

The Herald

February 2023

Newsletter for the Congregation
And Friends of

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***Our Mission:** Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ.*

Blessings to each one of you for February.

I pray this month brings each one of us what it feels like to be unconditionally loved by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One of our most beloved parishaners asked her grand children if they were asked to follow Jesus, would they leave everything to do so. (let's say they are between the ages of 6 and 11) Without hesitation, both of them said "Of course." I pray that each one of us choose to do so every day. I would like to lift up all of the people that continue to support God's ministries here at Zion. We just celebrated Mark Valentine's years of service as chair of the property committee. He will still continue to work diligently for the Lord, however he will no longer chair the committee. I have no doubt that God will provide a new person for Mark to mentor. Zion has a rich history of many people loving and caring for Her. This building could be seen as a "money pit". I believe God gifted us with this beautiful space with the hands and feet from almost 100 years ago. This buiding will be 100 years old in 2027!! My sincere gratitude goes out to all who are a part of the fabric of this congregation that helps it live, breathe, shine the light of Christ and be an example of abundance, genarosity and hope. Our attndance continues to grow with God's grace, with people of all ages. We are indeed blessed.



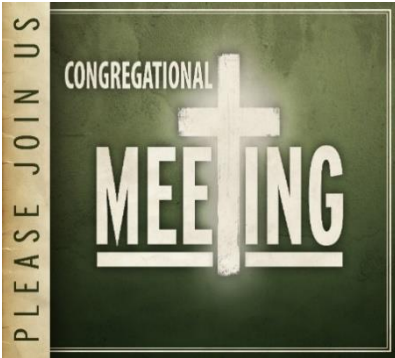
It is important to note. As we move forward as a congregation of faith, and count our blessings. An active member of Zion is expected to have a recorded contribution and commune one time a year on record. Homebound members are communed at home by request to the Pastor. I feel that this is a minimal criteria to be a member of any congregation. These criteria are in Zion's constitution. I would respectfully ask that if you do not have envelopes, please contact our Parish Administrator, Melody Gensure at 570-668-2180. There has been issues with the mail, so please be patient for their arrival. This year, council will be going through our active member list. It has been seven years since we have done so. Please make sure, as my mother would say "all of your ducks are in order" so that we can give synod an accurate number of members for the 2023 report. I pray for all of you daily. Please look to be a part of God's ever growing ministries here at Zion. (if you are not already)

I quote from 1 Corinthians "I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let ther be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Cindy*

Morning Prayer on Facebook and Website: Rev. Cindy White reads a selected Bible verse and offers a brief message or song Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Individuals with specific prayer requests can email those requests to Pastor White at zionlutheranrev@gmail.com.

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, February 3rd from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.



Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 12, 2023, following the 9:00 am Service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2022 Annual reports for all committees and organizations. As always, we encourage all members to attend this meeting as a quorum needs to met.

Hurry, Hurry! The AmazonSmile program will end on February 20, 2023. If you have any big purchases now is the time to place that order so Zion gets a nice donation. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Zion whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support Zion by shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. Just go to our website and click the link. Thank you to everyone who supported Zion by using the program!!

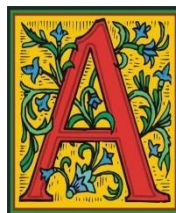


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A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

2022 financial statements have been mailed. Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you have any questions or did not receive a statement at 570-668-2180 or zionlcof@verizon.net and a statement will be sent to you.

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023. A worship service will be held at Zion beginning at 7:00 pm. with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.



**Ash
Wednesday**

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. When mail is returned to the church office due to an address change, the church must pay .84 cents per piece of mail returned. You can help us to eliminate this charge if you notify us when your address changes.

...Thank you for your cooperation!



Thank You to Deb Davies and Carol Dietrich for addressing the Christmas Cards that were mailed to Zion member households!



ATTENTION GRADUATING CONFIRMED ZION MEMBERS: CLASS OF 2023

Before you know it graduation will be here! Please submit a photo with information on high school graduating from, where you will be attending school or what your future plans may be, major, parents' names and how you were involved with Zion. You may submit a photo now with more information to follow later to the church office. Thank you.

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of:



- ❖ *Rick Bachman, who passed away on November 24, 2022.*
- ❖ *James Batman, who passed away on December 6, 2022.*
- ❖ *Nancy Betz, who passed away on January 18, 2023.*

*We ask God to comfort the family at this time.
Please keep them in your prayers.*

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$36.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!



