

# Mount Zion Glad Tidings May 2024



## Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

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**Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays**  
**9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

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

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

-  **National Day of Prayer** - Thursday, May 2
-  **Rescheduled Labor of Love Day** - Saturday, May 4
-  **Ascension of Our Lord** - Thursday, May 9
-  **Mother's Day** - Sunday, May 12
-  **Indoor Yard Sale** - May 16 thru 18
- Relay for Life "Sock It To Cancer!"** - Saturday, May 18
-  **Pentecost – Confirmation** - Sunday, May 19
-  **Holy Trinity Sunday** - May 26
-  **Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED**- Monday, May 27  
**Observance at the Monument at 7 PM**

### Attention!

In regards to bringing drinks into the sanctuary, we ask that any liquids that are not water be kept on the floor, not on the pew seats.



We have had a pew cushion stained from a drink spill.

We respectfully ask for your cooperation with this request.

**Thank you!!!**  
**The Property Committee**

From The Vicar:

***“You will receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and you will be witnesses unto me..... unto the uttermost part of the earth.”***

- Acts 1:8

This month we will observe the Day of Pentecost, the day the “Power of the Holy Spirit” came upon the disciples as it will when we lay hands on our confirmands when they will **receive the Power and the Prize.**

**The power!** “You will receive power.” The disciples were to receive an explosive force which would be theirs to use as a tool in building the Kingdom of God. This would come in the form of a gift from God upon the promise of Jesus Christ.

This energy was to be a personal force or power. It would be given in the coming of a Person, that of the Holy Spirit. *The source of the promised power is clothed in the attributes of personality.* The power of the Holy Spirit was not something originating in the disciples’ subjective experience. Being filled with his presence from a source outside of themselves, they gave utterances in languages “as the Spirit gave them utterances.”

The same Spirit makes his entrance into the spirit of each and every person at conversion. He comes to take up his place as a resource to motivate the dynamo of service and victorious living. Though the manner of his coming is different, the same latent power is there to motivate life for the cause of the Savior.

**The prize of promise. “And you will be my witnesses.”** Accompanying the advent of the Spirit of God is a promise. It is undeniably part of the total experience. Because of the power from above, a promise shall unfold as a blessing. This verse is often thought of as a command. *A promise has effect whether obeyed or disobeyed.* The Holy spirit is come in answer to the bidding of the Risen Christ, and **the promise is fulfilled....the Christian is a witness!**

**The Person of Jesus Christ does not belong to a remote past,** is not a product of traditions or carefully preserved legends, is not something surrounded by a halo of mysticism. Christ, the Son of God, is as much a contemporary of today’s men and women as he was of those on the first Day of Pentecost.

His life, his teachings, his death on the Cross, his shed blood, are now as then the only basis redemption, the unshakable rock on which the soul rests for salvation.

God’s message has not changed! His method of salvation has not varied. He has not altered the way of access for the repentant sinner to God and Savior.

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**The Lord is as contemporary as the solution he presents to mankind. Only Christ has the answer to man’s tremendous problems.** Today, as then, **he is the only hope, the true light, the way, the truth, and the life.** No one, whatever his religious or irreligious state, whatever his academic prowess, his economic or social status, can find God apart from Jesus Christ.

It was this Gospel, preached by men, some of whom were considered ignorant, that produced one of the greatest commotions in history. **You are my witnesses!!!!!!**

### **A Message From Our Council President**

Hello warmer weather! Hopefully we will be blessed with a beautiful month of May to get out into the gardens and nature and enjoy. Council met on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are some of the highlights from that meeting:

- We had a long and wonderful conversation with guest Michelle Batz about our confirmation class, how things have been going, attendance, etc. A small group was formed to continue the conversation in the next few weeks to see if there are any changes that would help our youth get the best foundation for moving forward in their faith.
- There was a lot to share in our committee reports. Please note that a Time and Talent survey will be done soon. Please find at least one committee to join. Be sure to reach out to our committees if you have any questions about what they do. We are an active congregation, and we would love for everyone to have a role.
- Our security cameras are up and running. There will be one more installed shortly to ensure we are covered all around the building.
- We are investigating getting a digital sign and better lighting across the street in the parking lot.
- Council discussed how to move forward with a search for a new Music Director. Please join us in keeping Sylvia in your prayers as she heals.
- The Scholarship Committee revealed that this year’s scholarship will go to Jordan Keller. Congratulations Jordan! Council wishes you all the best in college!
- VBS planning continues. Please mark your calendars and share the dates with any young people you know that might wish to attend! June 24-28<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30pm.

