

Mount Zion Glad Tidings July 2023



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Happy Independence Day!

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

Sausage Sandwich Sale

Friday, July 14

Celebrate Your Faith Night

Reading Fightin' Phils

Thursday, July 27

From The Vicar: OF GOOD WORKS: *The Lutheran notion of justification by faith does not somehow condemn good works; faith causes them to do good works as a sign of our justification (or salvation), not a requirement for salvation.*

- Article XX of The Augsburg Confessions

Last month we observed the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession in 1530. I thought it appropriate to give some background on this as it is a major part of the Reformation's beginning. And, we Lutherans, should have more insight as to what Luther and the reformers were saying.

Sunday, June 25, 1530

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melancthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

The Augsburg Confession consists of 28 articles presented by Lutheran princes and representatives of "free cities" at the Diet of Augsburg that set forward what the Lutherans believed, taught and confessed in positive (theses) and negative (antitheses) statements. The theses are 21 Chief Articles of Faith describing the normative principles of Christian faith held by the Lutherans; the antitheses are seven statements describing what they viewed as abuses of the Christian faith present in the Roman Catholic church.

The Augsburg Confession became the primary confessional document for the Lutheran movement, even without the contribution of Martin Luther. Following the public reading of the Augsburg Confession in June 1530, the expected response by Charles V and the Vatican representatives at the Diet of Augsburg was not immediately forthcoming. Following debate between the court of Charles V and the Vatican representatives, the official response known as the Pontifical Confutation of the Augsburg Confession was produced to the Diet, though the document was so poorly prepared that the document was never published for widespread distribution, nor presented to the Lutherans at the Diet.

The purpose was to defend the Lutherans against misrepresentations and to provide a statement of their theology that would be acceptable to the Roman Catholics. On August 3 the Catholic theologians replied with the Confutation, which condemned 13 articles of the Confession, accepted 9 without qualifications, and approved 6 with qualifications. The emperor refused to receive a Lutheran counter-reply offered on September 22, but Melancthon used it as the basis for his Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1531). This 1530 version of the Confession (known as the "unaltered" version) has been authoritative for Lutherans, but proponents of the eucharistic doctrine of Huldrych Zwingli and John Calvin accepted a modified edition prepared by Melancthon (the *Variata* of 1540).

A Message From Our Council President

It's hard to believe it's already July. We're getting ready to celebrate the birth of our nation. I thought I'd share some poems that I found combining our faith with our celebrations for the 4th of July.

An Independence Day Prayer

by Margaret Cagle

Lord, on July fourth we'll celebrate
Independence Day in our nation.
You gave us the truth to set us free.
You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.

We thank you for the precious freedom
That we have in our nation today.
We know this country's not perfect,
But we honor our nation, the USA.

We thank you for the Founding Fathers,
Who for freedom took a brave stand.
Many placed their very lives in peril
To start a free country in a new land.

I thank you for the brave soldiers,
Who gave their lives to keep us free.
They gave their ultimate sacrifice
For freedom for Americans like me.

As we shoot fireworks and celebrate
With patriotic concerts and parades,
We thank you for all your blessings
And your great love that never fades.

As we gather with our loved ones
For picnics and barbecues and fun,
We want to thank you for everything,
Especially for sending your only Son!

Fourth of July Poem/Acronym

Written by Steve Patterson on June 18, 2012

Freedom came with a price, the price of Christ blood shed on the Cross.
Our Lord and Savior saved us all from our sins.
Unrighteous we may be, but the grace us God set us free.
Rely on God, He will show our paths.
The truth is in God's Word, the Bible, His Holy Book.
Helping one another along the way.
Obedient to what God wants us to do.
Father, Creator, God is He.
Jesus died for our sins.
United one day, we believers will be in Heaven.
Love one another as Christ loved us.
You are a special creation made from God, our Heavenly Father.

