

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament
October 22, 2023*



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 in-person or online today! 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). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim. This morning we welcome Rev. David Klepper to Zion as guest pastor.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

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

ONLINE: Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: 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. When the service is held outdoors, there will be no live-stream.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.
- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation (**bolded**)

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Lobe den Herren"

Please stand if you are able.

SONGS

Here I Am to Worship

BB 4

1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain

So, here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Refrain

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

Refrain

All That We Have

BB 1

Refrain

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need;
All done in His name.

1. Some men rely on their power;
Others put trust in their gold;
Some men have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness never grows old. *Refrain*

2. Sometimes the road may be lonesome;
Often we may lose our way.
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day. *Refrain*

3. Sometimes when troubles are many,
Life can seem empty, it's true,
But look at the life of the Master,
Who lovingly suffered for you. *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

C: **Amen.**

Silence for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

Isaiah 45:1-7

An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will.

A: ¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before

him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9

Please read responsively.

A: ¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: ²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica.

A: ¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open Our Eyes

BB 72

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Repeat from beginning

MATTHEW 22:15-22

A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

P: ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Rev. David Klepper

Please stand if you are able.

SONG

God You Reign

BB 50

1. You paint the night.
You count the stars and You call them by name.
The skies proclaim, “God, You reign.”

Your glory shines.
You teach the sun when to bring a new day.
Creation sings, “God You reign.”

Refrain

God, You reign. God, You reign.
Forever and ever, God, You reign.



2. You part the seas.
You move the mountains with the words that You say.
My song remains, “God, You reign.”

You hold my life.
You know my heart and You call me by name.
I live to say. “God, You reign.”

Refrain (Sing twice)

Bridge (Sing twice)
Hallelujah, Hallelu
Hallelujah, Hallelu

Refrain (Sing four times)
God, You reign. God, You reign.
Forever and ever, God, You reign.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

PRAYER

A: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

C: **We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.

C: **We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: 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."

P: 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."

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit in our gathering, within this meal, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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: Jesus invites you to this table.

C: Come, eat and live.

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament by coming forward to receive the elements around the altar. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.

For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."

Please use this time for quiet reflection or join in singing the communion hymns until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.

COMMUNION SONGS

Goodness of God

1. I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Refrain

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

2. I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. *Refrain.*

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give you ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Repeat Bridge

Refrain (Sing twice)

Ending

I will sing of the goodness of God.

Refiner's Fire

1. Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

BB 40



Refrain
Refiner's fire:
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master;
Ready to do Your will.

2. Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refrain (Sing twice)

Ending
Ready to do Your will.

Please stand if you are able.

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: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go, Make Disciples

BB 49/ELW 540

Go, make disciples,
Baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples,
For I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth.
Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
So all can see that you're serving me.
(Repeat from beginning)

Ending
Go, make disciples.



***Blessed people +,
bless people.***

You are not what
you do.

You are not what
you have.

You are not what
other people say about you.

In the name of Jesus,
you are God's beloved.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Lobe den Herren"

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, October 22 – *Pastor Tim on vacation. Welcome Rev. Klepper!*

** The flowers are sponsored by Sam & Adele King in honor of their grandchildren's October birthdays: Jessica, Alison, and Justin.*

** The bulletins are sponsored by Jo Stone in memory of her sister, Janice Rubin.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Lisa Nelson in memory of her mother, Grace Rohrbach's birthday.*

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class (“Israel’s Mission”) – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom

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

Monday, October 23

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

Tuesday, October 24

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Social Outreach – 6 p.m. (HotZ Pizza)

Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room. Classrooms, & Social Room)

Wednesday, October 25

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 26

Community Meal – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Choir – 6:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Sunday, October 29 – *Pastor Jorgenson Preaching; Baptism of Madilyn Kline*

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class (“Israel’s Mission”) – Parlor

, Wired Word Class – Zone (No Zoom today)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

WELCOME back Rev. Klepper! It is good to have you at Zion again to lead worship this morning!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for all the donations! We are grateful for all of them! If you are interested in donating items, requested items include: *cereal, canned butter beans, canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, macaroni, Mac & Cheese, large jars of spaghetti sauce (preferably plastic jars).*

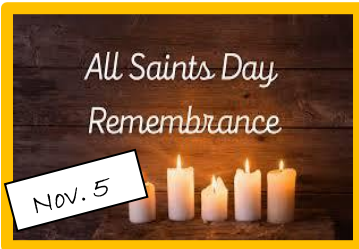
MISSION PROJECT

Interested in participating in a work project in Columbia through Habitat for Humanity? There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board to indicate your preferred dates. Contact Randy M. (randymiller107@comcast.net) with questions!



