



# The Rosette

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Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed!

What do you do in light of this good news?

On that 1<sup>st</sup> Easter evening, some of the disciples gathered together behind locked doors for fear of the world outside. The Risen Christ met them there, in the midst of their fear and uncertainty, and gave them specific instructions for Easter living.

John 20:19-22 tells us “Jesus came and stood among them and said ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he said this, he breathed on them and said ‘receive the Holy Spirit...’”

Jesus breathed a Spirit of peace and courage into his fear-filled friends and sent them out to tell others the good news about the God of Resurrection. That’s our job too! Easter sends us out to live joyfully and boldly as disciples of the Risen Christ.

On that first Easter morning, after Mary Magdalene encountered Jesus in the garden, her simple testimony was “I have seen the Lord.” When Jesus’ disciples reported to Thomas their Easter experience in the locked room, they say “we have seen the Lord.”

With these disciples we too are sent out to tell others “we have seen the Lord!” (Remember, when we have seen life-giving love in action, we too can say “we have seen the Lord!”)

We are sent out to share the Spirit of life and love and peace we have received from Jesus.

We are sent out to meet the Risen One who goes ahead of us to surprise and bless us on the way.

Easter then, is not just a day set aside for coming together in celebration. Easter is the experience of seeing the Risen One, receiving His Spirit, and being sent in His name. We are sent people! Marked with the cross of Christ from the waters of baptism, we are marked for Easter living!

Pastor Kate

## Holy Week Schedule



### **March 24 @ 9:15am – Palm/Passion Sunday – “All Glory, Laud and Honor!”**

Blessing of the palms, Reading of the Passion story and Holy Communion

### **March 28 @ 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday**

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he gave us a new commandment and he lifted up the cup of a new covenant. We gather for worship in the shadow of the cross on this night, we are fed with His love and sent forth as a people called to remember and pray.

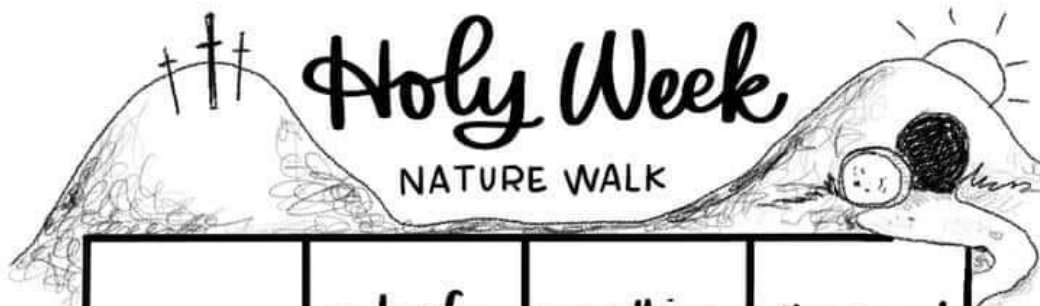
### **March 29 @ 12:00pm – Good Friday Worship with Stations of the Cross**

This worship “on the way of the cross” will incorporate spoken word, photographic images, hymns, prayer, and silent reflection. The traditional stations of the cross will invite us to consider places in our world today experiencing the same pain and suffering we hear about on Good Friday. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the way of the cross is the way of life.

### **March 29 @ 2:00pm – Community Tenebrae Service at Pleasant View**

### **March 31 @ 9:15am – Festival Worship for the Resurrection of our Lord**

Come early or stay after the service for a time of Easter fellowship in the Rose Parlor



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|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| a cross<br>MARK 15:21                   | a leafy branch<br>MARK 11:8              | something broken<br>MARK 14:3         | the sound of a bird<br>MARK 14:72               |
| water<br>JOHN 13:5                      | a heart<br>JOHN 13:34                    | a table<br>LUKE 22:14                 | twelve of something<br>MARK 14:17               |
| something sharp or thorny<br>MARK 15:17 | something purple<br>JOHN 19:5            | something hiding<br>JOHN 20:19        | a stone<br>MARK 15:46                           |
| something empty<br>MARK 16:6            | something springing to life<br>LUKE 24:5 | a sweet or spiced scent<br>JOHN 19:40 | each letter of Alleluia!<br>HE IS RISEN INDEED! |

During Holy Week we tell the story of Jesus' last week, from the triumphal entry to the Last Supper, cross, and empty tomb. Take a walk and use all your senses to find the things listed above. Take a photo or check it off, then look up the verse.

