

The Herald

March 2025



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Zion Lutheran Church

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

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK



At Zion, we are reminded of God's call to love and welcome the stranger among us. As it is written, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2). The arrival of four Afghan refugee families in our community is not just an opportunity to serve, but a sacred calling to extend Christ's love to those seeking refuge. Jesus Himself taught us, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35). As we walk alongside these families, providing support and encouragement, we do so as an act of faith, reflecting the compassion and grace that God has shown us.

Welcoming Afghan Refugee Families to York: A Community of Support

At Zion, our hearts have been touched by the opportunity to help welcome four Afghan refugee families to our community. As they settle into life here in York, we have joined together to offer support, guidance, and kindness in many ways.

So far, the outpouring of generosity has been overwhelming. Thanks to the kindness of many, we've been able to collect and distribute clothing and furniture to the families. We've helped them navigate the process of accessing the York Food Bank, provided transportation to medical appointments, and assisted with understanding medical insurance. When the heat wasn't functioning in their homes, we were able to connect with others who helped them lower utility bills and generously donated space heaters to keep them warm.

On February 9th, a group from Zion, alongside other community members, welcomed the families with a meal of Afghan food in the Fellowship Hall. During this event, we learned about a cultural tradition that Afghan men and women do not gather together at the same table in public settings. It was a privilege to sit and listen to the family fathers, with the assistance of Aziz Nazari, who graciously served as a translator.

Here's a look at the families we are helping:

The Amiri Family

Father: Amir Amiri

Mother: Jamila

Sons: Pamir (18), Arash (13), Abuzar (11), Basit (8)

Daughters: Wasima (21), Saida (15), Bibi (5)

The Amiri family hails from the Panjshir Province of Afghanistan, a place Amir recalls fondly for its beauty. Amir worked as a mechanic for the U.S. Army, and his family enjoyed playing volleyball and football (American soccer). After the U.S. troops left and the Taliban took over Kabul in 2021, they were forced to flee. Amir is currently working in sanitization but hopes to return to his trade as an auto mechanic. The family is eager to learn English and, with the help of the community, is focused on building a brighter future in the U.S.

The Attai Family

Father: Mohammad

Mother: Zamina

Sons: Zaki (21), Nasrat (19), Irfan (8), Mosa (3)

Daughters: Zamzama (16), Nilofar (14)

Living in Kabul, the Attai family loved their city but lived in constant fear of the Taliban. Mohammad worked as a professional singer and a delivery driver for the U.S. Army base. The family feels safe in the U.S. and is slowly adjusting to their new life here. Mohammad hopes to find work as a musician, and Zamina is eager to learn to drive and improve her English. Their children, especially Nasrat, who already knows some English, are excited to attend school and build new lives.

The Amar Khil Family

Father: Habib

Mother: Homaira

Sons: Tawhed (14), Tawfeq (13), Tamjed (10), Majeed (4)

Daughter: Kayanet (9)

Habib worked as a wastewater treatment plant operator for the U.S. Army and enjoyed playing Snooker in his free time. Snooker is a billiard type of sport originating in India and popularized by the British Army. After the U.S. Army left Afghanistan, Habib took his family to Qatar, but with the Taliban's presence there, they faced challenges finding work. Habib is now looking for a career in electricity or HVAC. He has asked for prayers as they adjust to their new life, especially in securing stable work and education for his children.

The Nazari Family

Father: Aziz

Mother: Salma

Son: Husam (3)

Daughters: Amena (7), Raihanna (5)

The Nazari family is from Kabul, where Aziz worked as a Team Leader for the U.S. Army and enjoyed gardening. With a Bachelor of Science in Economics, Aziz is well-educated and speaks excellent English. They fled Afghanistan due to the Taliban and now feel safe in the U.S., where Aziz is taking classes at York Technical Institute. Salma, who has experience as a tailor, is eager to learn English and find work. Aziz requests prayers for his family's continued adjustment and for a better life in the U.S.

As a church family, we are so grateful for the opportunity to support these families during their transition to a new life in the U.S. We continue to ask for prayers for their well-being, for their adjustment to their new lives, and for their success as they build a future in York.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed time, resources, and kindness to this effort. Let's continue to come together as a community to show these families the love and support they need as they start this new chapter in their lives.