COMFORTER MINISTRY

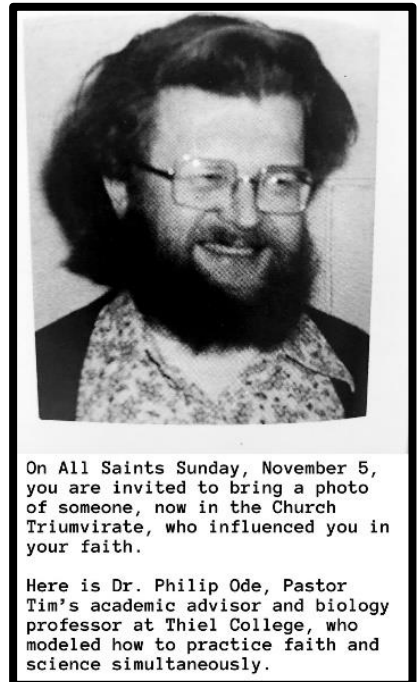
The Comforter Ministry is collecting colorful clean sheets and fabric! Please place any donations in the blue bin in the narthex!



Please either email the church office or write in the black book on the podium in the narthex the names of friends and family who have died since last November so

they can be included in the special remembrance during worship on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 5. Please note their full name and the date of their death.

ALSO, please bring in a picture(s) next Sunday of anyone who has died and has had an influence on your spiritual life. Pictures will be displayed by the sanctuary windows on All Saints Day.





The annual meeting this year will be held on Sunday, November 19 following the worship service.

The budget information session will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 5 during the Sunday School hour at the conclusion of worship. Copies of the proposed budget are on the ushers' table at the entrance to the sanctuary. The official announcement about these meetings was emailed on October 20.

Regarding Sunday School on 11/5 and 11/19: Classes will still meet on both of these days but will begin after each meeting ends and will not go longer than the normal time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ZION

All are welcome to join a Sunday School class!

- The Wired Word class typically meets in person and on Zoom. However, there will be no Zoom option on 10/29, 11/5, and 11/19.
- The class that meets in the parlor is beginning a new series on "Israel's Mission," a Ray Van der Laan video travelogue series.



WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST



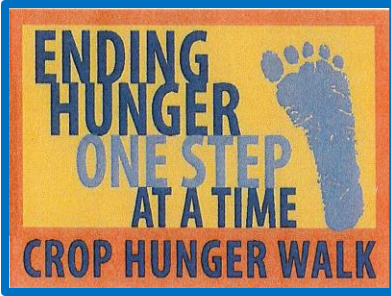
All women are invited to an Advent breakfast on Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Centerville Diner 2 in Mount Joy (formerly Country Table). All women are invited to begin the season of Advent with food, fun, and fellowship! If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$3.00 wrapped gift! Friends are welcome, too! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex across from the

mailboxes by Sunday, November 26. Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313).



The Joyful Noise offering this month will go to the CROP Walk. Even though the Walk was last Sunday, you can still give to Team Zion online:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/zion-lutheran-church-landisville>

CROP WALK RECAP



Thank you to Team Zion and all who participated by donating to support CROP last Sunday! It was a beautiful day to walk to help fight hunger locally and around the world.

If you want to still donate, the online link will be up through the end of the year:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/zion-lutheran-church-landisville>



Team Zion: Scott & Mary Hetrick, Ed Blough, Randy Miller, Gabby, Pastor Tim, Jordan Genetos (Randy's neighbor), and Bob Wildasin

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Concert Series '23-'24

Zion Lutheran Church
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The 2023 Fall Line-Up



***** **COMING UP!** *****

November 18 @ 2pm

Organ Concert with John Landis

Holiday Concerts

December 2 @ 4pm

Lancaster Liederkranz

December 17 @ 3pm

Hempfield Chamber Choir

Contact John L. with questions or if you would like to be a sponsor for this year's concerts!

