



The Rosette

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As the signs and wonders of spring come into being all around these days, I am keeping an eye on my garden, wondering if all my perennials survived the winter. What life remains, buried in the ground?

As we look ahead to the events of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter, the same question arises: what of life, buried in the ground? In my garden, at least, I have some expectations and hope each spring as I look for the cycle of creation to burst forth with renewed life. But resurrected life after betrayal, torture and crucifixion? Jesus gave his followers hints of life hidden in the grave after his death, but really, no one expected any such thing. No one expected life from the tomb where they laid Jesus' body; no one kept an eye on that place expecting to see Him emerge.

In the northern hemisphere, the celebration of Easter in the season of spring gives us a variety of metaphors and symbols for beginning to understand the mystery of resurrection. We symbolize the season with flowers and eggs, chicks and bunnies, but in the end, all our symbols and metaphors fall short. Talking about a lifeless human body placed in a grave is not the same as talking about bulbs or roots wintering in the ground. Resurrection is truly astounding and unexpected, because the truth of the matter is this: there is no resurrection without death. There is no Easter without Good Friday, no rising from the grave without crucifixion. God's power for life at work in Jesus changes all expectations and cultivates new ground for our lives of faith and hope.

Hear the good news: With resurrection, death is overcome. With resurrection, God's power for life reigns triumphant. With resurrection the end is life.

In the gospel of Matthew's report of the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion, Pilate orders the chief priests and the Pharisees to make Jesus' tomb "as secure as you can. So, they went and made the tomb secure by sealing a stone and setting a guard." (Mt. 27:65-66) It turns out there is no security or defense against resurrection! On the third day, he rose again! God's will, not ours, is done. Against all odds, God's will is life, even when hidden in the grave. Against all expectations, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Pastor Kate



The Lord's Prayer: A 6-week Study

Beginning Sunday, March 30, Pastor Kate will lead a six-week study of the Lord's Prayer.

The author of the study guide for this series (Adam Hamilton) writes: "The prayer is meant by Jesus to shape our lives and, through us, to shape and change the world." That's a powerful word!

For most of us, the Lord's Prayer is written on our hearts, and it is good to pause now and again, to think about what we mean when we pray the familiar words. Amidst the familiar and the routine, there is always something to learn! All are welcome to join the conversation.

Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 27th
from 2:00-6:00pm
at Kirchenwald.

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorite places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee.

All are welcome!

There will also be a 5K trail run/walk in support of the Mbeya Lutheran Hospital in the Konde Diocese, Tanzania.

Registration info can be found at:
www.lutherancamping.org/event/earth-day-celebration/





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 shows us the life-giving power of God's love!

April 13, 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 Luke.

April 17, 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.

April 18, Good Friday at Noon: The Way of the Cross

We gather on this Good Friday at the foot of the cross to contemplate the passion and death of Jesus. Good Friday worship is intended to offer a time for prayerful reflection on Jesus' sacrifice of love on the cross, in order to deepen the joy and wonder of Easter.

Good Friday at 2:00pm: Tenebrae Service of Shadows

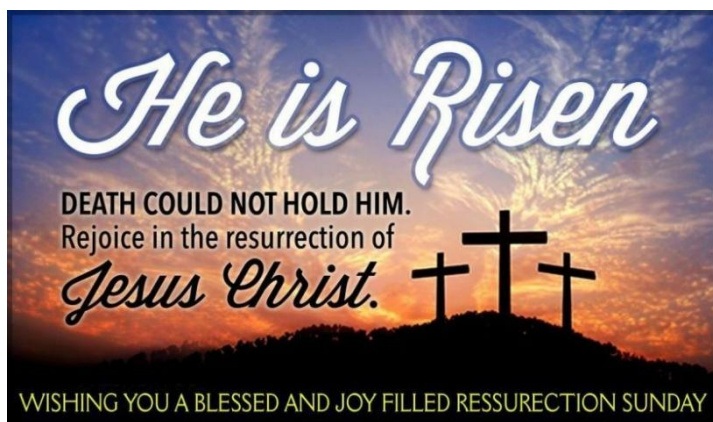
The Manheim Ministerial Association will host the annual Good Friday Tenebrae service on Friday, April 18th, at Pleasant View Communities, Hoffer Auditorium at 2:00pm. This worship includes area pastors and will focus on Jesus' last words from the cross.

April 20 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, April 20th.



