



The Rosette

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Back in the days of the Soviet Union, a story is told of a communist lecturer in that country addressing a large audience, condemning the church and declaring “there is no God.” The speaker was unequivocal in his argument against God, and he denied absolutely that a man named Jesus Christ ever existed. He went on and on, satisfied that no one could challenge his assertions. Just as the lecturer was about to sit down, an old Russian Orthodox priest near the front stood up and asked if he could say three words. The lecturer, disdainfully, gave permission. The priest turned and looked out over the crowd and shouted: Christ is risen! And back came a roaring shout: He is risen indeed!

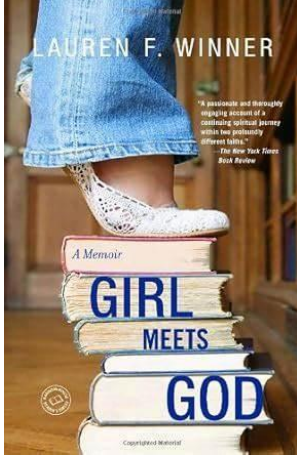
I’ve always appreciated this story. The faithful of Russia had been believing and saying “Christ is risen” every Easter for a thousand years, and the declaration was written on their hearts. The faithful remnant of believers in communist Russia was the very body of Christ, bearing witness to God’s power for life in a death dealing world. As the atheist lecturer in the story reminds us, the world is always denying the Holy, trying to put God in a box or to keep Jesus in a tomb. On Easter we celebrate that the Lord of life and love cannot be constrained by human expectations, ideologies, tyranny, sin or death. Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen, and the proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb but the full hearts and joyful witness of His transformed disciples. Certainly, the empty tomb on that first Easter morning is worthy of consideration and conversation, but if we want to find Jesus, we have to look elsewhere. After Easter, he keeps showing up in unexpected places, where two or three are gathered. Significantly, “where true charity and love abide, Christ is there.”

Today and every day, Love is risen, Love is risen indeed! As Easter people, we can’t help but share that love and proclaim Alleluia with our lives.

Pastor Kate

Small Group Discussion



The Tuesday small group will resume meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at 1:30pm. For the month of May we will be reading “Girl Meets God,” by Lauren Winner. This book is a memoir of conversion from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity, framed by learning and insights over the course of the liturgical year. Winner describes “falling in love with Jesus,” and the implications for her life as she struggles to integrate her new Christian faith with her Jewish formation and identity. The book is available for purchase from Thriftbooks or Amazon.

Synod Assembly

The 38th Annual Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod will be held this year June 5-7 in York, PA. The Assembly will be electing a new bishop for the Synod. Pr. Kate & Mary Welliver will be representing Zion.

A Community of Caring

Zion has an increasing number of homebound and facility bound members which means there are abundant opportunities to support one another in Christian community.



Pastor Kate is interested in creating a team of Zion members who would be interested and willing to serve as eucharistic ministers and visitors for our homebound members. Ideally, we would pair each visitor (or visiting couple) with one member of the congregation, so that each visitor is responsible for one visitation on a regular basis.

We are looking to start with 10 visitation assignments – either with individual visitors or a couple. An important element of this will be sharing of the eucharist, and to this end, Pastor Kate will offer training in lay eucharistic ministry.

If you are interested in volunteering, or interested in learning more, talk to Pastor Kate.

Mural Project

Conversations are ongoing with Horst Arts Center about the theme of public art in Manheim and the possibilities for a colorful mural on the south-facing wall of Zion's education wing. Horst Art painted the large and colorful mural on south Main St. this past summer.

The Lancaster Marimba Ensemble has emerged as an additional conversation partner for this project, as they are interested in honoring the musical legacy of Manheim native Clair Omar Musser (1901-1998). Mr. Musser was a marimba virtuoso, conductor, composer and innovator. Inspired by his legacy, Steph Smith, a former staff member at Zion, is representing the marimba community in our conversations.

At this point, we anticipate that the mural project would include musical themes inspired by Clair Omar Musser's legacy, and themes related to preschool education/children. Zion has agreed to provide seed money for the mural design, which gives us a clear stake in the design outcome. Horst Arts Center and the Marimba Ensemble are committed to working together with us to raise the \$15,000 needed for the mural. To this end:

Save the date!

On Saturday, June 21, at 7:00pm, Zion will host a Marimba Concert fundraiser for the mural project. We also hope to unveil the mural design that night.

We will need Zon members to help with the provision of hospitality and to provide desserts for this event. More details will be coming your way later in May.

This project and this event provide great opportunities for building relationships and new partnerships in Manheim. Your support and prayers are welcome!

Church Summer Office Hours



Summer hours for the church office will be in effect beginning June 1st. Donna will be available Monday – Thursday from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Please note: the office will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer months. Her regular hours will resume again after Labor Day, beginning September 3rd.



