

Mount Zion Glad Tidings December 2023

Merry Christmas from Church Council!



Sunday School Christmas Program - Praise Band & Fellowship
Sunday, December 17



LSO Caroling at the Kettle - Radcliffe's, Mertztown
Saturday, December 23, 10-11 AM



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 7 & 10:30 PM
Sunday, December 24



**Happy Birthday Jesus!
Merry Christmas!**
Saturday, December 25



NO Sunday School or Confirmation Class
Sunday, December 24 and Sunday, December 31

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Please submit items by the **15th** of the month.

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*If you need further tax deductions
for this year consider a
contribution to Mt. Zion!*

From The Vicar:

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

-Matthew 3:3

Job's comforters could not bring him comfort. They could talk about the consolations of God, but something was lacking. Simeon's comfort sprang out of the promise that he would see the Christ before he died. He awaited eagerly the coming of the one who would redeem Israel and bring hope to the people.

The word "advent" is derived from the Latin verb *advenio*, "to come," and in the Christian year it refers to the coming of Jesus Christ. Advent reflects a double significance: this season of joy looks backward and forward. It recalls the coming of Christ as God's love broke in on earth, never to fade away. It anticipates Christ coming again to judge mankind in awesome power and victory.

Advent's stirring message challenges us to fulfill John the Baptist's plea, "Prepare the way of the Lord." This call implies self-examination on our part. Are we ready to receive Christ our Lord?

This Advent mood of self-examination embraces four Sundays prior to Christmas Day. It culminates in the joyful festivities of Christmas. It's our prayer that the expansive heart, the note of joy, and the awe of the Bethlehem birth should spread over the whole year.

Christmas is God's consolation of concern. We do not have an easy answer to the problem of suffering, but we do have this ultimate experience which carries us through it. We learn that in Jesus Christ, God is telling us that no man suffers alone. In the darkest hour, God suffers with us.

Christmas is God's consolation of love. Salvation doesn't lie in our being protected but in assurance that we are loved. If you're seeking a unique thing about Jesus Christ, find it here in the fact that without him men dared not believe in the love of God; but with him, they never could deny it. Christmas is God's consolation of power. We may turn the birthday of Jesus into a sentimental, passing experience, but that's only when we substitute worldly glitter for spiritual reality. He is the power to become, the power to conquer evil, and the power to wait. Down through the years, ordinary people like us have been overcoming the world in His strength.

To experience the birth of Christ is to be present at an explosion in which all the traditional categories that serve as walls between ourselves and others are blown apart. To have been at that manger would have been both a thrilling and a very insecure experience. It would have been insecure because of the categories of age, class, and nationality would have slipped from your grasp. Here, young and old, rich and poor, Jew and stranger were mixed in a new kind of human community

– God with us...Come Lord Jesus.

Let us prepare the way.....Amen

A Message from the Council President

Three Notes and an Little Update

from Karen Wanamaker, Council President

- First, a heartfelt thank you to Missy Keller for her time as President. She was instrumental in helping to lead us through the fire to a beautifully restored church. Her hours of dedication to this congregation are truly appreciated. Please consider thanking her by following her request that everyone joins at least one committee. Many hands make light work.
- Second, Happy Holiday Season! From a Happy Thanksgiving to a Happy New Year, there are a lot of upcoming holidays. It's easy to stress out about all the to-do lists and the shopping, but remember to BE PRESENT. Be Present in your life, focusing on what is truly important. Be Present for your loved ones, sharing time with them. Be Present at work, doing what you are supposed to do rather than what distracts you. And most certainly, Be Present at your church, sharing with a community of believers who are all preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.
- Third, check out the new bulletin board for Committee News in the back of the church in the hallway. **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!** We have a lot to do and not enough people volunteering. Please check this board often and help out where you can. Join at least one committee! **YOU CAN DO IT!** I have faith in you. We are ALL busy, so that is NOT a good excuse.