Upcoming Events

- February 3** – Blessings Thrift Sale
- February 11** – Hoagie and Pierogies Sale Pick-Up
- February 12** – Annual Congregational Meeting
- February 22** – Ash Wednesday Service
- February 24, March 10 & 24** – Lenten Dinner

Zion Lenten Fish Dinner

February 24, March 10 & 24, 2023

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM or sell-out

Adult \$12.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00

Take-Outs Available



Menu: Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers. Sides: Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, and Cole Slaw. Sit in or take out available. Hope to see you there!

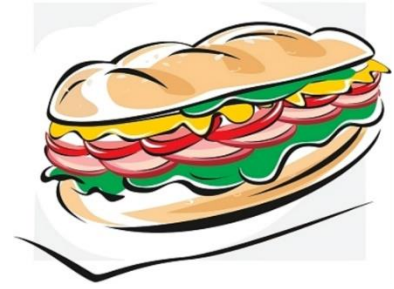
Inclement Weather Policy

If we get inclement weather preceding a worship service, members of our congregation will be able to get information by the doing the following:

- Check out our website at www.ziontamaqua.com and our Facebook page
- Listen to WLSHAM 1410 and WMGH FM 105.5
- Call the church office to hear a recorded message on our answering machine. (570-668-2180)



Hoagie sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by February 5th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Saturday, February 11th from noon until 3:00 pm.



Pierogi Sale - The Culinary crew is selling fresh pierogies homemade by the Raczka group from Minersville. \$6.00/dozen. No preorder: first come basis. Pick up is Saturday, February 11th from noon until 3:00 pm.

Please welcome our new members Joshua, Mary, Evelyn and Grace Carter and Madeline Coccio. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.



Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Everlee Quinn Gensure, daughter of Keith Gensure and Amanda Gabos, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Everlee's Godparents are Eric Smarr and Jerrica Spiker. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 22, 2023; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing this child in the light of faith.

Zion's 2023 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

Please note if you have recently become a member or feel there are changes in your membership information please fill out a membership packet located in the Gathering Room. If you need them sent to you, please contact the church office. Thank you for keeping our records up to date.

Would you like to make a gift to our Capital Campaign today? Do you need an envelope for your gift? Blank envelopes can be found in the rear of the church on either side. Please just write your name and Capital Campaign on the envelope so we can give you credit; and place the envelope in the boxes found on the wall on either side at the back on the sanctuary. For information on our Capital Campaign, please visit our website at <http://www.ziontamaqua.com/capital-campaign/>



Please Join Us!

Saturday Worship – 5:30 pm

Sundays

Confirmation Class – 8:00 am

Worship – 9:00 am

Christian Education – 10:15 am

DEADLINE: All information for the **March/ April 2023 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, February 20, 2023.** Please note that this is a combined issue. You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

Hospitalizations - If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office at 668-2180. Due to the HIPAA Law names are no longer published in the newspaper and we are not contacted by the hospital unless the patient requests it, when admitted, let them know you are a member of Zion Lutheran church. Zion Lutheran Church Lehigh Valley System Hospital Code is 356; If you are admitted to a hospital in the Lehigh Valley Hospital system (not St. Luke's/ Miner's) and you want our church and Pastor to be notified, provide Zion's Code # 356 when you provide admission information.



I would like to thank everyone for the recognition dinner. It was a big surprise and greatly appreciated. The gifts will be put to good use, especially on Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks again, Mark

Office Hours ~
Monday & Wednesday
12:00 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Pastor's Office Hours ~
Wednesday
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Please use door located on Mauch
Chunk Street, ring bell

Please note if you have signed up for Altar Flowers, Bulletins or Candles please fill out a sponsor form. Forms should be filled out when placing your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

Genesis 18:27

Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes."

In talking with the people John says in Luke 3:11 *“Whoever has two tunics should share with him who has none, and whoever has food should do the same.”* This is a reminder that the People Pantry is used heavily and in need of donations. While grocery shopping, pick up an extra item to share with our less fortunate community neighbors. *“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* 2 Corinthians 9:7



“Serving people at the Blessing Thrift sales has shown me the great need that people have for the simple things which most of us take for granted. It is a blessing to see the joy that people have upon leaving with their purchases and knowing that I helped to make their lives better.”- Lori Krell

There are many ways we can serve. Do you have an hour per week to spare? An hour per month? Is Wednesday a free night? An hour on Sunday, after

church? As we prepare for the new year, we are looking forward to the many ministries that our church will provide to its members and to the community. In order to continue to meet our vision, like we do with the Blessing Thrift Shop, we need to keep our building in good condition. This involves things as simple as doing a little mopping, dusting, or vacuuming, to more complex things like wiring and lighting upgrades.

