

THE HERALD

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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In, with Faith and Love

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Closed Friday

An open book lies flat on a wooden surface. The pages are slightly aged and the text is faint. Overlaid on the image is the title 'A Message from our Pastor' in a large, elegant, black serif font.

A Message from our Pastor

"Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life.'"

John 9:12

"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We've been hearing a lot about light lately. In our Vacation Bible School this year, "Stellar", throughout the week the children and staff chanted, "Shine Jesus' light!" Our theme for the upcoming Advent devotional is "Light" (have you volunteered to write a devotion yet?).

I have always been intrigued by the verses from Scripture above— in John's gospel Jesus says that he is the light of the world; in Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells his followers that they are the light of the world. So which one is it? Of course, the answer is both- Jesus is our light, and it is Jesus' light that we are called to shine through us and to others.

We can not even begin to list the ways that darkness overcomes our lives and our world. In all things, God's light shines through. We need not fear the darkness, because we are bathed in the splendor of God's light.

A poem by M.S. Lowdens puts it this way: *Lord, you are the light this world desperately needs, Let our lamps keep burning bright so the lost may come to see.*

Let your light shine!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Janyce

Lectionary Scriptures for September



September 3, 2023

In last week's gospel reading, Jesus praised his disciple Peter. This coming week, Jesus rebukes him, calling him Satan. Come to hear this continuation of Matthew's story, and receive the life that only Jesus can give.

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

September 10, 2023

When church people refer to "Matthew 18," it is the gospel for this coming Sunday that they are thinking of, with its advice about how Christians are to deal with controversies within the believing community. The good news in the reading is especially the last line: that Christ is among us always. Come to receive Christ's gift of himself in word, sacrament, and community.

Readings and Psalm

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 17, 2023

The gospel this coming Sunday is a harsh parable about forgiveness. Yet even if we feel condemned by this reading, we receive God's mercy at the table of the Lord. Come to worship, to be forgiven, and to be empowered to forgive others.

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 24, 2023

The parable we hear this coming Sunday might strike church-goers as troubling: what, shouldn't we get paid more if we work longer hours?! The last shall be first? Come to worship, to meditate on the good news found in this story and to receive the meal of God's mercy.

Readings and Psalm

Jonah 3:10--4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Pastoral Call Process Update



The Call Committee has interviewed pastoral candidates and has recommended a candidate to the congregation council. Next steps: The council will meet the candidate to vote on the candidate and the compensation package.



The Herald is given in memory of John Chenoweth.
He was the husband of Louise Chenoweth for 42
years, and his birthday was in September.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Here we are once again! Welcome to September and welcome to a whole new season of youth ministry!! September 10th launches faith formation as well as the parents' meeting for youth group after the 10am service on the 10th. September 17th launches youth group for Club 456 as well as ZLCY (formerly Jr/Sr High) as well as our brand new Kidz Konnection (K through 3rd grade).

Other events happening this year include Alive in September; Fall Retreat in December; Winterfest in January; lock-ins in December and March; VBS in July and ALL of this is capped off with the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA in July. To say that this is going to be a crazy and busy year is an understatement. I hope that everyone is just as excited as me. It is going to be a phenomenal year. I am giving you a brief overview for now because I would like to take the rest of my space this month to make an introduction that is LONG overdue.

One of the main reasons for the success of the youth ministry programs is because of my female advisor, Theresa Hanley. When I found out I was accepting this role at Zion I knew I needed to bring with me someone that has a strong and caring personality. Someone that can keep me on point as well as get me off track when it is needed. Theresa was my first choice and we have all benefitted from her serving in this role. Here is a note from Theresa along with some pictures of her so you recognize her when you see her in worship and in the hallways.



Sept 10
9am Faith Formation starts

Sept 17
11:30 Kidz Konnection
3:00 456
6pm ZLCY

Sept 22-24
ALIVE

Oct 15
11:30 Kidz Konnection
3:00 456
6:00 ZLCY

Chuck

Hi friends in Christ! My name is Theresa Hanley and I have been helping Chuck with youth ministry here at Zion since 2019. What a crazy few years it has been! Reflecting on our time together so far, my favorite memories have been lock-ins, plane rides with anxious teenagers, and seeing all of them grow into the amazing, brilliant, curious, human beings that God beautifully and wonderfully made them to be.

