

Welcome!

MAY THEY BE
ONE,
AS WE ARE
ONE

JOHN 17:11



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Thanksgiving for Baptism**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, + ONE GOD, BY WHOSE HAND WE ARE GIVEN NEW BIRTH, BY WHOSE SPEAKING WE ARE GIVEN NEW LIFE.

Amen.

JOINED TO CHRIST IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WE ARE WELCOMED, RESTORED, AND SUPPORTED AS CITIZENS OF THE NEW CREATION. LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF BAPTISM. HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MERCIFUL, HOLY AND MIGHTY, YOU ARE THE RIVER OF LIFE, YOU ARE THE EVERLASTING WELLSPRING. IN MERCY AND MIGHT YOU HAVE FREED US FROM DEATH AND RAISED US WITH JESUS, THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD. IN BAPTISMAL WATERS OUR OLD LIFE IS WASHED AWAY, AND IN THEM WE ARE BORN ANEW.

GLORY TO YOU FOR OCEANS AND LAKES, FOR RIVERS AND STREAMS. HONOR TO YOU FOR WATERS THAT WASH US CLEAN, QUENCH OUR THIRST, AND NURTURE BOTH CROPS AND CREATURES. PRAISE TO YOU FOR THE LIFE-GIVING WATER OF BAPTISM, THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW CREATION.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

SATISFY THE WORLD'S NEED THROUGH THIS LIVING WATER. WHERE DROUGHT DRIES THE EARTH, BRING REFRESHMENT. WHERE DESPAIR PREVAILS, GRANT HOPE. WHERE CHAOS REIGNS, BRING PEACE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST, WHO WITH YOU AND THE SPIRIT REIGNS FOREVER.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

“Look, the Sight is Glorious”

No. 156

*** The Greeting**

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE LOVE OF GOD. AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

And also with you.

*** The Kyrie Eleison** *(Now the Feast)*

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

Amen.

*** The Hymn of Praise** *(Now the Feast – sung by all)*

(Refrain) **Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the
God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for evermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed
and united us to be one great people of God. *(Refrain)***

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ for ever. *(Refrain)***

**For God has come to dwell with us to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *(Refrain)***

*** The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

**O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.
Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn
into your bountiful presence, 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 Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 Tune "Oh Worship the King" No. 548

Oh, worship the King, All glorious above.

GOD RISES UP AND SCATTERS HIS ENEMIES. THOSE WHO HATE HIM RUN AWAY IN DEFEAT. LIKE WIND-BLOWN SMOKE AND MELTED WAX, THE WICKED PERISH IN GOD'S PRESENCE.

Oh, gratefully sing, His pow'r and his love.

BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ARE GLAD AND REJOICE IN HIS PRESENCE; THEY ARE JUBILANT AND SHOUT FOR JOY.

Our shield and defender, The Ancient of Days.

PREPARE A WAY FOR HIM WHO RIDES ON THE CLOUDS. HIS NAME IS THE LORD--BE GLAD IN HIS PRESENCE.

Pavilioned in splendor, And girded with praise.

FROM HIS SACRED HOME, GOD CARES FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS; HE PROVIDES FOR THE LONELY, AND SETS THE PRISONERS FREE.

Your bountiful care, What tongue can recite?

O GOD, WHEN YOU LED YOUR PEOPLE ACROSS THE DESERT, THE EARTH SHOOK, AND THE SKY
POURED DOWN RAIN.

It breathes in the air, It shines in the light.

O GOD OF SINAI, GOD OF ISRAEL, YOU CAUSED ABUNDANT RAIN TO FALL ON YOUR THIRSTY
LAND.

It streams from the hills, And descends to the plain.

YOUR PEOPLE MADE THEIR HOME THERE; IN YOUR GOODNESS YOU PROVIDED FOR THE POOR.

And sweetly distills, In the dew and the rain.

SING TO GOD, O KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH!

Oh, tell of his might; Oh, sing of his grace.

PRaise THE ONE WHO RIDES ACROSS THE ANCIENT SKIES; LISTEN AS HE SPEAKS WITH A MIGHTY
VOICE.

His robe is the light, His canopy space.

HOW AWESOME IS GOD! HIS POWER IS IN THE SKIES, BUT HE DWELLS AS WELL AMONG HIS
PEOPLE.

His mercies, how tender, How firm to the end.

THE GOD OF ISRAEL GIVES POWER AND STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE.

Our maker, defender, Redeemer, and friend.

