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# Tidings from Zion

This is the  
Good News  
about Jesus  
Christ, the Son  
of God. MARK 1:1

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Northampton, PA September/October Vol. 44 No. 5



**Starting September 7th—**

**Sunday School resumes at 9:15 AM** in the first  
Sunday School room

**Worship services return to 10:30 AM** with  
Installation of Sunday School staff/teachers.

**Harvest Home**—On Sunday, September 21st, there  
will be a basket available in the back of the sanctuary  
for monetary donations to the Northampton Area Food  
Bank. The money collected will be used to purchase  
large quantities of food.



## New for 2026 Church Envelopes

During the May church council meeting, council  
discussed and decided on using labels instead of pre-  
ordering the box of contribution envelopes. Besides  
saving the church \$900, over half of the envelopes  
didn't get used.

A label was created to mimic the giving categories  
as indicated on the original envelopes (attached in this  
newsletter). Your envelope number will stay the same  
for those who still want a yearly "Giving" statement  
mailed to them in January. If you don't remember  
your number, you can call the office or the treasurer  
(LeRoy) and they will be happy to assist you.

The new label can be used by any of the following  
options:

- attaching it to an envelope to mail in (1904 Main  
Street, Northampton, PA 18067)
- pick up an envelope in the back of the church to  
fill out each Sunday
- if writing a check, put your envelope number in the  
memo column.

If you have any questions or in need of additional  
labels, please feel free to contact the office.

## Outreach

On September 16th we will have our meeting for  
this year's Ingathering. If anyone would like to go  
with me or any questions, just ask. Organizations  
chosen for this year will be given out at this meeting.  
Also, items that each church agrees to donate.  
Sometime after this date we will have these lists on the  
table in the back of the sanctuary for all to get. A list  
will also be put up on both bulletin boards.

During October every Sunday we will have a  
basket for monetary donations on the table at the back  
of the sanctuary also. If you remember we have to buy  
magic markers and other items that each church has to  
contribute.

In October and November I will put out the totes  
(labeled). The tree will also be erected for hats,  
mittens, gloves, and scarves for younger children and  
men at the Rescue Mission.

We will have a blessing of the quilts made by the  
sewing ladies this fall. Pastor Stinner will announce  
the date.

Bibles and hymnals have been delivered or mailed  
to all those who receive bulletins in the mail from me.  
If there is anyone else who would like either or both of  
these books please leave a message on the church  
phone and I will see that you get them

Sincerely ~ Judy Reinbold, Chairperson

## Reminders . . .

- **Offering** is collected by ushers with offering  
plates or may be deposited in the boxes in the back  
of the last pews.
- **Eucharistic Ministry**—If you are unable to attend  
church but would like to receive communion,  
please call the church office to set up a visitation  
with either Ralston Coleman or Peggy Geiger.
- **Food Bank**—Monetary donations can be made in  
your offering envelopes to help purchase food in  
bulk, just indicate it under "other".
- **Pastoral Emergencies**—please contact the church  
office or call Brenda, Steve or LeRoy at home to  
contact Pastor Franklin Stinner our designated  
Pastor. If hospitalized our church code is 354.

## July Income & Attendance

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Total Income July          | 2,962.30  |
| Total Expenses             | 4,077.83  |
| Net Income                 | -1,115.53 |
| Attendance for July        | 72        |
| Average for 4 Sundays      | 18        |
| Average for 4 Sundays 2024 | 16        |

## September & October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these members of Zion!  
If you find an error or omission, please inform Brenda Benko (610) 262-6636

### September

- 1 - Judith Gust
- 2 - Amanda Reppert & Abigayle Leidich
- 6 - Amy Snyder
- 9 - Walter Rute, Jr.
- 10 - Helen Reppert
- 11 - Diane Chimics
- 14 - Amanda Orendach
- 16 - Jada Thrash & Allyson Zelenka
- 20 - James Hantz
- 22 - Jane Achey
- 23 - Timothy Petko & Sarah Leidich
- 24 - Walter Reppert
- 25 - John Olesak
- 28 - Douglas Moser

### October

- 6 - Linda Miller
- 9 - Kristine Chimics
- 10 - Florence Edelman
- 13 - Chelsea Hall
- 14 - Kasey Zelenka
- 15 - Eric Hinkle
- 17 - Arthur Schisler
- 23 - Betty Christman
- 30 - John Oplinger



## November/December newsletter

Remember the newsletter is bi-monthly and the information for November/December will be due by October 15th. So plan ahead and be sure to email the church office at [zionham@aol.com](mailto:zionham@aol.com) with important information to share with our fellow members & friends that are unable to get to church every Sunday to hear morning announcements, etc. This should also include meeting dates, time, etc. for the calendar.

