

ZioNews



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The Newsletter this month is sponsored to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Ernest & Grace Stoner and Ignatius &
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A Message from Pastor Kim

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As the ground softens and the May sun coaxes the first green shoots from the soil, we are reminded of the promise in Isaiah: *"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations."*

In the Lutheran tradition, we believe that the world is not a godless void, but the "theatre of God's glory." We believe in a God who is **incarnational**—who doesn't stay hidden in the clouds but meets us in the water of the font, the bread of the table, and the faces of our neighbors.

This month, I invite you to take your faith into the streets through the practice of **Prayer Walking**.

Prayer walking is not about reclaiming territory or performing for others. Rather, it is an act of "sacramental looking." As we walk, we are looking for where God is already at work in our neighborhood, even in the mundane or broken places. It is a way to live out our vocation as the priesthood of all believers, carrying the peace of Christ into the very air we breathe.

When you go out this month—whether you are walking the dog, heading to the mailbox, or taking a deliberate stroll through a local park—I invite you to use these three **Lutheran-centered prompts**:

- **For the "Masks of God"(larve Dei):** As you pass a local business, a school, or a neighbor's garden, give thanks for the *vocation* of the people there. Pray: *"Lord, thank you for the hands that bake this bread and the minds that teach our children. Bless their work as a gift to this community."*
- **For the Promise of Baptism:** When you see water—a sprinkler, a creek, or even a puddle after a May shower—remember that you are "walked wet." Pray: *"Lord, remind me that I belong to you. Wash this neighborhood with your grace, and let justice roll down like waters."*
- **For the Neighbor in Need:** Luther famously said that a Christian is a servant to all. If you see a house that looks lonely or a street that feels neglected, pray: *"Lord, let your kingdom come here. Show me how I might love these neighbors as you have loved me."*

As we move through May and June, let us remember that the church is not a building we go to, but a people sent out. May your feet be swift with the Gospel of peace.

In the hope of the Resurrection!

Blessings
Pastor Kim

PS: You can practice Prayer Walking during the HARC Walk being held at Zion on Saturday, May 30, 2026

Thank You

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, visits, prayers and phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery. Your support means a great deal to my family and me.

Sincerely,
Marvin Gower

Dear Zion Family:

I want to say “thank you” to the person who left the beautiful new Easter Hat on my front Porch. I have not been feeling well for the past few Sundays, so I have not been able to wear it to church yet. It has certainly brought me joy! Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Dillworth



May 2	Loren Baran
May 4	Shelby Shawley
May 7	Evan Harrell
May 9	Cheryl Donavan
May 10	Gavin Roland
May 11	Kari Crampton
	Jamie Neikirk
May 12	Ross Himes
May 13	Terri Yetter
May 14	Amber Jacobus
May 15	Byron Snyder
May 16	Nancy Martz
May 18	Sophia Adams
May 19	Charles Crown
	Terry Doub
May 22	Frank Downey
May 24	Mark Miller
May 27	Elizabeth Footen
May 31	Ernie Stoner



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 7 Eideann Banzhoff
Aaron Miller
Linda Miller
June 9 Tracey Miller
Brennan Myers
June 1 Katie Jack
June 17 Jason Castle
Paul Crampton
June 23 Allison Shurnitski
Brent Taylor
Mike Taylor
June 25 Mason Kreps
June 30 Randy Miles

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in prayer: Patty Allen, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Tarita Buhagier, Cindy Dean, Terry and Ellie Doub, Sally Drury, Marvin Gower, Kristine Griffith, Terry Grossnickle, Kay and Mary Guessford, AJ Haque, Ronnie Jackson, Robert Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Rachel Knox, Sandra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Liam Manuel, Vaughn Miller, Pat Myers, Juanita Netzkie, Linda Perry, Mackenzie Raidt, Marilyn Schoenian, Driver Spade, Millie St. Peter, Diane Wollard.

Homebound & Shut Ins – Randy Anderson, Bob Bowers, Barbara Burger, Jean Brechbill, Terry Conrad, Bob Gordon, Dorothea Heavner, Demeta Matlack, Roger Nicodemus, Linda Perry, Marilyn Schoenian, Ien & Heng Ya Srun, Kitty Smalts, Bonnie Thomas, James Thomas.

