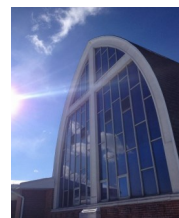




# MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## July newsletter

### *From the Pastor's Desk ...*

07/25

FIRST: Read Luke 5: 17-26

What an instructive image this story opens to us. Imagine that you are there in the room where Jesus is teaching, and suddenly the roof begins to cave in. Down from the hole in the roof top, some men are lowering a bed on which is their paralyzed friend. No obstacle, not the crowd, the walls, or the roof, has kept these people from bringing their friend to Jesus, so that he can be healed.

Is there any greater gift, than for the able to carry the needs and burdens of others to the Lord for healing? The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, tells it truly, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Consider these two very easy ways to do that. The first is to physically respond just as the men in the gospel lesson did, by picking people up when they are down with some act of kind helping to meet their need. Think of the people in your life, friends, family, neighbors, even strangers, and consider is there any way you can help them shoulder their burdens.

- Could you watch their kids when they need a hand?
- Could you take them a meal when they are alone or ailing?
- Could you help with the house work when they're laid up?

You bet you could!

The second way would be to add them to your prayers.

- Could you pray for that unwed mother who is a wits end?
- Could you pray for your Church Council and committees?
- Could you pray for people struggling with difficult things?      You know you could!

When we have the strength, you and I are so very capable of carrying the burdens of others, and when we don't, we need the strength of others to carry us. It's what Christians do. It's who Christians are. It's how we Christians are known,

... By our love

*Peace be with you.*

Got a question, ... need to talk ?

*Pastor Burkhardt*

*The office door is open and the phone is working.*

## July 2025

### Our Services

#### Sundays

10:30am

Liturgical Worship  
with Holy Communion  
*Virtual via Facebook Live*

*A bulletin can be found to  
follow along with worship on  
our website at  
[www.mtzionnyork.org](http://www.mtzionnyork.org).*

### July Events

July 6- Worship with Holy  
Communion 10:30 AM

July 6 - Parish Nurse  
Program 11:45

July 9- Adult Confirmation  
12:30 BYOL

July 13- Worship with Holy  
Communion 10:30 AM

July 16 -Adult Confirmation  
12:30 BYOL

July 20 - Worship with Holy  
Communion 10:30 AM

July 23- Adult Confirmation  
12:30 BYOL

July 25—Lunch Bunch at  
12 noon. TBD

July 27 - Worship with Holy  
Communion 10:30 AM

July 30- Adult Confirmation  
12:30 BYOL

## OUR MISSION

To spread the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs of all people through our gifts, talents and our love in Jesus Christ.

## Greetings from your Church Council

1. The Sunday morning worship service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church is recorded and Livestreamed. Time to remind the congregation of Livestreaming practices. This information comes from the ELCA. Council knows there are problems with our Facebook version of the Sunday services, specifically, around being able to hear. After the Congregational Meeting on June 29, we hope we have the approval to upgrade our sound system so that this option is available to those who can not attend in person.

There are four volunteers who operate the camera/computer system each Sunday so that our service can be watched at home via Facebook. The recorded service is also available for 30 days after the live broadcast.

Note: When we are streaming the service

members sitting in the first four rows on both sides may be visible on the screen, especially when focusing on the altar.

camera operators will move the camera to focus on the large cross during communion and the Passing of the Peace to limit the visibility of members on the screen.

if you have concerns about being recorded, you can move further back in the Sanctuary to be off camera.

camera operators try to not record children.

If you have any questions, please see any member of Council.

2. The Call Committee has received a profile and will be interviewing a candidate for pastor over the next couple weeks. Here is a reminder for how the ELCA recognizes voting members of the congregation. You need to be a voting member to participate in the call/vote of a new pastor.

Voting members must meet all four of the following criteria -

baptized in the name of Christ

officially joined Mt. Zion Lutheran Church either through confirmation, letter of transfer or applying and being presented to the congregation via the Pastor's readings.

recorded participation in communion once during the year

recorded monetary contribution once during the year.

This is a rolling calendar so I am currently checking from June 2024 - June 2025. The next review will be September 2024 - September 2025.

