

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ZION NEWS

OCTOBER — NOVEMBER 2023

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 22, 2023

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, October 22 after the 10 a.m. service for the purpose of discussing and voting on a proposal to install a smoke and fire monitoring system for the church building.

The Safety Committee received and reviewed bids from three companies. After several revisions the committee recommended to the Church Council a proposal from A-1 Lock and Key, Lewisburg. Council voted

on September 19th to bring that proposal to the congregation for a vote.

The cost to install the system would be \$15,001 along with an ongoing monthly fee of \$59.00 for monitoring. The church would realize a savings of \$250 on its annual fire insurance premium.

A more detailed explanation of the system will be provided at the meeting. If you have questions, please contact a member of Council or the Safety Committee.

WELCOME SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

On Sunday, October 1, Zion Lutheran Church will welcome Salem Lutheran Church into its building — one church welcoming another.

Remember that “the people are the church.” And people have different traditions. Much like the families might celebrate birthdays and holidays differently, so different churches have different traditions to honor and praise God.

In welcoming Salem,

we, the people of Zion, are doing more than sharing our space. We are making room to honor Salem’s traditions as well as our own.

Welcoming means you will be asked to do some new things when you attend worship such as wear a name tag for several weeks. You may have to share your favorite pew with other people or move to another pew if you find your familiar seat occupied. The folks from Salem may teach us a few new things, and we

may teach them a few new things. That’s what true “welcoming” can do!

Each body of Christ is charged with naming where God is active in our community. It’s a corporate process. Think about the new or perhaps forgotten ways you will see God at work within this new, temporary accommodation for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God bless and guide this welcoming!

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 OCTOBER 2023

- 1 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School
- 8 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School
- 15 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School
- 22 – 21th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School
- 29 – Reformation Sunday**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School

NOVEMBER 2023

- 5 – All Saints Sunday**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School
- 12 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School
- 19 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School
- 26 – Christ the King Sunday**
10:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 Sunday School

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY & AUGUST 2023

Current Fund*		Memorial Fund	
July Income	\$12,681.00	July Income	\$0.00
July Expenses	\$11,841.89	July Expenses	\$0.00
Year to Date Income	\$90,829.22	Year to Date Income	\$365.93
Year to Date Expenses	\$102,496.02	Year to Date Expenses	\$0.00
Year to Date Balance	(\$11,666.80)	Year to Date Balance	\$365.93
Balance as of 7/31/23	\$36,729.20	Balance as of 7/31/23	\$9,534.52

Future Projects Fund			
July Income	\$620.00	Checking Balance	\$36,794.20
July Expenses	\$0.00	Current CD Balance	\$41,165.70
Year to Date Income	\$6,694.83	Organ Fund Balance	\$11,225.33
Year to Date Expenses	\$13,397.00	Helping Hand Fund	\$1,609.29
Year to Date Balance	(\$6,702.17)	Sawdust Ministry	\$3,321.84
Balance as of 7/31/23	\$35,210.70	OZY Fund Balance	\$7,568.75

Current Fund*		Memorial Fund	
August Income	\$11,040.00	August Income	\$0.00
August Expenses	\$13,768.98	August Expenses	\$0.00
Year to Date Income	\$101,869.22	Year to Date Income	\$367.55
Year to Date Expenses	\$116,265.00	Year to Date Expenses	\$0.00
Year to Date Balance	(\$14,395.78)	Year to Date Balance	\$367.55
Balance as of 8/31/23	\$34,065.22	Balance as of 8/31/23	\$9,536.14

Future Projects Fund			
August Income	\$443.00	Checking Balance	\$34,065.22
August Expenses	\$0.00	Current CD Balance	\$41,177.54
Year to Date Income	\$7,143.71	Organ Fund Balance	\$11,287.23
Year to Date Expenses	\$13,397.00	Helping Hand Fund	\$984.29
Year to Date Balance	(\$6,253.29)	Sawdust Ministry	\$3,341.84
Balance as of 8/31/23	\$35,659.58	OZY Fund Balance	\$7,568.75

*The former Building Fund is now part of the Current Fund.

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!

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, 3578 Route 204, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, April 16

Donald Saurers, Watsontown Nursing and Rehab, 245 East 8th Street, Watsontown, PA 17777, July 10

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!