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil
when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

* **The Gospel Acclamation** *(Alleluia Verse Now the Feast)*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

* **The Holy Gospel** St. John 17:1-11

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world
will live in unity.*

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 17TH 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** **"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"** WOV No. 779

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in this shadow for life,

Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"

(Refrain) **"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand."**

**Snares of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;
Under God's wings your refuge With faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)**

**For to the angels God's given a command To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)**

*** The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Recognition of Senior Graduates

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HONOR YOU AS YOU GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO AFFIRM YOU AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION. YOU HAVE COMPLETED AN IMPORTANT PHASE OF YOUR LIVES AND YOU ARE ENTERING ANOTHER.

Graduates stand.

I ASK YOU TO AFFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT TO A LIFE OF FAITH IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

GRADUATES, AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PREPARE FOR YOUR NEW ENDEAVORS, DO YOU THANK GOD FOR THE MANY WAYS YOUR FAITH HAS BEEN YOUR STRENGTH AND GUIDE?

Graduates: With God's help, I do.

AS YOU CONSIDER THE NEXT STEPS OF YOUR JOURNEY OF LIFE, DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE GOD GOING WITH YOU, BEFORE YOU, BEHIND YOU, BELOW YOU, ABOVE YOU, AND WITHIN YOU?

Graduates: With God's help, I do.

AS YOU MAKE CHOICES ABOUT YOUR NEW ENDEAVORS, WILL YOU OFFER YOUR GIFTS TO THE WORLD AS PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND WELCOME THE SUPPORT OF A FAMILY OF FAITH?

Graduates: With God's help, I will.

Congregation stands.

PEOPLE OF ZION, LISTEN: DO YOU CLAIM THESE GRADUATES AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, CALLED TO MINISTRY ACCORDING TO THEIR TALENTS?

Congregation: In God's love, we claim them.

AS THEIR HOME CONGREGATION, DO YOU PROMISE TO SUPPORT THEM, TAKE AN INTEREST IN THEIR FUTURE, BE WITH THEM IN THEIR CELEBRATION AND SADNESS, AND WELCOME THEM WHENEVER THEY RETURN TO ZION?

Congregation: In God's love, we support them.

DO YOU PROMISE TO FAITHFULLY PRAY FOR THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, PLACING THEIR FUTURES INTO GOD'S LOVING HANDS AS THEY MAKE THEIR CHOICES?

Congregation: In God's love, we pray for them.

LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS GOD, YOU BLESS YOUR SERVANTS WITH MANY ACHIEVEMENTS. WE GIVE THANKS ESPECIALLY TODAY FOR THE MILESTONES THAT THESE GRADUATES HAVE

ATTAINED. AS THEY BEGIN NEW PHASES OF THEIR LIVES, MAY THEY KNOW YOUR LOVE IN ALL THE EXPERIENCES THEY HAVE.

BLESS THE PARENTS OF THESE STUDENTS, WHO HAVE RAISED THEIR CHILDREN AND NOURISHED THEM IN CHRISTIAN FAITH. GIVE THEM STRENGTH IN YOUR HOLY PRESENCE AND GIVE THEM MANY JOYFUL REUNIONS WITH THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, THOSE WHO ARE LEAVING HOME TO GO FAR AWAY, AND THOSE STAYING CLOSE BY. IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY.

All: Amen.

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE; BE OF GOOD COURAGE; HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD; RETURN NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL; STRENGTHEN THE FAINTHEARTED; SUPPORT THE WEAK; HELP THE SUFFERING; HONOR ALL PEOPLE; LOVE AND SERVE GOD, REJOICING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

All: Amen.

The Recognition of Senior Acolytes

*** 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 “As the Grains of Wheat” (Now the Feast)**

(Refrain) **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. (Refrain)**

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GENEROUS GOD, IN THIS MEAL YOU OFFER YOUR VERY SELF. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THESE GIFTS OF THE EARTH. IN THE BREAKING OF THIS BREAD REVEAL TO US THE RISEN ONE. IN THE POURING OF THIS WINE POUR US OUT IN SERVICE TO THE WORLD; THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus**

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 God thanks and praise.

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(Now the Feast)*

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

*** The Eucharistic Prayer** *(Now the Feast)*

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

(Sung) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT ALL OF YOUR PROMISES MAY COME TO US AND YOUR CREATION.

AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT.

(Sung) **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

(Sung) **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE 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 KNOW CHRIST, BROKEN AND Poured OUT FOR YOU.

*** The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(Now the Feast)*

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

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

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

MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE GIFTS OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD STRENGTHEN, KEEP AND UNITE, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

*** The Post-Communion Canticle** *(“Thanks Be to You” - Now the Feast)*

Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever!

From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you forever!

Truth and justice you have taught us; Thanks be to you forever!

Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, Rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY; GRACIOUS GOD, IN YOU WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING. WITH YOUR WORD AND THIS MEAL OF GRACE, YOU HAVE NOURISHED OUR LIFE TOGETHER. STRENGTHEN US TO SHOW YOUR LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD IN JESUS' NAME.

Amen.

The Anthem

“Walk With the Lord” – Besig

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE GOD OF ALL, WHO RAISED + JESUS FROM THE DEAD, BLESS YOU BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN THE NEW CREATION.

(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. SERVE THE RISEN ONE.

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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May 28, 2023 readings are:

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 20-21, 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 ALTAR CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the May 22nd Anniversary of my mother & father, Mr. & Mrs. Carl W. Koch Sr. by
John, Carol & Jeff

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of all graduates by Bill & Lori Krell

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Tom & Ardith Shea by Lori & Andy Ryan

Please remember the following in your prayers Paul Wolfe, 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.

**A Bulletin sponsor is needed for May 28th.
Please sign up on the church 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 2023 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzing, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, 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

Please note: if you have signed up for Altar Flowers, the cost of the arrangement will increase to \$40. Edwards is closing and we are now using Petal Pushers in Hometown. If you would like to cancel your sponsorship, please contact the Church office. Thank you.

SUNDAY, May 21, 2023

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Graduate & Senior Acolyte Recognition
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 7:00 Baccalaureate

MONDAY

- Newsletter Deadline
- 5:45 Property Meeting
- 6:30 Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, May 28, 2023, Pentecost Sunday

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

Come join us for a Summer picnic June 3rd following the Saturday service. Come enjoy some Picnic style food and some fellowship.

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, June 2nd 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.

Looking for a way you can help serve your church, but don't have a lot of extra time? Are you able to commit to a half hour, on a day you will already be here? We are looking for greeters to welcome people to the church on Sunday mornings, hand out bulletins, and answer questions from visitors. We would like to have enough people to make up at least 6 teams, with 2 people per team. Please text or call Brian Lawfer at 570-952-5966 for more information.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the *Glory of God* and

In loving memory of my aunt, Mary L. Koch on her first birthday in heaven May 18, 2023, by Ann Starry

In loving memory of Joseph Coleman & family by Judy Coleman

IMPROVEMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the *Glory of God* and

In loving memory of the May 22nd double Anniversary of her parents, Carl & Mary Koch & her aunt & uncle, George & Bernice Althoff by John & Carol Dietrich & family

Upcoming Events

May 21 – Graduate/ Senior Acolyte Recognition/ Baccalaureate

May 22 – Newsletter Deadline

May 28 – Confirmation

June 2 – Thrift Store

June 3 – Summer Picnic

June 12-16 – Vacation Bible School

June 18 – Pretzel Sale/ Summer Festival

June 22 – Strawberry Festival

The Blessings Thrift Store Committee was blessed by generating \$1,824.66 at the May 5th sale. After many questions about the amount listed in the bulletin, here is an explanation, the monies we receive are split between the Outreach Fund, which helps with our Outreach Programs and funds the programs we support in and out of our community, and the Current Fund, which helps pay Zions everyday bills. We would like to thank the helpers, donors, and the shoppers for our continued success. Most of all we thank God for all the Blessings this ministry gives us. Any questions please ask anyone on the Outreach committee, Thank you.

Please continue to use your Boyer's key tag every time you shop in any Boyer's Markets. If you do not have a Boyer's tag, they are located in the Gathering room. **Please use the swipe card, the receipt does not need to be turned in.** Thank you for your participation in this program. **Keep using those cards!**



Keep saving your Redner's receipts and put them in the container in the Gathering room or mail them to the church office. Please note if you are turning in Redner's receipts please do not cut off the Save a tape portion of the receipt, this makes it invalid and we cannot turn them in, thank you and keep saving!

Join us for HERO Hotline VBS! Vacation Bible School is June 12 – 16, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The 2023 Theme is Cokesbury’s “Hero Hotline – Called Together to Serve God.” Your continued support is appreciated. Donations to VBS should be marked “Vacation Bible School”. Please contact Michael Haspe for more information. zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com. Register Online! <https://ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

DEADLINE: All information for the **June/ July/ August 2023 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, May 22, 2023. Please note that this is a combined issue.** You may e-mail your information to zioncof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

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Today we recognize our graduating acolytes who have served faithfully since seventh grade: Brayden Dombrosky, McKenna Ehrig, Kelly Ehrig, and Kailey Richards. We offer our thanks for their service and offer prayers for God’s blessing as their lives continue to unfold after graduation.