



Good News from Zion

Connecting People with God's Grace

November 2021

A Message from Pastor Kat

A Month of Endings

In a strange way, the month of November is all about endings. But maybe this is not so strange, since, during this month, we mark the end of the liturgical year – Christ the King Sunday.

We start out the month by celebrating All Saints Day and making space to remember those whom we know and love whose earthly lives have ended. Then, we hear Jesus foretell the ending of an era for his people – what once seemed indestructible: the mighty Temple, God's House, a central place of worship, will be "thrown down" and destroyed. Finally, we mark Christ the King Sunday, the end of the liturgical year, by hearing a story from the end of Jesus' life in which the Roman official, Pilate, asks him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" This is just one question in an unfair trial that will result in Jesus' crucifixion.

All this ending – of lifetimes and eras – harmonizes well with the autumn season in which many plants die or shed their greenery in preparation for the end of the growing season and the beginning of winter. But, for some of you, the readings from this month may strike an uncomfortable chord of somberness and finality in a month in which many of us look forward to the beginning of the holiday season: a time of celebrating with family and counting our many blessings.

Preparations for New Beginnings

Still, every ending prepares us for a new beginning. This is the important work that we take on during this month. Even as the season of Advent begins and anticipation builds for the miraculous moment of Christ's birth, we hear yet another story at the very end of the month in which Jesus foretells a time when God's people will "faint with fear" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." All this chaos and ending is a sign for God's people to be alert for the coming of the Son of Man – a new beginning.

As we march together through these scriptural endings, you, the people of Zion are marking an ending for this church: an ending of interim ministry, of in-between time, of discernment and waiting. Now, together as congregation and pastor, we prepare for a new era at Zion with new hopes and ideas for future ministry.

May you take time and give space to the endings that are happening in your life at this time, so you too can be prepared for the new beginnings and opportunities that await just around the bend.

In Christ,
Pastor Kat

Thank you from Al Forster

Al Forster would like to thank everyone who has supported him and his family through their grieving process — those who cooked meals, sent cards, attended the memorial service, and donated to the Memorial Garden in Marilyn's memory. You all are very much appreciated.



Congregation Council Highlights



The Council met via Zoom conference call on October 21st. Below are the highlights of that meeting.

- The Treasurer's Report shows that Zion's finances are in good shape. Please see page 11 for an update.
- Pastor Kat shared that she is excited and honored to be called to serve as Zion's 31st pastor.
 - * Pastor Kat presided over the memorial service for Marilyn Forster on October 9th.
 - * Pastor Kat has been co-teaching Confirmation classes with Jeff Livingston and participating in the Sunday School Opening for PreK-6th graders.
 - * Pastor Kat attended the Synod's Northwest Mission Cluster meeting and enjoyed the fellowship with colleagues.
- There have been a few issues with the Sunday morning worship livestream, which are being addressed.
- 3rd & 4th graders received their bibles on October 17th and are now participating in a special 3-week Bible Class culminating in leadership of the Second Sunday Single Service on November 14th.
- The Sunday School marketing campaign yielded one new 7th grade student from the community who has joined the Confirmation Class.
- An email campaign promoting resources for Youth Wellness has begun and will continue.
- New benches have been delivered for the Memorial Garden.
- The Parish Life committee is sponsoring several upcoming events — Halloween Hospitality on October 31st, the Women of Zion Thanksgiving Dinner on November 10th, and the Women of Zion Cookie Exchange on December 14th.
- Pastor Kat presented the Council with several opportunities for Zion to work on innovating ministries and building leadership. The Council will review the ideas and discuss at the November meeting.
- The Service of Installation for Pastor Kat is yet to be scheduled.
- The Council received a letter of resignation from Bell Choir director Karen Jennison, who thanked the Council for their support over the years.
- The annual Special Meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of previewing the coming year's budget and electing Council members will be held on December 12th at 11 a.m., immediately following Second Sunday Single Service.
- The Council continues to review Zion's policy for wearing face coverings while gathering indoors. The Worship & Music committee will stay abreast of New Jersey mandates for schools to inform their discussions.
- In a closed session of Council following the regular meeting, the proposed compensation package for Pastor Kat was unanimously approved.
- Thank you to:
 - * Karen Jennison, for her many years serving as Zion's Bell Choir director.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council is scheduled for Thursday, November 18th. 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.

