



A PLACE FOR EVERYONE



**ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

January 28, 2024

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Hospital Visitation:

If you have been hospitalized, the only way to be certain that the Pastor knows is for a family member or friend to notify the office. Thank you for your assistance.

Herald articles due by noon,
Wednesday



Welcome to Zion!

What a wonderful day to serve our Lord!

We are so thankful for all in attendance today. If you are members just coming home for a visit or visitors looking for a church home, we welcome you and hope you will enjoy being a part of our church family today! Visitor attendance form and welcome packets are available at the greeters' stations.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 2/4/2024

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Big Spring Area Food Bank: Zion's designated offering is Jell-O and Pudding. The next Food Distribution at Big Spring United Lutheran Church, located at corner of Carlisle and Crossroads School Road, will be held on **Monday January 29th from 9-11 am.** Volunteers: Sunday at 4:00 pm to assist with set up and Monday at 8:30 am to help with the distribution. **THEY NO LONGER NEED BROWN BAGS.**



Big Spring Area
**FOOD
BANK**



The Noisy Offering for January will be in support for the Dylan Kleine family who lost not only their belongings in the recent house fire but also their family pets.

Weekly Bible Study. Weekly bible study at Zion at 7 pm on Thursdays with a Zoom option and at Centerville on Wednesdays at 9 am using the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday.



Birthday party gift bags. We are collecting birthday party gift bags in January for the Big Spring Food Bank. Gift bags can have a cake mix, frosting, birthday plates and napkins, candles and party favors. Thank you, Delaney Miller!

As you taught in the synagogue, Jesus, impart to us today your new teaching — with authority — so that we trust your word and obey it. (Based on Mark 1:27-28.)



Welcome to worship. "Praise the Lord! ... He sent redemption to his people. ... Holy and awesome is his name" (Psalm 111:1, 9, NRSV).



Today, Sunday, 1/28/2024. Pastor Mike will be attending Centerville's annual congregation meeting. Fred Baker will be our presiding minister and we will be using the pre-packaged communion elements.

First Communion Class
February 3, 2024 at 7 pm
Ingram Hall
Ages 7 and up



Contact Pastor Mike or Mackenzie Neal for more information.

Learn what it's all about, plus bread making!



Youth Sunday School “Faith Formation” classes for ages 4-12. There will be a bible lesson, time for games or crafts, time for snack and refreshments, as well as time for prayer. Adult Sunday School “Solid Foundations” is using a book called “Listening to God” by Carolyn Nystrom.

Both classes will start at 9 am until 9:30 am every Sunday unless otherwise announced beforehand. Refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 for all! Worship will follow at 10 AM.

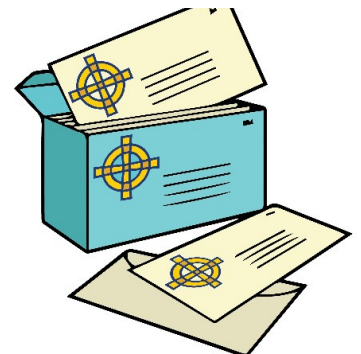
Church Directory and Offering Envelopes

Time to update our church directory and information on our Offering Envelopes. Verification sheets are in the church entry area. Please review for any needed additions, deletions or changes. If information is correct, initial beside your name. Complete a change form if there is any information that needs to be added, changed or deleted.

Please pay attention to email addresses, cell phone numbers and landline telephones that may have been changed or canceled.



The deadline for changes is
February 1, 2024.





Big Spring Inter-church Council Lenten Luncheons and Worship Services are held at First United Presbyterian, 111 W Big Spring Ave, Newville, PA 17241. Worship is at 12:00 noon, meal begins at 12:30 a different church in Newville will host the meal and lead worship.

2024 host schedule

February 16	Newville Church of the Brethren
February 23	Doubling Gap Church of God
March 1	Big Spring Heights Church of God
March 8	Newville Parish and BSULC
March 15	Newville First Church of God
March 22	Big Spring Presbyterian Church

Zion will prepare the Chicken Supreme Casserole, BSULC will provide dessert and Centerville will provide the drinks for the March 8th Community Lenten Luncheon at First United Presbyterian Church.

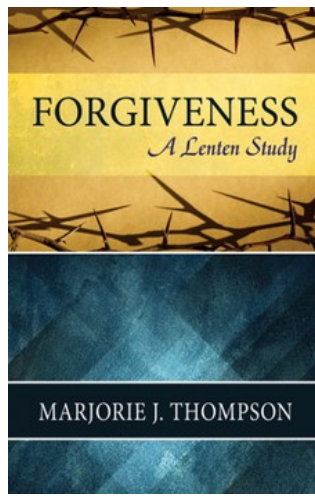
We need volunteers to set-up, prepare the meal, serve, and clean-up.
Signup sheets on table in entrance area with recipe for the casserole.

Donations go to:

First Presbyterian for expenses, PAW Packs, Neighbors in Christ, and Lutheran Disaster Relief

Service and meal will be cancelled if
the Big Spring School System cancels classes due to weather.

A Ministry of the Big Spring Inter-Church council.



Join us for Bible Study during Lent.
We will meet on Thursday evenings beginning
February 15th through March 21st
6:00 pm in Ingram Hall

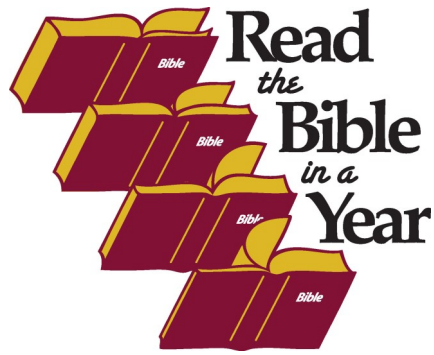
We will share a simple soup and bread supper.
Signup sheet in the entrance area.

