

# Mount Zion Glad Tidings March 2023



## Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

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

<http://www.mtzionkutztown.org/>

### *Joint Mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers & Studies* *Friedens, Stony Run*

Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29



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### *Praise Band Sunday & Fellowship* Sunday, March 19



### *Spring Begins!* Monday, March 20



From The Vicar:

*“just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,  
we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.”*

- 1 Corinthians 15:49

“Always Being Made New,” this has been a slogan of ELCA for many a year now, and after Transfiguration Sunday, we can see the significance of this slogan. That mountaintop experience of the transfiguration gives us a glimpse of life *being made new*. It shows us that the essence of the Christian life is a new being. Such a transformation Jesus foresaw in his conversation with Nicodemus, Paul expressed this concern when he spoke of the natural and spiritual body, and the brilliance of Jesus on the mountaintop with Moses and Elijah beams with a newness.

There can be no new being without new relationships. The change is radical; the old measurement has passed away and all things are made new.

The Christian is not one set apart from others, but one rightly related to others. A new being's first new relationship is to God. Rebellion gives way to acceptance and fear to trust. A new being is united with God, the very ground of his being, and he experiences the joy of belonging.

Another right relationship of the new being is to oneself. “When he came to himself” was the prelude to the Prodigal Son's new life. The new person knows both his strengths and weaknesses; he has the courage to say “I can't do everything, but I can do something, and what I can do, I will do.”

A new being acknowledges a new relationship to things. He rearranges life's price tags. For him, all things, including money, are no longer ends in themselves; they are means and opportunity for service. He adds such new words as stewardship, service, duty, and responsibility. A new being shares the wide relationship which is the oneness of Christians everywhere. In the Church we are united in a common bond and a common purpose. A new being has a new relationship to all men, including non-Christians, and even those who belittle and seek to destroy the values he cherishes. The great Commission says, “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” It is not ours to decide who is worthy or unworthy. We are ambassadors for Christ. God is making all things new through us. “GO” Do the day's work of making all things new.

## A Message from the Council President

It's almost Spring!

Daylight savings starts on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to Spring your clocks ahead and don't be late for service!

We are currently in the church season of Lent. Lent started on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The 40-day period is called Lent after an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. This is because of the time of year when it happens, as this is when the days start to get longer, as we approach Summer. It is a period of religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar, marking the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert, enduring temptation by Satan.

One of the most common ways of celebrating Lent is giving up something significant in your life, which can simultaneously help its observers reflect on Jesus' sacrifice of dying for their sake. What you give up can be something you enjoy, like soda, candy, alcohol, etc., or something you spend your time doing, like watching TV or scrolling through Instagram, and then, ideally, you'll replace that time with spiritual disciplines such as praying or reading your Bible.

Throughout the season of Lent, the goal is not to focus on your own sacrifice of giving something up, but to recognize that Jesus' sacrifice for humankind was/is overwhelmingly astounding, giving us salvation, and was/is literally life-changing. Any habit or discipline that makes someone more aware of God's sovereignty, as well as how much they need God in their day-to-day life is encouraged as a way of celebrating Lent.

Church Council met on February 2nd. Here are the highlights:

- The basement is almost complete. We just need to finish up the flooring and the doors and some minor plumbing issues.
- We will be joining Friedens church in Stony Run for their Lenten soup suppers.
- We've started planning for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party scheduled for May 21, 2023.
- Easter is on April 9<sup>th</sup> this year. We will be having 2 services. I'm looking forward to Easter breakfast served between the services. Stay tuned for more details.

Yours in faith,  
Missy Keller  
Council President

### Local Shared Outreach Update

Our January focus collection items were Hot Drinks and Cereals:

Hot Chocolate - 16

Tea Bags - 7

Coffee - 3

Nesquick - 1

Apple Cider - 1

Instant Oatmeal - 16

Oatmeal Canisters - 7

Cream of Wheat - 3

Mapo - 1

Total Focus Items 55

Additionally, 10 miscellaneous items were received  
for a monthly total of **65** items.

Our March focus items are **Paper Products**:



**Paper Towels**

**Toilet Paper**

**Napkins**

**Tissues**

**Paper Plates**

Please place your donations in the tubs at the  
sanctuary entrances. **THANK YOU!!!**

### **Jingle Project**

We continue with **Blessed Beginnings**, Hamburg,  
as our Jingle Project recipient for the  
**January/February/March** quarter.



Thank you for your ongoing generosity  
to these outreach projects!



### Worship and/or Sunday School

### Cancellation Notification

During Inclement weather please check  
any of the following:



[www.mtzionkutztown.org/events](http://www.mtzionkutztown.org/events)

[www.facebook.com/mtzionkutztown](https://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:

[A Oster43@verizon.net](mailto:A Oster43@verizon.net).



