

# Zion Lutheran Church JANUARY 2010

## CONTACT US!

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

9:00 am Early service

9:30 am Christian Education

10:30 am 2nd service

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 12: 7:00 PM Church Council Mtg.

Jan 17: LIPY (Westboro ST.) 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

Jan. 18: 7:00 PM Book Club at Zion

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## "they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" -Luke 2:11

After Jesus was born, they came. Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Three Wise men. The Magi from the East. No matter which name you choose for them, at least three things are true about them:

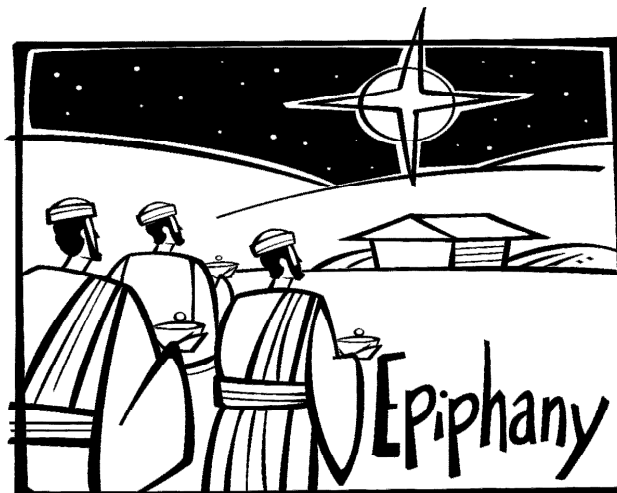
1. They came from far away.
2. They brought gifts.
3. They worshipped him.

We remember these special people, the first to kneel and worship Jesus, each year at Epiphany (January 6). We do what they did every Sunday throughout the rest of the year: We come, we bring our gifts, we worship him.

We worship the child in the manger and the Son of God on the cross. We bring our gifts, given from what God has first given us. We come. From wherever our life has taken us throughout the week, we are blessed to have a place to come and gather, kneel and worship, and thank God for all that we have experienced and everything He has carried us through.

This epiphany we remember that God is still here, and we are still worshipping Him. Just as the Magi dropped what they were doing to kneel at the tiny feet of Jesus, we can do the same thing. Just as they thought carefully about what to bring to offer this newborn king, so can we. Just as they were blessed beyond measure by this brush with God, so are we.

God's Peace, Pastor Andrew



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“Where is  
the child  
who has  
been born?”

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we celebrate Christmas and enjoy the season of giving, we thank God for his many gifts he has given us this year. You are a special gift with which Zion has been blessed, and the good things you help us to accomplish for the benefit of our members, other parishes, schools and our community, is beyond price. Your spirit of fraternalism brings God's love and joy to those around you and throughout the year and shows me that Christmas is a living reality in your heart year round.

I wish each of you a Blessed Christmas, Peace, Health, Happiness and Contentment in the New year!

Ossie

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joseph and Cecelia Jalbert

110 Muggett Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507

We live in Charlton and have been there since 1968. We have 3 grown children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Joe worked for Saint Gobain (Norton Co.) for 37 1/2 years. He was a fireman in the powerhouse and retired in 1999. He currently works part time for Old Sturbridge Village. Cecelia retired this year from Webster First Credit Union. She worked there for 15 1/2 years and was branch manager first in Charlton and then in Dudley. We both enjoy family get togethers on Sundays, our pets (a dog and a cat), gardening and camping. Before coming to Zion we were long time members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Worcester, MA which closed on Feb. 1, 2009. We are grateful for the warm welcome we received from the people here at Zion and are happy to become members of this church.

William, Jessica and Liam Greenwood

41 Flint Road, Charlton, MA 01507

We live in Charlton with our son Liam and our English Bulldog, Emma. Bill works at Pratt and Whitney in Middletown, CT where he is an airplane and power plant mechanic. He currently builds the engine for the F22 Raptor for the United States Armed Forces. Jess worked as a loan processor for a mortgage company in Westborough, MA, but was laid off at the end of October. So, now she is enjoying being home with Liam who is 7 months old while she looks for work. We have a trailer in Old Orchard Beach, Maine where we enjoy going on weekends during the summer months.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Sarah and Jason Craley welcomed Ryan Mark Craley on December 2nd at 6:53 PM. Ryan weighed in at 6 pounds 6 ounces and 19 inches long.

