

September 2024

Newsletter for the Congregation And Friends of ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Blessings Families and friends of Zion,

*No Good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly...*Psalm 84:116



First and foremost, a very big thank you goes out, to all of our soloists that helped to give us beautiful music this summer. Vacation bible school was soooo much fun and our culinary provided many opportunities for delicious food and fellowship. We have so much to be thankful for.

Many wonderful things are happening here at Zion in coming months. September brings back to church Sunday, choir returns, Sunday school begins and with God's grace some cooler weather may be coming our way. God's work our hands is always an important part of our September calendar. Please make sure to register for all of these outstanding ministries. In October we have our traditional hunger walk. I pray we have a good group to walk this year. Kinsley and Piper got us off to a great start with their lemonade stand to support the cause. YEA Girls. The entire month of October is dedicated to hunger awareness. This year is the ELCA's World Hunger Campaigns 50th Anniversary. (some of us are old enough to remember this lol)

I request your prayers as I continue to serve Zion and Christ Conyngham. The majority of pastors in our synod are serving two churches. There simply are not enough pastors. I do not lament this fact. Things change in God's church. Change can be difficult, but I lifted up Psalm 84:116 to remind us that God is with us and for us. May our faith remain strong as we know that "God withholds no good thing from God's people". I am finding it rewarding to serve two churches and see this as a blessing. I'm told pastors had to ride on horseback to several churches in the day. THAT must have been quite a sight!! I love horses but am thankful that I don't have to do that.

Please stay well and safe people of God. I look forward to seeing you in church.

*on a less important note...... I must say Go Phillies and Fly Eagles Fly!!

God bless, Pastor Cindy

Morning Prayer on Facebook and Website: Rev. Cindy White reads a selected Bible verse and offers a brief message or song Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Individuals with specific prayer requests can email those requests to Pastor White at zionlutheranrev@gmail.com.



Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, September 6, 2024 from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu.

Blessings Thrift – Please ensure items being donated are "gently" used. Clothing and bedding should be free of holes, stains and pet hair. We cannot accept items with company names, advertisements or personal name labels (such as those from nursing homes or hospitals.). Electronics and small appliances should be in good working order. Toys and games must include all pieces. Due to an overabundance of donations, we ask that you call the church office at (570)668-2180 and leave your contact information. Your name will be put on a list, and someone will contact you when we are able to accept your items. Please DO NOT leave bags or boxes at random places in the church, on the stage or outside of the building. Thank you for your cooperation. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

The Church office will be closed Monday, September 2nd in Observance of Labor Day. Have a safe Holiday!





Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for 2024 - The list for is on the bulletin board. The cost of the flowers are \$42.40, and individuals will be billed from the florist. 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. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance!

Christian Education News

FALL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 22, 2024!

Attention Parents/Guardians of Young Adults! Registrations are now being accepted for Zion's Confirmation Class. Email: <u>zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com</u> for registration information. Classes will be held Sunday Morning at 11:00 am beginning September 22, 2024. Confirmation is open to students in 7th grade & up.

Sunday School Registrations are NOW Open! Forms are on the gathering room table. Even if your student will be starting after fall activities we ask that you submit registrations so we can appropriately order supplies.



Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 PM. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us. We hope to see you there! Thanks, Sandy

Upcoming Events

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September 5 – Choir Rehearsals Begin September 6 – Blessings Thrift Store September 8 – God's Work, Our Hands September 15 – Back to Church Sunday/ Potluck September 22 – Sunday School/ Confirmation Begins A Fellowship Potluck will be held on Back to Church Sunday, September 15, following the morning worship service. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering room. Hope to see you there!





We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of:

Fern L. Rudenko, who passed away on June 18, 2024.

We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Lucy Kay Edmonds, daughter of Matt and Kayla (Hope) Edmonds, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Lucy's Godparents are Tyler Hope and Rachel Oberg. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service on July 21, 2024; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing this child in the light of faith.



Reminder: If you have sponsored Altar Flowers or Candles for 2024, please fill out the information cards in the gathering room. The information is needed for the bulletin and the Florist. If payment for the sponsorship is not received prior to the date, the information will not be printed in the bulletin, please pay and fill out a form when you add your name on the list. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Culinary Hoagie Sale

The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by September 8th, at <u>https://www.ziontamaqua.com</u> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, September 12th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!





A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

Looking for a way you can help serve your church, but don't have a lot of extra time? Are you able to commit to a half hour, on a day you will already be here? We are looking for greeters to welcome people to the church on Sunday mornings,



hand out bulletins, and answer questions from visitors. We would like to have enough people to make up at least 6 teams, with 2 people per team. Please text or call Brian Lawfer at 570-952-5966 for more information.



