

Welcome!

Today
this
scripture
has been
fulfilled
in your
hearing

LUKE 4:21



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO CREATES US, REDEEMS US, AND CALLS US BY NAME.

Amen.

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF ONE ANOTHER.

Silence is kept for reflection.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

REJOICE IN THIS GOOD NEWS: IN ✚ CHRIST JESUS, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU ARE DESCENDANTS OF THE MOST HIGH, ADOPTED INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF CHRIST, AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE. LIVE AS FREED AND FORGIVEN CHILDREN OF GOD.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“O Zion, Haste”

No.397

* The Greeting

THE BOUNDLESS GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE WISDOM OF GOD, AND THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

And also with you.

* The Kyrie Eleison *(music on page 57 of LBW)*

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, AND FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

Amen.

* **The Hymn of Praise** (*music on page 58 of LBW*)

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(*Sung*) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 71:1-6 Tune "*For the Beauty of the Earth*" No.561

IN YOU, O LORD, I TAKE REFUGE; LET ME NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME.

Mighty Fortress, set me free; By your might deliver me.

INCLINE YOUR EAR, AND SAVE ME FROM THE HAND OF THE WICKED.

Since my youth, O Lord most true, I have put my hope in you.

I WILL GO ON IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD; I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR GOODNESS, YOURS ALONE.

Alleluia! Praises be, To the Lord eternally!

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

* **The Gospel Acclamation** (*Celtic Alleluia ELW 174*)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

*** The Holy Gospel St. Luke 4:21-30**

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 4TH CHAPTER:

(Sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(Sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

*** The Hymn of the Day**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

No. 231

~The Reception of New Members~

Introduction of New Members: Terrence, Rachel, Charlotte, and Emily Paul

DEAR FRIENDS, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF BAPTISM AND FOR THESE PEOPLE, ONE WITH US IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHOM WE WELCOME AS NEW MEMBERS INTO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THIS CONGREGATION.

*** The Apostles' Creed**

WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH, LET US CONFESS OUR FAITH.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Address and Questions

IN BAPTISM, WE ARE WELCOMED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST AND SENT TO SHARE IN THE MISSION OF GOD. WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE, TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER, TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED, TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS, AND TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, DO YOU INTEND TO CONTINUE IN THE COVENANT OF YOUR BAPTISM AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE?

(New members) **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

PEOPLE OF GOD, DO YOU PROMISE TO SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR THESE NEW MEMBERS IN THEIR LIFE IN CHRIST?

(Congregation) **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome

LET US WELCOME THESE NEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

(Congregation) **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS POURED OUT UPON US IN ABUNDANCE; SO WE ARE BOLD TO PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL THAT GOD HAS MADE.

A brief silence.

GUIDE YOUR CHURCH IN THE WAYS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. CULTIVATE MINISTRIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COMPASSION THAT BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR ENDURING PRESENCE AMONG US. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

TEACH US TO LIVE IN HUMILITY ON THE EARTH. CURB ARROGANCE THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DISREGARD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. INSPIRE THE WORK OF SCIENTISTS WHO URGE US TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH YOUR CREATION. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

YOU ARE THE REFUGE OF ALL WHO SEEK HOPE AND FREEDOM. ACCOMPANY IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO CROSS BORDERS TO FIND SAFETY AND OPPORTUNITY. EMBOLDEN LEADERS TO DRAFT COMPASSIONATE POLICIES ON BEHALF OF MIGRANTS AND THOSE WHO ASSIST THEM. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

LOVE BEARS, BELIEVES, HOPES, AND ENDURES ALL THINGS. COMFORT WITH YOUR LOVE ALL WHO ARE LONELY, FEARFUL, OR BROKENHEARTED. SUSTAIN THE HOPE OF ALL THOSE WHO SUFFER IN BODY OR SPIRIT ESPECIALLY GEORGE, PAT, BROOKLYN, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

