

# THE MESSENGER

The newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, PA

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



**Summer is in full swing** with high temperatures, kids playing outside, and a feeling of relaxation for many. Now that we know we are staying in our building, the council has committed to beginning a process of renewal. They are working over the summer vacation to ensure we are moving forward. Over the next few months, you will begin to hear about the steps we are taking to set Zion up for an exciting future.

At the center of this process is a mission driven focus. The first step is connecting what we do in worship with our daily lives by asking how faith impacts our work and challenges. We will do this through member interviews in worship, in sermons, and teaching. This has already started.

We will spend time identifying our assets, needs, and wows (things we are good at doing and are passionate about). We will begin interviewing community leaders to understand the challenges they face. Putting it all together, we will plan, implement, and evaluate a project. It may be a one time project or an ongoing project. But we will keep an open mind as to what it will be.

Remember the Holy Spirit is blowing through us to impact our community.

This may be a completely different mindset and procedure than you have ever followed before and that is ok. We have to be more adaptive to the needs of our community and help people see the value of a relationship with Jesus Christ. This isn't about getting new members, although we pray that happens. This is about sharing God's love with the people of Sunbury.

I am reminded of a writing by C. S. Lewis, "The Four Loves"

To love is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; Avoid all entanglements, lock it up safe in the casket of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken; It will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.

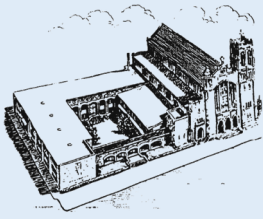
I pray we are willing to have our hearts broken, to love fully, and show our community that God is alive and working through us. Blow Holy Spirit, blow!!

*-Pastor Beth*

# SUMMER 2024

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**Operations Manager**

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FACEBOOK



Psalm 33:12

**Monday July 1**

6:00p Worship & Music

**Tuesday July 2**

2:00p Executive Committee

**Thursday July 4-Friday July 5th**

**OFFICE CLOSED-@ HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday July 9**

6:00p Congregation Council

**Thursday July 11**

1:00p Property Committee

**Thursday July 18**

4:00p Takery @ Cameron Park



**Thursday August 1st**

1:00p Property Committee

**Monday August 5**

6:00p Worship & Music

**Tuesday August 6**

2:00p Exec Committee

**Tuesday August 13**

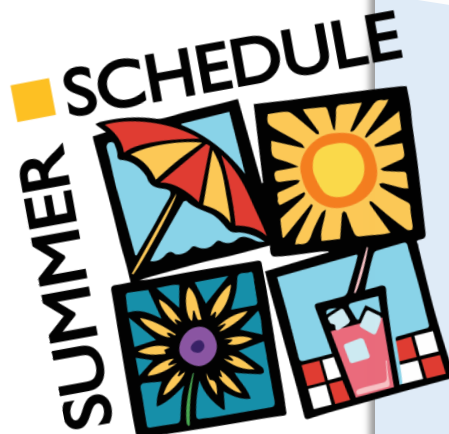
6:00p Congregation Council

**Thursday August 15**

4:00p Takery @ Cameron Park



God loves you!



**Monday Sept 2 LABOR DAY**

OFFICE/BLDG. CLOSED

**Tuesday September 3**

2:00p Exec Committee

**Thursday September 5**

1:00p Property Committee

**Monday, September 9**

6:00p Worrship & Music

**Tuesday September 10**

6:00p Congregation Council



**Bible Study will continue over the summer.** We are currently reading the book of Romans. *No previous experience necessary!*  
**Come join us in room 203 on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.**

## Pot Luck Picnic

will be held in the Garden, after the outdoor service on **July 21st**

*The main course, beverages and tableware will be provided.*



**Schubert G. Randles Scholarships** were recently awarded to 3 applicants who met the criteria. Congratulations to Mazeah L. Hare, Berlyn Marlow and Abagael Higley. We wish these students much success in their academic pursuits and future endeavors.

**With the Congregational committing to keep our church building at 5th & Market,** building maintenance remains paramount. This stewardship of our property now sees a first roof replacement at the end of its warranty period. The bid was awarded to JM Young & Sons at a cost of \$19,300 for this work, scheduled to begin shortly. Ongoing financial giving to the Greater Zion fund in support of this needed work is vital. Please use the Greater Zion (yellow) envelopes found in your offering sets and memo your check "ROOF FUND". Your contribution can be given via the plate or mailed to Zion at

**PO Box 605 Sunbury PA 17801.**

Thank you.





## Zion well represented at June's Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly

Zion had several members and staff present at USS Assembly which was held June 14-15 at Susquehanna University

*Pictured clockwise from the top-*  
Larry Herrold, Jr. (Seminararian), Pastor Beth George, Julie Nevin ( Zion Delegate), Jonathan Moser (Music Director / Synod Council) and JoEllen Freida (Zion Delegate), who took part both days. They had a good time interacting with each other and the many representatives from churches of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

### **From the Delegates-**

I attended a workshop on ELCA World Hunger and found it was a lot more than feeding people!! It is one BIG umbrella covering many areas including : education, housing, health, sustainable livelihoods, water (so important to all) AMMPARO and training people to have a trade. The second one was on Planned Giving-- if you are interested in leaving something to the church, contacting Sister Marianne Brock would be a place to start. It is a flexible thing that you can change at any time and they will meet with you at your home. ELCA regional gift planner can be found on the web site under ELCA Foundation. Thanks for sending me!! **-Jo Ellen**