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The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

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Fall Foliage Day

at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

Kirchenwald

Sunday, October 29

Pumpkin Painting

Canoeing / Kayaking

Mountain Biking

Hiking

And More!

Nawakwa

Sunday, October 22

Pumpkin Painting

Hayrides

Hiking

And More!

TODAY

Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Both events will run from 1-6pm.

An evening meal will be provided.

Registration is \$15/person (*4 & under free*).



2023 The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Annual Quilt Auction
Sunday, November 5, 2023

TO BE HELD AT CAMP NAWAKWA
1033 NAWAKWA ROAD, BIGLERVILLE, PA 17307

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

BID ONLINE THE WEEK BEFORE!



Preview Quilts & Items and Bid Online at
LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction

2:00 - Silent Auction of Hand-made Craft Items

3:00 - Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

All proceeds from the day benefit the Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come!

Please register for the in-person event by November 1.

This is a free event, and includes an evening meal.



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FALL CAMPFIRE @ THE WITTEL FARM

October 29
7:00-8:30 p.m.

**NEXT
SUNDAY!**

Join us around the campfire circle for songs, stories, and s'mores!



A NIGHT FOR NAWAKWA

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: Highland Taps and Tables
925 Westminster Ave, Hanover, PA 17331

All profits going to Camp Nawakwa of the Lutheran Camping Corporation

\$25.00 per person
(includes food, dessert and a free drink voucher)

Register online at
lutherancamping.org or use the QR code.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

In anticipation of the proposed 2024 church budget and the annual congregational meeting (on November 19), the Stewardship Team shares an update about Zion's *VITALization*!

SHARING OUR TREASURES

In his Stewardship *VITALization* Temple Talk on Sunday, October 15, Al Ramer referenced the condensed financial report that will be in the bulletin and e-newsletter each month. This report is a condensed version of the financial report that is presented at the monthly finance team and council meetings. It consolidates and reduces the expense categories to five, making it easier to read and understand. The report shows the amount that was spent on *what* (the expenses), and *how much* the congregation contributed to cover these expenses (the income). In other words, the report shows how contributions were used to support Zion's work through the mission and the ministries that express our love for God and our neighbors near and far. The first of these condensed financial reports is the September report provided at the end of this update.

THANK YOU to all who have generously shared their financial resources with Zion! God has so abundantly blessed us all and Zion is grateful for your blessings to the church. Your gifts make the Zion "experience" possible *within* our church family and *beyond* to the community and world around us.

HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED

Salaries & Benefits: Your gifts support our church staff! Your pastor provides spiritual pastoral leadership through word and sacrament. Administrative leadership provides vital communication, office maintenance, and organizational coordination. All of these aspects of church operation facilitate the smooth functioning of the many parts of the life of the congregation. Music leadership enhances and enriches our worship services through voice, instruments, and special concerts. The sextons keep Zion's facilities and property clean and well-maintained.

Administration: Your gifts cover the costs related to technology, equipment, and supplies used to operate the office and the services it provides.

Property: Your gifts pay to heat, light, insure, repair, and maintain Zion's building and property to ensure its integrity, safety, and longevity.

Stewardship to the Synod & Other Benevolence: In addition to expressing God's love by sharing your generous gifts directly with the many organizations listed on the narthex bulletin board, Zion also contributes gifts to the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Our relationship with the Synod ensures us with resources, and ministry and consultation services to complement what we do. The Synod also uses these gifts for various ministries locally, as well as other humanitarian and relief causes in the United States and throughout the world.

Worship & Music, Ministry Teams, & Other: This category covers all other areas of expense that your gifts support. Some of these areas are related to the worship service including music supplies and adornments, as well as to the ministry teams and activities that contribute to ministry and mission of the church.

LOOKING AT THE PRESENT AND INTO THE FUTURE

As you can see, the condensed budget reflects year-to-date expenses through the end of September and that they exceed our income by \$88,317. Based on the trends through this year and from previous years, the finance team's projection at this point is that our expenses will exceed our income by approximately \$30,000 by the end of December.

Fortunately, we are blessed with carry-over cash from previous years (including last year), earnings from our endowment, and remaining funds from the very generous Betty Lou Hoffman bequest. In addition, we can take some solace in knowing that historically our giving typically increases during the last quarter of the year. We prayerfully trust that will be the case again this year. All of these factors will, as they have in past years, reduce the shortfall at the end of the year.

