

For the Members and Friends of  
Zion Lutheran Church  
July 2020



# *The* Long Valley Lutheran

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*This is the 7<sup>th</sup> in a twelve-part series of articles counting down the "Top twelve reasons why worship at Zion is out of this world".*

## **#6 We are Freed Every Sunday**

Americans give thanks for our freedom at least every year on Independence Day. But Christians give thanks to God for our freedom every week.

*Each Sunday* God liberates us from fear, purposelessness, complacency and self-centeredness; that is, from our captivity to sin from which we cannot free ourselves.

*Each Sunday* God gathers together individuals who are captive to a certain lifestyle, other people's opinions, guilt, ideals, etc... But through the Word and the Meal, Christ forgives us and liberates us. Sends us out as free agents on his behalf to enjoy life, and serve him through the neighbor.

Luther summed this up in one paradoxical statement "*A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.*" Only by God's grace does a free lord *desire* to be servant! But when the new creation in us is freed, it seeks to be in relationship in a helpful, useful way to our neighbor. And so we serve God through our neighbor in our daily callings.

But somehow, during the week, we become enslaved again and forget that we are "*free lords of all*" serving God through our neighbor in our many vocations. So at worship, God once again frees us. Perhaps we should set off firecrackers at the end of every worship service as a reminder: *We are freed by God each week!*

*Pastor Ingrid Wengert*



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Sunday School: 9:00 AM  
Adult Forum: 9:15 AM

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**Office Hours**

We will discontinue office hours to observe current "social distancing" guidelines and yet continue to work out of the office as it makes sense. Please contact either of us if you wish to make an appointment to meet or talk:

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The deadline for the **August** Newsletter is **Sunday, July 26th**  
Articles may be sent to the church office via email at [zionlongvalley@gmail.com](mailto:zionlongvalley@gmail.com), or left in Laura Hamilton's mail box in the Parish Center.

**Your prompt attention to the deadline is greatly appreciated!**



## WORSHIP IN JULY...

**In July we continue to celebrate the Season of Pentecost, which begun on May 31.**

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

On **June 28th**, Zion conducted its first in-person worship since the shutdown of activity occurred this spring. We thank all of those that worked hard to make that happen, especially the **Hibler family**, (who provided the tent), **Burt and Marcia Horner** (who set up the tent and mowed around the site), the **Snyder family** (who power washed the benches) and **Charlie Davidson** (who always does a great job setting up the technology). We also thank our worship and music team for adapting to the new reality of worship!



The worship services will continue to be live-streamed on our *You-Tube* channel for those who do not feel comfortable yet worshipping in person. The worship service bulletin, readings and music are located under the “*worship*” tab on our website at **zionlongvalley.org** for your use while viewing the live stream service through Zion's own **You-Tube** channel! Please follow the link to access the service or access through our Facebook page:

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAVuLDiqarTkD4o779iaumA>**

In order to “like” and comment on live Sunday worship or subscribe to Zion's YouTube channel you will need to be logged in. If you already have a Google account (a Gmail address) use that to log in and be able to comment. If you need help creating an account, click [here](#).

We thank everyone for their patience while we work out the kinks in our broadcast!



## Let's Discuss.....

I've asked Laura to attach the letter I wrote to the congregation on eradicating racism and supporting police. If not before September, I'll make sure to schedule a couple of adult forums then in which we can converse about this masked face -to-masked face! We can also converse about additional current events. If you have thoughts you'd like to share with me around these or other current issues, please call to discuss or email me with them. I really do want to hear your thoughts and concerns.

One of Zion's youth, **Maddie Bataille**, shared her own perspective on the current events and Zion's support for the peaceful demonstration that occurred in Long Valley this past month this way:

*"I wanted to thank you for your support today during the procession. My friend Crystal said it was the greatest day ever as she drove through our town rejoicing in the love and support for her and others in the black community. It actually moved her to tears at one point and made me cry as well. It was such a beautiful day of love and I wanted to thank you for being a part of it."*



### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We welcomed two new members to Zion's family on **June 28th**. **Thomas and Anna Lee** were baptized in our beautiful outdoor worship space. Congratulations to **David and Alyssa Lee**, and the children's sponsors, **Katheryn D'Onofrio and Rowena Burkle**, David's sisters. Pictured is the group, momentarily unmasked!

