

Zion Lutheran Church, Barnegat Light, NJ
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sunday, April 12th, 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who went the extra mile in preparing and leading our worship services and events during Holy Week and Easter. To those who ushered, collated the bulletins, prepared the altar, counted the offerings, changed the banners and paraments, updated the website, ran the audio and video of the services (outdoors and indoors) and taught Sunday School.
THANK YOU!

THE LADIES GUILD - Next meeting is scheduled for the third Sunday of the month of April - April 19th, following 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 14th at 10AM, continues with a most interesting topic: ‘Resilience in the face of anxiety.’ This week will use scripture from 1 Kings 19:1-18. The foundation of resilience begins with recognizing that anxiety is not a personal failure, but a human experience. Traditional views of resilience often emphasize a "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" mentality, yet the Bible offers a different path through the life of Elijah.

After a major spiritual victory, the prophet finds himself terrified and exhausted, praying for his life to end in the wilderness. God does not meet his anxiety with a lecture on toughness. Instead, God provides bread, water, and rest. This week explores how acknowledging our limits and our need for divine and communal support is a prerequisite for lasting strength. True resilience grows in the soil of honesty about our fears.

- Elijah’s anxiety followed a period of great success and spiritual mountain tops. Why are we often most vulnerable to despair after significant achievements?

- God provides for Elijah's physical needs before addressing his spiritual crisis. How does tending to our bodies serve as a form of spiritual resilience?
- Does "pulling yourself with your own bootstraps work?"

We have a friendly group all willing to share questions and thoughts with each other! We continue to explore many Biblical texts to consider how they direct us to reflect on our Christian faith, live our lives, and set our priorities.

Our study will be via ZOOM, contact Zion via email zionchurchlbi@gmail.com for link.

Food Pantry Collections - This Sunday, April 12th, we will be collecting canned goods for the Tuckerton Food Pantry. Please remember to bring your canned goods. There are a lot of people who need our help. Thank you, Judy

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FAMILY PROMISE - Lou Ann attended a meeting with Family Promise leaders, and other church coordinators from the area. The entire year has been filled by 15 different churches, many taking four or more weeks. Since Zion is only hosting one week in August, Lou Ann offered our help with food for Beach Haven Terrace UMC. They are hosting 3 consecutive weeks starting April 19th. She will be working with them to coordinate meals for the week of April 19th. If you want to participate please contact Lou Ann. A sign-up sheet will be created for those who wish to sign-up and volunteer a meal.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE - **AARP Smart Driver Course on April 20th**

- Start at 9am and take approximately 4-6 hours.
- AARP Member's rate is \$20.00 and non member's \$25.00
- Everyone who completes it will have a certificate at the end, to send in to your car insurance for a discount.
- On Sunday after church, Gayle Regan will record everyone's name, address, cell #'s, Driver's license #, AARP # if applicable, and a check made out to AARP. I will need to get all this into the instructor ahead of the class. If we have more than 20 interested, the instructor is willing to offer a second date.

- **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."
- **Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Beach Haven has invited Zion to an afternoon of song with Brandi McLeod, Vocalist and Spenser R. Gallo, Accompanist - Saturday, April 18th @ 4PM** Gayle Regan will create a sign up and suggest that if enough wish to attend, we could coordinate a carpool; and possibly go for dinner as a group if anyone would like to socialize a bit longer. Lot's of good restaurants nearby.