Camping Trip Planned

Time once again for another camping retreat!

Our next camping trip will be to Jim Thorpe, PA, from May 9-11. Enjoy this quaint town known as the "Little Switzerland of America" located in the Poconos Mountains.

There are many historic buildings and stores to meander through as well as other outdoor recreational offerings in the area. There is a train ride available in Jim Thorpe that is dog friendly, if you want to take your fur-baby along with you for the weekend.

Come, join us for the weekend or for a day. Always a great time with good food and fellowship. Any questions about the trip, contact Sharon Lynes at 717-413-0895.

Learning to Live Stream

The time has come to develop a team of volunteers who share responsibility for operating the live stream on Sunday mornings. We will train you! Learning to live stream involves learning to set up the stream on the computer, operate the cameras, and monitor the audio and video feeds. We will also teach steps for troubleshooting in the event of problems.

If you are interested in learning, talk to Pastor Kate or Mike Connelly about being trained.

Offering Counters Needed

Due to accountability, Zion's Council has decided to change the current process of counting the weekly offering. For your convenience it was decided that this could be done immediately after worship each Sunday morning. We would like to implement the practice of having two people count it after the worship service on Sundays, then place it in the locked file cabinet in the back room until Donna comes in on Monday morning to record it and make the bank deposit.

Training will be provided. Donna will create a schedule for the counters as soon as she gets enough volunteers to help with this procedure. We would like to begin this practice sometime in late May. If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna in the church office or call 717-665-5880. Thank you.

Summer Lunch Meeting Set

An organizational meeting for the 2025 Summer Lunch Program will be held Thursday, May 15, at 11:00am. We will look at the schedule and menus for the summer, and make sure we have sufficient support to offer summer lunches again this year. If you are interested in helping with summer lunches and cannot attend the meeting, please let Pastor Kate know.

Graduate Info Needed

Please let the church office know of any family members who will be graduating this year and their future plans. We are looking for high schoolers, Career and Technology grads, college students, or from any other institution of learning. We will list them in next month's Rosette, so it's important to let us know all the details as soon as possible so we can acknowledge their accomplishments. Thanks.



Property Updates

There is never a shortage of property issues needing attention! In coming weeks, a new camera lens will be installed at the main entrance to our building so that we can better see who is at the door. Finishing work will be done in the sanctuary to complete the refurbishment of the choir area. We will also be installing a short railing in the chancel to aid in movement up and down the steps in front of the altar. Finally, the council approved a proposal to paint the cabinets and radiators in the kitchen. The cabinets are original to the kitchen, at least 60 years old, and badly in need of being spruced up. The painting work will happen sometime this summer.

Summer Camp Experience Awaits

Kids...don't forget about summer camp! We have registration booklets on the table in the rose parlor. There are many different camping opportunities for you to explore. These camps are a chance for you to meet some other amazing kids, learn more about your faith in an outdoor setting, and generally, have a lot of fun in the meantime! You'll receive a life experience that you'll remember for years to come. Check it out!!





The Rent is Due

Please join us on Sunday, June 8, 2025, as Zion celebrates the 133rd anniversary of the Festival of the Red Rose. **The morning worship service will begin at 10:30am** and will feature a variety of musical selections by our church choir and spiritual readings by Pastor Kate. Prior to the worship service, refreshments, provided by the Manheim Historical Society, will be served in the Rose Parlor.

Since 1892 the congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church has made an annual payment of “One Red Rose” to an heir of Henry William Stiegel as stipulated in the deed of 1772 in which Stiegel conveyed to the Lutheran congregation of Manheim a plot of ground on which to build a church...” for five shillings and in the month of June, yearly forever hereafter the rent of One Red Rose if the same shall be lawfully demanded.” The site was listed as Lot Number 220 on Stiegel’s original map and noted in Stiegel’s own hand, “Church Lott, no price.”

Mr. Andrew Robertson “Rob” Black from Chatham, Massachusetts, will accept this year’s red rose payment on behalf of the Henry William Stiegel family. Rob is a ninth-generation descendant of Henry William and Elizabeth Huber Stiegel.

Attorney J.D. Young will serve as Zion’s legal representative.



The church will be decorated with miniature roses, vases of red roses (from Neffsville Flower Shoppe) and Boston ferns (from Brunnerville Greenhouse). Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for sponsorship of the rose vases and ferns.

The committee would also like to extend an invitation to the congregation to join the Stiegel heirs and their families for a catered luncheon at the

Manheim Railroad Station, beginning at approximately 12:30pm. A sign-up sheet for the luncheon is posted on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 25th. A donation basket will be available for contributions toward the cost of the luncheon.