## Post "Mission Possible" Group

Several members and three ministers from St. Paul's U.C.C., Grace U.C.C., and Zion (and possibly Queenship of Mary and B.V.M. joining) met twice during the summer to discuss and plan to begin again cooperative church-sponsored and church-related activities/events/ programs in the Borough of Northampton in the months ahead. Wanting a new name, the group invites suggestions from Zion members as to the group's name which hopefully the group will decide at its September meeting. The group has made some progress. It has decided to have a combined veterans' service at Zion on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 3 p.m., followed by a catered, hot dinner in Zion's Deibert Hall. The group will provide additional details after its September meeting. The group also has tentatively planned to do Christmas caroling in December at various assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Northampton and surrounding areas followed by Christmas caroling in Northampton's Uptown Park. The group will provide additional details in November. Any member of Zion who is interested in making suggestions to or in joining the group should contact Pastor Stinner, Rodger Berg, or Ralston Coleman.

## Zion Has a Scholarship Fund

Zion awards scholarships to eligible members of the church who attend post high school educational programs of all kinds, including a church-related program which was one of the original scholarship requirements. An eligible member is one who satisfies the following criteria: a voting member of Zion as defined in the church constitution, a member who attends church worship services on a regular basis (at least once a month), a student who is attending an accredited college/university/trade school full time (perhaps part time at the discretion of the Scholarship Fund Committee), a student who is maintaining a grade point average of at least 2.0 (on the basis of 4.0), and a student who is beginning at least the second semester of his/her first year of study. To be considered for a scholarship by Zion's Scholarship Fund Committee, an interested member of Zion must complete and submit a Scholarship Fund application available from the Committee. Upon approval by the Scholarship Fund Committee of a scholarship request, the Committee will then recommend to the Congregation Council that a scholarship be awarded to the eligible member. Upon approval of the Committee's recommendation by the Congregation Council, a member of the Committee will then present a scholarship to the eligible member at an appropriate Sunday church worship service.

September 2025



| Sun  | Mon                           | Tue           | Wed                        | Thu                        | Fri           | Sat |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----|
|  | 1<br><i>Labor Day</i>         | 2<br>7 PM—NA  | 3<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies  | 4<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts  | 5<br>7 PM—AA  | 6   |
| 7<br><b>Lectionary 23</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Holy Communion<br><i>Install SS staff</i> | 8<br>9 AM—<br>Sewing          | 9<br>7 PM—NA  | 10<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies | 11<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts | 12<br>7 PM—AA | 13  |
| 14<br><b>Lectionary 24</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Holy Communion                           | 15<br>7 PM—<br>Church Council | 16<br>7 PM—NA | 17<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies | 18<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts | 19<br>7 PM—AA | 20  |
| 21<br><b>Lectionary 25</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Holy Communion<br><i>Harvest Home</i>    | 22                            | 23<br>7 PM—NA | 24<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies | 25<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts | 26<br>7 PM—AA | 27  |
| 28<br><b>Lectionary 26</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Worship Service                          | 29                            | 30<br>7 PM—NA |                            |                            |               |     |



October 2025



| Sun   | Mon                  | Tue           | Wed   | Thu                        | Fri           | Sat |
|---|----------------------|---------------|---|----------------------------|---------------|-----|
|   |                      |               | 1<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies                                   | 2<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts  | 3<br>7 PM—AA  | 4   |
| 5<br><b>Lectionary 27</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Holy Communion                                   | 6<br>9 AM—<br>Sewing | 7<br>7 PM—NA  | 8<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies                                   | 9<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts  | 10<br>7 PM—AA | 11  |
| 12<br><b>Lectionary 28</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Worship Service<br><i>Volunteer recognition</i> | 13                   | 14<br>7 PM—NA | 15<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies<br><br><i>Newsletter<br/>Due</i> | 16<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts | 17<br>7 PM—AA | 18  |
| 19<br><b>Lectionary 29</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Holy Communion                                  | 20                   | 21<br>7 PM—NA | 22<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies                                  | 23<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts | 24<br>7 PM—AA | 25  |
| 26<br><b>Reformation</b><br>9:15 AM—<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 AM—<br>Holy Communion                                    | 27                   | 28<br>7 PM—NA | 29<br>6:30 PM—<br>Brownies                                  | 30<br>6 PM—<br>Girl Scouts | 31<br>7 PM—AA |     |



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#### Sundays:

Church School—9:15 AM

The Service—10:30 AM