

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# ZION NEWS

JANUARY — FEBRUARY 2023

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 15, 2023

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, January 15 after the 10 a.m. service. Elections to council, cemetery board and delegates to Synod Assembly 2023 will be held. The budget for 2023 will be presented for adoption.

### PASTOR'S CORNER — FROM PASTOR RICK

I'm writing this column in the week between Christmas and the New Year. It's a popular time to once again make New Year's resolutions. Have you made your resolutions?

I looked back in time and here are some of the most popular resolutions: Spend more time with family; get in shape; lose weight; quit smoking and quit drinking; get out of debt; get organized; enjoy life more; learn something new; and help others.

Each of the items on this list project a longing to improve one's physical and mental well being as well as a longing for quality human relationships.

One could also translate the list into four categories for a more succinct resolution: I resolve to improve my mind, my heart, my strength and my soul.

That resolution reminds me of very old Jewish prayer — the Shema Yisrael. You can find in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might."

The people are commanded to keep the words in the heart and to recite them to their children. Do it at home and when your are away. Do it

when you lay down and when you rise. The people are to bind those words as a sign on their hands and an emblem on their foreheads.

If we make reciting the Shema our New Year's resolution, I wonder what effect that would have on our prayer lives, on our demeanors, and on our relationships with other people and our God.

Remember, it was Jesus who added love of neighbor to the Shema.

May your New Year be a happy and healthy one full of joy and peace. May you move closer to your God and closer to your fellow man as you love God and serve your neighbor.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AND ASHES TO GO, FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday services will be held in-person and on Zoom on February 22, at 7 p.m. Ashes will be distributed, and Holy Communion will be celebrated. For those on Zoom and for others who wish to receive ashes, but not attend an in-person

service, Pastor Rick will have "ashes to go" hours on Wednesday between 1 and 3 p.m. and again from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. You may drive up to the side porch and receive ashes while remaining in your car.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We, a community of the people of God, worship faithfully, provide opportunities of Christian learning for people of all ages, and serve others in the love and name of Christ our Lord.*

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### JANUARY 2023

**1 – Name of Jesus**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Confirmation Class  
No Sunday School

**8 – Baptism of Our Lord**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Sunday School

**15 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
11:00 am Congregation Mtg  
9:00 Sunday School

**22 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Sunday School

**29 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Sunday School

#### FEBRUARY 2023

**5 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Sunday School

**12 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Sunday School

**19 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Sunday School

**22 – Ash Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**26 – 1st Sunday in Lent**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 Sunday School

# FINANCIAL REPORT — OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2022

<b>Current Fund</b>		<b>Future Projects Fund</b>		<b>Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$47,753.68</b>
October Income	\$9,694.00	October Income	\$780.00	Current CD Balance	\$41,045.50
October Expenses	\$10,817.53	October Expenses	\$0.00	Organ Fund Balance	\$10,577.23
Year to Date Income	\$100,663.50	Year to Date Income	\$10,451.04	Helping Hand Fund	\$1,364.87
Year to Date Expenses	\$110,116.61	Year to Date Expenses	\$4,409.63	Sawdust Ministry	\$2,942.84
Year to Date Balance	(\$9,453.11)	Year to Date Balance	\$6,041.41	OZY Fund Balance	\$8,698.75
Balance as of 10/31/22	\$48,495.29	Balance as of 10/31/22	\$34,709.22		

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<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>Memorial Fund</b>		<b>THANK YOU – to all who sent cards and gifts to Judy and I this Christmas season. We are blessed by your thoughtfulness and generosity. – Pastor Rick</b>	
October Income	\$4,120.80	October Income	\$130.00		
October Expenses	\$826.98	October Expenses	\$0.00		
Year to Date Income	\$18,441.80	Year to Date Income	\$3,095.59		
Year to Date Expenses	\$25,193.75	Year to Date Expenses	\$12,229.37		
Year to Date Balance	(\$6,752.95)	Year to Date Balance	(\$9,133.78)		
Balance as of 10/31/22	(\$741.61)	Balance as of 10/31/22	\$9,162.19		

<b>Current Fund</b>		<b>Future Projects Fund</b>		<b>Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$45,546.96</b>
November Income	8,544.00	November Income	\$487.00	Current CD Balance	\$41,045.50
November Expenses	\$10,400.53	November Expenses	\$0.00	Organ Fund Balance	\$10,610.61
Year to Date Income	90,969.50	Year to Date Income	\$10,950.40	Helping Hand Fund	\$1,389.87
Year to Date Expenses	\$120,517.14	Year to Date Expenses	\$4,409.63	Sawdust Ministry	\$2,942.84
Year to Date Balance	(\$11,309.64)	Year to Date Balance	\$6,540.77	OZY Fund Balance	\$8,698.75
Balance as of 11/30/22	\$46,638.76	Balance as of 11/30/22	\$41,249.99		