On October 20, Zion's proposed operating budget for 2024 will be provided to members of the congregation. It will be emailed and paper copies will be available at the church. An information session of the budget will be held at the end of the service on Sunday, November 5. This will be a time to review the proposed budget and to ask questions about it. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19 when a vote will be taken to approve it.

Please give thoughtful and prayerful consideration on how you will respond to God's bountiful blessings in your life when deciding how—and how much—to continue sharing those gifts to support His work at Zion now and in the future!

CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2023

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Month \$</u>	<u>Year-to-Date \$</u>
Salaries & Benefits	14,895	138,980
Administration (Office Related Equip & Supplies)	1,450	15,385
Property	4,198	93,645
Stewardshp: Synod & Other Benevolence	1,917	18,103
Worship & Music, Other Ministry Teams	2,015	9,695
Total Expenses	24,475	275,808
 <u>Income</u>		
Offerings & Special Giving	15,208	187,491
Total Income	15,208	187,491
Difference: Income Greater (Less) Than Exp	(9,267)	(88,317)



**IN CASE YOU MISSED AL RAMER'S TEMPLE TALK ABOUT
TREASURE VITALIZATON LAST SUNDAY, THIS IS WHAT HE SHARED:**

Treasure VITALization Initiative Temple Talk

When I addressed you in August to introduce the Treasure VITALization Initiative, I mentioned that Dave Wise has been working with the finance team to provide a condensed year-to-date financial report. It is included in the bulletin. Our plan is to provide one each month as we move forward. My thanks to Dave and the financial team for all their time in developing the condensed financial report.

Based on the giving during the last quarter of 2022 and projecting to this year, we will fall short of the anticipated expenses by around \$30,000. Offerings have normally been less than expenses. Fortunately, we are blessed with carry-over cash from previous years, earnings from our endowment, and remaining funds from the Betty Lou Hoffman bequest. Considering our available funds for this year, we are in good shape financially. We will meet our expenses as we move forward to 2024.

But think of the difference we could make in serving the greater community if our future offerings met or exceeded our expenses. In that case, we could use the endowment earnings, cash in the bank, and Hoffman funds to expand our ministry.

We are all familiar with how Christ took two fish and five loaves to feed thousands. If we think of our giving in terms of “fish and loaves”, each of us giving additional fish or loaves each month means that we could meet or exceed our yearly expenses. Fish and loaves come in all sizes so our giving can and should be different for each of us. If we met our expenses with our offerings and used the other available funds to increase our donations to the fourteen organizations to which we donated this year. This would increase our evangelism efforts to bring new members to the congregation. Think of the differences we could make!

Christ fed thousands with a small offering. Think of what could happen with our extra offerings. Please read and study “Sharing Our Treasures” (above) and look at the bulletin board by the front entrance of the church. The illustration there shows that all of our blessings are gifts from God. Christ multiplied a small offering, and we can trust that our gifts will also be multiplied when we offer our treasure back in God-pleasing ways.

PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

Dolly Overly	Bob Shirk	Tom Grzybowski	Jess Barcaro			
Sam King	Bill Grove	Connie Alsedek	Joe Adams			
Mary Zimmerman	Marvin Ruch	Kate Donnan	Judie Ingersoll			
Joan Mays	Holly Hoover	Barb Williams	Kay Crawford			
Tom Miller	Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)					
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)						
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)						
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)						
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)						
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)						
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)						
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)						
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)						

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson	Lucy Davis	Deb McCartney	George Potts		
Janet Musselman and family		Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)			
Karen Wright and Stephanie and Chris and their families					
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)					
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)					
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)					
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)					

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict	Christopher Wright	Chris Andrew	Thom Whitesel		
Ryan Stitzel	Doug Kautter	Justin Gorlaski			
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)					
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)					
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)					

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

23rd – Nevin Lontz
27th – Suzanne Reed
28th – Marv Hoover

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Members of the Congregation
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
Rev. David Klepper
John Landis
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Kim Paternoster
Denise Haun
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship
Livestream & Recorded Link
Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor)
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>
[No Zoom on 10/29, 11/5. & 11/19]

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