Read more: <https://www.courageouschristianfather.com/fourth-of-july-poemacronym/#ixzz83nuQW3hG>

A big thank you to all who signed up to help work at the Kempton Fair. It's a few hours of your time, but lots of fun. You get into the fair for free and it's an opportunity to see old friends. I'm very disappointed that I couldn't be there with you this year. But thank you all again for sharing some of your time for the benefit of Mt. Zion!

Yours in faith,
Missy Keller
Council President

Worship & Music Committee

THANK YOU...

...to everyone who helped with the cleaning, preparation, moving of needed items and clean-up for our Outdoor Worship Service and the return of our Annual Picnic!!!

Watch for some photos of the event in next month's newsletter!

Local Shared Outreach Update

Our May collection items were Personal Care/Hygiene items:

Deodorant - 28	Bar Soap - 19	Tooth Brushes - 18
Shampoo - 16	Tooth Paste - 1	Conditioner - 11
Body Wash - 5	Hand Soap - 3	Body Lotion - 1
	Band Aids - 1	

For a monthly total of **115** items!

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Our focus items for the month of **July** are:

Lunch Box Items:
Cracker Packs, Granola Bars,
Jello Cups, Fruit Cups,
Pudding Cups, Fruit Snacks,
Rice Krispy Treats,
Raisins Packs, etc.



Jingle Project

We selected **Helping Harvest's Weekender Program** for the **July/August/September quarter** recipient. This program provides preschool and elementary school students with a bag of food to be consumed when they are not in the classroom. Helping Harvest is distributing about 5,000 bags a week in partnership with 100 schools and day care centers. This is a very expensive program, with each bag costing \$12-\$14. The organization's leaders believe it is a top priority to feed children during their critical brain development years, understanding that if the nutritional needs of children aren't met when they're young, they will likely carry deficits with them for the rest of their lives. — Per Jack Worrall, President of Helping Harvest and taken from the Reading Eagle article published on March 1, 2023.



Blessed Beginnings Update

See the thank you we received from this Jan/Feb/Mar Jingle Project recipient on page 18. This organization will be visiting us with a Temple Talk in the Fall.

Fundraising Committee!
Sausage Sandwich Sale



Friday, July 14, from 4 to 7:00 PM - Cost is \$10.00

Meal includes: Sausage on a roll with peppers, onions and sauce, a canned drink, and a bag of chips.

Pre-orders requested by July 5.

See Janice Clemmer at church or call her at 610-683-7901.

NOTE: Limited amount of walk-ins available!!!

Redner's Save a Tape Program

Bring your register receipts from any Redner's Grocery Store. **You will need to have a Redner's Loyalty shopping card for the receipt to qualify.** We will receive a 1% cash back for the total of your receipt. Put your receipts in the container on the table below the bulletin board.



We ask that you please place **ONLY** Redner's receipts in the container and that you do so in a timely manner, or Redner's may not accept them.



Thank you!!!

Kempton Fair Stand Thank you!

A big **THANK YOU** to the following persons who supported us by volunteering at the Kempton Fair Pizza & Soft Pretzel stand:

Joe Arndt	 Lorrie Arndt	Martin Billger *
Sharon Billger	Doris Boehm	Shirley Burkhart
Lisa Christman	Janice Clemmer	Kenneth Clemmer
Leigh Duddy	Debbie Frear	Diane Gaumer
Marcia Green	Bill Green	Vicar Jeremiah Heydt *
Dylan Kaschak	Dennis Miller	Nancy Miller
Patty O'Neill	April Osterstock	Jim Pizzelanti
Greg Schappell *	Julie Schappell	Sue Stemko
Cindy Wetzel	Jeff Wetzel	

* Martin served as Lead Person Thursday & Friday nights,
 Greg served as Lead Person 1st shift Saturday, and
 Vicar served as Lead Person for the 2nd shift on Saturday.

We couldn't have done this without all of your help, thanks again!
 The amount of money we raised for Mt. Zion will be reported as soon as we receive it from the fair.

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATE!!!



