



The Rosette

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On the night he was betrayed, Jesus went with his disciples “to a place called Gethsemane... and he said ‘... I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here and keep awake [while I pray].’” Three times Jesus returned to check in with his disciples and three times he found them sleeping. He said: “Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mark 14:32-42)

On that night in the garden of Gethsemane, the disciples were so utterly human: unable to pay attention, unable to tune into Jesus’ fear and foreboding, unable to persevere in prayer for him and with him. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak indeed!

One of the things I appreciate about Lent and Holy Week is the way the story tells deep truths about who we are and how hard it is to pay proper attention to Jesus. We grow weary, we become distracted, we fall asleep. In the arc of Jesus’ life and ministry, it was so much easier to follow him when he was working miracles and surrounded by adoring crowds. There is a certain irony to the fact that the week we call Holy is the very week the disciples fell short, fell asleep, and ran away.

Lent and Holy Week remind us that God knows the truth about us and loves us anyway! “For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6-8)

What wondrous love is this?... the old hymn asks. This is the life giving, death defeating power of God’s love revealed in the crucified and risen Christ!

Lent and Holy Week give us opportunities for being honest about ourselves and for keeping our hearts centered in God’s wondrous love. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday provide worship touchstones to help us stay awake and stay attuned to the surprising ways God works to bring about healing and salvation (hint: there is a cross and a tomb involved). We are deep into the 40 days of Lent and thanks be to God, Easter is coming. How will you keep awake and be a part of the story of this Holy Week?

Pastor Kate

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Week and Easter

The Way to Easter is by Way of the Cross. Worship during Holy Week is meant to help us on the way. Beginning on Palm Sunday, continuing on to Maundy Thursday and into Good Friday, we journey with Jesus as he writes a new, cross shaped covenant on our hearts.

March 24, Palm/Passion Sunday 9:15am worship with blessing of the palms and holy communion

Holy Week begins with “all glory, laud and honor,” as Jesus enters Jerusalem and the crowds shout Hosanna! The joyous acclamation and the waving of palms soon give way to shouts of condemnation as Jesus is arrested and sentenced to death. In our worship for this day we will remember the events of holy week according to the gospel of Mark.

March 28, Maundy Thursday at 7pm

“On the night he was betrayed,” the community of Jesus’ disciples shared a meal together. As the season of Lent comes to an end this night, we too will share a holy meal “in remembrance of Him.” Maundy Thursday commemorates the new commandment (“mandatum”) to love one another as Jesus loves us. Our worship ends with the stripping of the altar and a silent dismissal as we prepare to see the face of love on the cross on Good Friday.

March 29, Good Friday at Noon: The Way of the Cross

We meet on this Good Friday to travel the Way of the Cross and to contemplate the passion and death of Jesus. Good Friday worship is intended to offer a time for prayerful reflection on Jesus’ passion (ie, suffering), in order to deepen the joy and wonder of Easter.

Good Friday at 2:00pm Tenebrae Service of Shadows

The Manheim Ministerial Association will host an afternoon Good Friday service of worship on Friday, March 29th, at Pleasant View Communities, Hoffer Auditorium at 2:00pm. This worship includes area pastors and will focus on Jesus' last words from the cross.

March 31 at 9:15am. Easter Sunday

Christ is risen, and we gather together to offer our worship and praise for God's surprising and life-giving power! Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and like the women at the tomb we are amazed. Let us rejoice. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Coffee and refreshments will be available before and after our worship for a time of Easter fellowship on Sunday, March 31st.

Bible Study

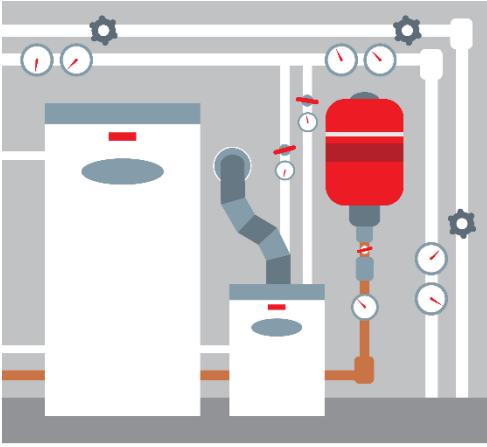
Continuing through March, the Sunday morning Bible study is exploring First and Second Samuel. These 2 books are foundational for understanding the history of Israel and Israel's expectations about a messiah. First and Second Samuel tell the story of an important leadership transition for Israel and introduce the roles that will dominate Israel's leadership going forward—the roles of prophet and king. As Israel grew and developed as a nation, their well-being depended on their willingness to respond to God's faithfulness, recognizing God as their ultimate ruler and king. Faithfulness to God and God's kingdom (before the kingdoms of this world!) continue to be our struggle even today.

