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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 AM Worship**  
**9:30 AM: Sunday School**  
**9:45 AM Bible Study**  
**10:30 AM Worship**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 1: Closed-Labor Day**

**Thursdays 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**  
**Pastor @ Panera**

**September 5: 6:30 PM**  
Choir Rehearsal

**September: 6-8** Hammonasset

**September 9 and 23**  
Stephen Ministry  
**6:00 PM** Supervision  
**7:00 PM** Training

**September 10: 7:00 PM**  
Church Council

**September 15: Rally Day**  
**9:30 AM** Sunday School resumes  
**9:45 AM** Bible Study  
**11:30 AM** Assist. Minister training

**September 16: 5:00- 6:30 PM**  
Confirmation

**September 22:**  
**11:30 AM** Acolyte Training  
**3:00 PM** LIPY Wii Bowling

**September 24: 7:00 PM**  
Evangelism Meeting

**September 29: 10:30 AM**  
Stephen Ministry Commissioning  
and Recommissioning

**September 30: 7:00-8:30 PM**  
Down and Out - Lutheran view of  
Grace #3

# Zion Lutheran Church

## September 2013



In early June, our New England synod congregations met in our annual assembly. We did the usual business of the assembly. We listened to reports, voted on the budget, recommended actions to the Churchwide assembly, voted for synod elections, and heard great stuff out about all the mission and social ministry that is done by Lutheran congregations and organizations in New England. As always, it was inspiring and invigorating to be together in conversation and daily worship with so many Lutheran friends.

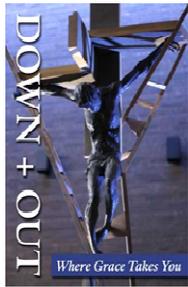
But this year, the keynote event of the assembly was different. We heard from a group on non-church-affiliated folks. They sat on the stage, in a talk-show setting and talked honestly about the reasons why they were not part of a regular congregation – why they were not the folks who show up at Christian worship every Sunday. This event was called the “Nones” Forum. (“Nones” is a sociologist’s term for those who claim no-religious affiliation in surveys.) The forum was recorded and we will have an opportunity to watch it this fall, so that all of us can learn together from the forum.

After the Forum, Bishop Hazelwood spoke. He talked about the great ministry he has seen around the synod this past year. But then he talked about his experience as a parish pastor in Charlestown, RI. The congregation grew dramatically during his tenure. There were many reasons for this – but Bishop Hazelwood primarily cites his insistence on being active in the community. By “active”, the bishop clarified that he spent 25% of his time interacting with non-church members, out in the community. He urged us all to do the same. So, as a response to his suggestion, beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> I will spend two hours every Thursday having public office hours. You will see this on the calendar as Pastor @ Panera. From 2pm to 4pm, every Thursday, (barring emergencies), I will be at the Panera in Webster. Come – join me for a cup of coffee – or better yet, stop by with a friend, introduce them, and invite them to join us for worship on Sundays.

Together In Christ,

*Pastor Nancy*





### **DOWN AND OUT: WHERE GRACE TAKES YOU**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 30 7:00 TO 8:30PM**

Discussion will focus on the life-changing reality of God's promises, and point the way to a completely different view of life in the light of where grace takes you.

### **ACOLYTES AND ASSISTING MINISTERS**

**Acolytes** wanted – all ages welcome – Pastor Nancy will train on **Sunday, September 22nd at 11:30 AM** immediately following the 10:30 worship service.

**Assisting ministers** – All ages welcome! Pastor Nancy will train on **Sunday, September 15th at 11:30 AM** immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service.

If you would like to learn to be Acolyte or Assisting Minister and cannot attend the scheduled training, please speak to Pastor Nancy.



### **BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON RALLY DAY**

Our adult Bible study group will start up again on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 15th at 9:45 AM**. The group meets in the Koinonia Room. **All are welcome!**

### **CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS UPDATE**

This summer, the church council approved the work of the Constitution and Bylaws update team. The overdue updates to our constitution and bylaws has been a long project and the council was pleased to complete this important milestone. The proposed changes will be distributed to the congregation this fall, in advance of the congregational meetings to vote on the changes. Constitutional changes require two separate congregational votes. Bylaws changes can be made by one vote of the congregation. The first vote will take place at our November congregational meeting.