Small Group Discussion

The group meets weekly at 1:30 pm. (Next book to be announced later)



Camping Trips Planned

Time once again for our annual camping retreats!

Our first annual camping trip this year is planned for April 25-27 to Gettysburg, PA. We will feature a movie night outside on a large screen sitting around the campfire.

Saturday, you may tour the Gettysburg Battlefield or have a day on your own just exploring the area attractions.

The second 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 either/both weekends or for the day. Always a great time with good food and fellowship. Any questions about the trips, contact Sharon Lynes at 717-413-0895.

Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion met on March 17th with 11 of us in attendance. As you might expect, the theme of the day was the "Wearing of the Green" and to make sure no one missed out, we all wore green beaded necklaces to celebrate! The devotions to start the meeting ended with a prayer for all things green (even included broccoli).



Our business meeting concentrated this month on discussing the best way to manage our monthly offerings: what and how much to donate to various organizations we support. After setting out our goals, we approved a campaign involving the congregation's participation. It's been over a year since we had our first "gift card" campaign for the families living in the Home on Ferdinand. So, we're going to ask for your help once again. The card collection will begin

March 30th and continue through April 30th. Details on where it is best to purchase the cards, and what denominations to purchase, are found in a separate article in this edition of the Rosette.

Beginning March 30th, there will be a collection basket on the small table in the Rose Parlor for your contributions! There are currently 5 families residing at the home, 5 women and 5 children...all of whom need to be reminded that Zion Lutheran cares for them and

supports them during this transition period of their lives. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

After closing our meeting with the Lord's Prayer, we were treated to special St. Patty's Day cupcakes provided by Verdella Frey. Umm-umm, they were delicious!

Our next meeting beginning at 1:30pm is slated for April 21st and will be held at Pleasant View Community in the Fireside Lounge. It's always a treat to be able to have our meeting with the gals who reside at Pleasant View! Hope to see you there!

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.

So, what Daughters of Zion would like to do again, as we did last year, is provide some assistance to the women and kids who are going through some pretty tough times. During the next four weeks, the Daughters are sponsoring a collection of "gift cards" for the five families currently in residence. These cards, in denominations from \$10-\$25 can be purchased at the following stores that are most frequented by the residents: Weis Markets, Grocery Outlet,



Target, Walmart, Turkey Hill, Sheetz, Molly's, Jubilee, even Amazon. 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 in advance for your generous contributions in making these women and children feel the love and support of their friends at Zion Lutheran.

Food Pantry Needs



During the month of April, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for beef stew, pasta sides, cereal, egg noodles, rice sides, crackers, canned pineapple, and canned soup. (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.

We received a thank you note from the Food Pantry recently stating that we donated 1,114.88 lbs of food during the course of 2024. That's fabulous! They also received monetary donations totaling \$320 from members of Zion.

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.



I appreciate the 2025 Lenten devotionals available at Zion. I selected the devotional "The Hardest Part" and it has added to my daily Lenten worship time. I really liked having two different devotionals to choose from. Thank you.

Betty Wise

My sister, Sandy Grimm, wishes to thank everyone for all the birthday and get-well cards she received recently. She got quite a few and is very grateful for all your wishes.

Patti Witmeyer

Thank you to Pastor Kate for her prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and Luther Acres Rehab Center. I would also like to thank the congregation for their prayers and cards. They were very much appreciated. God Bless!

Ed Moyer

I want to thank you all for the cards and well-wishes I received recently. They were all very much appreciated.

Verdella Frey

Preschool News



After trudging through the winter months, we had a few beautiful days this March and the classes were so excited to be outside in the fresh air. They love going out to the playground! As they head outside, they always say “hi” to Ms Donna which is fun to hear!



A big thank you to Deb Gehman for volunteering her time with our Pre-Kindergarten classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings! She has been such a help to our teachers and Pre-K friends.

Several of our classes filled up as we opened registration last month! There are just a few spots left and we look forward to filling our classes for the 2025-2026 school year. If you know of someone with a 2, 3, or 4 year old, we would be happy to welcome them to the school!

Please continue to keep our programs in your prayers!

