

THE MESSENGER

The newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, PA



"Called by faith to Share Christ's Love with all people"

What is next in the life of Zion? After four weeks of discussion in the fellowship hall I bet you are wondering what comes next. Hopefully, this explains what is happening and where we are going with all the information we collected.

First, a group of excited people (Kathy Tarasewicz, Samantha Drasher, and Mike Dock) took all the data from our first meeting where we discussed why we are here. Samantha had the genius idea of looking at all the verbs people used. We grouped the verbs into three categories: Faith formation, serving, and fellowship. We then came up with an idea for a purpose statement that will go the council at their next meeting.

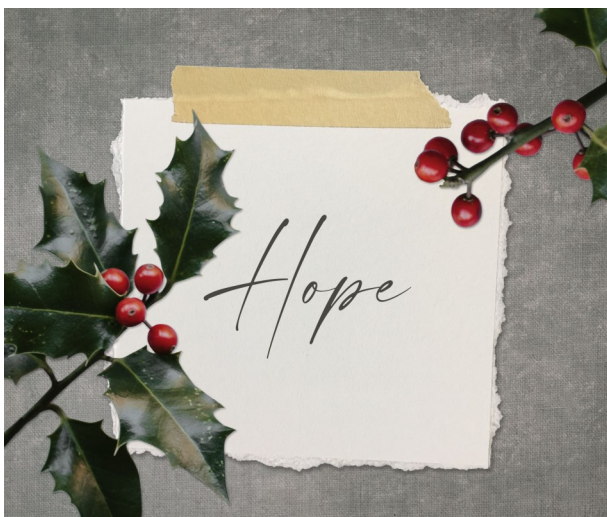
Second, another group (JoEllen Freida and Ken Heim) brainstormed a beginning list of people whom we should interview in the community. They received some training and specific questions to ask to get the type of information we are looking for. They have already begun the interviews.

Third, we will be compiling all the information from the assets, wows, and needs. As we discover needs from the community leader interviews, we will match those up with our assets, wows, and needs. Then if there is a project that emerges from this and it fits with our purpose statement, we will get busy!

Fourth, any project that we do will be evaluated after to see if something could have been done better so that we are meeting the needs of the community and Zion.

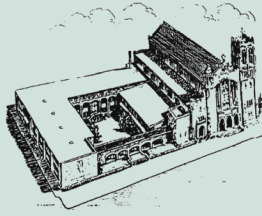
It may seem like a bit of chaos right now, but it will all fit together. The hope is that this process will not only provide us with meaningful projects, but that it will give us direction that inspires this congregation. We all love to do things that really do impact others for the good. And we get to do it with the love of Christ first and foremost!

Pastor Beth



ADVENT 2024

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Lutheran Church**



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Monday November 4

6:00p Worship & Music

Tuesday November 5

2:00p Exec Committee

Thursday November 7

1:00p Property Committee

Tuesday November 12

6:00p Congregation Council

Thurs November 28/ Fri 29

**OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED-
STAFF HOLIDAY**



**Scouting at Zion-
TUESDAYS !!!**

**Boy Scouts @ 6:30p
Cub Scouts-7:00p
Youth Center**

Decorate the Nave- Dec 1st after Mission Mall



WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

Bible Study -5:30p R203

HOLDEN PRAYER SERVICE

6:30P-CHAPEL

DEC 4TH, 11TH, AND 18TH



Thursday, January 2

1:00p Property Committee

Tuesday, January 7

6:00p Executive Committee

Tuesday, January 14

6:00p Congregation Council

Sunday, December 1

Mission Mall 2024

Monday, December 2

6:00p Worship & Music

Tuesday, December 3

6:00p Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 4

12:00p Book Club Christmas
Luncheon @ JoEllen's

Thursday, December 5

1:00p Property Committee

Tuesday, December 10

6:00p Congregation Council

12/25 thru 1/3/2025
Office & Building CLOSED





Poinsettia Orders

Christmas Eve Poinsettias orders are now being taken.

Plant envelopes are in your most recent mailing.

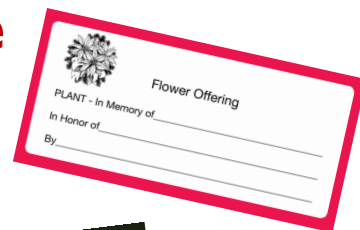
You can also find them in the Nave Welcome Area.

Your contribution in **ANY AMOUNT** will place a plant on the altar for

Christmas Eve

ORDERS must be received by

FRIDAY December 6th, 2024



Mission Mall '24

Sunday, December 1st

in Zion's Social Hall after the church service.

Christmas shop at the Mission Mall from one the following charities-

ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Church in Liberia,
Alyssa Dressler Fund, A Community Clinic, Elijah's Bowl,
Haven Ministry, Camp Mount Luther,
Central Susquehanna Sight Services
RIF-Reading Is Fundamental

LUNCH! * SOUP SALE *** BAKE SALE!**

Upper Susquehanna Synod's Youth Ministry Initiative,

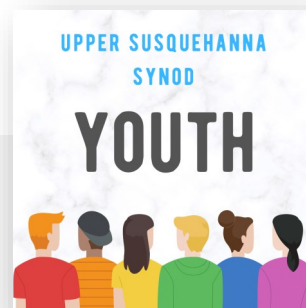
November 17- Ping Pong Tournament: 3-5pm

Sharon Lutheran, Selinsgrove

December 15- Advent Holy Hike 2-4p & Christmas Party -4-6p

at Camp Mount Luther

January- Winterfest in Lancaster, Rollerskating on the 19th...**MORE events in 2025!!!**





BOOK CLUB

New members, welcome!