All are welcome as we meet together following worship and explore God's word.

Time to Spring Ahead Once Again!!

Daylight Savings Time begins this year on Saturday night, March 9th. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed that night to reflect the time change. *(If you forget, you may find yourselves missing Sunday morning worship).*





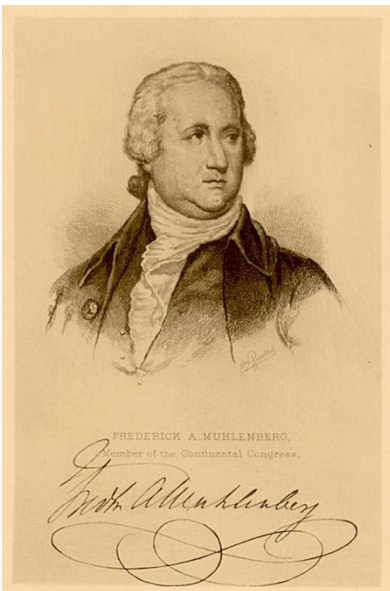
Sanctuary Heating System

To date we have received one bid for replacement of the steam boiler serving the sanctuary and meeting space, and we continue to wait for a response from one other company. Not many companies work with commercial steam boilers so our options have been limited. The work also entails extensive welding and repairs on the piping system, so that has been another factor in calculating the costs involved.

All 2024 contributions designated for the Capital Campaign will be used to help fund this project.

Souper Bowl Challenge Results

This year's Souper Bowl Challenge was given by the Manheim Ministerial Association to gather 5,000 cans of soup amongst the local church families to supplement the Manheim Central Food Pantry's needs. Zion was able to contribute 259 cans of soup, beef stew, and chili towards the total accumulated. So far, the Ministerium collected 1,819 cans. What a blessing! We certainly live in a giving community!



Historical Presentation Offered

You are invited to spend an afternoon learning about the Muhlenbergs and the Lutheran Church in Colonial PA, presented by Lisa Minardi.

Held at Salem Lutheran Church, 8th and Willow Sts, Lebanon, on Sunday, April 7th at 3:00pm, the program will be preceded by an organ recital on the historic Miller organ beginning at 2:30pm. Please rsvp to 717-272-6151 by March 27th if you plan to attend.

Daughters of Zion

At our February 19th meeting, we heard a presentation by Karen Kline and Stacy Fry on the creation of Zion's paraments, banners, etc. It was very informative, and we thank these ladies for their continued efforts in enhancing Zion's worship space. It was amazing to see all of their creations in one space.

Gift Card Collection for "The Home on Ferdinand" continues through March 17th!

In our January meeting, we had the privilege of hearing from board members of the Manheim Community Life Program. This organization purchased, and is now responsible for, the operation of the transitional facility known as the "Home on Ferdinand". Since 2021, the "Home" has not only provided a temporary home for women and children, but also has aided in counseling and training in life-skills to help women get back on the road to self-sufficiency. This is definitely not a "free ride" when these women and their kids get accepted as residents in the "Home". They are responsible for their own meals, doing their own laundry, keeping the facility clean, holding down jobs, even maintaining a vehicle if they need it to get back and forth to a job.

So, what we'd like to do is provide some assistance to these women and kids who have gone through some pretty tough times. For the next few weeks, the Daughters are sponsoring a collection of "gift cards" for the families currently residing at the Home. They can be purchased for anywhere...Weis Markets, Grocery Outlet, Target, Walmart, Sheetz, even gift cards from any of Manheim's pizza shops...(pizza's a great "community" meal!) You'll find a collection box for the gift cards on the small table in the Rose Parlor. The amounts can be anywhere from \$10-\$25. We all know how expensive it is to buy groceries, clothing, gas, or even just a roll of paper towels. These gift cards will enable each woman to purchase what they need for their specific situations. Thank you in advance for making these women and children feel the love and support of their friends at Zion Lutheran.

Daughters of Zion – Committed to serving the Manheim Community

Upcoming Events:



March 18th – We will welcome a representative from the Ronald McDonald House to explain their program of benefits for parents of children needing overnight care at Hershey Medical Center.

April 15th – Spring Festival...Games, games!!

Please join us for these interesting meetings, and for future meetings on the third Monday of every month beginning at 1:30pm. Hope to see you then!

