

FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

Grace to you and peace.

First of all, I want to thank the parents, the teachers, the children, the youth, the young adults, and really the entire congregation for being involved in the faith formation of those soon to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th.

They are: Alex Waitkus, Caleb Heasley, Cameron Koontz, Carson Chenoweth, Danielle Cope, Ella Berkebile, Hailey Uhrinek, Izabell “Bell” Orczeck, Madelyn Black, and Maxwell Glass. In case you were wondering about the order, alphabetical by Christian name.

Harrold Zion is an active congregation year-round. In this edition of *The Herald* you will find many opportunities to grow in the faith. Vacation Bible School June 13-17, as promised, last year, will be *Monumental*.

I will be offering a study on Galatians between the Sunday Services the first six Summer Sundays (June 12-July 17). The reason for Galatians, aside from having six chapters, is that it will be the second lesson for most of those Sundays.

Continue praying and supporting the members of the Call Committee. The reports during our Joys and Concerns are encouraging.

Anniversary Weekend, July 30-31 is fast approaching. Make plans to participate in as many events as possible. Details within. Keep reading. 250 Years ... Wow!

Pray for me as I pray for you always in Christ Jesus.

Pastor James West

Intentional Interim Senior Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES FROM PASTOR JAMES

The fiftieth day of Easter is Pentecost. The “fifty” is in the title, “Pentecost”. It loses a bit in translation. Now we are in the season of Pentecost. Pentecost has 173 days, roughly half of a year. It begins on the Monday that follows Pentecost Sunday and continues until “Advent Eve”, which this year will be Saturday, November 26th. This season mirrors the agricultural calendar. It is a time of gradual growth. Green is the predominant color. That is why the pastors will wear green stoles over their shoulders, the banners will be mostly green, and the decorations (paraments) on the altar and pulpit are green. There are exceptions.

On the First and Last Sundays after Pentecost, the color will be white to catch our attention. The First Sunday celebrates the written confessions of faith, the Apostle’s Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed. What sets Christianity apart from the world religions is its understanding of the Trinity. The Last Sunday after Pentecost is Christ the King Sunday, marking the end of history. The end of history is all about the purpose, the aim, the result, the reason for, the objective of, the goal, the object of, the intention of, the design of, the outcome of God’s dealings with us and all of creation.

The other two exceptions are Reformation Sunday, October 30th (Red) and All Saints Sunday, November 6th (White). Again, the colors are to get our attention. Red speaks of energy and change. White of brightness, the saints in the light of Christ.

In June, in addition to the regularly scheduled services, Saturdays at 5 p.m. Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays at 7 a.m., we will observe Barnabas, Apostle, on Saturday, June 11th at 9:30; John the Baptist, on Friday, 24th at 9:30 a.m.; and Peter and Paul, Apostles, Wednesday, June 29th at 7 a.m.

Barnabas is remembered for being an advocate for Paul when the church had trouble accepting that Paul was a believer and no longer a persecutor. Paying attention to John the Baptist’s nativity on the 24th is a subtle reminder that Christmas is only six months away. Just as we notice more daylight after the shortest days in December, we begin to notice the decrease of daylight after the longest days of June. At the end of the month, we celebrate how the church is founded on the faith of the Apostle to the Jews, Peter, and the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul. Both were martyred in Rome about thirty years after Jesus’ crucifixion.

This is one of the ways the Church marks time between Christ’s Ascension (enthronement) and Return. Here is another way of saying and praying it: Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, both now and forever. The God who is, who was, and is to come at the end of the ages. Amen.

WORSHIP AT HARROLD ZION

REGULAR WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays – 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Wednesdays – 7:30 AM



PENTECOST WEEKEND

Saturday, June 4, 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 5, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday, June 5, 12:00 Noon – Confirmation worship service
Holy Communion will be offered at all services.



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

BARNABAS, THE APOSTLE

Saturday, June 11, 9:30 AM

JOYFUL NOISE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 19, 10:30 AM

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday, June 24, 9:30 AM



Confirmation Worship Service Sunday, June 5th at 12:00pm

Confirmands and their family members are invited to this in-person worship service.