### From the Property Committee

Help us to be sure that we have the funds necessary to  
keep our fuel tank filled and our building warm  
by using one of the Special Giving  
envelopes at the front of your envelope  
pack to make a contribution to  
Mt. Zion's "Fuel Fund".



***Thank you for your consideration of this request!***

### Fundraising Committee!

We are taking orders for delicious Easter Candy from the Huguenot Lodge #377 F&AM, Kutztown Temple Association. There are order forms available on the Conference Room table. See Lester Miller to place your order.



#### **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! **Watch for an update soon!**



### Thrivent 2022 Choice Dollars® expire on March 31, 2023!!!

The Thrivent Choice® program provides eligible participants the opportunity to recommend where to distribute some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds. **Eligible benefit members directing their Choice Dollars to Mt. Zion is a great way to make a difference in our church, you can help boost our treasury.**

To ensure that your Choice Dollars directions get processed before the deadline, **don't wait. Direct your Choice Dollars now!**

Before your 2022 Choice Dollars expire use one of these two easy options for directing your Choice Dollars:

- ♦ Online: [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).
- ♦ Phone: 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

**THANK YOU** to those members who have already designated their 2022 Choice Dollars to Mt. Zion. It is greatly appreciated!

Sharon C. Billger  
Mt. Zion Thrivent Congregational Liaison

### Worship & Music Committee

#### **SOUPer Bowl Report**



The Soups donated on Sunday, February 12 were as follows:

Philadelphia Eagles	-	85 soups
Kansas City Chiefs	-	<u>15</u> soups
For a total of <b>100</b> soups		



In addition, we received cash donations of:

Philadelphia Eagles	-	\$60.00
Kansas City Chiefs	-	<u>\$20.00</u>
For a total of <b>\$80.00</b>		



The soups and cash were delivered to Friend, Inc., Kutztown, for their food pantry where they were gratefully received!

While we were off with our Super Bowl winner prediction, we say....

**Thank you** to everyone who supported this annual fun event that benefits members of our local community!



### Worship & Music Committee Continued

We have received an invitation from Friedens, Stony Run, to participate in Joint **Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Services**.

We are hosting them at Mt. Zion for our 7 PM evening services.

They will host us for the mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers and Services which will be a study from Psalms and Holden's Evening Prayer which Vicar will help to lead. They will have sign-up sheets on their bulletin board for soup and bread.

Mid-week Soup Suppers begin at 6:00 PM with the Studies following at 7:00 PM.

Looking ahead...

Maundy Thursday service on April 6, and Good Friday service on April 7, will begin at 7:00 PM.

We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to worship at both Mt. Zion and with our friends at Friedens.



## Thank You!

*Thank you to my church family for the birthday cards and wishes. It was a nice surprise.*

*Sincere thank you to all,  
Helen Wessner*

*Doug and Liz Graybill, Veterans Making A Difference, would like to say thank you so much for your generous end of year monetary donation of \$70.00 to Veterans Making a Difference, cash on 11/20/22. More importantly, thank you for your continuous support. We cannot help the veterans like we do if we do not have the support from people like you. Your donation will allow us to continue our mission, thank you so much!*

*Please "Follow" us on Veterans Making A Difference Facebook page. To contact us, either call or text 484-577-6898 or email lizgraybill@yahoo.com.*

*Thank you so much for the continued yearly Food Drive for us and the gift cards.*

*Again, thank you so much for your generous donation.*

*Very respectfully,  
Liz Graybill  
President*

*Mt. Zion,*

*Thank you so much for giving to the cause of Christ to the poor in Reading! May God continue to Bless you richly!*

*Tony Bilotta  
President & Founder  
One Luv, Inc.*

*Editor's Note: This organization was our July/August/September Jingle Project recipient.*

### **Social Ministry Committee News!!!**

#### **Sewing Group**

**Tuesday, March 21, 10 AM,**  
at the Clemmer home.



We continue working on our stuffed animal project.

Bring a bag lunch or leave if you must.



# March 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 PM Lenten Soup Supper & 7 PM Study at Friedens, Stony Run	2 1 PM 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting 7 PM LSO Meeting at Mt. Zion	3	4
5 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	6 6:30 PM Christian Ed Committee Meeting	7 7 PM Praise Band	8 6 PM Lenten Soup Supper & 7 PM Study at Friedens, Stony Run	9 7 PM Church Council	10	11 Spring Ahead 1 Hour! 
12 9 AM Sunday School 9 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion 5:30-7 PM Youth Group	13	14 7 PM Praise Band	15 6 PM Lenten Soup Supper & 7 PM Study at Friedens, Stony Run	16 7 PM 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18
19 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion <i>Praise Band Sunday Fellowship Hour</i>	20 <i>First day of</i>  6:30 PM Property 7 PM Fundraising	21 10 AM Sewing Group at the Clemmer's  7 PM Praise Band	22 6 PM Lenten Soup Supper & 7 PM Study at Friedens, Stony Run	23	24	25
26 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	27	28 7 PM Praise Band	29 6 PM Lenten Soup Supper & 7 PM Study at Friedens, Stony Run	30 7 PM 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting	31	

Dear Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$635 in January of 2023. Your donation will allow us to provide much needed food items for families who live in the Northwestern Lehigh School District. We especially appreciate your help during these difficult times!

