

Mount Zion Glad Tidings September 2023



Labor Day - Church Office Closed
Monday, September 4

Happy Grandparents Day!
R&K Sandwich Orders Due
Sunday, September 10



Rally Day - Return to Mt. Zion!!!
Sunday, September 17



Social Ministry Committee's Sewing Group Start-up
Tuesday, September 19



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Thursday, September 21



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

1343 Long Lane Road
Kutztown, PA 19530

Church Secretary Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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

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

From The Vicar: *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*

- 1 Corinthians 13:31

What we do from Monday to Friday, the way in which we do it, and the motivation behind it affects not only our own lives, but the lives of many others. Our Christian faith should make a difference both as regards our choice of a daily occupation and what we hope to achieve by means of it. **I am not alone in having a divine call. WE ARE ALL CALLED to glorify God wherever we are and wherever we work. Almost without exception we can serve and glorify God more fully and effectively wherever we are and wherever we work than anywhere else.**

Our work for a Christian is very important. If we are to serve God in and through our jobs, we're already up against a difficulty, not only of finding a way of making a living that doesn't conflict with one's Christian faith, but our minds think that it has to be in the terms of leadership roles, such as ministry, social services, and the professions, particularly teaching and medicine. Yet, the business of keeping the world going involves a vast amount of labor of different kinds. The life of the world couldn't go on if everyone chose or were at liberty to choose the job which appealed to them the most or a job of uplifting character. What should be stressed more is not leadership, but the obligation for the Christian of doing work, often ordinary and unexciting, which is essential to the good state of the nation and the world. We place too little value on the obscure but necessary jobs, which, if they are not done well, leave the whole of society impoverished. A Christian finds their vocation in doing as well and cheerfully as they can the very best work that's available to them. The way in which work is done, whatever the work, needs to be emphasized. What matters most of all is the motivation. Is it something done for more than bread-and-butter reasons as a contribution to the common good and therefore a service rendered to God? What gives dignity to work is the reason for which it is performed. Paul's injunction to the Corinthians, "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," embodies a permanent truth concerning the Christians attitude toward work. We work from a higher motivation and under different pressures than those of fear, insecurity, and greed. We work both for the good of people and the glory of God and in doing so we find a satisfaction not to be derived from earthly rewards or diminished by earthly hardships. About work so motivated Jesus says that the final verdict will be: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord." If you think that you can't do much and that the little you can do is of no value, think on these: A spider web strung across a garden path was the inspiration for the suspension bridge; a teakettle singing on the stove was the inspiration for the steam engine; an apple falling from a tree caused the law of gravity to be discovered;....**your faithfulness in the Kingdom will inspire others to serve the Lord.**

A Message From Our Council President

Once again, the summer has just flown by. Our children are back at school and fall is just a few weeks away. Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School and Confirmation Class is scheduled for September 17th. If your child is in seventh or eighth grade, they are eligible to join confirmation class. Please contact Vicar if your child will be starting Confirmation Class. Please help them to participate in the next step of their spiritual growth.

Our Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for October 8th after the regular 10:15 service. All members are invited to attend. Last month I mentioned that it was time to start thinking about how you could be of service to the church. There will be 3 council positions expiring this year. I will also be stepping down as Council President after serving for three years. Please consider volunteering for any of these positions to help make important decisions that affect the entire congregation. Council meets once a month and each member also sits on at least one committee and attends that committee's meetings as a liaison to report back to council. It is not a large time commitment. Fairly new to our congregation? No problem. There's no better way to learn about how our church works. Please consider helping with this important work. If you are interested, please contact Vicar or me.

Council met on August 10th. Here are some of the highlights:

Our loan was paid off in full using donations and insurance money.

The fundraising committee is hard at work. They raised funds by working the pizza stand at the Kempton Fair and they had a sausage sandwich sale. Their upcoming events are an R&K Sandwich sale, Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's, a Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner and our Annual Christmas Bazaar is coming back!

The finance committee will be meeting this month to create our budget for the next financial year.

