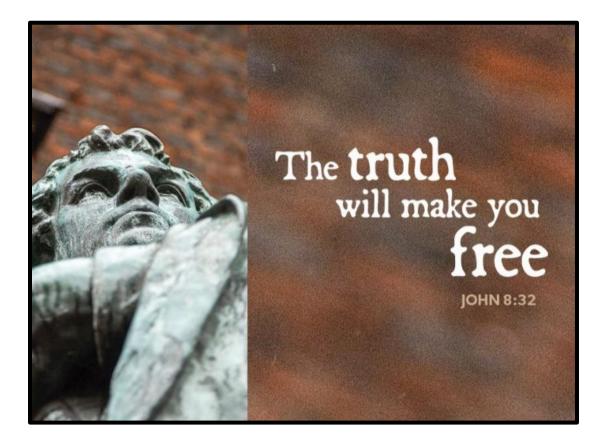
REFORMATION SUNDAY A Service of Word & Sacraments October 29, 2023



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. We welcome Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Richard Jorgensen as guest preacher this morning.

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: <u>http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</u>. 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 <u>cry room</u> 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.
- ✤ <u>Mask wearing</u> is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

Reformation Sunday

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

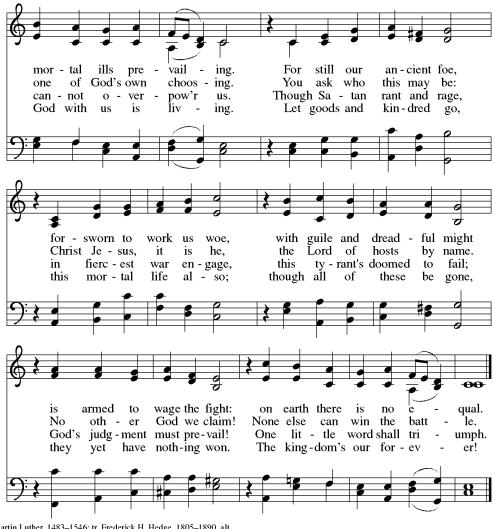
Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.





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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. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Please be seated.

\dagger SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM \dagger

Madilyn Audrey Kline Born: June 23, 2012 Lancaster, PA Parents: Keaton Arlie and Haley Kline Grandparents: John and Robin Kline Great-Grandmother: Jan Reeves

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Family: We present Madilyn Audrey Kline for baptism.

- P: As you bring Madilyn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Madilyn grow in the Christian faith and life?
- C: We do.

- P: The responsibilities of baptism are not solely born by parents and families, but by the congregation and the whole people of God. Zion pledges to support and uphold you as Madilyn grows in the Word of God and her commitment to the Lord Jesus and his church.
- C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: *To Madilyn*: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Madilyn: I do.

P: *To Madilyn's Family*: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Madilyn baptized into Christ?

Madilyn's Family: I do.

P: As you bring Madilyn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Madilyn may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Madilyn grow in the Christian faith and life? Madilyn's Family: I do.

P: *To Madilyn and Family:* I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Madilyn & Family: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Madilyn & Family: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Madilyn & Family: I renounce them.

Please stand if you are able.

- P: *To all gathered:* Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

BAPTISM

- P: Madilyn Audrey Kline is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.
- P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Madilyn Audrey with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

- C: Amen.
- P: Madilyn Audrey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C: Amen.

WELCOME

P: (*While the Baptismal Candle is presented.*) Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

† THE WORD †

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A: ³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

Please read responsively.

- A: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C: ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. ⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth; ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 8:28-39

A: ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come, O Lord, and Overflow Us

Jack Hayford

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy Word Refrain

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, and I think I've lost my way, Still, you're there, right beside me, Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

John 8:31-36

Jesus says, "Continue in my word and you will know the truth."

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.
- P: ³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

C:

Rev. Richard Jorgensen

Please stand if you are able.



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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. God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.







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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.

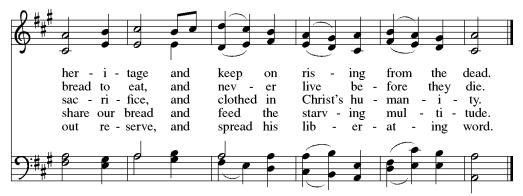
C: Amen.

† 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.





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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL ROOM FOR A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST TO CELEBRATE REFORMATION SUNDAY!



