



# The Rosette

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Some days it's hard to find good news. Wildfires and hurricanes, partisan politics, inflation, mass shootings, wars, violence... and so the news litany goes. As people of faith, how do we live with hope and grace in a broken and sin-filled world, when even "the creation is groaning"? We cannot deny there are good reasons to feel despair and fear some days. How much more, therefore, are we called as people of faith to hold fast to the promises of God and God's gifts of grace and love!

Central to our Christian faith is the understanding that God's ways are not the same as human ways:

- Where humans imagine guns and bombs, God imagines lepers healed and restoration of sight to the blind.
- Where humans imagine "us vs. them," God imagines reconciliation and a feast of friends at a table of plenty.
- Where humans imagine chains and slavery, God imagines freedom from bondage and the year of the Lord's favor (see Leviticus 25 and Luke 4).
- Where humans imagine scarcity and not having enough, God imagines abundant blessings, like water turned to wine.
- Where humans imagine death in the shape of a cross, God imagines resurrection and the gift of eternal life.
- When we know fear and despair, Jesus says, "come to me all you that carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest."

I remain firmly convinced that our baptismal calling as Christians is to join our imaginations with God's imagination. Our call is to dare to believe, as Jesus proclaimed, "the kingdom of God is at hand!" Our call is to live this truth: to live as imaginative, faithful, kingdom people, not limited or constrained by the conventional wisdom, the fears, and the ways of this world.

So. Imagine Zion Lutheran Church as a light shining in the darkness, and as a place of safety and refuge amidst the stresses and turmoil of everyday life. Imagine Zion as a body of diverse and gifted people who bless one another, welcome the stranger and entertain angels unaware. Imagine Zion as a community overflowing with love in all we say and do. Imagine: God has given us all that we need to fulfill our callings! We are blessed to be God's people, empowered by the saving grace of God. That is good news indeed!

Pastor Kate

## 2025 Council Members

Zion's 2025 Council consists of the following people:

Mary Welliver – President  
Kelly Barthold – Vice-President  
Donna Dieter – Secretary (non-voting)  
Lenny Burns  
Yvonne Kauffman

Sharon Lynes  
Linda Martin  
Jim Scales  
Kyle Spohn

## Bible Study Continues

Sunday mornings we continue to ponder the book of Revelation. Beasts and lambs, and the number 666: what do these mean? Come and join the conversation after worship as we read this challenging letter written to the early church about 60 years after the time of Christ.

## Small Group Discussion

Beginning January 28 and continuing throughout the month of February, the Tuesday small group will be reading and discussing “God Has a Dream” by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Tutu is a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and revered leader of the church in South Africa. Drawing on personal and historical examples, this book explores the ways human suffering can be transformed into joy and redemption. The group meets weekly at 1:30 pm.

## Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

Between now and Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting cans of soup and boxes of crackers for the MC Food Pantry. (Beef stew and chili will also be accepted)

During winter's extreme temperatures, a bowl of soup can fill someone's stomach with warmth. Let's share our love with others by donating some extra soup. Together we can fill the shelves with food for our neighbors. All donations may be dropped off on the “football field” table outside the office either when you come to church on Sunday or during regular office hours in the week.



## Living Generously Challenge Grant

Our recent challenge grant for the Greater Zion Fund ran through the end of 2024 and generated \$45,165 in funds. This included the full matching funds challenge amount of \$25,000, as well as a donation from The Bessemer Trust. We thank everyone for all your donations towards this challenge! We anticipate ongoing expenses related to our property and are grateful for all contributions to the Greater Zion Fund.

## Sub Sale Fundraiser for Preschool Planned

Zion's Preschool is holding a fundraiser featuring R&K subs. There are several varieties for you to choose from (*see the posted sign-up sheets outside the office*). Order due date is Friday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>; pick-up date is Wednesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:00 here at the church. (If you would like a sub and need delivery, talk to Donna in the office.) Cost is \$7 for the pretzel sandwiches; \$8 for the subs. This is a great way to enjoy a day off from cooking, as well as supporting a great cause...Zion's Preschool!! Tell your neighbors and friends. The subs are wonderful! You can sign up outside the church office or call to place your order. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Preschool and dropped off in the church office.

