

Zion Lutheran Church

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

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FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and singing a robust hymn to God. The other prisoners couldn't believe their ears. Then, without warning, a huge earthquake! The jailhouse tottered, every door flew open, all the prisoners were loose.

- Acts 16:25-26 (*The Message*)

“Oh, to have heard that midnight song. They sang so heartily that the other prisoners heard them. Paul & Silas did not know how this story would end.... They were not sure of their deliverance, but they were sure of their deliverer. You can be, too. Rather than panic, you can [...] praise.” – Max Lucado, from [Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength & Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit](#)

Recently, while visiting a couple in a hospital room, the husband shared that a recent worship service had left him with an earworm. After hearing verses from Psalm 18, especially verse 3 - *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised*, he had a popular praise song playing in his head for days. Spontaneously, we broke out singing, “I Will Call Upon the Lord,” right there at his wife’s bedside. We were joyfully reminded that the Spirit of the Lord was with us then and there.

Twice a week at Zion, on Sundays and Wednesdays, we are gathered together in worship, praising the Lord in song and remembering all He has done for us when hear His Word and come before His throne of grace in prayer. We are gathered in-person and online. The online community stretches across the US and often overseas. It includes rooms at home, in nursing homes, and in hospitals. This rhythm of worship strengthens us to continually dwell in the Spirit’s power throughout the week, particularly at times when we face difficult challenges.

May the music and message of the Good News of Jesus Christ in our weekly worship dwell within us always. Following the Apostle Paul’s instruction: *Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* - Ephesians 5:18-20

In the peace, love, and joy of the Lord,

Pastor Karin

CELEBRATE RALLY DAY!!!

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

Sunday, September 10, 2023

More details in following articles

9:00am JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL in Fellowship Hall

Hymn-Singing & Presentations on Church Programs

Christian Education: Fall Sunday School Classes & WOW Series...

Operation Christmas Child

9:45am Coffee Fellowship

10:15am Worship Service with Special Music and Reception of New Members

12:00 – 5:00pm Gallery Walk

Zion looks forward to welcoming the public to view art by painter John McNulty and members and friends of the congregation, and to tour our beautiful and historic building, and to experience the extensive collection of Christian art by Japanese artist, Sadao Watanabe. *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

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

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

WOW (Worship On Wednesday): SPECIAL FALL SERIES

“KNEELING WITH GIANTS – Learning to Pray with History’s Best Teachers”

Based on the book of the same name by Gary Neal Hanson

In-Person and Online via Zoom & YouTube Live

September 13 – November 15

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

Service of Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday of the month

12:35-1:00pm Lunch Fellowship

Each week, the service will include Scripture reading(s) and a reflection on prayer from a Church Father or Mother. There will be a weekly resource sheet providing information about the prayer discipline outlined in the homily (available on site and on the website).

Tuesday 12:10pm Online Group Discussions: Oct. 10 & Nov. 14 – online only

On the 2nd Tuesdays in October & November, there will be an opportunity to talk about the prayer methods and to share about experiences of engaging in these disciplines. Information to attend will be emailed and available on the church website.

Operation Christmas Child Update

We are in the Final Stretch!

Several people have already contributed money and items, so we are off to a good start. Last year we packed 121 boxes. This year we hope to reach the goal of 150 boxes! The shoebox ministry is just one way to let children all over the world know that they are loved and not forgotten. If you would like us to pack a shoebox for you or to donate funds, please make a check out to Judy Atticks and mail it to 6441 Shatto Drive, Harrisburg, Pa 17111; or bring cash or check to the church for her. Donated items can be brought to Zion or dropped off at Judy's house (see address above). Contact Judy for more details: 717-564-0798.

Monetary contributions are especially appreciated to help pay for shipping costs. The deadline for contributions is October 29. The National Collection Week is November 13-20, and the volunteers need time to pack and double-check the boxes. The boxes will be dedicated at Zion on Sunday, November 12, in the 10:15am worship service.