2 MORE OPPORTUNITIES **TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORS:**

Teen Central Banquet Invitation

Teen Central is holding their Annual Banquet on Tuesday, March 26th from 6:00-8:30pm at The Junction Center (Landis Hall), 1875 Junction Rd., Manheim. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Handmade and donated items from local businesses and individuals, along with themed gift baskets and more will be available for bidding at their Silent Auction, which begins at 6:00pm. The meal begins at 5:30pm, with programming to follow. This year's guest speaker is Pastor Jose Jimenez, pastor at Activ8 Church in Lancaster, and previous Director of Teen Haven, the youth outreach of Water Street Mission.

This is a free event, but reservations must be made by March 16th to Teen Central by calling 717-664-2990.

Bridge of Hope



Bridge of Hope (<https://lancaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org/>) connects families in transition with local churches, one family at a time. Bridge of Hope seeks to make neighbors out of strangers, to build networks of support, and to strengthen families.

Bridge of Hope has arrived at 36 N. Hazel St., Manheim, the new home for a family in transition to new things. The organization is still looking for a small group of 6 – 7 “neighboring volunteers” from local churches to provide a support and mentoring team. Bridge of Hope provides case management, financial assistance, budget coaching and accountability, but depends on church volunteers to help make the family feel loved and cared for.

Bridge of Hope is one way we can respond to God's call to love our neighbors. Talk to Pastor Kate if you are interested in learning more and helping “to neighbor” others.

Preschool News



We started February with some snow days and parent teacher conferences. Our teachers enjoyed touching base with parents and reviewing and planning the next steps for these wonderful children.

Friendships were celebrated over Valentine's parties and exchanges and the kids were excited to make special bags and deliver notes and trinkets to their friends. We did have to have one belated Valentine's celebration with the snow impacting our schedule.



We just opened enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year and we have a majority of our classes filled! With the numbers enrolling, we are opening an additional Pre-K class. If you know of anyone with a child in the Toddler/Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten range, please feel free to share information about our school with them. We look forward to getting many of our friends back and meeting new families for next year!

Thank you for your continued support of Zion Lutheran Preschool!

Katie



Food Pantry Needs



During the month of March, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for canned tuna or chicken, and pasta (macaroni, shells, spaghetti, etc.). They could use some reusable grocery bags. They no longer need plastic grocery bags at this time.

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.

March Birthdays

3/4 Jessica Summy
3/6 David Mann
3/15 Heather Fotiou
Tim Sheaffer
3/16 Donna Wilkie
3/21 Mike Schroll
3/23 Donna Ober
3/24 Rick Brosey
3/30 Linda Barthold
3/31 Yvonne Kauffman



March Anniversaries

3/9 Mike & Donna Dieter (50 years)
3/17 Dave & Suzette Swarr

Dear people of Zion,

Thank you for your most recent generous gift to Lutheran World Relief. Your love is being put to work right away in places like Gaza where medical supplies are urgently needed or like Turkey where families are still living in tents after the devastating earthquake last year. You are providing hope and comfort to our neighbors around the world who are sometimes forgotten. We are so grateful for your partnership. Blessings!

Emma Wagner, LWR Cong. Advisor

Dear Teen Central Supporter,

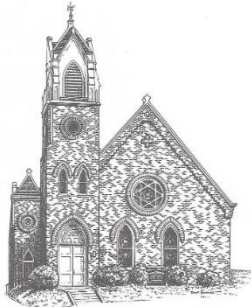
We rejoiced recently as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God! Rejoice for he has come and given us new life. Our 2023 Christmas party was a tremendous success thanks to your support and the support of churches and organizations in our community. Every student was gifted a Bible, a stocking and a dozen cookies.

Thank you for your financial gift. Your support is a blessing to us and we are so grateful for people like you who invest in this ministry and ultimately invest in the lives of our community youth. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming banquet or for a visit at Teen Central.

In Christ, *Melodie Q.*

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and thoughts during my recent hospital stay and recovery. They were very much appreciated.

Yonnie Kauffman



Parish Registry

New Phone # - Cathy Knittle's new phone number was listed incorrectly last month. Her new number is 717-572-2795. Sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused you.

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

OFFERINGS	Mo. Total	Budget
January General Fund offering	16,290	18,963
January Greater Zion Fund offering	4,191	-----
February General Fund offering (as of 2/19/24)	13,095	18,963
February Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 2/19)	2,130	-----



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: Rubye Barto, Holly Brosey, Linda Keiffer, and Yvonne Kreider.

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.

