



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## APRIL 2022

Frid., 4/1	4:00 pm Girl Scouts (upper rm)	Frid., 4/15.	4:00 pm Girl Scouts (upper rm)
Sat., 4/2	12:00 noon—Miss T Dance (Gym)	Sun., 4/17	8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Sun School/Comm. Class 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour 1:15 pm Canaan Wor. (Cancelled)
Sun., 4/3	8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Sun School/Comm. Class 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 1:15 pm Canaan Worship	Tues., 4/19	10:00 am Meeting (Fireside) 4:00 pm BS Girls Bball—(Gym) 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Tues., 4/5	10:00 am Meeting (Fireside) 4:00 pm BS Girls Bball—Gym 7:30 pm Operations Meeting	Wed., 4/20	10:00 am Bible Study—Cancelled 5:30 pm Confirmation Class
Wed., 4/6	10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 5:30 pm BS Boys Bball—(Gym)	Frid., 4/22	4:00 pm Girl Scouts (upper rm)
Frid., 4/8	4:00 pm Girl Scouts (upper rm) 6:00 Fredheim (upper rm) (Cancelled)	Sat. 4/23	8:00 am NTSI Class—(upper rm)
Sat. 4/9	12:00 noon—Miss T Dance (Gym)	Sun., 4/24	8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Sun School/Comm. Class 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour 1:15 pm Canaan Worship
Sun., 4.10	8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Sun School/Comm. Class 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour 1:15 pm Canaan Worship	Tues., 4/26	10:00 am Meeting (Fireside) 4:00 pm BS Girls Bball—(Gym) 7:00 pm Christ. Outreach Meeting
Tues., 4/12	10:00 am Meeting (Fireside) 4:00 pm BS Girls Bball—(Gym) 7:00 pm Faith Form. Meeting	Wed., 4/27	10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Confirmation Class
Wed., 4/13	10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Confirmation Class	Frid., 4/29	4:00 pm Girl Scouts (upper rm)



On Sunday, April 21, 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King spoke these words in a sermon concerning Easter:

Easter is a day above all days. It asserts that humanity's extremity is God's opportunity. It affirms that what stops us does not stop God and that miracle is as much a part of the end as of the beginning. Above all, Easter provides answers to the deepest queries of the human spirit. Easter symbolizes an event that provides answers to questions that have puzzled the probing minds of philosophers and theologians over the generations.

Oh, are you disappointed by something? Are you disappointed about some experience that you've had in life? Well, don't give up in despair. You're just in Good Friday now, but Easter is coming. Are you disappointed about some great ideal that you had and you felt that you would have achieved by now, but you have not achieved it? You have somehow been caught in the moment. You have somehow been caught at a point at which it seems that you can't get out. Well, don't give up in despair. If you will just wait, Easter will come. This morning, have you had some high and noble ideals? Have you had some high and noble hopes, and it seems that they have been blasted by the years? Well, don't give up. Don't despair, because Easter is coming. And this is the thing that humanity through the generations have learned when they live close to Jesus Christ, that Easter can emerge, and that all of the darkness of Good Friday can pass away.

There are some people who find themselves in the experiences of Good Friday. And Good Friday is something of an inevitable transition of life. But if you live close to Jesus Christ, there is something that cries out to you, "If you can just stand up with the Good Friday, there is another day that emerges." There is an Easter that comes out. And there is an Easter that comes and blocks out all of the darkness of Good Friday. If you can just hold on, the pendulum swings back and forth, but it has a fulfillment. Sometimes it looks dark and sometimes people come to feel that the universe is on the other side, that the universe seems to say "Amen" to the forces of injustice, and that the voices of the universe seem to cry out "Hallelujah" to the forces of godlessness.

And that's what our religion says to us—that Good Friday may occupy the throne for a day, but ultimately it must give way to the triumphant beat of the drums of Easter. It says to us sometimes a vicious mob may take possession and crucify the most meaningful and sublime and noble character of human history. It says to us that one day that same Jesus will rise up and split history into A.D. and B.C. so that history takes on a new meaning. That's what Easter says to us, that the forces of darkness, the forces of evil, the forces of justice must finally come to the light and must finally come to the forefront. And the forces of darkness and evil must finally pass away. Thank God that truth crushed to earth will rise again.