When Chuck asked me in fall of 2019 at ALiVE if I would be interested in being an advisor at Zion, I didn't take a second to hesitate. When I was a teenager, I had youthful, fun, and energetic, youth group directors. It had such a positive impact on me. I prayed that someday I could serve in a role like they did.

I have loved every second of my time here at Zion. I feel really lucky to be entrusted with the young minds of this church. We have had a lot of fun together these past 4 years and I am excited to see what is ahead.

God's love & peace be with you all,

Theresa



Gracious God, As the summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon. Bless all of those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers, as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts. May this school year be a time of grace and potential as they teach, share, and challenge others to grow and learn.

Bless children and youth along with their parents as they begin a new school year. May their minds be open to learning and to the wonder of discovery and insight.

We pray for the health and safety of all those entering school this fall, and for everyone, everywhere.

Be with us all as we embark on this new year.
Amen

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PRE-SCHOOL

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Joyful Noise News

Ready, Set, Go....

As we prepare to open the doors on August 31st & September 1st to the families of Joyful Noise, we remember how fortunate we are to be a mission of Zion Lutheran. This is Joyful Noise's 26th year at Zion. Every year we open our doors, hearts, and arms to the wonderful community and we are excited to do the same again this year. We are excited to welcome many new families to Joyful Noise, but we also remember the hundreds of families that have graduated before them.

We wish all of our Joyful Noise Preschool and Zion Lutheran Church Family members many blessings for a wonderful year ahead.

Calendar of September Events

August 23rd Parent Orientation at 6:00 pm

August 31st — First Day (Mini Session):
Caterpillar 2
Bumblebee
Butterfly

September 1st — First Day (Mini Session):
Caterpillar 1
Hummingbird 1 and 2
Grasshopper 1 and 2

September 7th — First Day of all Creative Classes

September 22nd — JNP Movie Night



Birthdays of the Month

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|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | McKenzie Bakie | 14 | C. J. Ream |
| 2 | Whitney Barshinger | | Catherine Smith |
| | Jim Leibensperger | 15 | Blake Anderson |
| | Ian McNaughton | | Lisa Glezer |
| 3 | Dale Johnson | 16 | Nikolas Strine |
| | Jamie Koons | 17 | Jill Lordan |
| 4 | Tracy Oberdorf | 18 | Terri Abruzzese |
| 5 | Maxton Enderle | | Frances Greiman |
| | Donna Funt | | Nicole Nadzom |
| 6 | Doris Lau | | Theresa Troup |
| | Timothy Smith | 19 | Amber Donoflio |
| | Barry Troup | | Daniel Mohn |
| 7 | Patty Bender | | Brali Wise |
| | Yvonne Masenheimer | 20 | Lauren Dreisbach |
| 8 | Cory Heathcote | | Deborah Schoonover |
| 9 | Gayle Brass | | Jon Steiner |
| | Dave Brosend | 22 | Jennifer McKinley |
| | Morgan Fisher | | Rita Ware |
| | Ken Hinkle | 23 | Albert Abruzzese |
| 10 | Sylvia Castillo | | Matt Engleman |
| | Adam Reed | | Lee Hipkiss |
| 11 | Jeremy Hetrick | | Jarid Matylewicz |
| | Ryan Lordan | | Patti Vollmer |
| | Daun Metzler | 24 | Tracy Fleming |
| | Eric Szostak | | Karen Kauffman |
| | Kaia Turnbaugh | | Robin Leibensperger |
| 12 | Lincoln Brandstedter | | Christopher Rhoades |
| | Kayla Bucks | | Nolan Vasali |
| | Alexander Stein | 25 | Avery Lutz |
| | Elliot Stein | | Kate Peters |
| 13 | Brandt Fisher | 26 | Trisha Leib |
| | | | Izak Nadzom |
| | | 28 | Sandra Bush |
| | | | Terry Turko |
| | | 29 | Anthony Forry |
| | | | Daniel Glass |
| | | | Donald Kern |
| | | 30 | Rob Matylewicz |
| | | | Rose Mumma |
| | | | Jisela Reutter |