See meeting times listed & selections-

Nov 13th 1:30p/Parlor *REVISED !!!*

"A Year of Biblical Womanhood"

by Rachel Held Evans.

Pastor Beth will lead the discussion

December 4th-12 NOON! *Christmas*

at Jo Ellen's -our holiday book:

Jane and the Twelve Days of Christmas

by Stephanie Barron

Jan 8th 1:30p/Parlor *A Calamity of Souls*

by David Baldacci

Feb 12th 1:30p/Parlor *Great Expectations*

by Charles Dickens



Christmas Concerts at Zion

Susquehanna Valley Chorale

A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

December 14, 2024 at 7:30pm

December 15, 2024 at 3:00pm

Tickets: 570-547-0455 svcmusic.org

Sunbury City Band Holiday Concert

December 22

at 3:00pm



December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

5:00p FAMILY SERVICE

10:00p "THE CHRIST-MASS"



The staff of Zion Lutheran Church wish you a

Blessed Christmas!

Pastor Beth, Donna, Keith, Jonathan, and



NOVEMBER

- 1 JOHN CONRAD
- 5 ABBY HIGLEY
- 7 Mary Beaver
MELISSA PHILLIPS
- 8 ELIZABETH GEISER
- 10 PASTOR BETH
LINDA LYTLE
- 13 LYSTRa BECK
SUSAN TROMETTER
LISA WALTER
- 14 KATHY KNOEBEL
JULIE RANCK
- 15 RILEY HUNT
ROB WALTER
- 16 ISLA MIELKE
- 17 SETH BURK
BARRY CONRAD
JENNA ERDMAN
LINDSAY GUNN
TROY ZIMMERMAN
- 21 JOHN AUTEN, JR.
TOM SANDS
- 23 COLE CAMPBELL
DAVE HUMMEL
- 25 ALEX GEISER
- 27 KERRY TROMETTER
- 28 DORCAS DAILEY
CASSIDY MOYER
- 30 ROBERT NEITZ

DECEMBER

- 3 Maryellen Engle
LARRY HERROLD, SR.
- 4 HARRISON FRITZ
- 7 SAWYER BEAVER
- 9 MARIALICE ORR
- 11 LUKE BIDELSPACH
NANCY DAILEY
- 12 EMERSON BLESSING
KRISTINA BLESSING
SAMANTHA WOLFE
- 15 KRISTIN HOGAN
STACIE MIELKE
JENNIFER SANDS
- 16 SILAS MOORE
LESLIE NEITZ
- 17 MICHAEL PHILLIPS
- 19 SHERRY HUNT
- 21 GAYLE RAKER
- 22 BRANDON HUNT
ABAGAIL MILLER
- 23 MATT GEISER
SUSAN VISNOSKY
- 25 RICHANNA DORMAN
- 27 TAYLOR STREVIg
- 30 STEVE ENGLE
TESSA MOORE

January

- 1 CAROL FINDLEY
CHUCK HOGAN
- 2 DEBBIE TAYLOR
- 3 SKYLAR STONEROD
- 4 AUDREY BROSIUS
- 6 TAMMY LYTLE
AUDREY WHITMAN
- 8 RAE MITTERLING
- 10 BRAD MOYER
- 12 ALISON MOYER
- 13 TOM FETTER
- 14 CAROL SWANK
- 16 DEREK BUSSEY
CHLOE MILLER
- 17 LORIE ADAMS
DUANE CAMPBELL
- 18 GERI HOFFMAN
LUANNE REBUCK
- 19 JUDY DEPHILLIPS
- 23 GARY KREMSEr
- 24 MARGIE HOPPLE
- 26 RUTHANN AUTEN
- 28 GRACE HOGAN
LARRY MOYER

1st Sunday of each month - celebration of member birthdays! Cake and coffee in the Social Hall after the service!

Memorials

received/recorded January 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024

given in Memory of Jeffrey Smith-to Music Fund
by Zion Chancel Choir members

given in Memory of Carol Rehrauer-to Music Fund
by Donna Deppen

given in Memory of George Snyder
by Iris Yalch

to GREATER ZION: towards 2024 Roof Fund
given in Memory of Larry "Sam" Bidlespach
by Jean V. Eckrod
by Doris Farber

given in Memory of Robert W. & Norma Jean Wendt
by Doris & Gene Kehler

given in Memory of Constance E. Gross
by Dee Zboray
by Judy A. Wertman

given in Memory of Carol Rehrauer
by Robert & Rebecca Zimmerman
by Rev. Edwin Rehrauer, Kristin & Grace Hogan



& LUNCHEON

January 19TH 2025 *after worship*

View the proposed budget and the nominees for Council positions
posted on the bulletin board in the Nave in December.

annual FREE Thanksgiving Saturday November 23, 2024 Dinner

We're celebrating the many blessings God has given us
by providing families with everything they need for a
traditional Thanksgiving meal at their own table —

helping them start or rekindle family traditions.



CAMERON PARK - 3RD & MARKET STREET, SUNBURY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — 9AM - 2PM

Free coffee, cocoa, donuts, giveaways and live entertainment by Jesse Moore!