



# The Rosette

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“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I don’t give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27) These promise-filled words from Jesus were spoken on the night he was betrayed, in the shadow of his own betrayal, arrest, and death on the cross. Jesus knew how much his disciples would need his gift of peace!

Peace seems to be in short supply in our world these days. The killing of three police officers from York County on top of recent political assassinations and mass shootings brings home once again the devastating prevalence of violence in a world of enmity, suffering and death. We grieve, we despair, we daily see the evidence of a sinful, fallen world. We can’t help crying out with the psalmist, “how long O Lord?” We can’t help but wonder what it will take for healing, reconciliation and peace to be born anew.

I have been thinking about the old folk song that says: “let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.” But what can I do? Part of our despair these days comes from the overwhelming nature of the problems at hand, and having few, if any, ideas about how individuals can respond or make a difference.

Jesus knows our deep need for peace and offers himself as the source of true and lasting peace. I am particularly moved by his words: “I do not give to you as the world gives.” We will not find sustaining hope or peace from our troubled and fear-filled world. Only in an abiding, enduring relationship with Jesus will we find the peace we need when our hearts are troubled or afraid. Remember this: Jesus wants to gift us with his Spirit of Peace.

A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi frames a prayer for peace with simple, actionable steps we can take to bring hope and healing to a hurting world: “Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.” May it be so. Amen.

Pastor Kate

# Manheim Farm Show on the Horizon

Here we are again, Farm Show season! Fall is in the air, and along with that, the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Manheim Community Farm Show is right around the corner. We are once again hosting our annual Farm Show Parade Food Stand here at Zion. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for your help with donations of food items for sale during the parade. Requested items are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. As in the past, we are also looking for volunteers to help set up Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon prior to the parade.



The display of requested items for the food stand is posted outside the church office. You may take a tag or two from the display. Bring in the items and drop them off in the church office before the parade. Baked items may be dropped off on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, for freshness. (*We can always use more cookies and cookie bars!*) This is always a great fundraiser! Money raised from this year's parade will be used to offset the cost of the mural at the end of the educational wing of the church. We can break last year's record, for sure!!

Keep watching for more information in the upcoming weeks.



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

This fall we will once again gather around God's word for bible study and conversation. Beginning Sept. 28, following worship (about 10:30am), we will look 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.

## Coordinator for Thanksgiving Meal

It's time to think about Thanksgiving! Once again, this year we need someone to help coordinate the meal.

A Thanksgiving Meal Coordinator would be responsible for pricing and ordering food items (turkey, gravy, etc.), soliciting baked goods and volunteers, and overseeing the packing and distribution of the meals on Thanksgiving morning. We have plenty of notes from previous years to help the process. See Pastor Kate for more information or to volunteer.



## Mural Project

We have received the permit needed to start the Reach for the Stars Mural on the south wall of the Education Wing of the Preschool. The painters began their work at the end of September, with completion anticipated in mid-October. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project!

## Bishop Installation



Your prayers and presence are requested for the installation of

**The Reverend Stephen R. Herr**  
Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

OCTOBER 25 2025

2:00 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
30 WEST CHESTNUT ST., HANOVER, PA 17331

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# The Gift of Sabbath for Clergy Renewal

The Biblical concept of Sabbath extends as far back as the dawn of creation. In Genesis 2:2-3, we read that “on the 7<sup>th</sup> day God finished the work of creation and God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day from all the work that had been done. So, God blessed the 7<sup>th</sup> day and hallowed it, because on it, God rested from all the work of creation.” Even God the Creator took time to reflect and rest! By the time we reach the biblical account of the Exodus, the importance of Sabbath for God’s people is highlighted (and mandated!) in the third commandment: Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Sabbath keeping is a challenge for many of us in the busyness of modern life. The tradition of a sabbatical, or set apart time for rest and renewal is one way churches support pastors in carving out time for sabbath amidst the ongoing demands of ministry. Typically, pastors are encouraged to take time for sabbath keeping in the form of a sabbatical every 7 years or so in ministry.

In March of 2025, with the encouragement and support of Zion’s council, Pastor Kate applied for a Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal grant to cover the costs of a 3-month sabbatical. According to the Clergy Renewal Program website, this program supports *“Christian congregations by providing an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the demands of daily parish life and discover what will make their hearts sing through well-planned purposeful activities. Renewal leaves are not vacations; rather they allow for times of intentional exploration, reflection, and regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. Renewal leaves can take many forms as each congregation and pastor uniquely answer the question, “What will make your heart sing?””*

The grant application process for this program is highly competitive each year, with hundreds of grant applications submitted from every Christian denomination across the U.S. In August, Zion learned that we have been awarded one of 222 clergy renewal grants for the current grant cycle. The Program has asked that no public announcement of this grant be made until mid-October, so we are keeping the information low key at this point. (We were asked not to announce on the live stream, for example).

