

Welcome!

*I will make you
fish for people*

MATTHEW 4:19



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023 ~ 9:30 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO MAKES ALL THINGS NEW, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

Amen.

TRUSTING IN GOD’S MERCY, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Please kneel if able.

HOLY ONE, SOURCE OF OUR RENEWAL,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

THUS SAYS OUR GOD: “THE FORMER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS AND NEW THINGS I NOW DECLARE.” GOD’S MERCY MAKES US NEW. WE ARE FORGIVEN IN THE NAME OF ✚ CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

No. 390

* 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:

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Tune “As With Gladness Men of Old” No. 82

God my Savior and my Light; Keeps me safe from dreadful fright.

WHEN EVILDOERS ASSAIL ME, UTTERING SLANDERS AGAINST ME, MY ADVERSARIES AND FOES, THEY SHALL STUMBLE AND FALL. THOUGH A HOST ENCAMP AGAINST ME, MY HEART SHALL NOT FEAR. THOUGH WAR ARISE AGAINST ME, YET WILL I BE CONFIDENT.

God my Savior and my Light--May I serve him day and night.

ONE THING I HAVE ASKED OF THE LORD, THAT WILL I SEEK AFTER: THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD, AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE.

God my Savior and my Light Watches with protecting might.

HE WILL HIDE ME IN HIS SHELTER IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE. HE WILL CONCEAL ME UNDER THE COVER OF HIS TENT. HE WILL SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK.

God my Savior and my Light; Keeps me safe within his sight.

AND NOW MY HEAD SHALL BE LIFTED UP ABOVE ALL MY ENEMIES ROUND ABOUT ME; AND I WILL OFFER IN HIS TENT SACRIFICES WITH SHOUTS OF JOY. I WILL SING AND MAKE MELODY TO THE LORD.

God my Savior and my Light; Answers me from heaven's height.

HEAR ME, LORD, WHEN I CALL TO YOU! BE MERCIFUL AND ANSWER ME! DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME.

Let me see your face aright, God my Savior and my Light!

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

(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. Matthew 4:12-23**

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

(Before the Gospel)

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

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

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

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

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

*** The Hymn of the Day**

“Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult”

No. 494

~The Reception of New Members~

Introduction of New Members: Joshua, Mary, Evelyn, & Grace Carter & Madeline Coccio

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.

BROTHER 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 THIS NEW BROTHER 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**

CALLED TOGETHER TO FOLLOW JESUS, WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL IN NEED.

A brief silence.

MAKE YOUR CHURCH ONE IN PURPOSE, PROCLAIMING THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS. HELP US TO WORK TOGETHER ACROSS DIFFERENCES. ENERGIZE ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

WE REJOICE AT THE BOUNTY OF YOUR CREATION. FILL THE LAND AND SEA WITH YOUR ABUNDANCE. BLESS HARVESTS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE AND FALLOW FIELDS IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE. EQUIP FARMERS TO TILL AND KEEP THE EARTH SUSTAINABLY. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

IN CHRIST YOUR REIGN COMES NEAR AND CALLS ALL TO REPENTANCE. BREAK THE ROD OF THE OPPRESSOR IN EVERY NATION. DISPEL THE SHADOW OF DEATH IN PLACES OF WAR AND PERSECUTION. GRANT US LEADERS WHO LIFT THE YOKES THAT BURDEN THOSE IN NEED. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

BE A STRONGHOLD FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE AND A ROCK FOR ALL WHO ARE AFRAID. ROUSE COMMUNITIES TO CARE FOR NEIGHBORS WHO NEED SHELTER, ARE FACING MALTREATMENT, OR ARE ISOLATED AND LONELY. WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR THE FAMILY OF NANCY BETZ, KATHRYN, CAROLYN, MARLIN, JOHN, TIM, ROBERT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, RALPH, JOSEPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

SUSTAIN THE MINISTRIES OF THIS CONGREGATION AND ALL CHURCHES IN THIS COMMUNITY. NURTURE EACH CONGREGATION'S UNIQUE WITNESS TO YOUR PRESENCE; FOSTER MUTUAL RESPECT; INSPIRE OUR COOPERATION IN LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE FAITHFUL WHO HAVE GONE AHEAD OF US, BOTH FAMOUS AND UNKNOWN. HELP US TO LEAVE OUR NETS AND FOLLOW AND BRING US WITH THEM TO THE FULLNESS OF YOUR PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive 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. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

