



*For the Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church
July 2021*

The Long Valley Lutheran

Sundays in July

July 4, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion,

We give thanks and pray for our country on this July Fourth; however, as “our citizenship is in heaven” the readings are those appointed for the Christian church year. (Philippians 3:20)

July 11, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of the Word

10.00 AM Baptism Aubrey Wisemen

Sunday’s gospel reading is the unpleasant story of Herod’s dancing daughter and, what followed, the decapitation of John the Baptist. Come to worship to hear what this has to do with us.



July 18, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of the Word

The Bible describes us as being like sheep who need a shepherd. Come to worship to meet the Shepherd who, with endless compassion, teaches, heals, and feeds us.

July 25, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of the Word

For the next five Sundays, our gospel readings come from John, rather than from Mark. The Gospel of Mark was the earliest gospel written, about 70 AD, and the Gospel of John the last, about 100 AD. All

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Indoor / Virtual : 9.00 AM

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS/OFFICERS:

President: Judy Bumpus
Vice President: Martina Frommeyer
Secretary: Jeanne Howell
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LVCNS Director..... Meghan Bridge
Bus. Administrator.....JoAnn McElwaine

Summer Office Hours

Parish Secretary Sarah

M, Tu & Th, Fr from 9:00AM to 1PM.

Sarah will not be in the office on Wednesdays.

Pastor Ingrid will be in on Wednesdays from 9-1PM

If you wish to stop by, please call ahead just to make
sure someone is here.

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The deadline for the
**August Newsletter is
July 23rd**



Articles may be sent to the church
office via email at

zionlongvalley@gmail.com, or left in Sarah
Scudese's mail box in the Parish Center.

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

July 2021



Thanks again to all who filled out the pandemic survey in May!

Here is part II of the responses to the question: “Did you experience something good coming out of the past, difficult year?” (listed in order of receipt).

- I had more time to spend reading, sewing, cooking, and doing outdoor sports.
- Better connection with friends through weekly Zoom hangouts - we've been doing this for a year now!
- It's silly but I really appreciated sleeping in a tiny bit, even on work and school days, and not being in such a rush to get out the door...all because I had nowhere to go! I enjoyed my garden and used the home time to reconnect with lots of friends
- We welcomed our third child to our family! I accomplished a second Masters' Degree while working from home AND taking care of the children.
- Experienced tighter bonding (albeit virtual) with select individuals. While the pandemic took a lot from us, it also gave immediate families the gift of more time and togetherness.
- No
- People helping people.
- More time with immediate family and slowing down.
- I have attended more virtual services and listened to the adult forums, which I probably would not have under normal circumstances. I feel I have become a more knowledgeable Lutheran.
- Extra time spent at home with family, taking advantage of and appreciating the outdoors.
- No, I don't think so.

There you have it – an honest reflection of the difficulty of the pandemic in a couple of responses, and also how God wrought blessings out of such a harrowing year. Perhaps the next time life in this broken world throws a curve ball, these witnesses can help us remember that God accompanies us, and can even wring good out of the bad.



**TUESDAY AFTERNOON
BIBLE STUDY**

Will resume after Labor Day.
Enjoy your summer!!!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our community bereavement group, "Comfort my People" will meet again in **September**. The group meets for mutual support and insight on the fourth Thursday of each month. We welcome any and all from the church and surrounding community who have suffered loss of any kind to join us. We will be using the book

"Grief One Day at A Time"

"365 Meditations to Help You Heal after Loss"
by Dr. Alan Wolfelt

Will resume after Labor Day



Those who Die in the Lord
Kathy Hassel

Our prayers are with her family
Paul, Kerry, Gabriella and Andrew Karpinski

Funeral will be held on July 10th,
more information to follow.

