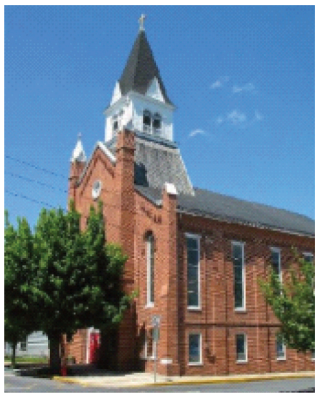

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

The Herald

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September 6, 2026

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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.

Words of Welcome. Welcome, friends! On this marvelous Sunday, let us open our spirits to the loving presence of God that we may be spiritually fed and renewed by his grace.

Preparation for Worship. O Lord, may my heart not be hardened, my ears not deaf, my mind not wandering as I strive to worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 9/13/2026

1st Reading: Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13

2nd Reading: Romans 14:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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 September 28th 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.**

Noisy Offering. The Noisy Offering for September will be for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation which is an organization that supports military members, veterans, first responders and their families. The foundation was created in memory of Stephen Siller a NYC firefighter who died on 9/11/2001, after running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel toward the World Trade Center. This September marks the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Tunnel to Towers programs include: paying off mortgage free homes to severely injured veterans and first responders; helping Gold Star families and fallen first responders; supporting homeless veterans; and providing assistance to first responders facing serious financial hardship.

"God's work. Our hands."
Saturday September 26, 2026!
This is the ELCA's annual day of service.

NOTE CHANGE IN DATES!

Zion Lutheran is again partnering with both Centerville and Dickinson for **God's Work. Our Hands**. We will visit the migrant camp again with a meal and worship service.

I am asking for donations of blankets. My goal is to get 20 to 25 and have them at the church the morning of Sunday **September 20th**. **See the sign-up sheet in the vestibule, this will help Joey know how many blankets to expect.**

Please contact Joey Diehl with questions 717-386-7598

RALLY DAY - COMMISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS - BLESS WELCA SCHOOL KITS

Rally Day will be September 13th and is the beginning of a new Sunday School year and a special program will be held. Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, September 20th at 9 am in Ingram Hall.

Our Rally Day worship program will include uplifting music by David Reeder and Adeline Gaydosh. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this event!

A commissioning of our Sunday School teachers and a blessing of the WELCA school kits will also take place.

As part of our lives of faith in the Lutheran tradition, we encourage our youth to attend Confirmation classes. Confirmation is about affirming their baptism and building a solid foundation in faith to guide and strengthen the promises of Christ Jesus in their lives. To help your child to claim their faith and own what he/she believes based on the Bible.To lead them to understand why we believe what we believe and for that revelation to inform how they live their lives of faith In Christ.

I would like to start classes this fall for youth in 6-7th grades. Please let me know if you and your children are willing and able to make a 2-year commitment to learn and to grow in their faith. Classes will be on Sunday nights from 6 to 7:30 starting on September 20th-November 8th. See Pastor Mike for more information.

For our Fall Bible Study, which will start September 10th, we will be doing a 11 week study on Twelve Extraordinary Women (Martha and Mary are in one week) by the late Rev. Dr. John MacArthur. I am looking forward to learning more about these faithful women that we often do not hear much about!! I have purchased 20 books for us to use. The cost is $11 per book. See Pastor Mike to purchase a book.

The Big Spring Senior Center will hold exercise classes in the Head Start classroom. Call 717-776-4478 to register and for more information.

- T'ai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention – Tuesday's at 10 am
- Movement with Mindfulness (evolved from Yoga) – Wednesday's at 8:30 am

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Youth Group Hike.

All youth ages 10-18 are invited from both churches for a hike on September 19th. Please invite a friend or sibling of the appropriate age as well!!! Please let either pastor Mike or Ambyr Tritt know by September 12th who will be coming so that we can plan transportation. If anyone is unable to bring lunch please let Ambyr know and she will take care of it!

The plan is to meet at Zion at 9:30 and consolidate vehicles as needed. Permission slips on Community Bulletin Board need to be filled out and given to the leaders before we leave.

Contact Pastor Mike for more information, 717-965-3854.

Bell Tower Repair Project

The work is to begin on Saturday the 29th. The contractor is starting then in hopes that the traffic will be lighter and cause less stress for the town. If anyone is moved to contribute directly to the Bell Tower repair project, there are two choices. If you would like the contribution to be anonymous, you can give it to Ruby or Ed. Of course, you can also include any payment with your regular contribution by clearly marking the amount designated for the repair project on your giving envelope.

SEPTEMBER 2026 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Ministers

06: Diane Covalt-Wiser
13: Fred Baker
20: Fred Baker
27: Rick Railing

Readers

06: Deb Piper
13: Fred Baker
20: Delaney Miller
27: Coletta Railing

Altar Guild & Bread
Carl and Nancy Creek
Greeters / Communion Assistants
Nancy Creek

Sunday School Teachers

20: Linda Wiser
27: Love Baker

Offering Counters:
Nancy Baker and Mary Wilhelm

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.

Schedule of Church Activities

Sunday, September 6, 13, 20, 27
9:00 a.m. 9/20/2026 Sunday School classes, Ingram Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

Monday, September 14 & 28
9:15 a.m. Prayer Group, Classroom 2

Thursday September 10, 17, 24
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Classroom 2

Tues. 9/08/2026
10:00 a.m. W/ELCA Meeting, Classroom #2

Wed. 9/09/2026
11:30 a.m. O.W.L.S. Luncheon at Green Ridge Dining Room

Sat. 9/12/2026
9:00 a.m. Neighbors In Christ greeter Bob Rife

Mon. 9/14/2026
1:00 p.m. Worship and Music Meeting
6:30 p.m. Zion Council

Wed. 9/16/2026
11:00 a.m. Joint Care & Share meeting at Zion

Sat. 10/03/2026
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Theo's Diner