Harvest Home will be celebrated on Saturday October 12th at 5:30 pm and Sunday, October 13th at 9:00 am. Your gifts of non-perishable items will help stock Zion's Pantry serving our neighbors on Dutch Hill. Please bring items as soon as possible. There is a table set up in the gathering room for them. Thank you for your generosity.

Zion social benefits Tamaqua Fire Police -

Glenn Fritzinger, leader of the Culinary Team presents a check for \$1,500 to Tamaqua Fire Police President Richard Wentz. The check represents the proceeds from the July ice cream social Zion hosted to benefit the fire police. This is the sixth year Zion has donated to Tamaqua emergency service companies. Past recipients are South Ward, Citizen and East End and American Hose fire companies and the Tamaqua Rescue Squad. With Fritzinger and Wentz are Brent Confer,



Merle Wertman, Jack Cusatis and Michael Bowman, all Tamaqua Fire Police members.



AT 570-668-2180 OR GREEN DROP AT 888-944-3767

THANK YOU-ZION OUTREACH

Zion's 2024 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritzy, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Steve Ristila, Brittany Scalfani 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.

Please note if you have recently become a member or feel there are changes in your membership information please fill out a membership packet located in the Gathering Room. If you need them sent to you, please contact the church office. Thank you for keeping our records up to date.

Would you like to make a gift to our Capital Campaign today? Do you need an envelope for your gift? Blank envelopes can be found in the rear of the church on either side. Please just write your name and Capital Campaign on the envelope so we can give you credit; and place the envelope in the boxes found on the wall on either side at the back on the sanctuary. For information on our Capital Campaign, please visit our website at http://www.ziontamaqua.com/capital-campaign/



Gebert Society - If you know of someone who has remembered Zion in their will/estate with a gift (past and present), please contact the office with that information which will be used in the annual report. Names can be added to the Gebert Society at any time. Thank you.

Please Join Us! Saturday Worship - 6:00 pm Sunday Worship - 9:00 am Christian Education - 10:15 am Confirmation - 11:00 am **DEADLINE:** All information for the **October 2024 issue of the** *"Herald"* is due at the church office no later than **Monday, September 23, 2024.** You may e-mail your information to <u>zionlcof@verizon.net</u> or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

Hospitalizations - If you or

someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office at 668-2180. Due to HIPAA Law names are no longer published in the newspaper and we are not contacted by the hospital unless the patient requests it, when admitted, let them know you are a member of Zion Lutheran church. Zion Lutheran Church Lehigh Valley System Hospital Code is 356; If you are admitted to a hospital in the Lehigh Valley Hospital system (not St. Luke's/ Miner's) and you want our church and Pastor to be notified, provide Zion's Code # 356 when you provide admission information.

Gods work our hands will take place on Sunday September 8, 2024.

For those who will be participating be prepared to do mostly yard work. If you didn't sign up you can still show up, help is always welcomed. If you have some yard tools, please bring a rake, shovel and gloves, and if you have knee pads might be helpful. We will dispatch from the parking lot at St Lukes on Pine Street at 12 noon. Hopefully all work be completed in 2 to 3 hours, we will meet back at Zion for light refreshments at 3:00 pm. Office Hours ~ Monday & Wednesday 12:00 – 5:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please use door located on Mauch Chunk Street, ring bell

Genesis 2:3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.





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. Please use the swipe card, the receipt does not need to be turned in. We just received a check for \$341.17! Thank you for your participation in this program. Keep using those cards!

We are collecting Redner's receipts. Please 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!

Sharing your story - As part of an ongoing emphasis on Zion's impact, we'd like to share ways in which Zion has made a difference in the lives of its members and its community. Please respond to any **ONE** of these questions and include **your name** at the end. Send your response to <u>zionlcof@verizon.net</u> (subject line "Impact story" or Zion Lutheran, 101 North Greenwood St., Tamaqua, PA 18252 Attention: Impact

- 1. How has Zion made a difference in your life? OR
- 2. What impact has Zion had on your life the last 2 1/2 years? OR
- 3. What is your vision for the future of Zion's ministry? OR
- 4. How has serving in a Zion ministry made a difference in your life?



Do you like to clean? Some people really like to clean--honest! If you do, why not join the Cleaning Angel team? We are looking for about 2 or 3 more members to add to the team. Cleaning Angels are members of the congregation who each week clean the Sanctuary, Gathering Room and Library. When two people do that cleaning, it can take 2-3 hours. Being a Cleaning Angel is not intended to be a lifelong commitment and so we thank those who have served and "retired." That means there are openings in the cleaning schedule for other members of the congregation to step up

and help keep the church clean. This is a great opportunity to serve your church. The hours are flexible and there's lots of great fellowship involved. Please contact any member of the Property Committee or Cleaning Sexton Kim Eckert or Parish Administrator Melody Gensure.