THIS WEEK AT ZION

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

* The flowers are sponsored by the Grube family in honor of Melissa's birthday on November 3.

* The rosebud is in celebration of Maddy's baptism this morning.

* The bulletins are sponsored by Diane and Al Ramer in celebration of Kevin and Ashley's wedding anniversary.

* 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 Baptism of Madilyn Kline Continental Breakfast – Following Worship (Social Room) No Sunday School

Monday, October 30

Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor) Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room. Classrooms, and Social Room)

Wednesday, November 1

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 2

Choir – 6:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

Friday, November 3

Saturday, November 4 – Daylight Savings Time Ends (Turn your clocks back!)

Sunday, November 5 – All Saints Sunday

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded) Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live Budget Informational Meeting – Following Worship Adult Sunday School – Following the budget meeting Bible Study Class ("Israel's Mission") – Parlor Wired Word Class – Zone (No Zoom today)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening, November 4!



WELCOME Rev. Richard Jorgensen! It is always an honor to have Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Jorgensen preach at Zion!



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 <u>next</u> <u>Sunday, November 5</u> 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 11/5 and on 11/19.
- The class that meets in the parlor is showing "Israel's Mission," a Ray Van der Laan video travelogue series.



NO CLASSES TODAY! ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AT THE BREAKFAST!

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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! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex across from the mailboxes by Sunday, November 26. Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313).



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you, Zion, for the 47 pounds of food items donated to the pantry in September! AND also, for your financial contributions to the pantry! The pantry served 1,725 individuals in September: 500 children, 839 adults, and 413 seniors! In addition, 13 new families were registered for

the pantry. Of course, we are always incredibly grateful for the 42 volunteers who donated a total of 547 hours! We could not do it without their help! If you would like to donate items, current requested food items are: grape or jelly (non-glass jars), canned mixed vegetables, canned corn, canned tuna, canned chicken noodle soup, canned chicken rice soup, and cereal.

MISSION PROJECT

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





Is there anyone you would like to include in next Sunday's

All Saints remembrance? Please write their names in the black book on the podium in the narthex. Please also include their birth date and death date. If you don't have all the information or forget to write in the book, you can email Anne through tomorrow (10/30).

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

November 5, 2023



On All Saints Sunday, you are invited to bring a photo of a saint, now in the Church Triumphant, who influenced your faith.

Below is Pastor Tim with his dad on the occasion of his ordination.

Ainsworth Brown modeled Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."



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

COMFORTER MINISTRY

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



Contact John L. with questions or if you would like to be a sponsor for this year's concerts! johnplandis@gmail.com 717-875-6182





THE CHURCH OF GOD OF LANDISVILLE **IS HOSTING A** ing ymn JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF **SINGING PRAISES TO GOD!** We will be taking hymn requests and we will be accompanied by a pipe organ! NOVEMBER 2 | 7 PM - 8PM THIS **IN THE SANCTUARY THURSDAY!** 171 Church Street, Landisville can me Come www.landisville.church

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 <u>you</u> will respond to God's bountiful blessings in <u>your</u> 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	
Expenses	<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
Income		
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 ON OCTOBER 15, 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		
Sam King	Bill Grove	Connie Alsedek		
Mary Zimmerman	Marvin Ruch	Kate Donnan		
Joan Mays	Holly Hoover	Barb Williams		
Tom Miller	Cindy Blough			
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)				

Jess Barcaro Joe Adams Judie Ingersoll Kay Crawford

George Potts

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma PearsonLucy DavisDeb McCartneyRuth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

IN CELEBRATION

 30^{th} – Kristen Sperry 3^{rd} – Joe Adams, Melissa Grube, Rae Miller, Kevin Smeltz 31^{st} – Dave Wise 4^{th} – Pat Brady, Megan Fry (Landis) 1^{st} – Ty Myers, Mary Zimmerman

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers Pastor Guest Preacher 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. Richard Jorgensen 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)

Morning Bible Study Church Office Pastor Parish Administrator Council President Office Email Pastor Email Council President Email Music Director Email Website Facebook Church Address Office Address

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] Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. 717-898-2911 717-332-4216 717-945-4585 717-342-3796 adminzelc@comcast.net zion1517pastor@gmail.com krpkc@aol.com zionlandisvillemusic@gmail.com www.zionhempfield.net Zion Lutheran Hempfield 85 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538 75 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538

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