



The Rosette July, 2024

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One of the oldest prayers in the bible, is the Priestly Prayer, or the Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6: 22-27. This prayer is one of the few in the bible given directly by God:

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
“So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” (NRSV)

In the Jewish tradition, this prayer of blessing is still used on specific holy occasions, accompanied by a specific arrangement of fingers popularly recognized as the Vulcan greeting (made famous by the Jewish actor Leonard Nimoy). In Jewish worship, the position of the finger and hands in this ancient gesture of blessing creates a letter in the Hebrew alphabet representing one of the names of God. A Jewish commentary notes that the Priestly Blessing is one of the most spiritually uplifting moments in Jewish life, as the entire congregation is embraced in a “divine hug.”

Most of us will recognize this blessing from Numbers 6 as the traditional benediction spoken at the close of Lutheran worship. This blessing was the standard benediction in the red Service Book and Hymnal and in the Lutheran Book of Worship. In recent years, our liturgical resources have expanded the options for the words of the benediction, although it is good and salutary to use the Priestly Blessing upon occasion!

From this blessing, I find particular comfort and hope in the idea that God’s face is turned to us, and shines on us with love and grace. In the shadows of struggle and uncertainty, God’s face shines on us! In the everydayness of life, God’s face shines on us. In good times and hard times, God’s face shines on us, and God seeks to give us peace.

When God instructed Aaron to bless the People of Israel, the blessing was freely given with no conditions attached. We do not need to prove ourselves in order to receive a blessing from God! All we need to know is that the Holy face is turned toward us, shining with love.

Pastor Kate



“The Rent Was Paid”

The Festival of the Red Rose was held on Sunday, June 9, and Zion Church once again gathered to honor and pay tribute to Henry William Stiegel and his gift of a plot of ground to the Lutheran congregation to build their first church. This red rose clause as stipulated in the December 4, 1772, deed was the payment of 5 shillings and the annual rent of one red rose to one of his heirs.

Pastor Kate Warn provided the morning reflections that spoke about the church being...

planted: In the early days of Manheim, there is a sense that Henry William and Elizabeth Stiegel and other immigrants would not be complete or whole without a church planted and growing.

nurtured: For over 270 years, countless witnesses and saints have been at work here and in the varied communities we call home. These faithful men and women nurtured seeds of faith and bore witness to God at work in the world and in our lives.

growing: As in Zion’s story, we’re here on this plot of land dedicated to God’s purposes for 5 shillings and one red rose a year. God has been faithful from generation to generation.

During the morning worship service, Linda Keiffer, chairperson of the Rose Festival Committee, and Attorney J.D. Young, Zion’s legal representative, presented the red rose for this year to Ms. Karen Woltz, a 9th generation descendant of Henry William and Elizabeth Holz Stiegel. In addition, four other Stiegel heirs received “token” roses.

Prior to the morning worship service, refreshments provided by the Manheim Historical Society were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year’s Festival of the Red Rose.

The rent will next be paid on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Zion Church will also be celebrating their 253rd anniversary. If you would like to assist in planning for that day, please contact Linda Keiffer at 717-742-2149.

Church Office Summer Hours

Summer hours for the church office are in effect through Labor Day. Donna is available Monday – Thursday from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Please note: the office will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer. She will be on vacation July 22-26. Her regular hours will resume again beginning September 3rd.



Singing and Sharing Our Faith

Our worship on Sunday, July 7th, will be a true expression of liturgy as “the work of the people,” meaning you have a part to play! Please come, prepared to sing favorite hymns and to share your stories about those individuals who nurtured you in faith.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Join us to see the Lancaster Stormers when “Zion Goes to the Ballgame” on Sunday, July 14th. Playing against the Long Island Ducks, it will be an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The game

starts at 3PM and a limited number of tickets are available for only \$8 a piece. Please sign up on the sheet posted outside the church office by July 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Rudisill



Summer Lunch Program



Zion’s Summer Lunch Program will be held again this year beginning Wednesday, July 10th, and running through August 28th. As in prior years, this will be a parking lot take-out event. Anticipated meals for July are:

