



The Rosette November, 2025

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“The church reformed, always reforming” is one of the insights emerging from the ministry of Martin Luther and his fellow reformers in the 16th century. The reformers believed the church had become corrupt and the proclamation of the gospel had become distorted. Reforms introduced in that era were not about change for the sake of change, but change for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When we think about change in the church today, we are guided by our history and by the centrality of the gospel. In an ever-changing world, we always need to ask how we are doing in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Lutheran history tells us that change, or reformation, is sometimes necessary. By way of an example, adopting a new technology (the printing press) for the sake of the gospel was a hallmark of Luther’s ability to communicate his message and to spread the Word of God. In recent years, we have needed to adopt new technologies as well, including the use of social media and live streaming.

The Church today faces a significant challenge in sharing the gospel with new generations. The world we live in is increasingly secular, and the percentage of Americans with no church or faith affiliation is growing. At the same time, there is a hunger for meaning and for community. So, how do we proclaim the good news of God’s great love revealed in Jesus in this anxious age?

I have been pondering this question for the past few years at Zion, and praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we discern how to share God’s love with younger generations. To this end, we are starting an experiment in “Messy Church” which is a model for faith formation and worship geared to young families. An explanation of “messy church” is on the next page. This approach to worship and gathering is different from our familiar liturgies. The event will be scheduled once a month, beginning Nov. 2 at 11:30 am, and will include a simple lunch.

A working title for Zion’s version of “messy church” is “Table Blessings.” We will be gathering at tables in the Sunday school room to be blessed and to share our blessings. At tables, we will share holy communion and a simple meal. At the tables, we will create and learn, pray and celebrate. This new way to be church will take a lot of work, your financial support, and will no doubt change and evolve as time goes by. The most important thing is to be faithful to our calling to pass on the faith. Please pray for this new ministry, and how we may best reach out to share God’s love!

Pastor Kate

What is Messy Church?

(Excerpt below from the book Messy Church, Fresh Ideas for Building a Christ-Centered Community by Lucy Moore and Jane Leadbetter)

Messy Church is a once-monthly time for families to enjoy being together, making things together, eating together, praying together, and celebrating God together through his Word. It's different from a children's activity because it's an event for children and their parents, grandparents or caretakers together, and it's more than just a play time because of the element of worship that underpins it all.

With Messy Church, we are trying to be a worshiping community of all ages, centered on Christ, showing Christian hospitality—giving people a chance to express their creativity, to sit down together to eat a meal, and to have fun within a church context.

Our principles, in no particular order, are

- To provide an opportunity for people of all ages to worship together.
- To help people of all ages feel that they belong in church and to each other.
- To help people have fun together.
- To give people a chance to express their God-given creativity.
- To invite people into an experience of Christian community.
- To introduce people to Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories, and worship.

Zion's Own Messy Church:



All Saints Sunday

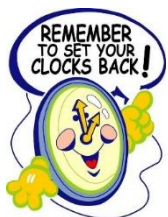
“For all the saints, who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed...”

In our worship on All Saints Sunday (Nov. 2nd this year), we will sing, pray and gather round the Lord’s table. We will also set our annual Table of Remembrance with photos, mementos and candles placed in honor of the saints in our lives. You are welcome to bring and share a photo or a memento of a loved one for this occasion, and to place your item on the table prior to worship. Memorial candles will also be available for lighting.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

This fall we continue gathering around God’s word for bible study and conversation. Following worship (about 10:30am), we are looking at the book of Isaiah. This Old Testament book significantly influenced writers of the New Testament as well as Jesus’ own understanding of mission and ministry. Come when you can, and learn, as we study Isaiah. Please note we will not meet Nov. 2 or Dec. 7.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends soon. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night, November 1st.

2026 Offering Envelopes available soon

Zion’s 2026 offering envelope sets will be available for pick-up after Thanksgiving. For your convenience, they will be on the table in the back of the large Sunday School room for a few weeks. After the new year, they may be picked up in the church office.

Thanksgiving Meal Planned

Zion's Thanksgiving dinner will once again be served as a take-out meal this year. Turkey dinners will be available for pick-up on Thursday, Nov. 27th from 11:30am-12:15pm. We are accepting reservations for up to 150 meals.