Thank you to Zion's Call Committee

Every member of Zion extends a huge thank-you to the members of Zion's Pastoral Call committee. Led by Mike Jennison, the committee of Carol Anne Bredeson, Colleen Bryson, Rebecca Melick, Todd Rothermel, and Rick Schroeder spent over a year in consultation with the Bishop's office of the New Jersey Synod interviewing, evaluating, and prayerfully considering whether candidates that were put forward would be the right person to be called by our congregation to serve as Zion's 31st pastor. Their dedication to the task was nothing short of amazing and we are grateful for their service.



On October 10, 2021, their work culminated in our congregation voting overwhelmingly to call Pastor Katherine I. Steinly to lead Zion forward as we begin to write the next chapter in our long history. This outcome was only possible because of the devotion to the task that each of the Call Committee members committed themselves. So, thank you from each and every one of us!

Youth and Family Ministry at Zion by Rhonda Rossi



3rd & 4th Grade Bible Presentation

On Sunday, October 17th, students from the 3rd/4th grade Sunday school class received a Student Bible during the 8:30 AM worship service. The class will be participating in 3 weeks of lessons on the Bible taught by Tiffany Shin. On Sunday, November 14th the group will be participating in the leadership of Second Sunday Single Service.



Confirmation Sunday — October 31st at 8:30 a.m.

Please join us at the 8:30 AM service on October 31st to celebrate Confirmation with six of Zion's youth and their families. Following the service, we will gather at the CEB for the Intergenerational Reformation Celebration where we will have refreshments in honor of the Confirmands and celebrate Reformation Day.



The Confirmands were presented to the congregation on October 10th. Those being confirmed this year are: Kaitlyn Berenty, Robert Bryan, Aaron Melick, Kevin Pepe, Lily Rogers, and Reina Schumann.



High School Connect

This is a new group that seeks to engage the faith of high school aged youth (grades 9-12). We meet on Sundays at 9:45 AM in the old library on the 3rd floor of the CEB. Currently, we are learning about Spiritual Gifts and how we can use them going forward in our faith life.

Special Event for Zion's Youth – Sunday, November 7th

During the Christian Education hour on November 7th, we will welcome special guest Alison Levine from One Voice of Hunterdon County. Alison will meet with the 5th – 12th grade students to educate us about the One Voice organization and present the Blessing Bags service project for the Hope One van. During this time together, Zion's youth will discuss and make plans to put the bags together. This will be a great service event that will tie into this year's Stewardship theme of "Community."



Stony Hill Corn Maze and the Haunted Red Mill

On Sunday, October 10th, a group of fifteen (7 youth and 8 adults) tried their luck with the Corn Maze at Stony Hill Farm in Chester. Our time at the farm also included the youth participating in tricycle races! We ended our time together by having a pizza lunch at New York Pizza in Chester.

On Friday, October 22nd, six high school youth tested their bravery at the Haunted Red Mill in Clinton. Everyone made it through unscathed, and we ended our evening by enjoying frozen yogurt at Just Chill. Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship at both events!



CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Work at Cross Roads in 2022

Make a difference next summer at Cross Roads. The Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center staff is a vibrant, close-knit community that intentionally creates a nurturing place and time apart. Join us for a life-changing summer experience in 2022! Apply online at www.crossroadsretreat.com/employment.



All are invited to Zion's Intergenerational Reformation Celebration

Date: Sunday, October 31st

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Location: CEB Great Room

This is an event for the entire congregation!

We will congratulate this year's Confirmands, and enjoy games, crafts, food, and fun.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

GAMES • CRAFTS • FOOD • FUN

NEW JERSEY SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT

EXTREME FAITH!

SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 2021

10 AM - 4 PM

ABIDING PRESENCE, EWING

DO YOU **EXTREMELY** NEED A DAY OF RETREAT?

ARE YOU SEEKING **EXTREME** ANSWERS FROM GOD?

ARE YOU READY FOR AN **EXTREMELY** FUN TIME?

Join us for the 2021 NJ Synod Youth Retreat! All Middle School and High School Youth (Grades 6-12) and their adult leaders are invited to a day of faith, fellowship, and fun with other congregations around the state. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch, snacks, and all programming (inquire about scholarships).



Registration opens on Oct. 11

WWW.NJSYNOD.ORG/YOUTH

CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER



WEDNESDAYS AWAY 2021 - 2022

Join us for Wednesdays Away, a time of retreat and spiritual renewal one Wednesday a month. This upcoming year we are excited to welcome you back to Cross Roads for these retreats, from 10 am - 3 pm. The cost for each retreat is \$50 and includes lunch. A virtual option for participation will also be available. Register on our website.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: A PICNIC FOR THE WEDNESDAYS AWAY COMMUNITY

Wednesday, September 8, 11 am - 2 pm

Participants and leaders who attended the 2020-2021 Wednesdays Away retreats are invited to a celebratory picnic at Cross Roads. The cost for this event is \$15. RSVP on our website.