**CLEANING**



**Week of:**

January 4: OPEN

January 11: OPEN

January 18: OPEN

January 25: OPEN

**COFFEE HOUR**



**Sunday:**

January 3: OPEN

January 10: OPEN

January 17: OPEN

January 24: OPEN

*Keys are available from Karen in the office or from Mike. Directions for coffee hour are on the inside of the cupboard door in the kitchen. Cleaning instructions are in the closet in the fellowship hall. We need volunteers for cleaning and for coffee for the month of January. If you can fill in any of the above dates please call Karen at the church or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.*

**STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship Committee would like wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Spiritual New Year! We pray that everyone kept the "Christ" in Christmas. We would also like to thank all that provided stewardship to Zion over the past year. As we enter the New Year we would ask that you prayerfully consider the following as you make your New Year resolutions.

- The covenants you wrote on the "Zion" covenant tree.
- The Endowment Fund.
- Cleaning the church.
- Coffee hour.
- Serving on a committee.
- Helping at worship service.
- Stephen Ministry.
- Being a good steward.
- E-Giving.

Whatever else that the Lord places upon your heart.

\*Reminder - have you turned your pledge card in yet? Your new envelopes are in the back of the church. If your envelopes are not there please let Mike know and he will get them for you.

Yours in Christ, Mike Bellisario, Stewardship Chair



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much for thinking of us this Christmas, we appreciate your generosity and hope you all have a happy and healthy New Year!

**Love, Pastor Andrew,  
Kathleen, and Jacob.**



**YOUTH GROUP  
SUNDAY JAN 17  
WORSHIP AT  
WESTBORO STATE  
HOSPITAL**

We will travel to Westboro State Hospital on Sunday January 17 to offer a worship service for the residents there. We will depart from Zion at 8 am and return by 12:30. We will go out for brunch following the service. Please let Pastor Andrew know if you plan on attending this event so that we can plan ahead.



## GREENING NEWS

The Property and Greening Committee would like to thank everyone who came out for the fall cleanup on Nov. 21st. Many hands made light work for all and the church grounds looked great.

The committee is continuing with our regular monthly meetings, our latest was December 2nd. There were several items discussed which we would like to share with the congregation.

First of all we are still in need of a new more energy efficient refrigerator. Our current one has a few miles on it and the door seal has started to fail. Once again if you happen to have a newer refrigerator that you are willing to donate feel free to contact the church office.

Secondly, with winter weather driving our church heating needs again, the committee continues to look for ways to improve heating efficiency and reduce cost. As part of this focus the weather stripping on the exterior church doors are due to be either fixed or replaced to both improve comfort level inside the building and reduce overall oil usage.

Lastly, the committee has begun researching improvements for both church lighting and the sound system for worship. A meeting was held with a representative from Northeast Electrical Distributors to discuss the lighting improvements which would include the use of more energy efficient CFL bulbs for a short term cost-saving solution. Long term improvements would potentially include new light fixtures. For the sound system we revisited a quote received in 2005 and decided to reevaluate our needs with Jeff Murray, our congregation's electronics guru. With Jeff's help we are hoping to identify a much improved and affordable sound system that will enhance Sunday morning worship.



### MEMORIAL FUND

#### In memory of

**Ed Martin**

From

Sharon Streich

#### In memory of

**Sam Ruggiano**

From Empire State Regional Council

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

#### In memory of

**Donna Cannalunga Harris**

From

Dick and Gerri Siegmund

Norma Durand

Barbara Steege

#### In Memory of

**Esther Wood**

From

Dick and Gerri Siegmund



### ZION BOOK CLUB

Zion Book Club will meet on **Monday, January 18th at 7:00**

**PM.** The meeting will be at the church. The book is "**Say You're One of Them**" by Uwem Akpan

## GREENING TIP

Last month we mentioned the importance of using programmable thermostats to control heating and avoid waste. If you don't have a programmable thermostat there are several out there which are affordable and easy to install. For more information on programmable thermostats and suggested settings take a look at the Energy Star website at

[http://www..energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=thermostats.pr\\_thermostats](http://www..energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=thermostats.pr_thermostats)

**HISTORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

In the November newsletter I discussed the dilemma of not being able to access the old safe stored in the church cellar, and not knowing if it contained anything significant. We have received feedback from a couple of people, without a definitive conclusion. So, as of now, this will remain an issue to be resolved.

