@gmail.com with any questions.

2. **Advent Parish Night** - This wonderful tradition has to look a little different this year, but will be lots of fun nonetheless! Please plan to come by the CEB between 4 pm and 6 pm on Sunday, December 6th to enjoy the bonfire, roast marshmallows, and pick up your take-home craft supplies! Craft supplies are being donated, so there is no cost to participate.



This year's craft is a pinecone wreath (or centerpiece if you prefer). Just assemble, decorate, and add your personal touches to your masterpiece at home – and then share photos on Zion's Friends and Family Facebook page if you would like. Please RSVP using the link that was emailed from the church office. Scheduled pick-up of craft kits will be at the CEB on Sunday, December 6 between 4PM and 6PM; however, if you need to pick up at an alternate time, we are happy to make other arrangements. Please contact Shellie Evers at 804-678-8993 or shellie.eversafe@gmail.com for more information, to request additional kits, or to arrange contactless delivery to your home.

3. **Oldwick Holly Day and Tree Lighting** - Come join us for a fun day in Oldwick volunteering at the Zion tent or just enjoying the fun. Five houses in town will be specially decorated, crafts and hot chocolate provided, and the Oldwick Christmas tree will be lit. This event will be from 12 pm until 5 pm on Saturday, December 12th. Rain date is Sunday, December 13th. Contact Shellie Evers at 804-678-8993 or shellie.eversafe@gmail.com for more information.

4. **Alternative Giving** - Another unique Zion tradition that is a wonderful way to connect to others - especially those on your list who are impossible to buy for. As usual, there are four charities to choose from, and each donation comes with a hand-made item to give along with a card explaining the work of that charity. Please see the display in the CEB lobby to place your order or use the link emailed from the church office. Contact Linda Held at 908-399-8892 or heldover4@comcast.net for more information.

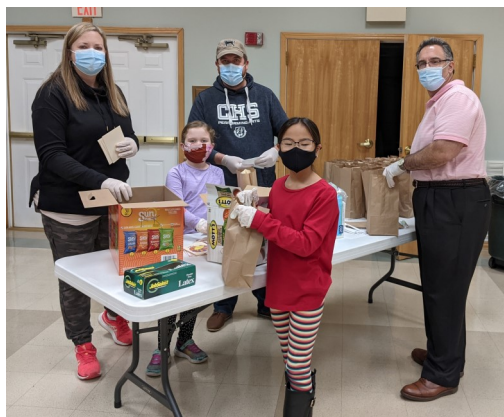
5. **Women of Zion Cookie Exchange** - The WOZ Cookie Exchange will focus on spreading God's grace to others this year. Calling on all Zion bakers to make 2 dozen cookies! We will bake cookies to be shared with the Good News Home staff and Zion's homebound/elderly members. Sign up using the link sent from the church office to bake, assemble boxes, and/or deliver. Cookies should be delivered to the CEB by December 14th. Assembly date is December 16th at the CEB at 9 am. Happy Baking! Any questions, contact Debra Kaufman 703-402-2158 or dkaufman1977@yahoo.com.

6. **Grocery Delivery and Gift-Wrapping Service** - Know someone who doesn't feel comfortable going out, or is unable to get to the store? Know someone who needs help wrapping Christmas gifts? We can help! Contactless delivery and pick up. All free, of course! Contact Shellie Evers at 804-678-8993 or shellie.eversafe@gmail.com for more information.



## Zion's Faith Kitchen Ministry provides Thanksgiving Lunches

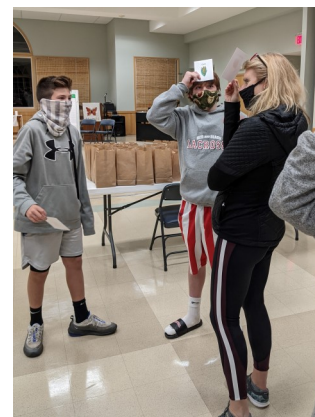
Youth and adult volunteers joined to pack 70 Thanksgiving-themed brown bag lunches this month. The youth gathered to fill the bags with non-perishables and included a note of blessing. The youth and their families also had a good time playing Thanksgiving Bingo, Pictionary and Who Am I. What fun! The adult volunteers gathered the next morning to prepare the sandwiches and deliver the lunches. Thanks to all of the volunteers. A wonderful ministry continues.