Please note the following, regarding authorized voting membership from our current constitution.

**C8.03 c.** *Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a financial contribution of record during the current or preceding year.*

If you are a regular worshiper at Zion and you would like to become a voting member, please speak with Pastor Nancy to find out about becoming a member of Zion.



### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM**

In the Outdoor chapel.

**Rain date**

Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

### **Zion Adult Choir ...a seat is waiting for you!**



#### **A Message from Chris Costello**

September means that our adult choir will resume weekly rehearsals and offering choral music at many of our worship services. We rehearse on **Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00 PM each week, and an occasional Saturday morning when needed.**

Our **first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, and all are welcome as we begin this Fall by singing at our 10:30AM service on September 8, 2013. I have been working on selecting our musical offerings, and I am excited to share the many inspiring pieces that I have planned for the remainder of 2013.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding choir at [ccostello@cjaymusic.com](mailto:ccostello@cjaymusic.com) or at (774)-200-6829.

### **EVANGELISM: SHARING OUR FAITH**

#### **A Note From Ken Bean**



Part of my summer reading has been a book Pastor Nancy ordered for the Evangelism Team called: **Unbinding the Gospel** by Martha Reese. While it is largely a small group study and discussion book, there were many "nuggets" worthy of all our reflection.

After studying a wide range of congregations, the author says it is clear that **praying** regularly for our church and opening the door to **faith sharing** are both key ingredients to Evangelism. She also noted that congregations that are most effective in their Evangelism *are held together with three inseparable yet distinct areas of loving relationships: 1) a healthy loving relationship with God; 2) a loving relationship with others in the congregation; and 3) loving relationships toward people beyond the church walls.*

Reaching out, inviting and including others really needs our personal genuine love for God; for one another, and for those beyond our doors. Loving relationships like that DO make a world of difference. So the bottom line for all of us is that we who are loved by God in Christ are called to **love, pray, and share** our faith with others. That's healthy Evangelism.

**Zion's Evangelism Team will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**



## NOTES FROM THE JULY 9, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by Marleen Bacon

The July 2013 Zion Church Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Laurens and opened with devotions by Pastor Nancy.

The financial reports can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Maura Aniello and Ed Keegan attended this meeting to discuss the renovations and placement of the bell which came to Zion in Oxford from the Webster Zion Church. The restoration of the bell will begin now with meetings for placement to be held in mid-September. If you have any ideas on where and how to display the bell, please see Pastor Nancy or Bob Laurens.

Jay Costello continues to work on the outdoor Chapel sound system. He has come up with a few options. Please feel free to speak with Jay and to ask when his next meeting will be for further updates.

The various Church Committees gave their reports on their activities.

Stephen Ministry will be commissioning 5 new Stephen Ministers on September 29, 2013. This will be a very special day for those new Stephen Ministers as they begin their very special work.

The Church Council voted to approve and accept the revisions made to the Constitution and Bylaws. Copies will be available for Congregational review in early October and will be voted to be accepted at the Congregational meeting that has been set for November 24, 2013. The Bylaws require a majority vote. The Constitution amendments need a majority vote and then must be ratified by a 2/3rds vote at a second meeting. The second meeting date has yet to be announced. The Council will hold discussion meetings prior to the November vote. The Council also approved four Continuing Resolutions which will be available for review at the same time as the Bylaws and Constitution.

The Council will not meet in August and will hold their next meeting on September 10, 2013 at 7 PM. As always, all are welcome to attend.

This meeting ended with Prayer.

### SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS AND UPDATES

Social Ministry completed three successful endeavors during the summer months.



The Malaria Initiative concluded with a display at the Oxford Anniversary evangelism table. We felt it important for the community to see Zion's Christian love in our outreach to promote human well-being beyond our hometowns. Altogether, a total of \$230 was contributed.