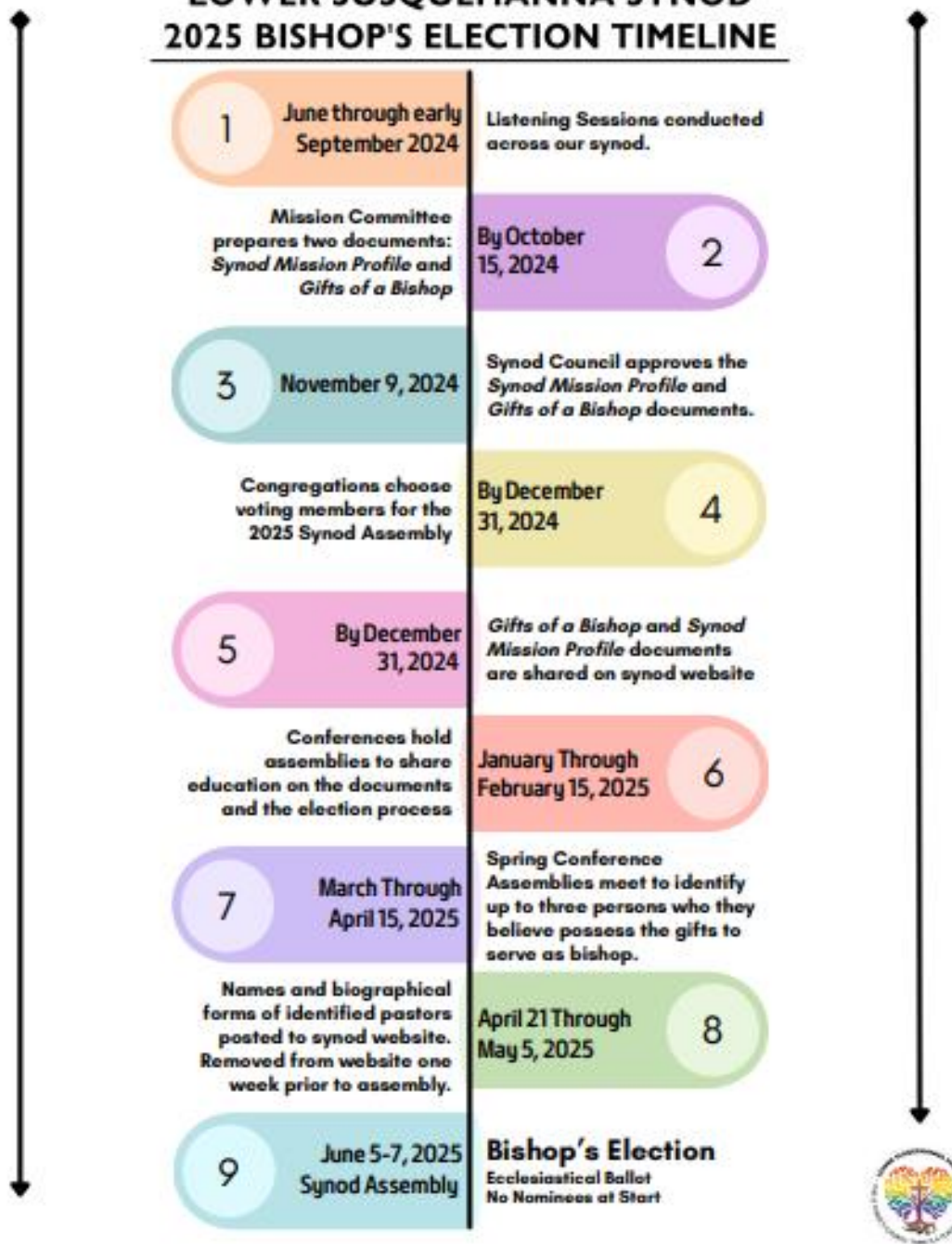
July 10	Caesar salad
July 17	Turkey sandwiches
July 24	Pulled pork sandwiches
July 31	Pot pie (provided by Trinity, Colebrook)

If you are willing to help in any way with this summer’s lunch program, please let Pastor Kate know. We do need Wednesday morning volunteers to prepare the meals in addition to the weekly team leaders. Bakers to provide cookies and bars will also be needed again this year. There are sign-up sheets posted outside the church office for your convenience.

Synod News

In 2025, the Lower Susquehanna Synod will elect a new bishop. The Synod Council has outlined an intentional process of discernment and prayer leading up to the 2025 synod assembly and election. Significant steps are outlined below. Members of Zion, with other church representatives throughout the synod, will have the opportunity to participate in the discernment and election process at listening sessions and as voting members of the synod assembly.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD 2025 BISHOP'S ELECTION TIMELINE



Come take a **JOURNEY IN FAITH** and experience **God's Grace and Love.**



VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase that means *Way of Christ*. Via de Cristo is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the teachings and works of Jesus Christ to communicate and reinforce basic Christian truths. The objectives of this renewal movement are to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities; and to form a Christian community of people working together to share Christ in the world by spreading God's love, forgiveness, and encouragement to others. The Via de Cristo ministry includes a three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of adult Christians. Participants attend free of charge to worship, discuss, sing, and learn from God's Word about this wonderful free gift God has given us. Both clergy and lay persons present a program based on the topics of Grace, Christian living and the church. There are opportunities for reflection, prayer, sharing, spiritual counsel, communion and fellowship.