Council update:

Council met on November 8th. One of the biggest parts of our meeting is learning about what all of our wonderful committees have been up to since their last reports. We truly have a lot to be proud of with all the community engagement, LSO work, Social Ministry, the Jingle Project, etc. Internally, our property committee installed the new lights in the parking lot across the street and is preparing for an electric upgrade to our outside buildings. You will also notice that the lower parking lot has been repaved! Be aware of the new driving directions. Enter it at the lower end and drive towards the church. Our fundraising folks had a wonderful Pork and Sauerkraut night and are busy preparing for the Christmas Bazaar on November 18th. This is just a sampling of what is going on at Mt. Zion. Good things are happening. Make sure you're involved!

Happy Holidays to all including a very
blessed and Merry Christmas!

From the Worship & Music Committee

Our committee will meet on **Saturday, December 2, at 10AM** to decorate the sanctuary with Blue Advent colors.

You are welcome to come out and help with the decorating.

Christmas Eve Services Scheduled:

10:15 AM - 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00 PM - Candlelight Service

10:30 PM - Candlelight Service



We hope to see all of you in celebration of Jesus' birth.



Christmas Poinsettia Reminder



If you ordered poinsettias to beautify our church sanctuary on Christmas Eve and elected to take your flowers home, please remember to take them along when you leave Christmas Eve services. Thank you!

First Communion Class Begins Sunday, January 14, 2024, 9 AM.

This class is being offered to children in 5th grade.

Instruction class will be held at 9 AM, beginning Sunday, January 14, 2024.



Then February 11, March 3, and March 17. 1st Communion with the families will be on Easter Sunday, March 31, either service.

This is the next step in a child's journey to receive the second Sacrament of the Lutheran Church.

To enroll your student contact Vicar Jeremiah by emailing him at jtheydt@gmail.com, text, or call him at 972-839-9363, or call the office 610-756-6210 prior to Christmas break so materials for class can be ordered.

Local Shared Outreach Update

For our October Baking Supplies we collected:

50 Cake, Brownie, Muffin & Cookie Mixes & **14** Frostings

8 Assorted Baking Supplies for a total of **72** focus items

and an additional **11** Miscellaneous items

for a monthly total of **83** items.

For the month of **December** our Focus Collection Items are:

Canned Pastas with Meat

These are an important source of protein for food pantry clients.

For example:



Beefaroni, Spaghetti with Meatballs, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs with Meatballs or Franks



Jingle Project

We continue with **Holy Joe's Café** as recipient for the **October/November/December** quarter. Their mission is to send coffee to deployed military Chaplains of all faiths in support of their coffee ministry.



Thank You for your ongoing support of these outreach projects!!!

R&K Sandwich Sale Report

Thank you to everyone who supported our sandwich sale last month. We exceeded our goal of \$160, our profit was \$178.75, this will benefit the children and youth under the care of Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf.

A Caroling We Will Go!

Join us as we man the Salvation Army Red Kettle on **Saturday, December 23, from 10 - 11 AM, at Radcliffe's Great Valu Market, Mertztown.**



Everyone is welcome!

Dress warmly!

This is always a fun time!



Come join us in spreading holiday cheer!!!



Fundraising Committee Thank You!



A **BIG** thank you to everyone who came out to help with the return of our Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale. It was a wonderful success! We had a steady flow of visitors. We heard many positive comments from both attendees and from the vendors. Santa visited with about 20 children.

Thanks to our members who came out to support the event with your attendance. Thanks also to Jeff Wetzel who submitted a Thrivent Action Team request. The \$250 VISA card he received was used to purchase supplies and food items for the bazaar.

Sharon & Martin Billger, Bazaar Co-chairs

Redner's Save a Tape Program

IMPORTANT TIMELY REMINDER!!!

A reminder that as the end of the year is approaching, please turn in your Redner's register tapes. If not turned in in a timely manner, Redner's may not accept them.



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. Please put your receipts in the container on the table below the bulletin board in the rear of the sanctuary.