If you can help, please reach out to Mark Valentine, or call the parish office at 570-668-2180, for more information.

Thank God and thank you for your continuous giving to the Capital Campaign. We have successfully paid back the entire amount we borrowed from our Endowment Fund. \$175,000.00 was borrowed for the second stage of our restoration on 9/17/2019 and on 12/03/2022 it has been completely paid back plus \$5,480.14 in interest to the Endowment fund. While we take this moment to celebrate, we pray that you will continue to fulfill your pledge and offerings to the Capital Campaign Fund. The future money given to the fund will be used as “seed money” for the next step in restoration.

**Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsors are needed for March.
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

YOUR CARD MATTERED

As of Saturday, December 31, we received 62 intent cards. Forty-six of those cards expressed a definite increase in generosity for the coming year. The Generosity Team thanks the 62 individuals and families who returned their cards and reminds all members that generosity is an essential part of our faith journey.

Besides freeing the \$2,000 challenge gift that will go to Zion ministries including Christian Education and the proposed Stephen Ministry, completing and returning your card demonstrates your caring for the future of all Zion ministries.

Our leaders can better administrate our ministries when giving is planned, consistent and progressive. Completing and returning your intent card reflects your ability to plan your giving for the coming year. Your giving is intentional, not accidental or spur of the moment. Using our new giving page on our website and Facebook page allows your giving to be consistent on a weekly or monthly basis, especially when you are unable to attend worship. As we move along our discipleship journey, our giving is progressive and increases as our faith grows and strengthens.

The Zion Generosity Team

Sharing your story

As part of an ongoing emphasis on Zion's impact, we'd like to share ways in which Zion has made a difference in the lives of its members and its community.

Please respond to any **ONE** of these questions and include **your name** at the end.

Send your response to zionlcof@verizon.net (subject line "Impact story" or Zion Lutheran, 101 North Greenwood St., Tamaqua, PA 18252 Attention: Impact

1. How has Zion made a difference in your life? OR
2. What impact has Zion had on your life the last 2 1/2 years? OR
3. What is your vision for the future of Zion's ministry? OR
4. How has serving in a Zion ministry made a difference in your life?

Hunger campaign benefits Tamaqua pantries

Tamaqua's October Community Hunger Campaign, sponsored by the Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship (TAFFN) and the Tamaqua Area Partnership, raised \$16,000 through donations, a soup sale, a hunger walk and a Dine Out Against Hunger Night hosted by four Tamaqua restaurants: Tommy's Italian Specialty Shop; the Beacon Diner; the Station Restaurant; and Sisters Cantina.

Eight churches participated in the community soup sale: American Primitive Methodist; Bethany ECC; Trinity UCC; St. John XXIII Roman Catholic Church; St. John's UCC; St. John Evangelical Lutheran; Stokes Ministry; and Zion Evangelical Lutheran. One hundred thirty-three quarts of soup were sold.

Eight \$25 gift certificates were raffled off to restaurants participating in the Dine Out Against Hunger Night promotion courtesy of a grant from Thrivent Financials' Live Generously program. M&T Bank also provided major funding for the campaign.

Eighty-three boxes of food were collected during the campaign from churches, businesses and individuals: Bethany ECC; Silberline; St. John's UCC; St. John Lutheran; Little People's Day Care; Child Development; Hidden River Credit Union; Tamaqua Area HS Student Council; and St. Luke's Rehabilitation Center, Hometown.

Zion People's Pantry at 101 North Greenwood Street and Stokes Ministry's Community Food Pantry on 220 Green Street are 24/7 outdoor food sources.

The Friends in Need Pantry at Trinity UCC distributes food by appointment by calling 570-391-6719. American Primitive Methodist distributes food items the second Wednesday of the month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on the third Wednesday from 10 a.m. to Noon and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TAFFN is a 501 3c non-profit fellowship of lay leaders from Tamaqua area congregations that strives to promote understanding and cooperation among Tamaqua area churches and operates under the umbrella of the Tamaqua Area Community Partnership.