Secondly, many healthy snacks were dropped into the baskets in our narthex so that children on summer break from school would have supplemental nourishment. It is often difficult for families to fill the void of those free and reduced price school breakfasts and lunches during the summer months. Our members were so generous that the bin had to be emptied twice!



Lastly, our back to school supplies drive was successful, too. Pastor Nancy blessed the backpacks and supplies to fill them on August 18, and they were delivered to the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group. Last year our gifts helped to outfit 160 children for the first day of school. It seems we will put smiles on many young faces again this September.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and continual generosity.

Please watch for upcoming announcements for the October Crop Walk and our Christmas blanket making bee.

Peace and blessings, **Paula Kilian Clark, Social Ministry Chairperson**



### ZION'S MONTH TO STAFF FOOD PANTRY

The month of **November** will be Zion's turn to staff the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf on Thursday evenings. Please consider taking a turn to help with this important ministry. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex as the time gets closer.



### YOU CAN HELP!!

Seeking folks who are willing to drive someone to church on a regular or semi-regular basis – and a 'match-maker' to connect drivers with those needing a ride. Sign up on the bulletin board – or call the office if you can help with this ministry.



**YOUNG ADULT 2014  
GLOBAL MISSION  
TRIP OPPORTUNITY -  
THE PLUNGE!**

**Plunge**

The 2014 trip is sponsored by the Southwestern MN Synod of the ELCA. **Trip dates are May 28 - June 8, 2014.** The Plunge is an experience for young adults (ages 18-35) to deepen spirituality through engagement in the global church.

The first part of the trip is spent in Geneva, Switzerland, visiting the Lutheran World Federation offices and World Council of Churches offices, and learning about the ways in which our local congregations are part of the global church. Then spend a week at the ecumenical Taize monastery in southern France, worshipping and living in community with the global church.

**What is The Plunge?**

For four days, young adults from Canada and the United States will visit the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches in Geneva to learn how we are connected across the globe through the church. Then they will travel to the Taize community in southern France for a retreat week. There they will experience firsthand the unique style of worship and music that arises from that community as it welcomes youth from across the globe.

For more information, contact

**Rev. Amber Ingalsbe** at:  
[amber.ingalsbe@ststephenmarshall.org](mailto:amber.ingalsbe@ststephenmarshall.org)

**EDUCATION NEWS**



Welcome back to Sunday School! Classes begin Sunday, September 15th. Class time continues to be immediately following Communion during the first service (approximately 9:30-10:25). This is always and exciting (yet somewhat chaotic) time of year as children and families get back into the fall routine (school, sports, homework) and we are really hoping that the 9:00 AM service and Sunday School (or Sunday School at the 10:30 AM service) become part of your family's regular routine!

This year, in addition to sharing Bible stories and activities related to the stories, we will do some arts and crafts and some singing - but we are going to put some more focus on ways the children can participate in the church service. The "theme" for the year will be Growing Up in God's House. As you talk with your children about things that need to get done around your house (clean your room, set the table, do some laundry, take out the trash -- and the list goes on and on and on) maybe you can spend some time as a family talking about the things that make God's house "run": acolyte, usher, reader, helping clean (yes, someone needs to vacuum and clean bathrooms at God's house too!), raking leaves, baking communion bread. There are so many ways children can get involved in helping out at church and making things "run".

As a congregation, imagine how the church service would feel with children actively involved all around. Imagine as a parent how it will feel to watch your child grow up in God's house.

This year the teaching staff include Haylee Olson, Pam Olson, Matt Jonasch, Jim Champoux, Jen Baublitz, Patty Murray, Rebecca LeBoeuf and myself. I thank them for their commitment. Children ages 3 years through 6th grade are welcome in class Sunday mornings, 7th & 8th graders will be participating in Confirmation Class (schedule to be determined). I'm looking forward to an exciting year! **Susan LeBoeuf**



**LIPY (Lutheran Inter Parish Youth)**

**Support the youth social ministry projects at Hammonasset campout.**

The annual campout is September 6-8. This year there will be two social ministry projects...If you would like to help support the projects (Bibles and Food) please bring **Bibles or Food** - or write a check and we will purchase bibles to bring with us. (Check memo: "Hammo projects"). All items and funds needed by Tuesday, Sept. 3. All **Bibles MUST be new paperbacks**, and cannot be family size. No accessories please (ie: bookmarks, covers, tabs, etc.) **Food donations for the Connecticut Food Bank: Non-perishables needed.**



Join the fun for **Wii bowling** on **Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 PM** at Trinity Lutheran in Worcester.