We hope to see you on Sunday, June 8th, to join us for this historic celebration.

Food Pantry Needs



During the month of May, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for cream of mushroom soup, canned pineapple, cereal, pasta and rice sides, egg noodles, crackers and shampoo. (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.

Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion met on April 21st at Pleasant View with 11 members attending. They had a lovely time enjoying each other's company as they discussed what they would like to do as a group in the upcoming months. Next meeting will be held on May 19th at Zion.

They decided to extend the deadline for the Home on Ferdinand gift card collection through the first Sunday in May (May 4th). This gives sufficient time to gather additional cards for the women at the facility who are in need of some extra help. Please deposit any gift cards in the "collection basket" on the marble top table in the Rose Parlor.

We have received notification that the MC Food Pantry is in need of diapers. During our June meeting we will announce a diaper drive for the congregation to collect for them. We will have more specific information as to what sizes are needed in the next Rosette. Just keep it in the back of your mind. We did this a few years ago and were able to collect a number of diapers that were very much appreciated.



Daughters of Zion – Committed to serving the Manheim community!

Just a reminder: Upper Room 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.



Gift Card Collection for "The Home on Ferdinand"



Since 2021, the Manheim Community Life Program has assumed responsibility for the operation of the "Home on Ferdinand". This transitional facility in Manheim not only provides a temporary home for women and children but also aids in counseling and training in life-skills to help these women get back on the road to self-sufficiency. There are currently five women and five children living in the Home on Ferdinand.

We continue to collect gift cards through the first week of May to help provide some assistance to the women and children who are going through some pretty tough times. Cards in denominations from \$10-\$25 can be purchased at local stores. The gift cards enable each family to purchase what they need for their specific situations. The "collection basket" for the cards will be on the small table in the Rose Parlor. Thank you for your generous contributions in making these women and children feel the love and support of their friends at Zion Lutheran.



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. 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.



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.

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.

A thank-you to everyone who remembered me on my birthday, and shared Easter cards as well. I am grateful for your love and support.

Pastor Kate

Preschool News

Did we make it to Spring?! The weather keeps playing tricks on us. We have been able to get outside a little, but we are ready for this cold spring weather to break so that we can be outside more consistently.



Our Pre-Kindergarten classes took an annual trip to Baron Elementary where we got to experience a Kindergarten classroom, enjoy lunch in the cafeteria and tour the building. It is a fun taste of what is to come for these kids as they transition to Kindergarten. It was our first time needing umbrellas on our walk and it was quite a sight to see a parade of umbrellas making its way from the Preschool to the Elementary school!

Thank you to Betty Wise and Carol Mackley for visiting our classes and sharing and reading a book about Easter. The kids enjoyed their time with you!

Easter and spring crafts have taken over the classrooms and we are having fun celebrating this time of year!



Thank you for your continued support of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

Katie Mummau





Parish Registry

New Address: Bob & Mary Ann Greiner, 2225 Town Square North,
Manheim, PA 17545

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

OFFERINGS	Mo. Total	Budget
March General Fund offering	22,650	24,573
March Greater Zion Fund offering	1,160	---
April General Fund offering (as of 4/21/25)	18,660	19,659
April Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 4/21/25)	1,335	---



May Birthdays

- 5/1 Betty Wise
- 5/6 Lenny Burns
Angie Quesenberry
- 5/8 Carol Atherholt
- 5/9 Erma May
- 5/10 Brianna Boltz
- 5/19 Doug Connelly
- 5/24 Donna Moore



May Anniversaries

- 5/20 Rick & Holly Brosey
Shawn & Claudia Seibert (30 years)
- 5/24 Dave & Betty Wise (50 years)

May Readings

5/1 Psalm 30
Isaiah 5:11-17
Revelation 3:14-22

5/2 Psalm 30
Isaiah 6:1-4
Revelation 4:1-11

5/3 Psalm 30
Genesis 18:1-8
Luke 14:12-14

3rd Sunday of Easter

5/4 Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

5/5 Psalm 121
Ezekiel 1:1-25
Acts 9:19b-31

5/6 Psalm 121
Ezekiel 1:26-2:1
Acts 26:1-18

5/7 Psalm 121
Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

5/8 Psalm 23
Ezekiel 11:1-25
Revelation 5:1-10

5/9 Psalm 23
Ezekiel 20:39-44
Revelation 6:1-7:4

5/10 Psalm 23
Ezekiel 28:25-26
Luke 12:29-32

4th Sunday of Easter

5/11 Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

5/12 Psalm 100
Ezekiel 37:15-28
Revelation 15:1-4

5/13 Psalm 100
Ezekiel 45:1-9
Acts 9:32-35

5/14 Psalm 100
Jeremiah 50:17-20
John 10:31-42

5/15 Psalm 148
Ezekiel 2:8-3:11
Revelation 10:1-11

5/16 Psalm 148
Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 11:15

5/17 Psalm 148
Daniel 7:27
Revelation 11:16-19

5th Sunday of Easter

5/18 Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May Readings, cont'd

5/19 Psalm 133
1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42
Acts 11:19-26