WEDNESDAYS AWAY DATES & THEMES

2021

Autumn Blessings with Wendy Abrahamson	Oct. 6
What My Grandmothers Taught Me with Dale Selover	Nov. 3
"Always we begin again" with Laurie Matarazzo	Dec. 1

2022

Para + dox with Josh Kelly	Feb. 2
Ash Wednesday: Stations of the Cross with Dale Selover	March 2
Nourished with Kayla Hopgood	April 6
Resurrected Wounds with Kayla Hopgood	May 4
Kindling the Fire with Laurie Matarazzo	June 1

WWW.CROSSROADSRETREAT.COM/WEDNESDAYS-AWAY

Faith Kitchen News by Debra Kaufman

Faith Kitchen — October! Companionship was the theme this month — a devotion about the NJ state bird, the goldfinch's love of companionship, and we lifted up our fellow volunteers - prayers for John McAleer for healing from his eye surgery, blessings for Todd and Stacey Roethermel on the birth of their grandson, Ezra, and 100th birthday wishes for Barb Surhoff's mom!



We made a nutritious meal of pasta salad packed with protein - turkey, ham, cheese and veggies.

The volunteers chopped and chopped yet again - they are getting pretty good at it! And they filled brown bags with fruit, chips, sweet treat and granola bars.

Thank you, Zion congregation, for supporting this ministry — connecting people with God's grace. We'll be making a Thanksgiving themed meal on Thursday, November 4th at 8:45 AM at the CEB - join us!



Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family

The Social Ministry committee will once again be sponsoring the "Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family, Provide a Meal" initiative. This year, Zion is partnering with the Harvest Family Success Center in Flemington (HFSC) whose mission is to "strengthen and empower individuals and families in Hunterdon County through family-centered activities, workshops, and individualized assistance to help everyone we serve reach their full potential."



The staff at HFSC have advised us that the people who have been hardest hit by difficulties with the COVID-19 pandemic are Hunterdon County's Latino community, and HFSC would be grateful if we could provide items for meals that meet the needs of this underserved population. Social Ministry has agreed to meet this challenge and hope that you will help to provide meals for the 50 - 70 families that HFSC is currently assisting.

Now for the fun part! While Latinos celebrate Thanksgiving, most do not prepare the traditional feast of Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and all the trimmings. Zion will be providing ingredients for a traditional Latino Thanksgiving meal like *Panochon* (Turkey) or *Pernil* (Roast Pork), *Arroz con Habichuelas* (rice and beans), *Pure de Plantanos Maduro* (mashed plantains) and *Arroz Con Leche* (rice pudding) for dessert. The simple ingredients for these recipes are easy to find in most grocery stores in the international aisle.

A sign-up genius will be out shortly with the details for shopping for a complete meal for a family or donating the cost of the meal and we will do the shopping for you! Our goal is to provide at least 50 meals and hope you will help.

Social Ministry will (un)shamefully borrow one of the Temple Talk "prescriptions" from the Stewardship Committee's patient suffering from "Ministry Blindness." Jesus said, "When I needed a neighbor, were you there? I was hungry and thirsty; I was cold, I was naked, Were you there?" We are there through lives of discipleship and by giving to our neighbors. We hope that the Zion community will embrace our neighbors in need with your response to this initiative at a time when we have much for which to be thankful.

For more information about the Harvest Family Success Center, please visit www.harvestfsc.com. Any questions? Please contact Helen Livingston at hlivingston1008@gmail.com.

News from the Social Ministry Committee



Blood Drive

Zion is hosting another blood drive on December 9th at the CEB. Please watch your email for the sign-up link.



Giving Tree

This year Zion will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for the children of Family Promise. Stay tuned for details and an online sign up that will be available in early November. Last year's generous donors provided enough gifts for 30 children to receive three gifts each.

Alternative Giving

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Time to start thinking about all those hard to shop for people on your Christmas list. How many times do they tell you "I don't need anything for Christmas.?" This year why not donate to a charity they might find meaningful. Alternative Giving is a way you can "gift" a friend or loved one and also do some good in the world. With each donation, you will get a card with the organizations information and small ornament/gift that represents the charity, which you can give to that special person on your list. Here are the four charities for 2021:



\$5 – Canines for Disabled Kids

Their mission statement: "Increasing independence for children with disabilities and their families by promoting service dog partnerships, understanding and awareness throughout the community." For more information, please visit caninesforkids.org.

