

The Herald

FEBRUARY 2025



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

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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 (Facebook)
 - Sunday 12 Noon—Online (YouTube)
 - Monday 7:30 PM - Online Prayer Service



Zion Has Heart: Sharing Compassion Throughout the Year

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16

As we step into February, our hearts are filled with love and compassion, inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. This month, we focus on **Zion Has Heart**, our annual initiative to extend the love of Christ to those in immediate need within our congregation and community.

Each year, Zion Lutheran Church receives calls from individuals facing urgent challenges—unexpected bills, delays in receiving benefits, or emergencies that threaten their financial stability. These are people who may not qualify for traditional assistance or who have fallen through the cracks of the system. Where do they turn in these moments of need? Many call the church, and when funds are available, Zion answers with love and support.

Your Role in Making a Difference

During February, we invite you to prayerfully consider contributing to the **Zion Has Heart Fund**. Your donations directly support families and individuals in crisis, allowing us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in their lives.

To donate, you can:

- Visit www.zionnyork.org and click on the "Give Online" button. Select "Designated" as the fund and note "Zion Has Heart."
- Send checks to Zion Lutheran Church, 2215 Brandywine Ln, York, PA 17404, with "Zion Has Heart" in the memo line.

Our goal this year is to raise \$6,000. With your help, we can bring light and hope to those struggling with immediate needs.

Almsgiving: A Call to Christian Compassion

As Christians, we are called to practice charity and compassion, reflecting the love of God in tangible ways. The Catechism teaches that charity is “the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God” (CCC, No. 1822). Almsgiving, as part of this love, is more than just monetary giving—it is an act of justice and mercy, connecting us with those in need and with God Himself.

Jesus’ ministry serves as our example. He cared for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized, urging us to do the same. By giving alms, we say to those in need, “I see you, I care for you, and I offer this gift out of love for God and for you.”

A Reflection of Christ’s Love

Supporting **Zion Has Heart** is an opportunity to live out the words of 2 Thessalonians 3:13: “*And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.*” When we give to help others, we allow the light of Christ to shine through us, glorifying our Heavenly Father.

This past year, we provided \$7,039.91 in assistance to 28 families in need, covering expenses such as hospital tolls, hotel stays for the homeless, utilities, food, electricity, tires, and insurance. All funds were paid directly to service providers, landlords, or distributed as gift cards when necessary.

Thank you for being part of this mission of compassion and for having a heart that mirrors Christ’s love. Let us continue to be a beacon of hope in our community, shining the light of God’s love on those who need it most.

Jesus’ Peace,
Pastor Kevin



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Thank
You
*Your generosity
Made a difference*

- Due to your generosity the Afghan refugee families have the needed blankets, rugs and winter clothing!
- Thank you to all those donated to Dominic's confirmation project collecting coats, gloves, hats and scarves for Coats of Friendships.
- A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered to read to our Joyful Noise students last week and supported Zion's preschool. Your kindness shows our children how much the Zion community cares.

— END OF YEAR —
GIVING
STATEMENTS

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements have been emailed to those that have an active email address on file with us and printed for those who requested. If you have not received your statement contact the church office at info@zionyork.org or (717) 767-4673 .

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BY**

Al & Terri Abruzzese

In memory of Al's mother, Stella Abruzzese and Terri's step-father,
Robert Winship.



Faith Formation

Adult Bible Studies

Sundays

9:00 AM—9:45AM

Adult Bible Study Devotion & Dialogue

Each week we discuss the lectionary verses and dive deeper into their meaning in our lives today. Held in the parlor.

Life with Jesus

The 'Life with Jesus' adult Faith Formation class will begin a discussion of the book of Colossians which explains the supremacy of Christ, the fullness of life found in Him, and provides practical wisdom for living the Christian life. Come to learn, and to share your journey. (Find us in the choir room - down the hall past the restrooms, on the left.)

