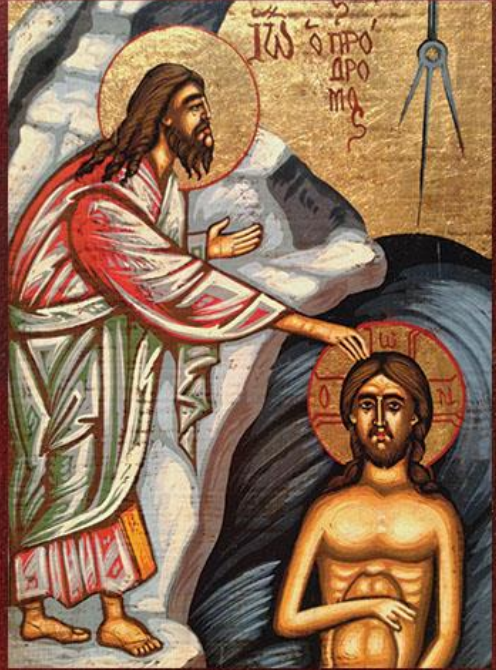


# Welcome!

*You are my Son,  
the Beloved;  
with you I am  
well pleased*

LUKE 3:22



## *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 Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022 ~ 9:00 am  
*The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

*\*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

*"As With Gladness Men of Old"*

No.82

#### \* 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 God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

~The Word~

**The First Lesson** Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** 29 Tune "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" No. 165

ASCRIBE TO THE LORD, O HEAVENLY BEINGS, ASCRIBE TO THE LORD GLORY AND STRENGTH. ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME; WORSHIP THE LORD IN HOLY SPLENDOR.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS UPON THE WATERS; THE GOD OF GLORY THUNDERS, AND HIS VOICE ECHOES OVER THE OCEANS. THE VOICE OF THE LORD BREAKS THE CEDARS, EVEN THE CEDARS OF LEBANON; HE MAKES LEBANON SKIP LIKE A CALF, AND MOUNT HERMON LIKE A YOUNG WILD OX.

**All thy works shall praise thy name In earth and sky and sea.**

THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS A POWERFUL VOICE; THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS A VOICE OF SPLENDOR.

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

THE VOICE OF THE LORD FLASHES FORTH IN FLAMES OF FIRE; THE VOICE OF THE LORD SHAKES THE WILDERNESS; THE LORD SHAKES THE WILDERNESS OF KADESH. THE VOICE OF THE LORD SHAKES THE OAKS, AND STRIPS THE FOREST BARE, WHILE EVERYONE IN HIS TEMPLE SHOUTS, "GLORY TO GOD!"

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED OVER THE FLOOD; THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED AS KING FOREVER.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our songs shall rise to thee.**  
MAY THE LORD GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE!

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
MAY THE LORD BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE!

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

## **The Second Lesson Acts 8:14-17**

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

*(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 3:15-17, 21-22**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 3<sup>RD</sup> 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**

*“Baptized in Water”*

WOV No. 693

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

## \* **The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

**\* 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.*

BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOU GATHER YOUR CHURCH AND SEND IT OUT IN MISSION TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS. INSPIRE YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE TO BE FERVENT IN PRAYER AND SERVICE, THAT ALL PEOPLE KNOW THEY ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

YOU REVEAL YOUR LOVE AND POWER THROUGH WATER AND THE SPIRIT. GUARD RIVERS, SEAS, AND ALL BODIES OF WATER FROM DESTRUCTION AND POLLUTION. SECURE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER FOR ALL AND PROTECT THE LAND FROM DROUGHT AND FLOOD. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

ESTABLISH AMONG THE NATIONS THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE. RAISE UP LEADERS WHO WILL PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THEIR CARE. STRENGTHEN ADVOCATES WHO RISK REPUTATION OR RETALIATION FOR THE SAKE OF MERCY AND JUSTICE. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

YOU PROTECT US THROUGH THE FIRES AND TROUBLED WATERS OF THIS LIFE. ASSURE US THAT WE WILL NOT BE CUT OFF FROM YOU BY ILLNESS OR DESPAIR, ANXIETY OR PAIN, CONFUSION OR WEAKNESS. COMFORT ALL WHO ARE IN NEED ESPECIALLY ROBERT, GEORGE, PAT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

WE ARE JOINED IN BAPTISM TO CHRIST AND TO ONE ANOTHER. BLESS THOSE WHO ARE NEWLY BAPTIZED AND THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM. HELP US TO BE FAITHFUL IN FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, EVANGELISM, SERVICE, AND JUSTICE-SEEKING. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

YOU CREATED EACH OF YOUR SAINTS FOR YOUR GLORY. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE YOU HAVE CALLED BY NAME INTO YOUR ETERNAL EMBRACE. COMFORT US IN GRIEF AND RELEASE US FROM FEAR. 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](http://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 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.**

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**First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7** – <sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17** - <sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** - <sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

**January 16, 2022 readings are:**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 8-9, 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 Gary Marcavage and all loved ones and thanks to all our wonderful volunteers & workers by Beth

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the birthday of Bob Jones by George and Mary Ruth Taylor

Bulletin Sponsors are needed for January 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact the church office.

