

The Rosette

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Dear Friends,

As I look ahead to the month of March and on, into spring, the theme of the season is "MAYBE."

Will we return to in-person worship anytime soon? Maybe.

Will the weather allow for outdoor worship? Maybe.

Will I be able to be vaccinated before the summer? Maybe.

Will I be able to see and hug my loved ones soon? Maybe.

Will the coronavirus variants be an issue? Maybe.

Is the end of the covid pandemic drawing nearer? Maybe.

We continue to live in a season of maybe, and this makes planning for the future a huge challenge. (Not to mention, exhausting!)

"Living with maybe" means that we are not planning too far ahead in this season here at Zion. In particular I want to note that we have not yet made final plans for Holy Week and Easter, but will offer updated details and plans later in March.

While the number of covid-19 cases and deaths have decreased significantly in Lancaster County in recent weeks, the county is still in a dangerously high risk category for transmission of the disease. The goal (per synod guidelines) is less than a 5% positivity rate, when the number of new infections is 20 per 100,000. Since we are moving in the right direction county-wide, I am hopeful we may soon consider a return to in-person worship, but we want to do so with care and prayer! Further discussion about the status of in-person gatherings at Zion will take place at the council meeting on March 8.

In the meantime, we continue to hold fast to the good news. "As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been "Yes and No." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you... was not "Yes and No"; but in him it is always "Yes." For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God." (2 Cor. 1:18-20)

With prayers for Lenten grace and peace, and with gratitude for God's resounding YES in Jesus,
Pastor Kate

Holy Week and Easter: Initial Thoughts

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 28. During the live streamed morning prayer time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, Pastor Kate will offer readings of the Passion of Christ from Matthew, Mark and Luke.

We are tentatively planning outdoor, Good Friday Worship and the Easter Vigil in cooperation with St. Paul Lutheran Church in Penryn.
Good Friday worship will take place at St. Paul and the Easter Vigil at Zion.

Other details: To be Announced



Time to Spring Ahead!!

A quick reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins on Saturday night, March 13th. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed that night to reflect the time change.

Did you Know...

You can watch recordings of Zion's Sunday and special worship services on You Tube? A video recording of the previously live streamed worship service is posted to Zion's YouTube page every Sunday, usually ½ - 1 hour after the conclusion of the service. The videos are also available on Zion's Website at www.zionmanheim.com via a facebook feed on the opening page, or under Video file on the Ministry tab.

And:

Live-streaming of Morning Prayer continues on Zion's facebook page, Monday – Friday at 9:15, with Art and Music Video devotionals on Fridays.

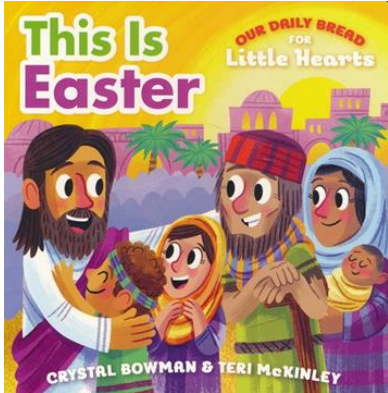
We will be offering a pre-recorded video of Holden Evening Prayer for Lent later in March.

A Campfire Fellowship in the parking lot will be scheduled for a Sunday afternoon/evening in March. Watch for details.

Outreach Challenge

Sharing the Good News of Easter with Pre-School Families

As the Zion Lutheran Preschool marks 51 years of educational ministry, we continue to look for ways to strengthen and grow the relationship between the congregation and the families we serve in Manheim. This has been especially challenging in the 2020-2021 school year, given all the covid restrictions.



In order to share the good news about Jesus at Easter with Preschool families this year, we would like to offer the gift of “*This is Easter*” to the 70 families with children in the preschool. Through creative, rhyming verse and vibrant, colorful images, *This is Easter* introduces children to Jesus and the true meaning of Easter. The cost per book is approximately \$5, so we are looking for Zion members to sponsor a book or two or three as a way to share the good news of our faith.

You can designate a contribution for a book with your regular offerings between now and March 21. If we are able to sponsor more than 70 books, we will also purchase copies to give to families participating in the Toddler Gym program.