If you are unable to attend church in person and would like to be served communion, please call the church office (717/757-7626) to schedule a time for Pastor Bob to visit and distribute the communion meal.

3. August starts the search for new Council members. Mt. Zion will be entering an exciting time with celebrating the 175th anniversary of the church and hopefully welcoming a new pastor. Please prayerfully consider joining the Council. We will need three to four new members. If you need more information or have questions, please see Ellen Gibb.

4. Watch for some changes in the bulletin, new format, inclusion of announcements, information about the altar flowers. Microsoft is changing some of their programs so we need to adapt our formatting and printing protocols for the bulletin.

Blessings,

5. Fall Picnic will be September 14th at John Rudy Park. Meet at the Eastern Hemlock Pavillion, right off the parking lot, at 10:30 for a short service, food and fellowship. Watch announcements for more information.

Stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Ellen Gibb

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Council President

## July 2025 Newsletter

From online bank report: As of June 27th  
2025



### CASH FUNDS:

Administrative Checking Account \$ 28.95  
Contingency Checking Account \$ 15.01  
Rental Property Checking Account \$ 2,784.60  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund Checking Acct \$ 67.51

### CAPITAL FUNDS:

Special Needs Checking Account \$ 38,880.07  
Memorial Checking Account \$ 91048.76  
Youth Fund Checking Account \$ 4,978.49

**Food Bank:** Deposits \$ 400 Expenses \$ 900 Balance \$ 157.08

**Transfers into Admin Fund from Special Needs for June are \$ 4,250**

**June 1 through June 27, 2025 Summary (from PowerChurch\*\*)**

JUNE Envelope Offering SHORT of Budget \$ 598 YTD SHORT of Budget \$ 4,347

JUNE Income UNDER Budget \$ 4,128 YTD OVER Budget \$ 18,333

JUNE Expenses UNDER Budget \$ 13,126 YTD UNDER Budget \$ 39,587

**YTD Total Income** is over budget due to YCCP funds received \$ 36,667

\*\*PowerChurch is the computer program used for financial information/tracking.

**Thank you for taking the time to remember our consecrated commitment we made in November '24. As God keeps His promises to us, we keep our promises to Him.**

If you have any questions, please see Kathy Swords, or email at [mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com) or 717-503-0527 (cell)

## Ways of Giving



**Mount Zion  
Lutheran Church**

**God's Work, Our Hands**

Your gift, Your choice

**Direct:** Cash or check donations placed into the offering plates are always appreciated!

**Banking:** Look into how your personal bank account as some banks mail offerings to the church from accounts directly. Some programs are free and included with particular accounts.

**Online:** Make a donation on our website: [www.mtzionyork.org](http://www.mtzionyork.org)

**Text:** Make a donation via Text message! Text to: (717) 537-9088

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) to the number above and follow the prompts to complete your donation!

**Give+ App:** Search "Give Plus" on your phone App Store, download and find Church name by ZIP code, 17406

***Thank you for your  
generous support!***

**Beware!** A scammer is using Pastor Bob's name and Ellen's to ask members to send money or gift cards. Both Pastor and Ellen say they will NEVER ask for money. If you receive such, do not open. Delete and call Pastor if you want to confirm.

## Volunteers needed:

Every Sunday or Monday a group of members volunteer their time to count and record your contributions. This group is need of an additional recorder. This position involves entering the contribution information into our database, PowerChurch. The process isn't difficult, just requires paying attention to the details. There is a training manual and Carol Trainor is available to help with the training. Right now Carol is handling this position every week and there should be two recorders to share the time commitment. Recorder would be needed two days a month for 1-1.5 hours. If interested or want more information, please call Carol Trainor (717) 792-1657, (717) 891-7783, lincwt@aol.com

Thank you for prayerfully considering helping with this task.

## Cantors

Anyone who can sing and would be interested in learning to sing and lead the kyrie, hymn of praise, and singing the psalm during the service, please talk to Erin McDaniel.

## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is cancelled for the rest of the school year. We'll see you in September.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for more worship volunteers in the following capacities:

*Usher:* Greet worshipers with a friendly smile as they enter the sanctuary and direct them to pick up a bulletin before finding their seat before the service, and provide direction during communion from the pews to the rail.