### Scheduled Worship Readings for July

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old and New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 5	Romans 7:15-25a	Psalm 145:8-14	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65:9-13	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalm 86:11-17	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26	Romans 8:26-39	Psalm 119:129-136	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52





Summary financials through the end of May,  
approved by Zion's Council in June.

**2020 Proposed Operating Budget**

	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed
<b>Congregation Giving</b>	\$ 230,370	\$ 241,266*
<b>Other Income</b>	47,300	48,884
<b>Total Income</b>	277,670	290,029
Transfer from Non Op	(0)	(0)
2019 Balance Forward	(10,000)	(8,692)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	268,978	288,454
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	8,692	1,575

\*5% YOY Increase

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For questions on financial information, please contact our Treasurer, Larry Salvatore at [larrysal73@gmail.com](mailto:larrysal73@gmail.com)

**Finance Committee Update**

For those who were not able to attend virtually, we have attached the slide deck used at the congregational update earlier this month. It has been revised to include our *Actual* figures through the end of **May**. *As a reminder, what was presented was through May 24.*

By including the *Actuals*, Giving is down a little more than we predicted, and expenses were also lower than predicted. Essentially the message is the same. Giving is close to where we were last year, but lower than our budgeted 5% increase. Expenses are also lower and will remain so until we engage cleaning services to prepare the sanctuary and Faith Hall for re-opening and utilities go up as a result of using the buildings.

**We continue to appreciate all those who have kept up their giving. Please see page 6 for options for electronic giving if you are interested.**



If you are able to continue with your giving during this period of social distancing, the easiest way to do this is through *Simply Giving*. Over 50% of our regular contributions come in this way, and *Simply Giving* now offers the option of giving using a credit or bank card in case you are concerned about having funds transferred from your bank account. If you are interested please follow the link to Simply Giving: <https://zionlongvalley.org/stewardship/>

If you would rather provide an offering via check, you can mail it to the church office, and it will be counted in the same manner as if it were placed in the offering plate. Please use the personalized offering envelopes inside the mailing envelope. (*Cash not recommended*).



### GIVEPLUS: A New Mobile App for Online Giving

Our Simply Giving provider has a new mobile app called **Give Plus** which allows you to make a one time or recurring donation through your phone. This free app can be downloaded either through **Apple's App Store** or **Google's Play Store**. Just do a search for **Give Plus Church** – the app shows the word "Give" and a gold "plus" sign.

There is **no fee** to you for making donations through the app and you can do it either as a guest or set up an account, which will store all your information for future use. If you already use the simply giving program, you will just need to log into your account through the mobile app and you are already set up.

After downloading the app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of the church by either typing in *Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, NJ* or using the "Find My Church" feature. If you set-up an account, the next time you sign in, Zion will be shown as your own church.

For new users, you will be asked to enter your email and create a password. You will be prompted to add in your address and bank account information. Under donations you go to "Give Now" – and add a new one time or recurring donation. From the menu you can select *general/operating, building, flowers, Easter, etc.*, then select "frequency" (one time or recurring) and select the amount. Press "add" on the bottom and you are done. You can get a history of your donations and you can make changes or delete a recurring donation at any time. These donations will all be included in your giving statement at the end of the year.

If you have any questions you can contact **Barb Schulz** at [barbaralschulz@gmail.com](mailto:barbaralschulz@gmail.com) or call at **(201)787-7460**



## Social Ministry Update

The Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey speaks out for justice and peace and provides a channel for us to live out our faith through advocacy. If you would like to learn more or sign up for **Weekly Witness** e-mails, visit [info@learnj.org](mailto:info@learnj.org).



The Zion congregation council voted at our June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to send a **\$1,000** donation to our local Lutheran/Episcopal Christian Camp and Re-

treat Center- Cross Roads, located only six miles from Zion. This summer Cross Roads made the difficult decision to suspend residential camp at their facility. This impacts their financial situation.

Even in these precarious and uncertain financial times, we want to help this important ministry of our larger church to survive so they will be able to offer Christian camping experiences to children and youth for many summers to come and be able to continue to host retreats and learning seminars when it is safe to do so again.