Katie Mummau





Parish Registry

New Members – Mike & Donna Dieter, 9 Ridgewood Manor,
Manheim, PA 17545 Phone: 717-653-4839

Transfer – Nicolas Spohn is transferring to Lake View Bible Church

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

OFFERINGS	Mo. Total	Budget
February General Fund offering	13,957	19,659
February Greater Zion Fund offering	910	---
March General Fund offering (as of 3/24/25)	18,965	24,573
March Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 3/24/25)	1,035	---

April Birthdays

4/1 Francesca McClure

4/5 Karen Kline

4/11 Heather Wilkie

4/12 Jared Fry

4/14 Don Shelly

4/16 Barbara Grunenberger

4/18 Sharon Lynes

4/19 Jayne Burns

4/21 Linda Bretz

4/21 Pr. Kate Warn



April Birthdays!

4/22 Jim Root

4/27 Nic Spohn

4/30 Don Breneman

4/30 Don Gabel

4/30 Connie Hershey



April Anniversaries

4/13 Mike & Beth Schroll

4/18 Don & Patsy Gabel

4/20 Donn & Deb Gehman

4/28 Brandon & Ronda Moore

4/28 Marc & Carol Phillips

April Readings

4/1	Psalm 53 Leviticus 25:1-19 Revelation 19:9-10	4/9	Psalm 20 Habakkuk 3:2-15 Luke 18:31-34
4/2	Psalm 53 2 Kings 4:1-7 Luke 9:10-17	4/10	Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 53:10-12 Hebrews 2:1-9
4/3	Psalm 126 Isaiah 43:1-7 Philippians 2:19-24	4/11	Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 54:9-10 Hebrews 2:10-18
4/4	Psalm 126 Isaiah 43:8-15 Philippians 2:25-3:1	4/12	Psalm 31:9-16 Leviticus 23:1-8 Luke 22:1-13
4/5	Psalm 126 Exodus 12:21-27 John 11:45-57	<i>Sunday of the Passion</i>	
<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>		4/13	Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56
4/6	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	4/14	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11
4/7	Psalm 20 Exodus 40:1-15 Hebrews 10:19-25	4/15	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36
4/8	Psalm 20 Judges 9:7-15 1 John 2:18-28	4/16	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32

April Readings, cont'd

Maundy Thursday

4/17 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

Good Friday

4/18 Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

4/19 Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Easter Day

4/20 Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

4/21 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Joshua 10:16-27
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

4/22 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a
Revelation 12:1-12

4/23 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
2 Samuel 6:1-15
Luke 24:1-12

4/24 Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:1-23
Acts 5:12-16

4/25 Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:19-32
Acts 5:17-26

4/26 Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:32-51
Luke 24:36-40

2nd Sunday of Easter

4/27 Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

4/28 Psalm 122
Esther 7:1-10
Revelation 1:9-20

4/29 Psalm 122
Esther 8:1-17
Revelation 2:8-11

4/30 Psalm 122
Esther 9:1-5, 18-23
Luke 12:4-12



Altar Flowers



April 6 *This space available. Please call office @ 65-5880.*

April 13 Gantz family in memory of Elaine Gantz

April 20 Donn & Deb Gehman in honor of Pr. Kate's & Kieran's birthdays,
and in honor of their anniversary

April 27 *This space available. Please call office @ 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 April – Bob & Mary Ann Greiner

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
4/6	Fay Varner	Ronda Moore	
4/13	Kelly Barthold	Mary Welliver	Lenny Burns
4/20	Donn & Deb Gehman	Esther Brosey	
4/27	Mike & Kathy Connelly	Carol Atherholt	Kathy Connelly
5/4	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Kyle Spohn	
5/11	Donna Moore	Sue Shaw	
5/28	Stacy Fry	Fay Varner	
5/25	Dan & Jean Rambler	Denny Valins	

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Gloria Althouse
Barbara Grunenberger
Erma May
Dan Rambler
Mary Welliver

Nancy Brenner
Verna Landry
Betty Minnich
Nic & Stefan Spohn

Kate Eichelberger
Linda Martin
Sue Murray

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Carl & Kathy Anthony
Tom Beil
Judi Brosey
Jake Deery
Bill Duncan
Dave Faus
Sterling Gernert
Heather Hildebrand
Yasir Makki
Ed Moyer
Mike Rambler
Frank Smith
Joyce Warn

Emily Bair
Mary Bisking
Naomi Byers
Esther Diffenderfer
Lee Elgin
Leslie Flory
Sandy Grimm
Jenny Lohr
Linda McClurg
Jason Mummau
Diane Repp
Rachel Toole
Tom Welliver

Becky
David Bradfield
Janet Cummings
Micah Diffenderfer
Lewis Ettinger
Frey family
Christa Hampton
Diane Lord
McKenna
Pamela Nester
Abby Shipe
Thad Toole

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