*Lector:* Read the lessons and psalm of the day. Lessons are provided for you to practice ahead of time.

*Lay Assistant:* Assist Pastor in leading worship by reading the prayers and serving the wine at communion.

*Communion Assistant:* Light/extinguish candles, receive the offering plate, and assist with the distribution of communion by dismissing congregants from the rail to return to their seats.

*Altar Guild:* Prepare for communion before the service, and clean-up after the service. Those interested can sign up on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary, one week at a time, as often as you would like.



The schedule for worship volunteers (with the exception of altar guild) is done 3 months at a time, with the next schedule starting in December. Please prayerfully consider serving in one or more of these ways. If you are interested, please see Ellen Gibb to be added to the next schedule and to arrange a time to be trained and answer questions.

## From the Pantry

Mt Zion Pantry thanks you for your continued support. You helped 25 clients (125 one family members) in June with food and personal care items and gift cards to LifePath Thrift Stores.

These folks are thankful and expressed their gratitude. If you would like to see this for yourself, please call Kathie Boop (717) 855-6763 to volunteer. It's only a two-hour commitment.

If you or someone you know is in need, please call the PANTRY at (717) 680-3789 to schedule an appointment.

## **THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

There are 3 ways to help with the pantry:

1. See the attached list, for the list of items the pantry uses on a regular basis. These items can be donated at any time.
2. You can donate money to the pantry at any time. Just label the monetary donation as for the pantry.
3. You can volunteer for 2 hours on a Friday or Saturday morning to help in the pantry. Call the pantry at (717) 680-3789 and leave a message, or contact Kathie Boop at (717) 855-6763

We continue to appreciate your monetary donations! Thank you so much for your support.

## Mt Zion Food Pantry List

### Packaged Items

Jiffy Cornbread Mix  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Stovetop Stuffing  
Knorr Rice – varieties  
Knorr Pasta – varieties  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Rice-A-Roni – Chicken  
Rice-A-Roni - Beef  
Rice-A-Roni – Spanish

### Cereal

Instant Oatmeal –  
boxes with individual  
Packets

### Pasta Items

Spaghetti  
Shells  
Elbows  
Penne  
Ramen Noodles – chicken

### Canned Soup

Cream of Mushroom  
Cream of Chicken  
Chicken Noodle or  
Vegetable

## Ways to Help the Pantry

- Donate your **paper** shopping/grocery bags to the pantry.
- We continue to look for volunteers to work a 2 hour shift, with a current volunteer - you won't be on your own! - to greet people and help bag groceries. No heavy lifting!
- Donate items to LifePath Thrift Stores and mention Mt Zion. We get gift cards that our pantry clients can use to purchase items at LifePath Stores. (see p. 8)

Contact Kathie Boop 717-855-6763

Thank you to those who continue to donate at the Life Path Thrift stores and mentioned Mt. Zion. We have received more gift cards to share with our pantry patrons. They are so appreciative!



## 2025 Membership

We now have a new membership directory! If you get newsletters mailed, you will also get a copy of the directory. Copies of the directory are available on the table at the back of the church for those who worship in person.

\*If you have any changes in your information, please email Kathy at [mtzionlutheranyork@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionlutheranyork@gmail.com).

## SENIOR CHOIR

We are looking to restart the Senior Choir. The choir would sing periodically through the church year with rehearsals happening after church the Sunday(s) before.

We are also looking for someone who would be an accompanist to play with the choir on those Sundays. Please contact Erin McDaniel if you are interested in either item.



## DO YOU KNOW A SHUT-IN?

We are updating our list of those who are homebound, shut-in, or otherwise unable to attend our services. If you, or someone you know, fall into one of these categories, please call the church office and leave a message for Kathy Gable, or email her at [mtzionlutheranyork@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionlutheranyork@gmail.com).



