

**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
*A Service in Celebration of Creation, Earth, &  
Outdoor Ministries*  
**April 11, 2021**



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**85 E. Brandt Boulevard**  
**Landisville, PA**

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us with in-person or online this morning! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

## **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ Please social distance at all times and sanitize your hands using the hand sanitizer units located on the walls in the hallways, Connection Zone, and Social Room.
- ❖ Please wear masks at all times.
- ❖ During the songs and music, you are invited to hum along. Please refrain from singing. A single vocalist will sing safely distanced from the congregation.
- ❖ A no-touch temperature screening is required by all who enter the church prior to worship.
- ❖ Only one individual may be in restrooms at a time. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

# **The Second Sunday of Easter**

## ***A Service in Celebration of Creation, Earth, & Outdoor Ministries***

*P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation*

### **ABOUT TODAY**

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

*This morning we welcome Zach Weiss, director of the Lutheran Camping Corporation's Camp Kirchenwald, as we observe Camp Sunday and recognize our need to care for creation. Earth Day 2021 (April 21) is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the day on which it began – April 22, 1970.*

### **CHIMES & CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC**

*The playing of the chimes & soft music marks the beginning of a prayerful quiet time prior to the start of the service. This is a time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

### **† THE GATHERING †**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*

Arr. M.

Ham

*Please stand if you are able.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P:** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG**

*This Is the Day*

Blue Book 97

*You are invited to hum along and read the words in celebration of this new day!*

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

## **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## † THE WORD †

### FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A: <sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### PSALM 104:1-24

A: Please read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul.

C: **O LORD my God, you are very great.**

You are clothed with honor and majesty, <sup>2</sup>wrapped in light as with a garment.  
**You stretch out the heavens like a tent, <sup>3</sup>you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, <sup>4</sup>you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

<sup>5</sup>You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**<sup>6</sup>You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

<sup>7</sup>At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

**<sup>8</sup>They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.**

<sup>9</sup>You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

**<sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,  
<sup>11</sup>giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.**

<sup>12</sup>By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

**<sup>13</sup>From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, <sup>15</sup>and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**<sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

<sup>17</sup>In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

**<sup>18</sup>The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.**

<sup>19</sup>You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

**<sup>20</sup>You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.**

<sup>21</sup>The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

**<sup>22</sup>When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.**

<sup>23</sup>People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

**<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

## **SECOND READING**

1 John 1:1-2:2

**A:** <sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is

faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
<sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.  
<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;  
<sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Sell

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *Thy Word Is A Lamp*      M.W. Smith & A. Grant  
*You are invited to hum along and pray the words as we prepare to listen to the Word.*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

Zach Weiss

## SONG

*In the Bulb There Is A Flower*

*You are invited to hum along and read the words in celebration of new life this season!*

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity;  
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.**

**You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You sustain all living things yet call us to have dominion over the earth. Give us wisdom and guidance as we care for creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You gave us the word of life and asked us to share it with all the world. Bless camp staff as they prepare for a new season. Bless campers as they spend time in the outdoors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: *Additional petitions may be inserted.*

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **† THE MEAL †**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **SETTING OF THE TABLE**

**OFFERING SONG** *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

*You are invited to hum along and pray the words as a reminder of who - and whose - you are.*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### *The Dialogue*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### *The Preface*

P: It is indeed right and our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn with these words:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ in the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We pray together.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION**

*The congregation opens the wafer packet.*

P: The body of Christ given for you.

**C: Amen.**

*The congregation opens the cup.*

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash as you exit the Sanctuary.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

### **† THE SENDING †**

### **MUSICAL BENEDICTION**

*Awesome God*

*You are invited to hum along in joyful admiration of our Creator.*

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
Our God is an awesome God

### **BLESSING**

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*The Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

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*You are invited to hum along and read the words in celebration of the risen Lord!*

1. That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord!

2. O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

4. All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

*Festive Postlude On "Truro"*

Mary McDonald

*Please remain seated through the postlude. In order to maintain physical distancing safety protocol, the ushers will dismiss you at the conclusion of the service.*

# **THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, April 11 – Outdoor Ministry/Camp Sunday**

*\* The flowers are sponsored by Jo Stone in memory of her parents and for the anniversary of her grandchildren's baptism which was on April 6.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Bette Geibel in honor of Bob & Judy Traup.*