Happy Anniversary

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| 4 Dave and Tara Brosend | 16 Al and Terri Abruzzese |
| 5 Joe and Barbara Reed | 18 Adam and Sara Strayer |
| 6 Reverends Richard and Janyce Jorgensen | 20 Justin and Allison Graham |
| Jim and Robin Leibensperger | 21 John and Denise Moyer |
| Nick and Taryn Stein | Greg and Darci Wolf |
| 8 Matthew and Jennifer Steward | 22 Matthew and Lisa Lam |
| Rich and Katie Wingerd | 23 Dan and Karen Connolly |
| 9 Wade and Crystal Collingsworth | 25 Keith and Jennifer Eisenhart |
| 11 Travis and Kate Peters | Dave and Annette Portner |
| 14 Eric and Nancy Isaminger | 27 Ken Hinkle and Jennifer Ports |
| 15 Dan and Lori Wise | Wade and Karen Markel |
| | 28 Todd and Kelly Kessler |
| | Michael and Peggy Sowers |



York Conference of Lutherans Working Together to Support the Mission of Christ's Church

The York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring Program assist elementary grade students in grades 1-6 with homework; reading with them, help them learn spelling, and math facts. If you like young people and want to make a difference in the life of a young person, then this is for you!!!

Tutoring Program needs:

- Tutors, ages 15 and up to work one-on-one with students on Monday or Tuesday evenings during the upcoming school year! Tutors over 18 must apply for clearances, but there is no charge to you as a volunteer. Can't commit every week? We always need substitutes! Interested? Contact Shari Young at ycltutoring@gmail.com or 717-586-9310 for more information.
- Donations, for a list go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F44AFA82BA5F85-york#/> drop off donation at Zion
- Meal makers—make a meal for about 40 students and drop it off at Christ Lutheran, Zion's dates are Nov 13, Feb 12 and April 8. Interested? Contact Pastor Janyce jjorgensen@zionyork.org.

September 2023

			Mon	Tue
Deadline to submit items for the October Herald is September 14.				
3	<i>Pentecost 14</i>		4 Labor Day Office Closed	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Adult Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 				
10	<i>Pentecost 15</i>		11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am All Youth Group Parents' Meeting-11:15am 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	
17	<i>Pentecost 16</i>		18	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am Kidz Konnection-11:30am to 1:30pm Club 456– 3 to 4:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group-6 to 8:30pm 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Meeting-7pm
24	<i>Pentecost 17</i>		25	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather & Grow-6pm LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	

Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
				1		2 • Worship- 5:30pm	
6		7		8		9 • Worship- 5:30pm	
13		14		15		16 • Worship- 5:30pm	
20 • Lunch Bunch Friendly's-12noon		21		22		23 • Worship- 5:30pm	
27		28		29		30 • Confirmation Retreat for Candidates – 11:30am to 3pm • Worship- 5:30pm	

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT DRIVE

Support our international school kit drive for 2023!

This year, more than ever, we need your help!

Zion's Goal 250 Kits

To complete 250 kits we still need:

- **243 Notebooks** (70-sheet, spiral wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper)
- **295 Pens** (Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink))
- **230 Pencils** (Unsharpened #2 Pencils with erasers)
- **101 Blunt Scissors** (Safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **Donations** to purchase backpacks and pay for shipping



School Buses are still available in the Narthex at Zion. Drop them off at the church with your school bus by September 18th.

To donate, make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church, deposit it in a "Love" envelope marked "School Kits" or note it on your check if you don't have an envelope. Online contributions can also be made through the Zion Website. Thank you for your support!

Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran® York Chapter

Providing hope and support to those in need through caring, sharing and the uplifting arm of Christ's love.

Auxiliary Sandwich Sale

\$6.50 12" Subs in Italian Sub Roll

\$5.50 Pretzel Sandwiches

Order and Payment Due Sept. 28, 2023. Checks Payable to: SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary, York Chapter.