We ask that you place **ONLY** Redner's receipts in the container. Please **DO NOT** place other store's receipts in the container, Redner's will not accept them.



It's amazing how quickly the amount adds up and this is another simple and easy way to add funds to our treasury. **Thank you!**

From the Christian Ed Committee

The children and youth of Mt. Zion will present their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17, as part of the morning worship service.



What a wonderful time it is for them as they share with us in word and song their celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Come, enjoy their special presentation that they have been working on so hard.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Worship and/or Sunday School Cancellation Notification

The arrival of winter and colder temperatures always brings the possibility that on a given Sunday morning we might need to cancel Sunday school and/or worship. In case of icy or snowy conditions, you should turn to:



www.mtzionkutztown.org/events

www.facebook.com/mtzionkutztown

WFMZ TV Channel 69 Storm Center

AND an E-blast will be sent.



If you are not currently receiving our E-blasts but would like to, send your e-mail information to A0ster43@verizon.net.

We will do our best to make any decision regarding changes to Mt. Zion's Sunday schedule in a timely fashion.



Committee Corner!

Mutual Ministry: Is seeking a Confirmed Youth Member of the congregation to be on their committee. Please contact Dan Batz (610-737-4985) or Vicar Jeremiah (972-839-9363) if you could serve.

Remember to keep checking the **Committee News** bulletin board in the upstairs hallway for opportunities to help Mt. Zion's committees!!!

Social Ministry Committee

Angel Tree Thank You!

Thank you everyone who took an angel from the tree. Gifts are due back by Sunday, December 3, to be delivered to Friend, Inc. on that date. You have helped to make a child's Christmas a happy one by providing them with a gift!



Your generosity will once again make a substantial difference in the lives of area families this holiday season.

Sewing Group Hiatus



The Sewing group is taking a couple months off. There will be no sewing sessions in December and January.

Mt. Zion's Garden Of Honor

We received sponsorships for **74** flags. The total funds raised, **\$375.00**, will be donated to

Veterans Making A Difference, Reading, to be used for their food pantry at the Paul R. Gordon Social Center.

Thank you for your support of this project to remember and honor our veterans!

See pages 10 and 11 for the list of veterans names for this year's Garden of Honor.

Mt. Zion's Garden Of Honor

Our garden of honor is dedicated not only to the veterans listed here, both living and deceased, but to **ALL** of our country's veterans who so valiantly and faithfully served our nation. May God bless them now and always. Thank you to everyone who again sponsored flags for the garden!

Sterling Bachman	US Marines	Marlowe Graff	US Army
Harold Batz	US Army	Samuel P Granieri	US Army
Gary Beck	US Army	Bob Gray	US Marines
Donald Berger	US Army	Elvira Harris	US Navy
Kenneth C Billger	US Army	George Harris	US Navy
Dorothy R Bittler	US Marines	Jim Hedgespeth	US Army
Harvey A Bittler	US Army	Lee Hertzog	US Army
Tadeusz Boroski	US Marines	David Johnson	US Air Force
Marvin C Clemmer	US Army	William Keim	US Army
David Damague	US Marines	Norman Kerchner	US Navy
Dale Derr	US Air Force	Charles Kiehl	US Air Force
Elton Dietrich	US Army	Robert Kniess	US Army
Wayne Dietrich	US Army	James Krug	US Army
David Eberly	US Marines	Kenneth Kunkel	US Army
Walter Eck	US Marines	Lawrence S Laub	US Army
Robert A Esterly Jr	US Army	Dennis Lister	US Marines
Joseph Evans	US Army	Michael L Luzecki	US Army
Marty Farmer	US Marines	Donald Mansfield	US Marines
Lloyd Fenung	US Marines	Thomas Mauger	US Army
Rick Fink	US Marines	Craig Merkel Jr.	US Navy
Jack Franckowiak	US Navy	Craig Merkel Sr.	US Navy
Vincent Frey - 1	US Army	Paul Miller	US Navy
Vincent Frey - 2	US Army	Nate Monteil	US Navy
Martin Garcia	US Marines	Robert Mumbauer	US Navy
Stanley Geiger	US Navy	Earl R Osterstock Sr	US Navy
Edward German	US Army	William Parker	US Marines



