



The Rosette

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Traveling to and from Africa recently entailed flying on 10 different airplanes and many hours of sitting. Amazingly, I made all the necessary connections, and I am grateful for traveling mercies!

I was blessed to travel with Bishop Jim Dunlop, his wife Connie, and the Rev. Cliff Eschbach on behalf of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. They have all previously traveled to visit our partners in the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, so I was the able to benefit from their experience and previously established relationships. We covered a fair amount of ground in the Konde Diocese, visiting with the bishop, staff, pastors and other leaders in the church. We also visited a number of institutions under the Konde Diocese umbrella, including schools, hospitals, and a beach side conference center.

The visit with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania brought home the wonder of Paul's words to the Corinthians: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed the body does not consist of one member but of many." (1 Cor. 12:12-14)

Like Lutherans in Manheim and central Pennsylvania, Lutherans in the Konde Diocese trace their heritage to the German Lutheran church and to the work of German Lutheran missionaries. Today the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is dynamic and growing and is one of the largest Lutheran church bodies in the world.

As the chair of the Konde Diocese Committee of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, I am blessed to help steward our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in that corner of Tanzania. There is much we can learn from the vibrant faith and worship of the church there, and there is much we can do together in prayer, resource sharing and mission. The church in the US is very different from the church in Tanzania, but we are one in Christ, and that is worth celebrating!

Pastor Kate

Summer Lunch Program 2023

Lunch is being served each Wednesday through the end of August. For the coming month we will be serving:

August 2 Baked Ziti
August 9 Ham and Cheese Sandwiches
August 16 Fried Chicken
August 23 Chili (with Trinity, Colebrook)
August 30 Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Our greatest need each week is for dessert items (cookies and bars) delivered to the church each week by Tuesday mornings, during office hours. 150 dessert items per week is a lot of baking, and we are grateful to all who help out in this way!

Thanks to all the volunteers who help prepare and distribute the lunches every Wednesday. Special thanks to Donna Moore or Denny Valins for coordinating.

Outdoor Worship

Weather permitting, Zion's last Outdoor Worship will take place the third Sunday of the month, on August 20 at 9:15am. Bring a chair!! In the event of inclement weather (including heat and humidity!), we will try to post an announcement on Facebook. If the forecast is particularly discouraging, we will send a notification email earlier in the week.



Church Office Summer Hours

Summer hours for the church office continue through Labor Day. Donna is available Monday – Thursday from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Please note: the office is closed on Fridays throughout the summer. Regular hours will resume again after Labor Day, beginning September 5th.



Tuesday Small Group

Continuing each Tuesday at 1:30pm, we are reading and discussing The Book of Joy. The book is the fruit of interfaith conversation and collaboration between Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa and the Dalai Lama. Reflecting on their own lives, they explore the question “how do we find joy in the face of life’s inevitable suffering?”



Save the Date!!!

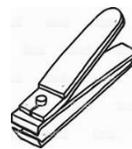
September 13th, Choir begins again. Watch for more information in the upcoming September Rosette.

LWR Personal Care Kits Needed

Cleanliness may not be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refuge camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable, and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a personal care kit provide much needed self-care, critical germ-fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

This year, we are accepting purchased items to assemble in the kits. They may be placed in the box outside of the church office. **(Please take note of the requested size of each item. If they do not meet the size requirement, they cannot be used for the kits.)** Requested items include:

- *Light-weight bath-size towels
(between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27") in dark colors
- *Bath-size bars of gentle soap
(4 or 5oz. in original wrapping)
- *Adult size toothbrushes
(if buying in bulk, toothbrushes need packaged in individual envelopes)
- *Metal nail clippers
(attached file optional)



Monetary donations will also be accepted for the kits. Donations can be placed in your church envelope and marked "personal care kits" in the memo line. The last day for collection will be August 27th. We will assemble the kits in September (*dates to be announced later*).

We need someone to deliver the kits to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church on Sat., October 7th between 8:30-11:00am. If you could do this, please call Kelly Barthold at 717-810-6330.

Ingathering Sunday is October 1st.

Thank you for your participation in this important project.



Summer “Vacation” or “Staycation”



Bring some summer vacation pictures and post them on the bulletin board in the hallway. We’d love to see where Zion’s people traveled during the summer months.

Building Relationships with Zion Lutheran Preschool

Thanks to Deb Gehman and Betty Wise for serving as Zion’s representatives on the Preschool board. At our July board meeting, we discussed ways to continue to build relationships between the Preschool and the congregation. In the past few years, we have implemented the Christmas tree decorating event, the Easter egg hunt, and a weekday, morning Christmas program. All of these have been well received outreach and service events.

We decided to move ahead with two specific additional ideas, which means we will need your help and participation. With an eye to the beginning of the school year, we talked about an opening convocation and blessing service. We concluded that a Saturday morning event/blessing service with light refreshments would be the best approach. This works well with my sense that we need to develop a “parallel track” of ministry and worship opportunities geared specifically to young families. Watch for the date announcement and other details related to this event as we look forward to the new preschool year.