Congratulations to all who have graduated from High School and those who have completed post-graduate studies. May the church's prayers be a source of direction and guidance for the future:

<p>Zachory Russo</p> <p>Son of Stacey & Tom Russo</p> <p>Grandson of Diane Gaumer</p>	<p>Northwestern Lehigh High School</p> <p>Will be attending Penn State, University Park, in the fall specializing in Broadcast Journalism</p>
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Editor's Note: This graduation announcement was missed in last month's newsletter. While Zachory's information was submitted by his family in plenty of time to be included in the newsletter, I missed it. My apologies to Zachory and his family.



Community Events!

Friedens Invitation

Mark your calendar! - Our friends at Friedens Lutheran Church, Stony Run, have invited us to their **Outdoor Worship and Picnic on July 23rd at Leaser Lake**. They will hold their Sunday service at 10:00 AM near the North Launch (just off of Ontelaunee Road). A covered dish picnic will follow. Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert or beverage to share. Afternoon entertainment will be fishing, kayak/canoeing, horseshoes, hiking and games. Please bring your lawn chair and games.



On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023, four of our youth affirmed their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation:

Elliot Dennis Knutsen

Laura Jean Wanamaker

Konnor Buddy Weisner

Sydney Clare Schappell

Congratulations to our confirmands!



Vacation Bible School Invitation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lobachsville, pastored by Chuck Scharadin, SALM, who also serves Friedens, Stony Run, on the fourth Sunday of the month, has invited us to participate in their VBS program. We have gotten to know Chuck through our joint Lenten Season Soup Suppers and Studies and previous VBS program. When St. Paul's learned that we were not holding a VBS program at Mt. Zion this year they invited us to join in theirs.

See the next page for program details. Registration forms are available on the Conference Room table.

In addition, anyone willing to assist with the program is welcome, there is a helper form on the table as well.

Chuck lives in our Mt. Zion area and is willing to provide transportation to Lobachsville for up to 4 children needing it. They can ride along with him.

If you have any questions, contact liaison Sharon Billger at 610-682-7038.



Concert Series

In the Historic Covered Kutztown Park Bandshell

Free to the public and held rain or shine.

Wed 7/5 7 - 9 PM - Kutztown University Summer Music Festival

Sat 7/8 7 - 9 PM - TimeWhys

Sat 7/15 7 - 9 PM - Frog Holler

Sat 7/22 7 - 9 PM - Swing Fever

Sat 7/29 6 - 8 PM - The Fabulous Greaseband


The park concession stand, run by Saucony Café, will be open during the concerts.





July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED  Independence Day	5 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	6	7	8
9 9:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	10	11	12 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	13 NO Council Meeting This Month	14 4 – 7 PM Sausage Sandwich Sale	15
16 9:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	17 6:30 PM Property 7 PM Fundraising	18	19 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	20	21	22
23 9:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	24	25	26 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	27 Celebrate Your Faith Night at the Fightin' Phils 5 PM Plaza Opens 6 PM Grandstand Opens 7 PM Game Begins Fireworks follow game!	28	29
30 9:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion Following Worship Social Ministry Committee Mtg	31					

The Amazing Adventures of Moses



Join us for
Vacation Bible School
at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Lobachsville

July 31st – August 4th
6 PM – 8 PM each day

Come learn about the early life of Moses
and how God used him to save His people.

Join us as we sing fun songs,
are entertained with silly skits,
act out the different stories, do fun activities,
make crafts, play games
and enjoy refreshments.

All children age 3 thru having completed
6th grade are invited.

Register by calling or texting 484-333-2083
or email rlssrsplus6@yahoo.com

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PRAYER REMEMBRANCE



Please remember the following persons in your weekly prayers.
A card or a note of cheer would be greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Biglin, Doris Boehm, Brian Berlin, Barbara Geisler,
Linda Grim, Tyler Grim, Christine High, Wayne Iman,
Emma Laigale Susan Landers, Sharon Miller, Della Noll,
Keith Rohrbach, Nancy Sanner, Randy Schlegel, Dolly Selleck,
Bonnie Solt, Sara Vanderklute, Debbie Way, Judy Weisner,
Jessica Wessner, Tim Wessner.