We are looking for donations of dessert items suitable for packing in baggies for distribution. The bars, cookies, or brownies do not need to be packaged ahead of time – we can do that in-house. Dessert items should be dropped off at the church by 9:30am on Wed., Nov. 26th.

Sign-up sheets for volunteer crews are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you can call the office at 665-5880 to let us know how you are willing to help. We will need:

- ❖ Wednesday, Nov. 26th (10:00am – Noon) prep crew to prepare the desserts, rolls, gravy, and set up for Thursday
- ❖ Thursday morning crew (9:00-11:00am) to plate and bag the meals for distribution. We will need the greatest number of people for this, beginning at 9:00am Thanksgiving morning.
- ❖ Thursday morning outdoor crew (11:15am-12:15pm) to direct traffic and distribute the meals to cars driving through our parking lot. We will also need people able to carry the meals up the stairs!

We will accept RSVPs for take-out meals through Friday, Nov. 21st. A sign up sheet has been posted outside the office if you wish to reserve a meal. Or, call the office if you wish to pick up a meal on Thanksgiving Day/ have meals delivered.

Annual Congregational Mtg. Set

Looking ahead, our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th immediately following worship. We will be voting on the proposed 2026 budget and election of new Council members. Please plan to attend.



Clergy Renewal: Time Apart

While Pastor Kate is on sabbatical January 1 – March 26, 2026, the Rev. Karen Larson will serve as Zion's part time interim pastor. Pastor Karen will preach and lead worship on Sunday mornings, make pastoral visits, and minister among us up to 20 hours a week. Pastor Karen is a graduate of United Lutheran Seminary, and recently retired from serving as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Leola. She resides with her husband Jim in Ephrata.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

A Jewish – Christian Service of Thanksgiving will be held Sunday, November 23 at 3 pm. The service will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, 1905 Broad St. in East Petersburg, and will be followed by a time of fellowship. This is the second annual interfaith event organized by Temple Beth-El and a variety of Christian congregations in the area.

Light the Night @ Teen Central

Teen Central's annual Light the Night event for the Manheim community is scheduled for Friday, October 31st from 6-8pm. Weather permitting, it will be outdoors in the parking lot adjacent to the Teen Central building. They are asking for donations of either candy or small prizes for games. Any questions may be directed to Janelle Heying at 717-538-2176 or e-mail her at janelleh@teencentralmanheim.org.



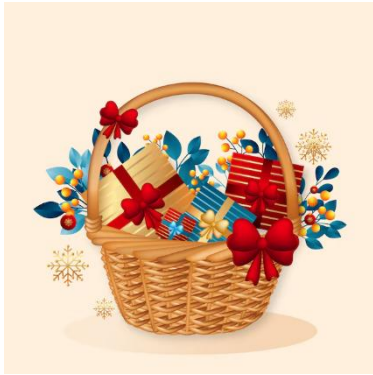
Toys for Tots Campaign, 2025

We're again collecting donations of toys for the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" campaign. Could you help make this a bright Christmas for some families whose children otherwise may not receive any presents? Donations of new, unwrapped toys may be dropped in the collection box at the back of the Sunday School room through November _____. All toys donated in the Lancaster area will remain local. THANK YOU for helping to make this a Merry Christmas and helping to SPREAD GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS.



Silent Auction Coming

By the time you receive this newsletter, Christmas will be less than two months away! That's just eight short weeks! Once again, it's time for our Annual Silent Auction. You can help fight



world hunger by bidding on many uniquely displayed items that will be generously donated by some of our talented members. This is a great way to get a jump on your Christmas shopping as well as donating to a very worthy cause. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Donna Dieter @ 717-653-4839 by Sunday, Nov. 16th. Homemade craft items are greatly appreciated. Items will be on display starting on Sunday, Nov. 30th. Bidding begins on December 7th and concludes at noon on December 14th. You will be notified if you have the winning bid for any item. Bidding numbers may be obtained

from Donna Dieter starting on December 7th. All proceeds go towards the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal. Please come and enjoy all the fun and help with this mission opportunity.

Preschool Christmas Tree Decorating

Our Annual Christmas Tree Decorating event with the Preschool will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd (tentatively starting at 5pm). Over the past few years this event has evolved into a wonderful time of fellowship and connection between preschool families and Zion members. We set up craft tables, fire pits and, of course, the tree to be decorated. We offer hot dogs, hot drinks and Christmas cookies. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in mid-November, as we need a good number of people working together to make this event possible. Christmas cookies are always welcome!



