



The Rosette

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In a gospel passage we heard earlier this summer, a man wanting to justify himself asks Jesus “and who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29) On Wednesdays during the summer at Zion, we see glimpses of our neighbors as they come to pick up the lunches we’ve prepared. Over the many years we have offered meals on Wednesdays, and in the 5 years we’ve been offering take out meals in our parking lot, many of these neighbors have become familiar to us. These days, there are people who come early and sit in their cars, while others come on foot or bike and sit at our picnic tables. Some come with intention, others happen to wander by. Meal recipients are all ages, and from all walks of life. All these are our neighbors.

We were surprised this summer to see a drop in the number of folks coming for lunches. We missed seeing some of “the regulars” from other years. Fewer drivers came early and more people figured out they didn’t need to wait in line for 30 or 40 minutes in order to receive their food. At the same time, more people asked for multiple lunches to go (within the limits we have set). We don’t ask a lot of questions, so we don’t know people’s motivations or needs. Our summer lunch program is simply a faithful response to the gospel imperative to feed the hungry.

If I had to capture the essence of our summer lunch program in a word, it would be **grace**. People participate in our meal distribution for a variety of reasons but everyone who receives a meal from Zion receives a gift of grace. Grace is often defined as free and unmerited favor from God. Sharing grace in the form of a meal with our neighbors makes all the effort worthwhile.

On the last Wednesday of our meal program, we were able to share lunches with construction workers at the old Stiegel school across the street. First a few men came over when invited, then more and more. These guys were delighted at the unexpected gift of a free lunch, as was a delivery driver who came later and happily took the four remaining lunches for his family to eat that night. The gratitude of these men speaks volumes about the nature of our lunch program: it’s all about grace!

Sharing and celebrating God’s grace is what we are about as the church of Jesus Christ. Who knew our parking lot and picnic tables could be places of grace, and yet they are for our neighbors. May Zion always be a place and a community of grace, as we give witness to our faith, active in love.



Calling all voices!!

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to our musicians who have helped us out over the summer – not just the soloists (as wonderful as they are!) but also those who provided a presence in the choir loft during worship to help support our congregational singing.

That said, it's time to start the choir year again! We look forward to getting the gang back together but would also extend the invitation to anyone else who would like to add their voice! Our ranks have been shrinking a little and we would really welcome a few more singers!

Our first practice will be on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30pm.

Manheim Farm Show on the Horizon

Here we are again, Farm Show season! Fall is in the air, and along with that, the 71st annual Manheim Community Farm Show is right around the corner. We will be once again hosting our annual Farm Show Parade Food Stand here at Zion. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th. We are asking for your help with donations of food items for sale during the parade. Requested items will soon be 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 will be posted in early September. 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 7th, for freshness. This is always a great fundraiser! We can break last year's record, for sure!!

Keep watching for more information in the upcoming weeks.



Church Office Hours Resume

Regular church office hours resume on Wed., Sept. 3rd. Donna will be available Mondays-Thursdays from 8-2, and Fridays from 8-12.



Backpack Blessing

Zion will welcome preschool students and their families to kick off the new school year with our third annual Blessing of the Backpacks event on the playground on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 10:00am. We will once again be giving out backpack tags to all those who attend.



We welcome representatives from the congregation to be present on Sept. 6th to greet families and to serve as “hosts” for the event. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the office.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

We will once again gather around God’s word for bible study and conversation, beginning Sunday Sept. 28 following worship. Pastor Kate is open to your suggestions for topics to study, so if you have a specific interest in a book of the bible or other themes (parables for example), let her know.

Mural Project

In recent communication with Manheim Borough Codes and Zoning office, we have learned that The “Reach for the Stars” design does not meet the borough’s requirements for murals. Zoning ordinance regulations define a mural as *“an artistic depiction of a time, theme, or event that is directly related to the history of the Borough of Manheim.”* This strict regulation had not been clear to Horst Arts in their previous conversations and work with the Borough. We will be talking further with the Borough and Horst Arts to see where we go from here, and we will keep you posted.

Bishop Installation

The installation of the Rev. Steve Herr as bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod is scheduled to take place at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hanover, on Saturday, October 25, 2025. More details are to be announced.

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 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.

Preschool News

As we start to wrap up the summer months, things are gearing up at Preschool!