Ella Berkebile

Madelyn Black

Carson Chenoweth

Danielle Cope

Jillian Hayes

Caleb Heasley

Cameron Koontz

Izabell Orczeck

Hailey Uhrinek

Alex Waitkus

Maxwell Glass

***Do we as people of God, promise to support and pray for one another and these
confirmands in our life in Christ?***

We do, and ask God to help and guide us.



HARROLD ZION'S ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION WEEKEND

250 YEARS

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

HISTORICAL TOURS 1:00 - 4:00 PM

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC - 4:30 PM

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT - 5:30 PM

OUTDOOR VESPER SERVICE - 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 AM

CATERED DINNER - 12:00 NOON

CATERED DINNER. \$18/PERSON

RSVP AT HARROLDZION.ORG OR 724-837-7327

ANNIVERSARY DISPLAYS

We will be displaying old church photos and other historical artifacts in the Sunday School rooms for the celebration. If you have any photos or historical documents which you would lend us for the occasion, please contact John Millward (724-635-0218) or Bernard Zundel (724-420-3937). We would also like to display any antiques that would demonstrate the life of the early settlers. Thank you!

250th Anniversary

CELEBRATE IN STYLE WITH THESE 250TH COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

Golf/polo shirt: Navy with white stitching, adult sizes only. \$32 per shirt.

Tshirt: Gray or Red, available in youth and adult sizes. \$15 per adult shirt and \$10 per youth shirt.

Suncatcher: “*Let your light shine*” with this beautiful display. \$18 each.

Booklet Fundraiser - We are planning a printed historical booklet for the celebration weekend. You can sponsor a line in the booklet for \$5. Sponsorships are similar to the flower lists printed in the bulletins: “In Memory/Honor/Celebration”. Also, if you or someone you know have a **business** you would like to advertise in the booklet, we are selling space. Booklet fundraisers are due by June 26. Please contact Christie O’Neill if you have any questions, 724-219-3215.

Forms for the above items can be found in the Communication Center. Please place completed form(s) with payment in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or the red box in the Communication Center.

Orders for all items are due June 19,
while the sponsorships for the booklet are due June 26.
All fundraisers will help offset the costs of the celebration.

TRIVIA

250th ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA

1. How many church buildings have there been, excluding school houses?
Answer: Five
2. What part of the Old Log Church still exists and where is it?
Answer: The pulpit. It is in the Old Milliron Church
3. What was the date of the first recorded baptism(s) at Harrold Zion?
Answer: August 2, 1772. There were 3 baptisms
4. What are the names of the five churches?
Answer: The Old Log Church (1772), The Old Stone Church (1830), Harrold’s Old Zion Church (1884), Hempfield Zion Church-also known as The Hill Church (1885), and Harrold Zion Church (1964)



Introducing our 2022 Graduates! Join us at all worship services June 11/12 to raise these and all graduates in prayer.

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.”

Ephesians 3:20

Isabella Dunford

Graduating from Hempfield Area High School where she served as VP of the National Honor Society and was a member of the French National Honor Society. Bella maintained high grades and standards all while competing as a level 9 gymnast and working. She will be attending Duquesne University on a scholarship in the fall as a student in their Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Will Glass

Serra Catholic High School Graduate – 2022. Will plans to attend the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to major in Speech-Language Pathology.

Katherine Dansak

On June 10th, I will be graduating from Norwin High School. During my four years in high school I ran cross country, track, and was also a member of the National Honor Society. I will be attending the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg starting this August. Currently, I'm undecided about my major but I am interested in science and business.

Brandon Cope

Brandon Cope is Graduating from Hempfield Area High School. He will be attending University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown studying Mechanical Engineering.

Katelyn Ross

Graduating from Hempfield Area High School. Secretary of Senior Class 2022, Nominated for John Driscoll Award 2022, co-captain of Volleyball team, a part of the Track & Field team, National Honors Society, French National Honors Society, in United Spartans Kindness Club, Peer Tutor for the school, Peer Mentor for freshman and French club, homecoming court. Katelyn will be attending West Virginia University for Dental Hygiene

Lauryn Winfield

Lauryn graduates this year from Jeannette and Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center. She is a licensed cosmetologist. She is currently working at Sports Clips and may in the future want to teach Cosmetology.