In Christ's love,
Dan Wise ~ Zion Church Member



Charles E. Stout Benefit Concert Saturday, March 8th 7:00 PM

On Saturday, March 8th at 7:00 pm Zion Lutheran Church is having a benefit concert for the Charles E. Stout Harmony Fund. This fund makes grants that

support

children and youth in performing arts throughout the world. Charles truly brought harmony by caring and serving others throughout his short life. We are glad to have the following musical groups: Sons of Thunder (Mt. Zion Church Lewisberry) and Leap of Faith (Zion). Join us for an evening of music!





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

March 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

Wednesdays

6:00 PM

We will be joining the Wednesday Lenten Bible Study. We hope to see you there!

Men's Huddle

March 20

7PM

Men, join us at Zion for a time of fellowship, food, and faith as iron sharpens iron. Bring a sandwich and beverage to enjoy. Pastor Kevin will be leading us in a bible study. Questions contact Matt Glemman or Walt Marriott.



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| 1 Megan Ripley | 16 Haley Glezer |
| 2 Shad Altland | Tammy Holtzapple |
| 3 Andrew Strittmatter | Eric Johnston |
| John Villarose IV | 17 Bruce Brown |
| Beverly Wagner | Andy Parr |
| 5 Rebecca Luckenbaugh | 18 Regina Peckmann |
| Kaleigh Sauers | Curry Smith |
| 6 Kelly Kessler | 20 Lori Kain |
| Colin Owings | 21 Emma Eisenhart |
| 8 Carter Arnold | Annette Fisher |
| Colin Arnold | Linda Plass |
| 9 Darlene Bahn | Mechelle Shaffer |
| Cameron Dickerson | 22 Aubrey Graham |
| Lindsey Otterson | Travis Peters |
| 10 Karen Chronister | 23 Wesley Graver |
| Cody Wise | Justin Riese |
| 11 Erik Eisenhart | 24 Anmarie Hazelton |
| Scott Nadzom | Athene M. Steinke |
| Christine Reutter | Kylie Walker |
| 12 Lori Brown | 26 Melissa Doerr |
| 13 Clayton Brandstedter | Diana Mohn |
| Jessica Rader | Irwin Rhode |
| 14 Lisa Lam | C J Stout |
| Don Pickel | 27 Kassidy Sauers |
| Michael Rader | T J Santos |
| | 28 Mackenzie Spickler |
| | 29 Eric Anderson |
| | Reese Benton |
| | Carol Davis |
| | Simon Koons |
| | Lydia Reichard-Groller |
| | Nichole Smyser |
| | 30 Jennifer Grove |

March Anniversaries

- 4 Kristine and Brad Cox
- 7 Charlie and Ruth Fishel
- 10 Lance and Annette Fisher
- 13 Don and Jeri Pickel
- 15 Tom and Karen Kauffman
- 20 David and Stephanie Miller
- 25 Don and Rita Ware



Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Here we are again. Another month brings another topic. What does our ministry look like in the future? How do I minister to the youth in this congregation and the ones I come across in my travels as well as other events I attend. The world we live in today is different from the world we lived in two months ago. Each day I read a different news story about changes being made. Changes that negatively affect our everyday lives whether you realize it or not.

Then that is what sticks out the most to me. A lot of the things that are happening in our country and in our world do not directly affect our everyday lives. I have had multiple conversations with those that are directly affected by these changes, and they are scared. I am scared for them. They ask me to pray for them and their families and I pray every day for them. I pray that enough change can occur to correct the atrocities that some of these friends and family face (homelessness, food insecurity, job loss).

We had Youth Group Sunday this past week that I am writing this and the kids are beginning to notice the changes. I thank Pastor Kevin for letting the Holy Spirit guide him over the past several weeks with the messages that he has shared with us during the sermon. It is important to know where God would stand on all these decisions being made by people who will never be affected negatively by these decisions that they are making. The youth are listening, and they are asking questions, good and difficult questions. The youth of this congregation are beginning to understand what is happening. I highly recommend to the families of these youth that you engage them in these conversations.

We spent our time during Youth Group Sunday, across all three groups, discussing 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. We spoke about what it means to be love in the world. Then I handed them the same reading with the words "love" and "it" removed and I had them write in their

own name. I would encourage you that are reading this article to do the same. The one thing is, when you replace love with your name, read it OUT LOUD. The reading hits differently when you hear your own name along with “is patient” and “is kind”. This passage is a fantastic checklist into how you live your everyday life. I want you to really think about each line. Where did you excel? Where did you fall short? I guarantee that we all fall short. The only person that can be all these things at the same time is Jesus. God is Love. All we can do is do our best. Where we fall short, we can pray and ask God for that help to be more like Him.

