

Zion Lutheran Church

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A Note From Your Pastor....

Summertime is approaching! For the next three months, all we need to do is sit on the porch and sip lemonade, right? Just long sunny days, with no schedule, no responsibilities and no work!

Unless you have to work. Or if you have kids and you need to work AND schedule their 12 summer camp weeks. Or if you are a grandparent and you're running Camp Grandpa.

Or if you are scheduling vacations and camping trips, managing a large garden full of weeds, dealing with doctors appointments, or running between swim lessons, playdates, and the grocery store. It never really stops does it?

And we have work to do here at St. Paul's and Zion! Putting our best face forward to engage our community when Zelienople gathers a crowd for Horse Trading Days. Planning for children's activities and First Communion Classes. Continuing to work on the Call Process. Worship and Bible Study. Property concerns and maintenance. What shall we add to the list? And when can we rest?

When God created the heavens and the earth, giving us the gift of stewardship of this whole lovely planet - God also gave us the gift of sabbath. There is always more work to be done, taking a step back from it is healthy and necessary.

Taking a day to remember who we are and whose we are, a day for worship, and a day to not just kick back on the couch, but to heal and serve, and care for our neighbor too. I like to talk about using your sabbath time to do the things that are "life-giving" for you and for the world. And that's more than just napping. (Though admittedly, I love a good nap.)

In our frantic and often over-scheduled culture in 2024, we may have to work on Sundays. We also have to clean house, make meals, care for kids, weed the garden, and go to the grocery store. But do we find the time during the week to connect with God and with each other? What do we participate in that is life-giving?

We put in the hours, using the gifts we have been given, in our vocation in the world. And we are given a gift of Sabbath - a command that we take seriously our obligation just to be a child of God, and regularly experience the life abundant we were made for.

My prayer for you this summer is that you find that.

God's Peace,
Pastor Erin



<p>June 3 – Deborah Muders June 4 – Vicki Moyer June 6 – Pat Pflug June 17 – Frank Porter June 20 – Chuck Ferrainolo, Kimberly Muntz</p>	<p>June 25 – Chris Trimble June 27 – Jessica Gasior June 28 – Bill Warner</p>
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June 6 – Marsha & Tim Davis
June 14 – Pam & Chuck Ferrainolo
June 26 – Tom & Sally Davis



June 4 – Worship Team 6 p.m.
June 13 – Council 6 p.m.



June 2 – Bill Gasior
June 9 – Joretta Kennedy
June 16 – Don Grubbs
June 23 – Pam Ferrainolo
June 30 – Marsha Davis



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June 9 – Joanne Porter
June 16 – Doug Trimble
June 23 – Tom Bickert
June 30 – Pam Ferrainolo



June 2 – Chris & Doug Trimble
June 9 – Bill Gasior & Carla Wright
June 16 – Chris & Doug Trimble
June 23 – Bill Gasior & Sthela Holly
June 30 – Carla Wright & Sally Measel



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FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Is your child or grandchild asking questions about their participation in the Lord's Supper? They are probably ready to learn about Holy Communion and receive the sacrament! Let Pastor Erin know as she sets a few dates for classes soon, and the children will bake bread with Pastor Erin to be used during worship!

A very fun day

On May 11, 52 women and children from Zion and St. Paul gathered to celebrate Mother's Day. Since this was our first tea, we weren't sure about how much food we would need. Well, we found out that just like any other time, we did not go away hungry. There was so much wonderful and delicious food that it was impossible to taste everything. We had so much left over that everyone who attended church the next day was able to taste all of the leftovers. We thank everyone who made the delicious sandwiches, scones and desserts. We hope to make this an annual event.



Are you ready for a men's night

Once again Zion will host a men's cookout on June 19 at 6:30 p.m. for both Zion and St. Paul. The men are asked to bring whatever meat you wish to eat. You get to cook your own main dish while the ladies serve up all the delicious side dishes. Please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards at each church so we know how many to plan for. We hope that this will be a night for the men from both churches to get to know each other better.