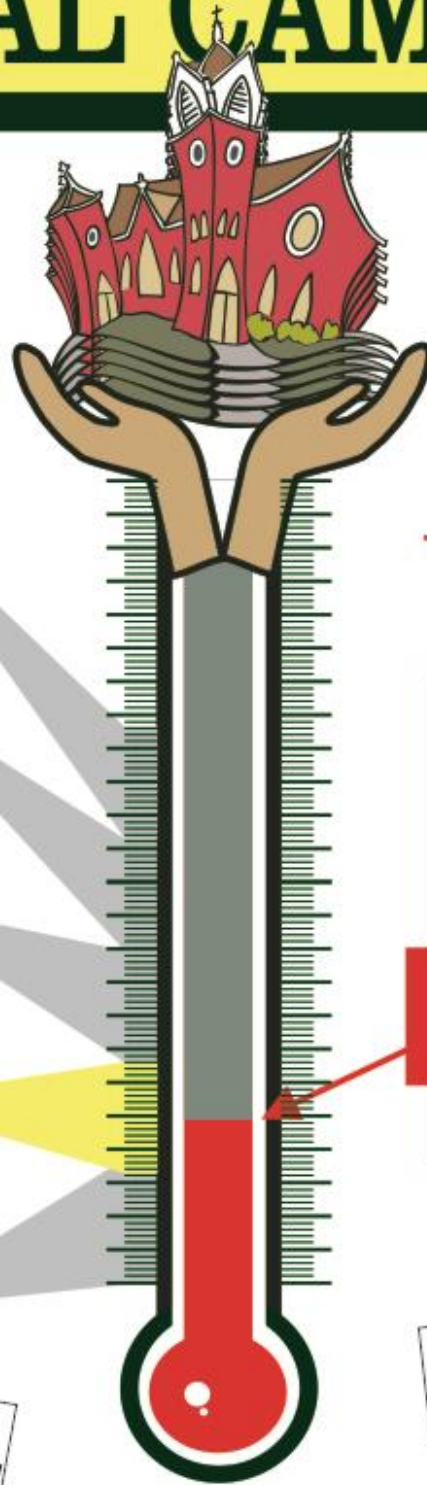
Upcoming Gettysburg Camping Trip Planned

Zion’s Annual Gettysburg Camping Trip is being planned for the weekend of April 23-25, 2021. This get-together has traditionally been a time of fun and fellowship for all those who chose to attend. You can come for the entire weekend, or just come for one day...it’s up to you. There’s worship time, meal sharing, shopping, tours of the battlegrounds, ghost tours, and much more, whatever you’d like to do. Reservations can be made by contacting the campground office at 1-888-879-2241 or going on-line to camp@gettysburgcampground.com. Please ask for a location close to Zion’s group by mentioning Dave & Sharon Lynes’ name. Campers should supply their own meats, but bring something to share with the others during the meal times. Any questions, please contact Sharon Lynes at 717-413-0895.



Investing in the Future

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



PROJECTED ANNUAL PLEDGING



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CURRENT GIVING

\$48,664

thru 2-22-2021



We are now working on our 2nd 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".

ELCA Good Gifts (Noisy) Offerings

Way back in 2019 Zion made a commitment to collect Noisy Offerings on the 5th Sunday of every month in order to gather in your spare change for the ELCA Good Gifts program. Funds from the Noisy offerings were to be combined with Sunday school offerings and designated for support of small scale community development efforts with our Lutheran partners in global mission.

Although we have not been able to have noisy offerings as envisioned in the past year, we have nonetheless managed to collect over \$800! Zion's Sunday school students recently designated a number of projects to support, including a community vegetable garden, a fruit tree farm and seeds with gardening tools.

We will be sending the Noisy Offering funds to ELCA Good Gifts the week of March 1. Beginning in March we will be retiring the noisy offering collection buckets, at least for now. Thanks to all who supported this effort!

Souper Bowl of Caring



The 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring was a huge success! Zion once again gathered in soup, and more, in support of neighbors in need and the Manheim Food Pantry. We delivered 335 pounds of soup, crackers, and other food staples to the MC Food Pantry after the Super Bowl in early February. Thanks for all your donations!!

Expanded Prayer List is published at the beginning of each month and is available by e-mail. Printed copies are available at the church for those people who don't receive e-mails. Please contact Yvonne Kreider @ 717-665-6217 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.

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.

Current Prayer Warriors to Zion's Prayer Chain include: Rubye Barto, Holly Brosey, Linda Keiffer, Yvonne Kreider, Verna Landry, Judy Long, Donna Rhodes and Cortney Schaeffer

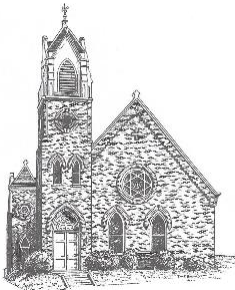
A big THANK YOU for all the donations received during our recent Souper Bowl of Caring collection event. The MC Food Pantry gained 335 pounds of food from Zion. They greatly appreciate the congregation's and preschool's generosity during these difficult times.

