

Zion Lutheran Church

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Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! ...

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

– Hebrews 13:1-3,8 New Living Translation

Back to school and back to church season is here! Actually, throughout the summer, increasing numbers of new friends and familiar faces have been coming together for worship in-person and online, Sundays and Wednesdays. This fall, there will be even more opportunities to reunite with the church family and to welcome the community at Zion's building.

On Rally Day, September 11, we will be blessed to hear from Ruth Cheng (present in-person, while she is state-side) about her mission work in Romania. In addition to her presentation, this 9am Special Joint Sunday School Session will provide information about fall programs at Zion. Later that same afternoon, the public will enter Zion's doors to view art and the art of Zion's stained-glass windows. In October, Agape Ministries, a new church start, will begin worshipping on Sunday mornings in the Fall-Out Shelter (lower level). Pr. Derrick James, who maintains an office at Zion for a mentoring program (Helping Individuals Succeed), is the leader of the congregation.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is always with us – past, present, and future. He has redeemed us. He will come again. And, by the power of the Holy Spirit, He is with us now. Jesus is never out of season. But we may have seasons in which we turn away from Him. Christ continues to reach out to us with His life-giving grace and love – in worship, in His Word, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and in prayer. Jesus welcomes us back to His loving embrace and encourages us to bring others to Him who is the Light and Life of the world.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Karin Pejack

CELEBRATE RALLY DAY!!!

RECONNECT with the Zion Church Family & REACH out to the Community

Sunday, September 11, 2022

More details in following articles

9:00am JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL in Fellowship Hall

Special Guest Speaker: Missionary Ruth Cheng will present about her service in Romania

Christian Education Updates: Fall Sunday School Classes & More...

Operation Christmas Child Update

9:45am Coffee Fellowship

10:15am Worship Service

12:00 – 5:00pm Gallery Walk

7:00pm Worship at Bethesda Mission Men's Shelter

Preparing for Gallery Walk on Sunday, September 11, 12-5pm

Zion is looking forward to participating in the Harrisburg Gallery Walk. Brochures, listing all the venues in the city, are available in Fellowship Hall or at <https://www.artassocofhbg.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Gallery-Walk-brochure-ONLINE.pdf>

Below is information about the art on display at Zion this year:

See abstract paintings by Brian Behm (<http://www.BrianCBehm.com>) and additional pieces by friends of Zion. Enjoy tours of the historic church, highlighting the stained-glass windows and a collection of original stencil prints by Japanese artist, Sadao Watanabe.

Brian Behm is exhibiting a four-piece series based on the Doxology. Sam Pejack will be displaying new art.

Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or you can call the church office to be added to the list of volunteers.

Fall 9:00-9:45am Adult Sunday School Classes

Fellowship Class: Teacher – Judy Atticks, meets in the St. Timothy Room, behind the kitchen

In the next two months, we will be studying several chapters in Ephesians and focusing on the Armor of God. We all need to be prepared to stand against the devil's schemes, as the Bible states. We need to be prepared and ready to serve our Lord under all circumstances.

Bible, Coffee, and Conversation: Teacher - Pastor Karin, meets in Fellowship Hall

Drop in anytime for coffee, Bible study, reflection, questions and conversation.

Tuesday 12:10pm Online Bible Study Returns Late Fall

4 Week Session: October 25, November 1, 8, 15

Recognizing that Advent can be an especially busy time, Pastor Karin is planning to lead a Pre-Advent Bible Study in the weeks before Thanksgiving. We will be exploring the call of John the Baptist to "Prepare the Way of the Lord." *More details, including Zoom information, will be emailed and available on the website at a later date.*

Operation Christmas Child Update

It's never too early to start packing shoeboxes!! Several people have already contributed money so we can get started. Last year we packed 77 boxes and this year we hope to continue the upward climb to pack more. The shoebox ministry is just one way to let children all over the world know that they are loved and not forgotten.

The National Collection Week is November 14-21. If you would like us to pack a shoebox for you, please send your check made out to Judy Atticks and: mail it to 6441 Shatto Drive Harrisburg, Pa 17111; or, bring it in person to the church. We look forward to working with many of you on this project. In the meantime, please start praying for all the children who will receive a box, that their hearts may respond to Christ's love through these simple treasures.

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

Fall Dates: September 11, October 9, November 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 and healing prayer to the Men's Shelter (611 Reily Street, Harrisburg). For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Karin or Todd.

