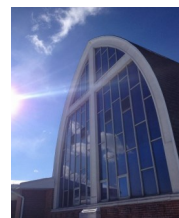




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June newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk ...

06/25

[First read Luke 24: 28-35]

There are two key statements in this gospel passage:

"Did not our hearts burn (I love that) within us as he opened for us the scriptures,"
AND, they returned to Jerusalem and shared *"how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread."*

This church belongs to Jesus Christ and it is His house of Word and Sacrament. It is here, in the scriptures and the sacraments that we, like the two disciples from Emmaus, meet our risen, living Lord.

Our worship, properly called 'the liturgy,' is the work that God's people do together when we gather in His name to give our thanks, and what we do follows a carefully planned design. As preparation to enter into His love, we sing hymns, offer our confession, and receive the blessing of His forgiveness, so that we may be opened by Him to receive what is most important to us of the worship experience;

The reading and hearing of **the Word of God; the sermon** (illumination of the Word); **and the sacraments of Jesus our Lord.**

After the word is read and illuminated, and the sacraments shared, the service ends very quickly. Count the minutes from the prelude until the sacraments are received, and compare the count to the minutes left until the worship celebration is ended. In the difference you will see that the liturgy is designed to build slowly to its crescendo; **your intimate receiving of** God's self in His most Holy Communion. Then, because what is Good News to the whole world cannot be contained in this place, nor within ourselves, we are quickly sent out to share the blessing we have just received.

Note the intentional and powerful similarities in our worship service and how the two from Emmaus, first heard the Word, celebrated it in the breaking of the bread, and then rushed back to Jerusalem to share the Good News with their brothers and sisters.

And truly I tell you, it can be no different for you and me. Let's all go out sharing the Good News. The world needs it.

Peace be with you.

Got a question, ... need to talk ?

Pastor Burkhardt

The office door is open and the phone is working.

June 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.

June Events

June 1- Worship with Holy
Communion 10:30 AM

June 1 - Parish Nurse
Program 11:45

June 4 - Adult Confirmation
12:30 BYOL

June 8 - **Pentecost Sunday**
Worship with Holy
Communion 10:30 AM

June 11 - Adult Confirmation
12:30 BYOL

June 15- Worship with Holy
Communion 10:30 AM

June 18 - Adult Confirmation
12:30 BYOL

June 22 - Worship with Holy
Communion 10:30 AM

June 25- Adult Confirmation
12:30 BYOL

June 27 —Lunch Bunch at
Goofy's 12 noon.

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.

News from your Council President

1. Reverend Jorgensen, our liaison with the Lower Susquehanna Synod, has requested that Mt. Zion Lutheran Church extend Pastor Burkhardt's agreement from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 or until we call a full-time pastor. We do not know why exactly Synod changed their mind, but the request was taken to Council for discussion and a vote. Council approved this request, and I will sign the new agreement with the new dates.
2. Based on this change, we will not be saying goodbye to Pastor Bob on June 29.
3. There are some ongoing issues with church property - gutters, downspouts, leaking faucets, etc. We are looking for a property manager that can work with contractors, get quotes and oversee work. This is a part time paid position. Please pass the word and let a member of Council know if you are interested or know of someone who would be interested.
4. Sue Luchka's daughter enjoys crafts. After visiting a few times, she noticed some of the ribbon hymnal inserts were getting worn/frayed. She made new ribbon inserts for our hymnals over a few evenings while sitting at home. We are in need of 2 or 3 volunteers to replace the current ones. There is no timeline for this and it can be done over several timeframes. If interested, please see Ellen Gibb or Kathy Gable. The inserts are in a bag in the mailroom.
5. Kollene Stauffer and Cheyanna Snyder have volunteered to work on the anniversary celebration that we will observe in 2026. They would like 3 or 4 members of the congregation to help plan this event. It will be a much smaller celebration than the one held for our 150 years as our membership has dwindled considerably and we don't have a lot of financial resources. Please contact one of them if you are interested in helping. We will also need help from someone with knowledge of our history/archives.
6. The Hershey Handbell Ensemble concert was planned in 2024 and will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2025. A committee was identified by Council but volunteers will be needed that night. Please mark your calendars and talk to Kollene Stauffer if you need more information or are willing to help with set up, ushering, teardown, advertising, etc.
7. National Night Out at Springettsbury Park is August 5, 2025 from 5 - 8 pm. Mt. Zion usually has a table at this event and hands out snacks and information about our church. If interested in helping with this, please see Ellen Gibb or Jessica Harvey.

Have a blessed June.

Ellen Gibb

Council President

June 03, 2025 Newsletter

From online bank report:

Administrative Checking Account \$ 2,008.13

Special Needs Checking Account \$ 45,141.77

Memorial Checking Account \$ 90,598.76

Contingency Checking Account \$ 15.01

Rental Property Checking Account \$ 4,217.90

Pastor's Discretionary Fund Checking Acct \$ 67.51

Transferred \$400 to the Food Pantry

Youth Fund Checking Account \$ 4,978.49

Food Bank: May 30th Deposits \$ 1,000 Expenses \$400 Balance \$ 657.08

Transfers into Admin Fund from Special Needs for May are \$ 13,000 - we had 3 payrolls

May 1 through May 22 2025 Summary (from PowerChurch)**

Current Envelope Offering SHORT of Budget \$ 7,383 YTD SHORT of Budget \$6,743

Current Income UNDER Budget \$ 11,310 YTD UNDER Budget \$ 4,195

Current Expenses UNDER Budget \$ 35,330 YTD UNDER Budget \$ 36,479

****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 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

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 19 clients (89 family members) in May 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 panty.
- 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.