March Readings

3/1	Psalm 19 Exodus 19:9b-15 Acts 7:30-40	3/10	4th Sunday in Lent Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
3/2	Psalm 19 Exodus 19:16-25 Mark 9:2-8	3/11	Psalm 107:1-16 Exodus 15:22-27 Hebrews 3:1-6
3/3	3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	3/12	Psalm 107:1-16 Numbers 20:1-13 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
3/4	Psalm 84 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22 1 Corinthians 3:10-23	3/13	Psalm 107:1-16 Isaiah 60:15-22 John 8:12-20
3/5	Psalm 84 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19 Hebrews 9:23-28	3/14	Psalm 51:1-12 Isaiah 30:15-18 Hebrews 4:1-13
3/6	Psalm 84 Ezra 6:1-16 Mark 11:15-19	3/15	Psalm 51:1-12 Exodus 30:1-10 Hebrews 4:14-5:4
3/7	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 1:3-6	3/16	Psalm 51:1-12 Habakkuk 3:2-13 John 12:1-11
3/8	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Daniel 12:5-13 Ephesians 1:7-14	3/17	5th Sunday in Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
3/9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Numbers 20:22-29 John 3:1-13	3/18	Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 43:8-13 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

March Readings, cont'd

3/19 Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8
Acts 2:14-24

3/20 Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50

3/21 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11

3/22 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:1-9
Philippians 2:12-18

3/23 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:10-16
Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

3/24 ***Palm Sunday***
Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

3/25 Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

3/26 Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

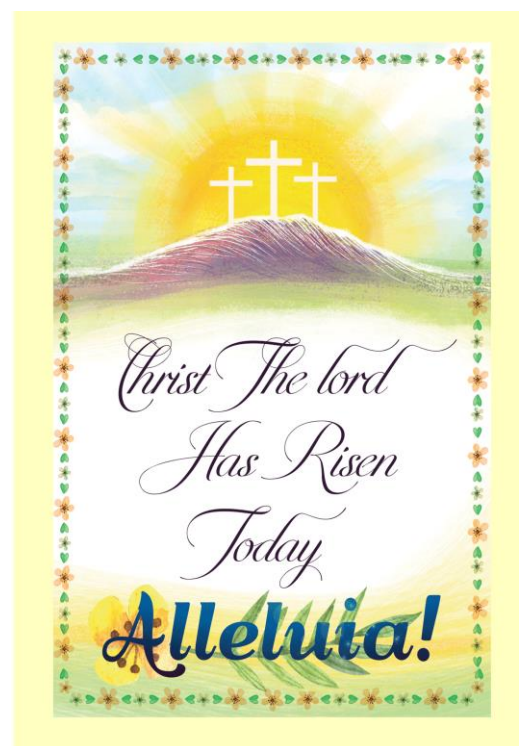
3/27 Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

3/28 ***Maundy Thursday***
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

3/29 ***Good Friday***
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

3/30 Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

3/31 ***Easter Day***
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8



Altar Flowers



- Mar 3 Sue Shaw in honor of Doug Shaw's birthday
- Mar 10 Mike & Donna Dieter in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
- Mar 17 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- Mar 24 Marc & Carol Phillips in honor of Caleb's and Jack's birthdays
- Mar 31 *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 March – Carol Mackley in memory of her parents

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
3/3	Dennis Obetz	Fay Varner	Donna Wilkie
3/10	Kelly Barthold	Ronda Moore	Lenny Burns
3/17	George May	Donna Moore	
3/24	Sandy Quesenberry	Carol Atherholt	
3/31	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Sue Shaw	
4/7	Dave & Sharon Lynes	Paul Caplinger	Donna Wilkie
4/14	Mike & Kathy Connelly	Mary Welliver	Kathy Connelly
4/21	Stan Rohrer	Norm Drescher	Lenny Burns
4/28	Jim & Susan Scales	Brian Miller	

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Helen Blank	Kate Eichelberger	Patsy Gabel
Barbara Grunenberger	Missy Hoffman	Yvonne Kauffman
Bill Martin	Erma May	Jackie McKinney
Betty Minnich	Joe Murray	Sue Murray
Donna Ober	Nic & Stefan Spohn	Mary Welliver

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Emily Bair	Daryl Barry	Edna Barto
Neil Bartsch	Tom Beil	Mary Bisking
Kathy Brosey	Winnie Cammauf	Ciara Dierking
Bill Duncan	Jaxson Eberly	Lee Elgire
Judy Erb	Lewis Ettinger	Dave Faus
Judy Fiene	Jeff Fry	Hana Haatainen-Caye
Mason Heishman	Doug Lowry	Yasir Makki
Mary Ann & Doug	Sandy Pennell	Brandy Rhodes
Mahlon Schreiber	Cathy Shaw	Abby Shipe
Kyler Shupp	Frank Smith	Michelle Spaeder
Rachel Toole	Thad Toole	Joyce & De Warn
Christine Yarnall		

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

*Please take some time to remember
all these people in our prayers.
They each have individual needs that
your prayers can help them with.*

