

## Zion Lutheran Church

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

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### **FEBRUARY– APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

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

*[Jesus said,] “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” -Matthew 11:28-30*

“In our sometimes stressful, anxious, overworked lives, Jesus’s words in these verses offer such hope. Self-help approaches to dealing with stress usually require *more effort*: do this, try that, practice this, eat that. By contrast, Jesus calls us to come to Him. Then *He* gives us rest. We find rest in a person, not in a method. Go to Jesus in prayer. Give Him your burdens. Allow Him to teach you. Because His yoke is light, consider whether you are putting burdens on yourself that He never asked you to assume. Pray about what He wants you to do and be faithful with that.” -The Abide Bible

Oh no, here comes that challenging season of Lent with the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; lots of WORK and not much fun! Actually, Lent is a journey back to God, answering the call of the prophet Joel, “Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (2:13). Fasting is not simply a giving up of favorite foods or pastimes, but a call to a re-orientation of our lives. Are there ways in which we regularly use our time, talent and financial resources that feel good for a moment, but hurt us long-term? Is the Lord calling us to leave some harmful habits behind and to move into more life-giving ways of growing in love for Him and our neighbors? Are we called to let go of heavy worries and grudges to experience freedom in the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus and to extend that grace to others? Maybe the 40-day journey of Lent is not burdensome, but about Jesus lifting the burdens from us. That is truly joyful Good News!

Enclosed in this mailing and available at Zion is a devotional booklet to encourage prayer throughout the season of Lent. May we hear how Jesus calls each of us to live in the Joy of Salvation in our individual lives and as together as His body, the Church, every day.

#### ***A Belated Note of Thanks***

Todd and I are overwhelmingly blessed by the generous Christmas gift providing time away at a Bed and Breakfast. We value the opportunity to nurture our marriage and to be refreshed in ways that strengthen our abilities to serve Christ among you.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Pastor Karin

**Ash Wednesday Service on February 22 at 12:10pm in the Chapel at Zion**

**In-Person and Online via Zoom & YouTube Live**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. -Psalm 51:10***

Please join us for this special worship service which marks the beginning of the prayerful season of Lent.

**For those who would like to attend an evening Ash Wednesday service:**

The congregation of Good Shepherd is holding an Ash Wednesday service at 6:00pm in the Chapel at Zion.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church (4200 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011) is holding an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm

**WOW (Worship On Wednesday)**

**SPECIAL LENT - HOLY WEEK Worship & Prayer Series: "The Body of Christ"**

**In-Person and Online via Zoom & YouTube Live**

**March 1 – April 12**

**12:10–12:35pm Service of Word and Prayer**

**Service of Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**

**12:35-1:00pm Lunch Fellowship**

*This series by Harlan Kaden takes time to consider seriously our Lord's humanity, the human body in which he wrought our salvation. Week by week the congregation is invited to focus their attention on:*

<i>March 1, Lent 1:</i>	<i>The Feet of Christ</i>
<i>March 8, Lent 2:</i>	<i>The Hands of Christ</i>
<i>March 15, Lent 3:</i>	<i>The Mouth of Christ</i>
<i>March 22, Lent 4:</i>	<i>The Ears of Christ</i>
<i>March 29, Lent 5:</i>	<i>The Eyes of Christ</i>
<i>April 5, Holy Wednesday:</i>	<i>The Heart of Christ</i>
<i>April 6, Maundy Thursday:</i>	<i>The Blood of Christ</i>
<i>April 7, Good Friday:</i>	<i>The Body of Christ</i>
<i>April 12, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday after Easter:</i>	<i>The Risen Body of Christ</i>

***Each service bulletin provides an order of worship highlighting the particular theme and contains supplemental Scripture readings and devotional material for personal prayer.***

**NOTES ON DETAILS, INCLUDING PARKING, for 12:10pm Lenten WOW Services:** Bulletin documents, Zoom link, and YouTube Live streaming instructions will be available at Zion's website: [www.zionharrisburg.org](http://www.zionharrisburg.org)

There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street.

## **Evening Lenten Series at St. Timothy Lutheran Church**

4200 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**March 1 – April 29**

**5:30pm Soup & Bread**

**7:00pm Evening Prayer Service**

A 45-minute evening prayer liturgy supported by the organ. Each Wed. Pastor Keller will offer a talk on a method of prayer e.g., contemplative/centering prayer, adoration, exorcism, meditative prayer with artworks/crafts, “kinetic prayer” -- labyrinth, prayer walking, and pilgrimages. Keeping within our goal of discipleship, the focus on these studies will be introducing each week a new method of prayer and prayer exercises to do for each day of the week. Join in a prayer life work-out this year during Lent.