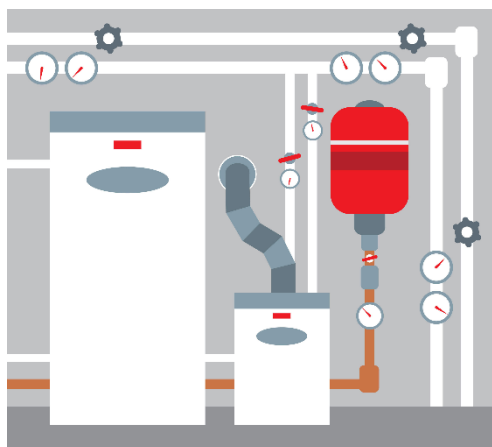


## Bible Study: Christian Living in a Violent World

What does the Bible say about peace? Beginning on Sunday April 21 following worship, Pastor Kate will lead a 5 week study focusing on the bible's understandings of peace. We will look at the idea of shalom as a gift from God, and explore the biblical perspective on peace as a cornerstone for faithful living in a violent world.

# Annual Report Addendum

A revision to the Account Balance page in the 2023 Annual Report has been printed and is available in the Rose Parlor. The account balances reflected in the report booklet were incorrectly dated as end of the year when they were actually from the end of November. The Revised page of account balances is correct for 12/31/23.



## Sanctuary Heating System

We continue to wait for a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote for replacement of the steam boiler serving the sanctuary and meeting space. The 2 quotes previously received range from \$43,000 to \$53,000 and include different specifications. At this point in time, those who have reviewed the proposals have greater confidence in the higher proposal. Once we have received and reviewed the third proposal, a recommendation will be made to the council. The

council, in consultation with the finance committee, will be looking at options for financing. As required by our constitution, the council will call a congregational meeting to seek approval for moving ahead with the boiler replacement once we have all the information needed.

Remember: All 2024 contributions designated for the Capital Campaign will be used to help fund this project.

## Save the Date

**SAVE THE DATE** of June 9, 2024, as Zion celebrates the 132<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Festival of the Red Rose.

The morning worship service and payment of the rent will begin at 10:30am with a reception held in the Rose Parlor prior to the morning worship service.

Representing the Henry William Stiegel family this year for the rose payment is Ms. Karen Woltz, who resides in Leesburg, VA. Karen is a 9<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Henry William and Elizabeth Holz Stiegel.

We hope to see you there! There will be additional information about the rose service in the May Rosette.



## Camping Trips Scheduled



**We're heading to the hills again two times this year!!**

Our annual trip to Gettysburg Campground will be April 19-21. We will have our annual movie night outside on a large screen sitting around the campfire. Saturday, you may tour the Gettysburg Battlefield or have a day on your own.

Our second trip will be May 11-13 to Harper's Ferry, WV. There are many things to do over the weekend. Tour the historic town, bike on the rail trail, or hike to the overlook affording a view of the river and town. Come, join us for either/both weekends or for the day. Always a great time with good food and fellowship. Any questions about the trips, contact Sharon Lynes at 717-413-0895.

## Food Pantry Needs



During the month of April, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for canned tuna or chicken, and pasta (macaroni, shells, spaghetti, etc.). They could use some reusable grocery bags. They no longer need plastic grocery bags at this time.

Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Put donations in the cart outside the church office or drop them in the box on the porch of the food pantry at 334 W. Gramby St., Manheim. Monetary donations may also be sent to the MC Food Pantry, c/o Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N. Penn St., Manheim, PA 17545.

## Day of Renewal Event for Women

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-3:30pm**

Sponsored by the Lower Susquehanna Synod Women of ELCA and hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Orange St., Lititz, this event features motivational Christian speaker, singer, and actress, Karen Knight. Her theme for the day is "Footprints...Encounters with Jesus." Cost is \$30 (includes program and lunch). They will collect special offerings for the Lititz Community Chest (shelf stable foods, toilet paper, paper towels). Any questions, please contact Sandy Bingaman at 717-665-5265. (Poster and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the church entrance hallway). Come for a fun day out! Deadline for registration is Wed., April 10<sup>th</sup>.