*\* The communion kits are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in celebration of Cameron's birthday on Tuesday (4/13)!*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary, following worship)

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Class Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

Camp Open Houses – 2:00-4:30 p.m. (Kirchenwald & Nawakwa)

## **Monday, April 12**

Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday, April 13**

Bible Study – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:00 p.m. (Classrooms)

## **Wednesday, April 14**

Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **Thursday, April 15**

Covid Vaccines: A Community Conversation – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (Zoom thru the Parish Resource Center)

Community Meal Drive-Thru – 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

## **Friday, April 16**

Earth Day Celebration RSVP Deadline (717-677-8211 or [lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org))

## **Saturday, April 17**

Basics of Intuition – 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Zoom thru the Parish Resource Center)

## **Sunday, April 18**

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary, following worship)

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BYOL: PICNIC AT THE PARK**

All are invited to **Bring Your Own Lunch** to Rapho Township Park (off Strickler Rd.) on Wednesday, April 28 (11:30 a.m.). There is a parking lot, a children's play area, and a large open pavilion with large picnic tables. There is also an excellent walking trail through the park! It will be fun to have lunch while spending time with others. Invite a neighbor or friend to come with you! Have questions or need directions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313).



### **EASTER FLOWER SPONSOR ADDITION**



Two of the Easter flowers last Sunday were sponsored by Dave & Sue Wise: In honor of Sue's parents, John & Loma Slike, and in memory of Dave's parents, John & Martha Wise. Apologies for the omission from the list last week.

### **GET INVOLVED, STAY INVOLVED, BE INVOLVED**

Whether you are coming to church in person or virtually, have you been wanting to be involved in a new or different way? There are opportunities to help, participate, and assist. Some include serving during worship and others include things you can do on your own, with others safely, or even from your own home. Consider reading during the service, lighting the candles, being a (solo) vocalist or instrumentalist, contacting members by phone for a chat just to say hello, going to outdoor fellowship events, or helping with seasonal yard/garden work. If you are feeling nudged to do more or to try something new, please let the office know so we can help connect you!



### **APRIL JOYFUL NOISE COLLECTION**



The Joyful Noise Offering this month will go to Bethany Christian Services. This organization believes every child deserves to be loved, connected, and is safe. For more than 75 years, Bethany stands for children close to home, changing the world through family. For more information about Bethany, visit: <https://bethany.org/locations/us/pennsylvania/lancaster>



### **...TO THE PROPERTY TEAM & OTHERS**

Thank you to those who helped clean up the grounds of the church in preparation of the spring and summer seasons. Thank you to Nancy Myers & Diane Ramer for planting the Easter flowers! Your time and willingness to lend a hand is much appreciated!

### **...FROM JOANNE GRIM**

I want to thank all of my church family for the prayers, cards, and well wishes. It is comforting to know that so many are thinking about me and praying for healing. My heart is over flowing with love and caring for all who responded to my situation. Thank you so much.



### **AN UPDATE FROM MARY HETRICK, COMMUNITY MEAL COORDINATOR**

The Community Meal continues to provide about 100 free takeout meals per week. We have been blessed to have wonderful participation from school groups, Girl Scouts, and churches in our community to sponsor these meals.

*Zion's next meal to sponsor will be on April 29. I will be contacting those who have volunteered in the past to help with this meal. If you are interested in volunteering please let me know. We also have June 10 on our schedule, and possibly June 17, unless another group volunteers for that date.*

I have begun to schedule the meals for July through December 2021. If you have any contacts with groups in our community who might be interested in sponsoring a meal, please feel free to give them my contact information.

Thanks for supporting this ministry to our local community!

### **RACE AGAINST RACISM 2021**

This year's Race Against Racism event will be held virtually on May 2 at 1 p.m. (Rain date: 5/16). You can register to join the Zion Lutheran Church -Landisville Team at:

<https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/81889/Groups/912144>



## MOVIE NIGHT AT THE CHURCH

Zion's next movie night will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Our feature is "Fireproof" starring Kirk Cameron (Golden Globe nominee for his role on the TV series *Growing Pains* and star of the movie *Left Behind*) and Erin Bethea. The movie runs approximately two hours and is rated PG for thematic material and some peril. The production company that produced our last film, "The Overcomer", Kendrick Brothers Production, produced this film also.



