

Zion Lutheran Church

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MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. – Hebrews 13:8

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

With great joy, I share with you that over the next six days, I have appointments to visit Zion's homebound members in-person, and the Zion community will have the opportunity to return to in-person worship on Sunday, May 2. While we celebrate these ways of re-connecting after an extended time of strict separation, we are mindful of the continued dangers of COVID and the need to be safe in our in-person gatherings. COVID Protocols for In-Person Worship and Meetings at Zion follow this article.

We also celebrate the ways in which we are able to maintain connection with members of the community who continue to worship online. Worship attendance on Zoom and YouTube is available in the same way it has been over the past year. Thanks to current technology, outstanding service from SSP Custom Sound LLC, and much work by dedicated members of the Zion Community, we are now able to broadcast from Zion's worship space with participation from members attending on Zoom and to hold Zoom fellowship. ***We are looking for volunteers to assist in the sound booth and to lector in-person or online. Please contact the pastor if you are interested in serving. Training will be provided.***

We have been through many changes since the pandemic began. However, through it all, our Savior's abiding presence has been with us. We give thanks for His peace and love which have led us to deeper care and prayer for one another throughout griefs and challenges. We also know that beyond the Pandemic, we will experience changes day to day in this earthly life. Throughout it all, our Savior is our Rock and Redeemer, and we are His forgiven and beloved children. As we have been blessed by God's undeserved and amazing grace, may we share that grace and love with all whom we meet.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Karin Pejack

COVID Protocols for In-Person Worship and Meetings at Zion

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”
– Matthew 22:36-40

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. - 2 Timothy 1:7

As we plan to return to worship in Zion’s building, we seek to both faithfully worship the Lord and to care for the safety of members and neighbors.

Single Household = individual living alone or a group that shares a household. Social distancing is between those of different single households.

1. Virtual worship continues to be offered for those who are not attending in-person.
2. **If you have a fever or are not feeling well, please refrain from attending worship.**
3. Those who have a thermometer at home, are strongly encouraged to take your temperature at home and to **refrain from attending worship if you have an elevated temperature.**
4. Face masks are required to enter the building. Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring their own mask. Zion is planning to have a some on site for those who need them. Masks must remain on while in the building and properly worn.
5. Attendees must be social distanced by household (see above) at all times: entering, on stairs, in the elevator, seated, and exiting the building.
6. There will be signage indicating that only a worship service is being held in the building. When initially re-opening, only a worship service will be held on Sunday morning (no Sunday school or fellowship time).
7. Hand-sanitizer will be available, and rest rooms will be stocked with soap and paper towels.
8. Offering will be placed in one of two offering boxes located at the base of the main stairwells. There will be no passing of offering plates.
9. Paper bulletins will be available. Electronic PDF versions of the bulletin will be available. Only single households may share a bulletin. Please take the bulletin with you or place directly in visibly available trash cans at the completion of the service.
10. Pastor will distance herself from the congregation, in order to preach without at mask.
11. Appropriate disinfecting and cleaning will take place following each worship service.
12. Masked singing will be permitted. The pastor will also be masked when singing.

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 1st 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 on Zoom and/or in-person masked & socially distanced.**

Church Office Update:

We are entering a search for a six-month temporary office administrator to serve in this position while the current office administrator is on medical leave.

Office Hours are currently by appointment only. Church voicemail and email are monitored regularly.

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:
Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Zoom Council Meeting: May 3 at 6:30pm
Zoom invitations will be emailed from the Church Office.

ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JUNE 6, directly following 10:15am Worship Service
Attend In-person or Online. Details will be mailed to voting members.

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

May 9 & June 13

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.

Christi Himmelfahrt Gottesdienst / Ascension Worship Service in the German Language

Thursday, May 13th, at 7:00pm

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA

Online via Zoom & Streaming on YouTube

This year's Predigt / Sermon will feature excerpts from a sermon by Johann Georg Lochman, a former pastor at Zion. The sermon is part of a bound series of Predigten / Sermons published in 1828. You are invited to attend the 7:00pm Gottesdienst / Worship Service online or by phone. Details to attend on YouTube and Zoom as well as German and English language orders of worship will be emailed closer to the event at which time the information will also be available on the church website.

Coffee House

On Zoom & Streaming on YouTube

Friday, May 21, 6:30pm Opening & 6:45pm Welcome & Program

Theme: "Songs of the Heart"

The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. – Psalm 28:7

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. This month, we encourage sharing about a favorite song or hymn. To avoid duplication in the program, think of two or three songs about which you may wish to share. Details to attend on YouTube and Zoom will be emailed closer to the event at which time the information will also be available on the church website.

Prayer List

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

Missionary: Ruth C. – 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):

Deitra, Tyler, Dr. Mary, Peter, Ruth, Jim H., Peggy, Paul, Betty, Sally, Mark M., Eric

We are currently in the process of updating the long-term prayer list. Please email the church office to place a person with longer-term health issues on the updated list. 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.

May & June Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays: Floyd String 05/23; Jackie Graybill 05/25; Catherine Germann 05/28; Emma Daugherty 05/30; Sam Pejack 05/30

May Anniversaries: Robert & Wanda Haas 05/01; Larry & Jeanette Bortner 05/05; Bill & Janet Shultz 05/23; Floyd & Lois String 05/30

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

A Zion couple is celebrating a milestone anniversary, and two homebound members are celebrating birthdays in May & June. 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.

Bob & Wanda Haas 50th Wedding Anniversary (05/01)

36 Golfview Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Jackie Graybill (05/25)

100 Freemason Drive, Room 1545
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Anna Royer (06/15)

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

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.