MC Food Pantry



Thank you for all the cards and well-wishes I received for my birthday. They kept coming in at different times, and it made my day "special" thinking of all my friends. Thank you once again, they were all appreciated!

Helen Blank



Parish Registry

Birth – Bronwen Joyce Clements, Dtr of Allison (Barthold) and Andrew Clements on February 23, 2021

Address Change – Joye Shaffer, Ephrata Manor,
99 Bethany Rd., Rm. 131A, Ephrata, PA 17522
Phone: 717-738-7468

Death – Jim Reppert died on January 29, 2021

Graveside Service was held for Lynne Rohrer on February 13, 2021

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

<i>OFFERINGS</i>	Mo. Total	Budget
January General Fund offering	22,333	20,515
January Capital Campaign offering	5,716	-----
Feb. General Fund offering (as of 2/22/21)	12,395	16,412
Feb. Capital Campaign offering (as of 2/22/21)	3,937	---

Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion usually meet the 3rd Monday of each month in the Rose Parlor. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be meeting in the month of March. As of now, we are looking at Monday, April 19, 2021 to restart our monthly meetings with an outdoor setting following Covid-19 protocol. Keep in mind that Covid-19 rules the decision of our next meeting and we will also need to wait and see what the weather will be. Make a note – each person will need to provide their own chair and drink. No chairs will be brought out from the church and no refreshments will be served. I think we can still have a nice get-together.

Answers to the February Trivia Questions

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| 1) b, Elizabeth Barrett Browning | 6) Groundhog Day |
| 2) Amethyst | 7) Pancake Day |
| 3) Georgie Porgie | 8) Theodore Roosevelt |
| 4) Youtube.com | 9) William Taft |
| 5) “Necco” | 10) Rutherford B. Hayes |

TRIVIA QUESTIONS FOR MARCH

- 1) What food do people traditionally eat on St. Patrick’s Day?
- 2) What did St. Patrick use to explain the “Holy Trinity”?
- 3) How many pints of Guinness are consumed on St. Patrick’s Day worldwide?
- 4) What does “Erin go Bragh” mean?
- 5) What other churches besides the Catholic and the Anglican Communion Church venerate St. Patrick’s Day?
- 6) Why is St. Patrick’s Day celebrated on March 17?
- 7) What was the traditional occupation of Leprechauns?
- 8) When St. Patrick safely escaped and reached home under the guidance of God, what profession did he follow?
- 9) What do Leprechauns use their sticks called “Shillelagh” for? Hint: think of the sky.
- 10) How many years did St. Patrick live in poverty teaching, traveling, and working? Hint: common number in the Bible.
- 11) How many Americans claim to have some Irish ancestry?



“For each petal on the Shamrock, this brings a wish your way. Good health, good luck and happiness for today and every day.”

Nadine



Preschool News



February has been a busy month at preschool. We have navigated snow days, held conferences, and celebrated Valentine's Day with a lot of glitter and crafts!

Conferences were held virtually this year and while we were skeptical of how that would go, we were overall pleased with the process. It was great having one-on-one time with our families and talking about their incredible children.

This year, we have modified quite a few things, and our weekly library time is one of them. This year instead of each class coming to the Preschool office, we go to them. We have a cart loaded with books, read a story or two, and then the kids get to select a book to take home and read over the week. I love the consideration and time some of the students take choosing the perfect book! With sanitizing measures in place, we were happy this was something we could continue and share our love of reading and books with the school.



We just opened our enrollment for the 2021/2022 school year and are hoping for a full year at ZLP next year! If you know of anyone looking for a Preschool program, please feel free to send them our way! We have a virtual tour of our classrooms and plan to offer face-to-face tours in the summer.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Barto family for their thoughtful Valentine's gift to the teachers. It was a wonderful surprise and it really lifted spirits! Thank you!

Katie Mummau



Special Birthdays in March

3/3 John Blase
3/4 Jessica Summy
3/6 David Mann
3/10 Al Vogel
3/15 Heather Fotiou
Tim Sheaffer
3/16 Donna Wilkie
3/21 Mike Schroll
3/23 Donna Ober
3/24 Don Bissinger
Rick Brosey
3/30 Linda Barthold
3/31 Yvonne Kauffman



March Anniversaries

3/12 Reuben & Lucy Kauffman

3/17 Dave & Suzette Swarr (25 years)