\$10– The Outreach Connection

The Outreach Connection distributes food and supplies to those in need. They supply essential living items, such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and household basics. Outreach Connection also provides mentorship, connections to other resources, and classes to acquire personal and professional skills. For more information, please visit theoutreachconnection.org.



\$15- Trinity Place Shelter

Trinity Place's mission is "To help homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ) youth and young adults in New York City to safely transition out of the shelter system and grow into independent, positive, and productive adults." New York City has the second highest number of homeless youth of any major city. It is estimated that 40% of homeless youths identify as LGBTQ. There are only 250 -350 beds that are specifically for LGBTQ. These youths often experience abuse and trauma in other shelters and on the street. Trinity Shelter provides safe place to sleep, shower, and eat. They also provide counseling and support services. For more information, please visit trinityplaceshelter.org.

\$20- ELCA Good Gifts – Hygiene Kits

Hand washing is an important way to stay healthy and control the spread of disease, including COVID-19. In many communities, soap, bleach, and even water are scarce. Hygiene kits provide sanitation supplies and education for household, schools, and other public places. Washing hands is a simple yet very powerful way to protect vulnerable people. For more information on ELCA Good Gifts, please visit goodgifts.elca.org.



An Offer from Tom & Sonja Fesenmaier

Tom & Sonja Fesenmaier have hardwood split at their home and would like to offer 1/4 cord of wood to any Zion member who would like one. Pick-up is at their home in Tewksbury. If you would like, you can make a donation to the church in exchange for the firewood. Please send an email to Tom at tomfez@gmail.com or call 908-236-7197 to make arrangements.

Lunch Bunch — November 11th

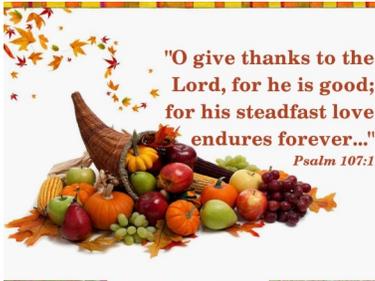
Please join Pastor Kat at Bensi Ristorante of Whitehouse Station on Thursday, November 11th at 12 p.m. RSVP to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, November 9th.



Women of Zion Upcoming Events

The Women of Zion are providing two annual traditions in November and December. All are welcome!

Women
of
ZION



Thanksgiving Dinner Gathering

Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the CEB

All Women of Zion are invited to attend. Pastor Kat will lead us in a Thanksgiving devotion and the Zion Prayer Partner program will be recognized. We will practice safe serving of all food with servers masked and wearing gloves. The tables will be set up with 4 guests per table and spread throughout the Great Room. Please see the sign-up link that was emailed from the Parish Office to RSVP and to contribute to the meal for this wonderful event of thanksgiving.



Christmas
COOKIE
exchange

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the CEB (please note the change in date)

Our annual time of cookie-making and exchanging! We will gather to enjoy the sweets of the season and prepare cookie boxes to share with our homebound members. Please plan on joining this special time of fellowship during the Season of Advent. Please watch your email for the sign-up link.

Season of Connection

Zion's Season of Connection is back! Please save the dates as follows and watch for more information on each of these opportunities. The Giving Tree: November 14-28, Alternative Giving: November 14-December 5, Advent Parish Night: December 5, Blood Drive, December 9, Oldwick Holly Days: TBD, Women of Zion Cookie Exchange: December 14.



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

1 The
Giving Tree

November 14-28

2 Alternative
Giving

November 14-
December 5

3 Advent
Parish Night

December 5

4 Blood Drive

December 9

5 Oldwick Holly Days
& Tree Lighting

Date TBD in Oldwick

6 Women of Zion
Cookie Exchange

December 14

2021 Military Recognition

Zion is proud and appreciative of its long history of military service, our current members who are veterans, and those friends and family who are currently serving. Join us in honoring our military this month as we recognize Veterans Day on November 11th.