We also have need of volunteers to acolyte. This year's confirmation class is small and unable to assist at all services. We are looking for youth of all ages over 14 to help. Council also discussed the low attendance of our youth after confirmation. We are looking for ideas and suggestions to help bring the youth back to the church so they can continue to grow in their faith.

Yours in faith,
Missy Keller
Council President



Local Shared Outreach Update

For our July focus collection of Lunch Box items we collected:

Pudding Cups - 21	Assorted Crackers - 16	
Applesauce Cups - 12	Rice Krispie Treats - 11	
Raisins - 6	Cookie Cups - 6	Granola Bars - 4
Fruit Cups - 4	Jello Cups - 3	Fruit Snacks - 3
Pretzels - 2	for a total 88 focus items.	

And additional **3** miscellaneous items were donated for a monthly total of **91** items!

For the month of **October** our focus items are:

Cereals - Hot or Cold



Jingle Project

We continue with **Helping Harvest's Weekender Program** for the **July/August/September** quarter recipient.



Temple Talk

Blessed Beginnings, our Jingle Project recipient for the January/February/March quarter will be coming to do a Temple Talk during the morning announcement time on **Sunday, September 17**. They want to show us just what it is that they do. They will be staying for worship and be available for discussion afterward for anyone who wants more information.

Our **next LSO meeting** will be held at Mt. Zion on **Thursday, September 7**, at 7 PM, in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rally Day!



September 17, 2023,
will be our return date
to worship at Mt. Zion.



We will return to our regular 10:15 AM worship time
with Sunday School and the start of
Confirmation Class at 9:00 AM.

We look forward to seeing you all in attendance!



Confirmation Class News!

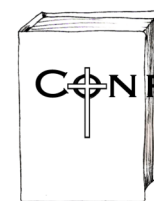
The Mt Zion Confirmation Class will resume classes on **Sunday, September 17, 2023**, from **9:00 - 10:00 AM**. The following 7th and 8th grade students are currently scheduled for this year's class:

7th graders: Frank Fritzinger

8th graders: Norah Fegely, Aubrey Grym, Matthew Riegel, and Jayda Rutherford

If you know of a 7th or 8th grade student that is interested in joining, please let Michelle Batz know at mirebatz@gmail.com or 484-221-0257.

If anyone is interested in helping to teach, or be involved with Youth Group, we would love your help!



CONFIRMATION
CLASS

Fundraising Committee News Continued

R&K Sub & Pretzel Sandwich Sale

Thursday, September 21, 2023



Subs are \$7.00 each. Pretzel Sandwiches are \$6.00 each.

There are a variety of pretzel sandwiches and
12" subs to choose from:

***Italian, Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, American and
Turkey and All Cheese offered on a Whole Grain Roll***

All subs are prepared with individual packs of Lettuce, Tomatoes,
Onions (optional), and include a Condiment packet.
All pretzel sandwiches include a Condiment packet.

See the order form in the Conference Room, or,
call Martin Billger at 484-507-3835 to order.

If you'd like to take orders, forms are available,
see Martin at church or call him at the above number.

Orders due to Martin by Sunday, September 10.

Pick-up date is **Thursday, September 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM**,
from the Fellowship Hall.

Can you take orders where you work?

Around your neighborhood? From family and friends?

**Please consider placing an order to support our efforts
to raise funds for our church projects!**

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!!!



Fundraising Committee News Continued

Boscov's Shopping Passes



NOW ON SALE



Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends"

Discount Shopping Passes



One Day - 25% off most purchases!

In-Store Only! - Wednesday, October 18

Store Hours are 8 AM to 11 PM - Pass Cost is **\$5.00**

See Helen Wessner to purchase.

100% of all pass sales go to Mt. Zion.

Sell to your co-workers, neighbors, family and friends
to help support Mt. Zion.



Mt. Zion's Christmas Bazaar Returns!!!



**Saturday,
November 18, 2023
9 AM to 2 PM**

We are seeking vendors for the bazaar.

Space Fee: \$10.00 – includes 1 table.
Additional table can be rented - \$10.00.

Contact Martin Billger at 484-507-3835
to make your space reservation.



Please share this information with anyone you know who
may want to be a vendor at our bazaar!



Fundraising Committee News Continued

YOUR Help Is NEEDED For The Christmas Bazaar!

