

# THE HERALD

## AUGUST 2024



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
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# Zion Lutheran Church

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

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Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

## Services

- Saturday 5:30 PM ~ Gathering, Come As You Are
- Sunday 8:00 AM ~ Traditional: Words, Hymns, Liturgy
  - Sunday 10:00 AM ~ Community Service
- Sunday 10:00 AM - Online (YouTube and Facebook)
  - Monday 7:30 PM - Online Prayer Service

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# *A Message from our Pastor*

Dear Siblings in Christ:

**ZION TEAMS are starting Sunday, 8 Sept 2004 at 11:30 am.  
(they will meet every second Sunday of the month).**

**Let's Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.... Together!**

Discover, embrace, and share your unique gifts as a valued member of our Zion community! As the apostle Paul teaches us, each of us has been given special talents meant to be shared with others. At Zion, we cherish the diverse gifts and abilities of our congregation members.

Uncertain about your own talents? No worries—dive into one of our teams and explore your potential. We know and trust that God will guide your way.

Paul tells us in Romans 12:4-8 “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. “

Join us in building a strong, faith-filled community where everyone, from the youngest child to the most seasoned adult, can grow in their relationship with Christ and each other.

Here are our five teams we pray you will join: Faith Formation; Fellowship; Property; Service Ministry; and Outreach.

### **Faith Formation Team:**

At Zion, we build a foundation of faith, fun, and fellowship through Sunday faith formation, worship, youth groups, and service-learning activities for all ages. Our goal is to accompany individuals and families within our Zion community in their journey to become strong ambassadors for Christ.

Our ministry heavily relies on volunteers. Members of the Faith Formation Team may serve in a variety of ways. This can include:

- Supporting the Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, by volunteering to support programming for youth from nursery through 12th grade. Including faith formation classes, VBS and much more!
- Providing faith formation opportunities for adults of all ages.
- Staffing retreats, and special programs throughout the year.

### **Fellowship Team:**

At Zion we seek to be a welcoming, supportive, and unified community. The Fellowship Team is key to achieving this goal and fostering a spirit of community within our congregation. Zion recognizes that promoting church friendship and community is a vital piece of our church life together.

Members of this team will have the opportunity to:

- Support various initiatives, including promotion of mental, physical, and spiritual well-being through education and support.
- Organize socials and receptions.
- Support women's and men's groups.
- Plan and execute special events, such as Church Picnics, Chili Cook-off and others
- Provide support during funerals.

### **Property Team:**

Our church building serves many both within our Zion community and in our surrounding community. The mission of the Property Team is to maintain, protect, and oversee all church property and equipment. Members of this team will work alongside the Parish Administrator and are vital in ensuring the church's facilities are properly maintained and safeguarded.

Members of this team will have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways. Including:

- Assist with maintenance, repairs, and replacements.
- Make recommendations to the Congregation Council regarding the replacement, repair, and purchase of property and equipment.
- Perform planting, maintenance, seasonal work and environmental stewardship of all landscaping of the church.

### **Service Ministry Team:**

The Service Ministry Team is the hands and feet of Jesus throughout Greater York Area, Pennsylvania, USA and the World. This team extends Christian compassion and ministry to those in need, including the ill, aged, orphaned, single parents and their children, the poor and underprivileged, the imprisoned, and anyone needing aid in body or soul. We seek to involve as many members and outside organizations as possible to meet these needs.

Members of this team will have the opportunity to:

- Provide active support in local service programs.
- Study social conditions, primarily within the local community, to address critical problems through thoughtful Christian discussion and the light of Christian truth.
- Bring proposals for action based on these studies and discussions to the Congregation Council.
- In connection with the Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, this team will also provide service opportunities for youth.

### **Outreach Team: Lead- Pastor Kevin**

The Outreach Team supports and promotes the congregation's local, national, and worldwide ministries. Through development programs and leadership this team will actively reach out to the community and focus on sharing the Gospel; inviting all to consider this congregation as their church home.

Team members will have the opportunity to:

- Integrate new members into congregation life through initiatives like New Member Orientation.
- Encourage the expression of Christian faith in daily living, focusing on the use of members' time, talents, and treasures.

- Develop evangelism, discipleship, and outreach strategies, including the "We Are Wednesday" night program, which encompasses a Prayer Group, GreifShare Group, Lutheran Discipleship Leaders, and a Book Club, Children's Time, Bible Studies, and small group formation.
- Collaborate with the Finance Committee on stewardship programs, capital campaigns, and preparing the annual budget for the congregation.

Remember every Christian has gifts. Paul teaches us this in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 "God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits." The Message

Each Christian is given two vitally important gifts:

- The gift of faith received at baptism through the unconditional, loving, grace-filled forgiveness of God.
- The gift of one or more abilities, which are given to be used for the purpose of unifying the body of Christ and for the growth of God's kingdom. These gifts are called Spiritual Gifts and are given at baptism.