ZION MEMBERS, FRIENDS, and RELATIVES WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING

Name	Branch and Rank	Where Serving	Affiliation with Zion
Daemon Durham	U.S. Army Reserve E3 Private First Class	Blackwood, New Jersey	Nephew of Bob Durham
Christopher Grinnell	U.S. Navy ITS2	USS Tucson submarine Hawaii	Nephew of Judy Formalarie
Robert Heinke	U.S. Navy FCA3	Norfolk, Virginia	Brother-in-law of Meghan Stanski
Erik Lindquist	U.S. Army 36, 25B, IT Tech	Fort Belvoir, Virginia	Nephew of Debra Kaufman
Hunter MacKenzie	U.S. Coast Guard 35, Petty Officer 2 nd Class	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Son of Shellie Evers & Stepson of Eric Evers
David Maravel	U.S. Army Sergeant	Fort Campbell, Kentucky	Friend of Judy Formalarie
Gilbert Mercedes	U.S. Army Staff Sergeant	El Paso, Texas	Son of Cynthia Keller
Patricia Oelschlager	U.S. Army Major	Fort Bragg, North Carolina	Niece of Judy Formalarie
Kurt Rossi	U.S. Army Captain	Roswell, New Mexico	Nephew of Lynn Fuller
Elizabeth Snyder	U.S. Air Force Second Lieutenant	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Cousin of Leah Wintemute

ZION MEMBERS WHO ARE VETERANS

Name	Branch	Rank	Where Served	Dates Served
Einar Bredeson	U.S. Army	First Lieutenant Rifle Platoon Leader Airborne Ranger	Fort Benning, GA; Baumholder, Germany; Bosnia Herzegovina	1992-1996
P.J. Ehmann	U.S. Army	SP-4	Germany	1960-1962
Tom Fesenmaier	U.S. Army	SP-4	Tank at Fort Hood Killeen, Texas	1966-68
Fred Herder, Jr.	U.S. Army	Sergeant E-5 Rifle Platoon Leader	South Carolina; Vietnam; Kentucky	Sept. 1966- May 1969
Ted Jermansen	U.S. Army U.S. Army Reserve	Staff Sergeant E-6	Fort Dix, NJ 304 Chemical Company New York, NY	Sept. 1962- March 1963 March 1963- Sept. 1968
Bill Kover	U.S. Air Force	Airman First Class	26th Weather Squadron, Detachment 34 Dyess Air Force Base Abilene, Texas	1966-1967
Dan Matyola	U.S. Marine Corps	Captain Naval Flight Officer F-4 and A-6 Aircraft	Vietnam; Japan; North Carolina	1963-1968
John McAleer	NJ Army National Guard	Sergeant Tank Commander	50th Armored Division, 5R/117th Cavalry	1965-1971
John Ruland	U.S. Navy	Lieutenant	Newport, RI and 7-month tour in Vietnam	1965-1967
David Wintemute	U.S. Air Force	Major Aircraft Commander C-141	McGuire AFB, Wrightstown, NJ	1971-1991 <i>(combined active duty & reserve service)</i>
Dennis Wuest	U.S. Marine Corps	Corporal	US Embassies in Tripoli, Libya, and Romania	2013-2016

Endowment Fund News

Our final Endowment Sunday for 2021 is on All Saint's Sunday, November 7th.

The Endowment Committee would like to thank all who donated on Mother's Day, Father's Day, and throughout the year.

Would you please consider mailing a check to the Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund or dropping a check in the plate when you visit Zion to commemorate All Saint's Sunday or to celebrate a significant milestone in your family's church life such as a baptism, confirmation, or wedding?

Always keep in mind that the Endowment Fund only grows with contributions from members and friends of Zion. Those who share the vision of not only a living memorial for loved ones, but also recognize that upon maturity, the fund will provide significant monetary grants for many new mission-oriented programs ... forever.

There was \$23,500 from the Endowment Fund earnings available for new ministry opportunities in 2021. This is determined by taking 3% of a 3-year average of the fund. The Church Council is open to suggestions on ways to use the funds to support our ministries. To date, the Church Council has voted to send \$1,000 to Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center to support camper scholarships, \$2,000 to the NJ Synod Jehu Jones Bishop's Challenge, \$1,500 to the NJ Synod Compensation Aid Fund, \$1,000 to support new equipment for livestreaming our worship services, \$1,800 for God's Work Our Hands/The Good News Home for Women, \$1,000 to support our Sunday School outreach marketing program, and up to \$10,000 in matching funds for Zion's donations to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Please contact any member of the Endowment Committee (Mike Donnelly, Ted Jermansen and Rick Schroeder) if you have any questions. Thank you!