Mark your calendar to help with the **LIPY Foodline** on **Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 PM** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge, MA.

**LIPY-CM Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to all LIPY events.** You MUST turn in completed Covenant and Medical forms before you can attend LIPY events. (Forms are available on the Youth bulletin board in the hallway.) You can also join the LIPY Facebook group to be updated on activity plans. Talk to Pastor Nancy if you have any questions.






**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Our small group of volunteer church cleaners needs help with the weekly cleaning of the church. You can sign up with a partner, as a family or by yourself. If you would like more information about what is involved, please speak to Bud Fischvogt. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**PROPERTY WORK PARTIES**



The Property Committee is holding a weekly Thursday night work party from 6:00-8:00 PM. Chores vary depending upon weather and need. Zion needs your help! Please volunteer. Questions, contact Bud Fishvogt



**COFFEE HOUR**

If you would like to host coffee hour, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Pat Cheever is our Coffee Hour coordinator and she would love to talk to you and answer any questions. Coffee Hour is a great time of fellowship and a chance to welcome visitors and get to know new friends. Your help would be most appreciated.



**OFFICE SUPPLY DONATIONS**

To help with the rising costs of office supplies, we would appreciate any donations of reams of white and pastel colored paper (8 1/2x11), white or colored (11 1/2x14), legal size paper, pens, mailing labels (1 in. x 2 5/8 in. for Laser and Inkjet Printers in white, 94 brightness), tape (regular and masking), and Staples gift cards. We go through a lot of these items and any donations would be a big help to the budget! Donations can be left in the church office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**Need a Fall Get-away?**

Check out the opportunities at Calumet, on the shores of Lake Ossipee, NH. Mid-week and week-end retreats and programs for all ages and interests. Hiking, golf, quilting, men's and women's retreats, workdays and Lutherhostels. Or create-your-own program, stay at camp and enjoy the local scenery.



**GOD'S WORD. OUR VOICES.**

**NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY 20134**

Zion members, Pr. Nancy Beckwith and Richard Clark, attended the New England Synod Assembly in Springfield this past weekend. A highlight of the weekend, was a plenary session discussion with religious 'nones' (individuals who don't identify with a religion). The conversation was in the context of the statistic that 75% of individuals do not take part in a faith community. Bishop Hazelwood facilitated the conversation with six 'nones', asking about their thoughts about religion and spirituality. Individuals attending the synod assembly had an opportunity to ask the 'nones' questions, which included how to best engage all individuals. in the church. Several of the conversations over the weekend turned back to the message of what we can learn from the 'nones' and how to better reach out and listen to individuals who are not affiliated with a religious organization. We were encouraged to continue these conversations within our own congregations.

To find out more about this missional topic- take a look at Bishop Hazelwood's blog [www.Bishoponabike.com](http://www.Bishoponabike.com)

During the assembly several resolutions and memorials were passed, including a resolution and memorial on increased awareness and advocacy for the people of the Holy Land, a resolution and memorial on hydraulic fracturing, and a memorial urging divestment from fossil fuel corporations. Also, a resolution and memorial were passed, that in light of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings and the Boston Marathon bombings we rededicate ourselves to the work of peace, and finally a resolution passed of thanks for all those that participated in planning the weekend.

On Saturday afternoon, participants were able to take part in different workshops, geared towards education and mission. Kevin Joslyn (a Zion member, currently studying and living in Springfield) helped the synod planning team to coordinate several work projects at homes in Springfield.

Finally, Sunday morning closed with a moving worship service and the ordination of Pr. Tiffany Chaney from The Intersection in Dorchester, MA.