I hope you take the time and do this exercise. Feel free to stop me at faith formation or before or after worship one of these Sundays. Let me know your thoughts. God Bless all of you and see you on Sunday.

Chuck

Chili Cookoff Winners

Traditional

1. Sara Strayer
2. John Moyer & Frank Heisey
3. Dan Wise



FireHouse

1. Elaine Mann
2. Connor Bucks
3. Dan Mohn

Unique

1. Matt Engleman
2. Dan Connolly
3. Lauren Dreisbach



Cornbread

1. Anita Langheine
2. Connor Buck
3. Erin Ream, Penny Heisey & Chris Fidler



Mar 9
 11:30 Kidz Konnection
 3:00 456
 6:00 ZEAL

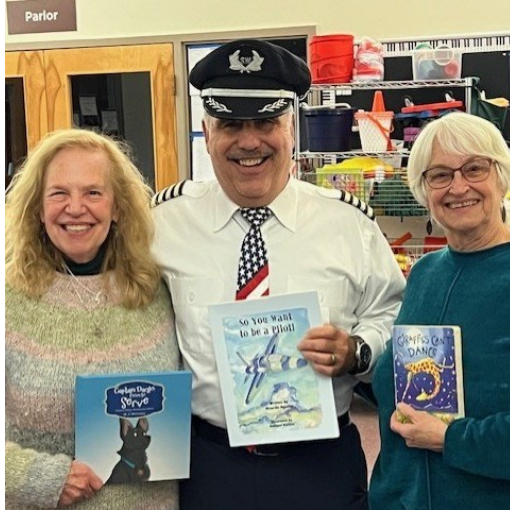
Apr 13
 11:30 Kidz Konnection
 3:00 456
 6:00 ZEAL

Apr 18-19
 6:00 ZEAL Lock-in

Apr 19
 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt

Joyful Noise News

We had an amazing time during Lutheran Education Week! Thank you to all of the Zion Members that came to read to us! We hope you had as much fun as we did!

