

*Welcome!*



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.*

# The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023 ~ 9:30 am

## The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

#### \* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO MAKES ALL THINGS NEW, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

**Amen.**

TRUSTING IN GOD'S MERCY, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

*Please kneel if able.*

HOLY ONE, SOURCE OF OUR RENEWAL,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

THUS SAYS OUR GOD: "THE FORMER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS AND NEW THINGS I NOW DECLARE." GOD'S MERCY MAKES US NEW. WE ARE FORGIVEN IN THE NAME OF ✚ CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

**Amen.**

#### \* The Gathering Hymn

*"Come, All You People"*

WOV No. 717

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
Come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,  
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,  
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,  
Come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit,  
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit,  
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit,  
Come now and worship the Lord.**

#### \* The Greeting

THE BOUNDLESS GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE WISDOM OF GOD, AND THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

**And also with you.**

\* **The Kyrie Eleison** (*music on page 57 of LBW*)

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(*Sung*) **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD,  
AND FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET  
US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

**Amen.**

\* **The Hymn of Praise** (*music on page 58 of LBW*)

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb  
of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right  
hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God  
the Father. Amen.**

\* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(*Sung*) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

**O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish  
nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and  
give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

**The First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 119:1-8 Tune "As With Gladness Men of Old" No. 82**

**Blest are those--most happy they--Who the law of God obey.**

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE FAULTLESS, WHO OBEY THE LAW OF THE LORD  
WITH ALL THEIR HEART, WALKING IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD.

**Lord, you gave your laws that we**

**Might obey them faithfully.**

IF I PAY ATTENTION TO ALL YOUR COMMANDMENTS, THEN I WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.  
AS I LEARN YOUR RIGHTEOUS RULINGS, I WILL PRAISE YOU WITH A PURE HEART.

**Stand beside me, that I may**

**All your goodly laws obey.**

## **The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\* The Gospel Acclamation** *(Celtic Alleluia ELW 174)*

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **\* The Holy Gospel St. Matthew 5:21-37**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW THE 5<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:

*(spoken)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

*(spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

## **\* The Hymn of the Day**

*“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*

No. 480

## **\* The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\* The Prayers of Intercession**

CALLED TOGETHER TO FOLLOW JESUS, WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL IN NEED.

*A brief silence.*

INSPIRE YOUR CHURCH THAT IT MAY BE A SIGN OF LIFE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FROM THE EXPLORATION OF FAITH WITH CHILDREN AND NEW BELIEVERS TO MISSIONARIES AND BISHOPS, SHAPE LIVES OF FAITHFULNESS, SO THAT ALL FIND ABUNDANT LIFE IN YOUR WAYS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

NOURISH YOUR CREATION. ACCOMPANY ALL WHO PLANT AND WATER. BLESS THE WORK OF FARMERS; PROVIDE FOR SUBSISTENCE FARMERS FACING DROUGHT AND CLIMATE CHANGE. GUIDE THE WORK OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS TOWARD SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO FEED THE WORLD. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

GIVE GROWTH WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO HOPE FOR LIFE. IN NATIONS AND REGIONS WHERE RECONCILIATION SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE, EMPOWER PEACEMAKERS WITH YOUR SPIRIT. WHERE DEATH HOLDS SWAY THROUGH VIOLENCE, DISEASE, AND HUNGER, EQUIP RELIEF WORKERS TO BRING HOPE. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

NURTURE ALL IN NEED ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MARY KOCH; KATHRYN, CAROLYN, MARLIN, JOHN, TIM, ROBERT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, RALPH, JOSEPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. BRING HEALING TO ALL WHO EXPERIENCE TRAUMA CAUSED BY SYSTEMS OF INJUSTICE AND DESTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS. GIVE COURAGE TO THOSE STRUGGLING TO REPENT AND THOSE SEEKING RECONCILIATION. SUSTAIN ALL WHO WORK FOR RESTORATION. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

ENCOURAGE THIS CONGREGATION. CALL US TO A COMMON PURPOSE AND KEEP US FROM QUARRELLING. TURN OUR HEARTS TOWARD YOU AND GUIDE OUR LEADERS, SO THAT OUR CHOICES MAY BE LIFEGIVING FOR ALL. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

THANKS BE TO YOU FOR THE LIVES OF ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN CHRIST. TEACH US TO FOLLOW THEM IN YOUR WAYS AND GATHER US WITH THEM INTO THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE WITH YOU. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

WE BRING TO YOU OUR NEEDS AND HOPES, O GOD, TRUSTING YOUR WISDOM AND POWER REVEALED IN CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

**Amen.**

**\* The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

**And also with you.**

~The Meal~

**The Offering and Offertory**

*Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit [ziontamaqua.com](http://ziontamaqua.com) for our Vanco option.*

**\* The Offertory Procession** Tune: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 565

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**\* The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: LIBERATING GOD, YOU BREAK THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE. RECEIVE THESE OFFERINGS IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL YOUR WORKS OF MERCIFUL POWER, AND SHAPE US AS PEOPLE OF YOUR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM. YOU WE MAGNIFY AND ADORE, THROUGH JESUS OUR SAVIOR,