If you would like to hear more about synod assembly ask Richard Clark or Pastor Nancy to tell you more about it or take a look at the synod website ([www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org)) The bishop's Sunday morning sermon as well as the 'nones' conversation were both videotaped and will be available online soon.



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

### **NEWS FROM THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY**

Voting members of the 2013 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) made a number of key decisions to further the mission and ministry of this church. The assembly, the chief legislative authority of the church, gathered Aug. 12-17 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

The 952 voting members:

- + Elected the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, as ELCA presiding bishop. She will be installed Oct. 5 in Chicago and will begin her six-year term Nov. 1.
- + Elected the Rev. Wm Chris Boerger as ELCA secretary. Boerger, currently on leave from call, was installed during the assembly's closing worship Aug. 16 and will begin his six-year term Nov. 1.
- + Adopted "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries" -- a social statement on criminal justice -- and its supporting implementing resolutions. The statement calls ELCA members to ministry and compassion through practices including: hearing the cries of those affected, accompaniment, hospitality and advocacy. It asks members of this church to recommit themselves to visiting the prisoner; correct the flawed criminal justice system and participate in God's work with hands and hearts.
- + Approved a proposal for the ELCA's first major fundraising campaign. The five-year campaign, to begin in 2014, is designed to increase this church's capacity to renew and start new congregations, educate and develop its leaders, bolster its global mission efforts and expand the impact of its relief and development work. Voting members approved two more campaign initiatives -- encouraging and forming lay youth and young adult leaders and support
- + Approved the ELCA churchwide organization budget for fiscal years 2014-2016. The budget includes current fund spending of \$70,541,740 for 2014, \$68,552,280 for 2015, and \$67,920,675 for 2016. It also approved ELCA World Hunger income proposals of \$19,000,000 for each year 2014-2016, and authorized the ELCA Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.
- + Elected ELCA members to serve on the following: Church Council, Portico Benefit Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline, Nominating Committee.
- + Adopted a series of amendments to the ELCA Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.
- + Moved to continue the Book of Faith initiative that invites the 4-million-member ELCA to become fluent in the first language of our faith -- the language of Scripture -- and to be renewed for lives of witness and service.
- + Considered memorials - resolution from the ELCA's 65 synods -- on topics including Holy Communion, immigration reform, the Middle East, pastoral ministry among to same-gender couples and their families, the Uniting American Families Act, community violence, gender identity, immigration detention, hydraulic fracturing, fossil fuels and more.

The assembly will transition from a biennial to a triennial schedule with the next assembly meeting August 2016 in New Orleans.



### **TRIP TO HOLY LAND**

**May, 2014** Trip to the Holy Land with Pastors Michael and Susan Thomas. See info on bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you are interested.



### **OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ANCIENT BIBLE SCROLLS**

The Museum of Science in Boston is hosting the special exhibit **Dead Sea Scrolls: Life in Ancient Times through October 14th.**

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see fragments of the priceless scrolls, along with one of the most comprehensive collection of antiquities from Israel ever organized. Highlights include a three-ton stone from Jerusalem's Western Wall, and an ancient signature preserved for millennia on the Archer Seal. This is a timed exhibit, tickets must be purchased in advance.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL RESULTS  
JULY 31, 2013**

*Respectfully submitted, Shirley I. Rossmeisl, Treasurer*

During the month of July, we received \$8,959.45 thousand and we disbursed

\$8,867.89 thousand---leaving \$4073.82 in unpaid bills.

Expenses exceeded income by \$91.56 dollars.

For the year, we received in \$76,516.49 thousand and disbursed \$80,523.57 thousand through the month of July. For the year, disbursements exceeded income by \$4,007.08.

For the seven months of 2013, Revenue is \$12,640.15 under budget and Expenses are \$8,633.07 under budget.