Pickup: Wed Oct 11th between 11:00 AM and 12:00 Noon at the Sprenkle Glatfelter Center

Please submit orders prior to Sept. 28 to:

Lee/Beverly Wagner 717-764-4605

leebev2020@msn.com

Order blanks are on main bulletin board. Please fill out there.

Help support the many services at SpiriTrust Lutheran, Village of Sprenkle Drive and Village at Kelly Drive. Thank you for support



Faith Formation

Adult Bible Studies

Sundays

9:00 AM—9:45AM

Reading thru the Bible

This group is reading through the Bible. Join them in Zion's Parlor!

Life with Jesus

Returning, September 10

This class meets in the choir room & will spend 6 to 7 weeks completing the study of the Sermon on the Mount, which is Matthew, chapters 5-7.

Gather and Grow

Monday,

September 25

6:00 PM

Join us around the Firepit (weather permitting) to learn and discuss what the Bible has to say on Christian Fellowship. This month we will focus on "Givers of Courage". Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, verses used for discussion will be emailed ahead of time.

Lunch Bunch

September 20

12:00 Noon

Join Pastor Janyce at Friendly's on Loucks Rd for food & faithful discussion.



OPEN FOR APPLICANTS!

Zion has two music scholarships available to help cover the cost of lessons. Any K-12 students currently taking private instrument or voice lessons may apply for the *Jeanette*

Everhart Music Scholarship. The *Yvonne Falkenstein Scholarship* is audition based, and geared towards vocalists 20 years old and younger that also would like financial assistance with the cost of lessons. Applications are available now in the Narthex on the Music bulletin board and **due by October 8th, 2023.**

Zion Lutheran Council Meeting July 18, 2023

Attendance:

Al Abruzzese, Kim Alloway, Christy Bucks, Andrew Doerr, Trevor Hoffman, Pastor Janyce Jorgensen, Jill Lordan, Denise Moyer, Regina Peckmann, Amy Schanbacher

Excused/Missing: Ryan Engleman, Krista Zellers

July 18, 2023, Meeting Discussion:

Opening Devotions: Christy Bucks – This is the Day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. It has been a challenging month for Christy and her family, and she has drawn comfort from this verse during these challenging times. Christy's ten (10) year old daughter was amazing during a medical emergency. Christy discussed with her how God was with them and her daughter said, "God was with you; not me". Reflected on this with daughter and her family. There was another medical emergency while in the Dominican Republic with Christy's husband and God was with them and brought them through. Christy again drew comfort in thinking that this is the day that the Lord has made ... he sees us and will bring us through and looking at those God moments. God will provide what we need to get through these times and put the people and/or things we need in our path when we need them. He will prepare us for the day even if we do not recognize it at the time.

For August: Andrew Doerr

Reports.

Thank You Cards.

- Tricia McMackin & Tim Smith – no longer able to serve on council for health reasons/moving respectively.
- Pastor Beth Martini – Kim to prepare.
- Nathaniel Morris – he did a great job with VBS – Andrew to prepare.

Minutes from June 2023 (Amy J. Schanbacher).

Correction to who is presenting devotions in July 2023. Christy Bucks in July 2023 and Andrew Doerr. Corrected spelling of Trevor's surname. Andrew Doerr motioned to approve the motion with corrections. Seconded by Al Abruzzese. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Wade Markel)

We are 50% through 2023 with income of \$26,637.98 (81% of the June 2023 budget) and expenses of \$39,349.67 (103% of the June 2023 budget). The current surplus/deficit for 2023 is at (\$38,344.06) deficit and we were budgeted to have a (\$28,137.58) deficit at the end of June.

Andrew Doerr expressed a concern about percentage changes in the budget from May to June, this is possibly due to vacations. Per Denise Moyer, historically June, July and August see a decrease in giving. Wade to also check and get back to Council in August on this issue to ensure that numbers are accurate. Joyful Noise numbers are in one report but not the other. Tabling approval of June Treasurer's Report for August meeting to be addressed with July report.

Investment Treasurer's Report (Trevor Hoffman).