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!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

AUGUST

Council heard committee reports about important items concerning our church. The Safety Committee is finalizing information from vendors for a smoke and fire monitoring system and noted our new front doors (which will now have panic bars installed) will be done the end of this month. Worship and Music (W&M) reviewed services past and present, and will invite Salem's W&M to their September meeting. Our shared services will begin on October 1, as their church continues to rebuild after this spring's fire. September 10 will be Rally Day. It's also time to start asking our church members to consider running for church council next year.

SEPTEMBER

Council went over a number of issues at their meeting this month. Discussions have been occurring between

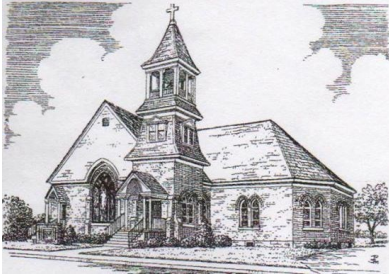
some of our committees and Salem's regarding the temporary combination of our congregations starting October 1. Christian Education and W&M have met with their counterparts. To get to know each other better, name tags will be made available for Sunday services. Usher, acolyte, and chalice duties will be shared by the two congregations. Separate offering plates will be available for each congregation. *There will be a Social Hour after our 10 a.m. service on October 1, as a meet and greet opportunity for both congregations.* If any church member has questions about this temporary arrangement, please talk to a council member or the pastor.

Also, council received a resignation letter from our church secretary, Aggie Hufnagle. Her intention is to resign as of December 31, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Hess, Council Secretary

NEW CUSTOM-BUILT OAK DOORS INSTALLED





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Lovetta Gross
Craig Ritter
Bob Ritter
Ray & Jenna Sassaman
Carl Berge Jr.
Craig Haines
Barry & Pat Knouse
Marshall Kline
Jean Kline
Robin Zechman

Jeanette Napp
Mary Kalcich
Dave Kline
George Contrestan
Gary Auman
Bruce and Mary Savoy
Nancy Sherwood
Deb Shellenberger
Becky Bollinger
Jane Dunkelberger
Clair Rhoads
Mary Jane Adams
Cameron Sholvin
Logan Roush
Bill Buck
Adam Guzinski
Terry Sassaman
Kenneth Berge
Kathy Spangler

Jake Hane
David & Helen Hannah
Joyce Kratzer
Malysa Lenig
Walt Sprenkle
Linda Sassaman
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John Jones
Sue
Kenneth Bahner
Joan
Leevi
Jeremiah Spade
Ron Haas
Greg Hoffman
Jim Heinzelman
Marvin Sassaman

SECRETARY POSITION OPENS JAN. 1

Zion Lutheran is seeking to fill the part-time positions of parish secretary and financial secretary, effective January 1, 2024. Currently, the positions average 15 hours per week. The current rate of compensation is \$12.00 per hour. The person who fills the position must possess computer skills, database skills, and organizational skills. The person will be familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and Publisher, and have the aptitude to learn Icon Systems Cloud Software. The person will need to demonstrate trustworthiness and discretion because he or she will handle sensitive information.

These positions create and print bulletins, record financial contributions, organize and track flower charts, purchase office and other supplies. A partial list of specific tasks follows. If you have an interest in these positions, please contact Dawne Long, Steve Keifer, Michael Hess or Pastor Rick and submit a resume.

PARISH SECRETARY

- Create, type and make copies of weekly church bulletins for Zion.
- Create, type and make copies of bulletins for weddings, funerals and special services.
- Collate newsletter and mail from Selinsgrove Post Office
- Place hymns on hymn board for services; distribute bulletins for services
- Keep list of shut-ins up to date and mail bulletins to shut-ins.

- Order worship supplies – paper, bulletins, certificates, candles, etc.
- Record from communion cards those who received communion.
- In conjunction with the pastor, keep the Parish Register up-to-date in writing and on the Icon Systems Cloud Software system.
- With the pastor, fill out transfer forms and marriage certificates and mail.
- Keep address list up-to-date.
- Type, make copies, and send letters to 5th graders inviting them to First Communion Classes.
- Type, make copies, and send letters to 8th and 9th graders inviting them to Catechetical Classes.
- Keep up-to-date listings posted in the vestibule of those members in the armed services.
- Keep the calendars posted on the bulletin boards up-to-date.
- Keep the bulletin boards neat with current information.
- Type, make copies, and mail an Annual Report each year.
- Be responsible for and order supplies for the office.
- Establish office hours at the church in conjunction with the pastor's schedule, which is currently 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.
- Other duties as assigned by pastor or the Church Council.