

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 30-31, 2020

Welcome!!

- ✓ Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.
- ✓ Parish office email address is zionlcof@verizon.net
- ✓ Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com
- ✓ The Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2020 Church Council officers: Frank Rudy, President, Chris Henritz, Vice-President, Darlene Fetterman, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Sam Caley, Michael Haspe, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzing, Nathan Gerace, Bob Maue Bonnie Painter, Mary Ruth Taylor, and Tiffany Warden; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Fred & Lesley Bommer and Anthony D'Alonzo by Melissa & Alexander D'Alonzo

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the Confirmands by Judy Brennan and Beth Marcavage

Please remember the following in your prayers: Fern Rudenko, Robert Schlock, Mary Richards, Dolly Christ, Carol Dietrich, Irene Pecha, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ida Piccin, Jeanne Rajnic, Carolyn Tirpak, Gwen Evans, Kathleen Valentine, Ralph Derr, Sam Caley, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, Janet Plasha, Danny Whitenight, Mary Koch, John Lattanzi, and all of our members who are homebound.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR CONFIRMANDS

Affirming their baptism today through the Rite of Confirmation are:

Cooper Aiden Ansbach

Michael Ronald Benderawicz

Espen Hunter Ansbach

Gabriel James Erbe

Please give thanks for the commitments these Confirmands are making to God and to the Church.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, May 31, 2020

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Online

10:15 Christian Education /Online

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Zoom Gathering/ Online

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship/ Online

NEXT SUNDAY, June 7, 2020

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Online

THE TIE THAT BINDS

We are having ZOOM meetings Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. We suggest that you download ZOOM to your computer or phone before the meeting and test it.

You will be able to see others in the group if they have a camera on the computer or if they are using their cell phone. So you will want to test both your camera and build-in microphone.

This will be a time to chat, pray and sing. The invitation has been sent to Zion's email list. If you are not on that list, please contact zionlcof@verizon.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE: The Executive Committee and I have decided we will not have a traditional indoor 5 day Vacation Bible School this year. This was an extremely difficult decision, that was done prayerfully for the best interest of the church, the safety of our volunteers, and the children. I had a very exciting theme chosen, but it just won't work in our "new (hopefully temporary) normal". I am however happy to announce that I am working on a 3 day Outdoor VBS program in the month of August. Details for this are still coming together. With this said if you are interested in Volunteering for our Outdoor VBS Adventure please contact me! zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com I will be putting together a list of interested volunteers and then set up a Zoom Meeting where we can discuss the plan for this years VBS! I look forward to building our VBS Team and look forward to hearing from you! Please remember to contact me if you are interested in helping this year! God Bless, Michael Haspe, Christian Education Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4, 5, & 6 – Outdoor VBS Program

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 5/24/20:	
Received to meet \$4,045.65 weekly budget:	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$0.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$0.00
Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses:	\$111,806.73*
Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$91,259.73*
Received from Endowment:	\$17,647.00
Received from Culinary:	\$2,900.00
Received from Bequests: (*included in amounts)	\$30,256.66
Received from Loan: (*included in amounts)	\$15,400.00
Budget operating expenses YTD:	\$84,465.39
Budget status YTD:	\$27,341.34

Thank you for your gifts.

Your offerings allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

***Please note that counting is done every two weeks.
Thank you for mailing in your gifts!***

Congregational meeting – There will be a brief Congregational Meeting on the Sunday following our first church service back to vote on necessary parsonage repairs. The property committee appreciates your attendance as a quorum needs to be met.

Zion Christian Ed director Michael Haspe shares stories and messages for people of all ages. Join Michael Monday, Wednesday and Fridays on the Zion Facebook page and website (www.ziontamaqua.com).

SUPPORTING OUR SEMINARIAN - As most of you know, we are extremely blessed here at Zion to have Dillon Epler, one of our own members, studying at seminary to become a Lutheran Pastor. It is customary for a church to make a gift to support their candidate each semester. Dillon's tuition will be covered by seminary grants, however there are still considerable expenses. Church Council is requesting your support with donations for Dillon's textbooks. If you would like to make a donation, please write a check to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and designate "For Dillon Epler." Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations." (Mark 16:15) Let's help our brother respond to his call for ministry with our prayers and gifts.

Weekday Morning Prayer on Facebook and Website: Monday through Friday at 9:00 am. The Rev. Cindy White reads a selected Bible verse and offers a brief message or song. Individuals with specific prayer requests can email those requests to Pastor White between 8:30 and 8:55 a.m. each morning at zionlutheranrev@gmail.com.

ATTENTION GRADUATING CONFIRMED ZION MEMBERS: CLASS OF 2020
Please submit a photo **ASAP** with information on high school graduating from, where you will be attending school or what your future plans may be, major, parents' names and how you were involved with Zion. Thank you.

Urgent: Deadline June 30, 2020

Attention Volunteers and Employees,

It is time for our Background checks in accordance with our By-laws. All paid staff and volunteers that work with children and youth need to have PA State Police, PA Child Abuse Clearance, and Federal Criminal History Report; this includes **Sunday School and VBS staff, nursery helpers, youth group volunteers, and culinary.**

If you do not have a computer or access to a printer to print necessary documents, please contact the church office. If you have documents through a place of employment, please see that we get copies. Please contact the church office so that we can get you the proper forms to fill out. **If you do not have the proper paperwork filled out by the deadline of June 30, 2020 you will not be able to participate in any activities that involve children. No exceptions will be made!** Thanks!



Reminder: Member information packets were mailed to individuals that we were missing information from our records. Please fill them out and return them to the church office. Please note that information is not shared and is confidential. We need to this information for various reports that we provide to the ELCA about demographics of our congregations. Thank you in advance.