



The Herald

March/ April 2023

Newsletter for the Congregation
And Friends of
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Melody Gensure ~ Parish Administrator - Email~ zionlcof@verizon.net

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

Lenten Blessings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“But seek first God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” Matthew 6:33

Lent is the time where we prayerfully do a self inventory. We repent for our sin and give thanks for the gift of God’s sacrifice.....of God’s self in Jesus.

What does it mean to seek first God’s kingdom?



In Micah 6:8 “God has told you, mortal one, what is good: And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God”. This is a perfect scripture for our Lenten season. There is not a single one of us that is without sin. Let us meditate these next 40 days on God’s goodness. Let us be steadfast in what we give up or what we add to remind us of all our Creator has done and continues to do for us.

I would love to see as many people as possible at our Wednesday night lenten services. They are scheduled for 7:00 pm here or at Saint John’s. Vicer Dillon and I will be preaching about the Saints. We will be worshipping with Holden Evening Prayer. I believe you will find it to be a rich experience of God’s grace and mercy in , with and through some unlikely people.

Please make sure to check out our FaceBook page, our website or call the church at 570-668-2180 to ensure you don’t miss anything going on here at Zion.

*May God continue to bless you all richly,
Yours in Christ, 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, March 3rd and March 31st and May 5th 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. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

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



ATTENTION GRADUATING CONFIRMED ZION MEMBERS: CLASS OF 2023

Before you know it graduation will be here! Please submit a photo with information on high school graduating from, where you will be attending school or what your future plans may be, major, parents' names and how you were involved with Zion. You may submit a photo now with more information to follow later to the church office. Thank you.

This year Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed March 11th.





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.*

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!



Reminder: If you have sponsored Altar Flowers, Candles or Bulletins for 2023, please fill out the information cards in the gathering room. The information is needed for the bulletin and the Florist. If payment for the bulletin/candle 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.

Upcoming Events

February 24, March 10 & 24 – Lenten Dinner
March 3 & 31 & May 5 – Blessings Thrift Sale
April 2 – Bring a Friend Sunday Breakfast
April 27 – Hoagie Sale
May 11 – Pasta Dinner



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: Baked 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!

Pierogies will be available for sale by the dozen at the fish dinner on Friday, February 24, 4-7 or sellout. Pierogies are \$6.00/dozen.

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!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2023

St. John's and Zion will once again hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW.

This year's Lenten sermon series is Sing with All the Saints in Glory: Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus – and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition – Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks in Lent. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

You don't want to miss it. Lent is such a sacred time in the church year. Let's walk these weeks together in faith.

March 1, 2023 - Zion

March 8, 2023 - St. John's

March 15, 2023 - Zion

March 22, 2023 - St. John's

March 29, 2023 - Zion

April 5, 2023 - Individual Services

**If Tamaqua school district has early dismissal or cancels school,
the mid-week lent service - Wednesday night is cancelled.**



Zion Holy Week April 2-9, 2023

- ✠ **Palm Sunday**, April 2nd, 9:00 am, Blessing of the Palms
- ✠ **Wednesday**, April 5th, 7:00 pm, Holden Evening Prayer
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday**, April 6th, 7:00 pm, Foot Washing, Communion, Stripping of the Altar
- ✠ **Good Friday**, April 7th, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service
- ✠ **Holy Saturday**, April 8th, 7:00 pm Easter Vigil, Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion
- ✠ **Easter Sunday**, April 9th, 9:00 am, Celebration of Christ's Resurrection, Holy Communion



Come Worship With Us!

Easter Gifts

Easter is generally a time when gifts and memorials are presented. While we would welcome and appreciate a special gift to any of our funds most Easter gifts usually arrive as Endowment Fund, Capital Campaign Fund or Easter lilies. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church office. **This Form must accompany your contributions so that the office knows if your memorial is to be placed in the Easter Sunday handout.**

Easter lily/ Endowment Fund/ Capital Campaign (Circle one)

In Honor of _____ Or

In Memory of _____

By: _____

Number of Lilies: _____ Amount: _____



Cost is \$9.00 per Lily. Endowment Gifts and other gifts can be any amount. Please return this form to the office no later than Monday, March 13, 2023. This is a firm deadline please have your orders in by the due date so that the lily order can be placed.

MENU

Palm Sunday Bring a Friend Breakfast

APRIL 2, 2023

10:15 AM FOLLOWING.

THE PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

A FREEWILL OFFERING

WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Menu: SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE OR BACON,
HOME FRIES, TOAST AND OJ. INVITE A
FRIEND – EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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 Fritzinger, 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.

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/>



Saturday Worship – 5:30 pm

Sundays

Confirmation Class – 8:00 am

Worship – 9:00 am

Christian Education – 10:15 am

DEADLINE: All information for the **May 2023 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, April 17, 2023.** You may e-mail your information to zioncof@verizon.net 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 the 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.