## Mt. Zion Prayer List



Continue to pray for: Raven Ambrose, Bonita Anderson, Fran Anderson, Jerry Arnold, Shannon Arnold, Janet Shermeyer Berkheimer, Lauren Beyer, Jacklyn Billet, James Billet, Mary Bishop, Mary Sue Bottstein, Warren Boop, Joan Brenner, Joyce Brown, Ralph Brown, Robert Brown, Sarah Brown, Scott Brown, Ted Brown, Eric Bruner, Joseph Bruggerman, Julie Christy, Jess Combs, Phyllis Comery, Ian Conover, Billee Couch, Tim Couch, Lizzy Cowit, Steven Cowit, Tana Cox, Jason Crowley, Vivian Deardorff, Lynn Deitzer, Dee DeVeney, Annie Diehl, Gerri Deller, Kendall Dellinger, Zoe Doll, Andrew Doughty, Joe Ellis, Carol Emswiler, Layla Esteves, Pastor Courtney Erzkus, Chris Farmer, Pam Fay, Dudley Fink, Jason Frederick, Martha Frederick, Scott Frederick, Jacinda Frigm, Gloriann Green, Rev. Donald Green, Lonnie Ginter, Ronnie Ginter Jr., Gina Goodrich, Linda Grone, Jeannie Grove, Bob Gundlach, Mary & Tom Haberkorn, Jay Hammel, Dolly Harbolt, Donna Hayes, Mike Healey, Alicia Hedrick, George Heller, Sharon Harvey, Brian Hinderer, Ruth Hoak, Linda Hodgson, , Bob & Sue Hoffheins, Heather Hoffman, Dennis Hummel, Carol Johnson, Jolene Klinger, Gene Krisukas, Mike Kowslik, Sarah Kuhn, Kelly Lehr, Lou Ann Leibensperger, Jean Leiphart, Heather Luchka, Dick Lynn, Bob Lyon, Fran Marple, Brad March, Sharon March, Amy Martzall, Rose McGowan, Kenneth & Sue Miller, Sally Miller, Jennifer Mitterholtzer, Jodi Mitterholtzer, Matthew Mitterholtzer, Otto Mitterholtzer, Rebecca Mitterholtzer, E.T. Moore, Angy-Mike Mossengo, David Murphy, Sandy Murphy, Ellen Myers, Karen Naugle, Tom Needhum, Sandy Nelson, Nancy & Lou Orndorff, Deb Overly, Ben Renner, Alison Reppert, Carrie Roman, Jeff Sargen, Kaeley Saylor, Joan Schildt, William Schmeed, Maxine & Larry Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Anthony Shaw, Zach Shiffer, Rick Shreve, Heather Smith, Condoda Smith-Boyle, Heidi Snyder, the family of Laci Soaper,, Justin & Jamison Soaper, Thomas Somerville, Candy Stambaugh, Judy Stambaugh, Herb Stauffer, Bud Stevens, Carol Stickles, Lisa Striebig, Lynn Suter, Debra Tracey, Tom & Carol Trainor, Micheal Tudino, Jace Valenti, Jane Van Zant, David Walker, Andrew Walter, Ruth Ward, Bob Warren, Bonnie Warren, Bill Weaver, Bruce Weaver, Dodie Weaver, Victor White, Bob Wolf, Larry Wood, Donald Zepp, Rich Zerbe, Joan & Ben Zelinski, and the shut-in members of our parish.

**The Prayer List is reviewed each month. Though names may remain on the prayer list for an unlimited time, periodic updates are appreciated. Contact KATHIE BOOP (717-855-6763) for any additions or subtractions from the prayer list. If a name has been mistakenly deleted, please notify KATHIE BOOP.**



## July Prayer Ventures

*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

1 Remember in prayer congregations, synods and outdoor ministries that have applied for an ELCA Disability Ministry grant. These grants support projects and programs that identify and prepare people with disabilities for leadership positions and equip members of congregations to welcome them to full participation in the life of the church.

2 Nothing is impossible for God. Our sins, fears, demons and eccentricities are no match for God's power to forgive, heal and renew us. Give thanks to God for surrounding us with siblings in Christ who extend to us their mercy and love.

3 Our church has missionaries in 35 countries, and its Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program covers six countries/territories. Pray that God will bless these missionaries as they serve alongside companion churches in education, evangelism, administration, parish ministry, leadership development, justice and health.

4 Independence Day Give thanks for the freedom we enjoy in our country. Promise to be responsible with that freedom and attentive to those marginalized by poverty, prejudice, persecution, unjust laws or malevolent ideologies.

