



The Rosette

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In the few days I spent at home in Manheim in March, I was grateful for signs of spring. I was glad to see melting snow piles, the sight and sounds of snow geese at Middle Creek, and the emerging green shoots of daffodils. In this season, creation pulsates with promise. In this season we hold fast to the promise that new life is possible and indeed is coming.

In the Easter gospel according to John 20, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is set in a garden, as if to remind us that all of creation is infused with God's power for life. On that first Easter, the tomb of death pulsated with promise. On the first day of the week, as the light of a new day was dawning, Jesus emerged from the grave "as the first fruits of those who have died." In addressing this wonder of resurrection as "first fruits," St. Paul goes on to say: "since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:20-22). The resurrected Jesus embodies the promise of life!

On Easter, we become people of promise, living now in the light of resurrection. Easter gives us a new identity, new hope, and a new, God-filled future. Because of Easter, we live as people of promise in a world of broken promises. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Because He lives, we too will live! Thanks be to our God of life for this Easter promise!

Pastor Kate

PS I look forward to sharing about my sabbatical journeys in coming weeks. I am grateful for the time of renewal these past 3 months and I return to Zion eager to be in ministry together again.



The Way to Easter is by Way of the Cross

Worship during Holy Week is meant to help us on the way to the New Life we celebrate at Easter. Beginning on Palm Sunday, continuing Maundy Thursday and into Good Friday, we journey with Jesus as he shows us the life-giving power of God's love!

March 29 – 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 in a reading of the passion story according to the gospel of Matthew.

April 2, Maundy Thursday Dinner Church

Gather at 5:30pm in the Sunday School room.



“On the night he was betrayed,” the community of Jesus’ disciples shared a meal together and so will we. This year we will remember the events of that night with “dinner church” with a time of sharing and reflection, and a community art project expressing the theme of the night.

April 3, Good Friday at 2:00pm: Tenebrae Service of Shadows

The Manheim Ministerial Association will host the annual Good Friday Tenebrae service on Friday, April 3rd 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 3, Good Friday at 7:00pm: A Service of Silence and Sorrow

We gather on this Good Friday at the foot of the cross. This year’s service will be a time of quiet, prayerful pondering of Jesus’ sacrifice of love on the cross. Worship is centered in God’s Word, musical responses, and times of silence and reflection.

April 5 at 9:15am – Easter Sunday

Christ is risen, and we gather 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 5th.

Dearest Siblings in Christ,

As my last scheduled Sunday with you is March 22, by the time you read this I will have completed my time as your interim pastor while Pastor Kate was on Sabbatical. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your warm welcome and openness toward me and my husband, Jim. It has been my privilege and pleasure to lead worship, preach, and engage with the members of Zion Manheim for the past three months. I have been honored to hear your stories, share in your struggles, and join with you in prayer for one another, the community around us, and the world. You are a treasure and it is my prayer that you continue as you are, to support one another in the critical times of life, and to share in one another's joys and in the family of God and Body of Christ blessed by the Holy Spirit to share God's love and mercy. May you be richly blessed to carry on the work as disciples of Christ. Thank you!

God's grace and peace be with you always.

Pastor Karen Larson

Spring Camping Trips Planned

Our annual camping retreats are coming up soon!

Our first annual camping trip this year is planned for April 24-26 to Gettysburg, PA. We 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 is to Jim Thorpe, PA, from May 8-10. Enjoy this quaint town known as the "Little Switzerland of America" located in the Pocono 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.



Important Reminder:

Local hospitals do not as a general practice, notify us about hospitalizations or let us know the names of any members who have been admitted. We have no way of knowing a Zion member is in the hospital unless you contact the office and let us know.

Daughters of Zion

OH, NO!! IT HAPPENED AGAIN!! We had to cancel our Daughters of Zion meeting due to the threat of extreme weather (*this time strong winds, tornado watches and heavy rain*). Once again, we had to forego our time getting together and enjoying some fun filled fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Let's hope this will be the last time we have to skip out on the fun.

Gift Card Collection for "The Home on Ferdinand"

(April 12th thru May 3rd)



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.

So, what we'd like to do again, as we have in the past, 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 families currently in residence. These cards, in denominations from \$10 to \$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.

***Daughters of Zion, dedicated to serving as God's healing hands
in Manheim and the world beyond.***

Preschool News

Spring crafts are starting to pop up in our classrooms and we are excited to welcome the sun, warmer weather, and getting outside back into our routine!

We are very excited to be part of the Manheim Arts Festival and are planning and hosting the Kid's Corner that will take place at the Church parking lot and on the playground. We hope you can stop and see artwork from local Preschool artists and all the fun things we have planned. The Manheim Arts Festival is scheduled for April 11th from noon – 4:00pm (with a bad weather date of 4/18).



Enrollment is a little slower this year and while we do have a few classes full, we are hoping to add kiddos to our sessions. We will be posting yard signs around to get the Preschool buzz going! If you know of someone with a child age 2 – 4, please let them know they are welcome at Zion Lutheran Preschool!

Please continue to keep our programs in your prayers!