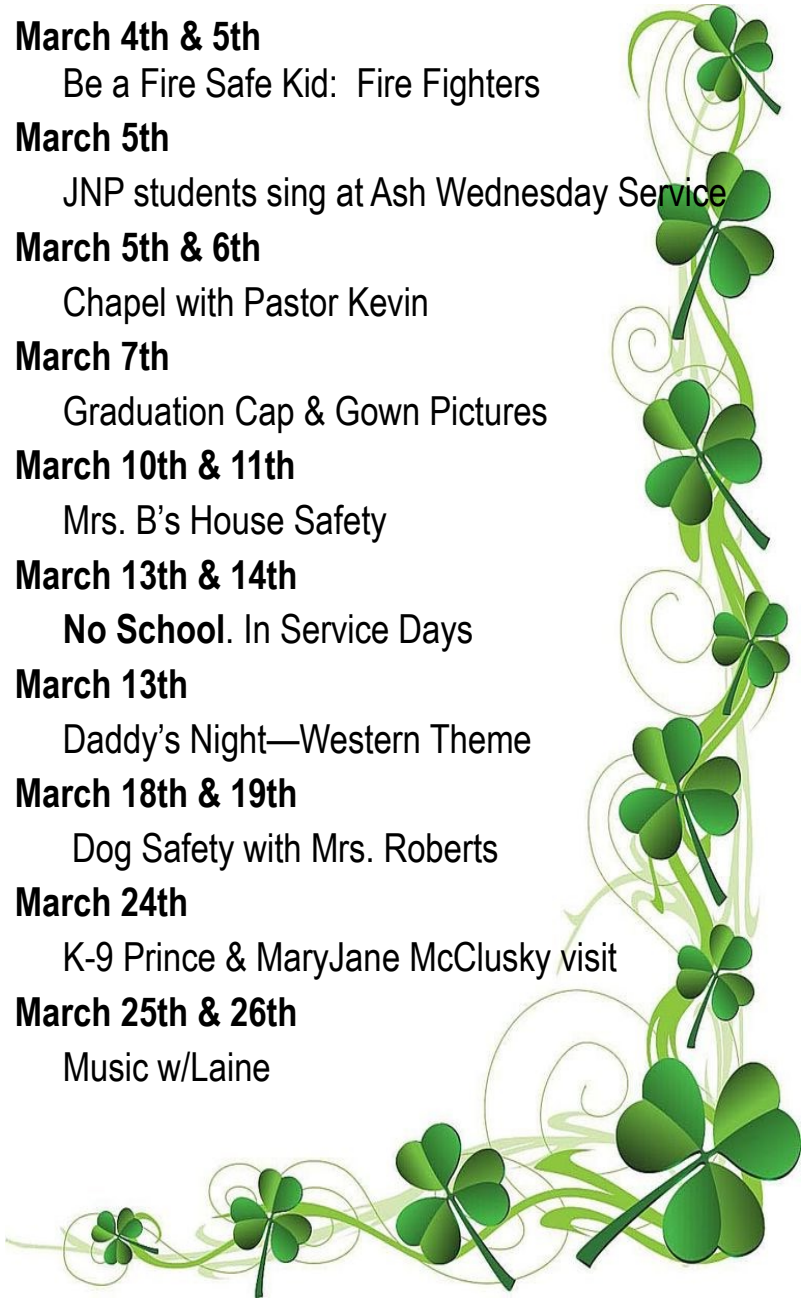


March is our "Safety Month". We are looking forward to having visits from the local Fire Department, Police Department, and an age appropriate lesson on being safe at home!

We will also hold our annual "Daddy's Night" this month. This year's theme is Western night. We can't wait to see our little cowboys & cowgirls with their dads or grandpas!

March's Joyful Noise Events

- **March 4th & 5th**
Be a Fire Safe Kid: Fire Fighters
- **March 5th**
JNP students sing at Ash Wednesday Service
- **March 5th & 6th**
Chapel with Pastor Kevin
- **March 7th**
Graduation Cap & Gown Pictures
- **March 10th & 11th**
Mrs. B's House Safety
- **March 13th & 14th**
No School. In Service Days
- **March 13th**
Daddy's Night—Western Theme
- **March 18th & 19th**
Dog Safety with Mrs. Roberts
- **March 24th**
K-9 Prince & MaryJane McClusky visit
- **March 25th & 26th**
Music w/Laine





Thank
You
*Your generosity
Made a difference*

Tortilla Weekend was a great success! Thank you to all who helped us raise \$1827.00 to feed our 5 sponsored children in Guatemala. Many thanks to the Fellowship Team members who graciously came out to help. Thank you to our Service Team members for your generosity and help. Our thanks also go to everyone who came out to enjoy the tortillas and generously donate to give 5 orphans the nutritious food they need to grow up healthy and happy, knowing that a congregation of people many miles away care enough to help make their lives better. Most of all, thank you to our Loving God who has placed in our hearts the desire and will to love our neighbors as ourselves.

A promotional poster for a blood drive. On the left, a large red heart shape contains the text "BLOOD DRIVE" in white, with "with" and the American Red Cross logo below it. To the right, the date and time "March 29 8 AM—1 PM" are displayed. Below this is an illustration of a blood bag and a heart-shaped container connected by a tube. At the bottom right, the location "Zion Fellowship Hall" and the instruction "Pre-register at" are written. A red banner at the very bottom contains the website "www.redcrossblood.org".

**BLOOD
DRIVE**
with  **American
Red Cross**

**March 29
8 AM—1 PM**

**Zion Fellowship Hall
Pre-register at**

www.redcrossblood.org

Grieving a Loss?

Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

Join us at

GriefShare®

When: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
April 23—July 2

Where: Zion Lutheran Church
2215 Brandywine Lane
York, PA 17404

Contact: Chris Owens
Pcowens.123@gmail.com
717-870-6087

Register: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261594>

Spring Women's Retreat

There are so many needs in our world. Do you feel a kind of restlessness, that there is something else you should be doing? What *is* our purpose? Does God have a special calling for which He created *you*? How do we figure it all out? These are all questions we will investigate during the Women's Retreat "For Such a Time as This." Details:



When? April 3-6, you can choose how many days (Main event Sat., April 5th)