### **Prayerfully Giving in LENT 2023**

All are invited to prayerfully discern outreach and mission efforts to which you would like to commit time, talent, and treasure as part of the Lenten discipline of alms-giving. One opportunity available to the Zion community is contribute to the WOW (Worship On Wednesday) offering which is designated for local outreach agencies. Please clearly mark WOW on the memo line on your check WOW and/or include a note with your offering. Alternatively, you may contribute directly to organizations who regularly receive WOW funds: Bethesda Mission <https://www.bethesdamission.org/>  
Christian Churches United <https://www.ccuahbg.org/>  
Downtown Daily Bread <https://downtowndailybread.org/>

### **Worship at Bethesda Mission Men’s Shelter on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 7:00pm**

**March 12, April 9, May 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 & Healing Prayer 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 involved with Operation Christmas Child

**Homebound Members:** Nathalee K., Nancy K., Anna R., Bill & Janet S., Irv & Nancy E.

***Persons with acute need of prayer for physical and/or spiritual healing (upcoming surgery/procedure/tests; recovery from recent illness or surgery /procedure /tests):***

Todd & Sandy W., Bud & Judy W., Bob H., Rick P., Saylor family, Jeanette B., Members of the Grubbs family, Deitra J., Ed (Reynolds’ friends), Natalie & Glenn (Jack’s friends), Liam (Atticks’ friends), Al G.

*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**

**February Birthdays:** Katherine H. 02/02; Riley D. 02/08; Lois S. 02/10; Max P. 02/12; Rowen W. 02/14; Alivia P. 02/19; Rachel P. 02/21; Kaya T. 02/27

**February Anniversary:** Deb & Steve G. 02/19

**March Birthdays:** Sophie T. 03/01; Rick S. 03/09; Savannah W. 03/11; Ben T. 03/17; Nancy E. 03/18; Andrew P. 03/24; Ricky P. 03/27; Amy L. 03/31

**March Anniversary:** Glenn W. & Amy L. 03/05

**April Birthdays:** Conley D. 04/05; Norma S. 04/08; Reggie W. 04/16; Wendy D. 04/17; Amanda L. 04/18; Nick M. 04/18; Todd P. 04/18; Joey S. 04/29; Sean W. 04/30;

Larry B. 04/30 **April Anniversaries:** Tuong & Xuan T. 04/25; Rick & Stephanie S. 04/30

**May Birthdays:** Floyd S. 05/23; Catherine G. 05/28; Emma D. 05/30; Sam P. 05/30

**May Anniversaries:** Robert & Wanda H. 05/01; Larry & Jeanette B. 05/05;

Bill & Janet S. 05/23; Floyd & Lois S. 05/30

## **Zoom Council Meetings: Mondays: February 27, March 27, May 1 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. May 1 is a combined April/May meeting to approve documents for the Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 4.

## **Winter Weather Cancellations of In-Person Worship**

Online and phone worship will always be available on Zoom/YouTube! The best way to check if in-person services are cancelled is to call the church office. The greeting on the answering machine will let you know if the service has been cancelled.

## **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 (zionhbg@comcast.net)**. 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.

### **HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES**

Monday, Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day), Monday, April 10 (Easter Monday)

**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).

## **"WHAT LOVE IS THIS?" – Easter Celebration at Christian Life Assembly, Camp Hill, PA**

**March 25, 26, 31, April 1 & 2**

"What Love Is This?" – a dramatic musical portrayal of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, complete with: • A cast of over 100 actors, singers & dancers and live animals on stage. Tickets & more information available at [clacamphill.com/drama](http://clacamphill.com/drama)

***Sydney H., a member of Zion's Ladies Ensemble, is a member of the cast.***

### **February, March & April Worship and Programming Schedule**

*May be subject to change. Updates available at the church website & on the voicemail.*

***We usually provide time for sharing prayer concerns and brief greetings online and in-person BEFORE the start of worship services and programs.***

#### **Sunday**

9:00am **Sunday School** (in-person only)

9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)

10:15am **Worship Service** (in-person & online)

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Weekly Schedule & Zoom/YouTube Information**

The Meeting ID and Passcode to attend our weekly online worship services and Bible Studies 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**

In addition to continuing to worship with Zoom, congregants and visitors to join in Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays on YouTube. We broadcast 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 & select the result with a photo of the church as the icon. On our main page will be an alert that we are "Live," allowing you to join. We will start broadcasting 5 to 10 minutes before worship starts.

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

#### **April 2 Palm Sunday 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament**

**Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday School & Worship Service**

#### **April 5 WOW on Holy Wednesday 12:10pm**

**Regular Schedule and Information Worship Service & Lunch Fellowship**

#### **April 6 Maundy Thursday 12:10pm Service of Word & Sacrament**

**In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live**

**Communion will be offered in-person and for those attending online or by phone**

**Zoom Information:**

**Meeting ID: 816 9166 4503**

**Passcode: 166371**

#### **April 7 Good Friday 12:10pm Traditional Tenebrae Worship Service**

**In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live**

**Zoom Information:**

**Meeting ID: 860 3814 7897**

**Passcode: 463631**

#### **April 9 Easter Sunday**

##### **7:15am Sunrise Service (In-person only)**

**at Zion outside facing the lawn in front of the train station**

**Brief Service with Communion**

**If the weather is bad, service meets in Fellowship Hall**

##### **9:00am Easter Breakfast (In-person only)**

***\*\*\*Please help us plan for this event. Sign-up to attend in Fellowship Hall or call  
Judy Atticks: 717-564-0798.***

##### **10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament**

**Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday School & Worship Service**

***\*\*\*An order form for EASTER FLOWERS is included in this mailing and is  
available at Zion.***