

THE MESSENGER

The newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, PA
"Called by faith to share Christ's Love with all people"



Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

January 2024

It has been my pleasure to serve you as your Interim Pastor during the second half of 2023. I wish to offer my thanks to the many of you who have made me feel very welcome during these six months from July through December. It is amazing to think our one year agreement is half completed!

Upon my arrival on July 1, the priorities for my interim ministry have been as follows: **1)** Establish a schedule of supply worship leaders, including myself, so that the worship services of Zion would be provided for. **2)** Make myself visible and available for ministry needs of the members. **3)** Begin to visit and bring communion to shut in members of the congregation. **4)** Be available for discussions with congregation officers about short term needs and longer term priorities. **5)** The deadly "other duties as assigned".

I believe these priorities have been addressed in my 2023 ministry with you. Zion is blessed to have Kim Crissinger as an Authorized Lay Worship Leader, and we have called upon her at least two Sundays per month during these six months. *(As I write this report, we note that Kim's recovery from surgery will sideline her at least all of January and February of 2024.)* Other pastors and lay worship leaders have been kindly received by you at worship.

During a pastoral interim period, a congregation's Call Committee and Officers are very frequently in dialogue with the Synod Office and Bishop Miller. It is expected of the Interim Pastor to keep their nose out of discussions regarding the pastoral vacancy, and I've done exactly that. But on other Zion matters, I've deeply appreciated how your Council President, Linda Everitt, has "kept me in the loop". When asked, I have offered my thoughts on current congregation decisions. You are all very blessed to have Linda and other dedicated congregation officers, as well as Donna Deppen in the church office. I'd also like to thank Jonathan Moser, who has been a joy to work with in worship leadership. Thank you for your support in ministry!

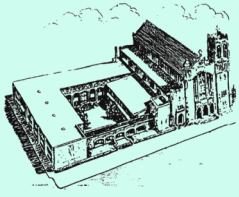
Pastor Henderson

-The above is an excerpt from the Pastor's Report submitted, and included in, the Annual Congregational Report for 2023. Copies of the full report are available in the Welcome Area, and outside the church office.



WINTER 2024

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Lutheran Church**



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OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.



9am- 1pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

STAFF

Rev. William Henderson
Interim Pastor

Jonathan Moser
Director of Music

Donna Deppen
Operations Manager

Keith Kurtz
Sexton

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Linda Everitt
President

Ken Heim
Vice President

Julie Nevin
Secretary

Steve Dagle
Treasurer

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FACEBOOK



Thursday, February 1
11:00a Property Committee

Monday, February 5
6:00p Worship & Music

Tuesday, February 6
6:00p Executive Committee

Saturday, February 10
10a-12p Building Tour/Info

Sunday, February 11
Building Discussion after Worship

Tuesday, February 13
6:00p Congregation Council

February 14



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7pm:

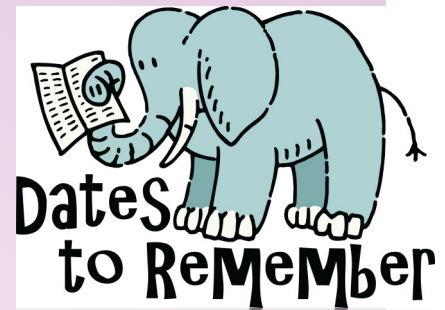
*Pastor Henderson will preside in the Nave
Imposition of Ashes ~ Holy Communion*

Thursday, February 15
4:00p Takery in Cameron Park

Monday, February 19
Church Office Closed- President's Day

Monday, March 4
6:00p Worship & Music

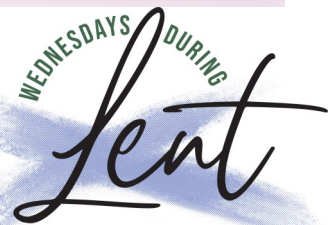
Thursday, March 7
11:00a Property Committee



**Dates
to Remember**

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Dates?



