

## Zion Lutheran Church

A Member Congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

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### JUNE - AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

#### *One Another's of Scripture...*

*Love one another -John 13:34*

*Pray for one another -James 5:16*

*Forgive one another -Colossians 3:13*

*Bear with one another -Galatians 6:2*

*Welcome one another -Romans 15:7*

*Serve one another -Galatians 5:13*

*Speak truth to one another -Ephesians 4:25*

*Be hospitable to one another -1 Peter 4:9*

*Be at peace with one another -Mark 9:5*

*Adapted from "Gracelaced" by Ruth Chou Simons*

June 11, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the past weeks, many of us have been blessed to reconnect in-person with family, friends, and members of the Zion community. More such joyful reunions will continue over the summer months. At Zion, we plan to have a simplified worship service and schedule June through August as we plan for a return to fuller programming in the fall.

As we transition into this more open time, I invite us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We continue to encounter frustrations and challenging interactions in our daily living. This has always been the case in our broken world, but it can feel especially intense in the current climate. As we have been blessed to receive undeserved grace and mercy from our Savior Jesus Christ, may we in turn be grace-filled in our interactions with one another. May the list above encourage us in our baptismal call to love God and to love our neighbor.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Karin Pejack

## **COVID Protocol & Worship Updates as of June 1**

Following the announcements by the CDC and the PA Governor's Office, Zion is removing social distancing restrictions and lifting the mask mandate for fully vaccinated individuals in the building. We will follow the PA Governor's Office guidance on the lifting of the mask mandate on June 28 or when 70% of adults are vaccinated. We encourage all to prayerfully exhibit love of neighbor and respect for the wishes of those who choose to continue to social distance from others when in the building. We continue to request those who have a fever or who are not feeling well to remain home. Online worship is available for the 10:15am worship service on Sunday mornings. WOW (Worship on Wednesdays at 12:10pm) will continue online through the first week of September. Communion will be offered in-person and online on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and online on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. Pastor Karin is fully vaccinated and is available to provide home communion.

There are concerns (health and safety) and struggles (while we are without leadership from the choir) with congregational singing. A summer order of worship will begin on June 6 which will exhibit a consistent and simplified plan for music throughout the summer (June-August) when several members, leaders, and the pastor are planning to take times of vacation. The two hymns will be removed only over the summer. A second anthem will be added. Those, who may feel led to, may sing along with the anthem music while masked. Masking continues to be required for any singing in the worship space.

## **Zion Welcomes Temporary Office Administrator, Madelyn Stalter**

Hi, all! My name is Madelyn Stalter and I will be the temporary Office Administrator for Zion Lutheran Church for the summer months. I just completed my freshman year at George Washington University (virtually) where I study public health with a concentration in pre-medicine. I enjoy reading, travelling, drinking coffee, running, baking, and knitting! I am currently living in Camp Hill where I am most commonly seen walking my 3-year-old Bernedoodle, Scamper. I am so grateful for this opportunity to meet all of the members here and work with you all in God's Name.

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 12pm**

**Except June 14 – 25, by appointment only**

**Holiday Church Office Closure: Monday, July 5**

## **Special Guest Musician Serving in Worship on June 20**

Alex Seman, who will begin his senior year this fall at Harrisburg Academy, will be serving as pianist throughout the 10:15am service on June 20. He will be playing a prelude and two anthems live in the worship space. We thank him for sharing his gifts and talents with us in worship.

## **Pastor Karin Out of the Office: June 24 – July 5**

Pastor Karin will be taking vacation time June 24 through July 5. Pastor Keith Eslinger will be serving in worship leadership and providing pastoral care while she is out of the office. His contact information is available from the church office.

### **Serving Opportunities**

We are looking for volunteers: to assist in the sound/audio-visual area; to lector and to lead responsive readings in-person or online; to serve as assisting ministers; and, to provide music live or recorded. Please contact the pastor if you are interested in serving. More information and training will be provided.

### **WOW (Worship On Wednesday), Online via Zoom & YouTube Live**

WOW will remain online only through the beginning of September. WOW worshippers are invited to communicate with the pastor regarding attendance preference: online, in-person, or a blended approach such as once or twice per month in-person and online and online only the other Wednesdays.

**12:10–12:35pm Service of Word and Prayer**  
**Service of Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**  
***See Schedule at Conclusion of Letter for Attendance Details***

**Communicating during the time of COVID-19.** We are sending **group emails** to provide updates. If you are not receiving the emails and would like to add your email address to this communication, please email the **church office (zionhbg@comcast.net)**. The **voicemail greeting for the church office (717-234-4064)** and the **church website (www.zionharrisburg.org)** are frequently updated. The church office voicemail and email (information above) are checked regularly. **Pastor Karin is available by phone, text, and/or email. She will schedule meetings online via Zoom and/or in-person.**

**Church Offering.** We thank all who continue to generously support ministry at Zion. Contributions can be mailed to the church office:  
Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

### **Zoom Council Meeting: Monday, June 14, at 6:30pm**

The council will meet to elect officers for the 2021-22 year and to work on programming plans as COVID restrictions relax. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for all who are serving in leadership. Zoom invitations will be emailed from the Church Office.

### **Highlights from the June 6 Annual Meeting**

Many thanks to those who served at and to all voting members who participated in the first hybrid – in-person & online – Annual Meeting. The business included the passing of the 2021-22 Budget, approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes, and the election of council members: John Cooper (first term), John Burnell (second term), Ann Pacey (second term), Steve Grubbs (filling the last year of an unexpired term). The congregation extends its gratitude to all who served on council and in administrative volunteer work throughout these

challenging times. We also recognized and thanked Judy Wisman who is retiring from serving on council.