Appointed Worship Readings for July

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old or New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 4	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10	Psalm 123	Mark 6: 1-13
July 11	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85: 8-13	Mark 6: 14-29
July 18	Jeremiah 23: 1-6	Psalm 23	Mark 6: 30-34,53-56
July 25	Ephesians 3: 14-21	Psalm 145: 10-18	John 6: 1-21

WORSHIP IN JULY



In-person:

In July and August, we will worship outdoors in the Hoehn chapel on the 1st & 3rd Sundays (weather permitting) - bring a chair if you don't wish to sit on the wooden pews. Please feel free to drive out and park near the chapel if walking might be a hazard. We'll worship indoors on the 2nd, 4th and inclement weather Sundays.



Council continues to ask all to follow protocols based on CDC guidelines, as we wish to care for the whole community of faith which is made of people who cannot yet get vaccinated (e.g., children), some who choose not to do so, and some for whom the vaccine is less effective (e.g., individuals who are immunocompromised). In this and with all things, we encourage and pray that the congregation refrain from judging one another's decisions, but help to promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.

Virtual: Live-stream worship is available on [Zion's YouTube channel](#) and is automatically recorded so that you can worship when you are able. The worship bulletin, readings and music are [located on our website](#) (updated on Thursdays). In order to "like" and comment on YouTube, you must subscribe to Zion's YouTube channel by clicking the "subscribe" button; however, you need a Google account (a Gmail address) to do so. If you need help creating an account, click [here](#).



Dear Pastor Ingrid and Congregation,

I apologize it's taken me this long to write. I wanted to send a letter of thanks for making our daughters baptism, Elianna Elsie Sobieski, a memorable and joyful day. Pastor Ingrid, since day one of speaking, you were beyond helpful and friendly. You had a fresh and inviting manner in discussing Lutheran faith and the baptismal process. On the day we met, you expressed your love for the church and it's history. We were grateful that you shared your knowledge with us and even gave us a brief tour that showed the church's true beauty (especially the bell tower). Your congregation made us feel very welcomed and we enjoyed the numerous conversations and greetings we received after the service with various different members. One shared that her mother's name was Elsie and was so happy to see the name in the days pamphlet. I had told her, we chose Elsie as a middle name because this was my grandmothers name and I shared a special bond with her. I included a few pictures below. Please feel free to share. Thank you again so very much for this loving blessing of our daughter Ellie and we hope to see all of you again sometime soon.

Justine & Keith Sobieski



June Baptisms

*Through water and the word, You have become
A child of God and sealed as Christ's own forever.*



*On June 13th we
celebrated the Baptism
of
Joshua Riggs
Son of
Jetur & Meredith
Riggs*

*Dean Forlenza was baptized in
May. We didn't get his picture in
time for the June newsletter. But
we wanted to get such a great
picture in this issue!*





Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, and are battling life altering conditions.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that restored, they may joyfully praise your name, for you and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

New prayer concerns: Karen Newquist
Taryn Blaine Monsolino

*Lou & Quinny
Andrea Aron
Will Beaumont
Charlie Burd
Diane Carlock
Bob Clay
Courtney Derr
Donna East
Justin Fogerty
Krista Gunderson*

*James Hassel
Kathy Hassel
Kirk Klein
Sue Koeppen
Emily Mancuso
Cathy Mindel
Jim Newquist
Betty Rush
Deena Salvatore
June Sweeney
Bob Weis*

*New prayer requests will also appear in the announcements each week.
Please contact the church office for
additions, to make updates, or with questions.*

Congregation Council

Summary financials through the end of April
Please find attached full summary [here](#).