2025 Envelopes

While it might seem early, we need to order next year's envelopes by the end of June. Does anything need to be changed on your envelope? Is the name right, the address right, do you need envelopes or do you want to stop receiving your envelopes? If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Chris Trimble before the end of the month.



Chairs for sale

The old chairs that were in the social hall are available to anyone wishing to take them. We ask that you let the office know how many you are taking and, if possible, make a donation back to the memorial fund.



Zions Adopt-A-Highway Road Clean Up is scheduled for June 10th.



We will meet at Zion at 9 am to strategize our teams, distribute equipment and safety vests. All are welcome the more participants the less time the clean-up typically takes. In the past we have just left the bags and the State would come and collect them. After contacting them I have learned that there is no department budget for that currently so we will bring our bags back to Zion to throw away in our dumpsters. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. - Bill Gasior



Kids of all ages are invited to come to St. Peter's and have fun in the SON! On June 10-14 from 9 a.m. until noon, we will have our morning summer camp version of our Wednesday night kid's ministry. That means games, snacks, songs, crafts, and powerful lessons about living in the light of God. Please use the QR code on the flyer to sign up your children, use this link: [Morning Manna Registration](#) , or call the church office and we'll help make sure you're all set for summer fun with friends here at St. Peter's.

School and hygiene kits



While the school year has just finished, the summer will fly by before we realize it. On September 8, on God's Works Our Hands Sunday, we will once again pack these kits. While out during the summer months, keep your eyes open for sales on the following items that are needed for the kits. Please leave all items in the office so they don't get mixed up with food cupboard items.

Hygiene kits

- Hand towels - 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" NO MICROFIBER TOWELS
- Wash clothes - NO MICROFIBER
- Wide-tooth comb at least 6" of teeth
- Fingernail or toenail clippers
- Regular size bar of soap
- Toothbrush
- Band-Aids

School kits

- Blunt scissors - NO POINTED TIP
- 70-page spiral bound notebooks
- 12" ruler
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- Large erasers - NO CAP ERASERS
- Unsharpened pencils
- Box of 24 crayons

Bio Joanne Porter

I was born May 17, 1956, to Mary and Joe Pascarella in St. Francis Hospital {Now Childrens} in Lawrenceville, Pa. I was the middle button of five girls; Dad kept trying for that boy! I attended St. Mary's Catholic Grade School and Lawrenceville Catholic High School. I started working at Giant Eagle in 1973 at age 17. Married my high school sweetheart in 1976. We had our daughter Jill in 1980 and divorced in 1983. In 1993 I met a wonderful man through a mutual friend named Frank Porter. We married in 1998 allowing Jill to finish high school and college without interruption. Jill loved him so much that she would say, "When we married Frank." I moved to the country and learned to drive my own John Deere tractor, mulch, stack firewood, and ride horses. We began looking for a church; I'm Catholic and he is Presbyterian. We found Zion and were welcomed with such warmth; that was in 2001. I retired in 2017 after 43 years at Giant Eagle. I became a worship assistant in 2018. Frank retired in 2018 and we thought life was wonderful. However, in 2018 our lives were turned upside down when my daughter, 38 years old, died of a seizure disorder. With the help and support of our family and friends and our Zion family we were able to look back at the happy times we had together. My hobbies are gardening, jigsaw and crossword puzzles, walking at Moraine and McConnell's mills, and a big vacation every year.

June 2024 Calendar					
ZION		ST. PAUL		ZHLM	
<i>June 2 10 a.m.</i>	Combined service at Zion	<i>June 2 10 a.m.</i>	Combined service at Zion	<i>June 2 10 a.m.</i>	Combined service at Zion
<i>June 4 6 p.m.</i>	Worship Team				
		<i>June 9 7 p.m.</i>	Night of Music		
<i>June 10 9 a.m.</i>	Road clean up				
		<i>June 12 6 p.m.</i>	Council		
<i>June 13 6 p.m.</i>	Council				
<i>June 19 6:30 p.m.</i>	Men's Cookout	<i>June 19 6:30 p.m.</i>	Men's Cookout	<i>June 19 6:30 p.m.</i>	Men's Cookout



Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024

In Attendance: Pr. Erin Evans, Tom Bickert, Bill Gasior, Sthela Holly, Sally Measel, Chris Trimble, Doug Trimble, Carla Wright.