Circle of Prayer

May 3	Brian & Betty Zonis, Austin and Audrey Chris Adams & Tonya Williams
May 10	Carol Alexander Gary & Kim Alexander
May 17	Donna Allen & Jack Fazenbaker Martha Allen
May 24	Christina Anderson Christine Anderson
May 31	Randy Anderson Marion Augustowski
June 7	Matthew & Gina Baker, Julianne and Samantha Kevin & Nicole Banzhoff, and Eideann
June 14	Chris & Amanda Baran, Loren and Ian Loretta Bassler
June 21	Barbara Becker Christina Bentley and Savannah Moyer
June 28	Leslie Boward Angie & Zachary Bowers



We wish to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our graduates. We will formally recognize all of our graduates at both services on May 31, 2026.

High School

Jeremy Cassner is graduating from North High School. He plans to attend HCC and then transfer to MICA to study art.

Katie Jack is graduating from Williamsport High School. She will attend St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland in the fall. Her parents are Susan and Brian Jack.

Andrew Snook is graduating from Williamsport High School. He will be pursuing an aviation degree. His parents are Todd and Jen Snook.

Leah Snook is graduating from Williamsport High School. She will be pursuing a degree in marine biology. Her parents are Todd and Jen Snook.

Brandon Stiles is graduating from Williamsport High School. He will attend the University of Maryland and will study Applied Agriculture.

Audrey Zonis is graduating from Williamsport High School. Her parents are Betty and Brian Zonis.

College

Kyra Brienne Thomas will graduate from Shippensburg University with a Masters in Biology. She has accepted a position as an Adjunct Professor of Biology with the University of Delaware. Her proud grandfather is Ray Thomas.



On April 26, 2026, we celebrated the Baptism of Grayson Steven Sears. Grayson is the son of James and Betsy Sears. His siblings are Harrison and Palmer. Proud grandparents are Ed & Susie Shaw and Ivan & Christine Sears.

On May 3, 2026, we celebrated the Baptism of Oliver Calvin Duff. Oliver is the son of Megan and Andrew Duff. Proud grandparents are Jen and Bob Budnicki and Scot & Jane Duff. Proud great-grandparents are Sue and Joe Moser.



On April 26, 2026, we welcomed the following people into Fellowship with the Body of Christ, as they took their First Communion:

Lucillia Stardust Cubit and Janis Jade Sparrow Cubit. Proud grandparents are Janice & Daniel Martz.

Harrison Sears. Proud parents are James and Betsy Sears. Proud grandparents are Ed & Susie Shaw and Ivan & Christine Sears.

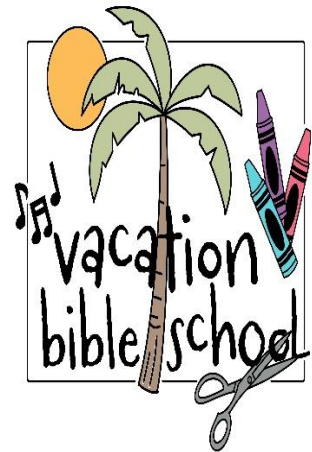
Jaden Snyder, Lisa Snyder and Robert Snyder. Proud parents are Melissa and Dusty Snyder, Sr.



Zion will be having a BBQ chicken fundraiser on May 9, 2026, from 11 am to 2 pm or until it is sold out. This will be a carry out meal. The menu includes half a chicken, baked beans, and applesauce. The cost will be \$12.00. If you can help, please Joe Moser or Darlene Teach.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 27 – 31, 2026 from 5:15 – 8 pm. A light supper will be served followed by fun, crafts and Bible Study for everyone, adults included. Come join in the fun!!! If you can help, please see Val Dzbynski or Pastor Kim.





As many of you may have realized, Zion is thriving and growing. As a result, we are in need of volunteers. Many of these volunteers serve once or twice a month, others more often. Here is where we need volunteers and who to contact to get more information.

Worship Service:

We need ushers, Communion Assistants, Altar Care and Acolytes. Please see Ray Thomas about becoming an usher, Margie Wolverton about helping with Communion; Jackie Taylor about Altar Care and Dawn Stiles about having your child serve as an Acolyte or Crucifer.

Fellowship

Everything from our Sunday Morning Fellowship to potlucks to our much loved movie nights are all overseen by our Fellowship Committee. Please see Kathy Himes, Sue Moser or Michael Harp about ways you can assist in the Fellowship of our church.

Teaching

While Sunday School is coming to its summer break, teachers are always needed. If you would like to teach Sunday School, please see Val Dzbynski. If you can help with Vacation Bible School, please see Pastor Kim, Val Dzbynski or Michael Harp. If you would like to teach adults, please see Pastor Kim.