*Help to keep this list current by reviewing it and
updating us with their status and progress.*

*We will remove names appearing for 4 weeks or
more unless otherwise advised.*



Please remember our
homebound members with
a card to let them know you
are thinking of them.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED MT. ZION VISITATIONS

Mrs. Pauline Berlin
55 W. Daniel Road
Kutztown, PA 19530

Mrs. Jean Higgins
1631 Marshal St. SW
Allentown, PA 18103

In Deepest Sympathy



Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Pastor Hans Ulrich Dietze who went to be with the Lord on May 12, 2023. May the message of the resurrection and the promise of Christ be of comfort for them. Pastor Dietze was the liaison for our sister church in Flößberg, Saxony, Germany, serving in this capacity for close to 30 years. Over this time our relationship went from one of "official" correspondence between churches to one of dear friendship. We shall miss his letters, cards, and phone calls.

The following message was received by the Billgers on June 8, 2023:

Dear Community in Kutztown,

Unfortunately, I have to inform you that our long-time pastor and dear friend Hans Ulrich Dietze passed away on May 12th at the age of 89. At the beginning of the year he had a femoral neck fracture, was operated on in the hospital and came back to his apartment in Flößberg after a cure. Unfortunately, the wound had become inflamed at the beginning of May, so he had to go to the hospital again. He was due to be released home on 12 May, but died on the night of the 12th.

He left many traces during his time of service here in Flößberg, he has accompanied many families as a pastor since 1970. He was extremely intelligent, very modest, always helpful and very interested in the welfare of the community. From 1970 to 1998 he led the spiritual life as a pastor for Flößberg and Beucha, and since 1980 also for Schöna.

In addition to his ministry of Preaching, it was very important to him to keep in honor the memory of the branch of the Buchenwald concentration camp, here in the Flößberg Forest between Flößberg and Beucha. In many hours he researched, established contacts with former prisoners and their survivors and brought the terrible deeds of the Nazi dictatorship to light. In cooperation with the Heimatverein, he has told many citizens and especially many young people about the atrocities. It was important to him until the end of his life to always keep this memory alive and pass it on to the next generation.

He was especially grateful for the deep friendship and attachment to their community in Pennsylvania. The highlight for him and the community were the visits to the USA or when the people of the partner community came to Saxony here. He has meticulously prepared and organized the visits for all travelers, so that the visitors have seen, noticed and learned a lot from the other partner community. This was an unforgettable enrichment for many. Many contacts were established, which became friendships. For this we are incredibly grateful to Pastor Dietze.

Although his physical strength gradually left him towards the end, his mind remained wide awake until the end and he took up with interest what is happening in his small and in our big world and took a personal stand on it. Until the end, he still organized things and thought about the progress of things. Trusting in God, our Lord, he then had to let go....

His wife Gisela, his son André with his family, the neighbors, the friends and the community are incredibly grateful for his many years of work and creativity, for many beautiful services, for his music, for unforgettable experiences. We will keep an honorable memory of him!

On May 23, 2023, the funeral service for Pastor Dietze took place in the Flößberg Church. Pastor Barbara Vetter from Prießnitz held the service and paid tribute to the life and work of Pastor Dietze in a moving celebration. With a lot of music (From the church choir Flößberg) and from the organ as well as with prayers, the congregation said goodbye in the fully occupied church. After the funeral service, Pastor Dietze was buried in the cemetery in Bad Lausick in his final resting place.