December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
	4	5 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6 6:30 PM Worship & Music Meeting 7 PM LSO Meeting at Mt. Zion 7 PM Boy Scouts	7	8	9
10 Advent 2 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion 5:30-7PM Youth Group	11	12 - 5 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13 7 PM Boy Scouts	14 7 PM Church Council	15	16
17 Advent 3 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion Sunday School Christmas Program Praise Band Fellowship	18 6:30 PM Property Committee 6:30 PM Social Ministry Committee	19 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:30 PM Choir Practice	20 7 PM Boy Scouts	21 6 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg	22	23  10 – 11 AM LSO Christmas Caroling with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Radcliffe's, Mertztown
24 Advent 4 NO Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion Christmas Eve Services 7 PM & 10:30 PM	25  Christmas Day	26 - 5 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:30 PM Choir Practice	27 7 PM Boy Scouts	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve NO Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion						

Ronald Pushkarsik	US Marines	Larry Stemko	US Navy
Gary Reed	US Navy	Ronald Stepsie	US Army
Richard Rhode	US Navy	Larry Stone	US Marines
Rick Robb	US Navy	William C Sushko	US Army
Michael Romanchuck	US Marines	Sheldon Thomas	US Army
Claude Ruth	US Army	Raymond Unangst Jr	US Army
Willis W Ruth	US Army	Raymond Unangst Sr	US Army
Joseph Salgado	US Army	Dwight Wanamaker	US Army
Earl Schappell	US Army	George W Weigle	US Army
John Schappell	US Navy	Harold G Weisner	US Navy
Richard Schmeck	US Marines	Carlton Wolfinger	US Navy



Message From The Stewardship Committee!!!

The 2024 offering envelopes have been ordered and will be made available when they arrive.



Please remember to pick them up when you come to worship on Sundays to save the cost of mailing, or stop in during regular office hours, or call and Vicar Jeremiah will deliver them to you.

Diane German and Diane Gaumer
Co-chairs

December 2023



PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

*Please remember the following persons in your weekly prayers.
A card would also be greatly appreciated.*

Jennifer Biglin, Doris Boehm, Leroy Bleiler, Atlas Burk, Calliope Burk, Dean Fritz, Barbara Geisler, MaryAnn Geisinger, Linda Grim, Tyler Grim, Doug Grym, Kathy Grym, Christine High, Jean Higgins, Wayne Iman, Susan Landers, David Lewis, Annetta Merkel, Sharon Miller, Della Noll, Rod Payne, Keith Rohrbach, Randy Schlegel, Nancy Sanner, Linda Schappell, Dolly Selleck, Dean Sunday, Jack Theres, 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 we are including the names and addresses of all our homebound members for those of you who wish to send them a Christmas card.

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

Mr. Paul Miller
Willow Brook Room 222W
120 Trexler Avenue
Kutztown, PA 19530

Mrs. Myrtle Weisner
Berks Heim Rm B2-232-2
1011 Berks Road
Leesport, PA 19533



Upcoming Community Event!

Tuesday, December 5 - Theology with a Twist

Kutztown Tavern - 7 PM

A Kinder Church



Join us as we tackle the question, can the church be kinder? With our presenter, Rev. Dr. Steve Ohnsman, we'll look at how we are often our own worst enemy, and how we can change the way we are the church.

Steve is a graduate of Wilmington College of Ohio, Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey, United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and Alvernia University. Originally ordained as a United Methodist pastor, when Steve moved to Reading, PA he served as the chaplain at Albright College and transitioned to the United Church of Christ. Since 1999 Steve has served as the Senior Pastor of Calvary United Church of Christ. Steve also serves as an adjunct professor and mentors clergy and congregations, particularly those navigating their first call. Steve is married to Dr. Christina Ohnsman, and they have two grown children, Matthew and Rachel.