Karen Wanamaker  
Council President

## Local Shared Outreach Update

Our March focus collection items were **Pet Food & Pet Treats**, we collected:

Dog Food - 8 bags & 7 cans	= 15
Cat Food - 8 bags & 52 cans	= 60
Dog Treats - 10 boxes & 2 pouches	= 12
Cat Treats - 17 pouches	= <u>17</u>
Total focus items	<b>104</b>

We also received **15** various items for a monthly total of **119**.

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



**Salt, Pepper, and Assorted Seasonings**

### **Jingle Project**

For the January/February/March quarter Jingle Project we collected a total of **\$802.00** for recipient Concern, Fleetwood.

We continue with **Hannah's Hope Ministry**, Upland Avenue, Reading, as our recipient for the **April/May/June** quarter. This organization provides transitional housing and support for homeless mothers and their children. Their 8 - 12 month program is an evidence-based, Christ-centered approach to changing lives once and for all.

They provide training and life skills development with customized plans for each family, and, with God's help, change behaviors and move from a life of hopelessness to one of Hope, Strength, and Prosperity during their journey.

Additional information can be found on their website:

<https://www.hannahshopeministriesreading.org/>



## Local Shared Outreach Update Continued

### **Blood Drive Thank you!**

We thank the 28 individuals who signed up for our April blood drive. 24 were able to donate. **THANK YOU** for giving this life saving donation!



### **Spring Labor of Love Day RESCHEDULED!!!**

Our April work date was cancelled due to inclement weather.

It has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 4, same time of 9 AM to Noon.



If you can help, be at Mt. Zion at 8:30 AM on May 4 for coffee and light refreshments before we divide up into work groups to head out. Bring a yard rake and a branch cutter if you have them.

### **Upcoming Community Event!**

**Tuesday, May 7 - Theology with a Twist**

Kutztown Tavern - 7 PM

*Spiritual Motivation*



One of our biggest challenges as people of faith is helping one another grow and change.

A paper delivered in 1983 by Bill Miller and Steve Rollnick launched a movement of counseling focused on helping people find their own motivations. This work was initially applied in addictions care and subsequently used in a wider range of settings. Preaching and pastoral care, too, are often a source of motivational care that is empathetic and person-focused while still working to evoke change.

Rev. Jack Abel, Corporate Director of Spiritual Care for Caron Treatment Centers in Wernersville, will be joining us this month and leading a presentation and discussion that brings thoughtful reflection on the Motivational Interviewing treatment method as it applies to our spiritual lives.

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!

## Fundraising Committee News!

### **Sausage Sale Thank You!**

We had another successful sale with 135 Sausage Sandwich Meals served for a profit of \$1017.00! These funds will go to add permanent lights to the parking lot across the street from the church and to update the message sign located there as well. We thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts.

### INDOOR Yard Sale/Flea Market

**Thursday, May 16, Friday, May 17, & Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**8 AM to 2 PM - Pre-sale set up on  
Wednesday, May 15, 6 to 7:30 PM.**

#### SPRING CLEANING & DECLUTTERING?

Get rid of your no longer used or wanted items. We are looking for donations of appropriate items to sell. Please place them on the table downstairs in the rear of the Fellowship Hall. If you have items you would like to sell, you can **rent a table for \$10 each day or \$25 for the 3 days**. A table space sign-up sheet is on the Conference Room table. Come out browse and make a purchase if you find a must have! Light lunch fare will be available for purchase as well. Funds raised will be used for the parking lot upgrades. See Janice Clemmer for any questions you may have.



### Kempton Fair Pizza & Soft Pretzel Stand

It's time again to set our work schedule for manning the stand during the Kempton Fair



**Thursday, June 13, through Saturday, June 15.**

Shifts are only 3 - 4 hours in length, please consider signing up for a shift or two.