Where? Zinn-Tozer Lodge, Camp Nawakwa, Arendtsville, PA

How much? 3 nights-\$150; 2 nights - \$105; 1 night - \$60; one day- \$20

Questions? email Deb Anderson at dba456@live.com, call or text 717-891-8433

Sign-up: on white board in narthex

March 2025

Mon

Tue

<p>2 Transfiguration 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 *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>4</p>
<p>9 1 Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • Team Meetings - 11:30 am • Kids Konnection-11:30am to 1:30pm • Club 456– 3 to 4:30pm • ZEAL-6 to 8:30pm 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>11</p>
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<p>23 3 Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>25</p>
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 • Worship- 5:30pm
5 Ash Wednesday Services: 11 am and 7 pm • Choir Practice –12:00 pm	6	7	8 • Worship- 5:30pm • Charles E. Stout Benefit Concert Fundraiser 7-9 pm
12 • Lenten Study –11 am to 12pm • Choir Practice –12:00 pm • Lenten soup meal with service -6 to 7:30pm	13	14	15 • Worship- 5:30pm
19 • Lenten Study –11 am to 12pm • Choir Practice –12:00 pm • Lunch Bunch Friendly’s–12noon • Lenten soup meal with service -6 to 7:30pm	20 • Men’s Huddle 7 pm	21	22 • Worship- 5:30pm
26 • Lenten Study –11 am to 12pm • Choir Practice –12:00 pm • Lenten soup meal with service -6 to 7:30pm	27	28	29 • Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30am to 1 pm • Worship- 5:30pm
			Deadline to submit items for the April Herald is March 14.



Avery County
Habitat
for Humanity®
North Carolina

Mission Trip: Hurricane Helene caused devastating damage to multiple areas of the country. Avery County, NC, has a Habitat affiliate with whom our church has previously worked. The devastation was so bad that there really aren't homes left to repair, so the focus is on new construction. Want to help? (*Must be at least 16 yrs. old.*) **Details:**

When? Sun., July 6th-Sat. July 12th. (*You are welcome to come for a partial week as well.*)

Where? [The Gilmer Retreat Center](#), 151 Friendship Lane, Elk Park, NC 28622 (*In Mildford Meadows, a Habitat community*)

Cost? \$30/night/person in the retreat center; \$15/night/person in your own RV. (*sites have water, electric, sewer*)

Travel? It is about 7.5 hrs driving time, mostly following route 81 south. We will carpool for those who would like.

What to bring? Bedding for single bunks, towel, toiletries, old clothes, closed toed-shoes. Money or packed lunch for travel days, possibly eating out one evening to support the local economy. Optional: hand tools labeled with your name or initials.

Food? We are looking for at least 2 or 3 volunteers to cook breakfast and dinner.

Questions? Contact Barry Anderson, barryaic@live.com or 71-7586-4005

Confirmation & Service Project
Stuff the Bus
Panther Pantry
Theme: Let's Get Clean



During the months of March and April, we will be collecting the following items.

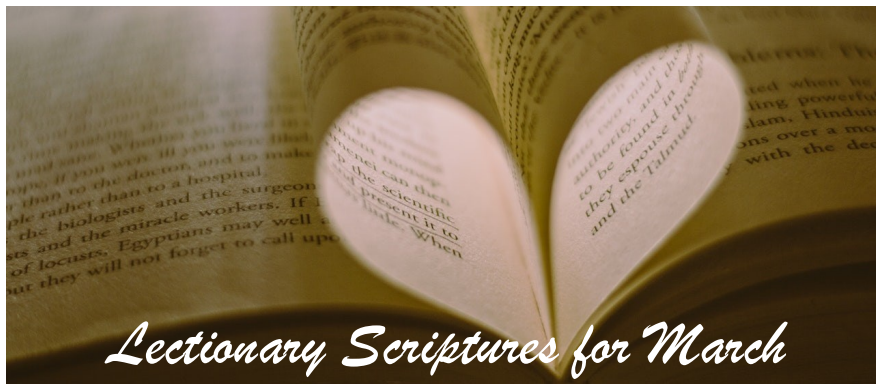
- Laundry Detergent
- Toothbrush
- Spray Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Toothpaste
- Hand Soap
- Feminine Products
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

To My Church Family:

A heartfelt thank you for all your calls, cards and prayers during my recent accident. It is truly appreciated.