BASKET RAFFLE: Our raffle this year we be by preprinted tickets with a listing of all the baskets in the raffle. We will have these tickets available for pre-sale.

How can you help? By donating baskets that you have assembled, or, by donating items that we can use to make baskets, such as: gift cards, wine, school supplies, baking/cooking items, cleaning supplies, games, etc. We ask you to **place your baskets and donations** for the raffle **on the Conference Room table by Sunday, October 1.**



For any Basket Raffle questions contact Janice Clemmer at 610-683-7901, or see her at church.

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET: A flea market of Christmas items will again be a part of our bazaar. We are seeking donations of your **Christmas/Holiday items** that you no longer are using.



Please place your donations in the basement on the so-marked table in the rear of the Fellowship Hall.

DAY OF BAZAAR: We are a very active but small committee, **we cannot run the bazaar without your help.** Are you willing to spend some time to help man the various areas of the bazaar? If so, please let us know!

Martin & Sharon Billger
Christmas Bazaar co-chairs

Worship & Music Committee News!

The Autumn season is approaching and with it the return to our regular **10:15 AM** worship time on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 17.**

This date also brings the return of the Praise Band! They have been busy practicing and will be participating in our worship service on September 17.

We will have two **Temple Talks** this month, first, Blessed Beginnings will be here on September 17, see page 5 for the details. Then on September 24, Thrivent representative Roger Yoh will be here, see page 15 for more information.

Social Ministry Committee News



From the Windy Hill Garden Team:

As the garden winds down for this season we can report that we have harvested the following produce:

Peppers Onions Potatoes Squash Cabbage
Eggplant Tomatoes Cucumbers Red Beets

We delivered it to Keystone Military Families, Shoemakersville, and Friend, Inc., Kutztown. Both organizations were very grateful for the donations.

Sewing Group

Our sewing sessions will resume on

Tuesday, September 19, 10 AM at the Clemmer home.

We will be starting a new children's craft apron project!!!

Bring a bag lunch or leave if you must.



God's Work - Our Hands Project

Our GWOH Service Project is our collection of **School Supplies**. This collection will continue through to Sunday, September 30. Please place your donations in the tub under the table in the rear corner of the sanctuary. **The most requested items are:**

Tissues Hand Sanitizer #2 Pencils Bookbags
Crayola Crayons & Markers 2-Pocket Folders Copy Paper



The date of **Tuesday, October 3, 7 PM**, is set for sorting and packing of the supplies in preparation for delivery. The items will be going to the Reading School District since Greenwich told us they do not need them. **YOU** are invited to come out and help! Tuesday nights received the most votes in our GWOH surveys.

Breakfast for Vets!

On **Wednesday, October 4**, our committee will be traveling to the Veterans Making A Difference Paul R. Gordon Social Center to take and serve breakfast to the veterans who gather there. **If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Chair Janice Clemmer** at 610-683-7901.

Our next **committee meeting** will be held on

Monday, October 16, at 6:30 PM.

**Never walk away from someone who deserves help,
your hand is God's hand for that person. - Proverbs 3:27**



September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	4 OFFICE CLOSED  LABOR DAY	5 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	6 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	7 7 PM <u>LSQ</u> Meeting	8	9
10 9:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion R&K Sandwich Orders Due	11	12 5 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	13 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	14 7 PM Church Council	15	16
17 RETURN TO MT. ZION!!! Rally Day 9 AM Sunday School & Start of Confirmation Class & <i>The Wired Word</i> Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion Blessed Beginnings Temple Talk Fellowship Hour Praise Band Sunday	18 6:30 PM Property Committee Meeting 7 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting	19 10 AM Sewing Group at the Clemmer Home 	20 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	21 3-5 PM R&K Sub & Pretzel Sandwich Pick-up from Fellowship Hall 6 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg	22	23 First Day of Autumn 
24 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion Thrivent Temple Talk with Meeting following Worship	25	26 5 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg 6:30 PM Praise Band Practice	27 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	28	29	30

Wildfire Donation Information

We have received the following from Lutheran Disaster Response. You can write out your check to Mt. Zion and place it in the offering plate, or, to Lutheran Disaster Response and send it directly to the address included at the bottom of the form.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE U.S. WILDFIRES

AUGUST 2023

ELCA.org/disaster

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands.

Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to

assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires.

Yes, I want to help!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *U.S. Wildfires* \$ _____ DDG0077

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "U.S. wildfires" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

September 2023

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, Leroy Bleiler, Atlas Burk,
Caliope Burk, Dean Fritz, Barbara Geisler, Linda Grim,
Tyler Grim, Christine High, Kenny Dietrich, Grace Hauck,
Wayne Iman, Emma Laigale, Susan Landers, David Lewis,
Sharon Miller, Della Noll, Gloria Renninger, Keith
Rohrbach, Randy Schlegel, Nancy Sanner, Holden Miller-
Schaffer, Linda Schappell, Dolly Selleck, Bonnie Solt,
Jack Theres, Sara Vanderklute, Debbie Way, Judy Weisner,
Jessica Wessner, Tim Wessner



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

RINGERS NEEDED!!!

Restarting the Bell Choir: I have a director lined up who is anxious to help us get this ministry moving again since the pandemic and smoke damage put a stop to it. The thought is that we would ring 3 or 4 times a year. Rehearsals would be twice a month. **We need 8 to 10 people** ages 10 to adult. You don't have to read music, but it would be a plus. **We cannot move forward without you.** If you are interested please contact Vicar.

Thrivent Temple Talk

It has been brought to my attention that some of our Mt. Zion members are not very familiar with the Thrivent organization. In response, Thrivent representative **Roger Yoh, ChFC CLU CASL** will give a Temple Talk at Mt. Zion on **Sunday, September 24**, during the morning announcement time.

Roger will give an overview of what Thrivent has to offer, including Action Teams, Choice Dollars, and Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCD).

A short meeting with Roger will be held in the sanctuary following the worship service. This meeting is for Thrivent members and non-members alike. Roger will have literature to share as well.

If you are a Thrivent member we ask for your attendance.

If you are not a Thrivent member but would like more information, please attend and get all your questions answered.



Sharon C. Billger
Thrivent Liaison

Adult Bible Study: *The Wired Word*

Vicar will be hosting and leading an adult Bible study this Fall when we resume our Sunday School times at 9 AM Sunday mornings. We will be using a format designed and provided by ***The Wired Word***. They take current events and make scripture relevant to what's happening in our world today.

He will have a choice of two lessons sent to him Thursday. He'll read through them and decide which to use for Sunday's class time. In turn, you will be sent the story and the discussion items for you to prepare for class on Sunday morning.

Our group will meet in the basement. Vicar will have coffee available. You're welcome to bring your own and snacks/treats as you care.

If you haven't already done so, and wish to be part of this study, contact Vicar or sign up on the sheet in the Conference Room behind the Sanctuary so you may be added to the mailing list.

Acolytes Needed!!!

Due to the small number of confirmands at this time, we are in need of volunteers from age 14 through adults to serve as acolytes on Sunday mornings. Contact Vicar if you are willing to help.



September Service Calendar

2023 DATE	SUNDAY	ORDER OF WORSHIP	WORSHIP ASSIST	HOLY COMMUNION	COMMENTS
3-Sept	9:15 am 14 Pentecost	ELW	Greg	Yes	Malotte's Lord's Prayer
10-Sept	9:15 am 15 Pentecost	ELW	Marcia	Yes	
17-Sept	10:15 am 16 Pentecost	ELW	Sue	Yes	RETURN TO MT. ZION!!! Rally Day Sunday School and Confirmation Class Start-up Blessed Beginnings Temple Talk
24-Sept	10:15 am 17 Pentecost	ELW	Jeff	Yes	Thrivent Temple Talk & Meeting



Church Fellowship Hour for September



Fellowship is hosted by
the Praise Band and
the Finance Committee.

Thank you!

Upcoming September Events!

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Monday, September 4

LABOR DAY



Happy Grandparents Day! R&K Sandwich Orders Due

Sunday, September 10
See page 7 for details.