Building Fund and Mortgage Status

- Last Capital Campaign ended approximately 2 years ago
- Through December 2020 giving to the building fund continued; very little giving in 2021
- Mortgage balance after June 1 payment = \$298,516.44 (from \$1.2M)
 - Interest Rate is 3.875%
 - Monthly payment is \$4,791
- Building Fund balance:
 - "Cash" \$ 4,441.20
 - Stocks \$21,874.80 (6/1 value). PASI recommended selling the stock to have fixed amount of cash on hand
- Total Available \$26,326.00 (5.5 payments)

Operating Results Through April

Operating Results - Summary				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Budgeted Giving	\$ 22,708	\$ 19,106	\$ 19,106	\$ 19,106
Actual Giving	\$ 15,116	\$ 26,182	\$ 21,097	\$ 22,857
Net Giving vs Budget	\$ (7,593)	\$ 7,076	\$ 1,990	\$ 3,751
Total Expenses - Budget	\$ 22,920	\$ 21,063	\$ 23,494	\$ 24,276
Total Expense - Actual	\$ 19,186	\$ 20,660	\$ 24,857	\$ 19,883
Monthly Budgeted Deficit	\$ (2,475)	\$ (2,475)	\$ (2,475)	\$ (2,475)
Monthly Net Income(Deficit)	\$ (3,052)	\$ 5,523	\$ (3,761)	\$ 2,974
Deficit Budgeted YTD	\$ (2,475)	\$ (4,950)	\$ (7,425)	\$ (9,900)
Net Regular Income YTD	\$ (3,052)	\$ 2,471	\$ (1,290)	\$ 1,684
Delta to Budget Deficit	\$ (577)	\$ 2,479	\$ 6,135	\$ 11,584
Better/(worse) than budget				

Instead of the projected Loss of \$9,900, we were net Positive \$1,684 and 11,584 better than the budget

Congregation Council

Catch Up with Council—President

Here is a brief snapshot of who is serving on your congregation council this year, the responsibilities they have and the projects they are working on. Some ministries have evolved to meet the challenges of this post COVID year. Others have had a resting period and as we emerge from the strictest protocols, are making re-awakening plans. If you have any question, please contact any of your congregation council members for more information.

Youth Ministry

As the council person with oversight of our youth ministry, I want to say thank you to Emily Rochotte who is stepping down after serving as Zion’s senior youth leader. Emily held virtual meeting with the youth in the thick of pandemic lockdown last year. I thank her for her dedication to our young people. Now we are looking for someone who may be interested in working with our high school youth – helping to forge faith in action, to facilitate young people having fun together and serving others in the community. Please contact me if you are interested. I also want to thank Jance Denzler who is once again spearheading the arrangements for Zion youth to participate in the Nation Lutheran Youth Gathering. Participants will discover a “Boundless God Beyond Measure” (the theme of the gathering) as they travel to Minneapolis with Lutherans from across the nation in summer of 2022. Jance and our participating youth will be busy this coming year to raise funds and awareness, so watch for more on this unique event.

Our junior youth group has not been active for some time. This age group has Sunday School and confirmation classes, so we are looking for someone who would like to coordinate a fellowship group where our middle school young people can do activities they enjoy with those they attend church with. We would like them to get to know one another better and feel comfortable with one another by building a network of shared experiences. Again, please see me if you are interested.

The president (agenda, running meetings), vice-president (employee relations, Mutual Ministry), secretary (takes minutes, writes correspondence, sends records to office), financial

Congregation Council



chairperson (compiles spending and earning reports for both operating and non-operating accounts and presents them to council, prepares budget with council input) and the pastor make up the executive committee of the council. For 2021, Martina Frommeyer serves as our vice-president and head of Worship and Music, Jeanne Howell is our secretary and Larry Salvatore is the finance chair.

Judy Bumpus –President

Catch Up With Council –Worship & Music Committee, *Marilyn Hibler, Marcia Horner, Ann Rahmann, Marlena Schilke, Christine Stabile, Malainie Stoma, Pastor Ingrid*

My name is Martina Frommeyer and I am this year's council VP and council liaison for the Worship & Music committee. This committee has been working hard this year especially with adhering to pandemic requirements. The last month or so, we have been able to hold church services with less restrictions such as going maskless and not having to social distance for those congregants who are vaccinated. We really appreciate everyone who participated in the recent survey and those who gave Pastor Ingrid and myself feedback regarding indoor/outdoor services.

