



Good News from Zion

Connecting People with God's Grace

November 2022

A Message from Pastor Kat

Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new church year is just around the corner! While the calendar year may end with December 31st, the church year ends with a festival known as Christ the King, which, in 2022, falls on Sunday, November 20th.

On this day, we celebrate how Jesus models for us a different kind of kingship than we might expect. We may expect a king to exercise strength to gain power, but Jesus is a king who humbles himself to lift up those who are weak and overlooked.

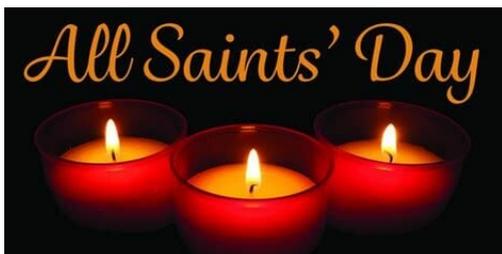
This year, we hear the story of Jesus being mocked as “King of the Jews” while hanging on the cross. Jesus is the kind of king who chooses to forgive those who hurt him. Jesus is the kind of king to invite a criminal into paradise. Jesus is the kind of king who sacrifices everything, even his life, for the sake of the people he loves.

Welcome into the Kingdom

We give thanks for the new life that we are promised by Jesus, and, in turn, we promise to share that new life with others. We promise to invite others to join us in the work of creating a world that is like God first imagined.

With great pleasure, I share with you that **we will be welcoming new members into the Zion family** on Sunday, November 20th. As we celebrate Jesus, a different kind of king, we will also celebrate the growth of our church, a different kind of a community – a community where all are welcomed, accepted, and invited to join in mission.

In Christ,
Pastor Kat



All Saints Day

Sunday, November 6th

Join us for worship on All Saints Day, November 6th, when we will honor those we have lost in the last year. Prayers will be offered and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.

The names of those we have lost will be lifted in prayer. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to have the name of your loved one added.

Church Council Highlights

The October meeting of the Church Council was postponed until after the newsletter press date. October and November minutes will appear in the December issue.



Sunday School at Zion

On October 9th, gathered as one family, with all ages learning together, Zion's Sunday School children discovered that a steward is someone who cares for something that doesn't belong to them - just like we care for the gifts God gives to us!

This lesson was illustrated by planting, "Stewart," who will need some tending to grow - just like our faith and our ministry together at Zion! Volunteers, students, and parents learned more about each other's gifts and how to share them with the world. Students also created cards for the military care packages that will be blessed during morning worship on November 6th and mailed in time for Veteran's Day.



Celebrate Zion's History — November 6th All-School Event

Who is Aree von Guinea?

On All Saints Day, November 6th, Sunday School students will participate in an all-school event where they will learn more about our Zion family of saints, including Aree von Guinea, at 9:45 AM in the CEB Great Room.

We will gather as one family for fun and interactive lessons about some of Zion's historic saints. And there will be prizes!



SAVE THE DATE
Advent Parish Night
December 4th

Veterans Day and Military Recognition

Zion began formalizing our appreciation for our nation's military in 2018 and are honored to continue that tradition annually. The fifth annual Zion Military Recognition project kicked off on Memorial Day 2022 with Facebook posts and sending cards to those currently serving.

Throughout October we collected items for this year's packages for our active-duty military, and the youth wrote cards and notes of appreciation to be included in the packages. These packages will be blessed during morning worship on November 6th, and we will honor Zion's Veterans that day.

Please take a moment today to remember the sacrifices others have made and continue to make for our freedom. May God

bless our service men and women. John 15:13 — Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.



Active Duty Friends and Family:

These individuals will receive a care package to be mailed the week of Veterans Day.

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| Christopher Grinnell | Nephew of Judy Formalarie |
| Nicholas Graber | Husband of Sami Wallace |
| Robert Heinke | Brother-in-law of Meghan & Jon Holman |
| Ben Hubert | Nephew of Judy Formalarie |
| Erik Lindquist | Nephew of Debra Kaufman |
| Hunter MacKenzie | Son of Shellie Evers |
| Patricia Oelschlager | Niece of Judy Formalarie |
| Kurt Rossi | Nephew of Lynn Fuller |
| Zachary Sullivan | Friend of Shellie Evers |

Honoring Zion's Veterans:

Veterans Day is a public holiday held on the anniversary of the end of World War I, on November 11, to honor US veterans and victims of all wars. This holiday is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Zion's veterans are: Einar Bredeson, PJ Ehmann, Tom Fesenmaier, Fred Herder, Ted Jermansen, Bill Kover, Dan Matyola, John McAleer, John Ruland, David Wintemute, Dennis Wuest. Thank you to all for your service.

Prayer Square Makers NEEDED!

Do you like to crochet? Zion's prayer square ministry needs your help. Zion includes prayer squares in notes to the congregation on our prayer list, places them at the CEB and the church for all to use. During the Art Show at the CEB, our supply was depleted - that's an awesome thing since now many people have shared our prayers with others!

You can drop off your prayer squares at the church office and we'll attach the prayer card. If you need a pattern or crochet thread, please contact Debra on 703 402 2158.

Happy Crocheting!