Lonnie Ginter
1328 Sterling Dr
York, PA 17404

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.



Mt. Zion Prayer List



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.

Continue to pray for: Bonita Anderson, Fran Anderson, Jerry Arnold, Shannon Arnold, Janet Shermyer Berkheimer, Lauren Beyer, Jacklyn Billet, James Billet, Mary Bishop, Mary Sue Bottstein, 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, Rev. Donald & Kathy Green, Lonnie Ginter, Ronnie Ginter Jr., Gina Goodrich, 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, Bob & Sue Hoffheins, Heather Hoffman, Dennis Hummel, Carol Johnson, Chase Kessler, 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, 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.

June 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 Pray that our words and actions will glorify God and reflect the immeasurable, unprejudiced grace God has shown humankind through the gift of Jesus Christ.

2 Pride Month Give thanks to God for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us as we work together for justice, total inclusion and love for humanity in all its diversity.

3 Remember in prayer ELCA outdoor ministries across the country as they equip young adults to lead summer camp programs for people of all ages and abilities, encouraging spiritual growth, developing life skills and fostering relationships in Christ-centered communities.

4 Give thanks for the beauty, bounty and awe-inspiring complexity of nature — a gift from God that nourishes all of us. Promise to exercise wisdom and responsibility in using, protecting, sharing and restoring creation.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Central States, Indiana-Kentucky, Lower Susquehanna and New Jersey synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the La Crosse Area; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Southern Ohio; and Southwestern Minnesota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Eastern North Dakota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 Day of Pentecost “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). We are never alone or forgotten. Give thanks to God that we have received the gift of the Spirit, who accompanies us throughout our baptismal journey.

9 Pray for summer ministries that serve congregations and their surrounding communities by sharing the gospel, stirring faith, providing day care and serving neighbors in need.

10 Ask God to help us nurture a new generation of leaders for our church, our communities and our nation — people of faith, wisdom, compassion, creativity and courage.

11 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who languish in jails, prisons, correctional facilities or immigration detention centers, that the Spirit will inspire their faith and hope and that they might access skilled legal, physical, spiritual and emotional care.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Grand Canyon and South Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Washington, Upper Susquehanna, Virginia and Western Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

14 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

15 The Holy Trinity “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s unwavering love and forgiveness, will strengthen our confidence in both the reality and the mystery of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

16 For Father’s Day (June 15), remember in prayer biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers, that they will treasure the joys of fatherhood and find support and wise counsel for the challenges of parenting, passing along their faith, teaching compassion and respect, and encouraging and guiding their children.

17 Pray that in times of uncertainty and anxiety, we will find comfort and strength in God’s steadfast love and that, from this foundation, we will confidently and courageously bear God’s peace, justice and reconciliation into the world.

18 Amid conflict and war, pray for national leaders, diplomats and other representatives whose negotiations might bring ceasefires and lasting peace. Ask the Spirit to guide their deliberations and stir their humility, respect, compassion and mercy.

19 Juneteenth This day of celebration, dating back to June 19, 1865, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Give thanks and praise to God for creating humankind in all its diversity, and ask God’s forgiveness for yielding to fear, suspicion and intolerance of others. Ask God to guide and strengthen our work of including all people in the church and

society.

20 World Refugee Day On this day, we honor the courage and resilience of refugees and immigrants, and work to build empathy and support for people who have fled their home countries because of conflict, natural disaster or economic crisis. Give thanks that we can respond together through AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Refuge and Lutheran social service organizations.

21 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere (June 20). Give thanks for longer days, growing crops and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors — gifts from God that awaken our senses and lift our spirits.

22 Pray for high school youth attending the Lutheran Summer Music program at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., that their musical gifts will be nurtured and encouraged in a welcoming faith community of youth from across the country.

23 Give thanks for community resilience, support and justice grants, which our church awards to programs and projects, in the United States and around the world, that focus on global mission, social justice and humanitarian assistance in vulnerable communities.

24 Give thanks for the relief work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, and remember in prayer those impacted by disasters and severe weather as they rebuild their lives and communities. Pray that we will be generous with our prayers, encouragement, volunteer assistance and financial support until they recover — physically, spiritually and emotionally.

25 Pray for Seafarers International House in New York City, a mission affiliated with the ELCA that has served mariners and immigrants since 1873. Remember in prayer seafarers who work under difficult and dangerous conditions and are isolated from family, friends and faith communities for long periods.

26 Give thanks that God teaches us love, mercy and radical hospitality through the example of Jesus, the wisdom of Scripture and the encouragement of our siblings in Christ.

27 Pray for synods, newly elected bishops and leaders, and mission endeavors initiated during assemblies, that they will be effective and fruitful in spreading the gospel and doing God's work in the world.

28 Pray that, where religions conflict, the Spirit will help us bridge divides through dialogue, collaboration and mutual respect as we care for neighbors in need and advance justice in our communities.

29 "Peter felt hurt because [Jesus had asked him], 'Do you love me?' ... [Peter] said to [Jesus], 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'" (John 21:17). Ask God to forgive us when we stray from the work Jesus left us, the work of loving and serving our neighbors and our siblings in Christ. Pray that Christ's selfless, sacrificial, far-reaching love will inspire us to embrace God's work in the world.

30 Ask the Spirit to open us to new insights and wisdom when we read Scripture — the ageless word of God that guides, inspires and informs our daily life.

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.

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
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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

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
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Minister of Music, Emeritus:	Sue Hoffheins

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