*thank
you*

Karyl Keller



Lectionary Scriptures for March

March 2, 2025

Over the past Sundays, we have seen Jesus show himself to be Christ, the one anointed by God to be our Savior. This Sunday, the Transfiguration, when Jesus appears on a mountain in divine glory, concludes the time after Epiphany. In three days, on Ash Wednesday, we begin the climb to the mountain of Jesus' crucifixion. The church holds side-by-side the brilliance of God and the cross of Jesus.

Readings and Psalm

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

March 9, 2025

Each year on the first Sunday in Lent we hear about Jesus being tested in the wilderness. In this way Jesus joined with us, who are also, one way or another, tested in some wilderness. We say Sundays "in" Lent, since when counting the forty days of Lent, we omit the six Sundays, because Sunday is always a celebration of Christ's resurrection. So this Sunday we are both in Lent and beyond Lent.

Readings and Psalm

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16, 2025

In next Sunday's gospel reading, we are like chicks that need protection, for a fox is nearby. Come to worship, and join us in praising the God who gathers us as if under loving wings.

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 23, 2025

Some Christians imagine either themselves or other people to be no more than barren trees that might as well be uprooted and discarded. Come to worship this Sunday, and hear what the gardener says about barren trees.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 30, 2025

This coming Sunday the gospel reading is the well-known story of the prodigal son. Which brother are you like? Come to worship, whichever one you are, and join in God's feast of mercy.

Readings and Psalm

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord. (Ps. 32:11)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



March 9

DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME

Spring

FORWARD

1 hour





Lenten Book Study
Wednesdays
March 12—April 12
11:00 AM

Lenten Book Study & Soup Meal
Wednesdays
March 12—April 12
6:00 - 7:30 PM

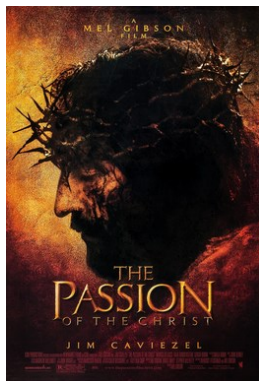
During the 40-day journey, come to Zion to share in a soup meal and a book study, “Entering the Passion of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine. In this book, Amy explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. Each week there will be a video and discussion. Books will be available each week at the table (1 per table) or you can purchase on Amazon or your favorite bookstore.

Sign Up to Assist with Lenten Dinners

We need soup, bread and help setting up and cleaning up for each week. Sign up on the Narthex Bulletin Board to assist.

Movie Night
April 13
6PM

Join us for a viewing of *The Passion of the Christ*, a 2004 epic biblical drama film. It depicts the Passion of Jesus largely according to the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. It begins with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, continues with the betrayal of Judas Iscariot, the brutal Scourging at the Pillar, the suffering of Mary, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, and ends with a brief depiction of his resurrection.



**This film is rated R and contains graphic content.*

Holy Week

2025

Palm-Passion Weekend

Saturday, April 12 5:30 pm Gathering, Come As You Are

Sunday, April 13 8:00 am Traditional: Words, Hymns, Liturgy
9:00 am Faith Formation
10:00 am Community Service

Sunday, April 13 6:00 pm Movie Night

Maudy Thursday Services with Holy Communion

Thursday, April 17 12:00 Noon
7:00 pm

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 18 12:00 Noon Jesus on the Cross
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Weekend

Saturday, April 19 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 5:30 pm Gathering, Come As You Are

Sunday, April 20 6:30 am Sunrise Service



EASTER
@ ZION

EASTER FLOWERS

Orders due by **March 23, 2025**

Payment **must** accompany order.



Make checks payable to
Zion Lutheran Church

Place order in white box at Information Desk or drop off in office

Lilies (<i>white</i> single plant)	\$13.00
Tulips 6" pot	\$11.50

Assorted colors: To guarantee a beautiful array of colors only an assortment will be supplied by our supplier. You may select your colors after the 10:00 am worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

I am ordering:

_____ Lilies @ \$13.00	\$ _____
_____ Tulips @ \$11.50	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Name of Donor _____

Phone Number _____

I Do Do Not want the plant.