June/ July/ August Memorials GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE ALTAR CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and
In loving memory of parents, family and friends by Gerry Zeigler.
In loving memory of Bob and Madeline Trakes on their 70th Anniversary and in honor of the July birthdays of Mike, Noah and Ollie by Mike & Kathy Miller

In loving memory of her parents, Arlington & Yustina Hawk by Dave & Darlene Fetterman *THE ALTAR FLOWERS* are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Corinne and Connor in celebration of their wedding by Pastor Cindy In loving memory of Joseph Harvilla and Charles Wagner on their first heavenly Father's Day by Matt,

Tiffany and Kinsley Warden and Roxanne Harvilla. In loving memory of the June 24th birthday of her father, Irvin Huegel by Fern Rudenko In loving memory of his mother, Gayle Hadesty on her birthday June 27th by David and Ann Marie

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In loving memory of the birthday of my dad, James B. White Jr. by Pastor Cindy In loving memory of past loved ones and the 83rd birthday celebration of Donald Fegley, Sr. by Kris & Frank Rudy & family

In loving memory of Arbutus "Beauty" White- Hargis by George and Mary Ruth Taylor In loving memory of my father's birthday on August 2nd by David & Ann Marie Hadesty & family In loving memory of my brother, Carl Gerber by sister, Marlene McLaughlin & family In loving memory of Shirley William Caley by husband, Sam Caley

In honor of my mother's 88th birthday on August 30th by Roxanne Harvilla, Tiffany, Matthew and Kinsley Warden

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and For the prosperity of our church in our hometown & community by Stacei Faust & Emily Stahler YOUTH MINISTRY FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and In loving memory of Dores Faul by Joanne & Donald Faul **ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and In honor of the June 9th birthday of George Taylor by his family In loving memory of Samuel A. Alonge by Tom Price and Anne Christian In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by Joseph & Monica Lozosky In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by Diane & Robert Hope In loving memory of my cousin Fern Huegel Rudenko by Beverley & David Knoebel In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by Sean & Amy Shamany In loving memory of Charles R. Linkhorst by his wife, Jean and family In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Walter & Jane Weston In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by anonymous In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by Geraldine & Russell King In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by the Sincavage Family In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by the Elliott Family In loving memory of Mrs. Cheryl Crawford by Mark & Charlene Valentine In loving memory of Pastor F. Peter Muhr by Mark & Charlene Valentine

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our son, Ells by Ells and Gail Davis In loving memory of Michael Cappos for Father's Day from his sons and their families In loving memory of Mr. E. A. Follweiler for Father's Day from his children and their families In loving memory of Charles L. Klingaman on his birthday by Cathy and Valerie In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Joe and Sandy Mehalko In loving memory of F. Peter Muhr by Joe and Sandy Mehalko In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Laura Fulmer & Chris Fulmer In loving memory of my father, Clair Gerber, given by daughter Marlene McLaughlin & family In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Ann Marie and David Hadesty and family In loving memory of Pastor F. Peter Muhr by Ann Marie and David Hadesty In loving memory of her brother, Carl W. Koch Jr. whose birthday was August 2nd by John & Carol Dietrich & family

In loving memory of Rev. F. Peter Muhr by John & Carol Dietrich & family

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Mike & Kathy Miller

In loving memory of F. Peter Muhr by Mike & Kathy Miller

In loving memory of Pastor F. Peter Muhr by Dave & Louise Schock

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Dave & Melody Gensure and family

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Dave & Louise Schock

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Gerry Zeigler

In loving memory of Dorothy Rother Epler for her heavenly birthday by daughters Frances, Joan & Carol In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by a friend

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of our son, Jeff Springer on his June 26th birthday by, Carol & John Dietrich In loving memory of our father's, Carl W. Koch Sr. & Leo Dietrich by John & Carol Dietrich In honor of Glenn & Mike for providing the special music and their talent for Zion love, Mom & Dad *HELPING HAND FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and*

In loving memory of the June 18th birthday of Charles "Chunky" Schissler by Marlene & Barry McLaughlin & sons

DIAPER DEPOT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of our grandchildren, Ellie & Augie by Kay & Mike Truchan

ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by John & Carol Dietrich & family

Altar Flower sponsors are needed for September 15th & 29th. Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

ZION FINANCIAL AS OF June 30, 2024

Here is our report to the Zion congregation for the 2nd quarter of 2024. If you have any questions, please address a member of the Finance Committee.