Outreach

Zion reaches out to our community in a number of ways, from the Back to School Fair to Harvest Hoedown, to Angel Tree. If you can help with these projects, please see Paula Wyatt.

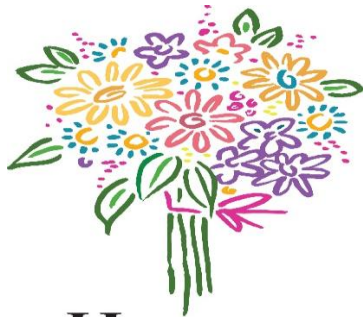
Business and Office Help

The business of the church is ongoing. Help is needed for everything from folding bulletins and the newsletter to technology to assisting Jamie Neikirk, our church treasurer. If you can help with office tasks, please contact Dorothy in the office. If you can help with our other business needs, please see Michael Harp or Jamie Neikirk.

Property

The upkeep of our property is an ongoing task that goes on year around. Some things take place once a season or so such as our clean up days. Others are seasonal such as mowing and keeping our landscaping tidy. Still others are ongoing concerns. If you can help, please see John Doub.

With your help, we can continue to grow and serve Williamsport.



Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is May 10, 2026. To honor our mothers, we are having the Mother's Day Honor Roll. The cost is \$5.00 and the money will be donated to Brooke's House, a local charity that supports women. Sign up on the clipboards during Sunday Service or contact the office.



Honor all the fathers and father figures by signing them up for the Father's Day Honor Roll. The cost is \$5.00. All proceeds will go to Mar-Lu Ridge's With Open Arms Capital Campaign.

Don't forget the hymn sing on Father's Day! It's a fun tradition to honor our men by singing their favorite hymns.



Kinder Haven's Spring Raffle is in full swing. Tickets are \$5.00 each. There are 4 fantastic prizes to choose from:

1. A Variety Gift Card Basket (valued over \$100.00)
2. A 58" Roku Hisense TV QLED QD5 series
3. A 28" Wood-Burning fire pit and Kitzies Spring Mills gift card
4. Yeti Hopper M12 Backpack cooler

The drawing is May 8, 2026. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available on the Kinder Haven Table in the hallway. Ticket stubs and money can be placed in the Kinder Haven Lock Box.

On June 12, 2026, Kinder Haven will graduate 12 students from our pre-K program. Those students will be honored at our 10:45 service on June 14, 2026.

MAY-JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS:

May 3:

8:15 am: John Doub

10:45 am:: Steve Himes

May 10:

8:15 am: Chris Baran

10:45 am: Randy Miles

May 17:

8:15 am: Ray Thomas

10:45 am: Joey Mason

May 24:

8:15 am: Dave Knode

10:45 am: Kershner Wyatt

May 31:

8:15 am: John Doub

10:45 am: Kershner Wyatt

June 7:

8:15 am: Ray Thomas

10:45 am: Steve Himes

June 14:

8:15 am: Chris Baran

10:45 am: Randy Miles

June 21:

8:15 am: Dave Knode

10:45 am: Joey Mason

June 28:

8:15 am: John Doub

10:45 am: Kershner Wyatt

GREETERS:

May 3:

8:15 am: Lois Dreisbach and Darlene Teach

10:45 am:: Lesa & Joey Mason

May 12:

8:15 am: Terry & Debbie Grossnickle

10:45 am: Nicole Banzhoff

May 17:

8:15 am: Carol & Jack Turner

10:45 am: Sharon Raun

May 24:

8:15 am: Ernie & Margie Stoner

10:45 am: Lesa & Joey Mason

May 31:

8:15 am: Sherri & Bob Taylor

10:45 am: Sharon Raun

June 7:

8:15 am:

10:45 am:

June 14:

8:15 am:

10:45 am:

June 21:

8:15 am:

10:45 am:

June 28:

8:15 am:

10:45 am:

LAY READERS:

May 3:

8:15 am: Bob Budnicki

10:45 am: Joy Neikirk

May 10:

8:15 am: Debbie Grossnickle

9:30 am: Ed Shaw

May 17:

8:15 am: Carol Turner

10:45 am: Michael Harp

May 24:

8:15 am: Ernie Stoner

10:45 am: Kershner Wyatt

May 31:
8:15 am: Sherri Taylor
10:45 am: Charles Crown

June 7:
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June 14:
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June 21:
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June 28:
8:15 am:
10:45 am:

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 3:
8:15 am: Joe Moser and Darlene Teach
10:45 am: Charles Crown and Jamie Neikirk

May 10:
8:15 am: Lois Dreisbach
10:45 am: Lesa Mason and Dawn Stiles

May 17:
8:15 am: Dave Knode and Joe Moser
10:45 am: Charles Crown and Michael Harp

May 24:
8:15 am: Kathy Himes
10:45 am: Lesa Mason

May 31:
8:15 am: Sali Recchia
10:45 am: Dawn Stiles and Nicole Banzhoff

June 7:
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10:45 am:

June 14:
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10:45 am:

June 21:
8:15 am:
10:45 am:

June 28:
8:15 am:
10:45 am:

Acolyte & Crucifer Schedule

May 3:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Dawson Miller Crucifer:
10:45 am: Acolyte: Andrew Snook Crucifer: Leah Snook

May 10:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Ian Baran Crucifer: Loren Baran
10:45 am: Acolyte: Brandon Stiles Crucifer: Luke Stiles

May 17:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Dawson Miller Crucifer:
10:45 am: Acolyte: Eideann Banzhoff Crucifer: Slone Dzbynski

May 24:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Dawson Miller Crucifer:
10:45 am: Acolyte: Jordyn Miles Crucifer: Leah Snook

May 31:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Loren Baran Crucifer: Ian Baran
10:45 am: Acolyte: Eideann Banzhoff Crucifer: Rowan Harp

June 7:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Crucifer:
10:45 am: Acolyte: Andrew Snook Crucifer: Leah Snook

June 14:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Crucifer:
10:45 am: Acolyte: Brandon Stiles Crucifer: Luke Stiles

June 21:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Ian Baran Crucifer: Loren Baran
10:45 am: Acolyte: Rowan Harp Crucifer: Brandon Stiles

June 28:
8:15 am: Acolyte: Crucifer:
10:45 am: Acolyte: Jeremy Cassner Crucifer: Jordyn Miles

Alter Care

May 3:
8:15 am: Sue Moser and Jen Budnicki
10:45 am:: Ed & Susie Shaw

May 10:
8:15 am: Sue Moser and Jen Budnicki
10:45 am Dawn Stiles

May 17:
8:15 am: Sue Moser and Jen Budnicki
10:45 am: Paula Wyatt

May 24:
8:15 am: Sue Moser and Jen Budnicki
10:45 am: Jamie & Joy Neikirk

May 31:
8:15 am: Sue Moser and Jen Budnicki
10:45 am:

June 7:
8:15 am: Sherri Taylor
10:45 am: Paula Wyatt

June 14:
8:15 am: Sherri Taylor
10:45 am: Jamie & Joy Neikirk

June 21:
8:15 am: Jack & Carol Turner
10:45 am: Dawn Stiles

June 28:
8:15 am: Jack & Carol Turner
10:45 am: Ed & Susie Shaw

Film Schedule

May 3:
10:45 am:: Brandon Stiles

May 10:
9:30 am: Bob Budnicki

May 17:
10:45 am: Brandon Stiles

May 24:
8:15 am The Baran Family

May 31:
10:45 am: Brandon Stiles

June 7:
10:45 am: Bob Budnicki

June 14:
8:15 am: The Baran Family

June 21:
10:45 am: Bob Budnicki

June 28:
8:15 am: The Baran Family

Average Monthly Attendance And Giving

April, 2026:
Average Monthly Attendance 122 people per Sunday

Monthly Giving and Expenses (March 2026)

Income	\$35,750
Expenses	\$42,350
Net Income	(\$6,600)

A Note from Jamie:

The month of March showed a slight improvement in our finances. Our shortfall, after the contributions from our investments, is \$2,600. However, we need to continue to encourage people to be consistent with their giving. Also, due to the health of several Finance Committee members, the Finance Committee is looking for people to serve. Ideally, committee members should have some experience in the area of finance, investment or business.



Unfortunately, there are not enough people signed up for the trip to see Joshua at Sight and Sound. The trip is cancelled.



The Church office will be closed on Friday, May 22, 2026 and Monday, :May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day. Dorothy will return to the office May 26, 2026. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Kim's cell phone.

Lay Led Worship Leadership Opportunity

Join Our Team for the Upcoming Lay Led Worship Service

Have You Felt Called to Lead Worship?