You will receive a pass to enter the grounds for FREE.  
See the sign-up sheet on the Committee Bulletin Board.

The past 3 years we've had a lot of fun and fellowship working together to raise funds for Mt. Zion.

For any questions contact Martin Billger at his cell #484-507-3835.

## Social Ministry Committee



We have set our next Lutheran Home at Tipton BINGO event for **Saturday, May 11, at 2 PM**, in Deibert Hall, off of Home Road.

**Report time to start set-up will be 1 PM.**

**See the sign-up sheet on the Committee Bulletin Board.**

BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREEL SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

**Please join us** as we again engage with the home's residents for one of their favorite activities!!!

See either Janice Clemmer or Sharon Billger for any questions.

### **Windy Hill Community Garden Team - Planting Seeds of Hope**

At the time of this writing work on our Windy Hill Garden will begin soon. We are seeking additional Mt. Zion members for the committee. In addition, we need helpers to work in the garden.



We usually work 2 days a week, as needed, after the initial planting is complete. You don't have to come every workday, come out as you are able. Watch for additional info in future newsletters and Sunday announcements.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Committee Chair Janice Clemmer at 610-683-7901.

### **Sewing Group**

Over the last winter season we worked on making 18 craft aprons for our Sunday School children and fleece blankets for the Lighthouse Women and Children's Center, Reading.



We have completed 22 blankets thus far. This does not involve sewing, but cutting and knot tying only.



Our next work session date is Tuesday, May 21, 10 AM, at the Clemmer Home. Bring a packed lunch or leave if you must! We will then take a break over the summer months and will resume in the fall.

## Social Ministry Committee Continued



**Our Baby Shower for Mary's Shelter, Reading, continues through Mother's Day, May 12, 2024!**



While the shelter will accept any baby items, we have received a list of **specific items that are always needed:**

**Bottles      Bottle cleaning brushes      Pacifiers      Bibs**  
**Hair brush/comb sets      Nail clippers or scissors**  
**Wipes      Baby thermometers      Diaper rash creams**  
**Medicine dispensers or pacifiers**  
**Diapers - especially large sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6's**

The shelter uses these items to create "Welcome Bags" for the moms and babies coming in for care.

**Please place your donations in the bassinet in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you!!!**



## Opportunity House Meal

**Our committee will be preparing and serving a meal at**



**Opportunity House in Reading  
Saturday, May 4, 6:30 PM**

We will be preparing a dinner meal to serve to 70 clients of Opportunity House.



Thank you to our member Helen Wessner who submitted a Thrivent Action Team request which was approved. We will use the \$250 VISA money card to purchase the food and other supplies for this project.

We seek a few volunteers to go along to Opportunity House to prepare and serve the meal.

Contact Janice or Sharon if you would like to help.

If you'd like to be a part of this event but can't come out to help, we are seeking from the congregation **donations of desserts.**

There is a dessert sign-up sheet on the Conference Room table. Please help us help the Opp House clients.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Summer Fest Planning ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Our Annual Summer Fest outreach event returns on **Saturday, August 17, 2024!!!**

We are **currently seeking recipient nominations.** See the form on the next page. Forms are also available on the Conference Room table. If you know a person, family, or organization that needs financial help, please fill out a form **by Sunday, May 26**, and return it to Vicar Jeremiah, the church office, or put it in the offering plate.

Watch for announcements of Summer Fest Committee meetings as they are scheduled. Sign up on the poster on the Committee Bulletin Board in the upstairs hallway if you'd like to be a part of this outreach ministry.

**In need of volunteer(s) to head up the Games area** of the Summer Fest. In addition, we are seeking ideas for games that we can do at the fest. Please see Vicar Jeremiah if you are interested and willing to help with games and/or to share your game ideas.



## Graduating? Let Us Know!

If you or someone that you know is graduating from a college/university, trade school, or high school this year, share the news with us by contacting the church office (610-756-6210 / [mtzion6210@verizon.net](mailto:mtzion6210@verizon.net) or Newsletter Editor Sharon ([nighthawk2@dejazzd.com](mailto:nighthawk2@dejazzd.com))). Please tell us who, from where what degree/certificate if applicable **AND** their future plans.