Colleen, Olivia and Ken Bryson  
Jade and Lou DiCriscio



Allie and Debbie Beauregard



Chase, JT and Rachel Wieder



Debra Kaufman



Linda Lovas, Wendy Minerowicz  
and John McAleer



John Ruland and John Minerowicz

## Wednesdays Away at Cross Roads

All are invited to Wednesdays Away, a time of spiritual renewal one Wednesday a month. The gatherings are virtual this year, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Zoom.

This time together includes prayer and conversation, led by a spiritual director and focusing on a different spiritual practice or theme each month. The cost is \$10 per gathering. These monthly retreats are open to all people interested in exploring new faith practices. On December 2, the program will be "The Coming of Christ", led by Laurie Matarazzo — We are accustomed to the "wait" of Advent, anticipating God's incarnation in Jesus. Are we as ready to make welcome those in whom Christ comes today?

Attend one session or attend all — and be sure to invite friends to join you. Please visit the website at [www.crossroadsretreat.com](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com) to register. The Zoom link will be sent out the Tuesday before the gathering. Please register by noon on the previous Tuesday to ensure you receive all materials and the link.

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## Military Recognition Update

The 2020 Military Recognition was held between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day this year and recognized 14 active duty service members and 10 veterans on social media, in the church bulletin and newsletter, by email, and at the November 8 worship service.

With the support of a grant from Thrivent, twenty generous Zion congregants donated their time and/or items to create 13 care packages. By 11/12, all 13 boxes should have reached their destinations in Hawaii, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, New Mexico, and Virginia. Before going in the mail, the boxes were blessed by Pastor Kat on Sunday, 11/8. Packages, valued at over \$100 each, consisted of the following:

- A \$25 gift card to Amazon, Target, Walgreens, or Walmart
- A Thrivent "Live Generously" t-shirt
- An insulated water bottle
- A Zion reusable shopping bag
- Up to 18 food/snack/candy items
- At least 4 toiletry items (i.e., towel, washcloth, toothbrush, vitamins, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, soap, shaving cream, razor, etc.)
- At least 4 medical/comfort items (i.e., allergy medicine, pain reliever, socks, Vick's, digital thermometer, first aid kit, etc.)
- At least 2 comfort or misc. items (i.e., blanket, hand warmers, work gloves, a game, puzzle, blank thank you cards, or pack of batteries)
- Two personalized note cards

People were so generous, in fact, that all the donations wouldn't fit in the boxes, so the leftover items were donated to the Social Ministry sock collection, the Outreach Connection in Califon, and the foodbank.

Thanks so much for helping us to Live Generously!



## Knock-Knock Give a Sock

Thank you to everyone who has donated socks! We have collected many pairs of socks for the homeless. The collection is running through the month of December so you still have time to come to the CEB and drop off socks. PLEASE remember NO men's dress socks. These socks are going to people who are currently living on the streets and with winter coming they are in desperate need of warm thick socks. Thank You!



## Confirmation Sunday 2020

On October 25th, graduates of the 2020 Confirmation Class made their Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:30 a.m. outdoor worship service. Confirmation was scheduled to take place in June but was postponed due to COVID-19. This year's confirmands are Maddie Beauregard, Kailey Bredeson, Jodi Lanka, Mara Livingston, and JT Wieder.



# Stewardship Review



## Third Quarter General Fund Giving - 2020

Our 2020 Spending Plan was based on a projected income of \$427,300 from members. This was comprised of:

- Pledges from 52 families of \$281,500
- An estimate from 71 non-pledging families of \$117,500
- An estimate from Plate and special services of \$28,800.