Because of your concern and generosity, we are able to continue to serve our local residents on their regularly scheduled pantry day. Together, we serve up Hope to those who desperately need it!

Your donation will go into our unrestricted fund which allows us to purchase needed items for the pantry which includes food items.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Zellner  
Food Pantry Secretary

Editor's Note: This organization was our October/November/December Jingle Project recipient.

### Thank you to everyone who helped with the project to restock Mt. Zion's kitchen:

From those who in preparation for the restocking, first cleaned the cabinets, counters, appliances, and windows and those who installed the shelf liners, to those who unpacked boxes, sorted, and cleaned the items and placed them into their new locations in the new kitchen. It's coming along nicely as we decide what goes where. It's a work in progress, this new kitchen is so spacious!



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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, Sheldon Brubaker, Bishop Christopher deForest, Susan Donchez, Jason Gaston, Barbara Geisler, Linda Grim, Tyler Grim, Laurie Geiger, Christine High, Wayne Iman, Emma Laigale, Susan Landers, Marlene Mauger, Dennis Miller, Nichole Miller, Sharon Miller, Della Noll, Tony Quarles, Keith Rohrbach, Nancy Sanner, Randy Schlegel, Dolly Selleck, Bonnie Solt, Joyce Stein, Laverne Stevens, Sara Vanderklute, Laura Walters, Steven Wasser, Debbie Way, Michael Weber, Judy Weisner, Debbie Wessner, Gary Wessner, Jessica Wessner

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



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

## Upcoming Events

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### **Social Ministry Committee's Sewing Group**

Tuesday, March 21

See details on page 9.



## Upcoming Community Event!

### **Tuesday, March 7 - Theology with a Twist**

Kutztown Tavern - 7 PM

*Transition Theology:*

*God Talk During The In Between Times*



The Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith, Sabbatical Conference Minister of the Pennsylvania Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, Senior Pastor Emerita St. John's UCC, Fullerton, and Intentional Interim/Coach joins us in March to discuss the strange limbo we are living in. How do we move from one place to another while staying grounded? Or maybe we don't. We'll talk about living in the uncertainty of life with the constant movement in our world, jobs, and more. We gather in the upper room. This event is free but food and drink can be purchased in the restaurant downstairs and brought up to our event space. All are welcome!

## March Service Calendar

2023 DATE	SUNDAY	ORDER OF WORSHIP	WORSHIP ASSIST	HOLY COM-MUNION	COMMENTS
5-March	10:15 am 2 Lent	ELW	April	Yes	Malotte's Lord's Prayer
12-March	10:15 am 3 Lent	ELW	April	Yes	Baptism of Frankie James Fleck
19-March	10:15 am 4 Lent	ELW	Sue	Yes	Praise Band Fellowship
26-March	10:15 am 5 Lent	ELW	Marcia	Yes	

## **Church Fellowship Hour**



Fellowship this month  
will be hosted by  
the Choir.

Thank you!



## Recipe of the Month

This month's featured recipe was submitted by Shirley Burkhart. It is a different take on scalloped potatoes and includes hints on selecting good potatoes!

### **New-look Scalloped Potatoes and Ham**

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 1/2 lbs. red potatoes (about 9) cut into 1/4" thick slices
- 1 container (16 oz.) Breakstone's FREE or Knudsen FREE Fat Free Sour Cream
- 3/4 lb. (12 oz.) 2% Milk Velveeta Pasteurized Prepared Cheese Product, cut into 1/2" cubes
- 8 oz. (1/2 of 1-lb. Pkg.) Oscar Mayer Smoked Ham, chopped
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup Kraft Grated Parmesan Cheese



#### DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350°. Cook potatoes in boiling water in large covered saucepan 10-12 minutes or just until potatoes are tender; drain. Remove 3/4 of the potatoes; place in large bowl. Add sour cream; mash until smooth. Stir in Velveeta, ham and onions. Add remaining potato slices; stir gently.

Spoon into 13" X 9" baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; sprinkle with Parmesan.

Bake 30 minutes or until heated through. Add a salad or veggie and enjoy a delicious meal!!!

Purchasing Potatoes: Look for firm, smooth, well-shaped potatoes that are free of wrinkles, cracks and blemishes. Avoid any with green-tinged skins or sprouting "eyes/buds".

