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A Message from The Rev. John Saraka



Greetings Zion Church,

Over the last few months, as churches throughout our nation have had to adapt to meet the Spiritual needs of a community in a different way than we are accustomed to, I have often heard the emotion of sadness over what some people have phrased as ‘our churches closing’. Certainly the emotion of sadness is real because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the reality that we have not been able to have in person, in building worship, but the truth is our churches have not closed. We remain worshipping, studying the bible, and seeking ways to serve our neighbors in need through prayer and acts of loving kindness that supplies to someone’s ongoing needs.

And as we do this, we stand in a long tradition of ways in which the Church throughout history has faced incredible challenges and followed the Spirit of God into a new day of faith and hope. The early church in its forming faced persecution with imprisonment and death as real possibilities. There have been numerous plagues and pandemics which have altered the life of a community, such as the influenza pandemic of 1918. The Church has faced schisms and divisions, unrest and World Wars, tragedies and heartbreak, but through it all God has led a people and equipped us with the most powerful force in the universe which is God’s eternal love to engage the world through our faith and bring the living God to a broken world.

I encourage you to keep faithful to your spiritual life, worship, pray, read the bible, and connect with your brothers and sisters through technology and social media. Below is the information to connect to a beginning step towards a more in person, in building worship with our Outdoor worship this summer. Below is also information for ways we can on a weekly basis donate to help the most vulnerable among us. I ask that if you are joining us for the Outdoor worship please bring an item(s) or food that is listed below to the church to leave in the gym that will be donated and distributed through the partners of the Staten Island Giving Circle.

I will use a biblical word to live into these days which is ‘abide’ – to remain faithful, to dwell together, and remember when it comes to the Church facing difficult times, this isn’t God’s first rodeo, God has seen tougher days, and continues to shape, reshape, resurrect, and renew the world through the Church and God’s children.

Blessings!

The Rev. John Saraka

Remember we will offer both an Outdoor Worship at 8:30 a.m. and a virtual worship at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday! We will send the e-mail blast invite to connect to the virtual worship in the bulletin through gotomeeting.com Some additional notes about the outdoor worship: This will happen as long as we remain in Phase 2 or above in this time of re-opening during the Corona-virus pandemic. If there is a spike in cases of the virus, we will reconsider our options. While we are offering an Outdoor worship opportunity, we will also continue to post bulletins, sermons, and songs on our website, and e-mail blast these resources out to the congregation. We will also continue hosting a virtual Sunday Morning Prayer time at 10:30 a.m. for those who are not able to join us outside or need to restrict their access to others for health reasons.

First Phase of Re-opening In person Worship Outdoor:

1. If you are not feeling well, are running a fever, or in a category that is high risk please remain at home and continue to worship with us online.
2. We will have a spoken Simplified Worship – 20 minutes
3. We will Mark spacing in parking lot for parking.
4. We will remain in our cars or sit next to our cars using a chair we have brought from home.

5. We will Maintain Social Distancing at all times
 - a. There will be No peace sharing
 - b. There will be No hugs or close greetings – outside of your family units.
6. We will amplify the service through a Sound System
7. We will play traditional hymns from a CD through the Sound System at the beginning and end of worship.
8. There will be No Communion offered at this current time.
9. Your Offering may be placed in two offering plates that will be designated and will be stationary.
10. Masks will be worn.
11. Gloves will be worn by presider and ushers
12. Hand Sanitizer – will be available at several stations when needed.
13. There will be no bulletins distributed.
14. Bathroom Use – Please use the bathroom before worship as the building will be closed.
15. There will be Ushers here to assist you with:
 - a. Parking
 - b. Making sure people know where Offering stations are.
 - c. Making sure people maintain social distancing and mask wearing.
 - d. Capacity checks.
16. We will need to record and track members who are attending the worship, so that we may notify people if we find out someone has contracted the Covid-19 virus during the weeks following worship.

Things to bring:

1. **Chairs to sit in if you don't sit in your cars.**
2. **Masks.**
3. **A heart to worship.**

Our goal is to provide an opportunity to worship as a community, but we still need to be diligent and follow the guidelines of the CDC, State and local regulations, as well as the recommendations of best practices from the Synod and ELCA so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please see the below opportunity to help people in need. And you can bring your donations during the Sunday Morning Outdoor Worship Time as the gym will be open.