In the interim we received two additional gifts to our archives: the first was from Dawn (Carroll) Laporte. This gift, among other things included Certificates of Baptism from 1911 and 1913, Certificates of Confirmation for 1925 and 1927, and confirmation Class photos for 1921, 1925 and 1927.

The second gift came from Emma Schremser, it included a photo of the “Breaking Ground for Emmanuel Lutheran Church dated April 11, 1926”, also The Official Yearbook and Directory For Emmanuel—1927, and Commemorative booklets for the 25th, 35th, and 50th Anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Webster, Mass. Thank you both for your assistance in preserving our church history.

We also received a newspaper clipping from Margaret Heide. It is from The Times and is dated April 25, 1990. It is a story about our 100th Anniversary of Zion. Above the story is a photo dated 1895 of The Zion Lutheran Church’s Men’s Choir,. The only person identified is Oscar Langar. The photo is courtesy of M. Johnson. Questions for this month, Who is M. Johnson and does this 1895 photo still exist?

Respectfully submitted, Donald H. Weinhardt, Chairman



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Dr. Walter Schur, Phyllis Holst, Katharina Flynn, Joyce Cozzens, Al Killian, Louise Cyr, Jackie Bean, Fran Chlapowski, Rebecca Chlapowski, Esther Elliott, Tom Mallett, Fred Grindle, Eleanor Gadoery, Mala Abdella, Ruth Jenkns, Josie Hendrix, Raymon Angel Nunez, Pamela Foy, Jeri-Lynn Berlin, Janet Abissi, Cherie Dittmer, Ron Johnson, Sandy Howland, Bruce Arnott, Arthur Siegmund, Ruth Witthoef, Brian Quinlan, Mrs. Wurth, Maryanne Grzelecki, Debbie Monaco, Matthew Lucas, Lois Austin, John Dunphy, Frank Abissi, Ronny Waters, Katie Schmidt, Patricia Mokaba, Rev. Don and Rev. Peg Olson, Theresa Bromme, Patz and Robert Clark, Gilbert Thibeault, Alexia Clinton, Wilma Miller, Frank Maher, Margarethe Johnson, Mark Blamire, Barbara Hasenberg, David Marcoux, Robert Nowak, Kathy Witt, Rocky Miller, Jim McGovern, Norman Clark Jr., Albert Risner, Anne Bayer, Phyllis Watkins, Isabel Cannalonga, Mary McIntyre, Helen McGovern, Susan Rohr, Bob Blood Jr., Geraldine Maher, Dolores Masi, John Laverne, Michael Gustafson, Diana Powers, Peter Pierce, David Healy, military personnel serving our country at home and in the Middle East especially William Jakola, Brandon Morin, Joel Daoust, Rob Snow, Dedrick Baublitz, Michelle Ramsey, Richard Ramsey, Barbie Miller; and Jesse Meagher; Christians in the Middle East; our partner Synods the ELCJH and the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and the Lutheran Church in Honduras.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Emma Grace Jonasch 05
- Douglas Holst Sr 06
- Carol Weinhardt 06
- Richard Piehl 08
- James Williams 12
- Linda Devlin 13
- Krysten Woods 14**
- Carol Piehl 17
- Siiri Jonasch 17
- Kelsey Bergeson 19
- Kristina Cauty 21
- Kurt Redlitz 23
- Jeff Makowski 24
- Alice Grzelecki 27
- Jayne Boutilier 28
- Isabel Canolonga 29
- Michael Bellisario 29
- Braden Levasseur 30