If you have ever felt the call or desire to lead a worship service, or wanted to try your hand at preaching, now is your chance! Our church is excited to announce that the Pastor, Music and Worship Committee, and Church Council are working together to assemble a dedicated team of lay leaders to guide worship during Pastor Kim's absence.

What We're Looking For

- Liturgy Leader: Someone to guide the congregation through the order of worship.
- Prayer Leader: Someone to lead prayers during the service.
- Sermon Speaker: Someone willing to prepare and deliver the sermon.

Pastor Kim and David will be available to support and mentor you as you prepare, so you won't be alone in this important work.

Upcoming Lay Led Worship Service

We are preparing for our first Lay Led Worship service on May 17. Pastor Kim will be present to support everyone throughout the service, ensuring a smooth and meaningful experience for both leaders and the congregation.

How to Participate

If you are interested in participating as a lay leader—whether leading the liturgy, prayers, or delivering the sermon—please reach out to Pastor Kim as soon as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, grow in your faith, and help guide our worship community.

We look forward to seeing new faces step forward and share their gifts with the church!

The logo features a stylized sunburst with yellow rays at the top. Below the sunburst, the word "Summer" is written in a red, cursive font, and the word "SCHEDULE" is written in a yellow, bold, sans-serif font below it.

Summer SCHEDULE

Memorial Day is the “unofficial” kickoff for summer. Here are some changes to make to your calendar:

The last rehearsal for our Bell Choir will be May 7, 2026.

Sunday School will be on summer vacation beginning May 24, 2026.

The last rehearsal for the Adult Choir will be June 11, 2026.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 27 – 31, 2026. There will be something for everyone, so plan to join us.

Council and Property will not meet during the month of July.

The Ed Poling Memorial



For complete details on both Hikes and to Register visit harccoalition.org/hike



or scan the code:

Canal Hike

SATURDAY, May 30

NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR:

**C&O Canal Towpath at
Zion Lutheran Church**

35 W. Potomac St., Williamsport, Md.

Two distance options:

➔ **5K (3 miles)**

Individual \$45; Families \$75

➔ **10K (6.5 miles)**

Individual \$55; Families \$95

Hospitality Stops ♦ Celebration Luncheon
Music ♦ Prize Drawings ♦ Family-friendly



REGISTER BY **MAY 10**
FOR A **\$10 DISCOUNT** &
GUARANTEED T-SHIRT!

Challenge Hike

SATURDAY, May 16

On the Appalachian Trail

Check-in at Pen Mar Park

Two distance options:

➔ **10 miles** Registration: \$55 if you raise \$100
in donations OR bypass fundraising and donate
\$155 when you register.

➔ **20 miles** Registration: \$55 if you raise \$200
in donations OR bypass fundraising and donate
\$255 when you register.

Light Breakfast ♦ Hearty Lunch
Water & Gatorade ♦ Snacks

REGISTER BY
APRIL 26
FOR A **\$10**
DISCOUNT!



Fundraising
matched by the
God's Grace Fund!



Hikes benefit HARC programs
including **Micah's Backpack** and
Refugee Welcome Network



Follow God's Way

1In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:

5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. **6** You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. **8** Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. **9** "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. **10** Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. **11** I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands." Haggai 1:1, 5-11

Today's Devotion

Ken avoided the migrant workers in his building. Their habits and way of life, so different from his, annoyed him. One day, however, while Ken was praying, a thought pierced him: *They've been your neighbors for years, yet not once have you shared the gospel with them. Think carefully about your attitude towards them.*

Scripture tells us of when God confronted the Israelites with a similar warning: "Give careful thought to your ways" (Haggai 1:7). After their captivity in Babylon, His people returned to Jerusalem, tasked to rebuild the temple. God had "moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia" (Ezra 1:1) to order the construction and provide funds (vv. 2-4). But after the people laid the foundation, opposition grew (4:1-5), so they neglected the project for fourteen years.

Through the prophet Haggai, God told them, "Give careful thought to your ways. . . . My house . . . remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house" (Haggai 1:7, 9). God was saying, "Think carefully about how you're living. Are you doing what I want you to do?"

God disciplined His people (vv. 5-11), but when they resumed construction, He encouraged them, "I am with you Do not fear" (2:4-5). And the temple was completed in less than five years.

In what area of life do we need to “give careful thought to [our] ways”? Let’s ask God to show us and help us follow His correction.

Reflect & Pray

How is God’s way different from yours? What things do you need to change to truly obey Him?

Dear God, please help me to follow Your way.

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