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The 40 day season of Lent is often described as a penitential season, a set apart time for acknowledging our own need for repentance and for God's mercy.

It's worth noting that the word "lent" comes from an old English word meaning "lengthening of the day." In the broadest sense then, lent translates as "spring."

Signs of spring seem to be coming early this year. Daffodils are emerging and crocuses are blooming. A few days ago, when the weather was fine and warm, I worked in my garden to cut back last year's perennials and to do some general cleaning. Soon it will be time for more intensive pruning in preparation for new growth.

This year I have been thinking about Lent as a season for tending and pruning our lives. This work is so important to create space for new growth.

In John 15, Jesus says: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

This Lent, here are some questions to ponder: What needs pruning in your life? How might it feel to trust God as the One who prunes? How might God be calling you to new growth? Is God calling you to growth in prayer, or in stewardship, or in works of mercy?

The season of Lent invites us anew to abide in Jesus for the sake of new growth and life. This Lent, I pray that we will take the time and make the effort to abide, with all the pruning, tending, caring this entails. Those who abide with Jesus will bear much fruit!

Pastor Kate



Time to Spring Ahead Again

Daylight Savings Time begins on Saturday night, March 11th. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed that night to reflect the time change.

Save The Date (revised)

We are planning for a congregational fellowship dinner on Sunday April 30, time to be announced. We will be organizing congregational cooks to prepare ziti casseroles for our meal, and other menu items will be announced.

Easter Egg Hunt with the Preschool

This years' Easter outreach to the students and families of the Zion Preschool will be an Easter Egg hunt and craft time on Saturday, April 1. Beginning in early March, we will be collecting candy to fill the eggs, and a date will be announced for stuffing the eggs late in March. Please note that the Zion Preschool is nut free, as there are a couple of kids with severe nut allergies enrolled. All candy must be nut free, wrapped, and small enough to fit in a typical plastic egg.



New Banners at Zion

We give thanks to a small group of Zion members for their work over the past few months to design and create new banners for our worship space. This group has been meeting to discuss scripture and the themes of the various church seasons, and we have been blessed by the fruit of their efforts. Funds from the Memorial account have allowed for the purchase of the beautiful cloth materials and supplies. After completing banners for Advent and Epiphany, work is now underway to complete altar and pulpit paraments, and a pastor's stole for the season of Lent. If anyone is interested in contributing ideas or energy to this endeavor, talk to Karen Kline.

Holden Evening Prayer (and soup supper) for Lent

We will offer a contemplative service of worship for the Lenten season on Sunday, March 19 at 5:30 pm (followed by a light soup supper). This is a good worship option for those who find it difficult to make it to worship by 9:15 am on Sundays. Check the bulletin in March for more details.



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, Yvonne Kreider, Verna Landry, Judy Long, and Donna Rhodes.

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.

If the weather outside is frightful...

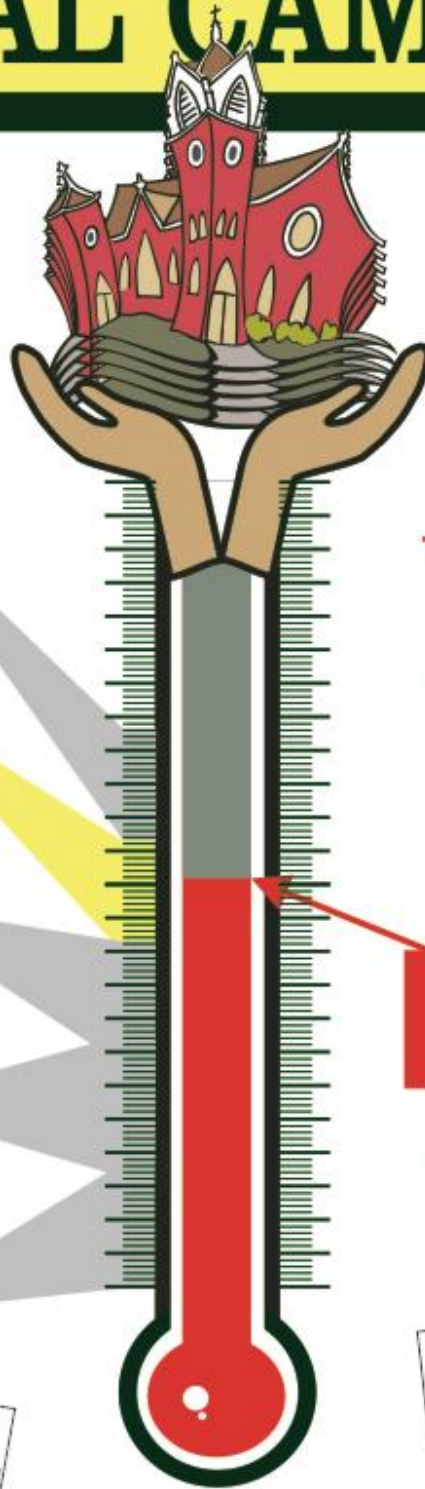
Please check Zion's facebook page, or call the office for the status of worship or other activities. Pastor Kate will record a message for the church answering machine (press 1 for Worship schedule) in the event we need to cancel worship.