Gifts are meant to be opened. Like all gifts, it is impossible to fully appreciate and make use of our spiritual gifts until they are opened or until we realize what they are. Joining a TEAM is a great way to use your spiritual gifts.

Spiritual gifts exist within every Christian. They are the ways by which Christ works within our lives to strengthen the Church and to help those in need. Through these gifts, we respond to the great commandment from Jesus to love God and our neighbor. By using our gifts in service to God, we honor God and share God's love with a broken world.

At **ZION** church there is a Place for all, Service for all, Community for all!!!

Jesus' Peace, Christy Bucks (Council President) and Pastor Kevin



## Faith Formation

### Adult Bible Studies

Sundays

9:15 AM—9:45AM

### Prayer with Byam

Zion's Parlor

### Meet with the Pastor: Open Q&A

Zion's Choir Room

### Lunch Bunch

August 21

12 Noon

at Friendly's 423 Loucks Rd

### Gather & Grow

August 12

6:00 PM

at Avenue Ale House, 2700 Mt Rose Ave,

### Men's Huddle

August 15

7PM

near the fire pit at ZION



### GriefShare Support Group at Zion

**When:** September 11, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Duration:** 13 weeks, ending on December 11 (skipping November 27 for Thanksgiving)

**Description:** When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But that doesn't mean you have to suffer by yourself.

**About GriefShare:** At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through. For more details on GriefShare, you can pick up an informational brochure at Zion on the information desk or visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Registration:** If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of support, please join us. Register beforehand at [www.griefshare.org/groups/241594](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/241594).

**Contact:** If you have any questions, you can contact Chris Owens at [pcowen.123@gmail.com](mailto:pcowen.123@gmail.com) or (717) 870-6087. As the leader of this group, she will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Children, Youth & Family Ministry



How did we get to August already??

It is Monday and I have just finished unloading my backpack in my office after returning from a week in New Orleans at the ELCA 2024 Youth Gathering. This was an amazing and exhausting week. Not just for me but for my amazing adult leaders, Karen and Theresa, and the 11 young adults we accompanied to the city. Every day beginning with the flight down was filled with laughter and excitement to see what was going to come next. Each day I saw growth in each of these young people. Growth that can only come from exploring a city with your peers amongst the rest of the 16,000 that emerged on a city in need of help. New Orleans welcomed us with open arms and open hearts to see their city through their eyes and the love that they have for it all. The cause began by one man to reclaim forgotten neighborhoods in East New Orleans by picking up the years of trash thrown around because there was no place else to put it and how Culture of Cleanliness was born out of a need to clean up these neighborhoods and to give the residents a chance to rebuild what was once lost.

We all experienced God moments throughout the whole week. Some of those moments came from the service project. Others came from the chance to walk around and speak to other teenagers from around the country. We even met the group that came from Hawaii. Even more God moments were discovered in the sermon by Bishop Ortiz from the Metro DC Synod. God was also experienced in the friendly faces and words of the residents of New Orleans. From the people we passed on the street to the servers that brought us food and drink, every person had a smile on their faces for us and kind words to follow. Personally, my God moment came from all the interactions from the entire week. I saw God in the smiles of strangers, in the hugs of friends not seen in a long while, in the random conversations with kiosk sales people and in the time spent with the amazing youth of this congregation. We shared a lot of laughs and personal moments



during our family time each night. My hope is that this experience has helped to strengthen the relationships between this amazing group and those relationships continue to grow over the years. It is so good to be home. It is so good to be back at Zion. Now, it's time to take this renewed spirit and get back to work. See you on Sunday!

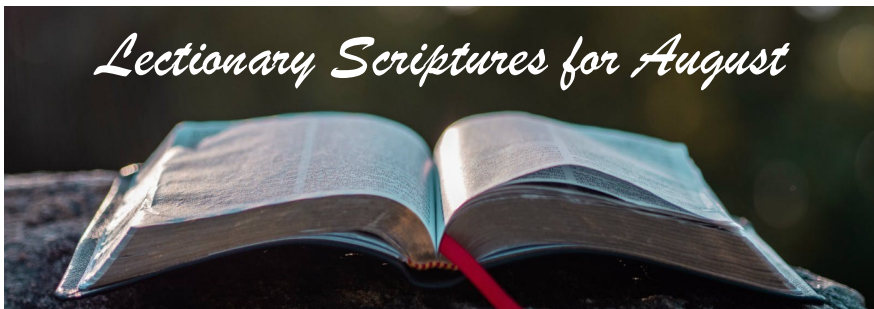
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Zion is looking for assistance in purchasing the below item(s). If you would like to donate any of these items or provide funding, either in part or in full, for their purchase, please contact Denise Moyer, Administrator, at the church office (717) 767-4673 or via e-mail [dmoyer@zionyork.org](mailto:dmoyer@zionyork.org)

- 50-60" Smart TV for the back room of the fellowship hall for small classes. First class will be GriefShare starting in September. Cost is between \$250-\$350.

