

Zion Lutheran Church

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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

- *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

[Jesus said] "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- *Matthew 28:20*

The changing of seasons from summer to fall can inspire us to reflect upon seasons in our lives of faith and our life together as the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church. As we examine our journeys, we may identify times of joy and struggle; changes for which we planned and changes that may have come upon us due to situations around us. We may look back on an earlier time of hardship and now see how God was shepherding us, even though we may not have felt His presence at the time. Perhaps the period of challenge brought understanding and growth in our journey with the Savior.

As we begin a new season of programs and events this fall, I invite us to explore the current and future seasons of our church family of Zion. The following questions may spark reflection:

1. What exciting thing has God done in the midst of Zion in the last year?
2. Where may Zion be experiencing fear or concern?
3. What is your dream for Zion?

There will be opportunities to share responses at the Sunday School session on Rally Day, and I encourage us to have informal prayerful conversation with each other. May the Holy Spirit grant wisdom and courage to us as we pray for future direction. May we give thanks for the many ways in which God has blessed and continues to bless our life together in Jesus here in Harrisburg.

O most loving Father, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (LBW 47)

In the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ,

Pastor Karin

RALLY DAY: September 14

9:00am Joint Sunday School

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

**10:15am Worship – Service of the Word & Special Music
Featuring Members and Friends of the Zion Chancel Choir**

Art Association of Harrisburg Gallery Walk on Sunday, September 14, 12-5pm

Zion looks forward to welcoming the public to view art by guest Christian Artist, Ann Lukesh, and members & 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 and assist visitors as they tour the building. Sign up sheet available in Fellowship Hall.***

**12:10pm WOW, Worship On Wednesday (in-person & online)
Service of Word & Prayer / Communion on 1st Wednesdays**

WEDNESDAYS WITH SAINT AUGUSTINE

September 17 – November 19

October 8: Special Music Solo by Doug Long

Services Feature Scripture Lesson(s) & a Reading from Saint Augustine

Augustine was one of the greatest Latin Church Fathers and a significant influence in the formation of Western Christianity, including Lutheranism. The Order of St. Augustine, also known as the Augustinians, is a long-standing religious order with thousands of members worldwide. Two well-known Augustinians are Martin Luther and Pope Leo XIV, the first pope from the Order of St. Augustine.

TABLE TALK: 2nd Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:00pm

at Yankee Doodle Restaurant, 860 N. Front Street, Wormleysburg, PA 17043

Martin Luther enjoyed faithful and fun conversation over food and drinks. Join Pastor Karin and Todd for informal conversation about Christian faith and the impact on our daily lives. Participants are responsible for purchasing their food and drinks.

September 9	The Great Commission is Our Mission
October 14	The Ministry of Healing
November 11	The Communion of Saints

Operation Christmas Child Update

By Judy Atticks:

Operation Christmas Child- fall will soon be here and Christmas will be right around the corner. We have been working on buying supplies since February and will have filled 100 shoeboxes by the time you read this report. All this was possible because of the donations that you have given us so far, for which I am so grateful. Also last month we applied for a Thrivent Action Team grant and Thrivent gave us \$250, and we thank them for this blessing. The last few years we have been having everyone come at the same time to pack boxes in our basement, but due to all the supplies and limited space, this year I am encouraging anyone who would like to come and pack for 2 hours, please call me and I will make sure the boxes are made and the supplies for that age child are all in place. This has also allowed us to encourage some children to help and to tell them about the ministry. How many boxes are we packing? Whatever the Lord plants on peoples' hearts to give so we can buy supplies, we will be faithful in carrying out His work to spread the gospel. If you wish to send a donation or help please contact Judy Atticks, 6441 Shatto Drive Harrisburg, Pa 17111, phone 717-903-1229.

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

Fall Dates: September 14, October 12, November 9

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.

Bethesda Mission Gala 2025

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Register now: <https://bethesdamission.givevirtuous.org/Event/mission-gala>

Doors open at 5:30 PM | Dinner & Program starts at 6:30 PM

Penn Harris Hotel

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

From Bethesda: "You're invited to our first ever Mission Gala! This gala will show how you can partner in prayer with this 111-year-old House of Mercy; highlight how your donations impact the lives of hurting and homeless men, women, and children for eternal purpose; and how you, our precious donor, can help us offer life-changing services to those close to our Master's heart. We are also having a silent auction before the program to benefit the Mission and those struggling with trauma, addiction, and mental and physical health issues. Held at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, the Gala is a time to appreciate those in our community – volunteers, staff, donors, and guests – as well as raise funds to sustain our ministry. We share testimonies from our men, women, and youth, recognize the volunteers from each ministry, and more. The event is attended by up to 700 people."

Harvest Home Sunday on October 12

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

-2 Corinthians 9:10-11

On this Sunday, we give thanks for the Lord who provides daily bread and for all who work to bring food to our tables. We also pray that God will guide us in sowing the seeds of the Good News of Christ as we care for those in need. 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). In October, 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/>

Festival of St. Luke - Sunday, October 19

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:14-15

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 26

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

October 27 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 2

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

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

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. – Romans 6:5

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 9

****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

Zoom Council Meetings beginning at 6:30pm

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide leaders of Zion as we support our mission to sharing of love of Christ in the city of Harrisburg and beyond.

Mondays, September 22 & October 27

Monday, December 8 (Combined November/December meeting)

Zoom invitations will be emailed from the Church Office.

Prayer List

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Ministries in Zion's Building: 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; Hannah; All in the US and abroad involved with Operation Christmas Child

Homebound Members: Irv & Nancy E., Nancy K., Bill & Janet 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, Janet & Bill, Susie & Mike, Derek, Kelly, Rachel, Jeff, Carol, John & Johnnie, Chuck, Yolanda, Kevin, Sharon, Ron, Phil, Dawn, Beth, Diane, Aimee, Anita, 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.

Pastor Taking Time Away to Care for Family 10/20-25

From Pastor: My mom is scheduled for a major back surgery on 10/13. My sister, Jen, has taken off work to be with my mom and dad that day. Jen and her family are going to be primary support for my parents that week. I will be providing support the following week. Todd will be staying at our house (overseeing some renovations) and will be working at church and covering the Wednesday WOW noon service (10/22). Jen and I hope to be able to plan for my mom's continued recovery and for support for my dad while I am staying with him. Todd and I are grateful to be part of the caring community of Zion and appreciate your prayers.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. John 1:16

We continue to update these lists. Please let us know if there are additions or corrections needed.

September Birthdays: Mike M. 09/12; Dixie G. 09/13; Stephanie S. 09/14; 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

October Birthdays: Debra E. 10/02; Brian H. 10/11; Marcus O. 10/12; Judy A. 10/14; Logan D. 10/17; Nathan M. 10/23; Lara E. 10/26

October Anniversaries: Steve & Danielle S. 10/28

November Birthdays: Jaiden R. 11/14; Todd W. 11/24; Pastor Karin 11/30

November Anniversaries: Rick & Ricky P. 11/03

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:

Sunday, December 14: 10:15am Advent Music Sunday
3pm Hummelstown Singers Christmas Concert in Hummelstown

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 Services on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festivals; Communion is available at the altar rail at the conclusion of Services of the Word)

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)

PARKING

WOW SERVICE WEDNESDAYS: Zion's small lot; 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. Parking in the lot below the train station is an option - Please pick up a notice from the church office for your dashboard when you park there that will indicate that you are attending a service at Zion. **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.

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.