Caption: Tamaqua Community Hunger Campaign chair Paul Dodson presents a check to Arlene Derr, supervisor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran's People's Pantry. Others receiving checks are Pastor Rick Clemson, American Primitive Methodist Church; Pastor Darryl Kensinger, Trinity United Church of Christ; and Pastor Sharon Stokes, Stokes Ministries.



December/ January Memorials

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Rose Miller & “Pap” Trakes by Mike & Kathy Miller & family

In loving memory of Robert Fritzinger III by Glenn and Lorie Fritzinger

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of all our great volunteers & also the great job the children always do! By Beth Marcavage

In loving memory of the 23rd birthday of McKayla Ann Wall by Lauren, Jesse, Nicholas & Kallia

In loving memory of my mother, Margaret Leader on her December 15th birthday by Sharon Haldeman

In loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sinn and her brother, Vernon Sinn by Ida Piccin

In loving memory of the January 4th birthday of John Carl Casler Jr. by his mom, and sisters, Ashly, Alesia, & Alyssa, nieces, Aubry, Adalynn & Ava & nephews, Bradlee & Camdyn

In loving memory of my mother, Ella Gerber by daughter, Marlene McLaughlin and family

In loving memory of her brother, Stanley Huegel whose birthday is January 23rd by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of loving husband & father, Anthony D’Alonzo III love, Melissa & Alexander D’Alonzo

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of James J. Bynon II by Mark & Charlene Valentine & family

In loving memory of James & Kathleen Valentine by Mark & Charlene Valentine & family

In honor of the faithful helpers with Diaper Depot: Skip, Martha, Judy, Roxanne, Beth, Marilyn, Joe, and Pastor by George and Mary Ruth Taylor

In honor of the greatest gift ever... For unto us a child is given by the Livingston family.

In honor of Sonia and Lisa’s birthday and in loving memory of Larry love, Judy

In honor of the January birthday of Bob Jones by George and Mary Ruth Taylor

In honor of birthdays of grandson, Nikolas Smith on January 18th and daughter, Tracey K. Taras on January 26th by Denise Smolar

In loving memory of my husband, Gary by Beth

In loving memory of loving husband & father, Anthony D’Alonzo III love, Melissa & Alexander D’Alonzo

CEMETERY FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Rick Bachman by Mark & Charlene Valentine

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of our 25th wedding anniversary on November 28th by John & Carol Dietrich

In honor of our son John B. Dietrich on his November 22nd birthday by Dad & Carol

In honor of our granddaughter, Nicole Dietrich by John and Carol Dietrich

In loving memory of Aunt and Uncles, Harold and Dorothy Price and Jerome and Lavern Murphy by John and Carol Dietrich

IMPROVEMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her parents, John & Mae Barton by Rev. David & Beverly Knoebel

In loving memory of her grandmother, Gertrude Kemner Reichelderfer by Rev. David & Beverly Knoebel

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Mae Bittner by Judy

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my mother Margaret I. Leader on her December 15th birthday by Sharon Haldeman

In loving memory of the December 13th birthday of McKayla Ann Wall by gram & pap Louise & Dave Schock

In honor of the December 15th birthday of Kallia Wall by gram and pap, Louise & Dave Schock

In loving memory of my husband, Carl W. Koch Sr. and my son, Carl W. Koch Jr. by Mary L. Koch

In honor of the baptism of Owen Montecalvo by Debra Linkhorst
Birthday remembrance for Mr. E.A. Follweiler from his loving family
In honor of John Dietrich on his January 3rd birthday by wife Carol, Jeff and Johnny
ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and
In honor of Ron, Tony, and Doug Jr Springer's Birthdays by Judy
In loving memory of Eugene Springer by Judy
In loving memory of family & friends by Bill & Lori Krell
In honor of The Culinary Crew by Sandy Scott
In loving memory of family & friends by Carol & John Dietrich
In loving memory of Bruce J. Hoffman by Mary Domansky
In loving memory of Ted & Eulalia Weston by Walter & Jane Weston
CHRISTMAS DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and
In loving memory of loved ones both family and friends at Christmas by Sharon Haldeman
In loving memory of loved ones by Irene and Paul Pecha
In loving memory of Mary Kemner Hebert, Aunt Jane & Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Kemner by Jon Hebert