We received pre pledges of \$63,000 in December. By the third quarter, 9 families met their total 2020 pledge. For the third quarter, we have received a total of \$328,200 or 79% of our year end estimate. This income comes from:

- 54 pledging families giving \$225,700
- Non-pledging families giving \$58,500
- Plate and other income of \$44,000

If we include the Operating Reserve from the end of 2019 (\$39,900), the total available for General Fund expenses reaches \$368,100. This equates to 86.1% of the projected income.

On the plus side, 25 families have met or are ahead of pledge by \$26,600. On the flip side, 19 pledging families are below their year to date pledge by \$24,400. Note: 16 of the 71 families who did not pledge, but were expected to contribute to support our ministries, have not contributed in 2020.

## God's Work, Our Response

Fall is the time for our Stewardship emphasis. We have chosen the theme "God's Work, Our Response." This year it will be very important to hear from each of you. We want Zion's ministries to continue strongly and we need to know that our members will support them financially. We have received 40 pledges totaling \$183,000. Six are new pledges and 34 families continue to pledge. For those continuing to pledge there is a 3.9% increase in giving. Thank you.

For ministry planning we have to estimate giving for families that have not pledged and for Plate and Special Services. This planning number is:

Pledging Families	\$183,000
Non-pledging Families	\$163,400
Plate/Special	\$ 19,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$365,500</b>

This estimate is down \$62 K from the 2020 estimate used for our current budget. We have not heard from the majority of our members (83 families). As we plan for the future, we would like to hear Your Response from every family. Please fill out your pledge card this month and do not leave it to the leadership to have to guess what your support may be. 15% of those "guesses" have not materialized this year. Also prayerfully consider if you can do more due to some families moving away or choosing to give less.

Thank you for your consideration and for your support of Zion's ministries.

*Stewardship committee*

## Farewell to Pastor May

On November 1st, Zion celebrated the retirement of Pastor Jeff May and bid farewell to the May family. A reception organized by Sandy Matsen was held at the CEB between services with refreshments and well-wishes. Jeff, Karla and Melissa are missed already!



Dear Zion Family-

After 27 years in Whitehouse Station, we are moving on November 23rd to Long Beach Island. Hopefully LBI is ready for two humans, 3 dogs, 3 cats and some fish! Years ago ... when we were "church shopping," we were dinner guests at the home of Ron & Joanne Rupp with two other couples. During dinner, Ron said, "We love Zion ... most of our best friends are from Zion." Boy, was Ron right! We will undoubtedly miss the rural beauty of Hunterdon County, our wonderful neighbors ... but top on the "Miss List" is the beautiful Zion Lutheran Church Family! Wishing you all the best ... stay in touch ... be well and stay safe!

Sending virtual hugs for now,  
Zaida and Bob Durham

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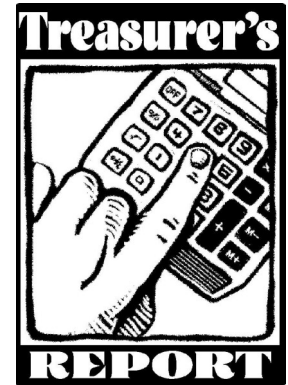
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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY - YTD 2020

GENERAL FUND	INCOME	EXPENSE	DIFFERENCE
January	\$34,281.28	\$29,374.56	\$4,906.72
February *	\$35,792.05	\$31,658.08	\$4,133.97
March	\$25,760.26	\$30,965.46	-\$5,205.20
April	\$32,263.96	\$27,259.26	\$5,004.70
May	\$27,194.61	\$30,039.33	-\$2,844.72
June	\$23,131.66	\$23,059.62	\$72.04
July	\$34,455.29	\$34,271.67	\$183.62
August	\$31,289.53	\$29,853.14	\$1,436.39
September	\$27,370.15	\$30,509.56	-\$3,139.41
October	\$24,742.51	\$27,446.74	-\$2,704.23
November			\$0.00
December			\$0.00
<b>Year To Date Total</b>	<b>\$296,281.30</b>	<b>\$294,437.42</b>	<b>\$1,843.88</b>