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July Service Calendar

2022 DATE	SUNDAY	ORDER OF WORSHIP	WORSHIP ASSIST	HOLY COMMUNION	COMMENTS
2-July	9:15 AM 5 Pentecost	ELW	Jeff	Yes	Malotte's Lord's Prayer
9-July	9:15 AM 6 Pentecost	ELW	Marcia	Yes	
16-July	9:15 AM 7 Pentecost	ELW	Sue	Yes	
23-July	9:15AM 8 Pentecost	ELW	Greg	Yes	
30-July	9:15 AM 9 Pentecost	ELW	Jeff	Yes	

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Mrs. Dietze will probably not stay at the rectory in Flößberg. The house is too big for her and she can't manage the large garden and the property on her own. She plans to take a smaller apartment in Bad Lausick and live there.

We hope and pray that Father Dietze's family will be comforted by God in their grief.

In his last days of life, Pastor Dietze asked Mrs. Schindler from Beucha to take care of the continuation of the partnership with them. Mathias Stiller will work together with Mrs. Schindler to ensure that the contact with the community remains. It would be important for the time being that we send each other the community messages. Please feel free to send this to the address of Pastor Dietze in Flößberg. Mrs. Dietze will inform Mr. Stiller and Mrs. Schindler if there is any news.

Now we hope and pray for you that you all stay blessed and healthy by God!

You are cordially greeted, also on behalf of Gisela and André Dietze, Mathias Stiller and Christina Schindler.

We are glad that Pastor Dietze made arrangements for our sister church relationship to continue. Mathias Stiller and Christina Schindler are people who we know. I will continue to send our monthly newsletters as I have been doing for years and I will share whatever news comes back from them.

- Sharon Billger, Mt. Zion's liaison to Flößberg

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly Report

- Over the 3 days there were 5 Plenary Sessions at which the business of the synod was done.

- Elections were held: Nancy Reichelt is our new Synod Council Vice President and the Rev. Kenneth Melber Jr. is our new Synod Council Secretary. Daniel Tobey of Holy Spirit, Emmaus, was elected Youth Male on Synod Council. The vacant offices of Youth Female and Lay Female will be appointed by the Council since there were no nominations for these positions.

- Three resolutions were presented and all three passed:

- 1st. Concerning Responsible Money Management in Congregations
- 2nd. Concerning Chaplaincy at Diakon Retirement Facilities
- 3rd. Concerning Adoption of an Official NEPS Land Acknowledgment Statement, this is in reference to the indigenous peoples of our area.

- We worshiped each day. The Festival Worship Service on Thursday evening was very uplifting. The service included the installation of our new Director of Evangelical Mission, Deacon Kat Tigerman. The message was brought by Bishop Patricia Davenport of the SEPS. She urged us to "listen to the message of God, and then act upon it!" Our Bishop Christopher deForest brought the message for our Saturday morning opening prayer service. He held up the cross he wore and said, "this is not a plus sign, not a decoration, it's a declaration, our Christ died for us!"

- We heard from numerous speakers, too many to mention them here, but I will mention Iain Chester, Chicago, IL, who serves as Executive Director for Innovation with the ELCA Churchwide Organization. He works with churches, leaders, and communities as they address their biggest challenges of today while making a path forward for the future.

- Our special musical performers were Spoken Word Poet, Joe Davis, and Rap Musician, David Scherer. They used skits and song to address the problems we have with racism in our country today. They asked, "do you see God in the face of everyone you meet?"

- Several workshops were offered for us. Martin, Tina, and Sharon attended first, the workshop for Small Church Ministry: "Making Every Effort". This was based on Ephesians 4:3 and spoke to the unity of the spirit. We were urged to show love to our neighbors so they can see the face of God. Things have changed, we can't wait for them to come in our church buildings to us, we have to go out there to them! We need to show them that we are here!

The 2nd workshop we attended was entitled "Do they know us by our love?" It was presented by the director of LAMPa, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania. She spoke about hunger and housing programs done by the Lutheran church and that we need to let our lawmakers know what we are doing. She explained to us that the state of Pennsylvania played a robust role in setting up systems to feed people during the Covid shut down. Such as food left at colleges after the shutdown started and the students went home. LAMPa was contacted about how to get food from places where it wasn't needed to places where it was needed. Lutherans knew how to do that!