If Sunday morning in-person worship needs to be cancelled, we hope to offer an alternative online. If weather conditions are questionable, please use your own discretion as to whether you want to go out or not. We certainly do not want to have anyone experience an accident trying to get here. Please, be safe. We will see you at another time.



Investing in the Future

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**PROJECTED
ANNUAL PLEDGING**

thru
2024

\$162,500

thru
2023

\$130,000

thru
2022

\$97,500

thru
2021

\$65,000

thru
2020

\$32,500

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LUTHERAN
CHURCH

**CURRENT
GIVING**

\$121,703

thru 2-20-2023



We are now working on our 4th year's commitment!
You may make contributions to the Capital Campaign
by using your regular offering envelope
and designating in writing "Capital Campaign" on the line marked "other".

Food Pantry Needs

During the month of March, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for cereal, crackers, toilet paper, canned beef vegetable soup, egg noodles, Juice, Spam, paper towels, canned pineapple, shampoo, plastic grocery bags, and diapers.



Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Please put your donations in the grocery cart outside the church office or drop them in the collection box on the front porch of the food pantry located 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.

Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion class meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:30 in the Rose Parlor. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 20th, at 1:30pm. For the March meeting, we'll revisit Africa with Pastor Kate. She will share more of her pictures from her visit to Sierra Leone in November as well as photos from Rwanda. All members of the congregation are welcome to this presentation.



The class assists in church and community activities where there is a need. They also collect food items for the Manheim Central Food Pantry. The pantry is looking for cereal, crackers, toilet paper, canned beef vegetable soup, egg noodles, juice, Spam, paper towels, canned pineapple, and shampoo. Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Hunger never stops, so remember all items are greatly appreciated.

See you in March!!

The Daughters of Zion Class is collecting items (listed on the next page) for the Child Life Program in conjunction with the Northwest EMS. When a child is admitted to the hospital, it can be a very unsettling experience. One of the ways hospitals alleviate the anxiety of procedures and unfamiliar surroundings is by providing toys, activities, puzzles and other items that can pre-occupy the child and distract them from their situation. To help alleviate the shortage of items that our hospitals experience from time to time, Northwest EMS is a Child Life donation point for Penn Medicine/Lancaster General Hospital and Penn State Children's Hospital. Suggested items are listed below. **Please only donate NEW and UNUSED items.**

CHILD LIFE NEEDS:

INFANT/TODDLER IDEAS

Fisher Price, Lamaze and Sassy brand plastic crib toys
(ie: crib mirrors, toys, projectors, etc.)
Electronic light-up/musical toys
Plastic stacking/nesting toys/infant links
Playschool Glo Worm
Duplo Legos
Board books



PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL AGE IDEAS

Fisher Price Little People items and Little People animals
Lego, K'nex & Magnet Tile sets
Play Doh kits/containers
Musical instruments
Plastic play food
Barbie & Ken dolls (all ethnicities)
Baby Alive dolls
Puzzles
Cars/Trucks/Matchbox cars
Remote control cars
Fisher Price doctor's kits
I Spy books/Look & Find books
Reading books
Superhero Marvel & Avengers action figures
Playing cards

ART SUPPLY IDEAS

Crayola craft supplies (markers, colored pencils, crayons, paint)
Craft supplies (construction paper, coloring books, scissors, glitter glue, paint brushes)
Stickers & sticker scenes, sticker by number
Journals & sketch books
Teen coloring books
Craft kits (preschool thru young adult)
Small Play Doh containers