And I can hear something saying, "Are you stopping at Good Friday, but don't you know that Easter is coming? Don't worry about this thing! You are just in the midst of the transition now. You are just in the midst of Good Friday now. But I want you to know, that Easter is coming! One day all of the children of God will be able to stand up on the third day and then cry, 'Hallelujah, Hallelujah' because it's the Resurrection day."

And when I hear that I don't despair. I can cry out and sing with new meaning. This is the meaning of Easter, it answers the profound question that we confront in our world. And if we can just stand with it, if we can just live with Good Friday, things will be all right. For I know that Easter is coming and I can see it coming now... "What is the most durable power in the universe? Easter answers that question too. I tell you that the basic and underlying most powerful principle of the universe is the power of love. Easter tells us that. The most durable, lasting power in this world is the power to love.

I hope that you will take the journey of Holy Week with us at Zion, as we move from despair to joy, from death to life, from one ending to a new beginning brought about by God's love.

For Holy Week we will return to Zion as we tell the story of God's passion beginning on Palm Sunday at our usual times of 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and worship Services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7 p.m.



### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10, worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15, 7 p.m.

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### Easter Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Worship

**On Easter Sunday, at 9:30 a.m.:**  
**Continental Coffee Hour Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt!!!**



**Weather permitting our Coffee Hour Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt will be outside between worship services at 9:30 a.m. Inside the gym if weather does not cooperate.**

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**First Communion Classes will begin on Sunday, March 6th, during Sunday School time at 9:30 a.m. We will have classes each Sunday.**

**If your son or daughter is ready for First Communion Classes, please speak to Pastor John as soon as possible.**

# You Tube LIVE STREAMING

## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

We are currently live streaming our worship services on the Church's page which you will find below:



[Zion Lutheran Church of Staten Island - YouTube](#)

To live stream the worship please go to this page at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings or go to this page and subscribe, and you will receive notifications about the worship stream.



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## PALMS CROSS ORDER FORM



If you wish to order a Palm Cross in memory of or in honor of your loved one, please fill in the information below and return to Christine Thorsen via email ([tthor353@aol.com](mailto:tthor353@aol.com)), call her directly at 718 442-1881 or mail to her address (708 Jewett Avenue, SI, NY 10314) to place your order.

The cost is \$20 per palm cross. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church. As time is of the essence, please place your order as soon as possible but no later than Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Palm Crosses may be picked up after the 10:30 AM Easter Service or later.)*

# Operations and Finance Report

## April 2022

Hello all and Happy Easter!

### **SPRING CLEAN WORK PARTY**

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

(Raindate – April 9<sup>th</sup>)

Operations has planned for a church work party to take place on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (rain date on April 9<sup>th</sup>) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will be doing things from raking the grounds by the church (please bring your rakes) seeding the ground, trimming bushes as well as general cleanup. We will have refreshments.

Please call 718 442-1881 or email [tthor353@aol.com](mailto:tthor353@aol.com) if you have any questions or are planning to attend.

### **On to matters of business since our Annual Congregation meeting in February:**

#### **Workman's Compensation Violations:**

We received notice that we will be under an audit from the Department of Labor regarding the former Pre-school program. We have been working diligently to put together long term paperwork for our accountants to present to the auditors. We will report updates as they become available to.

#### **Capital Improvements:**

Looking ahead to the next five years, the Operations and Finance committee is developing a priority list for capital improvements for the church grounds. Some upgrades have already begun (upgrades to the sound and video recording system). Other upgrades that we need to establish funding for include security gates for the parking lot, improved parking lot lighting, repaving and so on.

#### **Rentals:**

Church rentals have been consistent since the pandemic began to ease up. We are currently not renting out for parties, so rentals at this time are limited to group activities like sports clubs and dance groups.