The event is free but food and drink can be purchased in the restaurant downstairs and brought up to our event space. Parking is available in the community lot behind the tavern or on Main Street. All are welcome!



New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1st read one chapter of the book of Luke in your Bible every evening. There are 24 Chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up Christmas morning knowing **WHO** and **WHY** we celebrate!!!!!!



In Deepest Sympathy



Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Randy A. Bailey who went to be with the Lord on October 27, 2023. May the message of the resurrection and the promise of Christ be of comfort for them.

December Service Calendar

2023 DATE	SUNDAY	ORDER OF WORSHIP	WORSHIP ASSIST	HOLY COMMUNION	COMMENTS
3-Dec	10:15 am 1 Advent	ELW	Greg	Yes	Malotte's "Lord's Prayer"
10-Dec	10:15 am 2 Advent	ELW	April	Yes	Bell Choir
17-Dec	10:15 am 3 Advent	ELW	Sue	Yes	Sunday School Christmas Program Praise Band Fellowship Hour
24-Dec	10:15 am 4 Advent	ELW	Marcia	Yes	
24-Dec	7 pm Christmas Eve	Special	Greg	Yes	Christmas Eve Early Candlelight Service
24-Dec	10:30 pm Christmas Eve	Special	Jeff	Yes	Christmas Eve Late Candlelight Service
31-Dec	10:15 am 1 Christmas	ELW	April	Yes	

Church Fellowship Hour for December

Fellowship is hosted by the Worship & Music Committee.

AND

It will be **Christmas Cookie Sharing Day.**

Please bring some of your favorite cookies to share with your church family.



Thank you!



Upcoming December Events!!!

Worship & Music Committee Advent Church Decorating

Saturday, December 2
See page 5 for details.



**Sunday School Christmas Program
Praise Band & Fellowship**

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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7 PM and 10:30 PM
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**Happy Birthday Jesus!
Merry Christmas!**

Monday, December 25



New Year's Eve
Sunday, December 31



NOTE – OFFICE CLOSED:

Monday, December 25
Monday, January 1

Christmas Bazaar Photos!



Above: Christmas Cookie Sales
Right: Basket Raffle Ticket Sales
Below Left: Christmas Flea Market
Below Right: Visiting with Santa



Right:
Kitchen
Food
Sales



Happy Birthday!

2-Dec	Lester	Miller
2-Dec	Jeffrey	Wetzel
4-Dec	Allie	Bauscher
4-Dec	Kailyn	Grym
7-Dec	Cheryl	Franckowiak
7-Dec	Nora Jane	Langston
9-Dec	Joey	Arndt
12-Dec	Hailey	Collins
13-Dec	Kathleen	Sushko
15-Dec	Amy	Thompson
15-Dec	Zoie	Jones
17-Dec	Sylvia	Keller
18-Dec	Donn	Jaynes
19-Dec	Dale	Berger
19-Dec	Marissa	Berger
20-Dec	Lorraine	Arndt
21-Dec	Sharon	Billger
22-Dec	Diane	German
23-Dec	Gary	Wessner
23-Dec	Nadean	Cuff
24-Dec	Katie	Tallman
25-Dec	Elliot	Knutsen
28-Dec	Tina	Herbst
29-Dec	Christina	Sushko
30-Dec	Tina	Butz
30-Dec	Kerri	Brocius
31-Dec	Grayson	Losito



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!