Your congregation council identified funds that had been budgeted for but will not be used at Zion this year (*synod assembly hotels, for example*) and leaders of some Zion ministries working with children and youth shared a portion of their budgets. Funds from social ministry were also used for Cross Roads support, as they have been in previous years. The impact of our gift will be doubled by matching funds from the New Jersey synod. We are

thankful we could find funds to share with Cross Roads and encourage you to donate to their cause if you are able.

To help ensure that Cross Roads is here for generations to come, please prayerfully consider making a gift to Cross Roads today. Whatever your gift, a generous challenge grant of \$75,000 has been offered by the New Jersey Synod, ELCA to match all gifts received at this time. [Click here to learn more or make a donation.](#)

Please see *page 8* for some personal stories from Zion members about their own experience at Cross Roads!

*Judy Bumpus*



### Youth Group Meeting

Join Game Night on Sunday, July 19th at 7pm

—open to all youth, young adults, and friends!

Contact Emily Rochotte at [erochotte@gmail.com](mailto:erochotte@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



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## Personal Stories of Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center



*From Zion member Dottie Weis:*

I remember Mr. Beisler! He was a member of my home church, St. John's in Jersey City. He was a tall (I was small) man with white hair and always a smile whenever kids were around. When I was in Senior Luther League, we used to go up to Beisler in the beginning of June to help sweep out cabins and whatever else was needed. We were of course more interested in how soon we could get to the lake! (not sure how helpful we really were...) A funny memory I have is we had put a watermelon in the lake to keep cool. Somehow it escaped and it was hysterical watching some of the kids try to recapture! We always looked forward to going up there and being in the woods. Campfires, singing, and nature. What could be better?

*From Zion member Emily Rochotte:*

Cross Roads has played a huge part of my faith formation as an adult. Finding ministries tailored to young adults in the church is not easy and Cross Roads has provided me wonderful faith-based opportunities to

surround myself with others my age. Their Young Adult Retreat gave me my first camp experience and my involvement with the Cross Roads community since then has introduced me to so many new young adults and pastors all throughout New Jersey and surrounding states, which has led me to increase my involvement in Synod-wide programming and helped me make lasting friendships.

My favorite Sunday of the year is when Cross Roads staff comes to lead worship at Zion each June. I am grateful for the retreats I've attended, the summer I worked in the camp office and the summers I've attended the annual Giant Church Picnic (an opportunity I've loved sharing with Zion's Youth Group for the past two summers).

*From Zion member Sue Koeppen:*

I was at the dedication of Camp Beisler as an infant in my baby carriage! I also attended as a camper for a special Choir Camp with several of my church friends!





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### LVCAP Food and School Supplies

Our *Long Valley Community Assistance Program Food Pantry* needs donations of food. LVCAP has had an increase in the number of food insecure people from our community using the food pantry. The expectation is that the number of clients may increase throughout the summer as the economic toll of the pandemic affects more residents. If you are able to continue to support the food pantry with donations, please drop off your items at Hoffman's Supply on Mill Street anytime or on Thursday mornings only at the food pantry located at the *Long Valley Presbyterian Church* on Bartley Road. LVCAP has some new initiatives this summer. A financial gift they received called for getting more fresh produce to food pantry clients. LVCAP is working with *Ort Farms* to put together assorted produce boxes for the clients during the summer months. LVCAP is also reworking their annual cli-

ent registration (*usually held in August – October*). In person registration will take place outdoors, online registration will be available and forms will be offered through the schools, as well.

For the past several years Zion has stuffed backpacks with school supplies for the families who use the LVCAP food pantry. Those who are struggling to find money to feed their families do not have the resources to equip children for the new schoolyear, so we have tried to ease the pressure by providing basic supplies. LVCAP has contacted our local schools to and they have given us a list of most needed items. (*Please see page 10*). Keep your eyes open for both school supply bargains and for more specifics on what we will need –updates in the **Happenings** and in the next newsletter. *Thank you!*

*Judy Bumpus*



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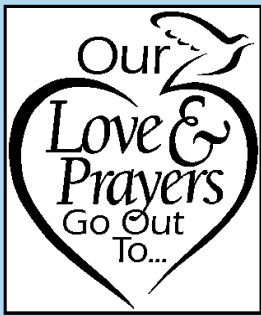
We have had tremendous support from our VBS families in the past for our Mission Projects. We hope to continue this tradition by participating in the important project to stock the LVCAP Food Pantry with supplies for needy kids, even though we are unable to gather for VBS this year. Please pass this information to VBS families you know who would like to donate supplies to our collection! More info to come.....