*\*corrected expense-agreement with QuickBooks*



TD BANK FUNDS	BALANCE	
Checking Account PPP \$37,065.00	\$57,709.97	11/3/2020 Bank Statement
Money Market Plus	\$152,831.24	10/31/2020 Bank Statement
<b>Cash On Hand</b>	<b>\$210,541.21</b>	

Directed Funds	\$123,886.53	10/31/2020
Operating Funds	\$86,654.68	10/31/2020
<b>Cash On Hand</b>	<b>\$210,541.21</b>	

ENDOWMENT FUNDS	BALANCE	
CFNJ	\$475,742.22	(6/30/20)
THRIVENT	\$332,898.48	(9/30/2020)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$808,640.70</b>	

### ENDOWMENT MISSION OUTREACH 2020 \$9.66

#### Available Funds for 2020 \$22,766.00

Faith Kitchen	-\$1,000.00 Disbursed 5/27/20
Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center	-\$2,500.00 Disbursed 6/24/2020
New Jersey Synod Compensation Aid Fund	-\$1,500.00 Disbursed 9/16/2020
2019 God's Work Our Hands	-\$243.86 Finance Comm. transfer 9/30
Feed My Starving Children	-\$5,000.00 Internal transfer 10/18/20
Good News Home for Women	-\$1,000.00 Disbursed 10/27/20
ELCA Fund for Leaders	-\$1,000.00 Disbursed 10/27/20

#### 2020 Endowment Funds Remaining \$10,531.80



12/02	Carol Anne Bredeson	12/17	Sarah Jennison	12/12/1987	Mark & Linda Peters
12/02	Zaida Durham	12/17	Camrynn Keister	12/12/1988	Tom & Linda Held
12/02	Dawn Smith	12/17	Bonnie Stanski	12/21/1997	Tim & Elaine Apgar
12/04	Daniel Melick	12/18	Dan Matyola	12/27/1964	George & Norma Melick
12/04	Carolyn Schroeder	12/20	Kaitlyn Berenty	12/30/1989	Mark & Jenny Heeman
12/04	Lori Wheeler	12/20	Colin Brokaw		
12/06	Greg Cooper	12/20	Jade DiCriscio		
12/09	Catherine Bryan	12/25	Bill Wallace		
12/09	Rich Hanft	12/26	Linda Herder		
12/12	Ken Holman	12/28	Andi Delia		
12/13	Lisa Van Doren	12/28	Jackie Snyder		
		12/31	Olivia Piegari		

***This past month, we have been praying for the following members:***

- + Linda Herder, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- + Donna Hunter, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- + The Lamo family, who are mourning the loss of Robbin's brother-in-law, Jeff Berking.
- + The family of Jean Rinehart, who are mourning Jean's passing.
- + The Stanski family, who are mourning the loss of Bonnie's mother, Barbara Lewis.
- + Bonnie Summer, who is undergoing rehabilitation at home.
- + Ted Talis, who is undergoing rehabilitation at home.
- + The Wieder family, who are mourning the loss of Jay's father, Don Wieder.



***Members have requested prayers for the following family and friends:***

- + Leo Cruise, friend of cousin of Marjorie Mitchell (friend of Zion), who was hospitalized with a brain bleed.
- + Bill Gibbs, relative of the Formalarie family, who has ALS.
- + Rita Gorky, mother of Paul Gorky, who is recovering at home from a stroke and remains unable to communicate.
- + Sally Kohl, mother of Stacey Roethermel, who is struggling with Parkinson's Disease.
- + Greg Minerowicz, son of John and Wendy, who is recovering from a stroke.
- + Martin Simon, friend of the Kunkel and Wintemute families, who had a stroke and is recovering at home with ongoing issues.
- + Mary Ann Wilmoth, relative of Judy Formalarie, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma.

***Members, friends, and relatives serving in the military:***

Lindsay Carrick, Christopher Grinnell, Robert Heinke, Heidi Kunkel, Erik Lindquist, Hunter MacKenzie, David Marvel, Cody McAleer, Gilbert Mercedes, Patty Oelschlager, Kurt Rossi, Elizabeth Snyder, Daniel Wort, Joshua Wort