#### ***Do you have a favorite recipe to share?***

*To submit your recipe, email it to me at  
nighthawk2@dejazzd.com  
or give me a copy at church. - Editor*



Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Elaine I. Henry who went to be with the Lord on January 21, 2023. May the message of the resurrection and the promise of Christ be of comfort for them.

Elaine was the beloved sister of our member Diane Gaumer.

### **The Fundraising Committee Needs Your Help!**

Do you purchase coffee in a plastic canister such as this red Folgers one?

If you do, **please save them** for our committee.

All the plastic canisters that we had to use for our raffles were disposed of after the fire, so we need to start collecting them again.



Please give them to any member of the committee.

Thank you!

Martin Billger

Janice Clemmer, Nancy Miller, Sue Stemko, Helen Wessner



## ***Just a Thought!***

***Forgiveness***

is the

***Fragrance***

the violet sheds on the  
heel that crushes it.



1-March	Camden	Follweiler
2-March	John	Knutsen
3-March	Brielle	Brocius
3-March	Shalan	Keller
5-March	Debra	Jones
5-March	Christopher	Gehris
5-March	Meaghan	Dietrich
9-March	Cheryl	Bond
9-March	Jayden	Gehris
10-March	Lillian	Moyer
10-March	Jennifer	Klinger
11-March	Jordan	Keller
15-March	Tina	Mengel
16-March	Noah	Grube
20-March	Noah	Russo
22-March	Michelle	Fegely
22-March	Ryan	McAteer
25-March	Carl	Bruno
26-March	Jesslyn	Gehman
27-March	Brett	Arndt
28-March	Kelly	Hertzog
29-March	Landon	Grube
30-March	Sandra	Tamagnone
30-March	Hannah	Hertzog
31-March	Cindy	Meigio

## *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*

03/14/2015 Nichole & Tony Miller  
 03/20/1993 Denise & Kenneth Sanner  
 03/23/1974 Nancy & Dennis Miller  
 03/24/2018 Shalon & David Kupp  
 03/28/2021 Deborah & William Frear Jr.

## *March Worship Service Support*

<b>March 5</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Melissa, Jordan & Bryan Keller
Lector	Confirmation Class
Ushers	Melissa, Jordan & Bryan Keller, Volunteer
Comm. Asst.	Diane & Edward German
Flowers	NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Bulletins	Lillian Moyer in Memory of Loved ones and In Celebration of her Birthday on the 10th.
<b>March 12</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Jean Gaston, Church Council
Lector	Kellene Knutsen
Ushers	Church Council, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Sharon & Martin Billger
Flowers	NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Bulletins	Melissa & Bryan Keller in Celebration of Jordan's 17th Birthday.
<b>March 19</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Kellene, John, Elliot & Weston Knutsen
Lector	Melissa Keller
Ushers	Kellene, John, Elliot & Weston Knutsen
Comm. Asst.	Michelle & Briahna Batz
Flowers	NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Bulletins	
<b>March 26</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Nancy & Dale Berger
Lector	Lisa Christman

## March Worship Support Continued

March 26	10:15 AM Continued
Ushers	Nancy & Dale Berger, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Lisa Christman, April Osterstock
Flowers	NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Bulletins	Debbie & Bill Frear in Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

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*We are in need of Bulletin sponsors on March 19.*

*Please consider commemorating a special event  
or memory of a loved one with a donation  
of bulletins. Sponsorship donation is \$20.00.*

*Thank you!*

*We have no altar flowers throughout the Lenten season.*

*They will return on Easter Sunday!*

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# ATTENTION!



### Upcoming Time Change!!!

Daylight Saving Time begins at  
**2:00 AM on Sunday, March 12,**  
it will be time to spring ahead and  
**turn the clocks forward 1 hour!**

## ON THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING

### KINDLY SPRING AGAIN IS HERE



Kindly spring again is here  
Trees and fields in bloom appear;  
Hark! The birds with artless lays  
Warble their creator's praise.

Where in winter all was snow,  
Now the flowers in clusters grow;  
And the corn, in green array,  
Promises a harvest-day.



Lord, afford a spring to me,  
Let me feel like what I see;  
Speak, and by Thy gracious voice,  
Make my drooping soul rejoice.

On Thy garden deign to smile,  
Raise the plants, enrich the soil;  
Soon Thy presence will restore  
Life to what seemed dead before.



The words to this hymn were written by John Newton and the music by Johann Friedrich Doles. John Newton was born in London in 1725 and died there in 1807. He is best known for the well-loved hymn Amazing Grace, the story of his conversion from a slave ship captain. He eventually was ordained and became an ardent abolitionist.  
- hymnary.org



# Happy Spring

### **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**

