

Zion Lutheran Church

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February 2022 NEWSLETTER

In-person & Online Worship and Programming List at Conclusion of Document

LOOKING AHEAD: A Lenten Newsletter and Devotional Booklet will be mailed to the Zion Community mid-February

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16

Throughout this season of Epiphany, the texts of the Sunday Scripture readings have been inviting us into a deeper relationship with God's Word. The Apostle Paul counseled early Christians to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Below are suggestions for strengthening our relationship with Holy Scripture.

Memorizing key Bible verses is a powerful way in which to dwell in God's Word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you to a verse or passage to guide you through 2022 or through seasons of the year.

Reading through the entire Bible connects us to Salvation History. We journey with our ancestors in the faith from the beginning of time. We hear God's promises to His people through the prophets and witness the fulfillment of that promised deliverance through the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We share the struggles of the early church and wait with all the faithful for the new heaven and new earth foretold in Revelation.

Two resources to help us exercise our Scriptural muscles are included in this group email and will be available at the church website (see Devotional Resources). One is a list of Bible Verses and Passages for Memorization and Encouragement. The other is a guide to reading through the whole Bible.

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33). Living at a time when so much is continually changing, may the Eternal Word of God provide a much-needed anchor in our lives keeping us connected to the forgiving love and eternal life we have in Jesus.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Karin Pejack

Tuesday 12:10pm Online Bible Study: February 1-22

Historic Creeds of the Church: Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian

This Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 12:10pm – 12:50pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join the study as you are able. The instruction time will be recorded and posted to website. See last page for attendance information.

Wednesday 12:10pm WOW Service: Online Only in February via Zoom & YouTube

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

Service of Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday of the month

See last page for attendance information.

Beginning March 2, WOW will be meeting in-person and online. The service will be broadcast from the Chapel. There is no lunch fellowship on March 2, Ash Wednesday. Weekly lunch fellowship begins on March 9.

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

In-Person and Online via Zoom & YouTube

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 will be holding an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30pm in the Chapel at Zion.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE:

To Those Who Served during Advent and Christmas

Members and friends of Zion are grateful for all the willing workers who shared their talents in exceptional ways at the end of 2021: decorating the worship space and arranging for the poinsettias, bringing the Dickens Carolers to Christmas at Italian Lake, providing the program for Christmas Music Sunday 10:15am Worship on December 12 & the reception afterwards, and providing music and fellowship at the Christmas Eve Service of Word & Sacrament. Thank you for enriching our worship and outreach at this special time of year.

To Members & Friends of Zion

From the fullness of His Grace, we have all received one blessing after another.

- John 1:16

We enjoy serving among you and are very grateful for the generous gift of a certificate enabling us to take time of refreshment at a selection of Bed & Breakfast establishments. We truly appreciate the thoughtfulness of this wonderful gift.

In Christ,

Pastor Karin & Todd Pejack

Many thanks go out to all who contribute to the ministry of Zion through tithes, offerings, donations, and volunteering of time and talent. Your generosity enables Zion to share Christ's love in Harrisburg every day of the year.

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).

2021 Giving Statements are at the church and will be mailed during the week beginning January 31.

2022 Giving Envelopes may be picked up at the church on Sundays. Those not picked up will be mailed within the next several weeks.

Church Office Update / Discernment of New Staff Position

Since the first week of January, there is no longer an administrative assistant serving at Zion's Church Office. Over the past years, certain tasks which had been done by one person in the church office are now being accomplished by other staff members and volunteers from home. Members of the council and personnel committee have entered a time of discernment regarding what kind of staff position would best meet Zion's current and evolving needs. Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Zion's leaders welcome input from the community as we embark on the journey of seeking a new staff member to join us in ministry based in our building in Harrisburg. We give thanks for all who are giving of their time and talent to keep day to day activities running.

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

NO SERVICE on February 13 (Super Bowl Sunday), Next Service is March 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 & Healing Prayer to the Men's Shelter. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Karin or Todd.

Winter Weather Cancellations of In-Person Worship

Online and phone worship will always be available on Zoom/YouTube! The best way to check if in-person services are cancelled is to call the church office. The greeting on the answering machine will let you know if the service has been cancelled.

COVID Protocol & Worship Updates

We are committed to keeping the Zion community connected in worship and prayer. Our main Sunday 10:15am worship service will consistently be offered in-person and online. Both are important, because there are members who are not able to access the online service and there

are others who, for a variety of reasons, are not able to come to the building. At all activities in the building, people may choose to mask and to social distance.

We encourage all to prayerfully exhibit love of neighbor and respect for the wishes of those who choose to continue to mask and 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 to meet online only. Communion will be offered in-person and online on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and online on the 1st Wednesday. Pastor Karin is fully vaccinated and is available to provide home communion.

When attending in-person on Sunday mornings, the Chestnut Street Garage is a good option for parking. Current and functioning validation tickets are available on site at Zion. Regarding Altar Flowers, Zion will continue to utilize artificial arrangements. Many thanks to Judy Reynolds for procuring the beautiful seasonal arrangements.

Operation Christmas Child Update

88 shoeboxes (a new record!) were shipped to Honduras, Mali, and Guatemala. Coordinator Judy Atticks deeply thanks everyone from Zion and Good Shepherd who contributed to this global ministry that brings Christmas joy to children and introduces them to the Greatest Gift of All: Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Zoom Council Meeting: Monday, February 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.

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; provide transportation to worship; and, in other areas. Please contact the pastor if you are interested in serving. More information and training will be provided.

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., Dr. Mary (from clinic where Judy A. works), Camille (relative of Pr. Phil & Nancy), Fred (Bob & Wanda's friend), 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

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

February Worship and Programming Schedule

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

In-Person and Online Designated in Red

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)

Tuesday

12:10pm **Bible Study: February 1-22** (online only)

Historic Creeds of the Church: Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian

Will be recorded and posted to website

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

Tuesday 12:10pm Bible Study

Meeting ID: 872 0166 0471

Passcode: 258673

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.