Bethesda Mission Annual Celebration Banquet 2022

Thursday, September 15 / 5:45pm Doors Open/ 6:30-8:30pm Dinner & Program

Join volunteers, donors, staff, and guests in celebrating the work of Bethesda Mission over this past year. Members and friends of Zion who would like to attend the event, are invited to **register individually by September 1**. Todd will be attending. There is no fee to attend, but registration is required to reserve a seat. For more information and to register, see the link below:

<https://www.bethesdamission.org/event/bethesda-mission-2022-banquet-house-of-mercy/>

Church Office Update:

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

Church Offering. We thank all who continue to generously support ministry at Zion.

Contributions can be placed in donation boxes at the church or mailed to the church office: Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Pastor Karin will be out of the office August 29 – September 1. Pastor Keith will be providing pastoral care coverage while Pr. Karin is taking vacation time with Todd.

A Way to Check on Local Road Construction, Before Coming to Church

Community Corner: PennDOT News

Planning our daily commute around Central Pennsylvania can be difficult at the best of times, but when you come upon the dreaded orange codes or "Work Zone" signs, you may be wondering how construction seems to always be taking place! If you are interested in getting emails about PennDOT planned construction projects in Central PA you can sign up at the following link:

<https://www.penndot.pa.gov/RegionalOffices/district-8/Pages/allnews.aspx>

If you travel frequently out of Central PA, other regions have separate email mailing lists you can sign up for as well. These will keep you informed about lane, road & bridge closures, night work, and public events.

Parking Update

Street parking around Zion's building is metered and enforced 9am-5pm, Monday through Saturday. Parking on the sidewalks around the church is not permitted, and vehicles parked on the sidewalk will be ticketed. When parking in Zion's small lot on site, the tires of the vehicle can be on the asphalt and on the cement area that extends to the edges of the building.

Parking on the sidewalk area at the edge of the parking lot is not permitted and, Monday – Saturday (9-5), vehicles parked on that sidewalk area will be ticketed. **ON SUNDAYS**, STREET PARKING IS FREE & THERE IS FREE VALIDATED PARKING IN THE CHESTNUT STREET GARAGE. ZION PROVIDES A VALIDATION TICKET. For more information, contact the church office.

RECAP & THANKS!

Zion's Annual Meeting took place on June 5, 2022. Thank you to all who attended online & in-person or submitted an absentee ballot. All items on the agenda passed: the approval of the 2021 annual meeting minutes, the election of council members, and the approval of the 2022-23 budget.

Riverboat Sunday was August 7, 2022. Thank you to Judy Atticks and Ricky Perrine for providing music on the Pride of the Susquehanna and to Pr. Keith for leading worship at Zion.

A Painting Project was completed over the summer. Thank you to property leaders – Bob and Wanda. If you haven't seen the bright new look yet, be sure to check out Fellowship Hall, the conference room, pastor's office and the bathrooms.

Zion's Tax-Exempt Status in Dauphin County Successfully Renewed! At the beginning of the year, all tax-exempt organizations who own property in Dauphin County were required to submit documentation to renew tax-exempt status. It was a bit challenging since Zion's paper trail begins in 1787. Many thanks to staff and volunteers who worked on collecting and electronically submitting the required documents.

Church Office Clean-up and Re-organization continues. Many thanks go out to the wonderful office project manager Sonia, and Mark, who have been upgrading our technology.

Zion Council Update: The 2022-23 council met online via Zoom on August 25. The schedule of upcoming meetings was approved. The council regularly meets on the 4th Monday of the Month at 6:30pm online via Zoom. The schedule follows (***) Notes exceptions):

2022: September 26, October 24, * Monday, December 5** – Combined

November/December meeting, **2023: January 23, February 27, March 27 *** Monday, May 1**

– Combined April/May meeting to approve documents for the Annual Meeting, *****Sunday,**

June 4 – Annual Congregational Meeting & Council Re-organizational Meeting

Vacation: Council does NOT hold regular 4th Monday meetings in June & July. Council resumes meeting on the 4th Monday in August.