5 "Insofar as a Christian is free, no works are necessary. Insofar as a Christian is a servant, all kinds of works are done" (Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian*). Praise God for freeing us from sin through the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. Ask the Spirit to inspire our service, our acts of kindness and mercy, and our praise for God, the true source of absolute freedom.

6 God sends us into the world equipped to share the gospel, care for neighbors in need, inspire hope and strive for justice and healing. Give thanks for the strength and encouragement we receive from our church, our faith communities and our siblings in Christ.

7 Pray for the ELCA Domestic Mission unit and its renewal team, which help synods to equip congregations for engaging in renewal ministry and for growing as vibrant and diverse communities of faith

8 Give thanks for community gardens that feed our neighbors, and pray for the people who tend them with love and purpose.

9 Pray for people traveling this summer, that they will be enriched by their experiences, filled with awe at creation, and inspired to share the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere they go.

10 Pray for the ELCA stewardship leaders network, which grows well-equipped mission interpreters, stewardship key leaders, ventures steward leaders and stewardship coaches to serve as resources for congregations and nurture generosity across the church.

11 "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the

good of all and especially for those of the family of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10). Pray for our nation, that we will be renewed in our resolve to uplift neighbors who are excluded, forgotten or ignored.

12 Stewardship and generosity are daily expressions of how we respond to God's immeasurable grace. Pray that the Spirit will nurture within us a lively spirit of generosity to respond to the needs of others, do God's work in the world and grow the church.

13 Pray for the compassion to care for our neighbors in need, just as the good Samaritan stopped to assist a stranger robbed, beaten and left for dead.

14 "Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand" (ACS 974). May we be open and attentive to how God speaks to us, reaching into our souls every day to stir our faith, knowledge and wisdom.

15 Praise God that in baptism we are marked as forgiven and freed from the grip of sin and death; empowered to act with love, kindness and mercy; and welcomed into a vast community of siblings in Christ.

16 Ask God to help us advocate for and improve access to public spaces for older adults and people with disabilities.

17 Pray for congregations and special ministries that work for wholeness, peace and justice in your community, across our country and throughout the world.

18 Promise to love and serve our neighbors in need with the same boundless grace and concern that God has shown us, unhindered by suspicion, prejudice, exclusion or the belief that someone must work or suffer as we have to earn our respect.

19 We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together! Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect our synods and congregations with Lutheran churches throughout the world. Praise God that this program nurtures all involved for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

20 What have you witnessed or learned that reminds you of God's presence and activity in the world? Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving!

21 Pray for voting members, church leaders and congregation observers as they prepare for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz. Ask the Spirit to fill them with enthusiasm for the church's mission and guide their discernment of how we should do God's work in a changing and challenging world.

22 Ask the Spirit to renew the energy of staff serving in summer camps and outdoor ministries. Pray that they will be enriched by their ministry experiences and inspired to pursue vocations of service in the church and society.

23 "When all our words seem frail and hollow, God heeds the prayers within our tears" (ACS 1050). Praise God for

hearing and grasping the depth of our prayers and lamentations, especially when they feel clumsy, inadequate and incoherent.

24 Praise God for gathering us in a church that welcomes all, strives to be faithful to the gospel and equips us to serve in a world of complexity, tension and ambiguity.

25 Give thanks for the Spirit, who strengthens our trust in the steadfast love of God and calms our disbelief and anxiety when we question how anyone can truly love us as we are.

26 Pray for children, youth and young adults in your congregation, that their faith will be nurtured, that their gifts will be valued and used, and that they will be included in every aspect of the church's mission.

27 Thank God for Jesus Christ, "from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God" (Colossians 2:19).

28 Pray for the voting members, church leaders and volunteers gathering at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz., for decision-making and spiritual discernment on behalf of the entire church.

29 Ask the Spirit to grant us humility and courage, that we might recognize and repent for our legacy of injustice, false history and mistreatment of Indigenous people, which persist today. Pray that our church and society will work toward truth, repentance, healing and unity — God's work of reconciliation in the world .