YOUR GRACE FALLS UPON YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. BLESS THE GIFTS OF CHILDREN IN THIS CONGREGATION AND IN THIS COMMUNITY. GIVE US HUMBLE HEARTS TO FOLLOW THEIR LEADERSHIP. INSPIRE US WITH THEIR LAUGHTER, THEIR INSIGHT, AND THEIR CURIOSITY. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAISE YOU FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US AND NOW SEE YOU FACE TO FACE. ABIDE WITH US IN THIS MORTAL LIFE UNTIL WE REST IN THE ARMS OF YOUR NEVER-ENDING LOVE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

SINCE WE HAVE SUCH GREAT HOPE IN YOUR PROMISES, O GOD, WE LIFT THESE AND ALL OF OUR PRAYERS TO YOU IN CONFIDENCE AND FAITH; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our myEoffering option.

*** The Offertory Procession** Tune: *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* No. 565

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE. YOU OFFER US NEW BEGINNINGS AND GUIDE US ON OUR JOURNEY. LEAD US TO YOUR TABLE, NOURISH US WITH THIS HEAVENLY FOOD, AND PREPARE US TO CARRY YOUR LOVE TO A HUNGRY WORLD, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT.

Amen.

The Anthem

“I Love You, Lord” – Klein

*** The Preface and Sanctus** (*music on page 68 of LBW*)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **And also with you.**

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

We lift them to the Lord.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*ELW No. 193*)

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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*** The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY ONE, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GIVER OF LIFE: BLESSED ARE YOU FOR THE BIRTH OF CREATION...BLESSED ARE YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WITH THIS BREAD AND CUP WE REMEMBER YOUR WORD DWELLING AMONG US, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. WE REMEMBER OUR NEW BIRTH IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE LOOK WITH HOPE FOR HIS COMING.

Come, Lord Jesus.

HOLY GOD, WE LONG FOR YOUR SPIRIT. COME AMONG US. BLESS THIS MEAL. MAY YOUR WORD TAKE FLESH IN US. AWAKEN YOUR PEOPLE. FILL US WITH YOUR LIGHT. BRING THE GIFT OF PEACE ON EARTH.

Come Holy Spirit.

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY ARE YOURS, HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, WORD OF GOD INCARNATE, POWER OF THE MOST HIGH, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

* **The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

* **The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

COME TO GOD'S TABLE. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AND ENOUGH FOR ALL.

* **The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (ELW No. 195)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.

* **The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.

Amen.

* **The Post-Communion Canticle (music from ELW No. 205)**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

* **The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, GRACIOUS GOD, FOR WE HAVE FEASTED ON THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR HOUSE. SEND US TO BRING GOOD NEWS AND TO PROCLAIM YOUR FAVOR TO ALL, STRENGTHENED WITH THE RICHNESS OF YOUR GRACE IN YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST.

Amen.

~The Sending~

* The Blessing

GOD, WHO LEADS YOU IN PATHWAYS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHO REJOICES OVER YOU, AND WHO CALLS YOU BY NAME, † BLESS YOUR GOING OUT AND YOUR COMING IN, TODAY AND FOREVER.

(Sung) Amen! Amen! Amen!

* The Sending

GO WITH CHRIST INTO A WEARY WORLD. SHARE THE GOOD NEWS.

Thanks be to God.

* The Sending Hymn *“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”*

WOV No. 721

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**“I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”**

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February 6, 2022 readings are:

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 29-30, 2022

**If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Sonia, Lisa and Linda's birthdays love, Judy

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of McKayla Ann Wall who left us on February 2, 2018, by Lauren, Jess, Nicholas, and Kallia Wall

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the birthday of Sharon Connely by Art Connely

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our great niece, McKayla Wall by Uncle Fran and Aunt Joyce Arner

Please remember the following in your prayers: Robert Dolbin, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for February 13, 20 and 27.
Please contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is zionlcof@verizon.net

Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2022 Church Council officers: Chris Henritz, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzing, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, January 30, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
10:15 Senior Choir Rehearsal
11:30 Congregational Life Meeting
1:00 Lecture Series

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, February 6, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
10:15 Senior Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Lecture Series

Copies of
the
February
2022 Herald
are
available in
the
Gathering
Room.

