

# Parish Post

Zion Lutheran Church  
Thankful for 282 years!

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Issue 1

## SET SAIL WITH JESUS!

Join us for VBS this year! Our theme will have us Setting Sail with Jesus, and each night we'll be jumping feet first into one of the water stories of the Bible!

Night #1 : **Noah's Ark**

Night #2 : **Water from the Rock**

Night #3 : **Jonah and the Big Fish**

Night #4 : **Jesus Walks on Water**

VBS 2025 leaves the shore on Monday, June 16th at 6pm.

Each night of VBS is from 6-8pm.

If you'd like to have your child (aged 2-12) participate, please follow the QR code to the right to our online registration form!

Any questions, please ask Shawn or Pastor.



## MAY SUNDAYS OF SERVICE

May 4th: Youth Sunday—3rd Sunday of Easter

May 11th: Mother's Day—4th Sunday of Easter

May 18th: 5th Sunday of Easter

May 25th: 6th Sunday of Easter

(May 29th) June 1st—Ascension of Our Lord/7th Sunday of Easter

### UPCOMING THIS SUMMER:

- Memorial Day: May 26th
- Synod Assembly: May 30th/31st
- Pentecost: June 8th
- Father's Day: June 15th
- Vacation Bible School: June 16-19th
- Juneteenth: June 19th
- July 4th

Underlined denotes Office Closed for Holiday

# Eastertide



## MISS LORI'S MUSIC CORNER

Miss Lori is looking for any volunteers to sign up for summer music. If you can sing or play an instrument - please email her at [lchoshaw1@gmail.com](mailto:lchoshaw1@gmail.com) or the church office.

There's also sign-ups and more information on the table in the Narthex for summer music.

*Thank you to everyone who donated candy, helped stuff eggs and volunteered during the Easter Egg Hunt!*

### MAY PRAYER LIST

Please join us in saying a little prayer for the following people.

Barbara  
Dave  
Joan  
Mary  
Bertha  
Izabella  
Kreg  
Tori  
Fay  
John  
Laura  
Randy  
Charles  
Liam  
John  
Steven  
Kevin  
Doris  
Kathie  
Terry  
Ed  
Bob  
Greg  
Jim  
Cathy  
Hari  
Melissa

## SPRING CITY PANTRY & PROJECT OUTREACH

*Spring City Food Pantry* is open on:

**Wednesdays** from **5-6:30pm** and on **Thursdays** from **10:30am-Noon**.

Suggestions for donations: Paper Towels, Tissues,

Project Outreach is looking for specific items for their families in need:

Liquid Hand Soap  
Body Lotion  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Bar Soap  
Body Wash  
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes  
Floss  
Mouthwash  
Deodorant (men/women)  
Tampons/Pads  
Flushable wipes  
Shaving Cream (men/women)  
Razors





**Susan & Jane**

*Cathy & Paul  
Dan & Maggie*



**Olivia Rogers** will be graduating from Owen J Roberts High School. Olivia will be attending Montgomery County Community College in the fall to become a Dental Hygienist.

Congratulations to **Katy Dietrich** who will graduate this month with two Bachelor of Science degrees (biology and neuroscience) from Ursinus College and to **Evan Dietrich** who will graduate this month with a Master of Education degree from University of Pennsylvania.

**ZION LUTHERAN  
PRESCHOOL  
GRADUATION!**

Our Pre-K students will be graduating on **May 28th & 29th!**

**June 1st** : We'll be honoring Zion's graduates!

If you'd like your High School or College Graduate to be mentioned—please let Erin or Shawn know by **May 18th!**

**Muhlenberg Parish  
Blood Drive**

**Monday, June 9th**

- Zion from 2-7 pm

**Monday, October 13th**

- St. John's from 2-7pm

# ELCA

Ever wondered, "Why the water?"

Asperges (noun, pronounced ah-SPUR-jes) is the sprinkling of baptismal water upon worshippers as a reminder of their baptism. The ministers who are performing the asperges may use a pine branch or a special sprinkler called an aspergillum (often a bound bundle of straw that resembles a small broom). Sprinkling with water is an option in worship any time the assembly participates in an affirmation of baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ and it is particularly suitable during the Easter season.

To sprinkle the water, a minister dips the branch or sprinkler in the bowl of water then flings it over the heads of the assembly. It is helpful for the minister to use a large arc-type action with the arm rather than just flicking the wrist so that large groups of people can feel the touch of the water at the same time.

Some worshippers find it helpful to trace the sign of the cross on themselves as they are sprinkled as a way of reminding themselves that they have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

Easter 4 : 5/11

If you'd like to help out, the boxes with dots need someone to fill the role!

