

Zion Lutheran Church

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FEBRUARY & MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

During the upcoming Ash Wednesday Service on February 17, we will hear the following invitation from the Prophet Joel, "Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Joel 2:13). With these words, our 40-day Lenten journey begins. It is a time during which we examine ourselves and honestly assess ways in which we have turned away from the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

God loves us and has saved us through Jesus Christ. In the midst of the tremendously challenging times in which we are living, we may forget this truly Good News. We doubt God is with us, and we worry about the present and the future. Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life ... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:25, 33).

The disciplines of Lent: alms-giving, prayer, and fasting, help us turn our focus back to our Savior Jesus Christ. Fasting is not simply a giving up of certain foods, but a reorientation of our outlook. The money that we don't spend on the food from which we're abstaining can be put toward Christian ministry and outreach (alms-giving). Fasting can also apply to our use of time. We may reorganize our schedules; fasting from time engaged in computer games, movies, social media, etc. to spend more time in prayer and Bible study.

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Kingdom of God has broken into this world. By the Holy Spirit, Christ's power and peace are with us as we await His return. May seeking the Kingdom of God and living within it be our priority in the weeks ahead and always.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Karin Pejack

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays 12:10pm to 12:50pm

Online via Zoom

Beginning on February 16: JONAH

The Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 12:10pm – 12:50pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join the study as you are able. See back page for attendance information.

Ash Wednesday Service on February 17 at 12:10pm

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. -Psalm 51:10

Please join us for this special worship service which marks the beginning of the prayerful season of Lent. Attendance information is same as WOW (Worship on Wednesday)—see back page. *For those who would like to attend an in-person service on Ash Wednesday:*

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 4200 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Worship Service at 7:00pm

WOW (Worship On Wednesday), Online via Zoom & Youtube Live

12:10–12:35pm Service of Word and Prayer

Service of Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday of the month

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES: “God Intended It for Good:”

Joseph’s Journey and Christ’s Passion

February 24—March 24

Pastors Karin Pejack & Steve Shipman will share preaching

Wednesday evening in-person services are being held at

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 4200 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Worship Service at 7:00pm

LENTEN Offering 2021

The King Community Center Girls Summer Enrichment Program provides an essential out-of-school time environment where girls can continue to increase their knowledge and skills. Without fun and supportive summer activities, school-age girls are at risk of experiencing health and academic challenges. Over six weeks, Monday through Friday, girls, ages 6-12, receive academic instruction as well as life skills training in areas such as cooking & nutrition, staying safe, and problem solving. Visual and performing arts and athletic activities are also part of the program. Healthy meals and snacks are provided. There are field trips to local historical and cultural sites. The program is kept very low-cost thanks to sponsors. In past summers, Zion has hosted this vital program in our facility. This summer the program will take place at a different location. There is an envelope enclosed in the mailing designated for this year’s Lenten Offering.

Worship at Bethesda Mission Men's Shelter on 2nd Sundays at 7:00pm

February 14 & March 14

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.

3rd Friday Fallout Shelter Inspirational Online Coffee House

On Zoom & Streaming on YouTube

Friday, February 19, 6:30pm Opening & 6:45pm Welcome & Program

Theme: "Where Love Abounds Freedom is Found"

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters.

But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." - Galatians 5:13

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. We also welcome recorded music and presentations. Recordings can be emailed in advance to Catherine at catherineann@gmail.com. **Zoom Information:** The online link is available on the church website and will be sent in an email closer to the event. To join by phone, dial 1 646 558 8656. Use the Meeting ID & Passcode listed below.

Meeting ID: 864 2314 0828

Passcode: 461334

How to join via YouTube: Open the YouTube app & search for Zion Lutheran Church Harrisburg, select the result with a photo of the church as the icon - OR go to <http://bit.ly/ZionHBGonYouTube>. On our main page will be an alert that we are "Live" allowing you to join.

Future Coffee House Event will be held on March 19 on Zoom & YouTube.

