



# The Rosette

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A quote from Martin Luther caught my attention recently. He said, "We need to hear the gospel every day because we forget it every day."

It is easy to forget, or to miss, the good news in a bad news world. The bad news is often loud and insistent, while the good news often comes in small, ordinary, humble ways, like a mustard seed.

How would you define the good news of the gospel? We might start with John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

It all begins with God's love! The gospel is the good news of God's great love: a love that heals, saves and redeems sin-scarred humanity, and you and me. The apostle Paul goes on to say that nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. This is the good news of the gospel!

At the 2025 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA meeting in Phoenix this week, members of Westboro Baptist Church have been present and protesting. A friend noted one sign she saw among the protestors: "God does not love everybody." It seems that these protestors have forgotten the gospel of God's great love for the world, the very love revealed in Jesus. The Westboro folk offer but one egregious example of the ways the gospel is distorted and misused to promote agendas of hatred, intolerance and division. They have forgotten Jesus' ministry of love and compassion, and his demanding call to love the Lord and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The gospel is not the gospel unless it is an active, living expression of God's cross shaped and life-giving love. We need to hear this gospel every day because we forget it! So hear the good news: God so loves the world! God sent Jesus into this world as the embodiment of holy love, so that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

I pray that the Church, the very Body of Christ, may boldly embody that love for the sake of our neighbors in this forgetful world!

Pastor Kate

# Mural Project

Fundraising for the “Reach for the Stars Mural Project continues! Horst Arts hopes to start painting in September and plans to involve students from Manheim Central. We continue to seek donations to cover the cost of the mural, including grants and support from local businesses. Thanks to everyone who has already donated!

To support the mural project, go to:

<https://www.zionmanheim.com/online-giving.html>



## A Tanzanian Travelogue

Pastor Kate will share photos and reflections on her recent trip to the Konde Diocese of Tanzania on Sunday, August 10, following worship. Ice cream will be served!

## Backpack Blessing

Looking ahead: the annual Blessing of the Backpacks event with the Preschool will be Saturday, Sept. 6, at 10 am.



## Love is the Way

Beginning August 5th, the Tuesday small group will be reading Love is the Way: Holding Onto Hope in Troubling Times by Michael Curry, the former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. In his book, Bishop Curry offers a message of tenacious hope in the redemptive power of love and offers a roadmap for living the way of love, illuminated with stories from his own life's journey. All are welcome to join the conversation based on this book. We meet at 1:30 in the Rose Parlor.

## Church Summer Office Hours



Summer hours for the church office are in effect. Donna is 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 after Labor Day, beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Summer Lunches

This year's summer lunch program continues through August 20. Volunteers willing to help with meal preparation are needed at 9:30 am each Wednesday morning.

Our need for cookies, bars, and packable baked goods continue through the end of the program. We will once again be looking for many volunteer cooks to help prepare 9 x 13" pans of baked ziti for August 6<sup>th</sup>. (Instructions and some ingredients for this meal are provided outside the church office.)

### August's menu includes:

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| August 6  | Baked Ziti (instructions will be provided for this meal) |
| August 13 | Sandwiches   |
| August 20 | Caesar Salad   |



# Food Pantry Needs



During the month of August, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for applesauce, cereal, beef stew, crackers, fresh vegetables, and diapers. They could also use some plastic and reusable bags at this time. (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 group met 7/21/25 with 10 (plus 2) of us in attendance. We were treated to a very interesting “Christmas in July” devotional presented by Susan Scales...complete with visual aids!! Thank you, Susan! Thanks, also, to Betty Wise, who organizes all those cards folks look forward to receiving every month; thanks to Jean Rambler, who painstakingly watches over our finances; and thanks to Mary Welliver, subbing for Martha Rudisill, who manages to take minutes of all the back and forth “joyful jabber” in our meetings.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Daughters’ Diaper Drive in June and July. Babies and adults served by the Manheim Food Bank are well covered for the immediate future.

And, speaking of the future, following the business meeting, we discussed our next project, which is the yearly collection of items for the Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. With a growing number of places in the world in chaos, the need for these simple kits is growing also. None of us can imagine not having a simple towel or a bar of soap to keep clean, and yet that’s what some of these folks face every day. The Daughters, led by Kelly Barthold, will assemble these kits at our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please see the separate article in the newsletter detailing the items and specific sizes needed. Thank you in advance for all your donations to this very important project!

After closing with the Lord’s Prayer, we were treated to refreshments provided by Susan Scales! (She was a busy lady at this meeting!)

We welcome all to our meetings, and as it’s always been said, the more hands, the lighter the load! Hope to see you at our next meeting, August 18<sup>th</sup>!

# LWR Personal Care Kits Needed

During these trying times of experiencing all the tragedies surrounding us on the home front, it is imperative to give towards the LWR's Personal Care Kit collection. We know firsthand how people have been impacted by all the flooding and storm damage that has occurred in our local region, as well as in other areas of the nation. LWR generally gives out these kits to individuals in other countries who are experiencing loss in their lives, but there is a great need for kits to be distributed to people in our own country this year as well. If you could find it in your hearts to purchase some of the requested items listed below it would go a long way in alleviating some of the uncertainty these people have in starting all over again. These kits serve as a reminder to those who receive them that there are people who are praying for them and hoping to help them get back on their feet once again.

We are accepting purchased items to assemble in the kits. They may be placed in the marked box outside the church office. ***(Please remember to purchase only the requested size of the items, as if they do not meet the criteria, they cannot be used for the kits.)***

This year's requested items are:

- \*Light-weight bath-size towels in dark colors  
(between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")
- \* Bath-size bars of gentle soap  
(4 or 5oz. in original wrapping)
- \*Toothbrushes (individually packaged)  
(Multiple toothbrushes must be packaged separately in a sealed single business envelope)
- \*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" on the "Other" memo line. The last day for collection will be Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be assembling the kits at the Daughters of Zion meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will bless the kits on "Ingathering Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for all your donations to this collection.