Easter 5 : 5/18

Easter 6 : 5/25

Let Pastor or Erin know!

Ascension

Sunday : 6/1

## PASTOR

Hello beautiful people! Now we are in the season of Easter, the season of the resurrected God-with-us. We will walk with Jesus for the next seven weeks until his ascension into heaven to be at one with the father. And then - Pentecost. Miracle of miracles. We need to get ready.

In the Circle of the Church Year, there are three great times: Christmas, when God was born; Easter, when God showed us the power of love can defeat even death; and Pentecost, when God came to dwell with us forever.

(Now, you might be thinking - wait, Pentecost? That's up there with Christmas and Easter? *Yes!!* And actually, have you ever heard the term CEO Christian - Christmas and Easter only? It is my dream to convert all of those people into being CEP Christians... Christmas, Easter, Pentecost!)

At the feast of Pentecost, we will hear about how the people of God were empty and felt directionless after Jesus went back to heaven. And then... right there in that vacuum... the Holy Spirit descended, for the very first time, on each and every one of the people. Suddenly they could do things they couldn't do before, they could see things they couldn't see before. They had a flame inside their hearts that could not be blown out. God now dwelled in them. And they were off - off into the world, to spread the good news.

The story of Pentecost, I think, is very well summed up by Albert Camus:

"In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger - something better, pushing right back."

Yours in resurrection joy,

Pastor Taylor

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Minister x4	Acolyte	Crucifer	Usher/Greeter x2	Sacristan
Nicolle	Carol	Nicolle/Lili Carol Amy Elaine	Jack	Tessa	Maggie Shawn	Patti
.	Amy	Amy Christopher Elaine .	.	.	Maggie Shawn	Patti
.	Jena	Amy	.	.	Maggie Shawn	Amy
Jen	Carol	Jen Carol Amy Robbie	.	Robbie	Maggie Shawn	.

## BASKET RAFFLE!

The Basket Raffle is fast approaching! (November will be here before we know it!)

Below you'll find the link to our SignUpGenius for Baskets to be donated—you can choose one of the ideas or come up with one yourself!

We welcome any donations (even “random” things not collected as a basket, we can combine items to create something wonderful!)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4DA4A82BA0F8C07-56557337-zions>



*Don't forget to grab your tickets for our Quilt Raffle!*

## RAFFLES

Surprise! In an effort to put a little extra FUN in our Fundraising, Raffles are Here!

The first four are featured for the month of May, and will be accessible starting on Saturday, May 3rd and will run until they are Sold Out!

You can find the links on our Facebook page [Zion of Spring City] and to the right — all of the transactions for tickets will go through the links/QR provided for each separate raffle.

Once the raffles for the month are sold out, we will host a Live Drawing on Facebook. All prizes will need to be picked up within 30 days of drawing.

....here's what you're looking for:

Raffle #1 : 2 Phillies Tickets for May 27th - \$10 per chance

Raffle #2 : Michael Kors Purse & Card Case - \$6 per chance

Raffle #3 : Phillies Jersey, White XL - \$8 per chance

Raffle #4 : Yeti Tumbler & Water Bottle, Wild Vine - \$6 per chance

Raffle #1



Raffle #2



Raffle #3



Raffle #4



## HISTORY

Shown here is a photograph of the second church building erected for the members of Zion. The first, a log building, was erected around 1752 and served both the Lutheran and Reformed congregations. During the long pastorate of Reverend John Ludwig Voight, the growth of the congregation required the building of a larger church.

The cornerstone for the new church was laid on August 15, 1774. Henry Muhlenberg attended the service that day and personally laid the cornerstone.

This building served as a hospital following the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777. The pews were removed so the wounded could be taken care of properly. Bandages were cut on the altar, and the cut marks are still visible today.

Later, when the army was camped at Valley Forge in the Winter of 1777-78, the church was again used as a hospital for the sick with George Washington visiting on at least one occasion. At least 22 soldiers from the Brandywine battle and the encampment are buried on the church property. Some may have been buried beneath what is now Rte. 724.

This church served the Zion congregation until 1861 when the original section of the current building was constructed. It was then torn down, although the cornerstone of the old church and some of the other stone blocks form part of the foundation of the current church.

In 1919, a large granite monument was installed in the old cemetery marking the site of this 1861 church.



Information provided by:

George Detwiler

Don't forget! *NOAH* is playing at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster on November 30th—if you'd like to go with the group from Zion, *LAST CALL* is right now! You can fill out a form and return it to Erin

(or an email with your desired # of tickets and the amount you're paying, that's fine too!)

Any questions, ask Angela Moore

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