The meeting was opened with **Devotions and Prayer** by Sthela. This devotion was based on 2 Thessalonians 3:3 “But the Lord is faithful; He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.” This was written by a lady who grew up in Germany, married an American, fell away from the church for some time, but returned after having first child baptized. Through a miraculous healing, she fully became aware of God’s existence in her life and has since become more deeply involved in her church in Glenshaw. She thanks God for never giving up on her. He is faithful to us even when we stray.

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept was made by Doug and seconded by Carla.

Treasurer's Report:

Contributions by envelope and plate, as well as rental income, for April (four Sundays) totaled \$11,545, compared to the budgeted amount of \$8,848. Giving was \$2,697 MORE than needed to meet monthly budget.

For the year, contributions and rental income total \$45,244.25, compared to our budgeted amount of \$37,604, leaving us at \$7,640.25 MORE than needed to meet our budget.

The average weekly attendance for the four Sunday services at Zion in April was 52. (The first Sunday was a joint worship service at St. Paul, and the last Sunday was the baptism of Drew Thomas Berger.)

The balance on April 30 in the PennEnergy – (Account #980) was \$11,186.65.

It was decided last month to give the Wednesday night Lenten offering of \$518 received at Zion to World Hunger. Also, Sthela motioned, Chris seconded, that the total of \$635 received from Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday be given to Lutheran Campus Ministry/Lutheran University Center fundraiser under Pr. Bryan Bennett. Motion carried.

Tom told us Megan can move money (at his direction) from the checking account to the money market when the checking account gets over \$10,000. He likes to see it held at about \$8,000.

Pastor Erin asked several clarification questions about particular lines in the budget.

It was noted that Memorial Fund money is usually spent on things for the church. The Family in Need fund in the budget is for use by the Pastor at her discretion. Our miscellaneous fund has over \$60,000, which is from the estate of Eileen Hofmeister.

Let it also be noted that the Food Cupboard gives us \$150 a month towards the electric bill and \$75 towards trash pickup. They had previously paid this monthly but recently paid the rest of the balance for this year.

Bill said the \$200+ money from Miracle on Main from last December should be in one of the files in the office at Zion.

ZHLM PASTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 1-21

Home Communion/Shut-ins: Dave Peeples, Sally and Tom Davis, Soni (the Millers)

(Spoke at length with both Pr. Johns and Pr. Suhr-Barkley about shut-ins: who had been visited and who to see next)

60 people in 60 days: 21 so far!

Meetings:

St. Paul Council
St. Paul Worship
Call Committee
Zion Worship
Zion Council

Attended: Lutherlyn Camp Blast, Mother's Day Tea @ Zion, Ham Loaf Dinner @ St. Paul's

Pastoral Acts: Funeral for Suzanne Wimsett on May 7th

- Working with Megan to organize office files, space, etc.
- Learning about each congregation's worship style from Worship Assistants and Organists
- Updating Parish Registers and creating a directory, list of active members with contact info
- Proofing and editing Bulletins, newsletters, etc.
- Admin for both congregation's Facebook pages, working on social media presence and communication
- We need at least one person from each congregation to attend Synod Assembly with me. Who can do it?
- Let's begin planning for Horse Trading Days! Who wants to do it?

Upcoming:

- First communion classes in the works (Lexi and Maddie from St. Paul and Scarlet from Zion). These classes are usually for children around the ages of 7 to 9.

Mileage reimbursement: Pr. Erin will work this out with Linda Flora, Treasurer for ZHLM.