Office Hours ~
Monday & Wednesday
12:00 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Pastor's Office Hours ~
Wednesday
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Please use door located on Mauch
Chunk Street, ring bell

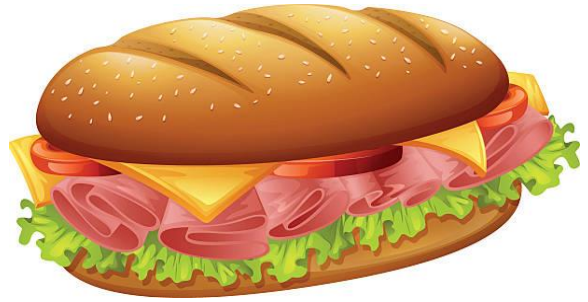
*Please remember the following in
your prayers Gwenda Rotz, Dr.
Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin
Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips,
Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth
Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph
Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi,
and all our members who are
homebound.*

Psalms 6:4
Turn, O LORD,
save my life;
deliver me for the sake of
your steadfast love.

Culinary Hoagie Sale

The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by April 23rd, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com>

or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, April 27th from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!



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 zionlcof@verizon.net (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.

PASTA Dinner

May 11, 2023

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Cost - \$10.00

Menu: Pasta, Meatballs and sausage, salad, bread, dessert. Come enjoy some good food and fellowship! Hope to see you there!



February Memorials

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 McKayla Ann Wall on the 5th anniversary of her death, by Mom & Dad (Lauren & Jesse), Nicholas & Kallia Wall

In loving memory of Larry Brennan love, Judy

In loving memory of Shirley Jean Caley by Sam Caley

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the Culinary Crew by Glenn & Lorie Fritzinger

In honor of our 41st wedding anniversary by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

In honor of the February 2nd birthday of great-granddaughter, Luna Taras by Denis Smolar

In loving memory of her father, Jasper Collura, on his February 18th birthday by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Ann Marie and David Hadesty and family

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by John, Beth, and Olivia Lattanzi

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Mike and Kathy Miller

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

In loving memory of Fern Woodring on her 96th birthday on February 14th 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

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Sharon Haldeman

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Dave & Louise Schock

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Dave and Darlene Fetterman

In loving memory of Mary Koch by bonnie Painter & family

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Gerry Zeigler

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Bob & Jean Rowan

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Ann & Tommy Starry

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Sharon & Matt Murphy

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Dorothy Wadyak & Joey

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Archie & Janice Edmonds

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Mark and Charlene Valentine

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Paul & Irene Pecha

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Mark & Charlene Valentine

In celebration of the birth of Noah Riley on February 7th by Mark & Charlene Valentine

ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Sandy Scott

In loving memory of Mary Koch by John & Carol Dietrich & family

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

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

In loving memory of her dad, Jasper Collura, on his birthday February 18th by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Ann Marie & David Hadesty

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Mitzi Koomar

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Suzanne Cunningham

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Marilyn & David Henninger

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Elizabeth Mussoline

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Tom & Janel Tirpak

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Marlin & Carolyn Tirpak

In loving memory of Mary Koch by John & Darlene Gruver

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Craig & Penny Krause

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Jason, Kelly & Joel Smith

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Don, Peg Lauk & family

In loving memory of Mary Koch by John, Nicole, John, Breanna & Eli Dietrich

Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for April 2nd.

Bulletin sponsors are needed for March 12th, & April 2nd, 16th, & 23rd.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

Planning to revise your Will sometime soon? Please consider including Zion Evangelical Lutheran in that new document. Your generosity will ensure our ministries will continue to serve our members, community and beyond.

Instead of giving up smoking, sweets, or something like that during Lent, why not give something else up, the most valuable thing you have--YOUR TIME! Volunteer to do something for your Church, your neighbor, your community. You might find that giving of yourself brings back rewards that you just never imagined. And then, keep on doing it long after Lent, make it a lifestyle.



Blessings Thrift Sale welcomed 145 shoppers on Friday, February 3, 2023. Thank you for your support!!



2023 COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP CONTACTS:

Altar Guild	Sandy Graham	570-449-1092
Acolyte Director	Art Connely	570-668-5370
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Worship & Music	Sandy Mehalko	joesan@ptd.net
Vacation Bible School	Michael Haspe	zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com



JOYFUL NOISE

(Collected the third
and fourth weekend
of the month)

February's offering
benefits earthquake
victims in Turkey and
Syria through a special
ELCA fund addressing
the catastrophe.
Your gifts are
appreciated.

Save the Date Vacation Bible School is June 12 – 16, 2023

The 2023 Theme is Cokesbury's Hero Hotline. Your continued support is appreciated. Donations to VBS should be marked "Vacation Bible School".