Stewardship Corner

Third Quarter Review

Our Stewardship theme this year is Community. Let us be mindful of the opportunities within our Zion family to reconnect with each other. One way we have seen our members respond is in the giving response. With only virtual worship through February, 67 families had contributed to our General Fund. Things took an upward turn when in church worship resumed on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Families giving in the first quarter reached 76. Through June, the number of families contributing has grown to 95. At the end of the third quarter, the number has grown to 108 families.

General Fund Giving

By the end of the third quarter, expected giving from the 51 pledging families was projected to be \$201,700. Actual giving is 10% higher than this at \$221,600. 21 families have given above their expected level including 12 families who have met their total pledge for the year. We are blest and we thank all these families.

We expected income from non-pledging families and special services to be \$76,100 at this point in the year. Actual giving from 60 families is \$64,600 or 85% of the projection. This brings total support of our Operating Expenses to \$286,200 or 3% ahead of the projection.

Total Ministries

In addition to supporting our budget plan, our members have contributed to additional areas outside our walls. Here is a snapshot of where we are in responding to our call to do God's work.

General Fund	\$286,200
Endowment/Endowment Outreach	\$ 30,100
Other	\$ 19,200
Total	\$335,500

A partial list of areas supported by the "Other" category include God's Work Our Hands, Family Promise, Feed My Starving Children, Crossroads Camp Scholarships (i.e. Tag Sale), Memorials and Flowers. In October we began collecting for the ELCA Disaster Response. This response is not included in the 3rd quarter numbers.

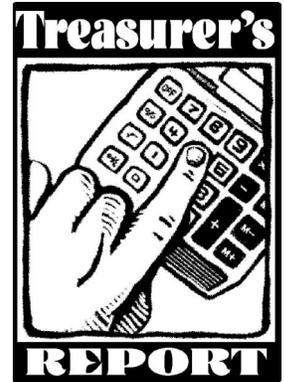
God's Work in Our Community

Thank you for your ongoing support of Zion's ministries. Please continue your Stewardship efforts by giving of your Time and your Talents as well as your financial support. We are at the time of year where we express our level of support for the upcoming year. We would like to hear from every member of our Zion Community. God has provided abundantly to us. Let us show that we are thankful in our response. Please be part of the family and turn in your pledge card.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - YTD 2021

GENERAL FUND	INCOME	EXPENSE	DIFFERENCE
January	\$25,231.84	-\$21,764.39	\$3,467.45
February	\$26,011.61	-\$24,121.36	\$1,890.25
March	\$30,767.25	-\$35,025.96	-\$4,258.71
April	\$39,973.28	-\$29,769.52	\$10,203.76
May	\$32,397.55	-\$26,551.59	\$5,845.96
June	\$27,953.28	-\$22,500.80	\$5,452.48
July	\$28,398.55	-\$27,824.51	\$574.04
August	\$30,624.35	-\$29,315.87	\$1,308.48
September	\$25,015.03	-\$27,184.77	-\$2,169.74
Year To Date Total	\$266,372.74	-\$244,058.77	\$22,313.97



TD BANK FUNDS	BALANCE	
Checking Account	\$67,242.15	10/3/2021 Bank Statement
Money Market Plus	\$198,056.82	9/30/2021 Bank Statement
Cash On Hand	\$265,298.97	
Directed Funds	\$119,850.57	9/30/2021
Operating Funds	\$145,448.40	9/30/2021
Cash On Hand	\$265,298.97	

ENDOWMENT FUNDS	BALANCE	
CFNJ	\$550,740.50	(9/30/21)
THRIVENT	\$379,110.69	(9/30/21)
TOTAL	\$929,851.19	



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ENDOWMENT MISSION OUTREACH		
Available Funds for 2021	\$23,500.00	
ELCA Compensation Aid Fund	-\$1,500.00	2/28/2021
Equipment for Livestreaming Worship	-\$826.96	\$1,000 approved/completed
Cross Roads Camp - May 2021 Challenge	-\$1,000.00	5/27/2021
NJ Synod Jehu Jones Bishop's Challenge	-\$2,000.00	6/30/2021
Sunday School Outreach Marketing	-\$182.22	8/19/2021 \$1,000 approved/in progress
GWOH Good News Home	-\$1,799.00	
Lutheran Disaster Response Matching Funds	-\$10,000.00	Approved/not spent
2021 Endowment Funds Remaining	\$6,191.82	

A Little Giggle from the Shepherding Committee — THE KINDERGARTENER

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was. The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!" "But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like." Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