5/20 Psalm 133
2 Samuel 1:4-27
Acts 11:27-30

5/21 Psalm 133
Leviticus 19:9-18
Luke 10:25-28

5/22 Psalm 67
Proverbs 2:1-5
Acts 15:36-41

5/23 Psalm 67
Proverbs 2:6-8
Acts 16:1-8

5/24 Psalm 67
Proverbs 2:9-15
Luke 19:1-10

6th Sunday of Easter

5/25 Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

5/26 Psalm 93
1 Chronicles 12:16-22
Revelation 21:5-14

5/27 Psalm 93
2 Chronicles 15:1-15
Revelation 21:15-22

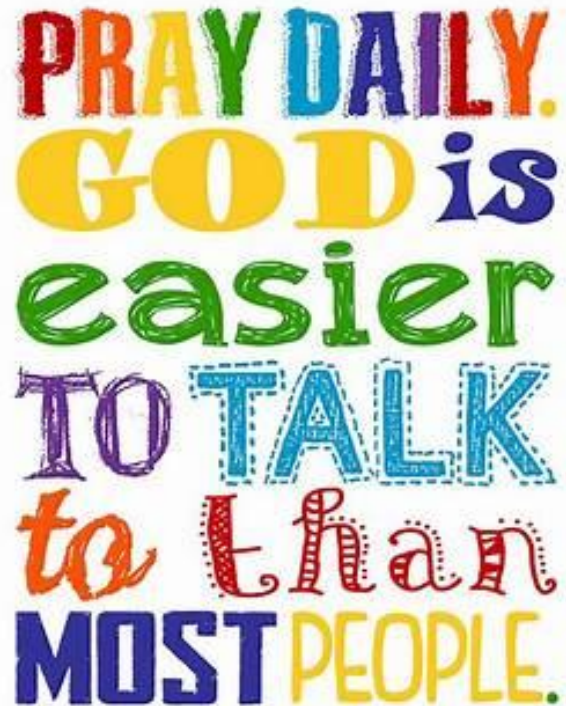
5/28 Psalm 93
2 Chronicles 34:20-33
Luke 2:25-38

Ascension or Our Lord

5/29 Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

5/30 Psalm 97
Exodus 33:12-17
Revelation 22:6-9

5/31 Psalm 97
Exodus 33:18-23
John 1:14-18



PRAY DAILY.
GOD is
easier
TO TALK
to than
MOST PEOPLE.

Altar Flowers



- May 4 Jim & Susan Scales in honor of their upcoming anniversary
- May 11 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- May 18 Linda Martin in memory of Bill Martin
- May 25 *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 May – Dennis Obez

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
5/4	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Kyle Spohn	
5/11	Donna Moore	Sue Shaw	
5/18	Stacy Fry	Fay Varner	Lenny Burns
5/25	Dan & Jean Rambler	Denny Valins	
6/1	Jody Hess	Donna Wilkie	Donna Wilkie
6/8 (10:30)	Jim & Susan Scales	Donna Moore	Lenny Burns
6/15	Bob & Mary Ann Greiner	Francesca McClure	
6/22	Tom & Cathy Knittle	Paul Caplinger	
6/29	Doug & Sue Shaw	Norm Drescher	

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Gloria Althouse
Verdella Frey
Carol Mackley
Betty Minnich
Jim Scales

Nancy Brenner
Barbara Grunenberger
Linda Martin
Sue Murray
Nic & Stefan Spohn

Kate Eichelberger
Verna Landry
Erma May
Dan Rambler
Mary Welliver

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Carl & Kathy Anthony
Tom Beil
Judi Brosey
Jake Deery
Bill Duncan
Leslie Flory
Christa Hampton
Jenny Lohr
Linda McClurg
Jason Mummau
Diane Repp
Abby Shipe
Rachel Toole
Tom Welliver
Dan Young

Emily Bair
Mary Bisking
Naomi Byers
Esther Diffenderfer
Lee Elgin
Sterling Gernert
Heather Hildebrand
Yasir Makki
McKenna
Pamela Nester
Christine Rickert
John Shirk
Thad Toole
Rosanne Wiest

Becky
David Bradfield
Janet Cummings
Micah Diffenderfer
Lewis Ettinger
Sandy Grimm
Johnnie
Heidi Martin
Ed Moyer
Mike Rambler
Peyton Royal
Frank Smith
Joyce Warn
John Yoder

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