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Times to Donate: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday between 10 a.m. and Noon

Items needed:

Toiletries (Shampoo, Paper Products, deodorant soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)

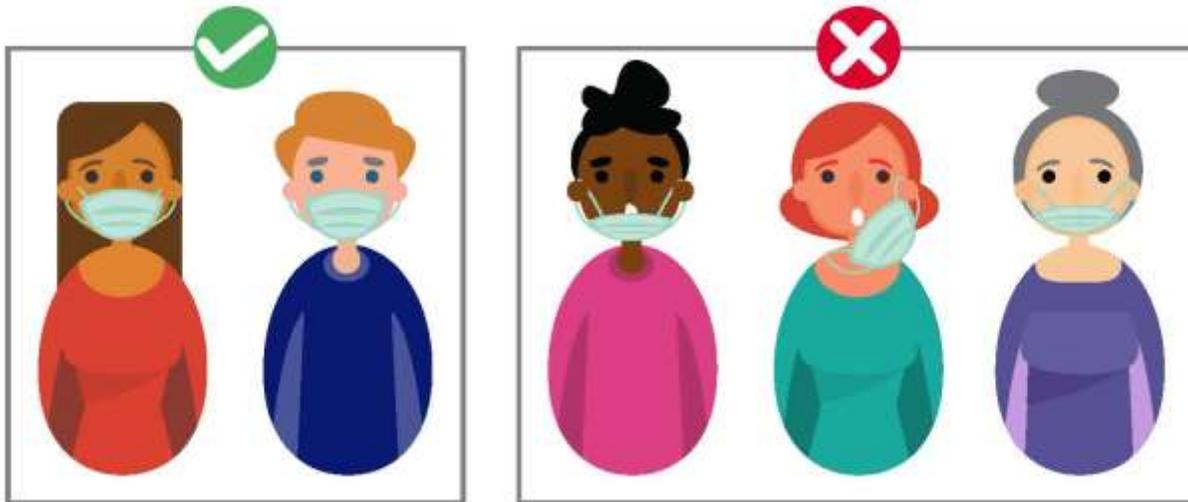
Gift cards: particularly Dunkin Donuts cards for homeless.

Baby Supplies (diapers, wipes, tear-free shampoo, lotions/creams for infants, etc.)

Food: Canned goods, pasta, cereal, mac n' cheese, sauce (we are not able to collect meats at this time)

We are also accepting financial donations to pass along so they can purchase necessary items or buy food cards.

Face Masks and Coverings for COVID-19



- You must wear a face mask or face covering in public when social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) is not possible, unless a face covering is not medically tolerated. This includes on public transport, in stores and on crowded sidewalks.
- Children over 2 years of age should wear a face mask in public, too. Children under 2 years of age should NOT wear face coverings for safety reasons.
- Cloth face coverings should be made from fabric you can't see through when held up to the light. They must be cleaned before reusing.
- Disposable paper face masks should be used for one outing outside the home. They cannot be properly cleaned.
- The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to continue social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from others), **even when wearing a face covering.**

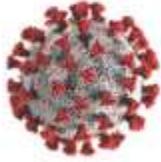
Putting On Face Covering

- **DO** clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before putting on your face covering.
- Make sure the face covering covers both your nose and mouth.
- **DON'T** wear your mask hanging under your nose or mouth or around your neck. You won't get the protection you need.
- **DON'T** wear the face covering on top of your head, or take it off and on repeatedly. Once it is in place, leave the covering in place until you are no longer in public.

Taking Off Face Covering

- **DO** clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before taking off your face covering.
- Remove your mask only touching the straps.
- Discard the face covering if it is disposable. If you are reusing (cloth), place it in a paper bag or plastic bag for later.
- Wash your hands again.
- When cleaning a cloth face covering, **DO** put in the washer (preferably on the hot water setting).
- Dry in dryer at high heat. When it is clean and dry, place in a clean paper or plastic bag for later use. If you live in a household with many people, you might want to label the bags with names so the face coverings are not mixed up.

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

AUGUST 2020 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE UDATE

During the month of July, the Operations and Finance Committee have focused on a number of topics. The main three issues have been:

- Preparation for the transition of moving the checking and banking account control back to the Preschool office. The Operations and Preschool committees will work together with the Preschool Director on fine tuning the expectations of the Preschool office in matters regarding hiring, financial reporting and NYC compliance procedures.
- Development of a plan of action for the re-opening of the Church Cleaning (sanitizing), social distancing, etc. in order to allow for services to happen. We are evaluating what the Church will need in the way of staff (paid and possibly some volunteer service) and what we will need in regard to materials (disinfectants, gloves, masks, etc.) to have on hand to ensure that we are prepared to open the Church in a safe and healthy fashion.
- Last, but definitely not least, is the ongoing work in regard to both short term and long term financial planning. This work is of great importance in order to ensure that our Church can weather the “storm” of the current pandemic and at the same time ensure that we will continue to have the ability to engage in both mission and building our congregation as we go forward.