**About the Film:** Caleb Holt (Cameron) is a heroic fire captain who values dedication and service to others above all else. But the most important partnership in his life, his marriage, is about to go up in smoke. This story follows one man's desire to transform his life and his marriage through the healing power of his Christian faith and fully embrace the Fireman's Code: "Never leave your partner behind!"

Families and married couples of all ages won't want to miss this movie! Admission is free.



### ADULT IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL: Starting Again This Morning!

The adult Sunday School Class that previously met in the Parlor will resume this morning after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. For now, this class will meet in the Sanctuary.

## WIRED WORD SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM

The Wired Word Class meets each Sunday via Zoom at 10:30. Class Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – NEW VIDEO POSTED!

A new children's message has been recorded! You can find the video (done by Denise Haun) on the website ([www.zionhempfield.net](http://www.zionhempfield.net)) under the Faith Formation page under Children & Youth Education or you can get to it directly at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D\\_ej7dcQoU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D_ej7dcQoU)

## ADDRESS UPDATES

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### **... FROM BOB WILDASIN, CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The Call Committee has reached a point where we can provide another update to the congregation.

Last week we interviewed our third candidate, which is a point where we must inform the Synod of our discernment. The committee decided unanimously to not recommend any of the candidates for a call. At this point, we regretfully informed the candidates and Synod of our decision. The Synod will not forward additional candidates until we finalize this step.

Please know that while the Committee wishes the process would move more quickly, we are cognizant of the old proverbs that “Patience is a Virtue” and “Good things come to those who wait.”

We remain diligent and prayerfully hopeful that the Lord will lead a pastor to Zion.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

You are invited to write prayers on the request cards located in the pew racks, on the ushers’ table in the Narthex, and on the table by the box in the front of the Sanctuary. In addition, so that the prayer list is kept up to date, please let the pastor know if anyone can be removed. (Of course, anyone can always be added.)



### **MAIL FROM BRENDA ALIMO**

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Special greetings to you and all your church members! I am glad to receive your very special letter. I have resumed school again for my studies. All students put on masks while in class.

My Christmas and New Year celebration was very wonderful. We had Christmas with all family members and we had to pray at home since prayers were restricted for only a few people at a time.

I am really so happy with the special Christmas message you sent to me of joy and peace.

May the blessings of God be upon you and the entire Zion Lutheran Church.

All from your sponsored child, Brenda



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### **TODAY: CAMP OPEN HOUSES AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA**

- Sunday, April 11; 2-4:30 p.m.

*Tour the facilities, meet some of the staff, see where all kinds of fun and meaningful moments happen...it will be a worthwhile afternoon!*

### **SPRING WORK DAYS AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA**

- Saturday, April 24; Beginning at 9 a.m.

*Come on out and help get the grounds of the camps ready for the spring and summer!*

### **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT KIRCHENWALD**

- Sunday, April 25; 2-6 p.m.

*All are invited to celebrate God's creation and to appreciate the Earth and all that is in it!*

### **SMMER KICK-OFF WORSHIP & PICNIC**

- Sunday, May 16; 3:30 p.m. at Nawakwa

*Questions? Contact Zion's CampPerson, Denise Haun ([dmhaun@verizon.net](mailto:dmhaun@verizon.net))*



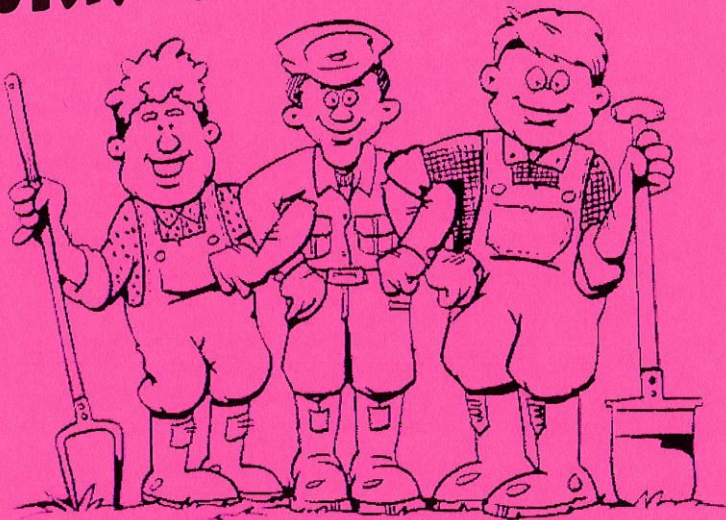
**TODAY**





*The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...*

# WORK DAYS AT CAMP



**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**

**KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA**

**9:00 AM**

Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping,  
gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks.

