

## Zion Lutheran Church

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### MAY – JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

*May 11, 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

From June 22 through November 23, at Sunday morning worship, the Gospel reading will usually be from Luke. To prepare our hearts and minds to receive deeply from God's Word in those coming weeks, the 12:10pm Worship On Wednesday Services in May and June are lifting up themes in Luke's Gospel. The resources shared on Wednesdays are available to be picked up in Fellowship Hall and at the church website listed above (Worship & Education tab; WOW Service; Resources for Sermon Series on Luke).

I began the 40-Day Reading Plan for Luke on May 5. Both the familiar and lesser-known passages have come alive for me reading more slowly and consistently through the book. The readings are short enough to allow time for reflection and prayer. Below are verses that were part of the passage on Day 7:

*<sup>12</sup> While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup> And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>15</sup> But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. <sup>16</sup> But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. – Luke 5:12-16*

One of the Bibles I use offered this reflection in the margin:

"Consider Jesus' words "I am willing; be cleansed." Connect the word or phrase to something in your life, church or community. What specific needs are there for physical or relational healing in each of these contexts? ... Share your thoughts with God in prayer. Ask him to correct, affirm, or adjust your thinking." - The Abide Bible; General Editor: Phil Collins, PhD

The suggestions, such as focusing on a phrase and listening for God's guidance, can be adapted for any reading in Scripture. You may want to conclude a time of devotional reading with the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

I am amazed at the insights the Holy Spirit brings each time I return to God's Word! May we all be blessed and renewed in our walk with the Savior in the reading and hearing of Holy Scripture in Sunday and Wednesday worship services and everyday.

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

**Hummelstown Community Singers Spring Concert -Sunday, May 18**

**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 1, 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: 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.**

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

**Sunday, June 1, Review of Annual Meeting Materials**

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

**Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

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

**May 7 – June 25: Series on Luke**

**Based on LUKE: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton**

The resources, including a 40-Day Reading Plan of Luke, are available to be picked up in Fellowship Hall and at the church website listed above (Worship & Education tab; WOW Service; Resources for Sermon Series on Luke). Missed a Wednesday? Recordings are available.

**July 2 – September 3: Services Featuring Texts from the Daily Lectionary**

**TABLE TALK: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 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 purchasing their food and drinks. [in-person only]

**June 10 Topic: Faithful Men Who Have Nurtured Our Walk with Jesus**

**July 8 Topic: How Does the Lord Refresh Your Soul? "He refreshes my soul." Psalm 23 NIV**

Locations to be determined. Email invitation & website will provide details.

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

**Summer Dates: June 8, July 13, 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.

### **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):***

Nancy & Family, Jeanette & Larry, Rachel, Nikki, Janet & Bill, Susie & Mike, Kelly, Ricky, Rick, Harriet, Jeff, Carol, John & Johnnie, Chuck, Bud, Yolanda, Kevin, Paulette, Matt, Sharon, Ron, Phil, Dawn, Beth, Diane, Aimee, Connor & Anna, Anita, Gary, Don, Eleanor, Brent, John, Robert

*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

**June Birthdays:** Nancy K. 06/12; Danielle S. 06/13; Tuong T. 06/17; Harold P. 06/22; Adrian R. 06/24; Ruth C. 6/25; Jeff S. 06/26; Wendy Z. 06/30

**July Birthdays:** Robert H. 07/03; 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; 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; Glenn W. 08/06; Janet S. 08/07; 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

### **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.*

##### **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.

***CHANGES TO SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS from past years...***

***The German Language Ascension / Himmelfahrt Service is NOT taking place. The date would have been only a few days before the Annual Meeting & Lunch.***

***Zion will NOT be leading worship on the Riverboat in 2025.***

## 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 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)

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## 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.

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### Weekly Schedule & 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.