

**Zion Lutheran Church, Barnegat Light, NJ**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Sunday, April 26th, 2026**

**CAUTION** – When entering the church building, **please use the ramp, not the front steps.** The winter weather has damaged several of the steps and therefore they are not safe to walk on.

- **Update:** We received authorization from our insurance company to proceed with the repairs to the front steps. Our amazing Facilities Maint Team have already been in contact with our contractor and coordination of repairs are in progress.

**THE LADIES GUILD** - **The Ladies' Guild Spring Bazaar will be held on May 16th, 9:00am-1:00pm.** The ladies are in need of baked goods and volunteers to help set up on Friday May 15, at 9:00am and break down on Saturday, May 16th, at 1:00pm. If you are willing to help, please contact Judy Wyckoff. Thank you for supporting the Ladies' Guild.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be Sunday, May 17th (the 3rd Sunday of the month) after the 9:30 service.

**The US FLAG** for the month of April is dedicated to Michael and Wendy McCrann celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

**The ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** -on April 28th at 10AM, continues with a most interesting topic: 'Resilience in the face of anxiety.' This week we will use scripture from Psalm 13.

Resilience requires a way to process pain without being consumed by it. The Psalms provide a liturgical language for anxiety through the practice of lament. A lament is more than a mistake or a complaint; it is a bold act of faith that brings raw emotion directly to God. By looking at the structure of these prayers, we see a movement from crying out in distress to affirming trust in God's character.

This week focuses on the necessity of grieving our losses and voicing our anxieties as a vital step toward a resilient and hopeful future.

- Psalm 13 begins with the question "How long, O Lord?" Why is it important for a resilient faith to give us permission to complain to God?

- How does naming our specific fears and sorrows out loud change their power over us?
- The Psalmist moves from sorrow to praise within just six verses. Does this feel like a realistic progression to you, or does it feel like a struggle? We have an excellent and friendly group of people, and everyone is welcome with their questions and observations. Our study will be via ZOOM, contact Zion for the link. [ZionChurchLBI@gmail.com](mailto:ZionChurchLBI@gmail.com)

**Food Pantry Collections** - For those who are able to donate, please remember we are ALWAYS accepting food and monetary donations to help those in need.

**Fellowship Hours will continue** - Coffee, tea and hot chocolate fellowship hours will continue with an added bonus of prayer time. Gayle Regan will be in early at 8:30am in Fellowship Hall and all are welcome to come in early for fellowship, answer any Call Committee questions and most importantly lift Zion up in prayer for our called Pastor! The Bible verse from Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or more gather in my name, there am I with them."