Faith Kitchen News *by Debra Kaufman*

Over 180 meals served during the month of October

Zion's ministry with Faith Kitchen has expanded to 2 days each month. We are given unique opportunities to serve the Dover community each of these days. Thursdays are largely day workers thankful for a meal during their busy days. They also ask for "to go" lunches to bring back to their families. Saturdays bring families and locals who look forward to a warm meal. The children are so polite and thankful for their meals.



Please consider volunteering with this wonderful ministry - it's a time of serving God's people and being with Zion's family. Praise God for this ministry.



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| ① | Saute 6-7 minutes 6 T Olive Oil Onions Peppers |
| ② | Mix in Green chiles Beans Corn Chicken 1 1/2 cups Enchilada Sauce |
| ③ | Remove from heat; set aside |



Stewardship Update

This year we asked Zion members to consider growing their giving to support our theme — Blessing Future Generations — with the goal of hiring a new Director of Youth & Family Ministries in 2023.

The Stewardship committee would like to thank Tom Held, Colin Brokaw, Jodi Ennis, Laura Bredeson, Lou DiCriscio, and Allyson Janssen who gave Temple Talks throughout the month of October and shared how Zion's ministries have impacted them and their families. If you would like to catch up on any of the talks you may have missed, please visit our YouTube channel to view the videos.

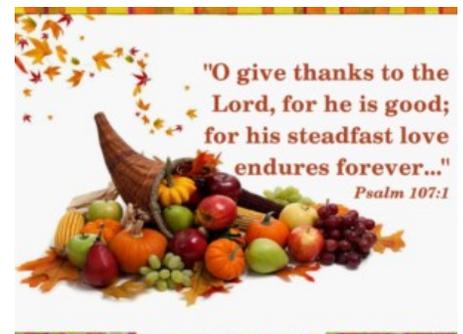
Thank you to all who have submitted their pledge cards. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please drop it in the offering plate as soon as possible, or mail it to the Parish Office using the return envelope provided with your card.



Women of Zion Thanksgiving Dinner

The Women of Zion welcome you to an evening of Gratefulness! We will be led in devotion by Pastor Kat, enjoy a musical offering by Rod Briscoe and lift up the Zion Youth Mentoring program. Please plan on joining us on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm at the Christian Education Building.

This is an annual event that encourages us to come together and share our gratefulness for all that God provides. Moms, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, friends - ALL ARE WELCOME! Please sign up via the link that was emailed from the Parish Office. You may also call Debra Kaufman at 703-402-2158 or Anita Zarate at 908-938-4523.



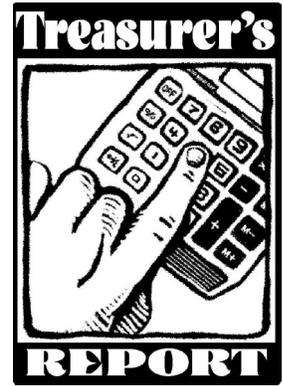
SAVE THE DATE! Please hold **Tuesday, December 13th** (7 p.m.) for the annual Women of Zion Cookie Exchange & Prayer Pal Recognition/2023 Selection. Further information is forthcoming!



Lunch Bunch — November 10th

Join Pastor Kat for Lunch Bunch on Thursday, November 10th, at 12 p.m. This month's gathering will take place at Galasso's Cucina. Please sign up via the link emailed from the Parish Office.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - YTD 2022



| GENERAL FUND | INCOME | EXPENSE | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| January | \$31,968.90 | -\$29,412.46 | \$2,556.44 |
| February | \$33,165.17 | -\$31,893.59 | \$1,271.58 |
| March | \$29,721.39 | -\$38,082.06 | -\$8,360.67 |
| April | \$28,907.80 | -\$31,765.47 | -\$2,857.67 |
| May | \$30,337.81 | -\$37,690.59 | -\$7,352.78 |
| June | \$36,476.35 | -\$25,121.17 | \$11,355.18 |
| July | \$30,385.26 | -\$24,339.35 | \$6,045.91 |
| August | \$20,041.19 | -\$28,712.24 | -\$8,671.05 |
| September | \$21,300.48 | -\$22,943.33 | -\$1,642.85 |
| Year To Date Total | \$262,304.35 | -\$269,960.26 | -\$7,655.91 |

| TD BANK FUNDS | BALANCE | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Checking Account | \$92,207.28 | 10/3/2022 |
| Money Market Plus | 178,145.96 | 9/30/2022 |
| Cash On Hand | \$270,353.24 | |
| Directed Funds | \$152,399.29 | 9/30/2022 |
| Operating Funds | \$117,953.95 | 9/30/2022 |
| Cash On Hand | \$270,353.24 | |

| ENDOWMENT FUNDS | BALANCE |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| CFNJ | \$503,669.68 |
| THRIVENT | \$318,637.34 |
| TOTAL | \$822,307.02 |

| ENDOWMENT MISSION OUTREACH | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Available Funds for 2022 | \$25,148.00 |
| Synod Compensation Aid Fund | -\$1,500.00 |
| Lutheran Disaster Response - Ukraine | -\$5,000.00 |
| NJ Synod Faithful Journey | -\$500.00 |
| Good News Home for Women | -\$1,388.00 |
| 2022 Endowment Funds Remaining | \$16,760.00 |



Give to Zion from your phone! Scan the QR code to be directed to Tithely's electronic giving site.

A Little Giggle from the Shepherding Committee