*Jolene Battitori, the WT K-8 school district assistant superintendent contacted some teachers for ideas/suggestions. She supplied the following list of most needed items:*

- headphones/earbuds
- dry erase markers
- regular markers
- highlighters
- pencils
- blank paper
- crayons
- scissors
- ruler
- notebook
- lined paper
- glue
- 2 pocket folder
- pencil case
- small whiteboard/erase
- 1 Smartpal sleeves

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None of the items are particularly expensive. (Many can be found at the dollar store.) The headphones, dry erase markers, small whiteboards and Smartpal sleeves are items used predominantly for online/virtual classes.



For the time being, the prayer page will consist of all of those we know whose jobs might mean contact with people who are infected with COVID-19. Each Sunday, we will pray by first name for all who are members of the congregation. But here, we also wish to include friends and extended family members who are health care workers or first responders. We thank them all for their tireless work to keep all of us healthy and safe, and do so at risk to themselves and their families. We'd like to list the name, role and also the hospital at which each person works. If you have someone you'd like to add to the list, or can provide further information, please let the office know. The "Ongoing Prayer List" will be located on our website under the "Worship" tab. Please also keep all those listed in your prayers.

### Health Care Workers

**Mackenzie Bergstram** - NIC Nurse  
**Kailene Brobst** - Nurse  
**Kerri Carter** - Geriatric Nurse  
**Leslie Carter** - Physician's Assist. Student  
**Kaitlyn Dickson** - Pre-Med, Rutgers  
**Zuleika Dise** - Radiology  
**Debbie Dore** - Nurse  
**Kyle Egan** - EMT  
**Jamie Getting** - Nurse  
**Tricia Hibler** - Nurse  
**Jessie Hurley** - Nurse  
**Kevin Mange** - Physician  
**Brian Motylenski** - ER Nurse  
**Lori Prussack** - Pediatric Nurse  
**Tami Ochs** - Nurse  
**Chrissie Reyes** - ER Nurse  
**Dr. Phil Salvatore** - Epidemiologist, CDC  
**Art Samaras** - Flight Nurse, Paramedic

### **Anna Steinel - Nurse**

**Cathleen Sullivan** - Nurse  
**Drs. John & Denise Visci** - Physicians  
**Anna Weth** - Home Health Nurse  
**Amy Zeier** - Nurse

### First Responders

**Rob Brobst** - Police  
**Charlie Davidson** - Fire  
**Russ Dore** - LV Fire Chief  
**Josh Drake** - Fire  
**James Carkhuff** - Fire, First Aid  
**Tim Hanft** - Police  
**Chris Huber** - Fire  
**George Lird** - EMT  
**Megan Lird** - Paramedic  
**Joe Rooney** - Police  
**Phil Seabeck** - Police  
**Dave Steinel** - Fire

*New prayer requests will also appear in the announcements each week. Please see the comprehensive prayer list on Zion's website. Please contact the church office for additions or to make updates, or with questions.*



