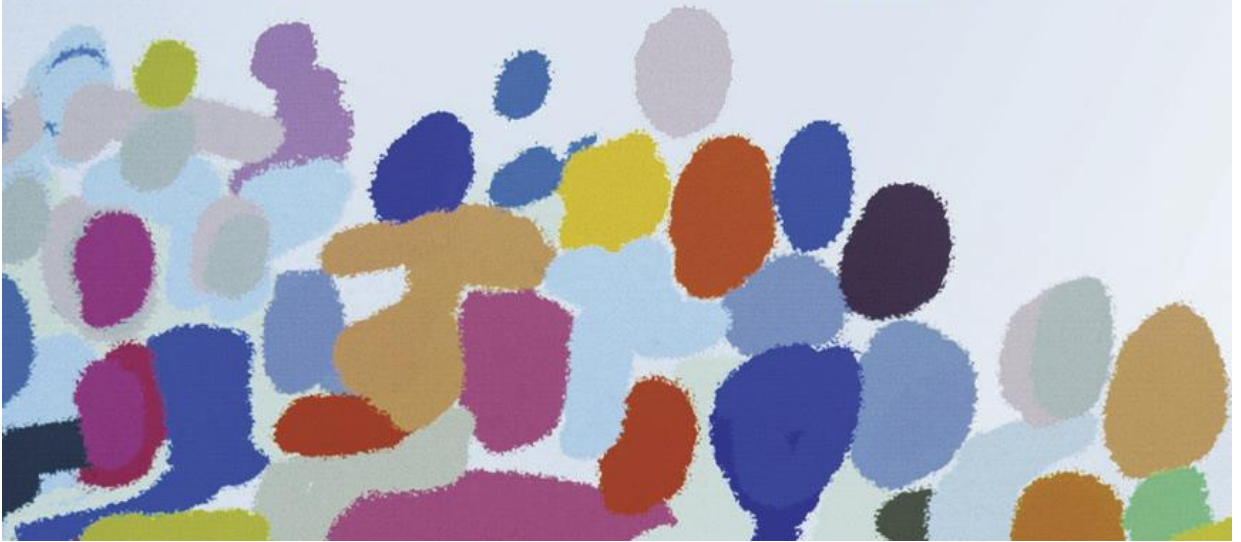


Welcome!

*Here are my mother
and my brothers!*

MARK 3:34



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, THE GOD OF MANNA, THE GOD OF MIRACLES, THE GOD OF MERCY.

Amen.

DRAWN TO CHRIST AND SEEKING GOD'S ABUNDANCE, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Please kneel if able.

GOD, OUR PROVIDER,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD: IN JESUS, THE MANNA FROM HEAVEN, YOU ARE FED AND NOURISHED. BY JESUS, THE WORKER OF MIRACLES, THERE IS ALWAYS MORE THAN ENOUGH. THROUGH JESUS, ✚ THE BREAD OF LIFE, YOU ARE SHOWN GOD'S MERCY: YOU ARE FORGIVEN AND LOVED INTO ABUNDANT LIFE.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

"You Servants of God"

No. 252

*** The Greeting**

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)*

(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:

**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.
Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the
same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

The First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 130 Tune "*Just as I am, Without One Plea*" No.296

OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD. LORD, HEAR MY VOICE! LET YOUR EARS BE
ATTENTIVE TO THE VOICE OF MY SUPPLICATIONS!

**Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

IF YOU, O LORD, SHOULD MARK INIQUITIES, LORD, WHO COULD STAND? BUT THERE IS
FORGIVENESS WITH YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BE REVERED.

**Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

I WAIT FOR THE LORD, MY SOUL WAITS, AND IN HIS WORD I HOPE.

**Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

MY SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH FOR THE MORNING, MORE
THAN THOSE WHO WATCH FOR THE MORNING.

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

O ISRAEL, HOPE IN THE LORD! FOR WITH THE LORD THERE IS STEADFAST LOVE; WITH HIM
THERE IS PLENTEOUS REDEMPTION.

**Just as I am, thy love unknown, Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

(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. Mark 3:20-35**

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK THE 3RD 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**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW No. 768

(Refrain) **Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray.**

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)*

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy Light to see,

Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)*

*** The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

* **The Prayers of Intercession**

WE COME BEFORE THE TRIUNE GOD TO PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, OURSELVES, AND OUR WORLD.

A brief silence.

YOU REAWAKEN OUR HEARTS TO YOUR MERCY. WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR RENEWERS OF THE CHURCH IN EVERY AGE. ENLIVEN THE CREATIVITY AND PERSISTENCE OF ALL SEEKING TO TRANSFORM THE CHURCH INTO A CLOSER VISION OF YOUR BELOVED COMMUNITY. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR PRESENCE IS REVEALED IN THE SHADE OF TREES, THE GROWTH OF SEEDS INTO FLOWERS, AND IN THE BLESSING OF PLANTS GRANTING FOOD IN THEIR RIGHT SEASON. HEAL LANDS SCARRED BY DEFORESTATION, POLLUTION, OR INFESTATION. TEACH US TO CULTIVATE THE EARTH WITH RESPECT AND REVERENCE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

OUR NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES ARE DIVIDED, O GOD. TEACH US AGAIN TO LISTEN WITH CURIOSITY AND MERCY, EVEN IN DISAGREEMENT. GRANT US THE HUMILITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR HARDNESS OF HEART AND MAKE US BOLD IN MODELING COOPERATION FOR THE SAKE OF THE COMMON GOOD. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