## New Phone Directory Published

We have published a new church phone directory. They are available in the Rose Parlor (one per family, please).



## Property Updates

As of this writing we are *still* waiting on final repairs for our new boiler system. Identifying and addressing the specific problem has been an ongoing issue. The technicians now believe the issues are related to the age and condition of our steam radiators and piping. In the meantime, we are keeping the temperature set at a constant level to avoid taxing the system.

## 2025 Offering Envelopes available

Zion's 2025 boxed envelope sets are available for pick-up in the church office. Don't forget to stop in and get them if you haven't done so already.

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Inclement Weather Policy

## For Your Information

In case of inclement weather on the morning of worship, please check Zion's Facebook page, or call the office for the status of worship or other activities. Pastor Kate will record a message for the church

answering machine (press 1 for worship schedule) in the event we need to cancel worship. If Sunday morning in-person worship needs to be cancelled, we hope to offer an alternative online. If weather conditions are questionable, please use your own discretion as to whether you want to go out or not. We certainly do not want to have anyone experience an accident trying to get here. Please, be safe. We will see you at another time.



## 2025 Flower & Bulletin Sponsors Needed

We have Flower and Bulletin Sponsor Charts posted in the entrance hallway for 2025. Take some time to jot down your names on the special days you'd like to sponsor.



## Food Pantry Needs

During the month of February, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for canned chili, beef stew, canned pineapple, cream of chicken soup, tomato soup, Spam, baked beans, cereal, rice sides, crackers, diapers, plastic and reusable bags. (No used or opened items; no out-of-date items). Monetary donations may also be sent to the MC Food Pantry, c/o Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N. Penn St., Manheim.

Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Put donations in the cart outside the church office or drop them in the box on the porch of the food pantry at 334 W. Gramby St., Manheim. Monetary donations may also be sent to the MC Food Pantry, c/o Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N. Penn St., Manheim, PA.

**The pantry is looking for new volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays.**

Please call 717-665-2850 or 717-664-1097 for more information.

# Daughters of Zion

We did not meet in January, as the weather is always “iffy”. We will begin 2025 with our next meeting on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

We welcome new members to come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun. We have refreshments, too! Come out and join us!!

Daughters of Zion – Committed to serving the Manheim Community

**Just a reminder:** Upper Room daily devotional booklets are available, both on the table in the Rose parlor and on the bookcase in the hallway. Price is \$1.00 per copy.



## Prayer Chain

**Have you ever needed prayer? Instant, right away prayer?** Or, needed as many people as possible to pray for you, whatever reason? Zion’s Prayer Warriors are there for you! As soon as Pastor Kate is aware of a need for prayer, she, in turn, calls Linda Keiffer (contact person, 717-742-2149). Linda then contacts the Prayer Warriors. Since crisis, emergencies, death, etc. are spontaneous, you might get a call while still in your pajamas just having tea and toast or watching your favorite football game...BUT...it literally takes 3-5 minutes to answer the phone and “lift a prayer, Jesus have mercy”. We hope you will search your heart and be so inspired to join the group of warriors.

**The Expanded Prayer List** is published at the beginning of each month. Printed copies are available at the church. **You can contact Pr. Kate at the church office (665-5880) or Linda Keiffer @ 742-2149** to add a name to the list and to initiate the prayer chain.



**Current Prayer Warriors to Zion’s Prayer Chain include:** Holly Brosey, Linda Keiffer, Norm Drescher, and Yvonne Kreider. If you would like to join the team as an additional prayer warrior, please contact Linda Keiffer. We could certainly use a few more members to make phone calls.

***Take note: Please have permission from the person whose name you are placing on the list for prayer. The name of the contact person and phone number are also important for updates and further information about the person being prayed for.***

## **Preschool News**

We made our way back from Christmas break after one snow day and jumped right into Preschool fun! We enjoy seeing friendships grow and the progress that each child is making with school.

This time of year has us gearing up for 2025/2026 enrollment and planning for February conferences.