Lunch Bunch

February 19

12:00 Noon

Join Pastor Kevin at Friendly's located at 423 Loucks Rd, to connect with like-minded individuals, share your thoughts, and deepen your understanding in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Gather & Grow

February 10 & 24

6:00 PM

Women, join us at Zion for an in-depth study of the next weeks lectionary passage. Bring your Bible, as we will explore different translations to gain deeper insight.

Men's Huddle

February 20

7PM

Men, join us in January at Mexitaly, 2440 E Market St, York, for a time of fellowship, food, and faith as iron sharpens iron. Pastor Kevin will be leading us in a bible study. Questions contact Matt Gleeman or Walt Marriott.



- 1 Dorinda Dahlheimer
- 2 Keith Brandstedter
- 4 Mary Dye
- 5 Alex Connolly
- 7 Michelle Chu
- 8 Barry Anderson
Shari Young
- 9 Joyce Daniels
Kara Hazelton
Adam Ogle
Connie Ogle
- 10 Norah Dreisbach
Ian Moyer
Christian Nguyen
Samantha Wingerd
- 11 Jonas Altland
Mandy Holtzapple-Leung
- 12 Louise Chenoweth
Millie Delp

- Erin Ream
- Peyton Stauffer
- 13 David Belnick
Kathy Buckingham
Hadley Mohr
Shirley Schneider
- 14 Carson Kessler
Elaine Mann
- 15 Andrew Doerr
Kendall Stauffer
William Vollmer
- 16 Joyce Gingerich
- 17 Karen Engleman
- 21 David Hazelton
Noah Kazar
Weston Mohr
Susan Penley
- 22 Don Dreisbach
Marissa Molinar
Charles Smith
- 23 Mason Otterson
Molly Reinhard
Addison Sauers
Andrew Sauers
- 24 Leah Cunningham
Colton Peters
- 26 Linda Holtzapple
- 27 Jennifer Arnold
Alison Brandstedter
- 28 Stephanie Kin
Janice Kindig

February Anniversaries

- 28 James and Donna Funt
Amy and David Schanbacher
- 29 Dena Owings & Amber Donoflio



Children, Youth & Family Ministry



I write these pieces each month and there are some months where it is a struggle to know what to write about. Do you want to hear about what the youth have done? Do you want to hear my random thoughts around youth ministry? Most of the time I end up letting the Holy spirit guide me in these articles. That is what is going to happen this month.

I was having a conversation with a youth ministry colleague about the lack of caring in her youth group with her older teenagers saying, “they don’t get anything out of worship so why should they go.” This question has come up a couple of times with our Zion youth whether it comes from a youth group discussion or a conversation during confirmation studies. Sometimes I will just ask the question, “Why do we worship?” to hear what their responses will be. I will listen to what they have to say but then I always offer my response.

I preface it by saying that a young Chuck Bissell was terrible at attending worship. I went when my mother and father wanted me to. When the choice became mine at the age of 18, I chose sleep over worship. Only as I became older did I realize that I chose poorly. When I think back on my early twenties, I had no connection to a congregation and not much of a relationship with God. I thought long and hard about this question when I started going to worship again. Here is my response.

How much does God do for you every day? Do you wake up in a warm bed? Is there food in your refrigerator and pantry? Do you go to school? Text/call your friends? Watch TV?? God has put a lot of wonderful things in your life every single DAY. Do you thank God for what you have? How can we thank God for the things and people he has blessed us with? How about 75 minutes of your life one day a week?

75 minutes to sing his praises; lift His name in prayer; share in communion with Him and the rest of your faith family in worship. 75 minutes where if you truly give of yourself, you will STILL get something out of that time. Is the sermon boring? If you listen hard enough you will find something in that message that stirs something up inside of you. You need to be open to the possibility of being changed. When I gave that time to worship, I found myself looking for more opportunities to have that continued feeling. I wanted to do more as a thank you to God but to also continue to feed my soul. This is why I worship. Why do you worship? I would love to know. Feel free to send me an email or grab me after a worship service and share your thoughts.

See you on Sunday!

Chuck



Oh, the weather outside is frightful.
But the chili is so delightful.
And since there's no football game,
Winning the cookoff is your claim to fame!