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-The keynote speaker was Bishop Michael Girlinghouse of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod. He spoke about the losses that churches face and how they must work through the grief of those losses before they can move forward.

-There was a large area called Ministry Share Fair where organizations set up tables with their information to share with us. At one table we spoke with Deacon Travis Woodfield about the Deacons & Dragons Program for churches to host the recording of the live-play game of Dungeons and Dragons in their buildings. This ministry, based in Allentown, is a way to appeal to young people. Wouldn't our gothic-style building be a perfect setting! At another table we spoke with the ladies who were running the assembly service project, sleeping mats for the homeless, made from plastic bags.

- Throughout the assembly we were reminded of the 3 Vital Sign Goals of our synod: the themes from the past two year's assemblies: **Growing Young** and **Gaining Strength, Stronger Together**, and this year's theme, **Going Beyond Death to Life**. Our Bishop deForest spoke about a new idea that builds on partnership and mutuality, it's an alternative named "6-2-6-1". This idea is to address the growing shortage of pastors. The definition: 6 congregations sharing 2 full-time pastors and 6 SALM's (Synodically Authorized Lay Minister) and 1 full-time deacon. Bishop deForest stated, "This means working together, not meaning mergers." He further noted that some may say this is a new idea, but it actually goes back to the parish system of the past.

We hope you found this report interesting. We were honored to represent Mt. Zion at the synod assembly and to serve as your voting delegates.
Sharon & Martin Billger

Jingle Project Thank You Received!

Dear Sharon,
I wanted to personally thank you and the entire congregation at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for your amazing donation of \$605.30. This will help provide 4-5 baskets to 4-5 families starting a new chapter in their lives.

The team at Blessed Beginnings recognizes that our organization would not be possible without the community support around us so we are so grateful you chose us to receive your 1st quarter collection.

We would love to come for a visit one day and thank you all in person. We do ask for continued prayers for the individuals receiving our baskets and for us, that we continue God's will and purpose for Blessed Beginnings. Our Biggest Hope is that the people receiving our baskets receive the biggest gift and that's God's love and mercy and grace.

Thank you again for supporting us - we look forward to meeting you in the future.

Jordan Rentschler
Founder

2-July	Bobby	Follweiler
4-July	Glenn	Landon
6-July	Jacob	Sullivan
7-July	Jean	Gaston
11-July	Debra	Dietrich
12-July	Shirley	Burkhart
14-July	Kristin	Kohler
14-July	Ryan	Morstatt
18-July	Emily	Arndt
20-July	Brynnli	Hillegass
22-July	Michelle	Miller
23-July	Brady	Frederick
24-July	Melvin	Shumaker
24-July	Diane	Gaumer
24-July	Carol	Shoemaker
24-July	Thomas	Tamagnone
25-July	Jean	Wetzel
25-July	Christine	Danenhower
27-July	Michelle	Batz
28-July	Dylan	Kaschak
28-July	Carter	Tallman
29-July	Edward	German
30-July	Ashley	Thompson
30-July	Megan	O'Neill
30-July	Savannah	Follweiler
31-July	Brenna	Rutherford

Happy Birthday !



Note: Individuals celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries are remembered in the intercessory prayers of the congregation at Sunday Worship prior to the date of their birthday or anniversary.

Happy Anniversary !