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 1/23/22:

Received to meet \$4,049.75 weekly budget: \$2,050.25

Received from Thrift Store: \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,137.25

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses: \$10,134.89

Received from offering/gifts/memorials: \$10,134.89

Received from Thrift Store: \$0.00

Received from Endowment: \$0.00

Received from Culinary: \$0.00

Budget operating expenses YTD: \$14,486.54

Budget status YTD: \$(4,351.65)

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.*

Upcoming Events

Sundays through March 13 – Lecture Series

February 11 – Blessings Thrift Sale

February 12 – Hoagie Pick-up

February 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting/ Potluck Dinner

February 21 – Newsletter Deadline

March 1 – Take-Out Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

March 2 – Ash Wednesday

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop February sale is on February 11th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale features winter coats and other gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books and general household items. Clothing can be purchased by the bag or individually. Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Hoagie sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$6 each. Order by February 6th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Saturday, February 12th from noon until 3:00 pm.

Gebert Society - If you know of someone who has remembered Zion in their will/estate with a gift (past and present), please contact the office with that information which will be used in the annual report. Names can be added to the Gebert Society at any time. Thank you.

Congregational Life Committee: The congregational life committee will have its first meeting Sunday, January 30 at 11:30am downstairs in the social hall. Anyone interested in joining the committee or sharing ideas is welcome to attend. The first activity of the Congregational Life Committee will be the return of the fellowship potluck in the social hall following the annual meeting. Entree items are always needed. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Room.

Attention Committees: All committee chairpersons are reminded to submit a report outlining the activities of your committee in 2021 for the annual report. These reports are to be submitted to the church office **ASAP**. You can e-mail the church office at zionlcof@verizon.net or stop by the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 13, 2022, following the 9:00 am Service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2021 Annual reports for all committees and organizations. As always, we encourage all members to attend this meeting as a quorum needs to met.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - "THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS" - Jan and Jim McRoberts are offering a video lecture series on Sundays, through March 13th at 1:00 pm in the "Choir Room". The lecturer in the videos is Rutgers University Professor Gary Rendsburg, PhD. Each session of our series consists of one 30-minute video lecture followed by discussion. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room and downstairs.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (CC) UPDATE: In 2021, the CC Committee is excited to report that it has received from Zion members and non-members **\$57,650.25** in pledges, memorials and gifts. This amount includes 2% interest paid (**\$5,091.67**) on the loan from the Endowment Fund. The committee is also very pleased to report two more leaves were added to Zion's Giving Tree in the Gathering Room. Thanks again to Chris Henritzky for his beautiful engravings.

As of January 1, 2022, there is an outstanding balance of **\$46,000.00** on the loan from the Endowment Fund for Phase II of Zion's exterior restoration project. Since April 2017, because of Zion members exceptional generosity and contributions from others, Zion's Capital Campaign raised approximately **\$335,150.00** towards the restoration of our church's exterior.

If you have not made a pledge to the campaign, or would like to renew or update your current pledge, please contact any member of the CC Committee for information on how you can do so. Remember, pledges or gifts of \$1,000.00 or more entitle you to have a leaf engraved and placed on the Giving Tree. Also, there are "naming opportunities" available. Based on the amount of your campaign pledge or gift, the donor can honor or memorialize a person or family by having a plaque engraved with their name on a pew, room or church structure (e.g., Pew: \$5,000.00, Founder's Hall: \$50,000.00, Church Tower: \$100,000.00, Parking Lot: \$100,000.00).

Please welcome our new members Terrence, Rachel, Charlotte, and Emily Paul. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.