**Amen.**

\* **The Preface and Sanctus** (*music on page 68 of LBW*)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(*Sung*) **And also with you.**

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*ELW No. 193*)

(*Sung*) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

\* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY ONE, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GIVER OF LIFE: BLESSED ARE YOU FOR THE BIRTH OF CREATION...BLESSED ARE YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

WITH THIS BREAD AND CUP WE REMEMBER YOUR WORD DWELLING AMONG US, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. WE REMEMBER OUR NEW BIRTH IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE LOOK WITH HOPE FOR HIS COMING.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

HOLY GOD, WE LONG FOR YOUR SPIRIT. COME AMONG US. BLESS THIS MEAL. MAY YOUR WORD TAKE FLESH IN US. AWAKEN YOUR PEOPLE. FILL US WITH YOUR LIGHT. BRING THE GIFT OF PEACE ON EARTH.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY ARE YOURS, HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, WORD OF GOD INCARNATE, POWER OF THE MOST HIGH, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

**Amen.**

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

\* **The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

COME AND TASTE THE JOY OF GOD!

\* **The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God"** (*ELW No. 195*)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. **Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.**

### \* The Post-Communion Blessing

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.  
**Amen.**

### \* The Post Communion Canticle *(music on page 72 of LBW)*

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### \* The Post Communion Prayer

LET US PRAY: HOLY ONE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE HEALING THAT SPRINGS FORTH ABUNDANTLY FROM THIS TABLE. RENEW OUR STRENGTH TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND JOURNEY HUMBLY WITH YOU.

**Amen.**

## The Senior Choir Anthem "*As the Deer*" – Nystrom

## ~The Sending~

### \* The Benediction & Dismissal

THE GOD WHO FAITHFULLY BRINGS FORTH JUSTICE AND BREAKS THE OPPRESSOR'S ROD  
✠ BLESS, STRENGTHEN, AND UPHOLD YOU, TODAY AND ALWAYS.  
**(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### \* The Sending

GO IN PEACE. FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### \* The Sending Hymn

***"O, Master Let Me Walk with You"***

No. 492

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## First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 – Not Printed

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human

inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

### **Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

**February 19, 2023 readings are:** Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 11-12, 2023

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of family and friends by Bill and Lori Krell

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Larry Brennan love, Judy

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of our 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

**CURRENT FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Dave and Melody Gensure and family

In loving memory of Fern Woodring on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup> by her family

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

**ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Mary Koch by George and Mary Ruth Taylor

**Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsors are needed for March.**

**Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

*Please remember the following in your prayers The family and friends of Mary Koch, Dr. Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips, Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

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Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2023 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritzky, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzingler, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, February 12, 2023, Annual Meeting

8:00 Confirmation Class  
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Annual Meeting

## TUESDAY

10:00 Work Session Take Down Snowflakes

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

## FRIDAY

5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

## SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution  
5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, February 19, 2023

8:00 Confirmation Class  
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Christian Education  
10:15 Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

***“Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ”***

Received 2/5/23 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,253.00
From Thrift Store	\$1,026.04
From Culinary	\$0.00
From (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: 188.47

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,887.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$18,719.87
From Thrift Store:	\$1,031.04
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$19,750.91

*We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Koch, who passed away on February 4, 2023. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## Upcoming Events

February 12 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 20 – Newsletter Deadline

February 22 – Ash Wednesday Service

February 24, March 10 & 24 – Lenten Dinner

**DEADLINE:** All information for the **March/ April 2023 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, February 20, 2023. Please note that this is a combined issue.** You may e-mail your information to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

*Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$36.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!*

**Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today following the service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2022 Annual reports for all committees and organizations. As always, we encourage all members to attend this meeting as a quorum needs to be met. Copies are available in the Gathering Room.

**The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023.** A worship service will be held at Zion beginning at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.



Ash  
Wednesday



I would like to thank everyone for the recognition dinner. It was a big surprise and greatly appreciated. The gifts will be put to good use, especially on Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks again, Mark

**2022 financial statements have been mailed.** Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you have any questions or did not receive a statement at 570-668-2180 or [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) and a statement will be sent to you.

Please continue to use your Boyer's key tag every time you shop in any Boyer's Markets. If you do not have a Boyer's tag, they are located in the Gathering room. Thank you for your participation in this program. **We just received a check for \$297.13 from Boyer's! Keep using those cards!**



**Our Redner's receipts program just earned a check for \$215.83. Keep saving your Redner's receipts** and put them in the container in the Gathering room or mail them to the church office. Please note if you are turning in Redner's receipts please do not cut off the Save a tape portion of the receipt, this makes it invalid and we cannot turn them in, thank you and keep saving!

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## Zion Lenten Fish Dinner

**February 24, & March 10 & 24, 2023**

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM or sell-out

Adult \$12.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00

Take-Outs Available

Menu: Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers. Sides: Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, and Cole Slaw. Sit in or take out available. Hope to see you there!