

Zion Lutheran Church

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

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SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. – Hebrews 10:23-25

Throughout Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter season, other pastors and I noticed a steady attendance at services and have welcomed visitors, in-person and online. My family and others have been blessed to gather with loved ones in celebrations, some delayed since the start of Covid. Perhaps times together have taken on greater significance in these years after the isolation in the beginning of the pandemic.

In the fellowship of sisters and brothers in Christ, we learn, grow, and care for each other. Not only are we instructed in God's Word and fed at His Table in worship, conversations before and afterwards provide opportunities to celebrate joys together and to help each other in times of struggle. Together and privately, we bring the sorrows and joys before God's throne of grace in prayer.

Summer can bring a different rhythm for some of us. We may be traveling to meet loved ones or to maybe make new friends. In the midst of these months ahead, may we remember our Savior's presence and peace goes with us. And that as Christ's followers, we are called to continue to meet together in worship and to encourage others to join the life-giving fellowship we know in Christ's church.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Karin Pejack

Faithful Summer Reading Suggestions

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” – Psalm 119:105

“My strength returns to me with my cup of coffee and the reading of the Psalms.”

- Dorothy Day

The Gospel of Matthew: throughout the next months, we will be reading from this Gospel in Sunday worship services.

The Book of Acts: continue the journeys of Jesus’ followers and study the origin of the Christian church. We began the journey during the Easter season and on Pentecost Sunday. Now learn the rest of the story.

The Psalms: “the prayer book of Jesus. It is the Old Testament book most often quoted in the New. The songs found in this book form the bedrock of both corporate worship and individual devotion.” - Trevin Wax

Covid Update

We give thanks and praise to God that we are able to gather together in-person and online Sundays and Wednesdays. This is not something we take for granted since Covid. **As doctor offices and nursing homes lift mask requirements, we will be lifting the mask requirement for assisting ministers beginning June 4.** 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 wear a mask or attend services online.

Church Office UPDATES:

At the end of April, we expressed our gratitude for the wonderful service Sonia provided as Zion’s Office Project Manager overseeing much needed reorganization of this hub in our church life. We wish her well in her new job and appreciate her ongoing presence among us at worship.

Currently, Pr. Karin, Todd P. (as a volunteer), and Eileen M. are covering office duties. Officially, on July 1, Todd P. and Eileen M. will be working at the church office for a six-month trial period. Todd will be serving as an administrator and property worker in the building. Eileen will be on site 10:30am – 1:30pm every Wednesday to assist Pr. Karin with Wednesday 12:10pm WOW service and lunch fellowship.

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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth); Tuesday, July 4; Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Pastor Karin will be out of the office June 19 – July 2. Pastor Keith will be providing worship leadership and pastoral care coverage while Pr. Karin is taking vacation time with her family.

Church Offering Update

Over the summer, we will be reviewing the order for church envelopes. For a variety of reasons, we struggled both to receive the 2023 envelopes and to distribute them. We anticipate that next year should run more smoothly. A few members have requested NOT to receive envelopes. We do track the giving of checks, so the envelope is not necessary to receive a giving statement. **If you would like to opt out of receiving church envelopes in 2024, please email or leave a voicemail at the church office as soon as possible.**

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 first page of newsletter).

ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JUNE 4, directly following 10:15am Worship Service
Attend In-person or Online. Details have been mailed to voting members.
LUNCH FELLOWSHIP directly following the meeting.

9am Sunday School during the Summer

Adult Sunday School will continue to meet at 9am throughout the summer. Pr. Karin and/or Judy Atticks will be leading informal sessions during this time when many will be taking vacation.

Special Joint Sunday School Video Series: August 6 – September 3
Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength & Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit
By Max Lucado

RALLY DAY 9:00am Joint Sunday School: September 10

Christian Education Updates: Fall Sunday School Classes & More...
Operation Christmas Child Update

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

Summer Dates: June 11, July 9, August 13, September 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 to the Men's Shelter. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Karin or Todd.

Riverboat Sunday: July 23

Pastor Karin will be leading the service on the Pride of the Susquehanna. Pastor Keith Eslinger will be leading 10:15am Worship at Zion. Over the summer, the Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society offers a free nondenominational Sunday worship service aboard the Pride. Christian

Churches United (CCU) coordinates the services and half of the collection goes to HELP Ministries.