# Learning to Ask God Questions

*From Pastor Kate: I am currently reading a couple of books addressing the challenges faced by the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The following commentary is an excerpt from Leading Faithful Innovation: Following God into a Hopeful Future. Your thoughts in response are welcome!*

[In looking at our past, and considering the future], we usually hear what may be called “church questions.” These are questions like, *How can we get more people to join our church? How can our church meet a need in the neighborhood? How can we attract more young families?* These questions are understandable, arising from genuine concern for the church and for our neighbors. However, they tend to default toward a posture of fixing the church. Our focus becomes centered on what we can do to sustain or grow the church as an institution. God’s role tends to drop out of view.

Moreover, our neighbors can easily become abstractions (“young families,” “the needy”) rather than actual people with whom we have relationships and whose stories we know. We can turn them into objects of attraction or fixing according to our visions and plans for them. We can lose sight of our neighbors as people among whom God is already at work.

[One of the great challenges we face is] to change the questions we ask from **“church questions” to “God questions.”** God questions can’t be answered through strategic plans and managerial solutions. They require a different posture of listening, discernment (paying attention to God), experimentation, and reflection in community. They draw us closer to God and our neighbors—not as objects but as particular people with unique stories, yearnings, and dreams.

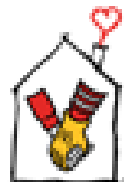
“God questions” ask, What might God be up to in the lives of our neighbors? Where has God been present in the history of our congregation? How might the Spirit be moving in the lives of our church’s members or calling us to join God’s work in the neighborhood?

We believe that the church’s future is waiting to be discovered not inside the walls of church buildings or in committee meetings but on journeys into the neighborhood [where we have been sent by Jesus]. The social and cultural shifts that are eroding established church structures are too big for any of us to reverse. Trying to “fix” the church will not get us very far and will instead distract us from the deeper work at hand. We need a very different kind of imagination, approach, and set of practices.

# Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion met on March 18<sup>th</sup> with 16 of us in attendance.

This meeting started off with a special presentation by Patrice Stillwell, the Operations Director of the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. Patrice told us about the start of the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RHMC) in 1974. Founded by Fred & Fran Hall, with the support of



members of the Philadelphia Eagles football team, this charity has grown in 50 years to include 380 campuses in 48 countries! The RMH in

**Ronald McDonald House Charities** Hershey was founded in 1984 and from its beginning of having 8 rooms to provide for parents of children being

treated at the Penn State Health Center has now grown to a facility with 36 rooms! This “no-fee” accommodation enables parents to remain as close as possible to their child being treated for serious illnesses. We were given a “Wish List” of small items that are used in the “House” and later this spring, we’ll be holding a collection for these items! Specifics to be announced at a later date.

March 17<sup>th</sup> marked the official end of our “Gift Card Campaign” and the cards collected for the Home on Ferdinand totaled \$1,050.00! Yes, that’s correct...over \$1,000.00. What a great response! Please stop by the Daughters’ display on the hallway bulletin board and read the lovely “Thank You” from the Manheim Community Group.

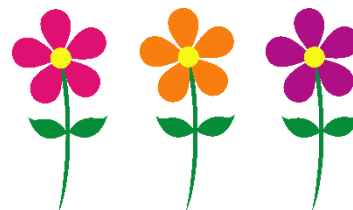
Our next meeting is slated for **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, and we’ll celebrate spring with light-hearted games and prizes!

We meet on the third Monday of every month at 1:30

Please join us! We’d love to see you!

Daughters of Zion –

Committed to serving the Manheim Community



# Preschool News

Spring is in the air!

With some warmer weather gracing us this past month, we were able to get some much-needed fresh air and enjoyed the playground and some time outside.

March started with our Pre-K classes reading the book Green Eggs & Ham. Mrs. Krushinsky was our chef, and she made a batch of green eggs and ham. It was fun watching the kids taste the special treat and decide if they liked it or not – most gave her a “thumbs up”! We have also been busy with school pictures, vision screening, and Saint Patrick’s Day shenanigans.