This is what we will be using for our Lenten Study this year. It is available at many online retailers such as Christian Books, Thrift books, Walmart, Amazon, etc. If you would like me to get one for you please let me know. We will start using it on Ash Wednesday February 14th.

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best-selling book *Soul Feast*, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study. In six brief chapters, Thompson addresses such questions as the following:

- Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities?
- Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

Using biblical examples and real-life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way. A study guide is also included at the back of the book that is appropriate for either individual reflection or group discussion. With clarity, insight, and sensitivity, this book is the perfect resource for examining both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness. Zoom option will be available.



**Read the bible in a year. Sound hard? ?
Yup, but not impossible.**

Most people who try to read the bible in a year start off good and then life hits, you hit a busy time, go on an active vacation, or you get to the laws, rituals, sacrifices, and all the details about building the temple, blaaaahh!!! I have read the bible daily for years, it has been a few years since I stuck to a plan. When I was on a plan, and I got to the laws etc. etc. I skimmed! Those were the days I did not read everything, those were easy days, but I still picked the bible up.

We will be joining Pastor Karl Vaters in this journey. He has a weekly podcast and other resources. I have posted the link below. He has a recording that introduces the schedule and there is one recording for each week. If you do not want to use the electronic resource, please let me know and I can email or print out a transcript of what he says each week. The reading plan will be available by email or ask me and I will print you a copy

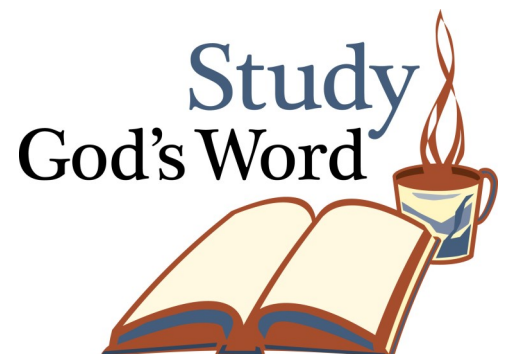
<https://karlvaters.com/bible-reading-coach-podcast/>

The key is to commit to at least picking up your bible once a day! Maybe find a partner and encourage one another. Even if all you do is read a few verses a day you are probably way farther ahead than you have been in the past. If you miss a day or two or three... don't give up, don't worry about trying to read a whole bunch to catch up, just start where that day is. In Karl's plan he even gives us Sunday off!

It is up to you how much time you are willing and able to commit but studies show that if you read your bible at least 4 days a week the spiritual growth is measurable for most people. So even if you miss a few days, you are still growing, you are being transformed! I promise you, if you put in the time, you will be rewarded!

I suggest getting a Study Bible, one that has notes and helps, that explain what you are reading to an extent (none of them explain every verse) We use the NRSV version here. Other easy ones to read are NLT, ESV, NIV and the Message Bible by Eugene Patterson is very helpful.

I invite you to start with me
on January 1, 2024





FEBRUARY 2024

Assisting Ministers

04:
11: Diane Covalt-Wiser
18: Fred Baker
25:

Readers

04: Love Baker
11: Coletta Railing
18: Delaney Miller
25: Chris Kleine

Sunday School Teachers

04: Love Baker
11: Denise Garman
18: Nancy Creek
25: Evelyn Valbrun

Altar Guild & Bread

Bob & Deb Rife

Communion Assistants:

Bob & Deb Rife and Chris Kleine

Offering Counters:

Calvin & Ginny Mowery

Today's Worship Assistants *1/28/2024*****

Assisting Minister: Diane Covalt-Wiser

Lay Reader: Diane Covalt-Wiser

Altar Guild & Bread: Joey Diehl

Communion Assistants: Mary Wilhelm & Linda Wiser

Sunday School Teacher: Diane Covalt-Wiser

Offering Counters: Love Baker & Sondra Lehman

Read the Bible in a Year Monday—Saturday Schedule

for January 29-February 3, 2024

WEEK 5: Exodus 20-40

The Law and the Tabernacle

M: Exodus 20-23

T: Exodus 24-26

W: Exodus 27-30

T: Exodus 31-33

F: Exodus 34-36

S: Exodus 37-40

Schedule of Church Activities

Sunday, January 28 February 4, 11, 18, 25

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes—Ingram Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Snack and fellowship—Ingram Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, February 1, 8

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Classroom 2

Thursday, February 15, 22, 29 March 7, 14, 21

- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup and Bread Supper in Ingram Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Classroom 2

Sat. 2/03/2024

- 7:00 p.m. First Communion Class in Ingram Hall

Mon. 2/05/2024

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry at Deb Rife's home
- 1:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Fri. 2/9/2024

- 10:00 a.m. Special Events meeting

Sat. 2/10/2024

- 9:00 a.m. Neighbors In Christ greeter Bill Piper

Mon. 2/12/2024

- 6:30 p.m. Zion Council Meeting

Tues. 2/13/2024

- 10:00 a.m. W/ELCA Meeting, Classroom 2

Wed. 2/14/2024

- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Centerville

Mon. 2/19/2024

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry at Deb Rife's home

Inclement Weather. During inclement winter weather, watch ABC 27 or CBS 21 or you can go online to ABC27.com or CBS21.com for church delays or closings. The office will be closed when Big Spring Schools are closed. Sunday Service closure will be listed under church closures on the above stations or websites.

ZION BLOOD DONOR NO. – 0985

**Please use this number and the name of the church when giving or receiving blood.
AED equipment on entry level beside Men's room door.**