**Please provide this information by the 15th of May to be included in next month's newsletter.**



## **2024 Summer Fest Recipient Nominations**

Do you know of a family or organization in our community (or the surrounding area) that is in need? Please complete this form and submit it to Vicar Jeremiah T. Heydt by May 26, 2024. The committee will meet to vote on all nominations and choose a recipient for our 2024 Summer Fest. All are welcome to join us to vote! This is our annual outreach event, so please nominate causes or organizations beyond the walls of Mt. Zion. Any questions, please call Jeremiah at 972-839-9363.

Nominee name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your name will remain anonymous during the voting; this is needed so we can contact you regarding additional details if your nominee is selected)

Please provide rationale for nominating this family/person/ organization and some background about their situation. These details will be provided to the committee prior to voting. More detail is better (go to the back of the form if needed)!

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## **Christian Education Committee**

### **Sunday School Update**

The **last date** for Sunday School this spring is **Sunday, May 19.**

It will **resume** on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 15, 2024.**

Three of our young people will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday,

May 19. Please come to show your support and join in their celebration of this special event in their lives!

**THANK YOU** to all members of our Sunday School Staff, from those teaching our smallest members, to those instructing our Confirmation Class and leading our Youth Group.

Your willingness to give your time in service to helping our young members in their Christian education and faith journey is much appreciated!



### **Vacation Bible School**

**SCUBA - diving into friendship with God.**

**Mark your calendar! Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28**



As the children rotate through the program stations they will go deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

*Reef Rec* - Games Station



*Deep Bible Adventure* - Bible Story Station

*Tidal Treats* - Snack Station



*Imagination Station* - Science Station

*Sing & Play Splash* - Music Station



**FUN!!!**

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**Watch for registration details!**





# May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>NOTE: FOOD FOR OUR VETS</b> collection begins Mother's Day, May 12, and runs through Father's Day, June 16.</p>			<p>1 <b>7-8:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2  <b>National Day of Prayer</b> <b>7 PM</b> LSO Meeting at NJZ UCC</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <b>9 AM – Noon</b> <u>Rescheduled</u> LSO Labor of Love Day <b>6:30 PM</b> Social Min. Committee Meal at Opportunity House</p>
<p>5 <b>9 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <b>7-8:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9 <b>Ascension of</b> <b>Our Lord</b>  <b>7 PM</b> Church Council</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 <b>9 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion <b>Mother's Day</b></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <b>6 – 7:30 PM</b> <b>Yard Sale Set Up</b>  <b>7-8:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16 <b>8 AM – 2 PM</b> Indoor Yard Sale</p>	<p>17 <b>8 AM – 2 PM</b> Indoor Yard Sale</p>	<p>18 <b>8 AM – 2 PM</b> Indoor Yard Sale <b>12 Noon – 10 PM</b> Relay for Life Wm Delong Park Bowers</p>
<p>19 <b>9 AM</b> Sunday School - <b>Last day until Fall</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion <b>Day of Pentecost</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>Fellowship</b></p>	<p>20 <b>2 PM</b> Fundraising <b>6:30 PM</b> Property</p>	<p>21 <b>10 AM</b> Sewing Group at the <u>Clemmer home</u> </p>	<p>22 <b>7-8:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion <b>The Holy Trinity</b></p>	<p>27 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>7 PM Evening</b> <b>Observance at</b> <b>the Monument</b></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 <b>7-8:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



**Upcoming May Events!**  
**National Day of Prayer**  
 Thursday, May 2

**Rescheduled LSO Spring Labor of Love Day**

Saturday, May 4  
 See page 6 for detail.



**Ascension of Our Lord**  
 Thursday, May 9

**Ascension Sunday**  
**Mother's Day**  
 Sunday, May 12



**Indoor Yard Sale**  
 Thursday, May 16, thru Saturday, May 18  
 See page 7 for details

**American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Event**  
**Kutztown & Eastern Berks "Sock It To Cancer!"**

Saturday, May 18, 12 Noon to 10 PM  
 See page 21 for details.



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Confirmation**  
**Fellowship**

Sunday, May 19, 10:15 AM  
 Remember to wear RED!