WE BRING TO YOU OUR NEEDS AND HOPES, O GOD, TRUSTING YOUR WISDOM AND POWER REVEALED IN CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

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 Vanco 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: LIBERATING GOD, YOU BREAK THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE. RECEIVE THESE OFFERINGS IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL YOUR WORKS OF MERCIFUL POWER, AND SHAPE US AS PEOPLE OF YOUR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM. YOU WE MAGNIFY AND ADORE, THROUGH JESUS OUR SAVIOR,

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.

*** 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 AND TASTE THE JOY OF GOD!

* **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 on page 72 of LBW)**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* **The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: HOLY ONE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE HEALING THAT SPRINGS FORTH ABUNDANTLY FROM THIS TABLE. RENEW OUR STRENGTH TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND JOURNEY HUMBLY WITH YOU.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “My Gift For Him” – Pethel

~The Sending~

* The Benediction & Dismissal

THE GOD WHO FAITHFULLY BRINGS FORTH JUSTICE AND BREAKS THE OPPRESSOR’S ROD

✠ BLESS, STRENGTHEN, AND UPHOLD YOU, TODAY AND ALWAYS.

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

* The Sending

GO IN PEACE. FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS.

Thanks be to God.

* The Sending Hymn

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

WOV No. 752

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

(Refrain) **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” (Refrain)

“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” (Refrain)

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January 29, 2023 readings are:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 21-22, 2023

**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 loving memory of Robert Fritzingler III by Glenn and Lorie Fritzingler

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her brother, Stanley Huegel whose birthday is January 23rd by Fern Rudenko

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my husband, Gary by Beth

**Altar Flower sponsors are needed for February 12th, 19th, and 26th
and a bulletin sponsor is needed for February 12th.**

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Nancy Betz, Dr. Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips, Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

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: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, 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 Fritzingler, 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 22, 2023

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

MONDAY

- Newsletter Deadline
- 6:30 Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting

SATURDAY

- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29, 2023

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

“Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ”

Received 1/15/23 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$3,822.64
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00
From (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,103.28

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$7,555.64
From Thrift Store:	\$5.00
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$7,560.64

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Nancy Betz, who passed away on January 18, 2023. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

January 23 – Newsletter Deadline

February 3 – Blessings Thrift Sale

February 11 – Hoagie Sale Pick-Up

February 12 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 22 – Ash Wednesday Service

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, February 3rd from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! 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 \$7 each. Order by February 5th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Saturday, February 11th from noon until 3:00 pm.

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$36.80 (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!

Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 12, 2023, following the 9:00 am Service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2022 Annual reports for all committees and organizations. As always, we encourage all members to attend this meeting as a quorum needs to be met.

Attention Committees: All committee chairpersons are reminded to submit a report outlining the activities of your committee in 2022 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.

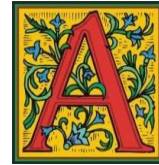
A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council



Please welcome our new members Joshua, Mary, Evelyn and Grace Carter and Madeline Coccio. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.

DEADLINE: All information for the **February 2023 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, January 23, 2023**. You may e-mail your information to zioncof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023. A worship service will be held at Zion beginning at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.



**Ash
Wednesday**

YOUR CARD MATTERED

As of Saturday, December 31, we received 62 intent cards. Forty-six of those cards expressed a definite increase in generosity for the coming year. The Generosity Team thanks the 62 individuals and families who returned their cards and reminds all members that generosity is an essential part of our faith journey.

Besides freeing the \$2,000 challenge gift that will go to Zion ministries including Christian Education and the proposed Stephen Ministry, completing and returning your card demonstrates your caring for the future of all Zion ministries.

Our leaders can better administrate our ministries when giving is planned, consistent and progressive. Completing and returning your intent card reflects your ability to plan your giving for the coming year. Your giving is intentional, not accidental or spur of the moment. Using our new giving page on our website and Facebook page allows your giving to be consistent on a weekly or monthly basis, especially when you are unable to attend worship. As we move along our discipleship journey, our giving is progressive and increases as our faith grows and strengthens. The Zion Generosity Team