TWEEN/TEEN IDEAS

Puzzles
Nail polish
Ear buds
Board games
Playing cards

SUGGESTED ELECTRONIC ITEMS

DVD's (Rated G, PG, PG-13)
Video games rated "E" for everyone or "T" for Teen – for these systems:
Xbox 1 & Nintendo Switch
Electronic handheld games

There is a collection box located at the back of the main Sunday School Room for you to deposit your donations. It will remain there until Monday, March 20th, at which time the donations will be picked up by Lori Shank, Manheim's representative from Northwest EMS. We appreciate your willingness to partner with the Daughters of Zion class in collecting things for the kids. Any amount will help out! ***TOGETHER we can make a BIG IMPACT!***



Preschool News

The overall mild weather has been our friend as we hope to not have to disrupt classes with snow days. It does make some of our planned lessons surrounding cold weather a little harder to add in!

We started February with parent-teacher conferences. Our teachers enjoyed touching base with parents and reviewing and planning for next steps for these wonderful children.

Friendships were celebrated over Valentine's parties and exchanges and the kids were excited to make special bags and deliver notes and trinkets to their friends.

We just opened enrollment for the 2023/2024 school year and are well on our way to filling our classes. If you know of anyone with a child in the Toddler/Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten range, please feel free to share information about our school with them. We look forward to getting many of our friends back and meeting new families for next year!

Thank you for your continued support of Zion Lutheran Preschool!

Katie

Teen Central Banquet Invitation

Teen Central is holding their Annual Banquet on Tues., March 21st from 6:00-8:30pm at The Junction Center, 1875 Junction Rd., Manheim. Doors open at 5:30pm. Handmade and donated items from local businesses and individuals, along with themed gift baskets and more will be available for bidding at their Silent Auction, which begins at 6:00pm. The meal begins at 6:30pm, with programming to follow. This year's guest speaker is Arthur C. Woods, a teen life coach for middle school and high school students.



This is a free event, but reservations must be made to Teen Central at 717-664-2990 or info@teencentralmanheim.org by March 10th.

March Birthdays

3/4 Jessica Summy
3/6 David Mann
3/15 Heather Fotiou
Tim Sheaffer
3/16 Donna Wilkie
3/21 Mike Schroll
3/23 Donna Ober
3/24 Rick Brosey
3/30 Linda Barthold
3/31 Yvonne Kauffman



March Anniversaries

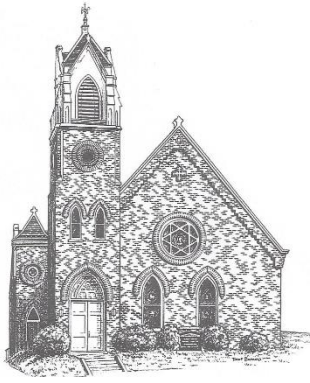
3/9 Mike & Donna Dieter
3/17 Dave & Suzette Swarr

Souper Bowl Challenge Results

Unfortunately, upon completion of the Souper Bowl Challenge that we participated in with St. Paul's UCC, we fell a few cans of soup short. St. Paul's was the winner this time! We collected 405 cans, and St. Paul's just nudged past us with a total of 414. What a great outpouring of love shown to our community neighbors! Just think, our two churches together gathered over 800 cans in a short amount of time! What else could we all do for good if we were challenged on a regular basis? The possibilities are endless!!

Thank you for the cards of sympathy and birthday wishes. All were greatly appreciated. God's Blessings.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Kreider



Parish Registry

Death – Utha Webb – 2/13/23

Phone Change: John & Kate Eichelberger – No longer have a land line
(J) 717-723-1630 (K) 717-823-7208

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

<i>OFFERINGS</i>	Mo. Total	Budget
January General Fund offering	25,689	23,165
January Capital Campaign offering	3,120	-----
Feb. General Fund offering (as of 2/20/23)	13,510	18,532
Feb. Capital Campaign offering (as of 2/20/23)	3,519	— —

Living Lutheran Magazine

The Living Lutheran magazine will print six issues this year, with its final issue in December, 2023. Spreading the gospel and sharing stories of our church have been at the foundation of who we are as Christians and Lutherans. And, while there will no longer be a printed magazine, the sharing and spreading of the good news continues each day. Transitioning to a full online storytelling format allows the organization to reach a broader audience, thus providing for greater engagement with Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike. We encourage you to sign up for Living Lutheran's e-digest, a weekly email that highlights the top five most read stories on LivingLutheran.org. We hope you take advantage of this new opportunity.