**Holy Trinity Sunday**  
 Sunday, May 26



**Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday, May 27

**Observance at the Monument**  
 7 PM - Bring your Lawn Chair!



**May 2024**



**PRAYER REMEMBERANCE**

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

*Phyllis Andrews, John Barlet, Jennifer Biglin, Sharon Billger,  
 Doris Boehm, Leroy Bleiler, Atlas Burk, Calliope Burk, Larry Fink,  
 Barbara Geisler, Nathaniel Gibson, Tyler Grim, Kathy Grym,  
 Doug Grym, Paul Hadagny, Muriel Hadagny, Christine High,  
 Jean Higgins, Wayne Iman, Bryan Keller, Sylvia Keller, Jim Kern,  
 Susan Landers, Annetta Merkel, Sharon Miller, Della Noll,  
 Keith Rohrbach, Randy Schlegel, Dolly Selleck, Dean Sunday,  
 LaVerne Stevens, Jack Theres, Cherry Thomas,  
 Sara Vanderklute, Debbie Way, Judy Weisner, Jessica Wessner,  
 Tim Wessner, Michelle Zobel,*

*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**

Mr. Paul Miller	Mrs. Myrtle Weisner
Willow Brook Room 222W	Berks Heim Rm B2-232-2
120 Trexler Avenue	1011 Berks Road
Kutztown, PA 19530	Allentown, PA 18103



## Mt. Zion Received The Following Thank You Letters:

THANK YOU to the members of Mt. Zion, Krumsville, from the North-eastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In grateful appreciation for giving \$2,000.00 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Thank you, beloved Family of God! May Jesus keep challenging us and calling us to trust him, to give and share in his name, and to be his hands and feet, to feed his people and support his mission and ministry, in every congregation and across our synod.

Christopher deForest  
Synod Bishop

Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop

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Greetings Helping Harvest **Weekender** supporter,

All of us at Helping Harvest want to say "thank you" for your gift (Jingle) in 2023 in support of our Weekender Program, which provides school-children who qualify for free or reduced lunches with a bag of food to take home each Friday to ensure they are nourished over the week-end.

I'm happy to report that in 2023 our Weekender Program provided close to 134,000 bags of nutritious food to children in Berks and Schuylkill counties. We often say "hungry kids can't grow, and hungry kids can't learn," and we believe providing children with nutritious food is a game changer as it relates to their increased chances for success. Thank you for helping us make this impact through your gift.

Jay Worrall  
President

Included with the letter are these statistics:

### Weekender Program Statistics for 2023

Total # of Weekender Bags distributed - 133,676  
# of school-year Weekender Bags - 131,764  
# of summer Weekender Bags - 1912  
# of Weekender Bags distributed in Berks - 88,877  
# of Weekender Bags to pre-school aged children - 13,025  
# of Weekender Bags to school-aged children - 75,852  
# of Weekender Bags distributed in Schuylkill - 44,799  
# of Weekender Bags to pre-school aged children - 6,329  
# of Weekender Bags to school-aged children - 38,470  
Total # of Weekender sites - 111  
# of Berks Weekender sites - 88  
# of Schuylkill Weekender sites - 23

**Editor's Note:** Both of the above letters are posted on the Bulletin Board above the table in the rear of the sanctuary, take a look!!!

## Worship & Music Committee News



### Pentecost's Roots Are In The Jewish Festival of Shavout

Shavuot (Hebrew) an important Jewish festival in Jesus' time, was a spring harvest offering held 50 days after Passover. Pentecost comes from the Greek word pentekoste meaning fiftieth.

### Symbols of Pentecost

**RED** - Why do we decorate the church with red flowers on Pentecost, what does it signify? The red represents the tongues of fire that appeared above the heads of the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem. **REMEMBER TO WEAR RED ON MAY 19TH!!!!**

**WIND** - Suddenly a rush of wind came and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began speaking in different languages to the crowd in the city.

**DOVE** - The dove is another symbol of the Holy Spirit. Remember when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. The dove represents new beginnings and hope.



Pentecost is regarded as the birth of the Christian church.



**Come celebrate with us on Sunday, May 19!!!**



### **The Bell Choir Needs You!**

We continue to seek substitute Bell Ringers. Let Vicar Jeremiah know if you are interested in helping out.