With the support of the Lilly Grant, Pastor Kate is planning for a 3-month sabbatical from January 1 – March 26, 2026. Her sabbatical theme is “seeing with the eyes of the heart” and will entail bird watching, photography and travel. The Lilly grant covers her program and activity costs, as well as the cost of an interim pastor. This means that Zion will bear no additional expenses for Pastor Kate’s sabbatical and can continue to pay her salary and benefits according to Zion’s budget. An interim pastor has been identified and will serve on a contract basis for the 3-month sabbatical period. Additionally, the grant will cover the cost for

congregational fellowship and creative activities related to the theme of “seeing with the eyes of the heart.” These programmatic pieces will take place after Pastor Kate returns from her renewal leave.

Additional details and information will be available throughout the fall as plans come together for Pastor Kate’s Clergy Renewal Leave/Sabbatical. She welcomes your questions, and your support for this opportunity to be renewed and refreshed for her ministry at Zion.

## **Fall Festivals at Lutheran Camping Corporation**

Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown will host a Harvest Festival on Saturday Oct. 18, from 10 am – 2 pm. There will be hayrides, live music, pumpkin decorating, and a farm to table lunch. Cost is \$15/person. See [WittelFarm.org](http://WittelFarm.org) for more information.

The annual fall foliage day of fun at Camp Kirchenwald is scheduled for Sunday Oct. 26 from 1pm – 6 pm. It’s a great opportunity to enjoy a fine fall day at camp. Registration is \$15/person and includes an evening meal. Pastor Kate is planning to attend, and Zion typically has paid the way for children and youth wishing to participate.

## **Light the Night @ Teen Central**

Teen Central’s annual Light the Night event for the Manheim community is scheduled for Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:janelleh@teencentralmanheim.org).



I want to thank everyone for all the get-well cards that were sent to me during my illness. They were all very much appreciated.

*Verdella Frey*

## Preschool News



Classrooms are buzzing and the energy is high as we start the school year. The students seem to be acclimating quickly to the Preschool world and we are enjoying getting to know them all!



One of my personal favorites is seeing children who came as infants dropping big brothers and sisters off, finally getting their turn to walk through the doors.



While our numbers are off a little from past years, we are off to a good start with the group we have and are looking forward to a fantastic preschool year!



# Daughters of Zion

Daughters of Zion held their monthly meeting on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, and what a meeting it was!



15 women attended to help assemble the Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. Our “assembly line” process allowed us to put together 58 kits in less than an hour...great job, everyone!! These kits will be delivered in October to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church in Ephrata where they’ll be loaded on a

truck headed to Maryland for final distribution wherever needed across the globe. Thanks to everyone who contributed the supplies needed for the kits!



The meeting was capped off with a surprise 99<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Doreen Myers! Happy birthday, and many more, Doreen! (Thank you, Denise, for the wonderful treats!)

Next month’s meeting scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> will be a bit more quiet...well, sort of. After our business meeting, we will try to play a slightly different game of bingo, one done with “phrases” instead of numbers. And here’s the other catch: you win, you’ll need to pay a “forfeit” going to the Manheim Food Bank. (Relax, it’s only a 25 cent donation per win!)

Hope to see you in October!

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



# Food Pantry Needs



During the month of October, the Manheim Central Food Pantry is looking for applesauce, beef stew, chili, canned beets, and rice sides.

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.

The Food Pantry is also looking for a volunteer to clean. Please pass the word along to anyone who might be looking for a chance to make a difference in the Manheim community.



## Parish Registry

*Address Change:* Ed Moyer, Lancaster Rehab Hospital, 675 Good Dr.,  
Lancaster, PA 17604

## Financial Notes:

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

<b>OFFERINGS</b>	Mo. Total	Budget
August General Fund offering	20,068	24,573
August Greater Zion Fund offering	2,050	---
Sept. General Fund offering (as of 9/22)	11,957	19,659
Sept. Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 9/22)	610	---

## **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.***

## **October Birthdays**

10/4 Dot Longenecker  
10/9 Preston Mensch  
Ethan Seibert  
10/10 Tom Hershey  
10/11 George May  
10/16 Ruth Weidman  
10/21 Virginia Bissinger  
10/23 Martha Rudisill  
10/24 Marc Phillips  
10/28 Violet Geib  
10/29 Paul Gantz