The second idea we discussed was opportunities for faith formation with preschool kids. Beginning this year, we will try “Lunch Bunch with Pastor Kate” during the school day. This will give me a chance to interact with the kids, to share a story and prayers, and to learn together. Working with preschool kids will be new to me and I would like to amend the lunch bunch idea to be “Pastor Kate and Friends!” I would welcome a small group of Zion members with a heart for kids to join me in reading bible stories and sharing time with the preschool little ones. Talk to me if you are interested. Initially, I am thinking that the lunch bunch gathering would happen twice a month, possibly on Wednesdays.

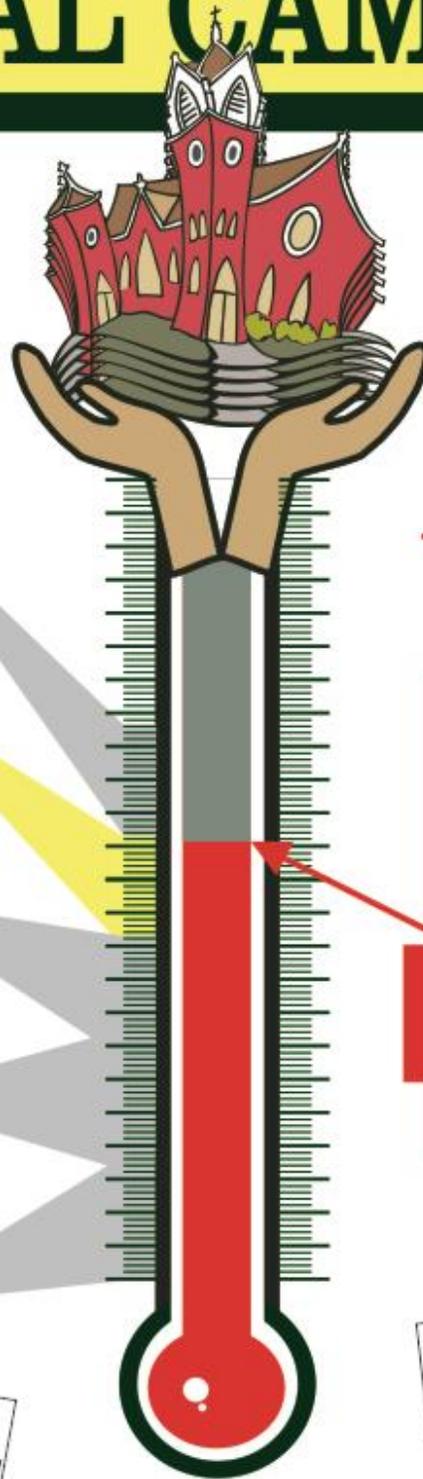


Finally, join me in continued prayers for our preschool ministry! And let the little children come, that we might share God’s love with them!

Pastor Kate

Investing in the Future

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



PROJECTED ANNUAL PLEDGING



ZION
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CURRENT GIVING

\$131,282

thru 7-17-2023



We are now working on our 4th year's commitment!
You may make contributions to the Capital Campaign
by using your regular offering envelope
and designating in writing "Capital Campaign" on the line marked "other".

Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion class meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:30 in the Rose Parlor. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 21st. We will be having our Annual Peach Festival, and members are encouraged to bring peach related items for the Food Pantry.

During the summer months through August, we are again collecting items for the Northwest EMS Child Life Program. *(See the related article below).*

We are also participating in the collection of items for the Health Kits in September.

We welcome new members to come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun, and we have refreshments, too!!

See you in August!!

Childlife Collection Continues

Last year we took up a collection of small toys, books, games, etc. to help with the hospitals' Childlife program. It was very successful, so we decided to do another collection during the summer months. We are asking for the same types of items we gathered previously. These items are given to children in hospital settings who are facing frightening situations or challenging procedures. The toys and games serve to allay their fears as their minds are focused on other things. There are lists of wished-for items beside the collection box at the rear of the main Sunday School room. You may drop any items in the box when you come to church. We will continue collecting throughout the summer months, when Lori Shenk from Manheim's EMS will pick up all the objects.

Food Pantry Needs



During the month of August, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for dry pasta, egg noodles, Spam, boxes of rice, rice and/or pasta sides, toothpaste, diapers, and plastic grocery bags.

Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Please put your donations in the grocery cart outside the church office or drop them in the collection box on the front porch of the food pantry located 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.