12/16/2016	Debra & Rick Fink
12/18/2000	Susan and Donn Jaynes
12/23/2002	Michele & Randall Morstatt
12/25/1996	Joann & David Lewis
12/30/1972	Joseph & Debra Kohler



December Worship Service Support

Dec 3	10:15 AM
Acolyte	Norah Fegely & Jayda Rutherford
Greeters	Debra & Joe Kohler
Lector	Confirmation Class
Ushers	Debra & Joe Kohler, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Michelle & Daniel Batz
Flowers	
Bulletins	Helene & Willis Ruth and Pam & Tim Salgado in Honor of Autumn's Birthday.
Dec 10	10:15 AM
Acolyte	Aubrey Grym
Greeters	Church Council
Lector	Eloise Tucker
Ushers	Church Council
Comm. Asst.	Debra Fink, Nancy Miller
Flowers	
Bulletins	
Dec 17	10:15 AM
Acolyte	Frank Fritzinger
Greeters	Shirley Burkhardt, Lisa Christman
Lector	Lisa Christman
Ushers	Shirley Burkhardt, Lisa Christman, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Melissa and Jordan Keller
Flowers	Cynthia & Jeff Wetzel
Bulletins	Cynthia & Jeff Wetzel
Dec 24	10:15 AM Christmas Eve Day
Acolyte	Dakota Weber
Greeters	Helen Wessner, Lillian Moyer
Lector	Melissa Keller
Ushers	Lillian Moyer, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Diane & Edward German

December Worship Service Support Continued

<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>10:15 AM Christmas Eve Day continued</u>
Flowers	Cheryl & Jack Frankowiack in Memory of our Fathers.
Bulletins	Glory to the Lord by Sue Stemko.
<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>7 PM Christmas Eve</u>
Acolyte	Norah Fegely, Haven Fegely
Greeters	Janice & Kenneth Clemmer
Lector	Karen Wanamaker
Ushers	Janice & Kenneth Clemmer, Volunteers
Comm. Asst	Karen and Anna Wanamaker
Flowers	Cheryl & Jack Frankowiack in Memory of our Fathers.
Bulletins	Glory to the Lord by Sue Stemko.
<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>10:30 PM Christmas Eve</u>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Cynthia & Jeffrey Wetzel
Lector	Sharon Billger
Ushers	Cynthia Wetzel, Volunteers
Comm. Asst	Sharon & Martin Billger
Flowers	Cheryl & Jack Frankowiack in Memory of our Fathers.
Bulletins	Glory to the Lord by Sue Stemko.
<u>Dec 31</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Parker Collins
Greeters	Doris Boehm, Glenn Landon
Lector	Leigh Duddy
Ushers	Doris Boehm, Glenn Landon, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Leigh Duddy, Sue Stemko
Flowers	
Bulletins	.

*We are in need of Flowers & Bulletins in December.
Please consider commemorating a special event or memory of a loved one with a donation of flowers or bulletins. Thank you!*

Recipe of the Month

This month's feature recipe is from Bonnie Scott. She made this cake for the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner dessert table where it was a hit! It was suggested that it be included in our Glad Tidings newsletter and Bonnie gave her permission for me to do so.

- Editor

Washington Apple Cake

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 Eggs
- 2 C. Sugar
- 1 C. Cooking Oil
- 2 C. All Purpose Flour
- 2 t. Cinnamon
- 1 t. Baking Soda
- ½ t. Salt
- 1 t. Vanilla
- 1 C. Chopped Walnuts
- 4 C. Thinly Sliced Pared Apples (5 Medium)



DIRECTIONS:

- Beat eggs with a mixer until thick and light.
- Combine sugar and oil.
- Pour into eggs with mixer on medium speed. Stir together flour, cinnamon, soda and salt.
- Add to egg mixture. Add vanilla, beat to mix. Stir in walnuts.
- Spread apple slices into 13x9x2" greased pan. Pour batter over apples. Spread to cover apples.
- Bake in 350° oven for 1 hour. Remove from oven and cool.
- Spread with Cream Cheese Icing, recipe below:
- Soften 2 3oz. Packages of Cream Cheese. Beat until fluffy.
- Beat in ¼ Cup Melted Butter; then beat in 2 Cups Powdered Sugar and 1 t. Lemon Juice.
- Spread over cooled cake. Refrigerate.

FOR A CHUCKLE!



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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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Return Service Requested