## **October Anniversaries**

10/3 Tim & Connie Sheaffer (55 years)  
10/21 Don & Cindy Breneman  
10/23 Dennis & Gail Obetz



## Oct. Readings

10/1	Psalm 140 Esther 8:1-17 Matthew 18:6-9	10/10	Psalm 22:1-15 Job 18:1-21 Hebrews 4:1-11
10/2	Psalm 26 Job 2:11-3:26 Galatians 3:23-29	10/11	Psalm 22:1-15 Job 20:1-29 Matthew 15:1-9
10/3	Psalm 26 Job 4:1-21 Romans 8:1-11	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
10/4	Psalm 26 Job 7:1-21 Luke 16:14-18	10/12	Job 23:109, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>		10/13	Psalm 39 Job 26:1-14 Revelation 7:9-17
10/5	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	10/14	Psalm 39 Job 28:12-29:10 Revelation 8:1-5
10/6	Psalm 55:1-15 Job 8:1-22 1 Corinthians 7:1-9	10/15	Psalm 39 Job 32:19-31 Luke 16:19-31
10/7	Psalm 55:1-15 Job 11:1-20 1 Corinthians 7:10-16	10/16	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 36:1-16 Romans 15:7-13
10/8	Psalm 55:1-15 Job 15:1-35 Matthew 5:27-36	10/17	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 37:1-24 Revelation 17:1-18
10/9	Psalm 22:1-15 Job 17:1-16 Hebrews 3:7-19	10/18	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 39:1-30 Luke 22:24-30

# Oct. Readings, cont'd

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

10/19 Job 38:1-7 [34-41]  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

10/20 Psalm 75  
Job 40:1-24  
Hebrews 6:1-12

10/21 Psalm 75  
Job 41:1-11  
Hebrews 5:13-20

10/22 Psalm 75  
Job 41:12-34  
John 13:1-17

10/23 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
2 Kings 20:12-19  
Hebrews 7:1-10

10/24 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Nehemiah 1:1-11  
Hebrews 7:11-22

10/25 Psalm 34:1-98 [19-22]  
Job 42:7-9  
Mark 8:22-26

## **Reformation Sunday**

10/26 Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52


10/27 Psalm 28  
Isaiah 59:9-19  
1 Peter 2:1-10

10/28 Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 19:1-32  
Acts 9:32-35

10/29 Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 14:12-23  
Matthew 20:29-34

10/30 Psalm 146  
Ruth 1:18-22  
Hebrews 9:1-12

10/31 Psalm 146  
Ruth 2:1-9  
Romans 3:21-31

I know the  
  
Scriptures  
are true.

# Altar Flowers



- Oct. 5      *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- Oct. 12     *This space available. Please call office at 665-5880.*
- Oct. 19     Dennis & Gail Obetz in honor of their anniversary
- Oct. 26     Martha Rudisill in memory of Ed Rudisill

**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 October – 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
10/5	Fay Varner	Ronda Moore	
10/12	Bob & Mary Ann Greiner	Esther Brosey	Lenny Burns
10/19	Jim & Susan Scales	Mary Welliver	
10/26	Stan Rohrer	Carol Atherholt	Denny Valins
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	

# Zion's Prayers

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

Helen Blank  
Barb Evock  
Beth Ann Hoffer  
Carol Mackley  
Sue Murray  
Nic & Stefan Spohn

Jayne Burns  
Verdella Frey  
Blanche Kauffman  
Erma May  
Dan Rambler  
Mary Welliver

Kate Eichelberger  
Barbara Grunenberger  
Verna Landry  
Betty Minnich  
Martha Rudisill  
Donna Wilkie

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

Anthony family  
Tom Beil  
David Bradfield  
Janet Cummings  
Bill Duncan  
Leslie Flory  
Janice Herman  
Yasir Makki  
McKenna  
Pamela Nester  
Paityn Royal  
Carol Simpson  
Menno Stoner  
Joyce Warn  
Rosanne Wiest

Emily Bair  
Mary Bisking  
Naomi Byers  
Esther Diffenderfer  
Lee Elgin  
Sandy Grimm  
Caroline Hess  
Heidi Martin  
Mary Miller  
Diane Repp  
Abby Shipe  
Frank Smith  
Thad Toole  
Scott Weachter  
Tracy Wilt

Becky  
Liz Blinn  
Nancy Couden  
Steven Ditzler  
Lewis Ettinger  
Kevin Heisey  
Heather Hildebrand  
Todd Martin  
Ed Moyer  
Christine Rickert  
John Shirk  
Betty Lou Stoner  
Lynn Vitali  
Tom Welliver  
John Yoder

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

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