Christmas Memorials 2022

The Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God and
In loving memory of Rose Miller & Bob "Pap" Trakes by Mike & Kathy Miller & family
The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God:
In loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sinn and her brother, Vernon Sinn by Ida Piccin
The Poinsettia Plants are given to the Glory of God:
In loving memory of Richard Dreisbach by Bob & Terri Livingston
In loving memory of my husband, Karl C. Miller on Christmas Day by wife, Katherine Miller
In loving memory of her parents, Joseph and Mary Dakes by Mark and Charlene Valentine
In loving memory of his parents, James and Kathleen Valentine by Mark & Charlene Valentine
In loving memory of McKayla Ann Wall by Mom & Dad (Lauren & Jesse), Nicholas & Kallia Wall
In loving memory of Kevin Titus by Titis, Miller & Livingston Families
In loving memory of our sister, Linda Yellets by Ray, Bob, Jimmy & Shelly Woodring
In loving memory of our brother, Jack Woodring by Ray, Bob, Jimmy & Shelly Woodring
In loving memory of our parents, John & Fern Woodring by Ray, Bob, Jimmy & Shelly Woodring
In loving memory of Richard Dreisbach by Betty Dreisbach
In loving memory of Shayne Titus Livingston by Betty Dreisbach
In loving memory of her husband, Russell Rudenko by his wife, Fern Rudenko
In loving memory of her son, Todd Rudenko by his mother, Fern Rudenko
In loving memory of her son, Mark Rudenko by his mother, Fern Rudenko
In loving memory of her parents, Doris & Irvin Huegel by Fern Rudenko
In loving memory of her brother, Stanley Huegel by Fern Rudenko
In loving memory of her sister, Joyce Olencki by Fern Rudenko
In loving memory of parents, Clair and Ella Gerber by daughter, Marlene McLaughlin and family
In loving memory of granddaughter, Kendall McLaughlin by grandparents, Barry and Marlene McLaughlin and uncles,
Chris and Eddie
In loving memory of Robert & Gertrude Fritzinger by Glenn & Lorie Fritzinger
Christmas Memorial Gifts to the Capital Campaign Fund are given to the Glory of God:
In loving memory of her parents, Jack & Betty Davies, by John, Beth & Olivia Lattanzi
Christmas Memorial Gifts to the Candle Fund are given to the Glory of God:
In loving memory of Jeff Davies by John, Beth & Olivia Lattanzi
Christmas Memorial Gifts to the Fuel Fund are given to the Glory of God:
In loving memory of my parents, Martha & Dan Zeigler by Gerry Zeigler

Christmas Memorial Gifts to the Helping Hand Fund are given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of Charles “Chunky” and Pauline Schissler by Barry and Marlene McLaughlin and sons

In loving memory of Grace Springer love, Judy

Christmas Memorial Gifts to the Current Fund are given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of my husband, Karl C. Miller on Christmas Day by wife, Katherine Miller

In loving memory of my brother-in-law, Karl C. Miller on Christmas Day by sister-in-law, Charlotte Scheidly

In loving memory of John Carl Casler Jr. by mom and sisters, Ashly, Alesia, and Alyssa

In loving memory of Brian Fetterman, love Ashly, Aubry, and Camdyn

In loving memory of Francis & Dorothy (Rother) Epler at Christmas time from daughters Frances, Joan & Carol

In loving memory of granddaughter, McKayla Ann Wall by Gram and Pap (Dave & Louise Schock)

In loving memory of our son, Brian by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

In loving memory of our parents, Louis & Ruth Markel and Francis (Murf) Arner by Francis and Joyce Arner

In loving memory of his sister, Diane Miller by Fran and Joyce Arner

In loving memory of their great-niece, McKayla Wall by Fran and Joyce Arner

In loving memory of our family and friends by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

In loving memory of our son, Ellsworth K. Davis by mom, dad, Glenn & Michael

In loving memory of our parents, Gloria & Ellsworth Davis & Betty & Williams Schmauch by Ells & Gail Davis

In loving memory of sister & brother-in-law, Jean & William Jones by Ells & Gail Davis

In loving memory of brother, Carl Gerber by sister, Marlene McLaughlin and family

In loving memory of Roberts S. Evans, Helen Evans Gilbert & Robert D. & Gwendolyn Evans by Donald & Frances Evans

In loving memory of her parents, Dorothy & Jasper Collura, by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

In loving memory of his mother, Gayle Hadesty, by David & Ann Marie Hadesty & family