Easter is coming quickly and so are Easter and spring crafts! If you have a chance to walk down the Preschool halls, you will see fun and creative crafts from our budding artists!

Thank you for your continued support of Zion Lutheran Preschool!

*Katie*





## April Birthdays

4/1 Bill Martin  
Francesca McClure  
4/5 Karen Kline  
4/11 Heather Wilkie  
4/12 Jared Fry  
4/14 Don Shelly  
4/16 Barbara Grunenberger  
4/18 Sharon Lynes  
4/19 Jayne Burns  
4/21 Linda Bretz  
Pr. Kate Warn  
4/27 Nic Spohn  
4/30 Rubye Barto  
Don Breneman  
Don Gabel  
Connie Hershey



## April Anniversaries

4/10 Bill & Linda Martin  
4/13 Mike & Beth Schroll  
4/18 Ed & Barb Evock (65 years)  
Don & Patsy Gabel (70 years)  
4/20 Donn & Deb Gehman (50 years)  
4/28 Brandon & Ronda Moore  
Marc & Carol Phillips

Thank you all for the many cards and well-wishes you expressed on our recent 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was lovely being thought of in such a nice way. It's truly a blessing to have friends such as all of you to share on life's journey. We had a wonderful time!

*Mike & Donna Dieter*

# Parish Registry



**Marriage** – Bronson Nolt and Kassidy Breneman were married on February 14, 2024 – Their address is 257 S. Charlotte St., Manheim, PA 17545 Phone: 717-824-0865

**Address Change** – Yvonne Kauffman, 9 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

## Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

| <b>OFFERINGS</b>                              | Mo. Total | Budget |
|---|-----------|--------|
| February General Fund offering                | 15,965    | 18,963 |
| February Greater Zion Fund offering           | 2,392     | -----  |
| March General Fund offering (as of 3/18)      | 15,235    | 23,704 |
| March Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 3/18) | 11,755    | -----  |



## Prayer Chain

**The Expanded Prayer List** is published at the beginning of each month. Printed copies are available at the church. **Please contact Linda Keiffer @ 742-2149** to add a name to the list and to initiate the prayer chain. She will, in turn, notify the church office of the name and the reason for prayer.

Current Prayer Warriors to Zion's Prayer Chain include: Rubye Barto, Holly Brosey, Linda Keiffer, and Yvonne Kreider.

***Take note: Please have permission from the person whose name you are placing on the list for prayer. The name of the contact person and phone number are also important for updates and further information about the person being prayed for.***

# April Readings

|     |  |      |   |
|-----|--|------|---|
| 4/1 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24<br>Genesis 1:1-19<br>1 Corinthians 15:35-49                                 | 4/10 | Psalm 135<br>Isaiah 26:1-15<br>Mark 12:18-27  |
| 4/2 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24<br>Genesis 1:20-2:4a<br>1 Corinthians 15:50-58                              | 4/11 | Psalm 4<br>Daniel 9:1-19<br>1 John 2:18-25  |
| 4/3 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24<br>Song of Solomon 3:1-11<br>Mark 16:1-8                                    | 4/12 | Psalm 4<br>Daniel 10:2-19<br>1 John 2:26-28   |
| 4/4 | Psalm 133<br>Daniel 1:1-21<br>Acts 2:42-47   | 4/13 | Psalm 4<br>Acts 3:1-10<br>Luke 22:24-30   |
| 4/5 | Psalm 133<br>Daniel 2:1-23<br>Acts 4:23-31   | 4/14 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Acts 3:12-19<br>Psalm 4<br>1 John 3:1-7<br>Luke 24:36b-48 |
| 4/6 | Psalm 133<br>Daniel 2:24-49<br>John 12:44-50   | 4/15 | Psalm 150<br>Jeremiah 30:1-11a<br>1 John 3:10-16  |
| 4/7 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Acts 4:32-35<br>Psalm 133<br>1 John 1:1-2:2<br>John 20:19-31 | 4/16 | Psalm 150<br>Hosea 5:15-6:6<br>2 John 1-6   |
| 4/8 | Psalm 135<br>Daniel 3:1-30<br>1 John 2:3-11  | 4/17 | Psalm 150<br>Proverbs 9:1-6<br>Mark 16:9-18   |
| 4/9 | Psalm 135<br>Daniel 6:1-28<br>1 John 2:12-17   | 4/18 | Psalm 23<br>Genesis 30:215-43<br>Acts 3:17-26   |