This August, we held meet-the-teacher days on the playground and enjoyed meeting incoming preschoolers and their families. They enjoyed a popsicle and getting to know classmates. We have found this a great way to introduce ourselves that isn't overly stressful for some of our shy friends.

Classrooms will be coming together and before we know it, the halls will be filled with the sounds of the children's voices and lots of activity! Watch out Miss Donna, here we come!

This year, we have some openings in our Pre-K and Preschool classes, so feel free to spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested. We would love to be full to start the school year!

We look forward to another year at ZLP and continue to thank you for your support!
Katie Mummau

Daughters of Zion

The Daughters of Zion held their 7th meeting of 2025 on August 18th. In these few short months, this intrepid gathering of women have made donations to:

Manheim Central Food Bank

Manheim Central Backpack Program

Mural Project for the Preschool Wing

Gas and Weis gift cards for Pastor's Discretionary Fund

and, just in this last meeting, a gift to the Preschool for supplies they might need for the coming school year

The Daughters pay for the Upper Room devotional booklets (*thanks to those of you who contribute when you pick one up!*)

Many of you have been recipients of our card ministry. At least 10-12 cards get sent every month to our homebound folks or members experiencing illness or recovering from surgeries, or just sending a hello to folks we haven't seen for a while

We have appreciated the congregation's participation in collections for the Home on Ferdinand, the Diaper Drive in June and now, the on-going collection of items for the Lutheran World Relief Kits

Our average attendance for our meetings this year has been 10, but we are women who refuse to let declining numbers keep us from our mission to serve the Manheim Community and beyond. Thanks for your continued support of the Daughters!



LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS



TOWELS



TOOTHBRUSHES



SOAP

PS..We'll be assembling the LWR Health Kits at our September 15th meeting, which means, by the time you read this, there will be only two weeks left to make a donation of items necessary to complete the kits. Towels and soap are the items we need the most. Please refer to specific sizes recommended in the separate article in this newsletter. Thanks for all your donations!

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 affected 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 14th. We will be assembling the kits at the Daughters of Zion meeting on September 15th. We will bless the kits on "Ingathering Sunday, October 5th". We thank you for all your donations to this collection.

Food Pantry Needs



During the month of September, 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.

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.

Summer Lunches

The 2025 Summer Lunch Program has concluded. We want to thank all the people who helped with this outreach program. It was once again a success and very much appreciated by all who took advantage of the wonderful meals. This program cannot happen without the support of volunteers, and we've had a great group of you this year! A great big THANK YOU to all who supported us with prayers, monetary donations, bakery items, leadership, clean-up...anywhere help was needed.



Coordinator for Thanksgiving Meal

Now that our summer lunch program has wrapped up for 2025, it's time to think about Thanksgiving! Once again, this year we need someone to help coordinate this 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.

Thank you for the prayers and cards we received for Dan. A special thank you for the visits from Pr. Kate and Norm Drescher while he was in the hospital. They were all greatly appreciated.

Jean Rambler



Parish Registry

New Address – Betty Myers, Room C1, 159 Sullys Trail, Pittsford, NY 14534

Death – Doris Ritter – died July 26, 2025

New Phone # - Dot Longenecker – 717-875-4177

Financial Notes:

with joy and thanksgiving for your faithful stewardship.

OFFERINGS	Mo. Total	Budget
July General Fund offering	19,266	19,659
July Greater Zion Fund offering	880	---
August General Fund offering (as of 8/25)	16,101	24,573
August Greater Zion Fund offering (as of 8/25)	950	---

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.

September Birthdays

- 9/1 Marjorie Root
Claudia Seibert
9/7 Tom Knittle
9/10 Dennis Obetz
9/11 Deb Gehman
9/12 Rose Longabach
9/13 Stan Rohrer
9/14 Bill Longabach
9/17 Donn Gehman
Stacy Fry
9/21 John Stouch
9/22 Cheryl Fry
9/26 Doreen Myers
9/28 Bailey Boltz
9/29 Kate Eichelberger



September Anniversaries

- 9/2 Sandy & Henry Quesenberry
Glenn & Donna Ober
9/5 Jim & Marjorie Root
9/8 Doug & Karen Connelly
9/10 John & Carol Blanck



**CARD
SHOWER**



We're having a Surprise Birthday Card Shower for Doreen Myers. She will be 99 years old on Sept. 26th.

Let's brighten her day with some pleasant thoughts as she celebrates this special occasion.