# In Celebration of Birthdays in July.....



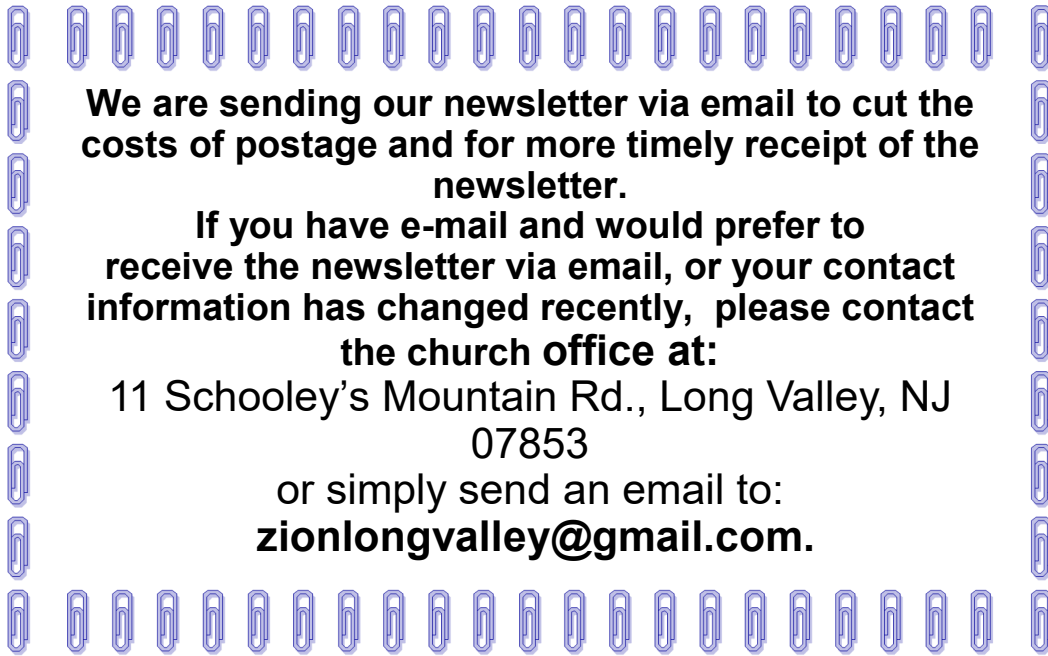
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- 5 **Liam Miller**  
**Gale Tucker**
- 6 **Melissa Hurley**
- 7 **Lynnae Crupi**
- 8 **Brinley Basho**
- 9 **Molly Demayo**  
**Gale Tucker**
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**Doug Koeppen**  
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**John Hurley, Jr.**  
**Jimmy Rasmussen**
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- 17 **Courtney Derr**  
**Samuel Hollien**
- 18 **Joseph Snyder**  
**Valerie Poggio**
- 19 **Ellen Blaine**
- 20 **Austin Pedersen**
- 22 **Robert Clay**  
**Megan Davis**
- 23 **Jeanne Howell**  
**Lennox Michel**
- 24 **Rowan and Zinnia Michel**
- 26 **Logan Burke**
- 29 **Arne Olsen**

*"The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old parchments or musty records. They are written, as with a sunbeam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself, and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power."*

*Alexander Hamilton, "The Farmer Refuted", February 5, 1775*




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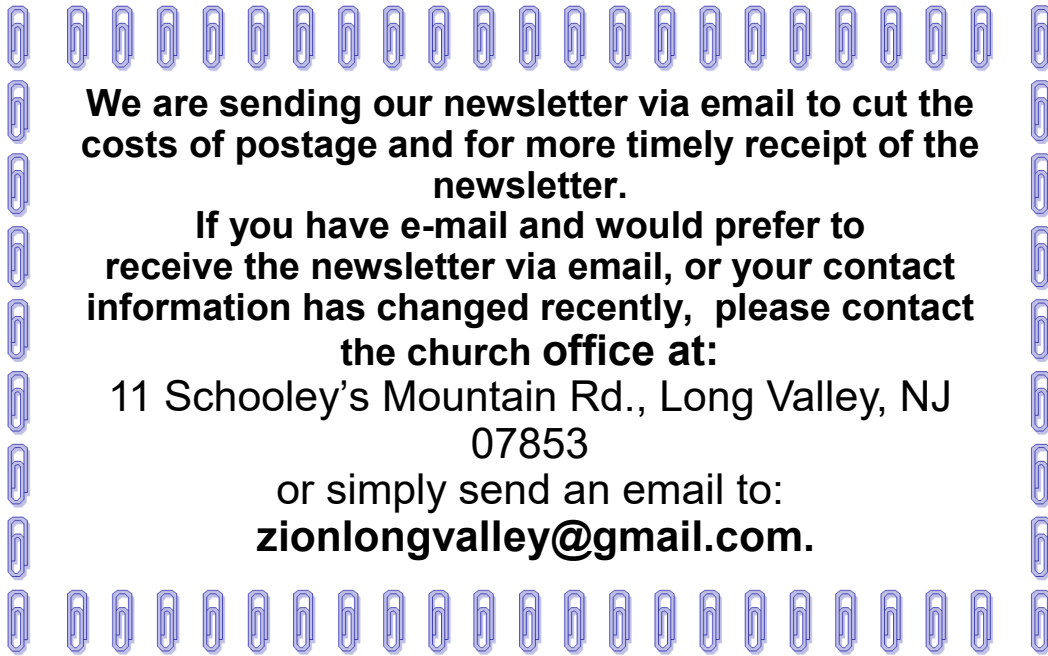
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