CHURCH BUDGET INCOME

OFFERING AND GIFTS	78,696.61
CULINARY EVENTS	11,765.00
BLESSING THRIFT SALES	4,474.81
ENDOWMENT	22,006.00
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	116,942.42

CHURCH BUDGET EXPENSES

SALARIES/REMUNERATION	51,626.52
OIL	18,277.51
POSTAGE	0.00
TAXES	1,633.90
MAINT & REPAIR	1,905.00
WATER, SEWER	1,312.00
PHONE/INTERNET	1,106.69
ELECTRIC	2,763.22
INSURANCE	13,338.00
OTHER MISC EXPENSES	16,551.09
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	108,513.93

Yours in Christ,

Zion Finance Committee: Bob Jones, Chair; Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary; Dave Gensure, Treasurer; Walter Weston, Endowment Coordinator; Matt Warden; Rochelle Evanousky; Steve Ristila; Sam Caley; George Taylor.

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School a success! Each night children were treated to a hot meal, as they arrived. After a quirky & fun opening assembly "campers" travelled to their stations to learn more about our "camp callout" "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. - Psalm 56:3" At the stations they explored Bible Exploration, Crafts & Mission, Science, Music, & Recreation! The kids had a blast! I couldn't do the program without all the volunteers, and the generous support of our congregation! Thank you for your time and financial contributions to our program! The program wouldn't be possible without you! I am already planning next year's Road Trip! VBS. Mark your calendar! 2025 VBS will be July 28 - August 1, 2025, from 5:30-8:30 pm! A hot meal will be provided! If you are interested in helping next year, please see me! It is such a rewarding ministry, and a great way to share God's love in our community! If you'd like to make a contribution to Vacation Bible School please mark your donation "VBS FUND" Thank you for your support of our children's ministries!, Michael Haspe, LLMC - Christian Education Director







Our Amazing Culinary Crew



ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024- Three of our young members attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Darien, Julia, and Elaina joined thousands of other young people from across the country as they affirmed their faith, experienced new perspectives, joined in worship, and met new people. Because of your help, our fundraisers were successful in reaching their destination. Thank you for your support!











A Tapestry of Love: Unveiling the Impact of Our Quilting Ministries



The results are in for our Quilt Survey - and it is AMAZING the wonderful gifts of comfort and love that our congregations across the Synod share with others. Each year more than 1000 quilts, lap blankets, baby quilts and other blankets are made and donated to a host of charities from the 17 congregations who shared their stories. And the wonderful stories we have to tell! The oldest quilting ministry was shared by Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Lehighton - Trinity Knotters. They started in 1965 from an article about using coats and suits to make guilts. Initially, they started sewing at home and then moved into Luther Hall where they still meet today. They have a brick on the Good Samaritan Plaza at the Baltimore LWR Headquarters. Their quilts are shared with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and locally for graduating students, Carbon County Action Committee, Sanctuary for Veterans and

others. In addition to quilts, they make baby, personal care and school kits for LWR. Our Quilting groups

Lutheran in Hellertown providing 180 quilts and lap quilts to a variety of organizations including Project Linus, Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, their internal faith community and fundraising. St. James Lutheran in Coopersburg – started in 2013 - reported 155 annual quilts donated to Turning Point, Bethany Ministries and to LWR prior to the pandemic. They have also made baby and personal care kits for LWR. St. John's Lutheran in Slatington reported 135 quilts and lap robes donated to LWR and to Chemo Bag, Gracedale, Topton Lutheran Home, Ripple, Sayre Center for Children, Kids Peace, Light House and Rescue Mission. St. John's Lutheran in Hamburg reported 100 quilts donated to LWR and the Topton Home.



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Our Quilters are very talented, making a host of additional items to benefit our community. **Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Topton** – Compassionate

Crafters - makes a wide of crafts variety including fidget blankets and sleeves, crafters critters, prayer blankets lap and shawls in addition to quilts! Their handmade items are donated to LWR, Lutheran Home, Lehigh Valley and St. Luke's Hospitals and Arden Court. Newly started in 2022, the



Compassionate Crafters donated 114 items that year and 218 items in 2023!

Our quilts are shared near and far – across the USA and around the world.

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran in Reinerton – Tyers of Comfort - have made over 2000 quilts since their start in 1999. Among the groups to whom they

> donate quilts is the Lutheran Navajo Mission in AZ and LWR. The group is led by Kathryn Lewis, founder and chairperson, who is 90 years old and going strong! Tyers of Comfort also have a sidewalk brick at the LWR Warehouse in Maryland. These are just a few of the stories

from our Quilting family across the Synod and there are more stories to tell from the rest of the groups – we will include them next time.

Submitted by: Eileen Lane, Quilting Ministry Volunteer at St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown



On **September 21st**, to facilitate donation of quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief, we are hosting our **first LWR Ingathering at the Synod Office**. If Allentown is a convenient drive from your location, we will be collecting boxed quilt and kit donations from 9AM till Noon. A truck will be parked at the Synod office for you to drop off your donations. We will also have refreshments so you can meet other quilters and kit makers while you are there. Let's see if the NEPA Synod can fill the truck!



CHURCH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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