Pastor Erin Evans

Intentional Interim Pastor

ZHLM (Zelienople Harmony Lutheran Ministries)

Old Business:

- Interim update/Call committee timelines: Sthela, who is on the call committee, said they are currently working on the site profile and will meet again on May 28.
- AV Computer Update: Bill has contacted Randy Vanhorn and will meet with him on June 4 about our sound and recording system to determine what updates need to be made.
- New padded chairs placed in social hall: These are NOT to be borrowed or taken from the church. If you wish to borrow chairs, you may take the metal ones from the rack. If you want to own some of the metal chairs, you may do so by giving a donation for them.
- Survey: Chris will ask Megan to put the survey in the next newsletter as we are looking for more input. Carla said an event at Moraine, attending a Christmas show at Center Theater Players in Rochester (December) and Easter caroling in 2025 have been considered.
- VBS at St. Peter's LC in Evans City: Children may attend the week of June 10 to 14. Carla will contact Pr. Johns for more information.
- 2025 Envelopes: We will put RYYR (Ready Yourself Youth Ranch in Beaver County) back in as an extra envelope. No other suggestions were made.
- Audit: Tom Bickert will contact Linda Armstrong, Jessica Gasior and Joanne Porter to set a date to get the audit done.
- QuickBooks System: An online system is available for \$95 per month but Tom does not currently feel this is needed. There are several Desk Top versions that he will look into and make a recommendation.

New Business:

- Road Clean-up (one mile): Meet at Zion on Monday, June 10, at 9 a.m. Pr. Erin will put this on our Facebook page and encourage people to help. Bill contacted the State of PA and they no longer provide the bags, gloves, and vests.
- Pastor Evans onboarding progress and discussion: Things have gotten off to a good start and Pastor said she currently does not need anything. She is working at determining who needs to be visited, i.e., shut-ins and others. Pastor Erin has been posting a weekly sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who want to introduce themselves to her and begin to get to know her.
- Sunday school discussion: We need a few more children to actually provide Sunday School. It has been discussed having, starting in September, a once-a-month event for children OR an intergenerational activity.
- Butler Eagle Memorial Day ad: It was decided NOT to submit an ad for this day.
- Purchase Pastor Evan's an additional robe: Council told Pr. Erin to select a robe and we will purchase it out of memorial money so she has a robe at St. Paul and one at Zion.
- Discussion on Investments: We have over \$260,000 in a money market at Wes Banco making 3%. We also have 3 CDs with Mission Investment Fund. One for over \$34,000 was recently renewed for one year at

4.76%. We have a two-year CD coming due in August at over \$9,000 and another two-year CD for over \$14,000 coming due in December giving us approximately \$58,000 in CDs.

Tom recommended that we move \$100,000 out of the money market to the Mission Investment Fund for 3 years at 5%. Carla made the motion that we do this, Doug seconded, motion carried.

-Grill for pavilion: It was decided NOT to make this purchase as cleaning and taking care of it could be an issue.

-Synod Convention Delegates:

Convention will be at Cal. U. June 14 to 15. Pr. Erin is looking for people to attend with her and her husband. She is going to ask Diane from St. Paul. We need a delegate from Zion to attend.

-Date for next ZHLM meeting: Bill will ask Diane about potential dates.

-Doug reported that the cover for the piano keys had been dislodged by a sticky child's hand. He did manage to get it back in place and functioning again. Please encourage your children NOT to touch the piano (or organ) in the sanctuary. Note: This is believed to have happened on the day of the Mother's Day Tea when there were numerous children present.

-Pr. Erin Evans Call Information: Bill will post her Call Contract on the bulletin board for anyone who wants to see it. Everything regarding her call has been finalized.

TEAM REPORTS:

Property:

May 4, 2024 Finished mulch

May 8, 2024 Put up new chairs. Thanks to Joanne.

