

Zion Lutheran Church

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FEBRUARY– APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

He is like a tree planted near streams of water, which bears fruit in its season, and whose leaves never wither. In the same way, everything he does will prosper. – Psalm 1:3 (NCB)

“All living things require sustenance. We need not only food and water, but above all God and a relationship with Him. God nurtures us through His word in the Scriptures and His Sacraments which bestow His Spirit Who is life-giving water on us. Am I willing and eager to be nurtured?

PRAYER: Almighty God, keep me deeply rooted in Christ and the life of the Church so that I may flourish and bear fruit that will endure. Amen.” – Daily Meditations on the Psalms

People with whom we have meaningful relationships are often people with whom we spend a significant amount of time. Do we intentionally schedule get-together time with God, like we do with a valued friend? Maybe we’ve been too busy, too worried, too distracted, too heart-broken. As children of God, we are invited to return to the Life-giving relationship our Heavenly Father desires to have with us during the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday 2/14/2024 through sundown on Maundy Thursday 3/28/2024).

The Church’s disciplines of Lent - prayer, fasting, and alms-giving (giving time, money, and/or other resources toward helping others) – provide a guide to putting time for God back into our daily routine. At Zion, regarding prayer, we are invited, in-person and online, to Sunday, Wednesday, and Holy Week worship services. Hard copy Lenten devotionals for adults and children as well as Our Daily Bread are provided. Online daily devotions are available from Our Daily Bread <https://odb.org/> and Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/>. Times of private personal prayer and time in prayer with others (spouse, household, friends) strengthen our relationship with God.

Fasting is not simply a giving up of favorite foods or pastimes, but a call to a re-orientation of our lives. Are there ways in which we regularly use our time, talent and financial resources that feel good for a moment, but hurt us and others long-term? Is the Lord calling us to leave some harmful habits behind and to move into more life-giving ways of growing in love for Him and our neighbors? Fasting and alms-giving go together. The time, talent, and treasure we may have been using for ourselves and “give up” can now be used for the benefit of others in Christ’s name, bearing good fruit.

As we renew our relationship with God, may we long to continue spending time with our Heavenly Father just as we enjoy spending time with friends and loved ones.

In the peace, hope, joy, and love of the Lord, *Pastor Karin*

A Belated Note of Thanks “I always thank God for you” – 1 Corinthians 1:4

We are overwhelmingly blessed by the generous Christmas gift. It is truly a joy to serve among you, and we value the many ways in which you support us.

In gratitude, Pastor Karin & Todd

Ash Wednesday Communion Service including Imposition of Ashes

February 14 at 12:10pm in the Chapel at Zion (In-Person)

Online via Zoom & YouTube Live (details at end of newsletter)

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. *There is no lunch fellowship on Ash Wednesday.*

WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm

SPECIAL LENT – HOLY WEEK Worship & Prayer Series: “Promised Treasures”

February 21, Lent 1:	Salt: The Gift that Sweetens & Preserves
February 28, Lent 2:	Water Gives You Life
March 6, Lent 3:	Light Shining in the Darkness
March 13, Lent 4:	Bread of Life
March 20, Lent 5:	Palms & Victory
March 27, Holy Wednesday:	Oil of Joy & Gladness
March 28, Maundy Thursday:	Water & Blood
March 29, Good Friday:	The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross
April 4, 1 st Wednesday after Easter:	Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk & Honey

NOTES ON DETAILS, INCLUDING PARKING, for 12:10pm Lenten WOW Services: Bulletin documents, Zoom link, and YouTube Live streaming instructions will be available at Zion’s website: www.zionharrisburg.org

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

Prayerfully Giving in LENT 2024

All are invited to prayerfully discern outreach and mission efforts to which you would like to commit time, talent, and treasure as part of the Lenten discipline of alms-giving.

One opportunity available to the Zion community is to contribute to the **WOW (Worship On Wednesday) offering/fund which is designated for local outreach agencies (examples include: Bethesda Mission, Christian Churches United, Downtown Daily Bread)**. Offering envelopes are available on which you can write “WOW” to designate giving to this fund. You may also write WOW in the memo line or include a note with your offering.

An opportunity to support global Christian outreach to children is through support of **Operation Christmas Child**. Like WOW, this opportunity to give to others continues year-round. ***Giving to Operation Christmas Child is organized by Judy Atticks (Not through offerings to Zion). Please contact Judy directly regarding financial contributions and gifts of items. Contact the church office for her information.***

Operation Christmas Child Information Session – 2023 & Planning for 2024
Sunday, February 18 at 9am Special Joint Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

See Ruth Cheng's video documenting distribution of shoeboxes in Romania and learn how to support 2024 Shoebox Ministry at Zion, starting NOW!

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

March 10, April 14, May 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 & Healing Prayer to the Men's Shelter. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Karin or Todd.