## April Readings, cont'd

4/19 Psalm 23  
Genesis 46:28-47:6  
Acts 4:1-4

4/20 Psalm 23  
Genesis 48:8-19  
Mark 6:30-34

4/21 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

4/22 Psalm 95  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
1 Peter 5:1-5

4/23 Psalm 95  
1 Chronicles 11:1-9  
Revelation 7:13-17

4/24 Psalm 95  
Micah 7:8-20  
Mark 14:26-31

4/25 Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 8:1-7  
Acts 8:1b-8

4/26 Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 8:11-13  
Acts 8:9-25

4/27 Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 9:7-15  
Mark 4:30-32

4/28 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

4/29 Psalm 80  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Galatians 5:16-26

4/30 Psalm 80  
Isaiah 32:9-20  
James 3:17-18

*enjoy the little  
things in life  
for one day you  
will look back  
and realize  
they were the  
big things*

# Altar Flowers



- Apr. 7 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- Apr. 14 Don & Patsy Gabel in honor of their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Apr. 21 Lenny & Jayne Burns in honor of their parents
- Apr. 28 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

**Note: Flowers are \$40 per week, and must be paid to the church by the beginning of the month for the flowers you are sponsoring. Thank you.**

# Bulletin Sponsors

Month of April – Susan & Jim Scales

Bulletins are - \$9.00 per week



# Worship Help Schedule

We need helpers for this position. Please sign on the volunteer sheet outside the church office.

| Date | Greeters/Ushers       | Lay Readers     | Communion Assistants |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 4/7  | Dave & Sharon Lynes   | Paul Caplinger  | Donna Wilkie         |
| 4/14 | Mike & Kathy Connelly | Mary Welliver   | Kathy Connelly       |
| 4/21 | Stan Rohrer           | Norm Drescher   | Lenny Burns          |
| 4/28 | Jim & Susan Scales    | Brian Miller    | Denny Valins         |
|      |                       |                 |                      |
| 5/5  | Stacy Fry             | Donna Wilkie    |                      |
| 5/12 | Donn & Deb Gehman     | Denny Valins    |                      |
| 5/19 | Brian Miller          | Kyle Spohn      |                      |
| 5/26 | Dave & Betty Wise     | Carol Atherholt |                      |

# Zion's Prayers

**Please remember Zion's members as you pray:**

|                 |                      |                    |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Helen Blank     | Kate Eichelberger    | Patsy Gabel        |
| Earl Gernert    | Barbara Grunenberger | Missy Hoffman      |
| Yvonne Kauffman | Martha Maney         | Bill Martin        |
| Erma May        | Jackie McKinney      | Betty Minnich      |
| Sue Murray      | Donna Ober           | Nic & Stefan Spohn |
| Mary Welliver   |                      |                    |

**Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:**

|                   |                    |                     |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Emily Bair        | Daryl Barry        | Edna Barto          |
| Neil Bartsch      | Tom Beil           | Mary Bisking        |
| Kathy Brosey      | Donnie Burns       | Winnie Cammauf      |
| Ciara Dierking    | Joyce Diffenderfer | Bill Duncan         |
| Jaxson Eberly     | Lee Elgire         | Judy Erb            |
| Lewis Ettinger    | Dave Faus          | Julie Fetter        |
| Judy Fiene        | Jeff Fry           | Hana Haatainen-Caye |
| Mason Heishman    | Doug Lowry         | Yasir Makki         |
| Mary Ann & Doug   | Pamela Nester      | Sandy Pennell       |
| Kathy Rhine       | Brandy Rhodes      | Mahlon Schreiber    |
| Cathy Shaw        | Abby Shipe         | Kyler Shupp         |
| Frank Smith       | Michelle Spaeder   | Rachel Toole        |
| Thad Toole        | Joyce & De Warn    | Tom Welliver        |
| Christine Yarnell |                    |                     |

**Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:**

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

*Please take some time to remember  
all these people in our prayers.*

*They each have individual needs that  
your prayers can help them with.*