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<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>Memorial Fund</b>			
November Income	\$5,024.00	November Income	\$0.00		
November Expenses	\$5,374.19	November Expenses	\$0.00		
Year to Date Income	\$23,465.80	Year to Date Income	\$3,100.44		
Year to Date Expenses	\$30,568.94	Year to Date Expenses	\$12,229.37		
Year to Date Balance	(\$7,103.14)	Year to Date Balance	(\$9,128.93)		
Balance as of 11/30/22	(\$1,091.80)	Balance as of 11/30/22	\$9,167.04		

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

In the instance of bad weather, please tune to **WKOK, Big Country, Channel 16**, or **Facebook** to find out if church services or other activities are canceled. On Sundays, the decision will be made by 6:00 am by the president of the council, the pastor, and the chair of the Property Committee. Please stay safe during bad weather this season!

**A gift for you!** Judy and I have made contributions in Zion's name to ELCA Good Gifts to fight hunger and food insecurity here and around the world. We wish you a joyous and blessed Christmas and a healthy, prosperous new year! – *Pastor Rick*

## SHUT-INS AND BIRTHDAYS

We have members who for a variety of reasons are unable to join us for worship each Sunday. We listed them below and invite you to mail a card to them.

The date of their birth is also included!  
**Carol Bartoe**, Brookdale Grayson View, 29 Grayson View, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, September 3

**Kenneth Kline**, c/o Connie Clark, P.O. Box 41, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, Birthday: August 19

**Marian Ritter**, The Manor at Penn Village, 51 Route 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, May 1

**Barry Knouse**, 1682 Mile Hill Road, Sunbury, PA 17801, April 16

**Jean Long**, The Manor at Penn Village, 51 Route 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, November 22

**Donald Saurers**, Watsontown Nursing and Rehab, 245 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Watsontown, PA 17777, July 10

## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE CHILDREN'S SERMON

You cannot see their faces! All eyes were on the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men and the animals!



## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

### SEPTEMBER

The two large altar chairs were re-upholstered and returned to the church. Peterman Upholstery from Herndon did the work and charged a total of \$672.00. This bill will be paid by a donation from a church member.

Also, Rally Day was held on September 11 and was well attended. The Potluck Lunch afterward went very well and was enjoyed by all.

### OCTOBER

On October 30, we observed Reformation Sunday. Included in this service was the confirmation of one of our young people, Colin Nichols.

### NOVEMBER

Council moved their meeting to November 22 due to a

snowstorm on November 15.

The Finance committee and treasurer, Mike Wendt presented the proposed 2023 budget to council. Council reviewed the proposal and voted to recommend it to the congregation.

### DECEMBER

Council President Dawne Long thanked Linda Bussey and Jim Herbster for their service as council members for the past six years. Donna Kay Haas and Michael Ulrich will run for a second, three-year term. However, we still need two more council members and need volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Hess, Secretary

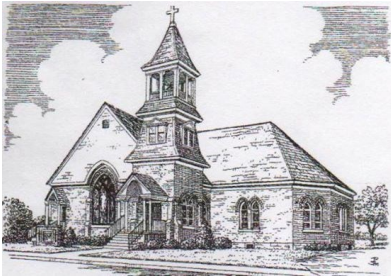
## PLEASE NOTE:

**2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** ordered in March of 2022 and usually delivered during the summer months have not been shipped to us. The vendor expects to have all orders shipped by December 31. As soon as we receive the envelopes, we will distribute them. In the meantime, please use a plain envelope and write your name on it to make 2023 contributions. You may place a note inside the envelope stating the fund or funds to which your contribution should be deposited.

**DO NOT USE OLD ENVELOPES** because your number has changed for 2023!

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one or friend needs pastoral care of any type, if someone is in or is going into the hospital or a nursing home, if someone needs a visit at home, or would like to receive communion, please call the church office at 570-374-8755. In the event of an emergency, please call Pastor Rick on his cell phone at 570-847-3113. Please leave a message if he doesn't answer!



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Lovetta Gross  
Michele  
Maria Figard  
Sherry Herr  
Carol Bartoe  
Betty Doebler  
Donald Kline  
Carl Berge Jr.  
Bob Ritter  
Grant Hollenbach  
Craig Ritter  
Bailey Haas  
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Harold Spicher  
Marge Sheesley  
Norman & Susan Straub  
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Brenda Reinard  
Darlene Hoffmaster  
Jill Baker  
Jake Hane  
Scott Hummel  
Sherry Beaver  
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Kay Kline  
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Brantley Herman  
Sue  
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