HEAR THE PRAYERS OF ALL WHO CRY OUT TO YOU FROM THE DEPTHS OF FEAR, DESPAIR, OR HOPELESSNESS ESPECIALLY GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. WITH HASTE, RESCUE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, EXPLOITATION, AND ABUSE, AND BLESS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK ON THEIR BEHALF. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GRANT WISDOM AND CLARITY TO ALL WHO ARE IN SEASONS OF DISCERNMENT AND TRANSITION: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES PREPARING FOR FIRST JOBS OR NEW EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS, THOSE WHO ARE SHIFTING CAREERS, AND THOSE WHO ARE NAVIGATING CHANGES IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS. ACCOMPANY THEM WITH YOUR PEACE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

PRAISE TO YOU FOR OUR ANCESTORS IN FAITH WHO BELIEVED, SPOKE, AND LIVED IN YOU. GIVE US CONFIDENCE THAT AS JESUS WAS RAISED, SO WE TOO WILL BE RAISED, WITH ALL THE SAINTS, INTO YOUR EVERLASTING PRESENCE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

RECEIVE OUR PRAYERS, O GOD, AND COME QUICKLY TO OUR AID, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AND THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Amen.

* **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: JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, YOU HAVE SET THIS TABLE WITH YOUR VERY SELF, AND CALLED US TO THE FEAST OF PLENTY. GATHER WHAT HAS BEEN SOWN AMONG US, AND STRENGTHEN US IN THIS MEAL. MAKE US TO BE WHAT WE RECEIVE HERE, YOUR BODY FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

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**

CHRIST HAS SET THE TABLE WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ALL. COME!

* **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; JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR TABLE MORE THAN WE COULD EVER ASK. AS YOU HAVE NOURISHED US IN THIS MEAL, NOW STRENGTHEN US TO LOVE THE WORLD WITH YOUR OWN LIFE. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY.

Amen.

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE BLESSING OF GOD, WHO PROVIDES FOR US, FEEDS US, AND JOURNEYS WITH US, + BE UPON YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“I’m so Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

WOV No. 673

I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me. I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I’m so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, Hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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June 16, 2024 readings are:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 8-9, 2024

**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 parents, family and friends by Gerry Zeigler.

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

For the prosperity of our church in our hometown & community by Stacey Faust & Emily Stahler

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the June 9th birthday of George Taylor by his family

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our son, Ells by Ells and Gail Davis

Please remember the following in your prayers George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, and all our members who are homebound.

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 & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2024 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesy, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzing, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Steve Ristila, Brittany Scalfani 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

SUNDAY, June 9, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:00 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

7:00 Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY

Strawberry Social Prep
6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

4:00 Strawberry Social

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, June 16, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:00 Choir Rehearsal

Supporting Zion's Ministries

"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"

Received 6/2/24 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$1,704.00
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$500.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$585.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$69,566.18
From Thrift Store:	\$3,685.80
From Endowment:	\$22,006.00
From Culinary:	\$10,465.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$105,722.98

Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

Upcoming Events

June 13 – Strawberry Festival

June 17-21 - Vacation Bible School

July 5 – Blessings Thrift Store

July 14 – Church Clean-Up

July 18 – Ice Cream Social

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, July 5th 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. Thank you all for your continued support!

Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for 2024 - The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The cost of the flowers are \$42.40, and individuals will be billed from the florist. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance!



Mark your calendar! Zion's Strawberry Festival will be held Thursday, June 13, 2024, from 4:00 until 6:00 pm or sell-out! There will be delicious Strawberry shortcake which includes cake and ice cream topped with strawberries. Cost – \$6.00. Other foods will be available for purchase. Please contact Glenn at (484) 560-8211 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information.

Pound cakes or un-iced yellow sheet cakes are needed for the strawberry social on Thursday, June 13. Please contact Mary Ruth if you can donate one. 570/668-4451 or Frautay208@aol.com

Church Cleanup Day – Sunday, July 14 – 10 am – 1 pm. Your help is needed! It's been some time since our beautiful church had a deep cleaning. If we work together, we can get the job done! Please consider lending a hand if you are able. There is sure to be good fellowship, & lots of laughs. Light snacks will be provided (We are Lutheran, we love to eat after all!) Tasks will be available for all cleaning abilities. Your help is appreciated! I hope to see you there - Michael Haspe, Council President

VBS June 17 – 21, 2024, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Camp Firelight is a Summer Camp Adventure with God! With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and our Campers explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ. Contact Michael at zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com. Thank you for your support! Sign up online at ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com.

Zion youth are headed to the ELCA Youth Gathering! Three of our young members have committed to taking on New Orleans from July 16-20! Darien, Julia, and Elaina will be joining thousands of other young people from across the country as they affirm their faith, experience new perspectives, join in worship, and meet new people. Because of your help, our fundraisers, so far, have been successful. Also, a huge "thank you" goes out to Congregational Life for assisting us with the extra funding needed to secure the reservations. At least 50% of what was provided by Congregational Life, will be returned by the youth, through additional fundraisers. Of course, there will be additional expenses for meals and transportation, so we would like to invite you to join others from Zion in support of this adventure. Gifts can be made by clicking the "Giving" button on the Zion website and selecting the "Youth Trip" option or by placing your gift in an envelope placed in the offering plate marked "Youth Trip" Watch for more fundraisers coming! Thank you for your support!

JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL BENEFIT - Zion's Culinary Team is hosting an ice cream social on Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm or sell-out. All proceeds will go to the Tamaqua Fire Police. Ice Cream Sundays are \$5.00. Additional food items will be available for purchase. Please help spread the word. Let your friends, neighbors and relatives know about this special community event. Please contact Glenn at (484) 560-8211 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information. We hope to see you there!