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: Katherine H., Irv & Nancy E., Nathalee K., Nancy K., Anna R., Bill & Janet S., Lois S.

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

Todd & Sandy W., Bud & Judy W., Debbie & Steve G. & family, Debra & Pr. Keith, Norma N., Lee A., Bill & Janet S., Saylor family, Jeanette & Larry B., Patrick G., John & Dixie G. *FRIENDS & RELATIVES of Zion:* Harriet, Diane, Angel, Joe, Aimee, Connor & Anna, Anita, Debbie, Liam, Gary, Don, Eleanor, Brent

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays: Katherine H. 02/02; Riley D. 02/08; Ryan R. 02/08; Lois S. 02/10; Max P. 02/12; Rowen W. 02/14; Alivia P. 02/19; Kaya T. 02/27; Xuan T. 02/28

February Anniversary: Adam & Erica J. 02/03; Steve & Debbie G. 02/19

March Birthdays: Sophie T. 03/01; Rick S. 03/09; Savannah W. 03/11; Ben T. 03/17; Nancy E. 03/18; Ricky P. 03/27; Amy L. 03/31

March Anniversary: Glenn W. & Amy L. 03/05

April Birthdays: Conley D. 04/05; Norma S. 04/08; Reggie W. 04/16; Wendy D. 04/17; Amanda L. 04/18; Nick M. 04/18; Todd P. 04/18; Joey S. 04/29; Sean W. 04/30;

Larry B. 04/30 **April Anniversaries:** Tuong & Xuan T. 04/25; Rick & Stephanie S. 04/30

May Birthdays: Catherine G. 05/28; Emma D. 05/30; Sam P. 05/30

May Anniversaries: Bob & Wanda H. 05/01; Larry & Jeanette B. 05/05; Bill & Janet S. 05/23;

Zoom Council Meetings: Mondays: February 26 and March 25 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. A combined April/May meeting will be scheduled to approve documents for the Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 6.

Winter Weather Cancellations of In-Person Worship

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

Daylight Saving Time – Sunday, March 10 – Set Your Clock AHEAD One Hour

Church Office UPDATES:

Office Hours: 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 (office@zionharrisburg.org)**. 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.** 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 above). Giving envelopes are available on site and can be mailed or delivered.

New Email Update

We have a new email address: office@zionharrisburg.org

In addition to using this email address to correspond with the church office, this email address will also be used to send out all email mailings (Sunday and WOW invitations, Newsletters, and more). Please add this new email to your contacts to encourage our emails to go straight to your inbox. If you do not see the regular mailings in your inbox, check your Spam, Junk or "All Mail" folders and mark them as "Not Spam/Junk" or move them to your inbox. As always, all information regarding Worship invitations, Newsletters, and other announcements are on the website: www.zionharrisburg.org

Weekly Schedule

The **Zoom** 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.

How to join via **YouTube**: At worship time, open the YouTube app or go to 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. 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.

Sunday (Communion & Healing Prayer 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)

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 816 5895 6443
Passcode: 847172

Wednesday (Communion on the 1st Wednesday)

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

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 895 4667 5525
Passcode: 849793

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

ASH WEDNESDAY 12:10pm (2/14) is a Special Service with Different Zoom Information:

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 894 3328 6866
Passcode: 871770

2024 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

March 24 Palm Sunday 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday School & Worship Service

March 27 WOW on Holy Wednesday 12:10pm

Regular Schedule and Information for WOW Worship Service & Lunch Fellowship

March 28 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: 815 7257 7542
Passcode: 888575

March 29 Good Friday 12:10pm Traditional Tenebrae Worship Service

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

**Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 893 4527 5070
Passcode: 246855**

March 31 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)

****To help us plan for this event, please call or email the church office to sign-up*

10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday Worship Service

****An order form for EASTER FLOWERS is included in this mailing and is available at Zion.*

Journey with Jesus in Mark's Gospel During Holy Week

Palm Sunday	03/24	Mark 11:1-11
Holy Monday	03/25	Mark 11:12-33
Holy Tuesday	03/26	Mark 12
Holy Wednesday	03/27	Mark 13
Maundy Thursday	03/28	Mark 14:1-31
Good Friday	03/29	Mark 14:32-15:41
Holy Saturday	03/30	Mark 15:42-47
Easter Sunday	03/31	Mark 16:1-20

[Some of the earliest manuscripts do not include 16:9-20]

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 10 – May 29 (Wednesdays) 12:10pm WOW Series: “Organic Discipleship”

May 5 (Sunday): 4:00pm Wednesday Club Concert with Organ Music at Zion

**May 9 (Thursday): 7:15pm Himmelfahrt/Ascension German Service with English translation
6:15pm Coffee & Cake**

**May 19 (Sunday): 3:00pm Hummelstown Community Singers Spring Concert
At Hummelstown United Church of Christ, 104 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036**