In loving memory of my husband, Carl W. Koch Sr. and my son Carl W. Koch Jr. by Mary L. Koch

In Thankfulness to God for all his blessings by anonymous

Christmas Memorial Gifts to the Endowment Fund are given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of Shirley Becker by Suzanne Cunningham

In loving memory of family & friends by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

In loving memory of loved ones by Mark and Charlene Valentine

In loving memory of his parents, James and Kathleen Valentine by Mark & Charlene Valentine

In loving memory of my father, Carl W. Koch Sr. by John & Carol Dietrich & family

In loving memory of my brother, Carl W. Koch Jr. by John & Carol Dietrich & family

In loving memory of family & friends by John & Carol Dietrich

In loving memory of Carl & Fannie Wolfe by daughters, Beverly & Nancy & their families

In loving memory of Larry Kabana by wife, Nancy, sons, Kevin & John & their families

In loving memory of John & Amelia Agnor by son, Bob, daughter-in-law, Beverly & their family

In loving memory of Jack & Jesse Agnor by brother, Bob, sister-in-law, Beverly & their family

In loving memory of her husband, Russell Rudenko by his wife, Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her son, Todd Rudenko by his mother, Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her son, Mark Rudenko by his mother, Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her parents, Doris & Irvin Huegel by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her brother, Stanley Huegel by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her sister, Joyce Olencki by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her mother-in-law & father-in-law, Ignatius & Mary Rudenko by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dorothy & Thomas Daniels by Fern Rudenko

In loving memory of his parents, Marvin & Agnes Ristila & her father, Stanley Karnish by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Ristila

In loving memory of Shirley Becker by granddaughter, Karen Cunningham

In loving memory of loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

Sunday, January 29, 2023 Zion honored Mark Valentine for his years of services as chair of the Property Committee with an after-service luncheon. Thank you, Mark.



Zion's New Year's Day Community Dinner served about 120 dinners.



2023



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



FriEDEN'S: An Amazing Garden Story

A few weeks after the lockdown in the spring of 2020, I called a neighbor in town who had a garden in her front yard. It's Shartlesville, and the PA Dutch are used to their yards looking *just so,* so I knew this was a brave woman who loved gardening vegetables more than public opinion. I also knew she didn't have room for pumpkins in her small yard, so I called and proposed we plant some viney crops up on our church property. She agreed and even had the seeds, gardening skills, and ideas, so after consultation with council, the garden was born. We sent our crop to the neighboring UCC congregation's food pantry, and with the excess had physically- distant free produce giveaways.

In 2021, we expanded the garden by half, to about 50 by 75 feet. We watered each plant via a recycled gallon milk jug with a pinprick in the bottom. The plants were happy, but our backs were not. It took 45 minutes to an hour to water all the jugs, which we did nearly every day because the garden is in full sun. The black plastic we used for weed suppression became a slip-and-slide while we irrigated.

In 2022, we were able to install a drip irrigation system that did not require filling milk jugs and weed suppression fabric that was not slippery. The fabric required using a blow torch to make holes for planting but will be able to be used for multiple years. The irrigation only required turning on the spigot and letting it run for several hours, which was a true God-send because we had some unexpected health issues on the garden team that limited our volunteer force! It was an extraordinarily dry summer, so the grant came just in time.

This past summer we had 21 people volunteer in the garden, took produce to 5 food pantries or senior centers, including Cafe Esperanza in Reading, and welcomed 29 people into the garden at a joint VBS. Not only are we feeding our neighbors with free, fresh, pesticide-free produce, but we are also getting to know our neighbors, developing new connections in the congregation among volunteers, teaching children about food insecurity and the joy of gardening, and passing on agricultural wisdom.

Submitted by Pastor Inge Williams

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ASSEMBLY



2023

GOING
BEYOND
DEATH
TO LIFE

JUNE
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What's happening at Kalahari?

- Plenaries full of important decisions like the next Vice President of the Synod and the next Secretary.
- Small group breakouts with important and timely topics like small rural ministry, growing young, anti-racism, innovative worship, and more...
- Vibrant worship featuring Agape (David Scherer) and spoken word poet, Joe Davis.
- Free time activities and gatherings.
- And an incredible guest preacher for our festival worship (announcement coming soon.)

*We're hard at work planning
this incredible event!*



SO, LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER,
RECHARGE, WORSHIP, AND ENGAGE IN
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