As we get through the winter months, please pray for mild weather and healthy families!

Thank you!

Katie

## **Easter Story Time**

Zion's Preschool is looking for volunteer readers for Easter Story Time with the children on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. We will provide the book for the story time.

Looking ahead: We hope to have volunteers from Zion read on a regular basis during scheduled library time, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

If you love to tell a story and would be interested in interacting with the preschool as a reader, talk to Pastor Kate.

## **The Lutheran Magazine, now Living Lutheran, is back in print!**

In response to popular demand, the ELCA has found a way to bring *Living Lutheran* magazine back to print in a quarterly fashion. Each issue (spring, summer, fall and winter) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community.

The cost for one year will be \$19.95 for an individual subscription and \$17 for a congregation group subscription. To start receiving the print magazine, individuals and congregations can sign up at [livinglutheran.org/subscribe](https://livinglutheran.org/subscribe).

*Living Lutheran* is your source for news, reflections and stories from the ELCA and its local and global companions. *Living Lutheran* belongs to the people of the ELCA and welcomes article ideas from readers.



Friday, January 24th, Love INC of Lancaster County will move its office operation into Manheim, PA! CONNECTION CENTRAL will be located within walking distance of the Manheim Central Food Pantry. We're digging in more deeply with families and individuals who are struggling in Manheim Central, Manheim Township, and Hempfield School Districts. Our focus is expanding to new ways for transformation through learning this fall. It's an exciting time to be a part of the Matthew 25 Kingdom work!

Love INC connects a person from a church with a neighbor who has a struggle or needs help. We make sure that the need is legitimate and then bring people together. We train you so that you can be effective. Currently, we are looking for people to serve as in-office helpers, Navigators, and Allies. All of these are key roles in the journey to wholeness for people who are struggling.

We're looking to see more people experiencing: ***Revitalized lives stepping toward a better future.*** Who knows? If you bring your talents into the mix, you might just open up New Hope and watch as someone is transformed, flying on New Wings.

## **Annual Teen Central Banquet Planned**

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-8:30pm

Doors open at 5:30pm / Silent Auction begins at 6:00pm

Guest Speaker, Ryan Zook (Interim Chief Executive Mentor at Men of Iron)

*Reservations open until March 1st*

The Junction Center (Landis Hall)  
1875 Junction Road, Manheim, PA 17545

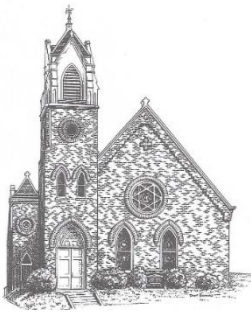
*For more information, please call the office at 665-5880*

## February Birthdays

2/15 Linda Martin  
 2/16 Barb Evoke  
 Yvonne Kreider  
 2/19 Zach Seibert  
 2/23 Mike Connelly  
 Terry Fry  
 Jean Rambler  
 2/24 Beth Ann Hoffer  
 2/26 Doug Shaw



## No February Anniversaries



## Parish Registry

*Address Change* – Mary Welliver, 1C Terrace Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601

*Address Change* – Dennis Shafnisky & Carol Atherholt, 88 St. Matthew Rd., Lititz, PA 17543 Phone: 625-0050

*Address Change* – Betty Myers, The Legacy at Grande-Vie, 2140 Five Mile Line Rd., Room 136, Penfield, NY 14526

## Financial Notes:

**with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.**

<b>OFFERINGS</b>	Mo. Total	Budget
December General Fund offering	27,436	23,165
December Greater Zion Fund offering	8,530	---
Jan. General Fund offering	13,834	19,659
Jan. Greater Zion Fund offering	810	---