The above listed topics are at the forefront of our focus these days. As far as the church building goes, we are in good shape. The roof repair is holding well with no leaks reported – especially following the recent heavy rain storms. We are slowly upgrading our computer software (for very reasonable prices), thanks to our Church Administrator (Lisa Mazzone) efforts, using “Tech Soup” - a company that supports not-for- profits). Our custodian, Eldon Higgins, has been keeping the Church grounds in good shape and Carole Bertoldo’s flowers are in full bloom. Work is planned to do some outdoor painting to freshen up the Preschool entrance prior to the opening of the new school year.

That’s all to report for now. I hope everyone will stay cool and hydrate during these hot days and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thank you,

Dave Thorsen,
Operations and Finance Chair

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY INCOME REPORT
JUNE 2020**

Date Deposited	6/02/2020	6/09/20	6/16/20	6/30/20	6/04/20			TOTAL
Offerings	1,729.00	2,570.00	3,190.00	930.00				8,419.00
Plate								
Sunday School			16.00					16.00
Koinonia	5.00		125.00					130.00
Seminary	5.00		100.00	15.00				120.00
LSSNY	20.00		210.00	20.00				250.00
Pastor's Discretionary	55.00		1,115.00	75.00				1,245.00
Coffee Birthday Fund		151.00						151.00
Food Pantry			50.00					50.00
Shop Rite Card			100.00					100.00
Easter			20.00					20.00
Sub-Total								10,501.00
Vanguard Fund					10,000.00			10,000.00
Total Income	\$1,814.00	\$2,721.00	\$4,926.00	\$1,040.00	\$10,000.00			20,501.00

JUNE 2020 INCOMES						
Items	June-Sept 2020	July 2020 Budgeted	June 2020 Actual	Income to date	Remaining Balance	NOTES
Church Offerings	\$40,000.00	10,000.00	10,501.00	10,501.00	29,499.00	
Income from Church Trust Fund						
Income from Preschool Program						
Income from Berg Trust Fund						
Income from Church Memorial Fund						
Income from Vanguard Investment	\$10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Interest from Northfield Account			6.63	6.63		
Total (June 1-30, 2020)	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,507.63	\$20,507.63	\$29,499.00	

2020-2021 Zion Lutheran Congregation Council

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ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

We are so excited about Zion Lutheran Preschool opening this fall after Labor Day.

The school will be taking every precaution to make sure that children and families are safe and healthy.

We still have a few spots in some of our classes, so please tell your friends about us.

We wanted to tell you about our wonderful program called Gigglez. Families can drop off their child from 7:30 to 5:00 with notice the day before. It is an amazing loving, caring mixed-aged program.

If you are interested in Zion Lutheran Preschool, please contact our new director, Linda Herman. She would love to give you a tour of our school, or talk to you on the phone. The school phone number is 718-981-3623. Linda's email is

zlcpdirector@gmail.com. No question is too small when it is about your child.

"One sees clearly only with the heart, what is essential is invisible to the eye."

- *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*



Ways to stay connected to Zion:

1. E-mail blasts: Check your e-mails for our mid-week updates, children's messages, invitations to bible study, and Sunday morning bulletins, sermons, and an invite to the Sunday prayer time live.
 2. Go to www.zion505.org and click on the Pastor John Worship link to access the weekly bulletin and messages.
 3. Live Stream interactions – both on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. we have a way to live stream our bible study (Wed.) and Sunday Prayer Time (Sun.) through gotomeeting.com – look for the e-mail invitation or go to the website and connect through the Sunday bulletin.
 4. Call Pastor John or other members directly to check in and see how everyone is doing.
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Join us  Weekly

LIVE **Worships**

*Download [“GoToMeeting”](#) application on your smart phone or computer
you may also dial in using any telephone*

(check for email blasts and follow [gotomeeting](#) link and instructions)

Outdoor Worship

Every Sunday at 8:30 am

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday at 10:30 am

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 am



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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

A flyer for Project Hospitality Food Pantry. At the top is the logo, which consists of a house icon with the letters "PH" inside, followed by the text "Project Hospitality". Below the logo, the text "Project Hospitality Food Pantry" is written in bold. A red horizontal bar contains the address "514 Bay St. Staten Island, NY 10304" in white. Below the bar, the text "Food Pantry:" is followed by "Tuesdays and Thursdays" and "9am-11am" in bold. Underneath, "Grab and Go Soup Kitchen:" is followed by "Tuesdays and Thursdays" and "11:30am-1pm" in bold. At the bottom of the flyer is a grid of various food items including canned goods, oils, and dry goods.