*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.*

## **Welcome!!**

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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 9, 2022

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education

## TUESDAY

- 9:30 Work Session
- 6:00 Property Meeting

## WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting

## THURSDAY

- 9:30 Work Session
- 7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## SATURDAY

- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, January 16, 2022

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

### **Volunteer Opportunity!**

We are currently seeking individuals to volunteer for the Cemetery Committee and Maintenance workers for the grounds. Please see Mark Valentine if you are interested

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 16 – March 13 – Lecture Series**

**January 17 – Newsletter Deadline**

**February 12 – Hoagie Pick-up**

**February 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Congregational Life Committee:** Do you enjoy seeing your church friends every week? Don't you sometimes wish there was more opportunity for fellowship? Do you enjoy event planning? Consider joining Zion's NEW Congregational Life Committee! The committee will be responsible for organizing fun & fellowship through events & outings for our congregation! If interested contact Deb Davies at 570-778-2731! A congregational life committee meeting will be scheduled in early January to begin planning our first event! Stay tuned for the date!

***Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2022 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2022 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$31.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!***

Please welcome Molly Betz as our guest pianist today while Sandy is away. We thank her for sharing her musical talent with us.

**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 no later than January 10, 2022. You can e-mail the church office at [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto: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.

**DEADLINE:** All information for the **February 2022 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, January 17, 2022**. You may e-mail your information to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - “THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS”***

Jan and Jim McRoberts plan to offer a video lecture series Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the “Choir Room” (Rear of the Gathering room). The lecturer in the videos is Rutgers University Professor Gary Rendsburg, PhD. He holds the coveted position of an endowed chair in the department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers. Each session of our series will consist of one 30-minute video lecture followed by discussion. We plan to conclude each session by 2:00 pm. There are 24 video lectures in the course by Dr. Rendsburg. We have chosen eight of them for viewing and discussion in our series at Zion. These video lectures are provided by The Great Courses under the heading “Religion and Theology”. Professor Rendsburg majored in English and journalism at the University of North Carolina and received his BA in 1975. He received his PhD from New York University in Hebrew Studies in 1980. He is the author of six books and more than 120 scholarly articles. He has visited all major archaeological sites in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan and has participated in excavations. He has visited Qumran repeatedly over the span of several decades. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room and downstairs.

## BLESSINGS THRIFT SALE REPORT

- October 2020 total (6 days): 427 shoppers; Total \$5,610.97
- March 2021 totals: 210 shoppers; Total \$2,526.05
- June 2, 3, 4: 230 shoppers; presale, \$224; Total \$3,257.04. The Blessings thrift sale attracted 230 shoppers June 2, 3 and 4. The second day of the sale drew the most shoppers, 100; Day 1, 80; Day 3, 36. Day 1 brought in 1,372.34; Day 2, \$1,184.50; Day 3, \$472.20
- July 9: 68 shoppers; \$110 presale; cash sales \$371; 96.04 Square; Total \$467.04
- Aug. 5-6: 97 shoppers; \$170 pre-sale; cash sales \$1,240.50; Square \$355.20 ; \$1,765.70
- Sept. 11: 48 shoppers; \$416 pre-sale; cash sales 620; kitchen \$265; raffle \$20; Square \$137.03; \$1457.03 total
- Nov. 5-6: 96 shoppers; \$352 pre-sale; cash sales \$1,171.26; kitchen \$475.50; Square \$119.31; raffle, \$58; Total \$2,176.07

2021 totals: 749 shoppers; \$11,648.93 income

2020 totals: 427 shoppers; Total \$5,610.97

Overall totals (2020-2021): 1,176 shoppers; Total \$17,259.90

## CULINARY REPORT FOR 2021

Date	Event	Total
Feb. 21	Hoagie sale	\$1,090.00
	Donation	\$ 20.00
March 28	Pork & Kraut	\$ 578.00
	Member donation	\$ 25.00
April 4	Soup purchase	\$ 14.00
April 18	Soup sale	\$ 633.00
May 16	Non-member donation	\$ 20.00
May 23	Hoagie/soup sale	\$1,021.00
June 27	Strawberry social	\$ 839.00
July	Ice cream benefit (120 served)	\$ 936.00*
August	Peach social (130-140 served)	\$1,042.00
September	Hoagie sale 18-0 hoagies	\$1,090
October	Empty Bowl Soup Sale	
November	Filling	\$901.28
	Total	\$8,209.28

\*To benefit the American Hose Fire Company