

## Zion Lutheran Church

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

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### MARCH – APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

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

It's time to go beyond the average spring cleaning! How often do we tidy up an area, only to find that same space re-cluttered a short time later? Why? Well, unless there is a change in how we live in or utilize the room, the mess inevitably returns.

How do we break this messy cycle? We go beyond a surface cleansing and delve into the heart of the matter, our bad habits. The Lenten discipline of fasting teaches us to depart from behaviors that harm our relationship with God. The Lenten disciplines of prayer and almsgiving/charity train us in good habits that nurture our relationship with God.

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 also applies 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, Bible study, and service.

Lent is time for individuals, families, and congregations to say good-bye to bad habits and to strengthen life-giving habits that we pray will continue in the Easter season and beyond. What an appropriate time for a deep clean of our church office and a re-organization of operating procedures within Zion's whole facility! You will all be grateful to know that I will be cleaning my own messy office at church as part of this endeavor. Over the next weeks, some council members and I will be reaching out to ministry leaders and volunteers to assist with physical clean-up and to give input into ways services and activities can run smoothly and efficiently. And, yes, that means some hard work, short-term and long-term. From where will help come? We look to God, who invites us to return to Him (Joel 2:12-13) and to renew a right spirit within us (Psalm 51:10). We pray for God's guidance and blessings as we discern how to organize and staff Zion's facility for ministry in 2022 in Harrisburg and online.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Karin Pejack

### Tuesday 12:10pm Online Bible Study ON BREAK Until September

Due to the church office and facility re-organization project, Bible study will not meet again until September 2022. Pastor Karin encourages regular participants to continue studying the Bible on your own and/or in conversation with others. Suggested readings include: the Scripture readings for the Sunday and Wednesday Lenten services (see below) and the Gospel of Luke, from which will come many of the Gospel lessons throughout the Sundays of this church year. A good online resource is Bible Gateway (<https://www.biblegateway.com/>). At

this site, one can easily look up passages and read them in a variety of translations. The translation regularly read in worship at Zion is the English Standard Version.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK**

**Ash Wednesday, March 2:** Joel 2:12-19; Psalm 51:1-19; 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10;  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 6:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13;  
Luke 4:1-13

**Wednesday, March 9:** Deuteronomy 6:4-6; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13; Matthew 4:1-11

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 13:** Jeremiah 26:8-15; Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17- 4:1; Luke 13:31-35

**Wednesday, March 16:** Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Matthew 8:14-17

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 20:** Ezekiel 33:7-20; Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**Wednesday, March 23:** Jonah 3:1-10; 1 Peter 3:9-12; Matthew 26:47-50

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 27:** Isaiah 12:1-6; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Wednesday, March 30:** Genesis 45:1-15; Ephesians 4:25-32; John 13:34-35

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, April 3:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; Luke 20:9-20

**Wednesday, April 6:** Micah 6:7-8; Hebrews 6:9-12; John 13:12-17

**Palm Sunday, April 10:** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

**Holy Wednesday, April 13:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70:1-5; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 26:14-25

**Maundy Thursday, April 14:** Exodus 16:4-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-29

**Good Friday, April 15:** Hebrews 5:7-9; Isaiah 53:1-12; Luke 22:1 - 23:56; John 1:1-5

**Easter Sunday, April 17:** Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

### **Ash Wednesday Service on March 2 at 12:10pm in the Chapel at Zion**

#### **In-Person and Online via Zoom & YouTube Live**

***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. For those who would like to attend an evening service, the congregation of Good Shepherd is holding an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30pm in the Chapel at Zion. St. Timothy Lutheran Church (4200 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011) is holding an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm

### **WOW (Worship On Wednesday)**

#### **SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES: "In View of God's Mercy"**

#### **In-Person and Online via Zoom & YouTube Live**

**March 9 – April 6**

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

**Service of Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**

**12:35-1:00pm Lunch Fellowship**

*Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time*

*of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. The services in this worship series for Lent by theology professor David Peter focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy made manifest in Christ.*

**NOTES ON DETAILS, INCLUDING PARKING, for 12:10pm Ash Wednesday & Lenten WOW**

**Services:** Bulletin documents, Zoom link, and YouTube Live streaming instructions will be available at Zion's website: [www.zionharrisburg.org](http://www.zionharrisburg.org)

There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street.

**Evening Lenten Series at St. Timothy Lutheran Church**

4200 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**March 9 – April 6**

**5:30pm Soup & Bread**

**7:00pm Informal Worship Service**

A 45-minute informal service of song, intercessory prayer and study on the methods of prayer will be led by Pastor Keller. Keeping within our goal of discipleship, the focus on these studies will be introducing each week a new method of prayer and prayer exercises to do for each day of the week. Join in a prayer life work-out this year during Lent!