5:00p Bible Study
7:00p Lenten Service
*in the Chapel
Holy Communion*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Zion,

It's been a joy to be with you this fall worshipping together and sharing the Good News of the Gospel. I've missed you all! I'm writing for two purposes. First, I want to thank you as a congregation for continuing to support my seminary studies, both financially and spiritually. The scholarship you generously give each year has helped immensely in relieving some of the stress of the cost of graduate study. Even more important to me are the check-ins and the prayers I've received. This support means so much to me. Thank you!

Second, I want to share with you that I've been endorsed! This means that I can officially finish out my academic studies and continue on to internship next summer/fall. I don't know where that will be yet, but I trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide me in this call that you all at Zion have nurtured. Please continue to pray for Grace and I, as we pray for you.

Pax, Larry Herrold, Jr.



given in Memory of Cathy Zimmerman

by Robert & Rebecca Zimmerman
by Susan & Joseph Phillips

given in Memory of Jeffrey Smith

by Robert & Rebecca Zimmerman



Church News

... *from the Annual Meeting* held January 21, 2024:

It was shared at the meeting that Zion has received an inquiry and is expecting a formal offer from Christ Wesleyan Church **regarding the possibility of selling our church building** to them. **We are not closing or dissolving this congregation**, but are discussing this as we consider our stewardship of the Zion property—a large and 100 year old building, which while deeply meaningful in our spiritual and historical life, is a very real diversion of our resources as a congregation— involving time, money, constant maintenance and management on a daily basis. Council leadership has been in conversation with CWC for several months looking at

multiple scenarios regarding their interest in Zion. To offer to purchase Zion was of their initiative and as we face shrinking resources in both membership numbers and long term finance realities, leadership feels this merits very serious and prayerful consideration. Pairing our own situation with the status of large unoccupied buildings in Sunbury, we are faced with the ultimate question—what is the future for this building? Can it remain a house of worship long term? Can we as a congregation sustain that in the short and long term? Is God calling us to this? What will happen to this large house of worship in the near future? Among these practical considerations, indeed, are the emotional ones, and they are equally compelling—where is God leading us and is this His will? There are many questions at this stage; some we can answer, and others we can not answer yet. This possibility is in the very early stages but the intent is that Christ Wesleyan's Sunbury Campus would own the building to hold their regular Sunday services, their Friday recovery church, and use it for their extensive community programming. Again, this is not something already decided upon or that will happen in the short term. As we consider, **a tour of the building is planned on Saturday February 10th from 10am to noon**. Bring your questions, thoughts and concerns on **February 11th when we discuss this further** following worship. Please know the outcome lies with each of our voting members and we encourage you to pray for our congregation— **called by faith to share Christ's love with all people**.

Council Election Results

Greg Wenrich was elected to serve for a first term of 3 years. Julie Nevin and Ann Varias were each elected to serve a second term. Council reorganized as follows:

Officers:

President— Linda Everitt Vice President— Ken Heim
Secretary— Julie Nevin Treasurer— Steve Dagle

Council members-

JoEllen Freida, Marianne Menapace, and Chris Minnich

Watch your mailbox for Information coming soon from the Call Committee:

JoEllen Frieda, Kim Crissinger, Darvin Feger, Brad Hare,
Kristin Hogan and Abigail Ranck.

Bulletin Board



We had 16 readers at our January 10th meeting. **A great start to 2024!**
Read with us and join in anytime!

FEBRUARY 14-1:30P IN THE PARLOR @ ZION

HORSE BY GERALDINE BROOKS

DISCUSSION LEADER - MIKE DOCK

MARCH 13- *THE KEEPER OF HIDDEN BOOKS*

BY MADELINE MARTIN

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON AT PENN'S TAVERN!

SPRING IS COMING! APRIL'S BOOK - *THE FOUNDLING* BY ANN LEARY

Can't Wait for summer camp???