Harvest Home Sunday on October 9

In past years on this Sunday, we collected non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Harrisburg. This year, Zion will be making a \$100 donation to the Ecumenical Food Pantry; members and friends are encouraged to make contributions (non-perishable food and other items or monetary) to local organizations providing food and basic necessities to those in need. Some local suggestions are listed below:

Ecumenical Food Pantry

<https://efoodpantry.org/>

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

<https://www.centralpafoodbank.org/>

Downtown Daily Bread

<https://downtowndailybread.org/>

Reformation Sunday Celebration & Meal – October 30

October 30 is Reformation Sunday! Following our 10:15am Worship Service in the upstairs worship space with organ music, we will host a traditional German meal. ***To help us plan for the meal, please let us know if you plan to attend by signing-up in the Fellowship Hall or by calling or emailing the church office.***

All Saints Sunday - November 7

On this Sunday, during the 10:15am Worship Service, we will remember members of Zion and loved ones of the Zion community who entered the Church Triumphant over the past year. **If you would like to list in the bulletin the name of a loved one who died this past year, please email or call the church office. Please give the name as you would like it listed and the person's relationship to you.** Those attending in-person will have an opportunity to remember loved ones by lighting a candle during the service.

PRAYER & CARE UPDATES

Visiting Ministry

Pastor Karin is available for in-person visits in the hospital or at home. She also is available to meet and pray with you online on Zoom or on the phone. If you would like her to visit with you on the phone, online, or in-person to bring communion and/or to pray, please call her to schedule a visit.

Member to member visiting – Zion is a caring community in which members regularly call one another and/or meet together for a meal or to catch up in caring conversation and prayer. Is there someone with whom you haven't spoken for a while? Consider giving a call or arranging to meet.

Healing Prayer on Sundays Returns on September 18

Beginning Sunday, September 18, healing prayer with laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be offered at the communion rail on communion Sundays (1st & 3rd and festivals). On other Sundays, opportunities for healing prayer can be arranged before or after worship – contact Pastor Karin or Judy Atticks.

Prayer List

Ministries in Zion's Building: Good Shepherd Anglican Church (affiliated with the REC), Faith Empowerment Worship Center, Helping Individuals Succeed (mentoring ministry led by Pr. Derrick James), Agape Ministries – (congregation served by Pr. Derrick) preparing to begin holding Sunday services in the Fallout Shelter (lower level) in October.

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

Homebound Members: Nathalee K., Pr. John & Nancy K., Anna R., 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., Scott (Sandy's brother), Jamie W., Maddox, Jim J., Janet S., Pr. John & Nancy, Audrey (Deb G.'s sister), Kelly G., Max, Ben Z. (friend of Steve G.), Steve (Mike's friend), Fred (Wendy's friend), Mary and Linda (Deb G.'s friends)

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.

September – December Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays: Mike Megoulas 09/12; Dixie Geistwite 09/13; Stephanie (Eslinger) Stehman 09/14; Dena Lavender 09/15; Bud Wisman 09/19; Margaret Leedom 09/26; Ann Pacey 9/30

September Anniversaries: Irv & Nancy Eshenour 09/02; Todd & Sandy Wisman 09/17; Lee & Judy Atticks 09/23; Mike & Judy Reynolds 09/28

October Birthdays: Debra Eslinger 10/02; Brian Haas 10/11; Marcus Osborne 10/12; Judy Atticks 10/14; Logan Daugherty 10/17; Farid Yunez 10/17; Judy Wisman 10/23; Nathan Marks 10/23; Lara Eslinger 10/26

October Anniversaries: Michael & Dena Lavender 10/18; Steve & Danielle Saylor 10/28

November Birthdays: Deb Grubbs 11/04; Tina (Thieu) Polley 11/14; Jaiden Robinson 11/14; 11/17 Pr. John Kline; Todd Wisman 11/24; Pastor Karin Pejack 11/30

November Anniversaries: Rick & Ricky Perrine 11/03

December Birthdays: Ashley Lavender 12/03; Marissa Wisman 12/10; Caroline Snyder 12/20; Irv Eshenour 12/22; Heidi Eshenour 12/28; Kelly Grubbs 12/30; Wanda Haas 12/30

December Anniversaries: Harold & Ann Pacey 12/31

Weekly Schedule

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 (Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festivals)

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

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

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

Wednesday (Communion on the 1st Wednesday)

12:10pm **WOW, Worship On Wednesday** (in-person & online)

12:35pm **Lunch Fellowship** (in-person only)

Weekly Schedule & Zoom/YouTube Information

The Meeting ID and Passcode to attend our weekly online worship services 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 when worship starts.