The Firehouse may have you hopping.
The Unique may cause some bopping.
Traditional is best, cooked low and slow.
The best cornbread has us saying whoa!

It's best to come with your appetite.
And loose pants for they're sure to get tight.

The date is February 2nd at noon,
With a chili so good you'll hum a tune!

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Please sign up on the bulletin board.
Bring your family and enjoy the fun.

Previous year winners, please wear your chili-pepper necklace. May the best chili and cornbread win!



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Feb 11:30 Chili Cookoff

16

Feb 11:30 Kidz Konnection
3:00 456
6:00 ZEAL

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Mar 11:30 Kidz Konnection
3:00 456
6:00 ZEAL

February 2025

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<p>2 Presentation of Our Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • Annual Chili Cook-off –11:30am 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>4</p>
<p>9 5 Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • Team Meetings - 11:30 am 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather and Grow –6pm • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>11</p>
<p>16 6 Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • Kids Konnection-11:30am to 1:30pm • Club 456– 3 to 4:30pm • ZEAL-6 to 8:30pm 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meeting-6:30pm
<p>23 7 Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>25</p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 • Worship- 5:30pm
5 • Choir Practice –12:00 pm • We Are Wednesdays –6:30pm Prayer Group	6	7	8 • Worship- 5:30pm
12 • Choir Practice –12:00 pm	13	14	15 • Worship- 5:30pm
19 • Choir Practice –12:00 pm • Lunch Bunch Friendly’s–12noon • We Are Wednesdays –6:30pm Discipleship	20 • Men’s Huddle 7 pm	21	22 • Worship- 5:30pm
26 • Choir Practice –12:00 pm • We Are Wednesdays –6:30pm Book Club	27	28	Deadline to submit items for the March Herald is February 14.

ZION HAS HEART

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

The Service Ministry Team is collecting donations throughout February for Zion Has Heart, an initiative to assist those in immediate need. This Valentine's Day, show your love to a stranger by making a meaningful donation and helping us reach our goal of \$6,000.

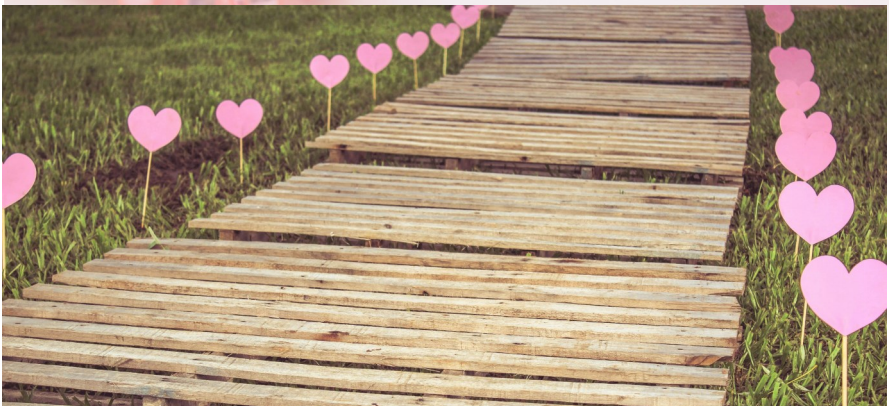
You can donate in one of the following ways:

1. Online: Visit www.zionyork.org and click the "Give Online" button. Select the Zion Has Heart fund and include "Zion Has Heart" in the notes.
2. In Person: Select a heart from the Narthex, starting February 1st, attach it to your donation, and place it in a marked Zion Has Heart Love Envelope.

Thank you for your generosity and for having a heart of compassion. Together, let's share Christ's love and make Him known!

And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

2 Thessalonians 3:13



ZION
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We are... Wednesdays

PRAYER
GROUP

Join in prayer, in a variety of styles. Pray for personal, community and global issues.

FIRST
WEDNESDAY

GRIEF
SHARE

Find comfort and support here. 13-week course April 23 thru July 2.