# Parish Registry

**New Address** - Verna Landry – United Zion Ret. Comm., Rm. 16,  
722 Furnace Hills Pike., Lititz, PA 17543

## Financial Notes:

**with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.**

<b>OFFERINGS</b>	Mo. Total	Budget
June General Fund offering	22,156	19,659
June Greater Zion Fund offering	1,540	---
July General Fund offering	19,266	19,659
July Greater Zion Fund offering	880	---

## 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.***

## August Birthdays

8/1	Cathy May
8/2	Doris Adair
8/6	Mary Ann Greiner
8/9	Lucy Kauffman
8/10	Paul Caplinger
8/15	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



8/4	John & Kate Eichelberger (30 years)
8/5	Doug & Sue Shaw
8/24	Martin & Denny Valins

We thank you for donating food to the Manheim Central Food Pantry. Your generous donation of food makes it possible for us to provide food for families in need within our Manheim Central Community. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2025, amount of goods you donated totaled 172.16 lbs. Your acts of kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated by those who use our pantry.

Manheim Central Food Pantry

# August Readings

8/1 Psalm 49:1-12  
Proverbs 24:1-12  
Ephesians 4:17-24

8/2 Psalm 49:1-12  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11  
Mark 10:17-22

## **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

8/3 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

8/4 Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 2:1-17  
Colossians 3:18-4:1

8/5 Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8  
Colossians 4:2-6

8/6 Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14  
Luke 12:22-31

8/7 Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 21:1-16  
Romans 9:1-9

8/8 Psalm 33:12-22  
Ecclesiastes 6:1-6  
Acts 7:1-8

8/9 Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 11:27-32  
Matthew 6:19-24

## **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

8/10 Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

8/11 Psalm 89:1-18  
2 Chronicles 33:1-17  
Hebrews 11:1-7

8/12 Psalm 89:1-18  
2 Chronicles 34:22-33  
Hebrews 11:17-28

8/13 Psalm 89:1-18  
Jeremiah 33:14-26  
Luke 12:41-48

8/14 Psalm 82  
Joshua 7:1, 10-26  
Hebrews 10:26-31

8/15 Psalm 82  
1 Samuel 5:1-12  
Hebrews 10:32-39

8/16 Psalm 82  
1 Samuel 6:1-16  
Matthew 24:15-27

## **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

8/17 Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

8/18 Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 23:30-40  
1 John 4:1-6

## Aug. Readings, cont'd

8/19 Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 25:15-29  
Acts 7:44-53

8/20 Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 25:30-38  
Luke 19:45-48

8/21 Psalm 103:1-8  
Numbers 15:32-41  
Hebrews 12:3-17

8/22 Psalm 103:1-8  
2 Chronicles 8:12-15  
Acts 17:1-9

8/23 Psalm 103:1-8  
Nehemiah 13:15-22  
Luke 6:1-5

### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

8/24 Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

8/25 Psalm 109:21-31  
Ezekiel 20:1-17  
Hebrews 3:7-4:11

8/26 Psalm 109:21-31  
Ezekiel 20:18-32  
Revelation 3:7-13

8/27 Psalm 109:21-31  
Ezekiel 20:33-44  
Luke 6:6-11

8/28 Psalm 112  
Proverbs 15:13-17  
1 Peter 4:7-11

8/29 Psalm 112  
Proverbs 18:6-12  
1 Peter 4:7-11

8/30 Psalm 112  
Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26  
Matthew 20:20-28

### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

8/31 Proverbs 25:6-7  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



# Altar Flowers



- Aug. 3 Carol Atherholt & Dennis Shafnisky in memory of loved ones
- Aug. 10 Doug & Susan Shaw in honor of their anniversary
- Aug. 17 This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.
- Aug. 24 This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.
- Aug. 31 Carol & John Blanck in memory of Meda Blanck

**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

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
8/3	Mike & Kathy Connelly	Sue Shaw	Kathy Connelly
8/10	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Denny Valins	Lenny Burns
8/17	Kelly Barthold	Fay Varner	
8/24	Donn & Deb Gehman	Donna Wilkie	Donna Wilkie
8/31	Dennis Obetz	Donna Moore	
9/7	Donna Moore	Kyle Spohn	
9/14	Dan & Jean Rambler	Norm Drescher	
9/21	Jody Hess	Paul Caplinger	
9/28	Stacy Fry	Francesca McClure	

# Zion's Prayers

**Please remember Zion's members as you pray:**

Helen Blank

Verdella Frey

Yvonne Kreider

Erma May

Dan Rambler

Mary Welliver

Kate Eichelberger

Barbara Grunenberger

Verna Landry

Betty Minnich

Martha Rudisill

Barb Evock

Blanche Kauffman

Carol Mackley

Sue Murray

Nic & Stefan Spohn

**Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:**

Anthony family

Tom Beil

Naomi Byers

Micah Diffenderfer

Lewis Ettinger

Kevin Heisey

Heidi Martin

Ed Moyer

Diane Repp

Abby Shipe

Thad Toole

Scott Weachter

Tracy Wilt

Emily Bair

Mary Bisking

Janet Cummings

Bill Duncan

Leslie Flory

Heather Hildebrand

McKenna

Pamela Nester

Christine Rickert

John Shirk

Lynn Vitali

Tom Welliver

John Yoder

Becky

David Bradfield

Esther Diffenderfer

Lee Elgin

Sandy Grimm

Yasir Makki

Mary Miller

Phil Nolt

Paityn Royal

Frank Smith

Joyce Warn

Rosanne Wiest

**Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:**

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