Taking both the survey results and feedback into consideration, beginning in *July*, the committee has decided to have worship services at the outdoor chapel the *first* and *third* Sundays and have indoor services on the *second* and *fourth* Sundays. Being outside will allow us to be able to sing again which I know many of you are looking forward to.

In the fall, when we move back indoors, we will start to consider having 2 services again. We are also very grateful for those who have volunteered to be a part of our Tech group to help with our video and sound systems that record our services for viewing them virtually. If anyone else who is tech savvy and would like to be a part of this Tech group, please let me or Pastor Ingrid know. We are also looking for anyone willing to help with setting up for outside worship especially to let me or Pastor Ingrid know, as well. Many hands make light work. *Martina Frommeyer –Vice President*

Catch Up with Council -Christian Ed

The new Sunday School superintendents have met and are preparing the curriculum and supplies for the Fall. *Becky Rasmussen*

Senior Youth Group Leader

Opportunity Awaits

If you are looking to make a difference in the life of young people in Long Valley, if you want to discuss questions at the intersection of faith and life in this world, if you enjoy working with teens – then we have an opportunity for you!

Zion is looking for adults to lead our senior and junior youth programs. The junior youth program has not been active for several years. With the pandemic now hopefully retreating and the advent of approved vaccines for those 12 and older, we hope to restart this ministry in the fall. As these young people are in Sunday School and confirmation classes and have a service component in their confirmation curriculum, a big emphasis of the youth group will be fun activities to build a sense of fellowship within the group. Usually youth group meets monthly or so during the school year and may have a summer activity also.

The senior youth have the opportunity to travel to the triennial Lutheran Youth Gathering next summer in Minneapolis, MN. Jance Denzler is on board to coordinate that trip. For the 2021-2022 school year, some of the youth group events might revolve around fundraising and preparing for the trip. But it is good to also have sessions that involve youth who may not be planning to attend the Gathering, as well as those who are looking forward to traveling – to discuss whatever is percolating up from events in school and the world, to have opportunities to serve others in our community and to get together for fun and fellowship. Each youth group and each youth leader are different, so exactly what would be planned will be up to the group together to determine. Some activities from the past have included baking cookies for shut-ins to be delivered by the Eucharistic Ministry teams, movie nights and discussion, snowtubing, rafting, overnights, sunrise hikes, making a serving a meal at a homeless shelter, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Some youth leaders have a hobby or interest they want to share and which the group is interested in learning about – construction, camping, canoeing, biking, etc. Sometimes a member is passionate about an activity or cause and wants to introduce the group to their interest.

The synod and Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center do have some training opportunities for youth leaders. But it is not like Sunday School with a curriculum to follow. It is an opportunity for someone who likes to try new things and think creatively. It is a place where one can have a big impact on the faith formation of our young people. It is important work and we hope you may be interested in giving it a try. If you are interested, have questions or just want to know more, please contact Judy Bumpus (908-684-0391 judy@bump.us), Zion congregation council point person for youth ministry.



Social Ministry Update
Lutherans engaging in advocacy ministry: Live your faith out loud!
Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

Thank you! To all that helped with Zion's Clean Up Day



A special thank you to Cub Scouts Den 6!
And all the Zion volunteers that came out to help!
Thank you Jeff for coordinating!



FATHER'S DAY WAS BRICK SUNDAY

Thank you! to all those that gave to our Father's Day Brick Sunday. Your gifts will enable us to donate \$225 to the Thrivent Builds program, that works with Habitat for Humanity to supply building materials to build houses in partnership with those in need.



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Packing Backpacks for LVCAP

Social ministry will again be packing backpacks for children in need this summer. Please consider donating items to fill the backpacks such as: folders, paper, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, rulers, glue, erasers, scissors and highlighters. We will be donating them to LVCAP food pantry who

will distribute them. Thank you!



Quilting Day – Saturday, August 21, 2021

9.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Come when you can, stay as long as you wish!