Market conditions resulted in an increase for June 2023. Going through an RFP for the investment accounts, which has started. RFP sent to eight (8) firms, all of whom have responded. The Finance Committee is reviewing the RFPs. The top few will be invited to speak to Council to pick the appropriate firm. It is very likely that there will be a change in investment firms.

The Finance Committee met July 17, 2023, to begin drafting the 2024 budget. We need to consider what should be set aside for supply musicians. Per Al Abruzzese, we should consult Laine regarding what she needs. Chuck would like us to cover 100% of the confirmation camp expenses. The estimated cost is anticipated to be around \$10,000.00. We need to consider raises for the staff plus additional funds to call a second pastor plus including a benefits package which will vary on needs.

How can we increase annual giving to the church as well as stewardship? Ideas: \$3.00 per day Challenge, reminders about automatic payments for giving and upcoming Stewardship campaign

Membership Report (Pastor Janyce) Recommended for transfer for Emma Alloway to a Lutheran congregation in the south. Motion by Pastor Janyce and recommended by Regina Peckmann. Motion carried.

Pastor Janyce's Report. At the August meeting, Karen, Wade and Jen will let us know what they learned at the annual Synod meeting. Remainder of report accepted as written.

Parish Administrator's Report (Denise Moyer). Report accepted as written with no discussion. Action items discussed below.

The projectors need to be serviced and are starting not to work during services on the weekend.

While this is being done, the light bulbs should be changed. Estimated cost is \$1,391.00. Just the bulbs would cost more than \$800.00. Best to do both while lift is here so that is only needed once.

CYFM Report (Ryan Engleman).

Chuck Bissell's report – very successful VBS.

Chuck will be launching a K-3 program in the fall.

Need to follow through on plan to introduce Theresa to congregation for all the work she is doing to help with Chuck.

Old Business.

Stewardship.

Building a Culture of Generosity is getting ready to start a new cohort in late July. First meeting is scheduled by Zoom for July 31st at 7:00 PM. Link will be provided once we are registered. We can only use one (1) Thrivent Action Grant so we will need an additional \$350.00 for the registration fee. The fee can come from the general unrestricted fund. Several people are willing to participate.

Visioning. There is going to be a covered dish on July 30, 2023. The covered dish would follow the 10AM service at 11AM on Sundays. The first one would be July 30th. Signup sheet passed around to the Council during the meeting.

Pastor Martini – Sowing our seed with reckless abandon – we want to change or grow. We are not always open to failure, but we need to be reminded that sometimes failure is okay. By way of example, even if only one person comes to the potluck, maybe that person needed to come for the companionship, so the potluck was a success.

Disseminating a survey to the Congregation – Ideas for questions: Is there something that we used to do that you miss, and we can restart? How would you like to serve Zion or what do you feel you are called to do for the community? The survey should have less than 10 questions. We should consider offering some choices to trigger reactions/better answers. Offer multiple choice with an option of "other" with space to write. How can Zion serve you? Because people come to church for a reason ... what is that reason? Offer to have a council member contact you if you have questions

Set up monthly donations to a foodbank such as the Panther Pantry. The truck comes to the church one Sunday per month and takes it directly to the foodbank. Can set up through Regina Peckmann for the Panther Pantry as a trial run.

Performance Reviews.

All reviews are now complete.

Call Committee/Rostered Leader.

The Call Committee received more than one (1) but less than five (5) candidates and they are reviewing the information/rostered profile. Will proceed as required. Additional information to be kept confidential until such time as information is to be disseminated to Congregation for the privacy of the candidates.

Constitution. Denise circulated a summary of changes to the Constitution/By-Laws to the Synod for approval. Comments received such as not separating by-laws/resolutions. Largest comment for discussion pertained to youth representative. Jim Rowlands' suggestion is to change the wording that if a youth is elected, he/she has voting rights but, if appointed, they would be a non-voting member.

Ukrainian Family.

No update at this time. Lori had eye surgery, but family is doing well. The family is really motivated and helping the family was successful. The real update is that the family needs us less than before because they are motivated and successful.

Church Directory. Denise receiving pictures. She is going to make background of pictures uniform.