Payment must be included with order

Any questions please call the church office at 767-4673



MINUTES: ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: January 21, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE:

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Pastor Kevin Stout	Present	Alex Engleman, Youth Representative	Excused/Missing
Denise Moyer, Administrator	Present	Rose Hartzell, Member	Excused/Missing
Christy Bucks, President	Present	Kelly Kessler, Member	Excused/Missing
Anmarie Hazelton, Vice President	Present	Mary Jane McCluskey, Member	Present
Andrew Doerr, Treasurer	Present	Wade Markel, Member	Present
Sara Strayer, Secretary	Present	Karl Peckmann, Member	Present
Andy Parr, Assistant Secretary	Present	Jim Rowlands, Member	Present
Dave Schneider, Parliamentarian	Present		

1. OPENING DEVOTION

- Sara Strayer led devotion focused on hope, highlighting Hebrews 6:19 and Romans 15:13.
- Devotion will be led by Dave Schneider at the next meeting.

2. THANK YOU CARDS

- Lori Wise for efforts with Afghan families-to be written by Anmarie Hazelton.
- Sevjid Dondog, Byam's mother, for speaking at services-a picture by MJ McCluskey to be sent to Byam who will forward it.
- Samantha Wingerd, Blaze Fogle, Ashley Cummings for Christmas music performances-to be written by Christy Bucks and Dave Schneider.
- Karen and Tim Mechler for efforts with Tortilla Sunday-to be written by Andy Parr.

3. SCHEDULE INSTALLMENT OF 2025 COUNCIL

- Targeted date for future installations to be in a December worship service, as noted in the Constitution.
- 2025 Council to be installed February 2, 2025, at each service.
- Christy Bucks noted the need for annual Council benchmarks, which she will draft. Jim Rowlands will check if there is a template from past years to share.
- Youth Representative voted on in September and joined Council in October. Youth Representative term is to be by school year.
- Denise Moyer has distributed a new copy of the Constitution to all current Council members for review, which includes the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions.

4. DISCUSSION OF 2025 EXECUTIVE TEAM

- Ad hoc meeting for Executive Team vote was held at November 2024 Congregation meeting. November 2024 Meeting Minutes to be amended to reflect this vote.

5. MEETING MINUTES AND REPORTS

Report	Comments
5.1 Meeting Minutes	<p>The Meeting Minutes from November 2024 were submitted by Sara Strayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to open minutes for discussion by Andrew Doerr, seconded by Mary Jane McCluskey. Motion carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karl Peckmann motioned to amend November 2024 Meeting Minutes to reflect Council vote for 2025 Executive Team, seconded by Andy Parr. Motion carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2025 Council Executive Team includes: Christy Bucks, President; Anmarie Hazelton, Vice President; Andrew Doerr, Treasurer; Sara Strayer, Secretary; Andy Parr, Assistant Secretary; Dave Schneider, Parliamentarian. ○ Motion to approve the amended November 2024 minutes to reflect Council vote for 2025 Executive Team by Andrew Doerr, seconded by Anmarie Hazelton. Motion carried. ● A Council meeting was not held in December 2024. Therefore, there are no December 2024 meeting minutes.
5.2 Treasurer's Report	<p>Report submitted by Wade Markel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 2024 Operations (does not include preschool): Receipts (Giving) \$35,310.19, Expenses \$38,412.88, Surplus/Deficit -\$3,102.69. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YTD Operations: Receipts (Giving) \$420,088.07, Expenses \$514,198.59, Surplus/Deficit -\$94,110.52. ○ YTD Budget: Receipts (Giving) \$406,856.08, Expenses \$488,167.67, Surplus/Deficit -\$81,311.59. ○ Current surplus/deficit for 2024 is at -\$94,110.52, while we are budgeted to have a -\$89,013.85 deficit at the end of year. ○ Motion to approve November Treasurer's Report by Karl Peckmann. seconded by Dave Schneider. Motion carried. ● December 2024 Operations (does not include preschool): Receipts (Giving) \$56,008.26, Expenses \$45,917.91, Surplus/Deficit \$10,036.35. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YTD Operations: Receipts (Giving) \$476,096.33, Expenses \$559,734.34, Surplus/Deficit -\$83,638.01. ○ YTD Budget: Receipts (Giving) \$443,843.00, Expenses \$532,546.55, Surplus/Deficit -\$88,703.55. \$310 difference is from Joyful Noise deficit. ○ Surplus/deficit for 2024 is -\$83,638.01, while we budgeted to have a -\$88,703.55 deficit at the end of year. ○ Motion to approve December Treasurer's Report by Andy Parr, seconded by Mary Jane McCluskey. Motion carried.
5.3 Membership Report	<p>Report submitted by Pastor Kevin Stout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 2024: Losses-Marjorie Mann, Removal-n/a, Accessions- Dwayne and Theresa Scheuing. ● December 2024: Losses-n/a, Removal-n/a, Accessions-Craig Adams, Dennis Wagner, Scott Hake, Lori Kain. ● There were 24 new members in 2024.
5.4 Investment Treasurer Report	<p>Report submitted by Adam Strayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024 Distribution of Net Income from Restricted Funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John C. Rupert-Sunday School Bequest transfer \$194.00 to 52008 Curriculum and Supplies for Faith Formation. Motion to approve by Jim Rowlands, seconded by Karl Peckmann. Motion carried. ○ John C. Rupert-Mission Bequest transfer \$211.74 to Domestic Missions. Motion to approve by Karl Peckmann, seconded by Mary Jane McCluskey. Motion carried. ○ Daniel Gotwalt-Benjamin H Weiser Trust transfer \$1,023.21 to Council Benevolence. Motion to approve by Andrew Doerr, seconded by Dave Schneider. Motion Carried. ○ J. Fred Sultzbach Bequest transfer \$366.20 to Council Benevolence and transfer \$366.20 to snow removal. Motion to approve by Mary Jane McCluskey, seconded by Andy Parr. Motion Carried.