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 10, October 8, November 12

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 2023

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-8:30pm Dinner & Program

Held at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, the Banquet is a time to appreciate those in the Bethesda community – volunteers, staff, donors, and guests – as well as raise funds to sustain the ministry. The program includes ministry updates; testimonies from clients; and recognition of the Volunteer of the Year. The event is attended by up to 700 people. Members and friends of Zion who would like to attend the event are invited to register individually. There is no fee to attend, but registration is required to reserve a seat. For more information and to register, go to: <https://www.bethesdamission.org/event/banquet/>

Worship Service of Ordination to Deacon of Kevin Murphy

Saturday, October 7, at 1:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Anglican Church, affiliated with the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), a founding jurisdiction of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), invites the congregation of Zion to join them at the special service taking place in Zion's upstairs worship space and followed by a time of refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Members of the Zion community look forward to supporting Kevin and Sonia, who served as Zion's office manager, on this important occasion. Validated parking will be available in the Chestnut Street Garage.

Harvest Home Sunday on October 8

In past years on this Sunday, we collected non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry (formerly the Ecumenical Food Pantry). This year, Zion will be making a \$100 donation to the Harrisburg Area 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:

Harrisburg Area Food Pantry

<https://hfoodpantry.org/>

Downtown Daily Bread

<https://downtowndailybread.org/>

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

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

The Wednesday Club presents at Zion Pianist and Recording Artist, Kevin Gorman, Sunday, October 8 at 4:00pm

Pianist and recording artist, Kevin Gorman, teaches at Dickinson College, Gettysburg College, and the Cumberland Valley School of Music. He holds a B.M. Degree from the Crane School of Music (SUNY Potsdam) and a M.M. Degree at l'Université de Montréal. While living in the province of Québec, Kevin was awarded Grand Lauréat (1st prize) in the Festival de Musique du Royaume in Saguenay, Québec. He will be performing a program of largely American piano music, including a world premiere of William Bland's Piano Sonata No. 6 and music of George Gershwin, Charles Griffes, and Scriabin. Doors will open at 3:30m, with donations accepted at the door. Street parking is free and validated parking will be available at the Chestnut Street Garage.

Festival of St. Luke - Sunday, October 15

During the 10:15am worship service, we remember the witness of **St. Luke, Evangelist**, and the church's ministry of healing prayer. As is the custom on communion Sundays at Zion, individual healing prayer with laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be offered during the worship service.

Reformation Sunday Celebration & Meal – October 29

October 29 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.***

Sunday, November 5,

****DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR.***

All Saints Sunday celebrated at the 10:15am Worship Service

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.

Sunday, November 12

****TRAVEL ADVISORY: The Harrisburg Marathon takes place this morning. Please allow extra time to travel to Zion for Sunday School and worship.***

Dedication of Christmas Child Boxes at the 10:15am Worship Service

Cold/Flu/Covid Update

Masks are available on site, if you would prefer to be masked during worship and when receiving communion. Pr. Karin brings masks with her when doing home visits and will honor requests to mask during visits. To care for one another, if you are not feeling well, please attend services online.

Church Office UPDATES:

On July 1, Todd P. began serving as an office administrator and property worker in the building. Eileen M. is on site 10:30am – 1:30pm every Wednesday to assist Pr. Karin with Wednesday 12:10pm WOW service and lunch fellowship. She is also serving as financial secretary.

Office Hours are by appointment only.

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 in-person and/or online via Zoom.** We encourage calling ahead to confirm entry to the office and to check on the parking situation when you plan to arrive.

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 on the first page of the newsletter).

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, September 3 (Labor Day); Friday, November 10 (Veterans Day); Wednesday – Friday, November 22-24 (Thanksgiving); December 25-27 (Christmas); Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Pastor Karin will be taking vacation time: November 21-24; December 1-3, 25-27. Pastor Keith will be providing worship leadership on Sunday, December 3 and pastoral care coverage while Pr. Karin is taking vacation time with her family.

RECAP & THANKS!

Zion's Annual Meeting took place on June 4, 2023. Thank you to all who attended online & in-person or submitted an absentee ballot. All items on the agenda passed: the approval of the 2022 annual meeting minutes, the election of council members, and the approval of the 2023-24 budget.

Outdoor Worship was held in the evening on Thursday, July 20. Thank you to Judy & Lee for hosting the event. A wonderful time of hymn-singing and prayer was enjoyed by all.

Riverboat Sunday was July 23, 2022. Thank you to Judy A., Ricky P., and Sydney H. for providing music on the Pride of the Susquehanna and to Pr. Keith for leading worship at Zion.