The service begins at 10:00am. Boarding begins at 9:45am. It is first come, first served, and will be open to the public, so arriving on time or a bit early is encouraged. Riverboat cruise lasts until about 11:15am.

Summer Bargain Shopping for Operation Christmas Child!

Summer is a wonderful time to find great deals for fun toys for the shoebox ministry. Please consider an early contribution to this global outreach. Monetary donations and items can be brought to Zion or dropped off at Judy Atticks' house. Contact Judy for more details: 717-564-0798.

Summer Outdoor Evening Worship Service

Thursday, July 20, at 6:30pm

At Lee & Judy Atticks' House

Come enjoy fellowship, praise and singing in the Atticks' beautiful yard. The service will include communion. Attenders are encouraged to bring their own chair, and there will be some chairs available on site. The address is: 6441 Shatto Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The rain date is Thursday, July 27. Currently the event is in-person only.

Helping the Hungry

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

Address: 3908 Corey Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Registration required due to 20-person limit

Contact Judy Atticks to sign-up - see phone number above

Bethesda Mission Canned Food Drive: June 1 – July 30

Goal: collecting 2023 (10-12oz) cans of various food groups

There will be a designated area for the donations at Zion.

This effort is to meet increasing needs due to a decrease in SNAP benefits. Participants will lose an average of \$82 per month. Older adults who qualify for minimum benefits will see a significant drop from \$281 to \$23 per month.

Art Association of Harrisburg Gallery Walk on Sunday, September 10, 12-5pm

Zion looks forward to welcoming the public to view art by members and friends of the congregation, 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.

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):

Todd & Sandy W., Marissa W., Al G., Chuck D. (Jeff's dad), Irv E., Bill S., Bud & Judy W., Bob H., Saylor family, Jeanette B., Members of the Grubbs family, Deitra J., Natalie & Glenn (Jack's friends), Liam (Atticks' friends), Rosa (Norma's Mom)

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.

June - September Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays: Nancy K. 06/12; Danielle S. 06/13; Anna R. 06/15; Tuong T. 06/17; Kim Y. 06/21; Harold P. 06/22; Adrian R. 06/24; Ruth C. 6/25; Jeff S. 06/26; Wendy Z. 06/30

June Anniversary: Bud & Judy W. 06/30

July Birthdays: Robert H. 07/03; Nathalee K. 07/04; Mark H. 07/05; Marianne G. 07/07; Lee A. 07/08; Patrick D. 07/11; Margie D. 07/13; Diane C. 07/15; David C. 07/23; Keith E. 07/24; Eileen M. 07/25; Michael L. 07/27; Steve S. 07/27; William (Trey) T. 07/28; Jeanette B. 07/31

July Anniversary: David & Diane C. 07/04

August Birthdays: Michael R. 08/04; Chase T. 08/05; Glenn W. 08/06; Janet S. 08/07; Maddie T. 08/09; Deitra J. 08/17; Bill S. 08/21; Drew D. 08/23; Roger W. 08/23; John C. 08/25; Judy R. 08/26; Bailey D. 08/29

August Anniversaries: Farid & Kim Y. 08/02; Keith & Debra E. 08/06; John & Dixie G. 08/24

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

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 & 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.

SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE

**Additional details in previous articles in this newsletter*

**Sunday, June 4 FESTIVAL OF HOLY TRINITY – COMMUNION
ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Sunday, June 11 Minor Festival of St. Barnabas, Apostle - COMMUNION

Thursday, July 20 6:30pm EVENING OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ Judy Atticks' House *
In case of rain, alternative date 7/27. Currently, this is an in-person only event.

Sunday, July 23 RIVERBOAT SUNDAY & 10:15AM WORSHIP AT ZION *

Thursday, July 27 RAIN DATE – 6:30pm EVENING OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ Judy Atticks' House

Friday, August 11 Zion Volunteers at Central PA Food Bank (registration required) *

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 8 HARVEST HOME SUNDAY – SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

Sunday, November 5 FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS – COMMUNION

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**

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

2024 GERMAN LANGUAGE SERVICES:

Thursday, May 9 **CHRISTI HIMMELFAHRT / ASCENSION**
6:15PM KAFFEE & KUCHEN / COFFEE & CAKE (in-person only)
7:15PM GOTTESDIENST / WORSHIP (in-person & online)

Sunday, December 22 (4th Sunday in Advent)
3:00PM WEIHNACHTSGOTTESDIENST / CHRISTMAS SERVICE (in-person & online)