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Birthday Month !



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!

David Acres.....	Aug 19	Logan Krueger.....	Aug 26
James Bilezikjian	Aug 14	Susan Leslierandal.....	Aug 24
Steven Boardman, Jr.....	Aug 12	Randi Loncle	Aug 29
Dakota Bohnaker	Aug 26	Daniel Monahan.....	Aug 21
Allison Capic.....	Aug 3	Brandon Mormile.....	Aug 1
Lorraine Carilli.....	Aug 12	Beverley Neuman.....	Aug 22
John Carlsen.....	Aug 31	Richard Neuman	Aug 31
Chim Chin.....	Aug 8	Cynthia O'Brien	Aug 16
Constance Chorman	Aug 16	Luke O'Leary	Aug 29
Britt Clarke.....	Aug 24	Nicholas Olivieri.....	Aug 8
Claire Coombs.....	Aug 3	Ronald Olson	Aug 18
Brianne Fleming	Aug 16	Beth Pedersen.....	Aug 1
Olivia Florio.....	Aug 7	Maya Perciballi	Aug 21
Anthony Giordano	Aug 3	Kathleen Perricone	Aug 7
James Glover	Aug 5	Ashlen Prestigiaco.....	Aug 19
Debra Hansen	Aug 11	Barbara Ribardo	Aug 4
Nancy Hansen	Aug 1	Hap Russel	Aug 18
Arleny Higgins	Aug 17	Ella Sarcone.....	Aug 10
Kaili Higgins	Aug 19	Sandra Schmieder	Aug 22
Robert Holmes, Jr.	Aug 25	David Shea.....	Aug 14
Floyd Holsinger	Aug 21	Joseph Sheehy, Jr.	Aug 17
Stuart Isaacs	Aug 17	Devin Slaven.....	Aug 22
Constance Klipp.....	Aug 10	Lucas Unger	Aug 14
Jade Kramer.....	Aug 16	Matthew Valentino	Aug 18

If we missed your Birthday or would like to add your Birthday please **email** lisam@zion505.org or **call** 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 to give updated information

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Linda Herman	Preschool Director	zlcpdirector@zion505.org

In Loving Memory

BARBARA A. BROWN

November 19, 1956 – July 3, 2020

Grew up on the Island before moving out West. The family of Barbara A. Brown (Qualben), 63, is saddened to announce her sudden passing on July 3rd, 2020. Born Barbara Ann Qualben on November 19th, 1956 in Denville, N.J. to Dr. L. Philip and Caryl Qualben, Barbara was raised in Westerleigh and Fort Wadsworth. She was a former member of Zion and was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church. She attended P.S. 30, graduated high school from Staten Island Academy ('74) and received her LPN in Nursing from Wagner College. After working at Eger Nursing Home and WNBC in New York City, Barbara moved to Glendale, Calif., and raised her family before settling in Pie Town, N.M., in 2006. Surviving are her husband, Kevin, two daughters, Mariah Van Zerr (Karl Richstatter) and Vanessa Van Zerr of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada; a sister, Janice Shand Hubbard (George) of New York City, and two brothers, Mark Qualben (Lisa) of Harding, NJ and Erik Qualben (Erika) of Westfield, NJ; two grandsons, Kellan Van Zerr and Brighton Van Zerr, and six nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. L. Philip Qualben and Caryl E. Qualben (Olsen) of Sunnyside, Staten Island, who both passed in 1996. Barbara was devoted to her husband, her daughters, her grandchildren and her pets. Her warmth, intelligence, and contagious laugh will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her. She will be sorely missed. The family is planning a memorial service in the near future.



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, Frank Chorman, Michael Curley, Mildred Curley, John Dellacotto, Lois Deland, Roge, 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, John Lewand, Jaime Light, Anna Lisk, Sally Lorentzen, Judith Minenno, Janet Miseri, Gerd Molton, Thomas & Joseph Nichols, 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