August Birthdays

8/1 Cathy May
8/2 Doris Adair
David Derstler
8/6 Mary Ann Greiner
8/9 Lucy Kauffman
8/10 Paul Caplinger
8/15 Nadine Mozingo
Dave Wise
8/19 Amy Kulp
Verna Landry
8/20 Marci Clingenpeel
8/22 Blanche Kauffman
8/27 Bob Lancaster
8/28 Bob Greiner



August Anniversaries



8/3 Joe & Sue Murray
8/4 John & Kate Eichelberger
8/5 Doug & Sue Shaw
8/24 Martin & Denny Valins

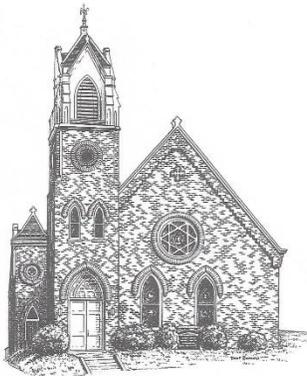


Prayer Chain

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, Yvonne Kreider, Verna Landry, and Donna Rhodes.

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.



Parish Registry

Address Change: David Derstler, 40 N. 9th St., Akron, PA 17501
Phone: 717-859-1012

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

<i>OFFERINGS</i>	Mo. Total	Budget
June General Fund offering	14,633	18,532
June Capital Campaign offering	1,927	-----
July General Fund offering (as of 7/17/23)	14,073	23,165
July Capital Campaign offering (as of 7/17/23)	1,439	---

August Readings

8/1	Psalm 119:121-128 1 Kings 4:29-34 Ephesians 6:10-18	8/10	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15
8/2	Psalm 119:121-128 Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-23 Mark 4:30-34	8/11	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40 Acts 18:24-28
8/3	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Proverbs 10:1-5 Philippians 4:10-15	8/12	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4
8/4	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 51:17-23 Romans 9:6-13	11th Sunday after Pentecost 8/13	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
8/5	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 44:1-5 Matthew 7:7-11	8/14	Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 7:11-8:5 2 Peter 2:4-10
10th Sunday after Pentecost 8/6	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9m 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	8/15	Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 19:1-29 Romans 9:14-29
8/7	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Romans 1:8-15	8/16	Psalm 18:1-19 Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24 Matthew 8:23-27
8/8	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Acts 2:37-47	8/17	Psalm 67 Isaiah 45:20-25 Revelation 15:1-4
8/9	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35 Matthew 15:32-39	8/18	Psalm 67 Isaiah 63:15-19 Acts 14:19-28

August Readings, cont'd

8/19 Psalm 67
Isaiah 56:1-5
Matthew 14:34-36

12th Sunday after Pentecost

8/20 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

8/21 Psalm 87
2 Kings 5:1-14
Acts 15:1-21

8/22 Psalm 87
Isaiah 43:8-13
Romans 11:13-29

8/23 Psalm 87
Isaiah 66:18-23
Matthew 8:1-13

8/24 Psalm 138
Ezekiel 28:11-19
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

8/25 Psalm 138
Ezekiel 31:15-18
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

8/26 Psalm 138
Ezekiel 36:33-38
Matthew 16:5-12

13th Sunday after Pentecost

8/27 Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

8/28 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
1 Samuel 7:3-13
Romans 2:1-11

8/29 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39
Romans 11:33-36

8/30 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Isaiah 28:14-22
Matthew 26:6-13

8/31 Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 14:13-18
Ephesians 5:1-6



Altar Flowers



Aug. 6 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Aug. 13 Susan & Jim Scales

Aug. 20 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*

Aug. 27 *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 August – Kelly Barthold in memory of Louetta Barthold

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
8/6	Dave & Sharon Lynes	Paul Caplinger	-----
8/13	Bob & Mary Ann Greiner	Denny Valins	Len Burns
8/20	Kelly Barthold	Kyle Spohn	-----
8/27	Dave & Betty Wise	Mary Welliver	-----
9/3	John Stouch	Brian Miller	
9/10	Sandy Quesenberry	Carol Atherholt	
9/17	George May	Fay Varner	
9/24	Dennis Obez	John Blanck	

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Helen Blank	David Derstler	Kate Eichelberger
Barbara Grunenberger	Kay Hoffer	Missy Hoffman
Bill Martin	Erma May	Jacque McKinney
Betty Minnich	Nadine Mozingo	Joe Murray
Sue Murray	Donna Ober	Donna Rhodes
Nic & Stefan Spohn	Mary Welliver	

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Denny Ammerman	Daryl Barry	Edna Barto
Neil Bartsch	Tom Beil	Kathy Brosey
Winnie Cammauf	Carly	Hana Haatainen-Caye
Tina Dieter	Bill Duncan	Lee Elgire
Terri Elgire	Kathy Essig	Lewis Ettinger
Jerry Fickling	Judy Fiene	Yasir Makki family
Betty Miller	Betty Miller	Ed Moyer
Zach Oberholtzer	Sandy Pennell	Brandy Rhodes
Frank Smith	Tim & Alix	Rachel Toole
Thad Toole	Joyce Warn	

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.*