Updating Congregation. Should we do more than just an annual meeting. The idea would be called a Quarterly Quorum and letting the Congregation know what is going on and asking for support through prayer, understanding, stewardship, etc. Kim Alloway suggested that the first Quarterly Quorum occur at the end of August (August 27th). This would not be a time to address action items but just a short recap of the preceding quarter. Plan for this for a few minutes during worship. Blurb to be decided upon in August.

\$3.00 per day Challenge. Encouraging people to try even if just for a season (such as the season of Lent or for the summer). Hoping people who have done will be willing to offer their thoughts/feelings on participating in the Challenge. This really does make a difference to the Church. Text number displayed on screen during service. Can we add a QR code to slide and/or post during online service for us.

New Business.

Nominating Committee. Jill Lordan, Amy Schanbacher and Trevor Hoffman would be on that committee because they are outgoing council members. We will need a minimum of five (5) new Council members. Are any up for their second term? We can invite others to serve on the committee.

Tutoring Program. York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring Program, which has been in existence for 45 years, had a reorganizational meeting to discern the future of the program. They are looking for answers to the following questions:

- Is your congregation willing to make a financial contribution for 2023-2024 and, if so, the amount? Typically, yes, and we usually give around \$500.00.
- Are you willing to recommend/recruit tutors to the program from your Congregation? We typically have 4-6 tutors from the Congregation volunteer for the program.
- Are you willing to provide light suppers for Monday sessions? Not done before but we are in the rotation to provide a snack. Pastor Janyce believes we could figure this out. Program coincides with the school year. This would rotate among participating Congregations, which about fourteen (14). We provide 3—4 snacks per year.

Next meeting: August 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn – Trevor Hoffman moved to adjourn and seconded by Jill Lordan. Meeting adjourned.

Ukraine Resettlement Update

The Hrebinets' family sent their last report to Bethany Christian Services so case management has ended for them although the family is still involved in the Matching Grant Program which provides employment services.

Vova and Sasha are doing well in their jobs and Vova has received a pay increase! Lena started at York Suburban Middle School in August and Polina is looking into realtor opportunities and is taking on-line classes. The family continues to attend ESL (English as a second language) classes every week and Mila is receiving Math tutoring to ensure she is at the 6th grade level for the beginning of the school year.

There are several new Ukraine families who have settled in York and Polina, who likes to help people, is interpreting where needed and transporting to occasional appointments.

The family is happy and settling into life in the US. Please continue to pray for their Son/brother who is a medic for the Ukraine military.

THE WELCOME TABLE

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Luke 13:29

All are welcome, friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior, All are welcome, all are welcome here

"All are Welcome" by Dakota Road



Imagine a long, expansive, banquet table, with a place for everyone at the table. No one is turned away; everyone will enjoy the feast. This is a powerful image of life as people of God. All are welcome- there is always room at the table.

We rejoice to be together at the table of our Lord.

We rejoice this month that:

- Kassidy Sauers, daughter of Andrew and Kaleigh Sauers , was received into membership through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- Clara Margaret Folkemer-Leonard, daughter of Pastor Matthew and Deacon Margaret Folkemer-Leonard, was born.

We give thanks to God that the expanse of God's table is without end. We trust in the promise of eternal for those who have died:

- Richard E. Dehoff as we pray for comfort for his daughters, Marci (Paul) Hemmann and Jennifer (Chance) Miner



LIGHT our 2023 Advent Season at Zion

Summer, with our early mornings and late evenings full of daylight, is the perfect time to reflect on how God's light fills our world. There are so many references to light in Scripture, and **LIGHT** is our Advent Devotional theme for 2023.

Advent begins Sunday, December 3 and at least 23 devotions are needed for our booklet this year. We hope that you will consider – and write – a devotion to light our way through Advent to Christmas. For questions on what is a devotion, or how to write one, please contact Mary Jane McCluskey, mjmcccluskey@comcast.net, or by cell 717-873-6434. A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Zion's Mission Statement

“Reaching up, Reaching out, Reaching in,
with faith and love.”

Services

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM - Online (YouTube and Facebook)
 - Monday 7:30 PM - Online Prayer Service



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