



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Message from The Rev. John Saraka



April 25, 2020

Psalm 9:1

“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

It is with thanksgiving that I think of you, and even though we are not able to currently see one another face to face in person, I know that we hold one another in prayer and love. I am encouraged by the many ways that the community is reaching out to help one another in times of need, dropping food off for those who are alone, or giving necessary supplies to those who are without, or checking in with those who are sick, writing cards or letters of encouragement, your love for each other is a light in a challenging time. Our leadership and committees continue to meet through video and phone meetings so that we can prepare for the future and figure out how to best serve in the coming year.

I am also thankful for the many people who are continuing to drop off or mail their offering to the Church. We certainly understand that these are challenging times financially, and there are some who would normally give their offering who now need to redirect those resources to take care of immediate needs at home. For those struggling, please let us know how we might be helpful at this time, we have people ready to help with food assistance, and we can get some supplies to you if you are in need. Please contact the church office or Pastor John directly if a need arises.

For those who can continue to give offerings to support the ministry, please mail the offerings to the church, or drop off your offerings at the mailbox of the Church. We make deposits at least once a week, as we still have expenses to pay that include some salaries, utility payments, insurance, and monthly costs that have not paused during the Coronavirus pandemic. Your offerings help to keep the ministry going, and we will note your offering so that it is recorded for tax purposes at the end of the year.

There are several opportunities to stay connected in our faith; including going to the church website: www.zion505.org and clicking on the icon at the top of the page titled Pastor John Worship, there you will find the weekly bulletin, music to accompany worship from youtube, and a weekly sermon and mid-week children's message. There sermons are also posted on the church facebook and Pastor John's personal page. We are still offering weekly Wednesday morning bible study at 10 a.m. Please look out for an e-mail blast from the church with a link through www.gotomeeting.com to connect with the study.

We continue to provide weekly Confirmation Classes and just completed the First Communion instruction classes to those who are preparing to celebrate these faith milestones this year.

We have also started on Sunday, April 26th, a time of prayer through the gotomeeting.com link where I am at the Church and people can call in through their phone, or link with video through a phone, computer or tablet for a time of prayer at our normal 10:30 a.m. worship time. Please look for the link for the Sunday Morning Prayer Time through an e-mail blast from the Church Office.

Again, I thank you for your continued support and partnership in this ministry. These are tangible ways you support the community around you through love beginning by staying home and making sure you and those around you are as healthy as can be. But also through the ways you give your resources so that we can continue to connect and share the good news of our faith with the world around us. Our message of hope is always important, but especially in these days where it has become critical. Together we are making a difference and becoming the risen body of Christ for others to witness and experience. Everyone's contribution makes an impact for someone who is in need of hope at a challenging time. Thank you!

If you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the Church Office or my cell phone (315) 436-5602.

With love and support.

The Rev. John Saraka

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Hello all,

Hopefully everyone has been able to stay as safe and healthy as possible. As you all know, the operations of the church have been reduced during this crises (by order of the state). However, while we can't get together and worship as usual and the leadership of the church cannot meet in person to discuss our ongoing operations and financial issues, we have become more creative. Sunday services and our meetings are being held through the internet. While not ideal, it has been helpful.

The pastor and Lisa have been able to continue to work offsite and Lisa managed to transplant the office and phone system to her house. Custodial has been in the building on a limited basis to insure the safety of the facility and the council, operations and finance committees and its Preschool and new Budget subcommittees continue their efforts to keep us on track.

At the last operations meeting, a temporary budget subcommittee was created to draft the budget for the upcoming year of church and preschool. This budget subcommittee is headed up by our treasurer - James Chin. The church and its mission will face a lot of challenges in the coming year and difficult adjustments will need to be discussed as we work to continue and support our Church and its mission

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Thorsen,

Operations Committee Chairperson



The essential financial and management work of the church is continuing, even as worship and non-essential gatherings are paused. The Congregation Council, Operations Committee, Preschool Committee, and Budget Committee continue to meet remotely to ensure that the earthly needs of the congregation are addressed.

The scheduled “Tuesday Evening Meetings” for Operations, Faith Formation, Congregational Council, Christian Outreach, Preschool, and Budget Committee are constantly changing, please check with your committee chair for the next meeting.



June Congregational Meeting

*Date is pending Governor Cuomo’s decision reopening –
we can not say at this time when it will be held,
please check Zion website for updated information.*

**Join our weekly worship,
go to our website**
<https://www.zion505.org/worship>
*you can also call the church office
718-981-3151 for assistance*

**For our Sunday School and kids of Zion Lutheran Church
look for our weekly email blasts or go to**
<https://www.zion505.org/youth>

Join our **LIVE Bible Study**
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for our *LIVE* class



**Pastor will meet with Confirmation Class Live
via [gotomeeting](#) on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**



First Communion class Pastor John will contact you and let you know a time.

****LIVE* - to participate in any of our LIVE classes -
download "GoToMeeting" application on your phone or email***

***Due to the coronavirus pandemic
a 'pause' on nonessential services and gatherings are in place until May 15.
All meetings, worship and programming are suspended until further notice.***

Join with the



Staten Island Not For Profit Association, Inc.
to raise money for a

COVID-19 Response Fund

We are asking that Make your donations directly to:

<http://www.sinfpa.org/donate>

What your donation can buy:

N95 masks.....	\$45 for 10
Surgical masks.....	\$50 for 50
Gloves.....	\$15 for box of 50 pairs
Gowns.....	\$15 for 10

For those experiencing anxiety, or need some emotional help, during this time:

- NYS Emotional Support Helpline 1-844-863-9314
7 days a week, from 8 a.m. -10 p.m.
- 1-888-NYC-WELL



Project Hospitality Food Pantry

514 Bay St. Staten Island, NY 10304

Food Pantry:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9am-11am

Grab and Go Soup Kitchen:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:30am-1pm





Warmest thoughts of you on your special day. May God richly bless you with all the things that make your heart happy, and may your day be filled with joy. On your birthday, may your day be touched by God's presence in your life and filled with the kind of joy that only he can bring. Happy Birthday!