**Worship at Bethesda Mission Men's Shelter on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 7:00pm**

**June 13, July 11, August 8**

Pastor Karin and Todd Pejack and volunteers from Zion and St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Camp Hill bring a monthly worship service of Holy Communion to the Men's Shelter. This outreach ministry resumed in August. Adjustments in conducting the service have been made and safety protocols are in place for the protection of clients and volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Karin or Todd.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Fallout Shelter Inspirational Coffee House**

**Will Return on Friday, August 20, 6:30-8:30pm**

*Stay tuned for format and location*

**For those seeking spiritual refreshment at the end of the week, come join us for live music, poetry, prayer, and more. Online open mic opportunities for those wishing to share their talent in meaningful and uplifting ways.**

**Prayer List**

**Ministries in Zion's Building:** Good Shepherd Anglican Church (affiliated with the REC), Faith Empowerment Worship Center, Helping Individuals Succeed

**Missionary:** Ruth C. – currently in England

**Homebound Members:** Jackie G., Nathalee K., Anna R.

***Persons with acute need of prayer for physical and/or spiritual healing (upcoming surgery/procedure/tests; recovery from recent illness or surgery /procedure /tests):***

Bud W., Patrick, Paul, John G., John D., Ricky, Jim J., Sandy W., Judy R.

***Persons on long-term healing journeys***

Dr. Mary, Tyler, Anne Marie & Paul, Peter C., Sally, Mark M., Alex, Adrian, Eric, Steve, Deitra, Phil & Nancy

*If you have asked that someone be placed on our prayer list, please call or email the church office to let us know when prayers have been answered or the need has changed.*

***If you would like to send a card to someone listed, please contact the church office for the address.***

**June, July, August Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**June Birthdays:** Danielle Saylor 06/13; Anna Royer 06/15; Tuong Thieu 06/17; Kim Yunez 06/21; Harold Pacey 06/22; Adrian Robinson 06/24; Jeff Springer 06/26; Wendy Zapcic 06/30

**June Anniversary:** Bud & Judy Wisman 06/30

**July Birthdays:** Robert Haas 07/03; Nathalee Kichman 07/04; Mark Haas 07/05; Marianne Germann 07/07; Lee Atticks 07/08; Patrick Drisgill 07/11; Margie Danko 07/13; Diane Calhoun 07/15; David Calhoun 07/23; Keith Eslinger 07/24; Eileen Marks 07/25; Michael Lavender 07/27; Steve Saylor 07/27; William Trey Tillet 07/28; Jeanette Bortner 07/31

**July Anniversary:** David & Diane Calhoun 07/04

**August Birthdays:** Michael Reynolds 08/04; Glenn Weikert 08/06; Janet Shultz 08/07; Deitra Jones 08/17; Bill Shultz 08/21; Drew Dunn 08/23; John Cooper 08/25; Judy Reynolds 08/26; Bailey Dunn 08/29

**August Anniversaries:** Farid & Kim Yunez 08/02; Keith & Debra Eslinger 08/06; John & Dixie Geistwite 08/24

***Two homebound members are celebrating birthdays in June & July. Let's shower them with cards! Please let the pastor know about milestone birthdays and anniversaries, if you would like the congregation to celebrate these events.***

**Anna Royer (06/15) – Homebound Member**

5225 Wilson Lane  
Maplewood, Apt. 324  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Nathalee Kichman (07/04) – Homebound Member**

624 Wilhelm Road  
Apt. 53b  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

**Riverboat Sunday: July 25**

Over the summer, the Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society offers a free nondenominational Sunday worship service aboard the Pride. Christian Churches United (CCU) coordinates the services and half of the collection goes to HELP Ministries. *The Pride is currently awaiting a part for repair. It is anticipated that it will be running again by the end of June or earlier.*

**The service begins at 10:00am. Boarding begins at 9:45am. It is first come, first served, and will be open to the public, so arriving on time or a bit early is encouraged. No pre-registration is required this year. Masks are encouraged in the enclosed lower level.**

Pastor Karin will be leading worship on the Pride. Pastor Keith Eslinger will be leading the 10:15am worship service on site at Zion.

### **Weekly Schedule & Recurring Zoom Information**

The Meeting ID and Passcode to attend our weekly online worship services and Bible Studies on Zoom is listed below. The online links are available on the church website. **To join by phone, dial 1 646 558 8656. Use the Meeting ID & Passcode listed below.**

**Sunday 10:15am: Worship Service, Prelude begins at 10:10am**

**3rd Sunday Communion**

**Meeting ID: 816 5895 6443**

**Passcode: 847172**

**Wednesday 12:10pm: WOW (Worship on Wednesday), concludes at 12:35pm**

**Prelude begins at 12:05pm, 1st Wednesday Communion**

**Meeting ID: 895 4667 5525**

**Passcode: 849793**

### **YouTube Broadcast Worship**

In addition to continuing to worship with Zoom, we are offering a new method for congregants and visitors to join in Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays. We will be broadcasting worship on our YouTube channel using YouTube Live. The content of worship will be the same as attending via Zoom, however YouTube offers some differences, including:

- Anonymity - Watching the worship service through YouTube is a similar experience to watching a video on your computer. Unlike participating via Zoom, there is no way for us to see or hear you during the service. Joining Worship this way is completely anonymous.
- More accessible - Many devices such as Smart TVs and DVD players, Roku, tablets, and some cable boxes now come with the YouTube app built in. Just look for the YouTube Logo on your device.

How to join via YouTube: At worship time, open the YouTube app or go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Search for Zion Lutheran Church Harrisburg & select the result with a photo of the church as the icon. On our main page will be an alert that we are "Live," allowing you to join. We will start broadcasting 5 to 10 minutes before worship starts.