#### **Investments:**

Both our endowment (money from the land sale) and the Berg fund were negatively affected in early March with the stock market down turn. However, those losses have been mostly erased as the market stabilized and recovered.

Our next operations meeting will be on the first Tuesday in April. If anyone has a specific issue they have seen in the building that we may have missed, please let me know and we will address it at the meeting.

Thank you!

*Dave Thorsen*



## HONORING OUR HEROS



# 17TH OF MAY PARADE



**17th of May Parade will be held on May 15, 2022 starting at 1:30 pm in Brooklyn**

The annual celebration of the signing of the Norwegian constitution on May 17, 1814 will return this year to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before the namesake date of the parade.

The parade will begin May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm on Third Avenue at 80<sup>th</sup> Street, and continue to Bay Ridge Avenue, where it will turn up to Fifth Avenue, and then again onto 67<sup>th</sup> Street proceeding alongside Lief Ericson Park until ending at the reviewing stand between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

This annual parade, which has been marching since 1952 (with the exception of one rain cancellation and the two years of covid), is sponsored by the Norwegian-American 17<sup>th</sup> of May Committee of Greater New York, Inc.

The committee oversees three divisions including the Church Group, Sons of Norway and Civic. Zion Lutheran Church has participated on the committee and in the parades for many years and we look forward to participating once again this year.

We will have the bus and the float for those who wish to participate but can't march. **THIS IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY FOR CHILDREN AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE NORWEGIAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PARADE.** This is also a wonderful opportunity for us to represent our church, together with our sister churches in Brooklyn. Refreshments will be provided back at the church after the parade.

If you would like to sign up to participate in the parade or have any questions, please contact Christine Thorsen at 718 442-1881.

*If anyone is interested in purchasing a pin for \$5.00, contact Lillian Eidhammer at 347-277-2630*

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# SPRING FESTIVAL

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 – 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

*Rain date: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022*  
*Masks and Social Distancing Suggested*

Zion will supply – a 10 ft. space on our lawn Vendor will supply – Table, chairs, and tent – if so desired Vendor Fee - **\$45.00** per 10-ft. space. This fee will go to the church.

Please: Complete the form on the bottom of this page

1. Tear off the form and include it in an envelope with your check made payable to **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**
2. Mail it to Margaret Sallemi, 37 Orange Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10302 by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Spaces will be on the church grounds.

This year, besides having amazing vendors, we will have a Magician for the children, Balloons, Music, Food, a Cake Table, and 50/50 drawing. We hope these added attractions bring lots of people to our fair. Also, we will be listing our event on Social Media, as well as putting up flyers and yard signs around the neighborhood. Feel free to tell all your friends and relatives and ask them to come out and enjoy the day with us!

Set up time begins at 8:00 am the day of the sale. You can pull into the parking lot to unload your merchandise, then you must move your car to the surrounding streets. Please be set up by 9:30, and do not break down before 3:00 pm. Customers coming late will be disappointed if they see the vendors packing up.

If you have any questions, Margaret Sallemi can be reached at 718-727-1158 (Please fill in all the information so I can reach you if necessary). Thanks!

----- CUT OFF AND INCLUDE WITH CHECK -----

I agree to rent a space at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH'S Spring Festival for a cost of \$45 per space.

I agree to be set up by 9:30 am and not break down before 3 pm.

I agree to park on the street and not in the customer parking lot.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Merchandise description: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2022



Our goal in the coming year is to provide a spiritual home for all ages at Zion. With that, during Sunday School, after our 8:30 a.m. worship starting in September, we are looking for someone to watch Pre-K children from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. We will have a fun, playful space for the children to gather, play, and most importantly begin to build memories with their extended Church family.



## April Birthdays



May the Lord's blessings continue to be with you and your family, and may His words continue to move you from strength to strength. I wish you all the best and many more birthdays to come.