Leah Abildnes.....	May 23	Lillian Jaccarino	May 20
Amanda Accornero.....	May 19	Claire Jakubowski	May 5
Cheryl Accornero	May 22	Harry Kuell	May 21
Michael Accornero	May 10	Sonja Kuell.....	May 26
Erin Amaty	May 7	Ruth Lake.....	May 26
Jennifer Barrett	May 22	David Lee	May 31
Kayla Bergen.....	May 18	Steven Leslierandal.....	May 10
Patricia Biunno.....	May 10	Ryan Macwan	May 8
James Boardman	May 28	Leonard Myrhol.....	May 24
Brittany Cabanas	May 20	Matthew Nalwasky	May 17
Debbie Capic.....	May 14	Esther Paul	May 20
Jessica Carilli	May 16	Mark Qualben	May 2
John Cayton	May 14	Robert Retzlaff.....	May 19
LoriAnn Chierchio	May 23	Dawn Rhodes	May 27
James Chin.....	May 7	Ashley Richiusa.....	May 15
Victoria Chiusano.....	May 29	Ryan Rosenberg.....	May 22
Bobby Cino	May 4	Vincent Ruggiero.....	May 24
Karin Costa	May 14	Frank Russel.....	May 17
Ronald DaBruzzo	May 6	Lisa Siminson	May 1
Tara Ruggiero	May 13	Doris Spinelli.....	May 26
Anthony Luke Figueroa	May 10	Ernie Thorkildsen.....	May 26
David Giordano.....	May 12	Christine Thorsen.....	May 22
Deanna Giordano.....	May 14	Steven Torressen.....	May 18
Ameliese Grewe.....	May 12	Kristine Twaite	May 13
Eileen Holmes	May 29	Philip Weisberg	May 19
Bruce Holmgren.....	May 22		

If we missed your Birthday or would like to add your Birthday please [email lisam@zion505.org](mailto:lisam@zion505.org) or [call](tel:718-981-3151) the church office:, **718-981-3151**.



To be included in our on-line communication and see our live videos of worship and important messages from Zion, please email to lisam@zion505.org or call Lisa at 718-981-3151 or 917-796-5366 to give updated information

2020 Zion Lutheran Church Directory Update



Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cellular Phone(s): _____

Address: _____



Zion Lutheran Preschool Registration 2020 – 2021 School Year

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AND ONGOING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC!!

Zion's traditional Faith-based Early Education Programs for 2, 3 and 4's will be offered this fall as planned. When considering your child's placement at Zion, please consider your first choice for class and time, but be planful and have a back-up choice in mind. It is our sincerest desire to work with each family to best meet the needs of the student and also the parents schedule, but reality dictates that sometimes a second choice is needed. Please check our preschool website and Facebook page which will be continually updated and will maintain the most current information:

- ❖ Website: zionlutheranpreschoolsi.org
- ❖ Facebook: [Zion Lutheran Preschool Staten Island](#)

Registration will remain open until all seats are filled. Should you have any problems registering, simply reach out to the office @ 718-981-3623 to leave a message OR give Ms. Chris, the Director, a call @ 917-579-6657. We want this process to be easy and efficient for all parents.

Zion Lutheran Church Contacts

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Dario Mazzone

April 25, 2020



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Peter Abdelmessih, Sr., Debbie Agrell, Diane Andersen, Elna Ballarino, Dennis Bell, Larry Bianco, Charles Bilezikjian, John Buttermark, Kurt Carlsen, Angelina Rose Carlson, Connie Chorman, Josephine Corcoran Mildred Curley, Chu Family, John Dellacotto, Lois Deland, Demeter Family, Roger Domyahn, Margaret Dunphy & Family, Billy Durney, Lillian Eidhammer, Bruce Holmgren, Stephanie Fergersen, Salvatore Ferrotti, Rosie Fitzsimmons, Martin Genco, Mary Gilligan, Carmela Giordano, Kolbrun Giordano, Dorothy Hatibov, Linda Klein, Bunny Lewand & Family, Jaime Light, Anna Lisk, Sally Lorentzen, Judith Minenno, Janet Miseri, Gerd Molton, Anne O'Halloran, Daniel Olson, Ole Olson, Meghan Ortega & Family, Harold Owens, Janet Payson, Monica Peter, Thomas Pezzengrilli, Marlene Picone, Marina Rebmann, Skip Rehm, Richard & Linda Reinhartsen, Connie Retzlaff, Joan Roitzsch, Joann Ruggiero, Peter Ruggiero, Hap and Ingrid Russell, Anita Russo, Patrick Russo & Family, Lisa Salberg, Margaret Sallemi, Pauline Sapountzaki, Abraham Isaac Saraka, Judith Saraka, Karen Sanders, Kathy Schulz, Doris Spinelli, Joli Steinberg, Alyssa Traficenti, Catherine Tuppatsch, Ronnie Urus, Joe Virga, Matthew Virga, Nancy Virga, Rachael Villamonte, Fred & Sue Vokral, Jack Vokral, Jenna Warmbier, Lisa Whalen, Nicole Wildes, John Wisniewski, Richard Wisniewski, Jane Yelacic, Joan Yuskevich

To all who have been infected or in contact with COVID 19