Cards and well-wishes may be sent to her at 130 Main St., Apt. B, Landisville, PA 17538.

Sept. Readings

9/1 Psalm 119:65-72
2 Chronicles 12:1-12
Hebrews 13:7-21

9/2 Psalm 119:65-72
Isaiah 2:12-17
Titus 1:1-9

9/3 Psalm 119:65-72
Isaiah 57:14-21
Luke 14:15-24

9/4 Psalm 1
Genesis 39:1-23
Philippians 2:25-30

9/5 Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 7:12-26
Colossians 4:7-17

9/6 Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 29:2-20
Matthew 10:34-42

13th Sunday after Pentecost

9/7 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

9/8 Psalm 101
2 Kings 17:24-41
1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

9/9 Psalm 101
2 Kings 18:9-18
1 Timothy 4:6-16

9/10 Psalm 101
2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7
Luke 18:18-30

9/11 Psalm 51:1-10
Genesis 6:1-6
1 Timothy 1:1-11

9/12 Psalm 51:1-10
Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5
2 Peter 2:1-10a

9/13 Psalm 51:1-10
Genesis 8:20-9:7
John 10:11-21

14th Sunday after Pentecost

9/14 Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

9/15 Psalm 73
Amos 7:1-6
1 Timothy 1:18-20

9/16 Psalm 73
Jonah 3:1-10
2 Peter 3:8-13

9/17 Psalm 73
Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6
Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

9/18 Psalm 113
Exodus 23:1-9
Romans 3:1-8

9/19 Psalm 113
Ezekiel 22:17-31
Romans 8:31-39

Sept. Readings, cont'd

9/20 Psalm 113
Isaiah 5:8-23
Mark 12:41-44

15th Sunday after Pentecost

9/21 Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

9/22 Psalm 12
Proverbs 14:12-31
Acts 4:1-12

9/23 Psalm 12
Proverbs 17:1-5
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

9/24 Psalm 12
Proverbs 21:10-16
Luke 20:45-21:4

9/25 Psalm 146
Proverbs 22:2-16
2 Corinthians 8:8-15

9/26 Psalm 146
Proverbs 28:3-10
Ephesians 2:1-10

9/27 Psalm 146
Proverbs 28:11-28
Luke 9:43b-48

16th Sunday after Pentecost

9/28 Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

9/29 Psalm 62
Amos 6:8-14
Revelation 3:14-22

9/30 Psalm 62
Hosea 10:9-15
James 5:1-6



Sincere appreciation to each person for your prayers, visits, and cards. It was comforting to know prayers were being lifted up for successful surgery. Thank you. And, thank you to the Daughters of Zion for the "Thinking of You" cards. Nice to be remembered! God's blessings to all.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Kreider

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the many cards, texts, emails, and especially the many prayers for me during my illness of the past few months. I am looking forward to being back with you soon. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Martha Rudisill

Altar Flowers



- Sept. 7 Cheryl Witmeyer in memory of Kenny Shank
- Sept. 14 *This space available. Please call church office at 665-5880.*
- Sept. 21 Denny Valins in celebration of Doreen Myers' 99th birthday
- Sept. 28 Susan & Doug Shaw in honor of Beth & Seth's birthdays

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 September – Carol Atherholt & Dennis Shafnisky

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
9/7	Donna Moore	Kyle Spohn	
9/14	Tom & Cathy Knittle	Norm Drescher	Lenny Burns
9/21	Jody Hess	Paul Caplinger	
9/28	Stacy Fry	Francesca McClure	
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	

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
Esther Diffenderfer
Lewis Ettinger
Kevin Heisey
Yasir Makki
McKenna
Diane Repp
Abby Shipe
Betty Lou Stoner
Lynn Vitali
Tom Welliver
John Yoder

Emily Bair
Mary Bisking
Naomi Byers
Bill Duncan
Leslie Flory
Janice Herman
Heidi Martin
Mary Miller
Christine Rickert
John Shirk
Menno Stoner
Joyce Warn
Rosanne Wiest

Becky
Liz Blinn
Janet Cummings
Lee Elgin
Sandy Grimm
Heather Hildebrand
Todd Martin
Pamela Nester
Paityn Royal
Frank Smith
Thad Toole
Scott Weachter
Tracy Wilt

Please remember those in Military Service as you pray:

Ryan Plowman, Blake Reber, and Mikaela Adams