07/02/2011 Nadean & Edward Cuff
07/04/2007 Jennifer & Christopher Gehris
07/09/2000 Tina & Vicar Jeremiah Heydt
07/16/2005 Jean Gaston &
William Granieri
07/21/2007 Jennifer & Jeffrey Bruno
07/25/2009 Melissa & Justin Langston
07/30/2016 Katie & Nathan Tallman

July Worship Service Support

July 2	9:15 AM
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Lillian Moyer, Janice Clemmer
Lector	Cheryl Franckowiak
Ushers	Lillian Moyer, Janice Clemmer, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Cheryl Franckowiak, Sue Stemko
Flowers	
Bulletins	
July 9	9:15 AM
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Daniel Batz, Bill Green
Lector	Jeff Wetzel
Ushers	Daniel Batz, Bill Green, Melissa Keller, Greg Schappell
Comm. Asst.	Jeff Wetzel, Martin Billger
Flowers	Tina & Jeremiah Heydt in Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary
Bulletins	Sue Stemko in Loving Memory of her son Sean.
July 16	9:15 AM
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Bonnie & Dean Scott
Lector	Melissa Keller
Ushers	Bonnie & Dean Scott, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Bonnie & Dean Scott
Flowers	
Bulletins	Carol Shoemaker in Memory of her husband.
July 23	9:15 AM
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Cynthia & Jeffrey Wetzel
Lector	Eloise Tucker
Ushers	Cynthia Wetzel, Janice Clemmer, Volunteers

July Worship Service Support Continued

July 23	9:15 AM continued
Comm. Asst.	Marcia Green, Lorrie Arndt
Flowers	Carol Shoemaker in Celebration of her 80th Birthday.
Bulletins	Jean Wetzel in Celebration of her 93rd Birthday.
July 30	9:15 AM
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Arlene & Richard Schmeck
Lector	Kellene Knutsen
Ushers	Arlene & Richard Schmeck, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Kellene Knutsen, Elliot Knutsen
Flowers	Donald & Frances Schroeder in Memory of Warren Schroeder.
Bulletins	Donald & Frances Schroeder in Memory of Warren Schroeder.

*We are in need of Flower & Bulletin sponsors in July.
Please consider commemorating a special event or memory
of a loved one with a donation of flowers or bulletins.*

Upcoming July Events!



Happy Independence Day!
Tuesday, July 4
Office Closed!



Sausage Sandwich Sale
Friday, July 14
See page 7 for details.



Celebrate Your Faith Night
Reading Fightin' Phils
Thursday, July 27



Social Ministry Committee

Windy Hill Community Garden Blessing

This year's Garden Blessing took place as part of our outdoor worship service on Sunday, June 18, 2023. If you'd like to be on the workday contact list to know when they are scheduled, please give your cell # to Janice Clemmer.



Vicar Heydt blessing the garden.



Chair Janice Clemmer putting in a plant during the blessing.

Your Input Is Needed!!!

At our last Social Ministry Committee meeting we discussed the "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday coming up in September. This will be the 10th anniversary of this ELCA service program. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Unfortunately, participation in these events at Mt. Zion has fallen off in recent years, to the point of cancellation.

We have prepared a survey located at the top of the next page.

Please take a few moments to fill it out to let us know what would work best for **you** to be able to participate in a God's Work Our Hands service day at Mt. Zion.
Thank you!

God's Work - Our Hands Survey

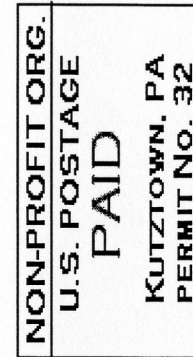
Activity Options: Please rate 1, 2, 3 with your preference.

- ☐ Collect Supplies & Assemble Hygiene Kits
- ☐ Collect Supplies & Assemble School Kits
- ☐ Collect Socks & Gloves of all Sizes

Day of the Week Options: Since Sunday after church has not worked out, please rate 1, 2, 3 with your preference.

- ☐ Tuesday Night
- ☐ Thursday Night
- ☐ Saturday Afternoon

Cut off at dotted lines and give to Janice Clemmer, Sharon Billger, or place in the offering plate on Sunday morning.



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Purpose Statement

God's purpose for our congregation is to commit ourselves to learn and to spread God's Word and to serve others.

Guiding Principles

- Jesus is Lord and Savior
- Seek to be in relationship with God
- Ensure that everyone is welcome
- Encourage generosity toward others
- Live the faith

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