SECOND
WEDNESDAY

DISCIPLESHIP

Explore what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

THIRD
WEDNESDAY

BOOK
CLUB

Join this vibrant community of book lovers, covering a wide range of genres!

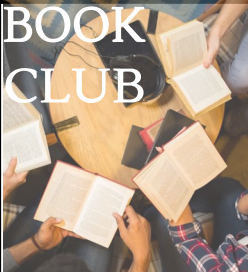
FOURTH
WEDNESDAY



6:30-8:00PM EACH WEEK

PICK ONE OR COME EVERY WEEK
BE A PART OF THE LIFE AT ZION!

BOOK CLUB



For the month of February we will be reading *Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. The memoir of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth.

February 26 at 6:30 PM

We hope to see you there!

Your Book Club Leaders —
Erin Ream & Amy Schanbacher



Lectionary Scriptures for February

February 2, 2025

This coming Sunday we hear Luke's story of the ritual at which the infant Jesus was presented in the temple and his mother Mary was "purified" after childbirth. Receiving them in the temple are Simeon and Anna, two old people who speak about the redemption that will come through Jesus' death. All narratives about Jesus point to his death and resurrection. Come to worship, and at communion hold Christ in your own hands.

Readings and Psalm

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord. (Ps. 84:1)

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

February 9, 2025

This coming Sunday, the gospel is the story of the miraculous catch of fish. So what does this have to do with us? Come to worship, to hear about you and the fish, to pray, to sing, to eat and drink.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Psalm 138

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 16, 2025

In the gospel this coming Sunday, Jesus says, "Woe to you who are laughing now." What can this mean for us? Come to worship, to hear, to pray, to sing, to eat and drink.

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

February 23, 2025

The first reading from Genesis on this coming Sunday describes how Joseph forgave his brothers their cruel misdeeds, and the gospel urges us to love our enemies. Come to worship, and receive the Spirit's power to live in this countercultural way.

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Refugee Support Needed Afghan Refugee Families in York

THANK YOU for your great response, we are no longer collecting items. Here are our current needs:

- Monetary donations for clothing for teenagers, utility bills, and rent, place donations in a love envelope, and mark refugees. Or, give online, select designated, and mark refugee.
- Women drivers to take the women and children to Doctor's appointments as needed, contact Lori Wise if interested at lsab1960@yahoo.com
- Male & Female drivers to take refugees to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Union Church, 408 West Market St. Classes are Mondays, and Wednesdays, March 3rd to April 9th, 12:30-2:30 PM. Able to assist with need? Contact Pastor Kevin at kstout@zionyork.org.
- Childcare for the above-mentioned ESL class. Contact Pastor Kevin, kstout@zionyork.org, with questions of interest.

Thank you for your support and willingness to make a difference!



FEBRUARY

Joyful Noise Preschool

- February 6th
Valentine's Party– Caterpillar 2 Class
- February 7th
Valentine's Party– Caterpillar 1 Class
- February 10th
Valentine's Party– Hummingbird Class
- February 11th
Valentine's Party– Bumblebee Class
- February 12th
Valentine's Party– Grasshopper Class
- February 14th
Valentine's Party– Butterfly Class

A special THANK YOU to everyone that came in to read to one of our classes during Lutheran Education Week! We loved having you! If you are interested in coming back to read again, please contact Arieta at:
Joyfulnoise@zionyork.org

Celebrating the New Year!



Here are some of our Grasshopper friends having fun “sledding” indoors!



Our FLEX Class made “snow” with baking soda and conditioner!

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR!

Please email
Arieta Beamesderfer at
Joyfulnoise@zionyork.org for a registration packet!

February

- AQUARIUS
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARNATION
- CHOCOLATE
- COZY
- CUPID
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FRIENDSHIP
- GROUNDHOG DAY
- HEART
- HUG
- KISS
- LEAP YEAR
- LOVE
- MARDI GRAS
- PINK
- PISCES
- PRESIDENTS DAY
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SKIING
- SNOW
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE
- WINTER

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

O	D	Z	C	J	Y	A	D	G	O	H	D	N	U	O	R	G	A	B
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