Katie Mummau



Parish Registry

No changes during this month



Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

<i>OFFERINGS</i>	Mo. Total	Budget
February General Fund offering	17,166	20,403
February Greater Zion Fund offering	990	---
March General Fund offering (as of 3/23)	20,529	25,504
March Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 3/23)	910	---

Prayer Chain - Have you ever needed prayer? Zion's Prayer Warriors are there for

you! As soon as we are aware of a need for prayer, we, in turn, call 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, Betty Wise, 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 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.

Food Pantry Needs

During the month of April, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for mandarin oranges, baked beans, canned pineapple, canned chili, applesauce, paper products, toothpaste, soap, personal hygiene products.



They could also use plastic and reusable bags. (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.

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Francesca McClure
- 4/5 Karen Kline
- 4/14 Don Shelly
- 4/16 Barbara Grunenberger
- 4/18 Sharon Lynes
- 4/21 Linda Bretz
- 4/21 Pr. Kate Warn
- 4/22 Jim Root
- 4/30 Don Breneman
Don Gabel
Connie Hershey



April Anniversaries

- 4/13 Mike & Beth Schroll – (35 years)
- 4/18 Don & Patsy Gabel
- 4/20 Donn & Deb Gehman
- 4/28 Brandon & Ronda Moore – (25 years)
- 4/28 Marc & Carol Phillips

I would like to thank everyone for your expressions of condolence in the passing of my brother, Barry, recently. Your thoughts, cards, and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Donna Dieter

April Readings

		4/9	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 2:8-15 Colossians 4:2-5
4/1	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32	4/10	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
4/2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 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	4/11	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 8:6-7 John 20:11-20
4/3	<i>Good Friday</i> Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42	4/12	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
4/4	Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18	4/13	Psalm 114 Judges 6:36-40 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
4/5	<i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i> Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10	4/14	Psalm 114 Jonah 1:1-17 1 Corinthians 15:19-28
4/6	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Colossians 3:5-11	4/15	Psalm 114 Jonah 2:1-10 Matthew 12:38-42
4/7	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 15:1-18 Colossians 3:12-17	4/16	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Isaiah 25:1-5 1 Peter 1:8b-12
4/8	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Joshua 3:1-7 Matthew 28:1-10	4/17	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Isaiah 26:1-4 1 Peter 1:13-16
		4/18	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Isaiah 25:6-9 Luke 14:12-14

April Readings, cont'd

4/19 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

4/20 Psalm 134
Genesis 18:1-14
1 Peter 1:23-25

4/21 Psalm 134
Proverbs 8:32-9:6
1 Peter 2:1-3

4/22 Psalm 134
Exodus 24:1-11
John 21:1-14

4/23 Psalm 23
Exodus 2:15b-25
1 Peter 2:9-12

4/24 Psalm 23
Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20
1 Peter 2:13-17

4/25 Psalm 23
Ezekiel 34:1-16
Luke 15:1-7

4/26 **4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

4/27 Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

4/28 Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

4/29 Psalm 100
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

4/30 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15



Altar Flowers



- April 5 Linda Martin & family in memory of Bill Martin
- April 12 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- April 19 Paul Gantz in memory of Elaine Gantz
- April 26 In memory of Rubye Barto by her family

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 – *This month available. Please call office at 665-5880.*



Bulletins are - \$9.00 per week

Worship Help Schedule

Date	Greeters/Ushers	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants
4/5	Jody Hess	Donna Wilkie	Donna Wilkie
4/12	Stacy Fry	Esther Brosey	Lenny Burns
4/19	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Mary Welliver	Lenny Burns
4/26	Jean Rambler	Paul Caplinger	Paul Caplinger
5/3	Mike & Kathy Connelly	Fay Varner	Lenny Burns
5/10	Stan Rohrer	Francesca McClure	Francesca McClure
5/17	Dave & Betty Wise	Denny Valins	Denny Valins
5/24	Donn & Deb Gehman	Sue Shaw	Lenny Burns
5/31	Bob & Mary Ann Greiner	Norm Drescher	Norm Drescher

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Helen Blank	Bill Brenner	Kate Eichelberger
Doris Evans	Barb Evock	Verdella Frey
Barbara Grunenberger	Missy Hoffman	Verna Landry
Cathy May	Jean Miller	Betty Minnich
Sue Murray	Doreen Myers	Donna Ober
Sandy Quesenberry	Kyle Spohn	Nic & Stefan Spohn
Mary Welliver		

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Denny Ammerman	Kathy Anthony	Emily Bair
Tom Beil	Liz Blinn	David Bradfield
Naomi Byers	Sarah Challenger	Janet Cummings
Bill Duncan	Lee Elgin	Lewis Ettinger
Leslie Flory	Sandy Grimm	Kevin Heisey
Heather Hildebrand	Becky Hilton	Yasir Makki
Todd Martin	McKenna	Pamela Nester
Diane Repp	Paityn Royal	Donald Shank
Sue Shaub	Abby Shipe	John Shirk
Frank Smith	Betty Lou Stoner	Menno Stoner
Thad Toole	Joyce Warn	Scott Weachter
Tom Welliver	John Yoder	Bob Zellers
Joanna Zimmermen		

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, Don Ferry, Wade Ferry, and Mikaela Adams