# February Readings

2/1	Psalm 71:1-6 2 Chronicles 36:11-21 John 1:43-51	2/9	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] Psalm 138 I Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
2/2	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	2/10	Psalm 115 Judges 5:1-11 I Corinthians 14:26-40
2/3	Psalm 56 I Kings 17:8-16 I Corinthians 2:6-16	2/11	Psalm 115 I Samuel 9:15-10:1b I Timothy 3:1-9
2/4	Psalm 56 2 Kings 5:1-14 I Corinthians 14:13-25	2/12	Psalm 115 Isaiah 8:1-15 Luke 5:27-32
2/5	Psalm 56 Jeremiah 1:11-19 Luke 19:41-44	2/13	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 13:12-19 Acts 13:26-34
2/6	Psalm 138 Numbers 20:22-29 Acts 9:26-31	2/14	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 13:20-27 I Peter 1:17-2:1
2/7	Psalm 138 Numbers 27:12-23 Acts 9:26-31	2/15	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 17:1-4 Luke 11:24-28
2/8	Psalm 138 Judges 3:7-11 Luke 4:42-44	2/16	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 I Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6: 17-26
		2/17	Psalm 120 2 Kings 24:18-25:21 I Corinthians 15:20-34

## Feb. Readings, cont'd

2/18 Psalm 120  
Ezra 1:1-11  
2 Corinthians 1:12-19

2/19 Psalm 120  
Jeremiah 22:11-17  
Luke 11:37-52

2/20 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
Genesis 43:16-34  
Romans 8:1-11

2/21 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
Genesis 44:1-17  
I John 2:12-17

2/22 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
Genesis 44:18-34  
Luke 12:57-59

2/23 **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
Genesis 45:3-11, 21-28  
Psalm 37:1-18 or 37:3-10  
I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

2/24 Psalm 38  
Genesis 33:1-17  
I Corinthians 11:2-16

2/25 Psalm 38  
I Samuel 24:1-22  
I Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

2/26 Psalm 38  
Leviticus 5:1-13  
Luke 17:1-4

2/27 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
Proverbs 13:1-12  
Romans 5:12-6:2

2/28 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
Proverbs 15:1-9  
I Thessalonians 4:13-18



# Altar Flowers



- Feb. 2 *This space available. Please call the office at 665-5880.*
- Feb. 9 In honor of Jean Rambler's birthday
- Feb. 16 Marc & Carol Phillips in honor of AJ & Katherine's birthdays
- Feb. 23 Sue Shaw in honor of Doug Shaw's birthday

**Note: Flowers are \$40 per week and *must be paid to the church by the beginning of the month for the flowers you are sponsoring. Thank you.***

## Bulletin Sponsors

Month of February – Marc & Carol Phillips

Bulletins are - \$9.00 per week



## Worship Help Schedule

We need helpers for this position. Please sign on the volunteer sheet outside the church office.

Date	Greeters/Ushers	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants
2/2	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Sue Shaw	
2/9	Stacy Fry	Brian Miller	Lenny Burns
2/16	Jody Hess	Fay Varner	
2/23	Dave & Betty Wise	Kyle Spohn	
3/2	Dave & Sharon Lynes	Denny Valins	
3/9	Stan Rohrer	Norm Drescher	Lenny Burns
3/16	Martha Rudisill	Donna Moore	
3/23	Dennis Obetz	Donna Wilkie	
3/30	John Stouch	Carol Atherholt	

# Zion's Prayers

**Please remember Zion's members as you pray:**

John Blanck

Barbara Grunenberger

Betty Minnich

Dennis Shafnisky

Nancy Brenner

Verna Landry

Sue Murray

Nic & Stefan Spohn

Kate Eichelberger

Erma May

Betty Myers

Mary Welliver

**Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:**

Ron Auker

Becky

Mary Bisking

Sherry Brunick

Janet Cummings

Lee Elgin

Leslie Flory

Christa Hampton

Diane Lord

Matt Meiskey

Karen Plessl

Abby Shipe

Thad Toole

Emily Bair

Tom Beil

David Bradfield

Winnie Cammauf

Esther Diffenderfer

Lewis Ettinger

Sterling Gernert

Heather Hildebrand

Yasir Makki

Jason Mummau

Diane Repp

Frank Smith

Joyce Warn

Karen Becker

Beth & Jordan

Judi Brosey

Hana Caye

Bill Duncan

Dave Faus

Sandy Grimm

Jenny Lohr

Linda McClurg

Pamela Nester

Larry Shelley

Rachel Toole

Tom Welliver

**Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:**

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