30 International Day of Friendship Promise to build bridges between individuals, countries and cultures, stirring empathy, inspiring peace and promoting mutual understanding and respect for diversity.

31 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

We have a new way to help our food pantry.

Mt Zion is now a partner in LifePath Christian Ministries' Corners of Your Field program.

Leviticus 22:23—When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap the edges of your field, nor gather the gleanings of your harvest; you are to leave them for the poor and for the stranger.

LifePath converts donations of clothing or household items into gift cards. These cards can be redeemed at any LifePath thrift store. We have been handing these cards out to our pantry clients, congregation members or to anyone in need.

How to donate:

Drop off at any LifePath thrift store

\*2414 Eastern Blvd. York, PA 17402

\*241 Pauline Dr. York, PA 17402

\*367 W. Market St. York, PA 17401

Drop off (clothes and shoes only) in the bin in our parking lot

Schedule a free donation pickup

! Remember to mention Mt Zion when you donate!



### **Parish Nurse Program**

The Parish Nurse Program will be on the first Sunday of each month.  
Blood Pressure screenings will be done in the Chapel area after the service.  
Questions? Contact Sue Luchka at (717) 434-9581.

Deacon Ellen Doughty (Chaplain at UPMC Memorial) is in need of Spiritual Care volunteers at UPMC Memorial. You do not have to be trained in ministry to be a volunteer, just have a heart to walk alongside others of all beliefs and willingness to learn and grow. We provide training.

Spiritual Care volunteers assist with visiting patients, rounding on staff (who may suggest a patient or two for a visit), and can also assist with other things such as Tea for the Soul or Code Lavenders (both staff care items)

If anyone is interested, please go to the volunteer page for UPMC Memorial (<https://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/memorial/about/volunteer>) and fill out the online application. If a printed application is needed, please contact Rebecca Gross, Volunteer Coordinator at 717-849-5470 or [grossr3@upmc.edu](mailto:grossr3@upmc.edu).

If there is a group interested, I can try to arrange to meet with everyone at the same time and will ask Rebecca if she can join us.

**Deacon Ellen D. Doughty**, PT-CSp, APBCC, M.A.M.S.; B.S. ED  
**Lead Chaplain**  
**Spiritual Care Services, Central Pa Region**  
**Certified Specialist in Pastoral Thanatology**  
**Certificate in Leadership and Organizational Change**

UPMC Memorial  
1701 Innovation Drive  
York, PA 17408  
T: 717-815-2386 (Chaplain Office)

**News from our Synod** - check out the Lower Susquehanna Synod (LSS) website to see all the events that are scheduled, various prayer lists you can view, and information about the many missions of the ELCA and the LSS.  
[lss-elca.org](http://lss-elca.org)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

We are accustomed to seeing flowers on the altar every Sunday throughout the year except during Advent and Lent. These flowers are not simply decorations; they are an integral part of our worship that help to draw our attention to the focal point of the chancel area — the Altar. They serve as a reminder of God's creation and the bounty of His handiwork. That said, it is time to fill in the list for 2024.



Sponsoring these flowers is very simple:

1. Decide when you want to sponsor altar flowers, one week or multiple weeks; it's not necessary to have a specific reason, but if you do, simply indicate that on an order form always available in the pocket under "Flowers" on the bulletin board in the hallway beside Pastor's office.
2. Choose as many dates as you wish. If you have no specific dates in mind, simply indicate that you want to sponsor a Sunday, or again, any number of Sundays.
3. Complete the order form, making sure to include your envelope number, a check for the amount ordered, and place it in a green envelope, or in your regular weekly envelope, and put it in either the offering box or offering plate. **COST OF FLOWERS: \$35 FOR EACH VASE.**

Each year there are 44 Sundays when we have flowers on the altar. Sponsoring these flowers is a perfect way to honor God and show that you understand and value stewardship to the church.

If you have questions or need help deciding when or how to sponsor flowers, talk with Dale Good after worship, or call or text him at (717) 880-3853. If you call, please leave a message if you do not get an immediate answer.

\*Note—the sign-up has moved to the bulletin board in the hallway beside Pastor's office.



## MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor:	The Rev. Robert (Bob) Burkhart
Sexton:	Rod Robles (717) 659-4272
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