# *Lectionary Scriptures for August*



## **August 4, 2024**

This coming Sunday the gospel reading likens Christ to the manna that God miraculously sent to the nomadic Israelites. Come to worship to eat this bread; welcome Christ into your heart. Jesus promises that filled with him, we will never again hunger.

### **Readings and Psalm**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

*God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)*

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

## **August 11, 2024**

This Sunday the gospel reading from John 6 contrasts death with life, a life that comes from eating Christ, the bread of life. Come to worship to receive Christ and so, John says, never be hungry again.

### **Readings and Psalm**

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8)*

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

## **August 18, 2024**

On this coming Sunday, the gospel reading from John 6 speaks in graphic language about eating Christ's flesh and drinking his blood. But we aren't cannibals. Come to worship, and discover how we can receive the meaning of these words.

### **Readings and Psalm**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

*Those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)*

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

## August 25, 2024

On this coming Sunday, we conclude the reading of John 6. Do we find Jesus' teaching too difficult, or can we be led to believe? Come to worship, to receive the words of eternal life and to eat the bread from heaven.

### Readings and Psalm

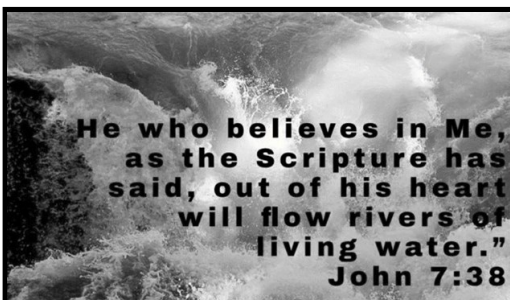
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

*The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)*

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69



## Advent Devotional 2024

It's summer and for many of us this means spending time in, near, or on the water. The theme for this year's Advent Devotional is just that - WATER. As you enjoy this summer season and the refreshing water activities, take the time to reflect on how water is used to symbolize many things in the Bible, and on Jesus who gives us living water so that we will thirst no more. How appropriate that our Vacation Bible School theme was SCUBA. As you reflect, consider writing your thoughts into an Advent Devotion.

Devotions can be emailed to Mary Jane McCluskey,  
[mjmccluskey@comcast.net](mailto:mjmccluskey@comcast.net). Dive right in!



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the condolences, hugs and cards from my mother's (Anne Winship) passing. She loved this church when she could attend and always left saying the "the people here are so nice!". You *are* very nice and we are so very thankful for your prayers, love and support during this difficult time. It really made a huge difference in our lives. ~ Terri & Al Abruzzese

# August 2024

	Mon	Tue
<p>Deadline to submit items for the September Herald is August 14.</p>		
<p><b>4 Pentecost 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online</li> <li>*Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am</li> </ul>	<p><b>5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>11 Pentecost 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online</li> <li>*Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am</li> </ul>	<p><b>12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> <li>• Gather &amp; Grow Avenue Ale House - 6:00pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>18 Pentecost 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online</li> <li>*Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am</li> </ul>	<p><b>19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Meeting-6:30pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>25 Pentecost 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online</li> <li>*Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am</li> </ul>	<p><b>26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>27</b></p>

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 • Worship- 5:30pm
	7	8	9	10 • Worship- 5:30pm
	14	15 • Men's Huddle 7 pm	16	17 • Worship- 5:30pm
pm	21 • Lunch Bunch Friendly's-12noon	22	23	24 • Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30am-1:30pm • Worship- 5:30pm
	28	29	30	31 • Worship- 5:30pm

# JOYFUL NOISE NEWS



This summer has flown by! In a few short weeks, our teachers will begin preparing their classrooms for the start of the **2024-2025 school year**.

We had another successful season of **Summer Camps**. We started our summer off with a fan favorite—Superhero Camp! Then we roared into the second week with Dinosaur Camp. Our last week was filled with lots of fun with our first ever Olympics Camp! If you have little ones that are looking for fun and learning in the summer, please be on the lookout for next year’s camp flyer. You do not need to be an enrolled JNP student to participate in these amazing camps!

Please join me in praying for the health and safety of all educators, administrators, staff, students and families as they embark on a new school year. We wish everyone many blessings for a successful, happy and FUN year ahead.