A Lutheran version of Via de Cristo in our region, which includes Northern Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania, is called Journey in Faith. The next **Journey in Faith weekend will be held October 10 - 13, 2024**. Learn how can you be the person Christ calls you to be by strengthening you as a Christian and gain tools to study and grow to further deepen your faith based on the Lutheran understanding of scriptures and grace.

For more information check out the website: <https://www.journeyinfaithvdc.org>

A representative of Journey in Faith will join us for a temple talk and conversation on July 14.

Food Pantry Needs

During the month of July, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for baked beans, spaghetti sauce, cereal, diapers, applesauce, Spam, and canned fruit. They could also use reusable grocery bags (they no longer need plastic grocery bags.)



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 17545.

Daughters of Zion

Our meeting on June 17th had to be cancelled. Our next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 on July 15th.

We plan to have our Summer Fest / Old-Time Hymn Sing / Ice Cream Social at this meeting. Let's dress up in our fancy summer hats and long skirts or dresses (if you choose)! We'll be sure to take pictures at this meeting!

Please join us! We'd love to see you!

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. Prices are marked beside the display.



Dear Zion Friends,

Thank you for continuing to bless me with cards, prayers, and kind thoughts and messages of encouragement as I am struggling with this neurological problem. Never did I think I would be disabled at age 71, unable to drive, walk, and write. The kindness of our Zion community means more than you know, and I am very grateful. I continue to pray for God's grace and mercy as I face the uncertainties of the disease.

Sincerely,

Kate Eichelberger

Bridge of Hope in Manheim Update

Hello Manheim Churches,

I figured I should give you all an update on how things have progressed. Some of you were present for our house blessing, and all of you have been in contact with me as I've been trying to form a group of neighbors in the borough to walk with a family.

Since our last time we talked, a mom with two little ones moved into the unit. She moved the first week of April and then the family was connected to their group of neighboring volunteers last Wednesday night. We are so grateful for Manheim Grace coming through and putting a team together to walk alongside this family in support and to demonstrate Christ love. Pastor Josh Placeway did a fantastic job putting the call out and recruiting a crew. Big thank you! Last week during the launch with the family we learned that two of the volunteers knew the mom when she was a young child and attended Awana! It was beautiful to see some early seeds of relationship being sown even in that first meeting as a group.

We ask that you would pray for the team from Manheim Grace that God would guide them to shine light and love to this family.

We aren't finished in Manheim, we would love to put together another team and help the next family find a home and find community. Hopefully you will continue to consider and have those conversations at your church. Let me know how I can support you as we move forward.

Grace and Peace,

Caleb Simmers
Church Engagement and Housing Director
Bridge of Hope Lancaster
www.bridgeofhopeinc.org



July Birthdays

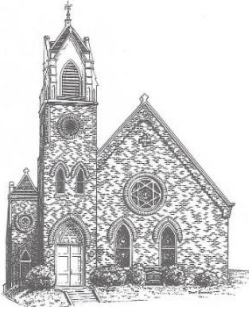
7/3 Kevin Witman
7/4 John Blanck
Bill Maney, III
7/5 Karen Kauffman
7/8 Emily Clingenpeel
7/10 Stefan Spohn
7/11 Verdella Frey
7/12 Helen Warnke
7/14 Denise Valins
7/16 Richard Adair
7/21 Kyle Spohn
7/22 Ronda Moore
Dan Rambler
Beth Schroll
7/23 Connie Sheaffer
7/24 Betty Miller
7/25 Beth Mensch
7/27 Corbin Moore
7/28 Kathy Connelly



July Anniversaries

7/5 George & Cathy May
7/9 Dan & Jean Rambler
7/12 Mike & Kathy Connelly (55 years)
7/19 Dan & Linda Barthold
7/24 Dale & Marci Clingenpeel
7/26 Paul & Mary Caplinger (55 years)
Tom & Cathy Knittle (55 years)

Parish Registry



Death – Bill S. Martin, Jr., died on May 21st

Death – Calvin Mackley died on May 24th

Death – Earl Gernert died on June 20th

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

OFFERINGS	Mo. Total	Budget
May General Fund offering	17,360	18,963
May Greater Zion Fund offering	2,327	-----
June General Fund offering (as of 6/17)	15,884	23,704
June Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 6/17)	16,930	-----



Prayer Chain

The Expanded Prayer List is published at the beginning of each month. Printed copies are available at the church. **Please contact Linda Keiffer @ 742-2149** to add a name to the list and to initiate the prayer chain. She will, in turn, notify the church office of the name and the reason for prayer.