Zion Volunteers served at the Central PA Food Bank on Friday, August 11, 9:30-11:30am.

Eleven (11) members & friends of Zion packed over 200 boxes! Stay tuned for the next opportunity to serve. We are tentatively planning to volunteer at the food bank four times a year.

Prayer List

Ministries in Zion's Building: Good Shepherd Anglican Church (affiliated with the REC), Faith Empowerment Worship Center, Agape Ministries, Helping Individuals Succeed (mentoring ministry led by Pr. Derrick James)

Missionaries: Ruth C. in Romania; Randy & Christy S. with TWR, stationed in Cyprus; Kimi; all involved with Operation Christmas Child

Homebound Members: Nathalee K., Nancy K., Anna R., Bill & Janet S., Irv & Nancy E.

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

Debbie G., John G., Todd & Sandy W., Al G., Bill & Janet S., Bud & Judy W., Bob H., Saylor family, Jeanette B., Deitra J., Natalie & Glenn (Jack's friends), Liam (Atticks' 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

We are regularly updating our celebrations list. Please let us know if you have any additions and/or corrections.

September Birthdays: Mike M. 09/12; Dixie G. 09/13; Stephanie S. 09/14; Dena L. 09/15; Bud W. 09/19; Margaret L. 09/26; Ann P. 9/30

September Anniversaries: Irv & Nancy E. 09/02; Todd & Sandy W. 09/17; Lee & Judy A. 09/23; Mike & Judy R. 09/28

October Birthdays: Debra E. 10/02; Brian H. 10/11; Marcus O. 10/12;

Judy A. 10/14; Logan D. 10/17; Farid Y. 10/17; Judy W. 10/23; Nathan M. 10/23; Lara E. 10/26

October Anniversaries: Michael & Dena L. 10/18; Steve & Danielle S. 10/28

November Birthdays: Debbie G. 11/04; Tina (Th.) P.; 11/14; Jaiden Ro. 11/14; Todd W. 11/24; Pastor Karin 11/30

November Anniversaries: Rick & Ricky P. 11/03

December Birthdays: Ashley L. 12/03; Marissa W. 12/10; Caroline S. 12/20; Irv E. 12/22; Heidi E. 12/28; Kelly G. 12/30; Wanda H. 12/30

December Anniversaries: Harold & Ann P. 12/31

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.

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

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 and select the result with a photo of the church as the icon. On our main page there will be an alert that we are "Live," allowing you to join. We will start broadcasting when worship starts.

FALL SCHEDULE Highlights **Additional details in previous articles in this newsletter*

**Sunday, September 10 RALLY DAY JOINT 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL *
12-5PM GALLERY WALK***

Saturday, October 7 1pm Kevin Murphy (Good Shepherd) Ordination to Deacon*

**Sunday, October 8 HARVEST HOME SUNDAY – SERVICE OF THE WORD*
4pm Wednesday Club Concert***

Sunday, October 15 FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE (transferred) – COMMUNION*

**Sunday, October 29 REFORMATION SUNDAY – COMMUNION*
GERMAN MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Sunday, November 5 FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS – COMMUNION*

Sunday, November 12 DEDICATION OF SHOEBOXES – SERVICE OF THE WORD*

Wednesday, November 22 *WOW NOT MEETING*

PRE-RECORDED THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE AVAILABLE AT ZION'S WEBSITE

Sunday, November 26 FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING – COMMUNION

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesdays November 29 – December 20 ADVENT WOW SERVICES at 12:10pm

Sunday, December 10 SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC WORSHIP – SERVICE OF THE WORD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 (ADVENT 4 & CHRISTMAS EVE)

NO 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & NO 10:15AM WORSHIP

PRE-RECORDED ADVENT 4 PRAYER SERVICE AVAILABLE AT ZION'S WEBSITE

+++++ CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 2:00PM +++++

Wednesday, December 27 *WOW NOT MEETING*

PRE-RECORDED PRAYER SERVICE Commemorating St. John AVAILABLE AT ZION'S WEBSITE

Sunday, January 7 FESTIVAL OF BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - COMMUNION

Wednesday, February 14 12:10pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Imposition of Ashes & Communion