**Special Giving in LENT 2022**

As Zion staff and lay leaders work on updating office procedures and record-keeping, we are not collecting a separate Lenten offering this year. To support the Lenten discipline of alms-giving, the Zion community is invited to contribute to the WOW offering which goes to local outreach agencies. Please clearly mark WOW on the memo line on your check WOW and/or include a note with your offering. Alternatively, you may contribute directly to organizations who regularly receive WOW funds:

Bethesda Mission <https://www.bethesdamission.org/>

Christian Churches United <https://www.ccuhb.org/>

Downtown Daily Bread <https://downtowndailybread.org/>

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

**March 13 & April 10**

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 & Healing Prayer to the Men's Shelter. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Karin or Todd.

**Zoom Council Meetings: Mondays, February 28 & March 28, at 6:30pm**

Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for all who are serving in leadership. Zoom invitations will be emailed from the Church Office. There will be a combined April/May Zoom Council Meeting on Monday, May 9, to prepare the budget and other documents for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5, following the 10:15am worship service.

## Prayer List

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

**Missionaries:** Ruth C. in Romania; Randy & Christy Shearer with TWR, stationed in Cyprus.

**Homebound Members:** Jackie G., Nathalee K., Anna R., Pr. John & Nancy, Bill & Janet S.

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

Sandy & Todd W., Andrew (brother-in-law to Catherine G., Pr. John & Nancy, Camille (relative of Pr. John & Nancy), Jim (Jim J.'s father), Monty (Eslinger family relative), Dolores (friend of Lee, Judy, & Jeff), Bud & Judy W., Danny (relative of Deb & Steve)

***Persons on long-term healing journeys,*** Jim J., Fred (Lee's brother), Al & Marianne G. (Catherine's mother & father), Catherine G., Deitra, Peter (Ruth C.'s father), MaryBeth & Larry (Ann P.'s friends), Phyllis, Mark M.

*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.***

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**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

**April Birthdays:** Conley Dunn 04/05; Norma Swain 04/08; Reggie Wise 04/16; Wendy Davis 04/17; Amanda Lavender 04/18; Nick Megoulas 04/18; Todd Pejack 04/18; Mark Megoulas 04/28; Joey Stehman 04/29; Sean Wisman 04/30; Larry Bortner 04/30

**April Anniversaries:** Tuong and Xuan Thieu 04/25; Rick and Stephanie Stehman 04/30

**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 Office Hours: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Church Offering:** We thank all who continue to generously support ministry at Zion. In the building, contributions can be placed in the offering boxes located in the main entrance. Contributions can also be mailed to the church office (address listed above).

## March & April Worship and Programming Schedule

*May be subject to change. Updates available at the church website & on the voicemail.*

***We plan to provide time for sharing prayer concerns and brief greetings online and in-person BEFORE the start of worship services and programs.***

### **Sunday**

9:00am **Sunday School** (in-person only)

9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)

10:15am **Worship Service** (in-person & online)

### **Wednesday**

12:10pm **WOW, Worship On Wednesday**

(February: online only; beginning March 2: in-person & online)

### **Weekly Schedule & Zoom/YouTube 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**

**Meeting ID: 816 5895 6443**

**Passcode: 847172**

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

**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.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### April 10 Palm Sunday 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday School & Worship Service

### April 13 WOW on Holy Wednesday 12:10pm

Regular Schedule and Information Worship Service & Lunch Fellowship

### April 14 Maundy Thursday 12:10pm Service of Word & Sacrament

In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live

Communion will be offered in-person and for those attending online or by phone

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 898 6216 0145

Passcode: 836244

### April 15 Good Friday 12:10pm Traditional Tenebrae Worship Service

In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 853 6871 8273

Passcode: 374961

### April 17 Easter Sunday

#### **7:15am Sunrise Service (In-person only)**

**at Zion outside facing the lawn in front of the train station**

Brief Service with Communion

If the weather is bad, service meets in Fellowship Hall

#### **9:00am Easter Breakfast (In-person only)**

***\*\*\*Please help us plan for this event. Sign-up to attend in Fellowship Hall or call Judy Atticks: 717-564-0798.***

#### **10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament**

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday School & Worship Service

***\*\*\*Information & order form for EASTER FLOWERS has been sent with the Lenten mailing or is available from the church office. Deadline to order is April 3.***

The week after Easter, WOW Service will NOT meet (4/20).