Manheim Farm Show Fundraiser

Once again, this year's Farm Show fundraiser was a success! Through your donations of food items and volunteer time we were able to clear \$1,625 after expenses. (We cover the cost of the outdoor toilets and handwash station each year and find this expense a worthwhile way to save on the wear and tear of our building during the parade.) We extend a big THANK-YOU for all your help! Proceeds from this year's fundraiser are going to help cover expenses incurred with the mural being painted on the south side of the Educational Building.

Preschool News

Our Preschoolers and teachers are enjoying watching the mural take shape! As the classes go in and out for recess, they have the opportunity to see the colors and forms go up in the grand scale and they get excited to see what is next.

This October the classes had farm-themed activities and lessons on apples and pumpkins. We made it through our first days off as Manheim enjoyed the farm show and heard lots of stories and saw the excitement from the students as they shared stories of their experiences!



Food Pantry Needs



During the month of November, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for Beef stew, applesauce, jelly, rice sides, canned beets, 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.

We received a note from the pantry indicating that Zion has donated 290.01lbs of food for the third quarter of this year. Great job, everyone!!

Daughters of Zion

Daughters of Zion held their monthly meeting on October 20th with 14 women in attendance! After a very meaningful opening devotion and prayer led by Betty Wise, we changed our format just a bit and followed devotions with the Lord's Prayer.

We had our usual reading of the minutes and financial updates and then, after discussion of how much we have and where it will do the most good, we moved on to the Fall Reverse Bingo Game.

One of the purposes of this game was to highlight how important our contributions are that we make to the Manheim Food Pantry. As noted by several folks who work at the Pantry, things are getting tighter there, not only because of the temporary governmental shut-down, but because of changes to programs under the new federal budget. Well, I'm not too sure we made much of a dent in the overall stockpile of food, but we certainly had fun trying. After every "win", the "winner" had to pay a forfeit of a canned food item, or \$.25. In addition to a generous pile of canned goods, we collected an additional \$17.75 in winnings!! Well done, ladies!! And...please remember those who may be suffering from food insecurity in our hometown. The shopping cart outside the office is always waiting to be filled, and cash donations are equally welcome for purchasing fresh veggies, meat, eggs and milk.



Many, many thanks!

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17th. We'd love to see you there!

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





Parish Registry

New Member: Ed Moyer, 328 Parkview Dr., Manheim, PA 17545

Address Change: Verna Landry, Gardens at Stevens, 400 Lancaster Ave.,
Stevens, PA 17578

Address Change: Blanche Kauffman, 544 N. Penryn Rd., Rm. 416A, Manheim, PA

Address Change: Doris Evans, 138 Terrace Gardens, Manheim, PA

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

OFFERINGS	Mo. Total	Budget
September General Fund offering	15,662	19,659
September Greater Zion Fund offering	845	---
Oct. General Fund offering (as of 10/20/25)	11,225	19,659
Oct. Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 10/20/25)	645	---

Prayer Chain

- **Have you ever needed prayer?** 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.

November Birthdays

- 11/2 Livia Spohn
11/3 Phyllis Hinderdeer
11/5 Gloria Althouse
11/7 Rosene Coleman
11/8 Kelly Barthold
Chris Lynes
Lorraine Shaw
11/10 Dale Clingenpeel
11/12 Doris Evans
11/14 Jean Miller
11/16 Mike Dieter
11/17 Donna Dieter
Elizabeth Minnich
11/19 Kassidy Nolt
11/22 Ben Lynes



November Anniversaries

- 11/1 Jim & Jean Miller
11/11 Bob & Mary Ann Greiner
11/13 Wayne & Linda Bretz

I would like to thank everyone who remembered my family after the recent loss of my mother, Esther Diffenderfer. Mike and I appreciate all the cards we received and all the prayers offered up on mom's behalf in her final days. She is at peace now, and we await the time of reuniting with her when it's our turn to go. God bless all of you!