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.

July Readings

		7/10	Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:14-21 John 7:1-9
7/1	Psalm 88 Leviticus 21:1-15 2 Corinthians 8:16-24	7/11	Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 2:6-16 Colossians 2:1-5
7/2	Psalm 88 Leviticus 15:19-31 2 Corinthians 9:1-5	7/12	Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 3:1-12 Colossians 4:2-18
7/3	Psalm 88 2 Kings 20:1-11 Mark 9:14-29	7/13	Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 4:6-13 Luke 1:57-80
7/4	Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:1-15 1 Corinthians 4:8-13	7/14	8th Sunday after Pentecost Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
7/5	Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:16-26 2 Corinthians 10:7-11	7/15	Psalm 142 Amos 5:1-9 Ats 21:27-39
7/6	Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:27-34 Matthew 8:18-22	7/16	Psalm 142 Amos 9:1-4 Acts 23:12-35
7/7	7th Sunday after Pentecost Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	7/17	Psalm 142 Amos 9:11-15 Luke 7:31-35
7/8	Psalm 119:81-88 Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 2 Corinthians 11:16-33	7/18	Psalm 23 Jeremiah 10:1-16 Colossians 1:15-23
7/9	Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:1-13 James 5:7-12		

July Readings, cont'd

7/19 Psalm 23
Jeremiah 10:17-25
Acts 17:16-31

7/20 Psalm 23
Jeremiah 12:1-13
Luke 18:35-43

7/21 *9th Sunday after Pentecost*
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

7/22 Psalm 100
Jeremiah 50:1-7
Hebrews 13:17-25

7/23 Psalm 100
Zechariah 9:14-10:2
Acts 20:17-38

7/24 Psalm 100
2 Samuel 5:1-12
Luke 15:1-7

7/25 Psalm 145:10-18
1 Kings 19:19-21
Colossians 1:9-14

7/26 Psalm 145:10-18
2 Kings 3:4-20
Colossians 3:12-17

7/27 Psalm 145:10-18
2 Kings 4:38-41
John 4:31-38

7/28 *10th Sunday after Pentecost*
2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

7/29 Psalm 111
Genesis 18:1-15
Philippians 4:10-20

7/30 Psalm 111
Exodus 24:1-11
Romans 15:22-33

7/31 Psalm 111
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Mark 6:35-44



Share God's Word

Altar Flowers



- July 7 In honor of Dan & Jean Rambler's anniversary
- July 14 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- July 21 Jean Rambler in honor of Dan's birthday
- July 28 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

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 July – Jim & Susan Scales
 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
7/7	John Stouch	Paul Caplinger	
7/14	Fay Varner	Norm Drescher	Lenny Burns
7/21	George May	Mary Welliver	
7/28	Kelly Barthold	Donna Wilkie	Donna Wilkie
8/4	Dennis Obetz	Kyle Spohn	
8/11	Donna Moore	Sue Shaw	Lenny Burns
8/18	Sandy Quesenberry	Carol Atherholt	
8/25	Dave & Betty Wise	Denny Valins	

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Ruby Barto	John Blanck	Kate Eichelberger
Heather Fotiou	Patsy Gabel	Barbara Grunenberger
Carol Mackley	Erma May	Jackie McKinney
Betty Minnich	Sue Murray	Margie Root
Dennis Shafnisky	Sue Shaw	Nic & Stefan Spohn
Mary Welliver		

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Emily Bair	Daryl Barry	Edna Barto
Neil Bartsch	Karen Becker	Becky
Tom Beil	Beth & Jordan	Mary Bisking
Judi Brosey	Kathy Brosey	Donnie Burns
Winnie Cammauf	Hana Caye	Bill Duncan
Jaxson Eberly	Lewis Ettinger	Leslie Evans
Dave Faus	Betsy Griest	Mason Heishman
Diane Leonard	Doug Lowry	Joan Lynes
Yasir Makki	John Miller	Pamela Nester
Sandy Pennell	Brandy Rhodes	Paitin Royal
Larry Shelley	Abby Shipe	Frank Smith
Rachel Toole	Thad Toole	Tom Welliver

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