A noon meal will be provided.

So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP at  
[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) or 717-677-8211



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# Earth Day <sup>2021</sup> Celebration

**Sunday, April 25, 2021 • 2-6pm  
Kirchenwald**

**Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: **CAMP!** An evening meal is included in the \$10 fee.**

**All ages welcome.**

**RSVP to 717-677-8211 or  
LutheranCamping.org by April 16**



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You're invited to the  
Lutheran Camping Corporation's  
**Summer Camp Kick-off**  
**Worship and Picnic**



Sunday, May 16, 2021  
At Nawakwa  
Worship begins at 3:30 pm




Join friends, volunteers, and staff of  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel  
Farm to celebrate the opening of the 2021  
Summer Camping Season with worship,  
fellowship, and fabulous food.

RSVP by May 7 to 717-677-8211 or [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)




## COMING UP THROUGH THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER



**The  
Basics of  
Intuition**

**Apr. 17,  
10-11:30am**




**Annmarie Farly  
PhD, LMF-I**

*Do you ever know something you can't fully explain, or feel like you sense or feel movement in your life that is beyond what your mind understands? Intuition moves us beyond rational, conscious thought into a deeper awareness of the*

*unknown and unrecognized where you can begin to listen in a new way. The Basics of Intuition will introduce you to the psychological theory and neuroscience behind intuition and will invite you to explore your own knowing, centered place within.*


**COVID Vaccines**  
**a Community Conversation**

**Apr. 15, 12-1 pm**  
free registration required



*Join Union Community Care for a discussion about the science and perceptions of the COVID vaccines. This chat will be centered around vaccine fears and concerns, and will leave ample time to address your questions.*

These two workshops will be held virtually via Zoom. Respective meeting links will be sent out after registration.



**Historic Churches  
of Lancaster City**  
Bus Tour

**May 1, 8:15 am - 2:15 pm**  
Led by Bob Frick

*Lancaster City is blessed with a rich religious history. Many churches are over 200 years old and display exquisite architecture, stained glass windows, and other design elements. Join our knowledgeable tour guides to*

*explore Lancaster City's historic churches on this bus tour.*

Register online on the website: ([www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org)) or by calling (717-299-1113).

## **PRAYER LIST**

### ***FOR HEALING***

Joanne Grim  
Rick Long  
Thelma Pearson  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Barbara Williams  
Dave Wise  
Don Heartter  
Joe Adams  
Judie Ingersoll  
Lucy Davis  
Bill Grove  
Kay Crawford  
Holly Hoover  
Jeff Rickert  
Janet & Harry Musselman  
Meghan Frey (Friend of the congregation)  
Mary Schuchart (Aunt of Cathy Benedict)  
Robin Coons (Daughter-in-law of Dianne & Mark Coons)  
LaVon Harnish (Friend of Jeanette Bomberger)  
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)  
Ron Sahd (Friend of Dave Wise)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Lesli LaFata (Daughter of Bill & Julia Grove)

### ***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Betty Stoner  
Arlene Miller  
Deb McCartney  
Marlin Zimmerman  
Bette Geibel  
Richard & Marilyn Heim  
Charlotte & George Potts  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)

Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)

Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Christopher Wright

Chris Andrew

Thom Whitesel

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Justin Gorlaski

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

***IN CELEBRATION***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

13<sup>th</sup> – Cameron Thompson

14<sup>th</sup> -- Stephanie Stitzel

17<sup>th</sup> – Drew Jarvie, Dylan Leibley, Karen Rainar

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

15<sup>th</sup> – Wilson & Jennifer Pipkin

## **MINISTRY LEADERS**

Ministers  
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Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
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Council Vice President  
Sextons

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John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Adele King  
David Wise  
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)  
Tom Miller (p.m.)  
Pamela Gunzenhauser  
Bob Wildasin  
Zach Weiss, Director of Camp Kirchenwald

Today's Vocalist  
Today's Assisting Minister  
Today's Guest Preacher

## **WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION**

In-Person Worship

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday (4/4): 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Live-stream & Recorded Worship Link (9:00 a.m.)

[http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Sunday School Class (Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

10:30-11:15 a.m.

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