### **Veterans Making A Difference Food Collection**

Once again we will conduct a non-perishable food drive for our veterans. Any donations received will be in honor of our mothers and fathers. Any canned goods items are acceptable. They also will accept grocery store gift cards if you would prefer to donate a gift card. Let's fill up the Veterans Making a Difference truck and show our support for the many veterans who have sacrificed so much for us!!! This collection will begin on Mother's Day and continue through Father's Day.





## Pentecost Geraniums

The day of Pentecost is a joyous day, with red, the color to symbolize the tongues of fire. We again wish to decorate the church this year for this special festival on **May 19, 2024**.

Here is a chance to beautify the sanctuary and have geranium plants as well. Orders will be taken after church on **Sundays, April 28, May 5, and May 12** in the Conference Room at the rear of the sanctuary. **DEADLINE will be May 12.**

They are plants in 4 1/2" pots and the cost is **\$3.75** each.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ geranium(s) to be placed in the sanctuary for Pentecost, May 19, at \$3.75/plant.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be picking the geranium(s) up after the service.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be leaving the geranium(s) at the church to be planted outside.

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## May Service Calendar

2024 DATE	SUNDAY	ORDER OF WORSHIP	WORSHIP ASSIST	HOLY COMMUNION	COMMENTS
5-May	10:15 am 6 Easter	ELW	Jeff	Yes	Malotte's Lord's Prayer
12-May	10:15 am 7 Easter	ELW	Greg	Yes	Mother's Day
19-May	10:15 am Day of Pentecost	ELW	Sue	Yes	Pentecost Wear Red! Confirmation
26-May	10:15 am The Holy Trinity	ELW	Marcia	Yes	Holy Trinity Sunday

### Church Fellowship Hour

Fellowship this month will be hosted by the Hospitality and Property Committees.



Thank you!

### Memorial Day Evening Observance at the Monument On the Cemetery



Monday, May 27, 7 PM

Program by the Boy Scouts of Troop #104

Come show your support as we remember those who gave their all in service to our country.



Bring your lawn chair!



## American Cancer Society's Relay for Life



of Kutztown & Eastern Berks  
**"SOCK IT TO CANCER"**

event will be held on

**Saturday, May 18, 2024,  
 from 12 Noon to 10 PM**



at William Delong Memorial Park, Bowers, PA

*Musical Entertainment:*



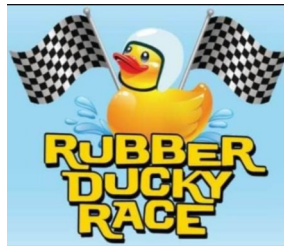
1 PM - ELVIS (J Krick Sr) in the park! 2 PM - Danny & the Dreamers  
 3 PM - Jean Davis Line Dancing 4:30 PM - The Blue Cadillacs  
 5:30 PM - The Old Rocker 6:30 PM - Les Meck & Friends

NOTE: All entertainers are donating their time for the cause!

Basket  
 Raffles



Rubber  
 Duck  
 Derby



**AND MORE:** Way-Har Ice Cream - Foods for Sale  
 Frozen T-shirt Contest - Barrel Train Rides for Kids  
 Luminaria and Memory Ceremony at 8:30 PM

We are selling tickets for the **NEW** Rubber Duck Derby,  
 \$5 per Duck Racer or \$25 for a 6-Quack!

**You can win one of these GREAT prizes:**

- 1st - Karu Multi-Fuel Outdoor Pizza Oven (\$429 value)
- 2nd - Emeril Lagasse 360 Air Fryer (\$153 value)
- 3rd - Kenneth Cole Reaction 28" Luggage (\$140 value)

Need NOT be present to win!

**Bring a lawn chair and come out to the park! Join in this fun event that raises funds for the fight against cancer.**

4 PM Survivor Lap followed by **Complimentary Dinner** for Survivors and a caregiver. **All cancer survivors invited to attend, please register** by calling 1-800-227-2345.