Arieta Beamesderfer  
Director, Joyful Noise Preschool  
717-764-9467  
[joyfulnoise@zionnyork.org](mailto:joyfulnoise@zionnyork.org)

## Current Openings for the 2024-2025 School Year

*All age-level classes are full at this time.  
There are limited openings in our afternoon  
creative classes.*

Please call 717.764.9467 or  
email [joyfulnoise@zionyork.org](mailto:joyfulnoise@zionyork.org)  
for more information!

Registration for the NEXT school year begins in February  
2025. It's never too early to inquire about enrollment!



Some pictures of our FUN  
at camp this  
summer!







- 1 Kevin Grim
- Brent Kessler
- 2 Emma Wright
- 3 Hayden Altland
- 4 Jeremy Arnold
- Trevor Brown
- Rowan Enderle
- Todd Kessler
- Jacob Yeaple
- 5 Maureen Forry
- Madelyn Sowers
- 6 David Koons
- Yvonne Smith
- Lee Wagner
- 7 Kailey Holtzapple
- Barry Newton
- 8 David Miller
- Mario Saullo
- 9 Abigail Davis
- Cassidy Kibler
- 10 Chris Brandstedter
- Yvonne Falkenstine
- Curtis Hemmann
- Amber Johnston
- Henry Schneider
- Krista Zellers
- 11 Annette Portner
- 12 Jason Barshinger
- Nick Leister
- 13 Lea Akin
- Sarah Hartman
- Molly Ripley
- 14 Jim Funt
- Daniel Heathcote
- 15 Michael Koons
- Amy Schanbacher
- Jordan Steiner
- 16 Grayson Barshinger
- 17 Howard Daniels
- 18 Emma Kibler
- Tammy Matylewicz
- Kate Moyer
- 19 Karen Bissell
- Christine Bucks
- Keith Eisenhart
- Jessica Mohr
- Penny Rhode
- 20 Don Ware
- 21 Isaac Engleman
- Brynn Henry
- 22 Timothy Shaffer
- 23 Tammy Barclift
- Mary Ellen Dahlheimer
- 27 Robert Ellis, Jr
- James Rowlands
- 28 Angela Cox
- Joyce Kline
- Kara Lordan
- Megan Lundy
- Ben Otterson
- 29 Don Meluzio
- Branden Mumma
- 30 Alex Doerr
- David Fogle
- Sharon Knox
- 31 Mary Ellen Doll
- Mike Gingerich



- 2 Matt and Kelly Kessler
- 4 Ben and Lindsey Otterson  
Randy and Michelle Sine
- 5 Mike and Lisa Glezer
- 12 David and Rhonda Gardner
- 13 Jeff and Tracey Oberdorf
- 15 Robin and Debra Mountenay
- 17 Shad and Sarah Altland
- 18 Barry and Debra Anderson  
Howard and Joyce Daniels  
Joe and Barbara Sierotowicz
- 19 Michael and Jamie Koons  
Alan and Janice Little
- 21 Greg and Trisha Leib
- 26 Craig and Barbara Bricker
- 28 Scott and Lori Leister  
Lee and Beverly Wagner



## **TEAMS**

**Starting  
Sunday  
September 8th  
11:30 AM**

\*see "A Message from  
Our Pastor" in front of  
the Herald for details.

**COMING  
SOON**

**We Are Wednesdays...  
Starting September 4th  
6:30—8:00 PM**

- 1st Wednesday—Prayer Group
- 3rd Wednesday—Lutheran Discipleship Leaders
- 4th Wednesday—Book Club

***Watch the Weekly Announcements for more details***



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT DRIVE July 27th and September 18th

Please support our International School Kit drive for 2024!

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

Last year we completed 250 school kits 😊 To complete our ambitious goal of 300 school kits in 2024, we will need the supplies listed below. **Take advantage of back-to-school supply sales now to help us fill our kits.**

\*\*\*We especially need notebooks, and they go very fast when the back to school sales begin.

- 1,100 Notebooks (70-sheet, spiral wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper)
- 800 Pens (Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink))
- 900 Pencils (Unsharpened #2 Pencils with erasers)
- 225 Packs of Crayons (Boxes of 16 or 24 Crayons)
- 300 Rulers (30-centimeter Rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- 250 Pencil Sharpeners (Individual)
- 200 Blunt Scissors (Safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 150 Erasers (2 ½" Erasers)

Simply pick a School Bus posted in the Narthex at Zion, buy the items indicated on the tag and drop them off at the church with your school bus between July 27th and September 18th. Pictures/details of the items needed are displayed by the school buses. The approximate cost for the quantity of items needed is marked on the tag. Of course, with inflation, these costs may be outdated so feel free to buy a lesser amount to fit your budget!

If shopping is not your thing, a donation of \$15 will help pay for supplies and/or shipping costs or a donation of \$25 sponsors a full kit. If you are making a monetary donation, 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!

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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**Zion's Mission Statement**  
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