Hotline Verse:

"So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up."

Romans 14:19

Daily Hotline Tips:

Heroes are called to **FOLLOW JESUS**

Heroes are called to **HELP OTHERS**

Heroes are called to **WORK TOGETHER**

Heroes are called to **LISTEN TO GOD**

Heroes are called to **SHOW GRACE**

In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.

When Heroes in the field call in, the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

As kids (called Heroes) experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home, and every area of their lives.

Everyone is Welcome!! Invite a Friend!



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

SYNOD NEWS



Love for the Least

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The Global Missions Team at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA, led an advent appeal this past holiday season to support the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania, which was established by ELCA medical missionary Dr. Mark Jacobson, and also had the opportunity to lead the church's worship services on their annual Global Missions Sunday, held this year on January 22, 2023, to share about this ministry with those in attendance.

When a baby is born prematurely in Tanzania, it is considered as good as dead. Premature babies there are often referred to as 'stillbirths.' This was not acceptable to the staff of Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. Fifteen years ago they began to offer neonatal intensive care, and pediatrician Dr. Steve Swanson joined the program in 2011. Initially they were only able to save 4% of the babies. Today they serve almost 400 babies annually, and the survival rate in 2022 was 92%.

The care at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center NICU is the best in Tanzania, and in most of East Africa. No baby is turned away because of inability to pay or insurance status. The five doctors and 26 nurses who staff the NICU do not just care for the tiny infants, but for the parents as well. A hospital bed and meals are provided to every mother with a baby in the NICU and both parents are encouraged and coached on how to interact with their babies.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit raised \$3,785 from their Love for the Least appeal to be directed to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center NICU in Tanzania, and 175 preemie knit or crochet hats were lovingly crafted for the NICU infants, which they hope to send to Tanzania. These hats can save lives by helping to keep the babies warm.

Charlotte Gross, Co-Coordinator



JUNE 1-3 2023 AT
KALAHARI RESORT

ATTENTION ALL CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

Now is the time to figure out who will be your voting members at the synod assembly! Don't worry, it will be well worth their time and yours! Let's have a record turnout, as we gather together (in person) as a synod for the first time since the Great Disruption of 2020. If you have any questions contact the synod office, and together we'll figure it out together!

**BEING PUBLICLY INCLUSIVE OF ALL SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS IS AN
IMPORTANT STEP YOUR CONGREGATION CAN TAKE TO BE THE
COMMUNITY CHRIST CALLS YOU TO BE!**



Become a Reconciling in Christ congregation! Reach out to Stacey Burke in the synod office (stacey@nepsynod.org) for more information.

HONORARIUM UPDATE

How much should we pay a supply minister?
That question is frequently asked by
congregations in transition or when the regular
minister is away.

*Discussion by the Committee of Deans
produced the following:*

*"that beginning 03/01/2023, minimum
honorum amounts for supply
ministers be set as follows:*

One worship service	no less than \$175
Two worship services	no less than \$225
Three worship services	no less than \$250

an additional \$50 for multiple point charges

an additional \$50 for leading an adult forum or Sunday School class

*an additional \$75 if one of the services is on a day other than Sunday;
(Saturday evenings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good
Friday, etc.)*

**Starting
March**

**FOR THE MOST UP-TO-
DATE NEWS AND STORIES
FOLLOW US ON ALL
SOCIAL MEDIA
PLATFORMS OR VISIT US
AT GODSLOVE.ORG**

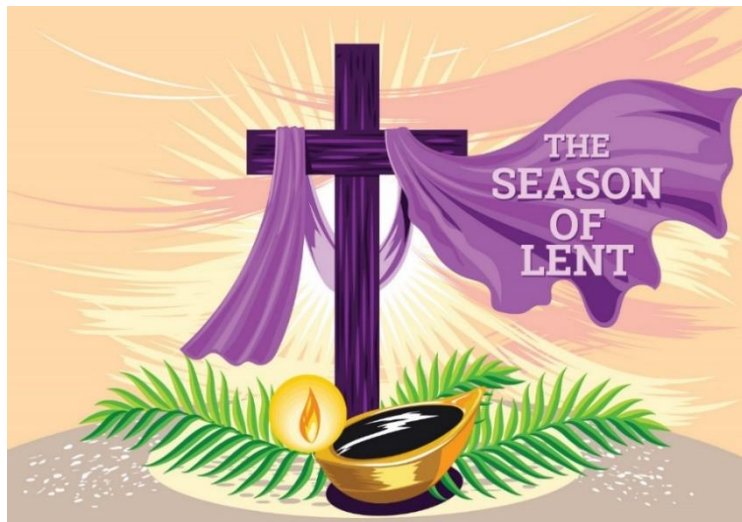
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This Newsletter was prepared
Especially for:



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