RETURN TO MT. ZION!

Rally Day

Sunday, September 17
Sunday School &



Class Start-up! at 9:00 AM



Worship with Holy Communion at 10:15 AM
See pages 6, 9, & 15 for details.



Social Ministry Committee's Sewing Group Start-up

Tuesday, September 19
10 AM at the Clemmer Home
See page 10 for details.



R&K Sandwich Pick-up 3-5 PM

Thursday, September 21



Looking Ahead to October! Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 8
See page 18 for details.



Annual Congregational Meeting!



The Council has set the annual congregational meeting for
Sunday, October 8,
following the 10:15 AM worship service.

Please **mark your calendars and plan to attend** this important meeting. There are important items requiring your vote. There will be committee reports available and a budgetary review for the new fiscal year.

This year there is at least one opening for a council position. Let any council member or Vicar Jeremiah know of your interest and willingness to serve.

Thank you,
Mt. Zion Church Council

Community Events!



Last Summer Concert in the Series in the Historic Covered Kutztown Park Bandshell

Free to the public and held rain or shine.

Sat 9/16 7 - 8 PM - Buccaneer Alumni
Drum & Bugle Corps

Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry

To thank the community for their generous support of their mission, they invite the public to view the facility on Sunday, September 17, 11:30 AM to 2 PM. See the poster on the Yellow Events Bulletin Board for the details.

Restart of Theology With A Twist!

Please refer to their Facebook page for the details of the program, the information was not yet available at the time of this writing.

- Editor



Happy Birthday !



1-Sept	Vasilia	Hinkle
1-Sept	Kenneth	Sanner
2-Sept	Tammy	Miller
4-Sept	Bryan	Keller
8-Sept	Andrew	Frederick
9-Sept	Melissa	Keller
9-Sept	Katelyn	O'Neill
13-Sept	Maria	Meigio
15-Sept	Susan	Stemko
15-Sept	Nichole	Miller
15-Sept	Daniel	Snyder
16-Sept	Stacey	Russo
16-Sept	Jayda	Rutherford
17-Sept	Sarah	O'Neill
17-Sept	Harper	Langston
19-Sept	Anna	Wanamaker
19-Sept	David	Kistler
19-Sept	Zachory	Russo
20-Sept	Weston	Knutsen
21-Sept	Sylas	Miller
23-Sept	Michael	Gubich
23-Sept	Samuel	Horwath

23-Sept	Frank	Fritzinger
26-Sept	Gwendolyn	Dietrich
27-Sept	Gregory	Schappell
27-Sept	Joshua	Weist
27-Sept	Alexis	Stemko
28-Sept	William	Green
29-Sept	Timothy	Salgado
30-Sept	Paul	Miller

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 !

09/01/2002	Jennifer & Jody Klinger
09/08/1973	Diane & Larry Laub
09/10/1983	Lorraine & Joey Arndt
09/12/2009	Kristin & Kyle Kohler
09/16/2017	Noah & Angelica Grube
09/18/2004	Tiffany & Shawn Losito
09/18/2010	Gwen & Ryan Dietrich
09/20/2003	Denise & Daniel Snyder
09/21/2018	Francesca & Dylan Kaschak
09/21/2002	Kelly & Andrew Weisner
09/22/1973	Debra & Kenny Dietrich
09/22/2007	Stefanie & Brandon Scholl
09/23/1995	Melissa & Bryan Keller

September Worship Service Support

<u>Sept 3</u>	<u>9:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Aubrey Grym
Greeters	Bonnie & Dean Scott
Lector	Eloise Tucker
Ushers	Bonnie & Dean Scott, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Bonnie & Dean Scott
Flowers	Bryan & Melissa Keller in Celebration of their Birthdays.
Bulletins	Sue Stemko in Celebration of Sean, Drew, Alexis & Sue's Birthdays
<u>Sept 10</u>	<u>9:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Jayda Rutherford
Greeters	Church Council
Lector	Joann Lewis
Ushers	Church Council
Comm. Asst.	Diane & Ed German
Flowers	Jean Wetzel In Memory of her Husband Ernest.
Bulletins	Diane Laub in Celebration of her & Larry's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
<u>Sept 17</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Norah Fegely
Greeters	Kellene & John Knutsen Family
Lector	Kellene Knutsen
Ushers	Kellene & John Knutsen Family, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Kellene & Elliot Knutsen
Flowers	Pam & Tim Salgado and Leenie & Willy Ruth in Honor of Joshua's 20th Birthday.
Bulletins	April Osterstock in Celebration of Earl's Birthday.
<u>Sept 24</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Norah Fegely
Greeters	Michelle & Daniel Batz Family
Lector	Michelle Batz
Ushers	Michelle & Daniel Batz Family, Volunteers

