

Zion Lutheran Church

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AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. - Psalm 42:1-2 ESV

Sometimes a simple glass of cold water on a hot day brings tremendous refreshment. For me, there have been occasions when I didn't even feel thirsty and was offered a drink of water. Suddenly, after a few sips, I realized how parched I had been. Draining the glass or water bottle, I am so very grateful for what seems to be one of the best drinks I've had.

The same can be true of our lives of faith. We can be in a "dry" patch and not be aware of our need of refreshment. Then, drops or a wave of that Living Water bring just the relief of which we were in need.

[Jesus said.] "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive... John 7:37-39 ESV

Our Savior calls to us today, offering true refreshment of our souls at worship, especially as He provides Himself as food and drink at Holy Communion. God gives true peace when we hear or read of His love for us in Christ in Holy Scripture. There is rest for the weary sitting silently in the Lord's presence in prayer.

Having been renewed in faith and life, may we go forth to offer refreshment to others, both physically and spiritually. In this summer weather, be ready to give a drink of water to those in need. Equally, may the Holy Spirit prepare us to offer soul refreshment to those in need by taking time for caring conversation and prayer, or by extending a gentle invitation to attend a worship service together.

May the words of the Psalmist ring true in this hazy humid season and always:
He leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. -Psalm 23:2-3 NIV

In the peace of Christ,
Pastor Karin

9am Sunday School

Fellowship Class: Teacher – Judy Atticks, meets in the St. Timothy Room, behind the kitchen.

Study of Joshua

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

Learn more about God's presence with Joshua and God's people in this study. In 2026, Sight and Sound will be presenting "Joshua."

Bible, Coffee, and Conversation: Teacher - Pastor Karin, meets in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Missionary Sunday – Welcoming Ruth Cheng, Missionary serving in Romania

Ruth will offer a presentation at 9am Sunday School and serve as guest preacher at the 10:15am Communion Service.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Reception of First Communion at 10:15am Worship Service

Joey Stehman will receive his first communion at Zion's Communion Service at which his grandfather, Pastor Keith Eslinger, will preside. We look forward to welcoming him to the Lord's Table.

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

Service of Word & Prayer / Communion on 1st Wednesdays

July 2 – September 10

Services Featuring Scripture Lesson(s) & a Reading from a Church Father or Mother

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

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, Todd, and Sam for informal conversation relating Christian faith to everyday topics.

Participants are responsible for purchasing their food and drinks. Upcoming topics are listed below. (in-person only)

August 12

Ways to Pray

September 9

The Great Commission is Our Mission

Summer Outdoor Evening Worship Service

Thursday, August 14, 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, August 21. Currently the event is in-person only.

DoOver Ministries Art Exhibit Reception

3-5pm on Saturday, August 23

In the Fellowship Hall at Zion Lutheran Church (15 S 4th St., Harrisburg)

Come enjoy light refreshments as you view the creative works on display.

DoOver Ministries exists to love others as Christ loves us. Our ministry includes community meals, prayer ministry and art classes for people who are in recovery from addiction and for the unhoused. Spending time creating art together brings a sense of accomplishment, healing, and peace.

Summer Support for Operation Christmas Child!

Financial gifts help this ministry both in the purchase of items & boxes as well as postage costs. Because the rules and regulations about items able to be shipped continue to change, and to ensure a variety of items for boys and girls, please contact Judy for guidance when planning to donate items for the boxes.

Giving to Operation Christmas Child is organized by Judy Atticks (not through offerings to Zion). Please contact Judy directly [717-564-0798] regarding financial contributions and gifts of items.

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

August 10 & September 14

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.

Zoom Council Meetings: Mondays, August 25 & September 22 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.

Prayer List

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, Beverly, Kelly, Katie, Ricky, Rick, Rachel, Jeff, Carol, John & Johnnie, Chuck, Yolanda, Kevin, Paulette, Matt, Sharon, Ron, Phil, Dawn, Beth, Diane, Aimee, Connor & Anna, 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays: Michael R. 08/04; Glenn W. 08/06; Janet S. 08/07; Sydney H. 08/13; Deitra J. 08/17; Bill S. 08/21; Roger W. 08/23; John C. 08/25; Judy R. 08/26

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 14

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

Operation Christmas Child Update

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.

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.