Justin Accornero  
Jesse Amaty  
Gabrielle Arrabito  
Kyle Bensen  
Hillary Burns  
Joy Carlsen  
Justin Cayton  
Kathy Cayton  
Andrew Conner  
Andrew Creech  
Darren Curley, Jr.  
Lisa Giordano  
Judith Gottlieb  
Justine Hickey  
Josef Horvath  
Michael Hudak  
Robert Jakubowski  
Beatrice Jay  
Michael Lake  
Axel Lorentzen  
Luke Macwan  
Nicholas Maggi

Dorie Marrone  
Collen McCulloch  
Angel Medina  
Elaine Minew  
Richard Nelson  
Joseph Nilsen  
Nancy Nye  
Jeffrey Olsen  
Rylie Olsen  
John Petersen  
Richard Reinhartsen  
Sherry Retzlaff  
Matthew Richiusa  
Dylan Rosenberg  
Frederick Russel  
Linda Skogstrand  
Christina Solomon  
Jennifer Solomon  
Kristin Valentin  
Jackson Walker  
Christopher Woodhouse

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

Click on the link below, and Vanco will lead you through how you can give directly to the mission of the Church.

Again, thank you for partnering with us in this important work.

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Blessings to you!  
*Pr. John Saraka*

# VANCO





**Outdoor Worship Sundays, 8:30 a.m**  
**Sunday School for all Ages, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Sanctuary Worship Sundays, 10:30 a.m.**  
*(and virtual worship)*  
**Coffee Hour 11:30 a.m**

*We are looking for volunteers to help with coffee hour  
 Set up, clean up, bought or baked goods, and refreshments*

*Virtual Bible Study*



*Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. in person and virtual.  
 Please look for the invitation in a blast on Tuesdays.*

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*Lillian Brinkman*  
 March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Dawn Whalen*  
 March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022



*Amanda Abdelmessih, Peter Abdelmessih, Sr, Debbie Agrell, Christina Assante, Elna Ballarino, Dennis Bell, Michael Bianco Larry Bianco, Charles Bilezikjian, John Buttermark, Joe Califano, Kurt Carlsen, Angelina Rose Carlson, Angela Cerio, Connie Chorman, Frank Chorman, Carmen Cognetta, Mildred Curley, Michael Dalconzo, Marg & John Dellacotto, Lois Deland, John Demeter, Roxanne Deer, Billy Durney, Lillian Eidhammer, Chuck Elliott, Rob Farr, Stephanie Fergersen, Eddie Figueroa, Rosie Fitzsimmons, Flaherty Family, Martin Gignac, Mary Gilligan, Carmela Giordano, Kolbrun Giordano, Christa Gutheil, Dorothy Hatibov, Carl Kaufmann, Ralph Kaufmann, Lauren Kirsh Carr, Linda Klein, Jessica Lewand, Bunny Lewand, John Lewand, Jaime Light, Barbara Mak Family, Mazzone Family, Bertha Medina, Gerd Molton, Carmine Masullo, Colleen & Leonard Myrhol, Anne O'Halloran, Daniel Olson, Ole Olson, Meghan Ortega & Family, Melisa Perosi, Monica Peter, John Petersen, Thomas Pezzengrilli, Michael Picone, Debra Quanci, Marina Rebmann, Skip Rehm, Richard & Linda Reinhartsen, Connie Retzlaff, Barbara Ribardo, Maria Ruello, Joann Ruggiero, Hap and Ingrid Russell, Anita Russo, Patrick Russo & Family, Lisa Salberg, Abraham Isaac Saraka, Judith Saraka, Debra Sheedy, Doris Spinelli, Kathy Schulz, Joli Steinberg, Christopher Tellefsen, Michele Tellefsen, Catherine Tuppatsch, Corine Urciuoli, Ronnie Urus, Frances Vassallo, Michael Vassallo, Crystal Velez, Joe Virga, Matthew Virga, Nancy Virga, Rachael Villamonte, Fred & Sue Vokral, Jack Vokral, Frank Vulpis, 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*

**Please email and or call church office with updates for those in need of prayers and or those who can be removed.**