

Zion Lutheran Church

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July-August 2024 NEWSLETTER

July 4, 2024, Thursday after the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost and U.S. Independence Day

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ...

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Galatians 5:1, 13,14

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

- U.S. Constitution – 1st Amendment

As we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in the U. S. today, may we remember and pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are imprisoned and in danger, because they share the Good News of Jesus. Richard Wurmbrand (1901-2001) was mentioned in a recent sermon at Zion. Pastor Wurmbrand "is an evangelical minister who endured fourteen years of Communist imprisonment and torture in his homeland of Romania. Founder of the Christian mission, The Voice of the Martyrs, he and his wife traveled throughout the world establishing a network of over thirty offices that provide relief to the families of imprisoned Christians in Islamic nations, Communist Vietnam, China, and other countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith. His message has been, 'Hate the evil systems, but love your persecutors. Love their souls, and try to win them for Christ.'" About the Author, [Tortured for Christ](#)

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul reminds us that our true freedom – from sin and death – comes from the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ; AND, that freedom is for the purpose of loving God and our neighbors, as so eloquently expressed by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand.

In the Peace and Love of Christ, Pastor Karin

“Table Talk” at Appalachian Brewing Company (ABC), Harrisburg

2nd Tuesdays, July 9 & August 13, from 5:30-7:00pm

Martin Luther enjoyed faithful and fun conversation over food and drinks. Join Pastor Karin, Todd, and Sam for informal conversation relating Christian faith to everyday topics. Participants are responsible for the purchasing of their food and drinks. [in-person only]

Summer Outdoor Evening Worship Service

Thursday, July 11, at 6:30pm

At Lee & Judy Atticks’ House

Come enjoy fellowship, praise and singing in the Atticks’ beautiful yard. The service will include communion. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs, and there will be some chairs available on site. The address is: 6441 Shatto Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The rain date is Thursday, July 18. Currently the event is in-person only.

9am Sunday School

Fellowship Class (St. Timothy Room) Study of “Resting in His Shadow –

Devotions to Close the Day”

Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) – Bible, Coffee & Conversation

SPECIAL Joint 9am Sunday School Presentations:

Sundays, July 14 & 21, Faithfully Planning a Christian Funeral

“The Burial of the Dead is an expression of the faith and hope of the community of those who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ in the face of the death of one of its members” (Commentary on the Lutheran Book of Worship). There will be instruction on the history of the order of worship for funerals and how the service emphasizes the salvation we know in Jesus. At the conclusion of the first session, participants will receive information and worksheets to begin to plan a funeral service. ***These sessions provide an opportunity to discuss how we faithfully commend loved ones to the Lord outside a time when we may be actively grieving. Do you have questions about funeral practices you have observed? Please bring them to these sessions, so that we can explore the issues from a Christian perspective.***

The sessions will take place in the St. Timothy room. This event is currently in-person only.

Materials may be available on the website at a later date.

*****CANCELLED: Riverboat Sunday: July 28*****

Due to unexpected and complex repairs, the 2024 Pride of the Susquehanna summer season has been cancelled.

Helping the Hungry

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

Looking for 4 More Volunteers to complete the 20 slots!

Requirement: able to do light physical labor

Address: 3908 Corey Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Contact Judy Atticks (717-903-1229) for more information & to sign-up

WOW (Worship On Wednesday) Service 12:10pm; Lunch Fellowship – 12:35pm

Holy Communion on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

Summer “Mini-Series”

Psalms: June 26 – July 17

*****Special Music on July 17 – Soloist Doug Long*****

“Here My Cry, Oh Lord”, derived from Psalm 61 & “As the Deer”, based upon Psalm 42

Ephesians: July 24 – August 14

Sabbath: August 21 – September 4

Thank You, Ruth, Missionary Serving in Romania

And he [Jesus] said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. - Mark 16:15

On June 23 at Zion, Ruth Cheng presented about her ministry in Romania during 9am Sunday School and preached at the 10:15am Worship Service. Ruth brings physical relief and the hope of Christ to vulnerable communities, including a shelter for girls rescued from human trafficking. To view Ruth’s presentation and sermon, see the information below.

Missed a Worship Service?

If you want to catch-up on a missed worship service, re-watch a sermon, or read additional resources you can access them online.

- Worship videos for Sundays & Wednesdays (WOW) are available on YouTube. For additional information on how to access them, go to the "Online Sermons" page of the Zion website.
- Want to re-watch a sermon series or read associated resources? They can be found on the "Devotional Resources" page of the Zion website.
- Updated information about Ruth Cheng's mission in Romania is available on the "Missions & Ministries" page of the Zion website.

YouTube page: bit.ly/ZionHBGonYouTube

Zion's Website: zionharrisburg.org

Summer Shopping for Operation Christmas Child!

Highlighted Items for Girls & Boys:

Girls: Hair bows, washcloth, kaleidoscope, yo-yo, marbles

Boys: small car or truck, washcloth, kaleidoscope, yo-yo, marbles

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. To surpass last year's total, Judy estimates 3,500 items are needed. Currently, about 1,000 items are stored in Judy & Lee's basement! Monetary donations (to cover purchase of boxes and shipping) and items can be brought to Zion or dropped off at Judy Atticks' house. Contact Judy for more details: 717-564-0798.

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

Summer Dates: July 14, August 11, September 8

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.

Way To Go, WOW!

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

In the fiscal year 2023-24, the WOW (Worship On Wednesday) offering distributed \$2,550 to local and regional support ministries! Beneficiaries included:

Bethesda Mission <https://www.bethesdamission.org/>

Christian Churches United <https://www.ccuahbg.org/>

Downtown Daily Bread <https://downtowndailybread.org/>

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 in the US and abroad involved with Operation Christmas Child

Homebound Members: 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):

Jeanette & Larry B., Nathalee, Todd W., Bud & Judy W., Dixie & John, Lee A., Saylor family, Patrick G., **FRIENDS & RELATIVES of Zion:** Harrisburg University students recovering from a fire at their off-campus residence (a link to the Emerging Stronger fund to offer support is available on the homepage of Zion's website), Jeff Z., Beth, Cheryl, Mike & Susie, Peggy, Harriet, Diane, Angel, Janice, Aimee, Connor & Anna, Anita, Debbie, Liam, Gary, Don, Eleanor, Brent, Jimmy L.

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

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: 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; Lee & Judy A. 09/23; Mike & Judy R. 09/28

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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

RALLY DAY 9:00am Joint Sunday School: September 8

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

Operation Christmas Child Update

Art Association of Harrisburg Gallery Walk on Sunday, September 8, 12-5pm

2024 Featured Artist: Diane Foster. Captivated by the color and beauty of both the physical and imaginative aspects of life, Diane projects her view of the world onto canvas. In addition to Foster's work, 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 greet visitors as they enter and to guide them to the chapel and upstairs worship space; serve for an hour or longer. A sign-up sheet will be posted in fellowship hall.

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)

On Sundays, validated parking is available in the Chestnut Street Garage.

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)

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.