Zion Welcomes a New Ministry Partner into the Church Building

For several years, Pastor Derrick James has held mentoring groups and graduation ceremonies for the Greater Dad's Fatherhood Program at Zion. Now the founder and CEO of Helping Individuals Succeed (H.I.S.), Pastor James is organizing and administering H.I.S. programs from an office in Zion's building. These programs include: Greater Dad's Fatherhood Program, Men's Developmental Training, and Goal Setting Training. Currently, all programming is being conducted online and over the phone.

Prayer List

Ministries in Zion's Building: Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Faith Empowerment Worship Center, Helping Individuals Succeed

Missionary: Ruth Cheng – currently in the US after serving in Romania

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):

Eric, Steve, Andrew, Trey, Douglas & Carol, John & Mary

Persons in need of prayer for long-term physical and/or spiritual healing: Tom A., Karen B., Paul B., Sharon B., Betty C., Audrey, Lowell, Carol D., John D., Patrick D., Nancy E., Jim J., Margaret J., Heather K., Susan K., Ken K., Mary K., John L., Chase M., George M., Mark M., Sonia M., Hazel N., Sally O., Janice P, Kasey R., Susan R., Josh R., Sara R., Danielle S., Alex Sch., Charles S., Frank S., Matthew S., Sally S-W., Bud W., Judy W., Grayson, Mary, Rhys, William, Victor, Kelly, Eleanor, Phil & Nancy, John G., Don A., Jana, Sally, Rosa

If you have asked that someone be placed on our prayer list will you please let us know when prayers have been answered or the need has changed. Please call or email the church office. If you would like to send a card to someone listed, please contact the church office for the address.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays: Katherine Helman 02/02; Riley Dunn 02/08; Lois String 02/10;

Rowen Wisman 02/14; Rachel Pejack 02/21; Xuan Thieu 02/28

February Anniversary: Steve and Deb Grubbs 02/19

March Birthdays: Rick Stehman 03/09; Savannah Weikert 03/11; Ben Thieu 03/17;

Nancy Eshenour 03/18; Andrew Pejack 03/24; Ricky Perrine 03/27; Amy Lombardo 03/31

March Anniversary: Glenn & Amy Weikert 03/05

LOOKING AHEAD:

Worship Update: Broadcasting from Zion & In-Person Worship

This month, February, we have planned a first test of the broadcasting system in Zion's worship space at a time other than Sunday morning. After successful tests, we will broadcast a Sunday morning worship service from Zion. Online attendance on Zoom and YouTube remains the same as it is now. Following a successful Sunday morning worship service broadcast, we plan to open the Sunday morning worship to in-person attendance with COVID protocols in place. We are offering in-person worship as an option for those who feel comfortable with that choice and will continue to offer online worship and fellowship to nurture the faith and practice of all in the congregation. The date of the first in-person service and protocol details will be published when the schedule has been established.

Holy Week & Easter: The start of in-person worship may impact this schedule. We will be publicizing the details at a later date.

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 on Zoom and/or in-person masked & socially distanced.**

Office Hours: Monday & Friday, 9-11am; may vary according to availability of staff. Please call ahead to confirm the office is open. Voicemail and emails are monitored regularly. **Holiday Office Closure: Feb. 15**

Assistance with Shopping for Supplies. There are members on the East and West Shores who have offered to pick up groceries, prescriptions, or other life-sustaining supplies for those in need. Contact the church office or Pastor Karin.

Church Offering. We thank all who continue to generously support ministry at Zion. Contributions can be mailed to the church office:
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Upcoming Zoom Council Meetings: February 22 & March 22 at 6:30pm
Zoom invitations will be emailed from the Church Office.

Daylight Saving Time on March 14: Remember to move the clocks ahead one hour!

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

Tuesday 12:10pm: PB & Jesus Bible Study, concludes at 12:50pm

Meeting ID: 893 3719 2529

Passcode: 863730

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.

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