Thanks, Frank

Fellowship: This team met after church on Sunday, May 19, to plan the menu for after the joint service on June 2 at Zion. They also planned for the Men's Cookout to be held Wednesday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. The men are to provide their own steak, chicken, pork or seafood that they want to grill. Beverages, sides and desserts will be provided. We hope to obtain a large grill from Mike Hall/General Rental in Cranberry.

Human Needs and Services: See above for Road Pickup date and time.

Worship: The Worship Team met on May 7, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the church. In attendance were Pastor Erin Evans, Pam Ferrainolo, Tom Bickert, Marsha Davis, Joanne Porter, and Doug Trimble.

Pastor Erin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Setting 7 will again be used until Lent 2025. Setting 3 will be used through Lent and we'll go back to Setting 7 again at Easter. We will use this rotation from here on out.

Pastor Erin will work with Megan on the weekly bulletins, along with Tom Bickert. She has some suggestions that may be implemented as well.

Discussion was held on having Megan type up the service and place it in a binder every week for the worship leaders. We'll give this a try. (Update: initial use on May 12 went very well.)

Communion procedure was discussed and it was decided to maintain the status quo for now.

Other discussion was held regarding various parts of the service; basically, who does what.

Pentecost is on May 19 this year – remember to wear red!

On Trinity Sunday (May 26), we will use the Athanasian Creed (yes, the long one).

Worship assistants for June are as follows:

June 2 (Joint Service at Zion, 10 am) Marsha Davis; Nancy Williamson will be the music leader

June 9 Joanne Porter; Pastor Brewer will be the music leader

June 16 Doug Trimble; Nancy Williamson will be the music leader

June 23 Tom Bickert; Nancy Williamson will be the music leader

June 30 Pam Ferrainolo; Pastor Brewer will be the music leader

The next regular Worship Team meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

We closed our meeting with Pastor Erin leading The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Trimble

Christian Education:

Sally Measel is planning on continuing THE CHOSEN Bible Study, Season 4, on Wednesday evenings, at 6:30 p.m., starting July 10 through August 28, eight consecutive weeks.

Stewardship:

At this time, I have not heard from anyone who wants to change their envelopes for 2025. We still need to make sure if we want to change any of the special envelopes.

I am very happy to say that we have collected over \$1,000 for our commitment to Lutherlyn. I think this money should be sent to Lutherlyn at this time.

I wanted to make sure that on September 8, we will once again be packing school and hygiene kits. Diane from St. Paul said that she would like to have both churches go together to do this. Maybe we could move our combined service to that weekend instead of the one before, especially since that will be Labor Day weekend.

Submitted by Chris Trimble

Executive: Date needs to be set for next ZHLM meeting.

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6 p.m.

We will go back to second Thursdays of month moving forward and at earlier time of 6 p.m.

Devotions for next meeting: Sally Measel

Offering Counters/Recorders for June are as follows:

June 2 – Chris and Doug	Chris (10 a.m. joint service at Zion)
June 9 – Bill and Carla	Bill
June 16 – Chris and Doug	Chris
June 23 – Bill and Sthela	Bill
June 30 – Carla and Sally	Tom

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sthela and seconded by Carla followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Measel, Council Secretary

Zion Lutheran Church Engagement Survey

We would like to hear from you regarding church activities beyond Sunday fellowships. This survey is designed to gain insight into ideas, times, and who may be interested in church related outings. Our initial idea was to plan one event every three months with a devotional at the beginning.

1. Name (Optional) _____

2. Preferred Time of Day- Select all that apply

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Evening

3. Preferred Group

- Women
- Men
- Couples
- Mixed/Anyone

4. Service Events

- Visit Shut – ins / members in need
- Food Cupboard packing
- Other _____

5. Activities Select all that apply

- Dinner Out
- Night at the movies
- See a show
- Game night
- Bowling
- Trip to the zoo
- Flower show
- Sporting event
- Trip to a museum
- Crafting
- Exercise program
- Bible study
- CPR class
- Cooking demonstration
- Book club
- Self- care program
- Card club
- The Chosen
- Women's group
- Men's group
- Other _____