Mt. Zion's Relay Walkers,  
 Angels of Hope Team, St. Paul's UCC, Kutztown  
 Sharon & Martin Billger, Diane German, Helen Wessner



## Hope Rescue Mission Clothing Drive Update!

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the clothing drive for the Hope Rescue Mission. Their driver came with a van on April 4 and all the donations from the 3 churches and the high school filled it up. The driver said that he would have brought a bigger truck if had known we collected so much!

Anna's National Honor Society project was a wonderful success! Thank you Anna for organizing this collection.



Can you find Anna in the midst of the bags and boxes?

We thank Friedens Lutheran and New Jerusalem Zion UCC churches for joining us in this project.

Elizabeth is descended from the Hebrew name Elisheva, which then became Elisabeth, and means **"God's promise" or "God is my oath."**



This month's featured Woman of the Bible

### Elizabeth

The mother of John the Baptist, the wife of Zechariah, and a relative of Mary, mother of Jesus, according to the Gospel of Luke. Both Zechariah and Elizabeth were descendants of Aaron. From the book of Luke: <sup>41</sup> *When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.* <sup>42</sup> *In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"* <sup>43</sup> *But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?* <sup>44</sup> *As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.* <sup>45</sup> *Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"*

You can read her whole story in Luke, chapter 1. Learn how she was a woman of faith and discernment. God chose her as the mother of John, the one who would prepare the way for the Savior.

1-May Douglas Dietrich  
 1-May Brandon Mengel  
 1-May Lilia Pizzelanti  
 2-May Nancy Miller  
 5-May Leigh Duddy  
 5-May Aubrey Grym  
 7-May Gia Danenhower  
 8-May Amber Theres  
 9-May Konnor Weisner  
 12-May Jaimee Stemko  
 12-May Dianna Wartzenuft  
 13-May Jacob Wessner  
 15-May Blaik Losito  
 16-May Billie Jo Rehrig  
 16-May Linda Willard  
 17-May Justin Renninger  
 19-May Makayla Miller  
 20-May Jack Franckowiak  
 22-May Daniel Batz  
 22-May William Granieri  
 23-May Dominick Pizzelanti  
 23-May Helene Weigle Ruth  
 23-May Henry Willard  
 26-May Blaire Grube  
 26-May Carrie Riegel  
 27-May Susan Fritzingler  
 27-May Faye Miller  
 29-May Suzy Donchez  
 30-May Eva Danenhower  
 30-May Kerry Dietrich

## *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!*



05/04/1974 Cynthia & Jeffrey Wetzel  
 05/07/1983 Cindy & Steven Meigio  
 05/08/2004 Duane & Karen Wanamaker  
 05/16/2014 Leigh & Robert Duddy  
 05/20/2006 Diane & Robert Kern  
 05/22/2004 Valerie & Brent Rutherford  
 05/23/1994 Helene & Willis Ruth  
 05/31/2003 Michelle & Daniel Batz

## *May Worship Service Support*

<b>May 5</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Shirley Burkhart, Carol Shoemaker
Lector	Confirmation Class
Ushers	Shirley Burkhart, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Diane & Ed German
Flowers	Karen & Duane Wanamaker in Celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary.
Bulletins	
<b>May 12</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Daniel Batz, Lorrie Arndt
Lector	Valerie Bonner
Ushers	Daniel Batz, Melissa Keller, Lorrie Arndt, Michelle Fegely
Comm. Asst.	Lorrie & Joe Arndt
Flowers	Cindy & Jeff Wetzel in Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Bulletins	Cindy & Jeff Wetzel in Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
<b>May 19</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Joann & David Lewis
Lector	Debra Kohler
Ushers	Joann & David Lewis, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Debra Kohler, Nancy Miller
Flowers	Leenie & Willy Ruth in Celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary.
Bulletins	In Celebration of Jack Franckowiak's Birthday
<b>May 26</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Valerie & David Bonner

## May Worship Service Support continued

<b>May 26</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Lector	Lisa Christman
Ushers	Valerie & David Bonner, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Lisa Christman, Jeff Wetzel
Flowers	Michelle & Dan Batz in Celebration of their 21st Wedding Anniversary.
Bulletins	April Osterstock in Celebration of son Jeff's Birthday & Daughter-in-law Suzy's Birthday.