March Readings

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| 3/1 | Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Genesis 21:1-7
Hebrews 1:8-12 | 3/9 | Psalm 84
2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19
Hebrews 9:23-28 |
| 3/2 | Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Genesis 22:1-19
Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19 | 3/10 | Psalm 84
Ezra 6:1-16
Mark 11:15-19 |
| 3/3 | Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Jeremiah 30:12-22
John 12:36-43 | 3/11 | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 1:3-6 |
| 3/4 | Psalm 19
Exodus 19:1-9a
1 Peter 2:4-10 | 3/12 | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Daniel 12:5-13
Ephesians 1:7-14 |
| 3/5 | Psalm 19
Exodus 19:9b-15
Acts 7:30-40 | 3/13 | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Numbers 20:22-29
John 3:1-13 |
| 3/6 | Psalm 19
Exodus 19:16-25
Mark 9:2-8 | 3/14 | Fourth Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21 |
| 3/7 | Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22 | 3/15 | Psalm 107:1-16
Exodus 15:22-27
Hebrews 3:1-6 |
| 3/8 | Psalm 84
1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22
1 Corinthians 3:10-23 | 3/16 | Psalm 107:1-16
Numbers 20:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13 |
| | | 3/17 | Psalm 107:1-16
Isaiah 60:15-22
John 8:12-20 |

March Readings, cont'd

3/18 Psalm 51:1-12
Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 4:1-13

3/19 Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10
Hebrews 4:14—5:4

3/20 Psalm 51:1-12
Habakkuk 3:2-13
John 12:1-11

3/21 ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

3/22 Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 43:8-13
2 Corinthians 3:4-11

3/23 Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8
Acts 2:14-24

3/24 Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50

3/25 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11

3/26 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:1-9
Philippians 2:12-18

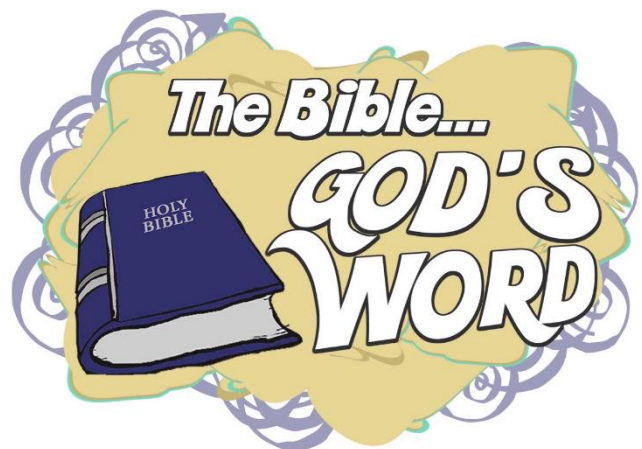
3/27 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:10-16
Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

3/28 ***Sunday of the Passion***
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1—15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

3/29 Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

3/30 Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

3/31 Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32



The 2021 Flower and Bulletin Sponsor sheets are posted inside the entrance doors. Take some time to add your name and pertinent information to whatever dates you would like to sponsor during the new year.



Altar Flowers

- March 7 Mike & Donna Dieter in honor of their anniversary
- March 14 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- March 21 Marc & Carol Phillips in honor of Jack & Caleb's birthdays
- March 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 March – Kelly Barthold in memory of Harold Barthold

Bulletins are - \$9.00 per week



Food Pantry Report



During the month of March, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for cereal, canned pasta meals, canned fruit, applesauce, soups, and Kleenex.

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 bank 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. The Pantry is also in need of plastic grocery bags at this time. If you have any that you'd like to donate, please bring them along with your regular food donations.

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Donald Bissinger

Doris Evans

Yvonne Kauffman

Jean Rambler

Al Vogel

Helen Blank

Glenn Grunenberger

David & Verna Landry

Cortney Schaeffer

Walsh family

Karen Connelly

Kay Hoffer

Joe Murray

Nic & Stefan Spohn

Mary Welliver

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Jim Alleman

Jay Bell

Diane Cotnoir

Agatha Eshelman

Jane Gehman

Leon Heibert

Malory Ishman

Roberta Martini

Mason Nellius

Shirley Rettew

Nancy Schwartz

Paula Stevens

Joyce Warn

Christopher Yanker

Ellie Adair Barr

Carol Bradfield

Peter Drescher

Judy Fiene

Doris Goughler

Daryl Hoffmaster

Carl Kreiner

Debra McLaughlin

Tony Ober

Jimmy Rodriguez

Lisa Pittinger-Shaw

Catherine Tietjen

Rebecca Wilkins

Edna Barto

Kathy Brosey

Carol Dull

Norma Franklin

Don Harris

Hillary Iampieri

Jackie Lewis

Ken Miller

Brisa Rettew

James Rowe

Edna Sides

Wally

Linda Wyngaarden

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray: Dylan Bowers, Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, Ret. Sr. Chief Ed Sexton, and Nicholas Thomas