5.5 Pastor Report	<p>Report submitted by Pastor Kevin Stout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Kevin thanked Council for new laptop, which was budgeted. • Pastor Kevin suggested he take time off from preaching once a month to avoid burnout, with the exception of Lent and Advent seasons. Discussion of structuring as three weeks on and one week off a month, which is separate from Pastor's existing time off. Pastor Kevin will be present at services, but lay members to preach. • York Good Neighbors' Welcoming Team for new refugees- All local churches invited to participate.
5.6 Parish Administrator's Report	<p>Report submitted by Denise Moyer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking to redo pictorial directory. Needing volunteers to take photos before/after services during Lent. • Distributed Council terms and contact sheet.
5.7 Children, Youth and Family Ministry (CYFM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions or comments.
5.8 Youth Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions or comments.
5.9 Joyful Noise Preschool Board Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions or comments.

6. Old Business

6.1 Teams Debrief

- Outreach Team planning to advertise The Chosen theater event.
- Fellowship Team planning Chili Cook Off, coffee socials, decorating bulletin board, Lenten family event

6.2 Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar

- Update from Sara Strayer at February Council meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 Year Kickoff

- Devotions scheduling and content: Schedule assigned alphabetically. Open ended content for 2025 devotions.
- Check Signatories
 - Mission Investment CD: Andrew Doerr, Treasurer and Christy Bucks, President
 - M&T Checking: Christy Bucks, President; Anmarie Hazelton, Vice President; Andrew Doerr, Treasurer; Wade Markel, former Treasurer
 - M&T Investment Checking: Christy Bucks, President and Andrew Doerr, Treasurer
 - Janey Investment Accounts: Christy Bucks, President and Wade Markel, former Treasurer
 - Motion to approve check signatories by Jim Rowlands, seconded by Dave Schneider. Motion carried.

- New Council Members' Team commitments to be identified Christy Bucks.

7.2 White Paper-Grow 30

- Pastor Kevin presented Grow 30 5-year vision for Zion
- Council asked to read the White Paper and provide feedback and action items
- Marketing and Rebranding Discussion
 - Rebranding identified as first priority-looking for individuals with marketing expertise.
 - Monies were donated for this purpose and moved to investment fund.
 - Task force to be created for Grow 30, as well as subgroups for marketing, rebranding, etc.
 - Denise Moyer to begin to gather quotes for rebranding and marketing.
 - Christy Bucks and Pastor Kevin to create an outline/roadmap with timelines/next steps for February Council meeting. Council members invited to participate if interested.
 - Denise shared information from a webinar aimed at helping churches and their leaders understand and implement essential systems needed for sustainable growth. Identified available Google Ads grant. Rebranding required before pursuing this grant.

7.3 Book Study-The Art of Hospitality (revised edition) by Yvonne Gentile and Debi Nixon

- Christy Bucks introduced book to Council
- Chapter 1 to be discussed at February Council meeting

8. Adjourn

- The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm.**
- Motion to close by Jim Rowlands, seconded by Karl Peckmann. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned in prayer.

Minutes written and respectfully submitted by Sara Strayer, Secretary

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Sara Strayer - Secretary*
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