

## Zion Lutheran Church

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

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### May-June 2024 NEWSLETTER

*May 12, 2024, Seventh Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day*

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

*<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 1:3-7*

Over three months, the church family of Zion held and will hold funeral services commending three faithful women into the welcoming arms of the Lord: Sandy Wisman on March 23, Debbie Grubbs on April 13, and Katherine Helman on May 18. Each knew the sure and certain hope we have in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ through our baptism. “When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death ... for if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Lutheran Book of Worship, 206).

Prior to suffering long-term illnesses, Sandy, Debbie, and Katherine faithfully attended weekly worship where each was reminded of who they are as beloved children of the Heavenly Father, forgiven by the grace of the crucified and risen Savior, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth to love God and neighbor. Their families, church families, and others were blessed by their love, care, and service. During the final months of their earthly pilgrimages, each was surrounded by loved ones including Christian sisters and brothers – in prayer and in visits that often included gathering at the Lord's table to receive His body and blood given for us.

We give thanks for the witness of these Christian mothers. We pray that we may be encouraged by the strength they received from the Lord in the midst of challenging times. May we, too, regularly join together with our Christian family to receive the gracious love of God in worship through Word, Sacrament, and Prayer; and go forth to share that peace and love with others.

In the certain hope and everlasting joy of the Risen Lord,  
Pastor Karin

**Hummelstown Community Singers Spring Concert -Sunday, May 19**

**3:00pm at Hummelstown United Church of Christ, 104 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036**

*Several members and friends of Zion will be singing with this talented group!*

**ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JUNE 2, directly following 10:15am Worship Service**

**Attend In-person or Online. Details will be mailed to voting members.**

**LUNCH FELLOWSHIP directly following the meeting**

*Ham BBQ, Hamburger BBQ and buns, drinks and snacks provided.*

*See sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to bring a side or dessert to share.*

**\*\*\* Special Joint Sunday School at 9am: Review of Annual Meeting Materials \*\*\***

**9am Sunday School**

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

Devotions to Close the Day"

Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) – Organic Discipleship presentation &

discussion of previous WOW Service Series (see WOW announcement).

**SPECIAL Joint 9am Sunday School Presentations:**

**Sunday, June 2, Review of Annual Meeting Materials**

**Sunday, June 23, Missionary to Romania Ruth Cheng**

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

*more details in the July-August newsletter*

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

**Organic Discipleship Series: April 24 – June 12**

*Based on the book: Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually & Naturally Share Jesus,  
by Kevin G. Harney & Sherry Harney*

- April 24: Foundations
- May 1: Bible Engagement
- May 8: Passionate Prayer
- May 15: Wholehearted Worship
- May 22: Humble Service
- May 29: Joyful Generosity
- June 5: Consistent Community
- June 12: Organic Outreach

*Missed a service? Bulletins and recordings are available through Zion's website.*

**\*\*\* WOW will NOT be held on June 19 due to the Juneteenth Holiday \*\*\***

**Mini-Series on the Psalms: June 26 – July 17**

Psalms 113, 69:1-16, 27, 40:1-10

## Summer Shopping for Operation Christmas Child!

### Monthly Highlighted Items:

**May: 8 or 16 Piece Packs of Crayons** [*If purchasing small coloring books, PICTURES ONLY. Many international children can not read English to follow directions in activity books.*]

**June: Toothbrushes** [*NO TOOTHPASTE, not allowed in international shipping of the boxes*]

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 7:00pm

**Summer Dates: June 9, 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.

### 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:* Jeff Z., Beth, Cheryl, Mike & Susie, Peggy, Harriet, Diane, Angel, Joe & Rory (Chris & Tina), Janice, Joe, Aimee, Connor & Anna, Anita, Debbie, Liam, Gary, Don, Eleanor, Brent, Jimmy L., Carol (Jeff S.'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.*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**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**

**\*\*\* LET'S SHOWER BILL & JANET with cards on their anniversary which will be celebrated in their new living place for the first time.** Address available from the church office.

**June Birthdays:** Nancy K. 06/12; Danielle S. 06/13; Anna R. 06/15; Tuong T. 06/17; 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:** Keith & Debra E. 08/06; John & Dixie G. 08/24

### **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:**

##### **Outdoor Evening Worship Service at the Atticks' House**

*At least one service will be held over the summer. Planning and date selection are happening now and will be publicized in the July – August Newsletter.*

##### **Riverboat Sunday: July 28**

##### **Jointly led by Agape Ministries & Zion Lutheran**

Pastor Derrick and 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.**

### Helping the Hungry

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

Address: 3908 Corey Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17109

**Registration required due to 20-person limit**

**Contact Judy Atticks to sign-up - 717-564-0798**

### 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

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.

### 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](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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*