September Worship Service Support continued

Sept 24	10:15 AM
Comm. Asst.	Michelle & Daniel Batz
Flowers	Bryan & Melissa Keller in Celebration of their 28th Wedding Anniversary
Bulletins	Pam & Tim Salgado In Honor of our Son Douglas Salgado's Birthday.

Thank You Card From Germany

Mt. Zion received the following from Mrs. Dietze.

The card is posted on the upstairs bulletin board in the corner above the table. Please stop by and take a look.

This prayer is listed in German on the front of the card:

Busy about what is everything from morning to night, talk to Jesus.

Inside the card is written:

I am the resurrection and the life. – John 11:25

Dear Mt. Zion Congregation,

August 7, 2023

Thank you for your loving condolences and prayers on the passing of my husband. I am comforted and feel supported by God. My husband Hans Ulrich went ahead of us. I have fond memories of our visit in 1999 to your church community. We particularly liked your family service with lots of music.

I wish you continued blessings in your work in your church community.

Kind regards,

Gisela Dietze

She replied, "Do me a special favor. Since you have given me land in the Negev, give me also springs of water."

So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.

- Joshua 15:19

This month's featured Woman of the Bible

Achsah



This not well known yet highly desirable woman of the Bible had the confidence to boldly, yet humbly, ask for what she wanted - and she received it!

You can read in Joshua chapter 15 how this daughter of Caleb's respectful request of him serves as an example of how we can ask God, our Heavenly Father for what we need.

Thank you

We received the following letter from Berks Encore, our April/May/June Jingle Project recipient:

July 27, 2023

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,

We sincerely appreciate your generous gift of \$591.00, which we received on 7/26/23. Your donation will help us to continue to touch the lives of seniors, whether they are facing an urgent need such as their next meal or seeking other ways to improve their quality of life.

While your gift makes an immediate impact to provide for current senior needs, it also helps us to introduce new and innovative programs like:

Expanded Care Management - The professional care managers of Berks Encore Care+ help seniors remain in their homes by connecting them with community resources to ensure their needs are met.

Medically Tailored Meals - BeNourished is providing medically tailored meals to cardiac and diabetic patients within the Penn State Health St. Joseph network, who reside within Berks County.

Thank you so much for including Berks Encore and the Meals on Wheels program in your ministry. I love the Jingle Project! Such a great idea to help our youth recognize how they can make a big impact with a little effort. Thank you for remembering our home-bound neighbors with your gift for Meals on Wheels!

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about Berks Encore, so please don't hesitate to contact me at (610)374-3195 x228 or lgerhart@berksencore.org.

Sincerely,

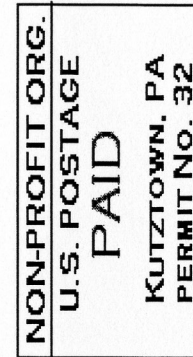
Lori Gerhart

Vice President, Advancement

Treasurer Retiring

After 13 years of faithfully serving this congregation, I have decided to retire as Treasurer to pursue other interests effective with the new fiscal year, October 1, 2023. We are in a good financial position to face the future with optimism. I am hopeful that someone younger will step forward to take over the responsibilities as Treasurer. Accounting experience is not necessary but is very helpful. It has been my honor to walk with you through all of our financial difficulties. It is with clear conscience that I leave this position with full coffers. Please contact me with questions, or Vicar Heydt with your interest. Thank you all for your unwavering support. May God continue to send His blessing upon us.

Faithfully yours,
April Osterstock
Treasurer



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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