



# A PLACE FOR EVERYONE



**ZION LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
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May 19, 2024

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## **Hospital Visitation:**

If you have been hospitalized, the only way to be certain that the Pastor knows is for a family member or friend to notify the office. Thank you for your assistance.

Herald articles due by noon,  
Wednesday



## **Welcome to Zion!**

**What a wonderful day to serve our Lord!**

We are so thankful for all in attendance today. If you are members just coming home for a visit or visitors looking for a church home, we welcome you and hope you will enjoy being a part of our church family today! Visitor attendance form and welcome packets are available at the greeters' stations.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 5/26/2024

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17



**Altar Flowers/Donations:** The Altar Flowers/donation are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of our father's, William J. Short and Richard S. Sherk by Ed and Chrystal Short. A donation will be made to the Newville food bank, in their memory.

**Big Spring Area Food Bank:** Zion's designated offering is Jell-O and Pudding. The next Food Distribution at Big Spring United Lutheran Church, located at corner of Carlisle and Crossroads School Road, will be held on **Monday May 20th from 9-11 am**. Volunteers: Sunday at 4:00 pm to assist with set up and Monday at 8:30 am to help with the distribution. **THEY NO LONGER NEED BROWN BAGS.**



The May Noisy Offering is for the Friendship Hose Co No. 1 who provides EMS and Fire/Rescue services to the Newville area to include the Borough of Newville, portions of West Pennsboro, North Newton, Upper Mifflin, and Lower Mifflin Townships. The fire company apparatus includes an engine-tanker, engine-rescue, mini-tanker, brush truck, multiple ambulances, and a pick up truck. The fire company holds multiple fundraising events throughout the year.



When I don't know how to pray or what to pray for, Holy Spirit, help me in my weakness; intercede with your deep, wordless sighs (see Romans 8:26).



Welcome to Pentecost worship! Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. May we be open to the Spirit's dynamic leading.



You still have a chance to select 3 hymns of your choice for us to sing this summer. A signup sheet along with the green and blue hymnals are on the table in the entrance area. Pick one of the open dates and add your favorites. You can select any hymn from either of these two hymnals. Open dates are July 28, August 18 and August 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**May 20-27, 2024**

Pastor Mike will be on vacation  
Monday, May 20th  
through  
Monday, May 27th

If you have a pastoral care emergency, please call  
**Pastor Titus Clarke at 717-601-9997**

Doug Nelson will be our presiding minister on Sunday, May 26th. We will be using pre-filled communion cups that have been blessed by Pastor Mike.

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**Graduations**



We will be recognizing our graduating seniors from either High School or College on **Sunday, June 2nd**. If you have a graduating senior, please fill out one of the forms in the church entrance area. Return the completed form to the office or place in the box beside the forms. We want them to know how proud we are of their accomplishments.

**Deadline to submit names is May 26th.**



We will be having a yard sale on  
**Saturday, August 10th**  
from 8 am to 3 pm.

You can start bringing your  
donations to the church  
and put them in the back  
Sunday School room  
on the first floor.



I am asking anyone who would like to help defray the cost of going to summer church camp help us raise money for our youth.

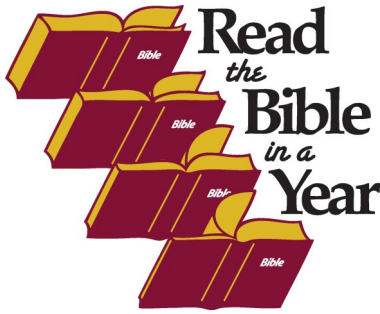
Any questions please talk to Fred Baker either in person, cell phone 717-440-0529, or email [fredba@pa.net](mailto:fredba@pa.net).



### **Celebrating the church's birthday**

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."



**Read the bible in a year. Sound hard? ?  
Yup, but not impossible.**

Most people who try to read the bible in a year start off good and then life hits, you hit a busy time, go on an active vacation, or you get to the laws, rituals, sacrifices, and all the details about building the temple, blaaaahh!!! I have read the bible daily for years, it has been a few years since I stuck to a plan. When I was on a plan, and I got to the laws etc. etc. I skimmed! Those were the days I did not read everything, those were easy days, but I still picked the bible up.

We will be joining Pastor Karl Vaters in this journey. He has a weekly podcast and other resources. I have posted the link below. He has a recording that introduces the schedule and there is one recording for each week. If you do not want to use the electronic resource, please let me know and I can email or print out a transcript of what he says each week. The reading plan will be available by email or ask me and I will print you a copy

<https://karlvaters.com/bible-reading-coach-podcast/>

The key is to commit to at least picking up your bible once a day! Maybe find a partner and encourage one another. Even if all you do is read a few verses a day you are probably way farther ahead than you have been in the past. If you miss a day or two or three... don't give up, don't worry about trying to read a whole bunch to catch up, just start where that day is. In Karl's plan he even gives us Sunday off!

It is up to you how much time you are willing and able to commit but studies show that if you read your bible at least 4 days a week the spiritual growth is measurable for most people. So even if you miss a few days, you are still growing, you are being transformed! I promise you, if you put in the time, you will be rewarded!

I suggest getting a Study Bible, one that has notes and helps, that explain what you are reading to an extent (none of them explain every verse) We use the NRSV version here. Other easy ones to read are NLT, ESV, NIV and the Message Bible by Eugene Patterson is very helpful. I invite you to join me.

**Monday—Saturday Schedule**  
**WEEK 21: Ezra & Nehemiah**  
*Returning & Rebuilding*

M: Ezra 1-5  
T: Ezra 6-10  
W: Nehemiah 1-4  
T: Nehemiah 5-7  
F: Nehemiah 8-10  
S: Nehemiah 11-13





## MAY 2024

### Assisting Ministers

05: Rick Railing  
12: Diane Covalt-Wiser  
19: Joey Diehl  
26: Diane Covalt-Wiser

### Readers

05: Coletta Railing  
12: Diane Covalt-Wiser  
19: Delaney Miller  
26: Ken Wagner

### Altar Guild & Bread

Linda Wiser

### Communion Assistants:

Carl & Nancy Creek and Mackenzie Neal

### Sunday School Teachers

05: Coletta Railing  
12: Linda Wiser  
19: Joey Diehl  
26: Doug & Steph Nelson

### Offering Counters:

Calvin & Ginny Mowery



## **Schedule of Church Activities**

### **Sunday, May 19, 26 June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes—Ingram Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Snack and fellowship—Ingram Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

### **Thursday, May 30**

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Classroom 2

### **Tues. 5/21/2024**

- 11:00 a.m. Joint Care & Share meeting at Zion

### **Mon. 5/27/2024 Office Closed for Memorial Day**

- Sun. 6/2/2024** Graduate recognition, forms are on the table downstairs in the entrance area.

### **Sat. 6/08/2024**

- 9:00 a.m. Neighbors In Christ greeter Doug Nelson

### **Mon. 6/10/2024**

- 6:00 p.m. Joint Council Meeting at Centerville
- 6:30 p.m. Zion Council Meeting

**ZION BLOOD DONOR NO. – 0985**

**Please use this number and the name of the church when giving or receiving blood.  
AED equipment on entry level beside Men's room door.**