On Saturday, August 21 we will be making “quilts” for Donation to Lutheran World Relief. LWR distributes these warm blankets to those in need around the world – refugees from war or natural disasters or those who have few resources. We supply the quilts after our day of work and then LWR takes care of shipping them around the world and distributing them where they are needed.

Quilting Day is an amazing day. We start with scraps or yards of donated materials. We end with lovely warm blankets. In between we have fun and fellowship and get lots done. Some volunteers cut fabrics into squares, others piece the squares into quilt tops on sewing machines, some iron the seams of the pieced tops, still others take the completed tops and sandwich them with backing and batting and tie the sandwich together and pin the edges to return to sewing volunteers to bind the edges of the quilt. We need volunteers who want to come and pin and tie (no sewing skills required for this). We need volunteers to bring sewing machines and come prepared to sew. We need ironers, cutters, all kinds of willing hands. Come and stay all day or come for an hour or two. We can find a job for you and it is fun to be part of assembling the quilts!

We have lots of quilt tops ready to go (thank you to Jeanne Howell who has been busy piecing quilts at home during the pandemic), so we need many tie-ers and pinners. Please don't let not being a tailor keep you away – no sewing skills are required to help out!

There is food, companionship, chatter, laughter and work accomplished – please join us for a great day – men, women, young, old, everyone – we want you!



PARISH LIFE



Lutherans & Genealogy

As Zion is the 2nd oldest Lutheran congregation in New Jersey, Pastor Ingrid was requested for a televised interview about Lutherans and church records. The host of the local cable channel, now on YouTube, called "Family Historian," has aired since 1990 as a "how-to" for individual and family genealogists, As Pastor Ingrid is not a historian, she leaned on good resources for Zion & Reformation history; that is, Helga Schwartz's book and her husband! [Click here to watch the half-hour show.](#)



Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us this summer on the first and third Sundays of the month after the service, for Lemonade on the Lawn! Spend some fellowship time outdoors in the Hoehn Chapel and enjoy a cold beverage.



Pastor Ingrid & Zion

Thank you for your generous gift!

It was my pleasure and a privilege to teach

at Long Valley Christian for fourteen years!

Thank you for your wonderful Chapel visits each month.

Thanks to Zion for all the support over the years.

Love, Kathy Mazzullo





Help Wanted

We Can't Do This Without You!!



Christmas Tree Lighting - Coordinator, to coordinate with the Garden Club and Junior Women and local businesses. If you love Christmas, this is a fun one!



Shoe Box –Coordinator

We also need some one to lead the organizing and collection of our shoeboxes.



Technology Team Needed - Zion needs people who know their way around a computer, to help run the streaming during worship, and others to help problem solve issues that may arise.



Sending our *July* birthdays smiles for every moment
of your special day .
Happy birthday!

- 1 **Beatriz Naglestad**
- 2 **Deena Salvatore**
- 3 **Makena Hanft**
- 4 **The United States of
America**
Melissa Bataille
Eric Prussack
- 5 **Liam Miller**
- 6 **Melissa Hurley**
- 7 **Lynnae Crupi**
- 8 **Brinley Basho**
- 9 **Molly Demayo**
Gale Tucker
- 10 **Evan Mitchell**
- 12 **Allison Keller**
Doug Koeppen
Alex Pedersen
- 13 **Bob Butynes**

- 15 **Jack DelleCava**
John Hurley, Jr.
Jimmy Rasmussen
- 16 **Sean Howell**
- 17 **Courtney Derr**
Samuel Hollien
- 18 **Joseph Snyder**
Valerie Poggio
- 19 **Ellen Blaine**
Thomas Lee
- 20 **Austin Pedersen**
Megan Davis
- 23 **Jeanne Howell**
Colton Rooney
- 26 **Logan Burke**
- 27 **Blakely Rooney**
- 29 **Arne Olsen**



May God Bless America!
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!