The following is a comparison of 2013 actual to 2013 budget:

	<b>Jul 2013</b>	<b>Jan-Jul 2013 YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD 7/12</b>	<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	\$ 8,959.45	\$ 76,516.49	\$ 89,156.67	\$ (12,640.18)	
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 8,867.89	\$ 80,523.57	\$ 89,156.67	\$ (8,633.10)	**
<b>Income Net of Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 91.56</u>	<u>\$ (4,007.08)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Jul 2013</b>	<b>Jan-Jul 2013 YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD 7/12</b>	<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	
Benevolence	\$ -	\$ 4,778.09	\$ 6,066.67	\$ (1,288.58)	
Pastors Ministry	\$ 5,082.07	\$ 41,068.67	\$ 43,871.92	\$ (2,803.25)	
Stephen Ministry	\$ -	\$ 35.25	\$ 758.33	\$ (723.08)	
Youth Ministry	\$ -	\$ 15.71	\$ 583.33	\$ (567.62)	
Worship & Music	\$ 1,730.21	\$ 14,757.88	\$ 15,426.25	\$ (668.37)	
Administration	\$ 1,394.59	\$ 8,503.28	\$ 8,803.08	\$ (299.80)	
Property Management	\$ 412.48	\$ 3,154.39	\$ 4,057.08	\$ (902.69)	
Insurance & Utilities	\$ 225.89	\$ 6,800.34	\$ 7,840.00	\$ (1,039.66)	
Education & Outreach	\$ 16.45	\$ 959.83	\$ 962.50	\$ (2.67)	
Evangelism		\$ 182.42	\$ 175.00	\$ 7.42	
Hospitality		\$ 62.71	\$ 175.00	\$ (112.29)	
Stewardship	\$ 6.20	\$ 48.40	\$ 437.50	\$ (389.10)	
Non-budgeted Expenses		\$ 156.60	\$ -	\$ 156.60	
	<u>\$ 8,867.89</u>	<u>\$ 80,523.57</u>	<u>\$ 89,156.67</u>	<u>\$ (8,633.09)</u>	**

**2013 Operating Budget** \$ 152,839.69

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 07/31/13** \$ 650.51



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Thomas Mallett 1
- Esther Elliott 05
- Jeffrey Clark 09
- Allie Howland 13
- Chris Costello 13
- John Makowski 13
- Patrick Reed 16
- Erika Larson 20
- Kyle Champoux 20
- Justin Aniello 21
- Harold Basins 21
- Steve Schur 23
- Lucas Levasseur 23
- Haylee Olson 24
- Tere Laurens 25
- Richard Clark 25
- Marleen Bacon 29

*Prayer Concerns*

Sue Backstrom, Jeff Backstrom, Guy Bacon, Helene Bejune, Ed Bonneau, Ray Briere, Margaret Briere, Susan Chlapowski, Doug Cooper, Alice Grezlecki, Norma Durand, Esther Elliott, Donna Filipkowski, Bob Hokanson, Cecelia Jalbert, Shirley Kilian, Carl Larson, Dorothy Mclellan, Michele Mahoney, Paul Munsch, Peter Pierce, Conrad Redlitz, Pauline Rizner, and Marilyn Siegmund and the Laureano Family.

**To let us know about a prayer concern or to add a name to the printed prayer list, call or email Karen in the office or use the card in the pew racks and place in offering plate.**

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**



**September 15th** is the deadline for the electronic submission of items to be included in the October newsletter..



**ZION IS ON FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurch>

“Like” the page to keep updated about what is going on.



If you have moved or will be moving in the future, please let us know so that we can change you're address, telephone numbers and emails if necessary. We want to stay current with our mailing information.



Beginning September 2nd Karen Borden's office hours will return to 12:00 noon-3:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday.

Church Office Hours



**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Check the Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurch> or call the church office to check for delayed openings of the office and worship or Sunday School cancellation. Please use judgment in deciding whether you can safely travel to Zion.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

**In case of emergency hospitalization or death – the best, and quickest, way to reach Pastor Nancy is by calling 508-499-8787** By calling this number, you can reach Pastor Nancy immediately.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to all high-school and college graduates! Please let us know if your address is changing, so we can keep in touch. If you give us your email address, we can send you stuff electronically too. Email Karen your updated address - [admin@oxfordzionchurch.org](mailto:admin@oxfordzionchurch.org).

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