March Readings

3/1	Psalm 32 Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 Matthew 18:10-14	3/10	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:9-21 Ephesians 2:11-22
3/2	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:1-3 2 Timothy 1:3-7	3/11	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:27-35 John 4:1-6
3/3	Psalm 121 Micah 7:18-20 Romans 3:21-31	3/12	3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
3/4	Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:4-8 Luke 7:1-10	3/13	Psalm 81 Genesis 24:1-27 2 John 1-13
3/5	2nd Sunday in Lent Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	3/14	Psalm 81 Genesis 29:1-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
3/6	Psalm 128 Numbers 21:4-9 Hebrews 3:1-6	3/15	Psalm 81 Jeremiah 2:4-13 John 7:14-31, 37-39
3/7	Psalm 128 Isaiah 65:17-25 Romans 4:6-13	3/16	Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:10-21 Ephesians 4:25-32
3/8	Psalm 128 Ezekiel 36:22-32 John 7:53-8:11	3/17	Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:22-31 Ephesians 5:1-9
3/9	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:1-8 Colossians 1:15-23	3/18	Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:32-34 John 1:1-9

March Readings, cont'd

3/19 **4th Sunday in Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

3/27 Psalm 143

1 Kings 17:17-24

Acts 20:7-12

3/28 Psalm 143

2 Kings 4:18-37

Ephesians 2:1-10

3/20 Psalm 146

Isaiah 59:9-19

Acts 9:1-20

3/29 Psalm 143

Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41

Matthew 22:23-33

3/21 Psalm 146

Isaiah 42:14-21

Colossians 1:9-14

3/30 Psalm 31:9-16

1 Samuel 16:11-13

Philippians 1:1-11

3/22 Psalm 146

Isaiah 60:17-22

Matthew 9:27-34

3/31 Psalm 31:9-16

Job 13:13-19

Philippians 1:21-30

3/23 Psalm 130

Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8-3:3

Revelation 10:1-11

3/24 Psalm 130

Ezekiel 33:10-16

Revelation 11:15-19

3/25 Psalm 130

Ezekiel 36:8-15

Luke 24:44-53


3/26 **5th Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45



Your
word
is a lamp
to guide my feet
and
a light
for my path.

Psalm 119:105

Altar Flowers



- 3/5 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- 3/12 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- 3/19 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- 3/26 *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 March – Kelly Barthold in memory
of Harold C. Barthold

Bulletins are - \$9.00 per week



Worship Help Schedule

Date	Greeters/Ushers	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants
3/5	Stan Rohrer	Carol Atherholt	Len Burns
3/12	Jody Hess	Wayne Olson	Deb Gehman
3/19	Martha Rudisill	Kyle Spohn	Denny Valins
3/26	Dan & Jean Rambler	John Blanck	-----
4/2	Stacy Fry	Fay Varner	-----
4/9	Dave & Sharon Lynes	Ronda Moore	-----
4/16	Bob & Mary Ann Greiner	Paul Caplinger	-----
4/23	Dave & Betty Wise	Norm Drescher	-----
4/30	Sandy Quesenberry	Donna Moore	-----

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Helen Blank	Doug Connelly	Karen Connelly
Kate Eichelberger	Verdella Frey	Barbara Grunenberger
Kay Hoffer	Judy Long	Erma May
Jacquie McKinney	Betty Minnich	Donna Moore
Nadine Mozingo	Joe Murray	Sue Murray
Donna Ober	Donna Rhodes	Nic & Stefan Spohn
Mary Welliver		

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Denny Ammerman	Daryl Barry	Delores Barthold
Edna Barto	Neil Bartsch	Mary Bisking
Kathy Brosey	Hana Haatainen Caye	Tina Dieter
Bill Duncan	Terri Elgire	Lewis Ettinger
Jerry Fickling	Judy Fiene	Justin
Ed Keyser	Roberta Martini	Ken Miller
Ed Moyer	Bishop Mugabo	Zach Oberholtzer
Sandy Pennell	Donna Peters	Brandy Rhodes
Doris Ritter	Jimmy Rodriguez	Arlene Ross
Frank Smith	Lisa Smith	Paula Stevens
Rachel Toole	Thad Toole	Joyce Warn

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Dylan Bowers, Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, Ret. Sr. Chief Ed Sexton, and Nicholas Thomas

*Please take some time to remember
all these people in our prayers.
They each have individual needs that
your prayers can help them with.*