Donna Dieter

Nov. Readings

11/1 Psalm 32:1-7
Isaiah 1:1-9
John 8:39-47

All Saints' Sunday

11/2 Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

11/3 Psalm 50
Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31
1 Corinthians 5:9-13

11/4 Psalm 50
Zechariah 7:1-14
Jude 5-21

11/5 Psalm 50
Amos 5:12-24
Luke 19:11-27

11/6 Psalm 17:1-9
Deuteronomy 25:5-10
Acts 22:22-23:11

11/7 Psalm 17:1-9
Genesis 38:1-26
Acts 24:10-23

11/8 Psalm 17:1-9
Exodus 3:13-20
Luke 20:1-8

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

11/9 Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

11/10 Psalm 123
Job 20:1-11
2 Peter 1:16-21

11/11 Psalm 123
Job 21:1, 17-34
2 John 1-13

11/12 Psalm 123
Job 25:1-26:14
John 5:19-29

11/13 Psalm 98
1 Samuel 28:3-19
Romans 1:18-25

11/14 Psalm 98
2 Samuel 21:1-14
2 Thess. 1:3-12

11/15 Psalm 98
Ezekiel 10:1-19
Luke 17:20-37

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

11/16 Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thess. 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

11/17 Psalm 141
Ezekiel 11:14-25
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

11/18 Psalm 141
Ezekiel 39:21-40:4
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Nov. Readings, cont'd

11/19 Psalm 141
Ezekiel 43:1-12
Matthew 23:37-24:14

11/20 Psalm 46
2 Chronicles 18:12-22
Hebrews 9:23-28

11/21 Psalm 46
Zechariah 11:1-17
1 Peter 1:3-9

11/22 Psalm 46
Jeremiah 22:18-30
Luke 18:15-17

Christ the King Sunday

11/23 Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

11/24 Psalm 24
Jeremiah 46:18-28
Revelation 21:5-27

11/25 Psalm 24
Isaiah 33:17-22
Revelation 22:8-21

11/26 Psalm 24
Isaiah 60:8-16
Luke 1:1-4

11/27 Psalm 122
Daniel 9:15-19
James 4:1-10

11/28 Psalm 122
Genesis 6:1-10
Hebrews 11:1-7

11/29 Psalm 122
Genesis 6:11-22
Matthew 24:1-22

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Altar Flowers



- Nov. 2 *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- Nov. 9 Dave & Sharon Lynes in honor of Chris' birthday
- Nov. 16 Mike & Donna Dieter in memory of loved ones
- Nov. 23 Dave & Sharon Lynes in honor of Ben's birthday
- Nov. 30 *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 November – This month is available for sponsorship.
Please call office at 665-5880.

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
11/2	Dave & Betty Wise	Denny Valins	
11/9	Donna Moore	Donna Moore	Lenny Burns
11/16	Dave & Sharon Lynes	Fay Varner	
11/23	John Stouch	Donna Wilkie	
11/30	Doug & Sue Shaw	Norm Drescher	
12/7	Terry & Cheryl Fry	Sue Shaw	
12/14	Dennis Obetz	Paul Caplinger	Lenny Burns
12/21	Mike & Kathy Connelly	Kyle Spohn	
12/24 (7:00pm)	Donn & Deb Gehman	Ronda Moore	
12/28	Kelly Barthold	Esther Brosey	

Zion's Prayers

Please remember Zion's members as you pray:

Helen Blank
Barb Evock
Beth Ann Hoffer
Verna Landry
Betty Minnich
Dan Rambler
Donna Wilkie

Jayne Burns
Verdella Frey
Missy Hoffman
Carol Mackley
Ed Moyer
Nic & Stefan Spohn

Kate Eichelberger
Barbara Grunenberger
Blanche Kauffman
Erma May
Sue Murray
Mary Welliver

Please remember our Friends of Zion in your prayers:

Denny Ammerman
Becky
Liz Blinn
Nancy Couden
Bill Duncan
Leslie Flory
Janice Herman
Yasir Makki
McKenna
Christine Rickert
John Shirk
Betty Lou Stoner
Lynn Vitali
Tom Welliver
John Yoder

Anthony family
Tom Beil
David Bradfield
Janet Cummings
Lee Elgin
Sandy Grimm
Caroline Hess
Heidi Martin
Pamela Nester
Paityn Royal
Carol Simpson
Menno Stoner
Joyce Warn
Rosanne Wiest

Emily Bair
Mary Bisking
Naomi Byers
Steven Ditzler
Lewis Ettinger
Kevin Heisey
Heather Hildebrand
Todd Martin
Diane Repp
Abby Shipe
Frank Smith
Thad Toole
Scott Weachter
Tracy Wilt

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