On February 11, 2024, from 2-4p.m., you can get a Taste of Camp! Enjoy songs, food, games, a campfire program, information on the 2024 program, and more! Those who attend get Camel Bucks to spend in the camp store this summer. This year's summer camp season will begin June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you're looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. questions about our summer programs, feel free to reach out to us at cml@campmountluther.org!



Campbell.
"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli.
If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."



FEBRUARY

- 3 GEORGENA SMITH
- 4 SUSAN PHILLIPS
KATHY TARASEWICZ
- 5 CAROLYN SHULTZ
- 7 CINDY DAILEY
LOIS WILLIAMS
- 9 EYV MOORE
- 11 LISA NAVA
- 13 JACKI KREMSEK
- 14 MICHAEL DOCK
VALERY EICHNER
- 15 JAZLYN GUNN
DORIS KEHLER
- 16 SHERRY CRAIGLE
- 18 NADA LUNDQUIST
EMMA MCALLISTER
- 19 HARRIET SHAFFER
- 21 TONI KALCICH
- 22 BRAYDON DOCK
- 23 STEVE DAGLE
JODI SCHOLVIN
- 25 ZOEV PINCOSKIE
- 27 DORIS FARBER
JO ELLEN FRIEDA
- 28 CHARLES EICHNER
DAVID REIER

MARCH

- 1 SIRI DOCK
DAVID LAUDENSLAGER
- 2 AMBER PINCOSKIE
- 3 HARRY ROBERTS, JR.
- 5 JACK MELLINGER
LISA MERTZ
- 6 LESTER RANCK
- 7 STEVEN LUNDQUIST
- 9 RUSS BROSCIOUS, JR.
JADA GUNN
- 12 WALTER CONRAD
- 13 MADALYN BENHAM
PEGGY GHEEN
EMILY HUNT
MELISSA RINEHIMER
- 14 TRAVIS DORMAN
- 17 LOIS MINNICH
- 19 ELLEN MULL
CHARLES WALTER
- 20 KERRY LENKER
HAYLEE NAVA
- 23 JARED PINCOSKIE
- 26 CLYDE DAUBERT
BILL RUCH
DEBRA TAYLOR
- 27 CHARMAINE SIEGFRIED
- 30 KATHY PYERS
DENNIS SHAFFER
- 31 TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

APRIL

- 4 JOYCE KEEFER
CALVIN MELLINGER
HAYDEN SCHOLL
- 5 ZAHRA FRITZ
- 7 ANGIE HEIM
- 9 ROWAN HUNT
- 11 LARRY HERROLD, JR.
- 12 KRISTI HEISS
- 14 STEPHANIE BOYER
DILAN CAMPBELL
DOLORES GEISE
- 15 GRETCHEN WALTER
- 17 CLARK NEVIN
- 18 BEN HEIM
BRANDON KERSTETTER
ISAAC KUNKEL
APRIL SCHOLL
- 19 JULIE NEVIN
- 21 DREW STEINER
- 26 KIMBERLY BUSSEY
- 29 BRYAN WOLFE
- 30 DEBBIE DAGLE
THOMAS FAUSEY



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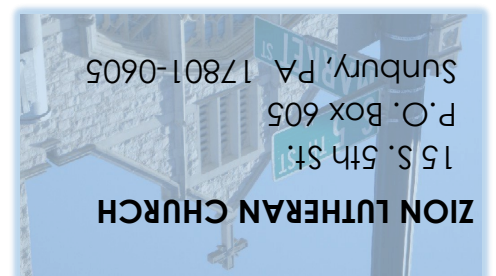


Palm Sunday	March 24	10am
Maundy Thursday	March 28	7pm
Community Good Friday	March 29	12-3pm
Good Friday Tenebrae	March 29	7pm
Easter Sunrise	March 31	6:30am
Easter Breakfast	<i>following sunrise service</i>	
Easter Festival	March 31	10am



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