I had the privilege of being one of Zion's voting representatives during the Synod Assembly on June 14-15 2024, at Susquehanna University. I went to a workshop entitled "Ministry in Divided Times....Returning, Again to Baptism" by Rev. Scott Kershner, Chaplain, Susquehanna University. He explained that the religious landscape is changing just as fast as the earth/world landscape is changing. He expressed that the excitement at Baptism, either young or adult, needs to be rekindled in all of us if we are to work through the challenging times. He ended with this scripture reading: Ephesians 4: 11-15. *"We must stop acting like children. We must not let deceitful people trick us by their false teachings, which are like the wind..... Love should always tell the truth. Then we will grow in every way and be more like Christ, the head of the body. Christ holds us together and makes all its parts work perfectly, as it grows and becomes strong because of love."* He finished with a branch of a bush and sprinkled water over us.. Returning, again to Baptism.

**-Julie**



## ***New Members***

Samantha & Troy Drasher

Keith & Lisa Kurtz

Jonathan Moser

*From St. Luke's Lutheran, Sunbury (Holy Closure)*

Kay Snyder

Todd Cellitti

Robert A. Cellitti

Diane Jablonski



## JULY

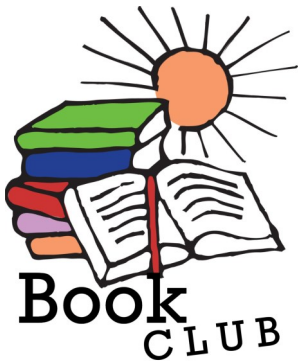
1	Sarah EVERITT KIMBURLEY STONEROAD
2	FIRMAN ABDILL BOBBI FEGER STACEY HACKENBERG
3	HAYLEY LITTLE
4	NOAH PINCOSKIE
5	JIM CRISSINGER HELEN HOCKENBROUGH
6	BARBARA BOYER
7	DANIELLA GUITON SANDY HOLUB
8	LORI HEIM KALISTA MOYER
9	TORI RIDER NED SWANK
10	JENNIFER GEISER
15	BECKY ZIMMERMAN
17	JENIFER APPLE NETTIE DAUBERT STELLA DAUBERT PATRIC GEISER HEIDI TORRENS
18	ABIGAIL EICHNER BEN HEIM JALEN STEINER
19	JANET GEISER
21	MATTHEW APPLE SHIRLEY BEACHELL
24	ROBERT RANCK
25	GRAYSON KISTNER
26	BRAD HARE DAVID PRENTICE
27	ERIC HUNT
31	JUSTIN BLESSING

## AUGUST

1	CHANCE MARTZ WENDY YOUNG
2	QUINN HUNT
3	PAM BARNI BO TAYLOR
4	JOHN APPLE PAUL DAILEY BARRY KEEFER
7	TAUNDA SNYDER
8	KEN BEAVER
9	MELISSA SHAFFER
10	JEAN SCHREFFLER
11	GAGE WEISEN
13	JENNIFER HUNT
15	JOHN GIBBONEY
17	BOB BUSSEY CAROLE MISHECK KRISTY SANDS
18	AJA MELLINGER
19	STEFFRAN NEFF
20	JIM CONRAD, II SONJA SHAMBACH
21	AMY MINNICH
22	JACOB STREVIK PAM WENRICH ANN ZIMMERMAN
23	SANDRA WHITE
25	MELVIN MOYER
26	CHERYL EDWARDS ALYSSA WENRICH
27	SAM WOLFE
30	CYNTHIA ABDILL
31	MELANIE ARCURI MIRIAM AUTEN JOAN MERTZ

## SEPTEMBER

1	BRADY WOLFE
3	BILL BECK
4	MARY WEAVER
5	HOLLY ZIMMERMAN
7	PETE DAUBERT EMILY ENGLE DEKLAN FISHER ABBAY RUTHS JIM SIEGFRIED
9	BETHANY BUCKLEY
11	MELANIE MOORE
12	ALEXANDRIA HEIM KEITH MIELKE
13	JANE KEENER LINDA KISTNER ROBERT REITZ
16	STACEY RANCK IRIS YALCH
17	TJ BURK LINSEY FASOLD JORDAN KUHN
19	PAULA SHOCH
21	JOHN AUTEN III MARIANNE MENAPACE
22	COLLINS EVERITT
23	LEVI STONEROAD
24	JAMES FLEMING MATT WILLIAMS
25	RORI FISHER
26	JESSE MOORE HARPER SCHOLL
27	MADISON COOK
29	JACKIE BURK
30	SARAH WITMER



**Meetings** are on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **1:30pm.**

**July 10th**

*Have You Seen Luis Velez*

by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Discussion leader:

Dolores Geise

Youth going into 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade interested in Youth Group activities, meet up w/ Pastor Beth at Pelican's Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



*Grab something cold and join in for conversation and a few laughs.*



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

Annual Day of Service planning will be underway soon-

Speak to any Council Member about involvement in this and other Zion ministries.



-After office hours, on weekends, etc. **Pastor Beth can be reached** for pastoral emergencies, etc. **at the number to the left.** Please leave a message for her to return your call.

*The Messenger is also posted on the church website*

*<https://zionlutheransunbury.com/>*