*We are in need of Bulletin sponsors on May 5.*

*Please consider commemorating a special event or memory of a loved one with a donation of bulletins. Thank you!*

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Thank you to our Mt. Zion members who are also Thrivent members and designated their 2023 Choice Dollars® to Mt. Zion. In the calendar year 2023 alone Mt. Zion received \$2466 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding! This was a real boost to our

treasury. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

Together in 2023 Thrivent Members across our country achieved significant milestones including:

- Leading 157,303 Thrivent Action Teams, a record high, to support causes clients care about most.
- Directing \$31.4 million in Thrivent Choice Dollars® to charity - with more than half of funds going to churches.
- Volunteering 14 million hours - donating time and talent in communities throughout the United States.
- Raising and donating \$306 million in funds.
- We also surpassed \$1 billion in funds raised through our Thrivent Action Teams program. Since the program began in 2014, we've organized more than 1 million volunteer teams and contributed over 90 million hours of community service.

Thank you to all of our Mt. Zion members who submitted, organized, and/or participated in Thrivent Action Teams!

Sharon C. Billger  
Thrivent Liaison

## Recipe of the Month

This month's featured recipe is for a salad I made for one of our Lenten Soup Suppers. I received numerous compliments on the dish so I decided to share it with you. This recipe was given to me years ago by a deceased Mt. Zion member, Lillian Dietrich, when we worked together at the former Geo. Y. Brubaker, Inc. office in Kutztown. - Editor

### Apple Salad

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 or 4 medium apples - juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 20 oz. can pineapple chunks (or use Tidbits to save cutting time)
- 1/2 lb. red grapes
- 1/2 C. English Walnuts - Not chopped
- 1 C. miniature marshmallows

#### DRESSING:

- Juice from the can of pineapple
- 1 egg
- 1/2 C. granulated sugar
- 1 T. flour
- 1 T. butter



Make this dressing first: mix in a saucepan, boil, and cool.

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Dice apples, add lemon juice. Cut pineapple chunks in half. Seed grapes if necessary and cut in half. Mix apples, pineapple and grapes in large bowl.
2. Add the marshmallows and nuts and mix.
3. Add cooled dressing and mix all together. If not moist enough you can add a small can of crushed pineapple. Chill and enjoy!

NOTE: I doubled this batch for the supper and used 7 apples (of 2 different varieties-Wild Twist & Cosmic Crisp) which I don't peel.

**Picnic time is approaching, do you have a favorite recipe?**

**Share it with your church family! To submit your recipe,**

**email it to me at [nighthawk2@dejazzd.com](mailto:nighthawk2@dejazzd.com), or,**

**give me a copy at church.**

- Editor

### **Committee Corner!**

**LSO Group:** Volunteer for our Labor of Love Day. See the poster on the Committee Bulletin Board for more info.

**Social Ministry:** We need help to work our garden and volunteers to prepare and serve a meal at Opportunity House. Also, seeking donations of desserts for the Opportunity House meal. See sign-up sheet on the Committee Bulletin Board.

**Vacation Bible School -** We continue to seek volunteers for VBS. Won't you help with this popular children's event this year? You don't need to help every night, help when you can. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the program areas. Contact Karen Wanamaker at [cmclibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:cmclibrarian@gmail.com) for any questions you may have.

**Summer Fest -** Seeking Game ideas for the fest and someone to head up the Games area of the fest. See Vicar Jeremiah.

**Fundraising -** Rent a table at our Yard Sale or give donations for the church flea market table. Sign up to help at the Kempton Fair. See the sign-up sheet on the Committee Bulletin Board.

**Worship & Music -** Bring food donations for our veterans.

**REMEMBER** to keep checking the **Committee News** bulletin board in the upstairs hallway for opportunities to help Mt. Zion's committees!!! You are sure to find an area where you can help.

### **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**

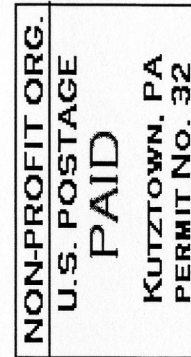
Jesus is Lord and Savior

Seek to be in relationship with God

Ensure that everyone is welcome

Encourage generosity toward others

Live the faith



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