Jenna Toohey

Daughter of Paul and Jeanne Toohey is a recent graduate of Westminster College with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. In College, Jenna was a member of the Lambda Sigma Honor Society, Dean's List, Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Society and Mortar Board National Honor Society. Additionally, she was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, Homecoming Court, Orientation Staff and the Titan Cross Country Team. Jenna served as a Young Life Leader throughout her collegiate career where she shared the Gospel with students at a local high school in hopes of introducing them to Jesus and helping them grow their faith. Last summer, Jenna moved to Austin, Texas to intern at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where she worked alongside world-renowned cancer researchers studying cancer stem cells in hopes of targeting certain mutations. This summer she is pursuing a travel abroad post-grad program for several weeks in Italy. Her future plans include furthering her education in some aspect of the medical field.



SUMMER IS HERE!

The long-awaited summer has finally arrived in Western, PA! We pray for you to have safe travels and a time filled with laughter and blessings.

Please keep Harrold Zion in your prayers as we continue the process for calling a Senior Pastor. Please pray specifically for the Call Committee and any candidates who may be inquiring about Harrold Zion. Finally, please pray for the well-being of the church throughout the summer as the work of the church continues during the vacation season.

If you find yourself unable to make it to worship, but wanting to send your offering, you can mail a check to the church, donate via Simply Giving or the Harrold Zion website. Please see the flyer to the right for more information.

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THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

All Thrivent members are encouraged to use the Thrivent Action Team Grants available to them through Thrivent as a way to give back to our church and our community. Each Thrivent member is entitled to two \$250 grants per year to support an activity or mission project. This equals several thousand dollars of Action Team grants available through the number of Thrivent members we have within our congregation. Let us be good stewards by not letting this money pass us by. Contact Tammy at 724-837-7327 or tammyhzlc@gmail.com if you would like suggestions of possible programs you can support through these grants or need application assistance.



It takes a lot to pull this event together. Donation lists are in the Communication Center to help make a memorable event for our children.

Last Call for this MONUMENTAL event! June 13th through 17th 9:15am – 12:30pm

Monumental VBS Registration

PreK/4 year old through 4th grade only

Participant/Volunteer Name

Contact Email

Grade Leaving (circle answer)

Allergy/Medical Alert or (None)

- 4year old preschool
- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- Volunteer

Shirt size (circle answer)

- Youth sm
- Youth med
- Youth lg
- Adult sm
- Adult med
- Adult lg
- Adult xl
- Adult xxl

Volunteer's only, please answer

- Station leader
- Group leader

Notes to Ms. Sheri

Parent/Guardian Name

Contact

My child's image can be used for the church's website and social media pages (circle answer)

_____

- Yes
- No

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Sunday June 19th, 2022

1:00pm

Rain or Shine

MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR-BIKES, QUADS, BICYCLES, TRIKES,
SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS ANYTHING WITH WHEELS WELCOME

Harrold Zion Lutheran Church
671 Baltzer Meyer Pike,
Greensburg PA. 15601

A group ride
to follow the
blessing.



250th ANNIVERSARY
celebration!

For more information,
contact Shawn 724-875-8523

“May the good Lord watch over you, and may he give you his guidance, protection and care. May God ride by your side and bring you home safe to your loved ones.”

Amen!

LET'S GO TO THE THEATER!

Join us for “Nunsense” at the St. Vincent Summer Theater on Friday, June 17, at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children 14 and under.

QUILTING MINISTRY

The Quilting Ministry continues to meet each month of the first and last Monday of each month. They gather in the Meeting Room from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The quilts are made and sent to a third world country where they can be used for carrying babies are groceries, for beds and to keep warm, etc.. The Quilting group currently has 35 quilts made and they will be shipped this summer. Men and women are invited and you can attend one or both sessions and once or twice a month.

KNITTING MINISTRY

The Knitting Ministry group has a time of fellowship while they knit prayer shawls with love. The prayer shawls are given to people who may be going through a rough time due to illness, the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, and many other reasons that people need to wrap themselves in comfort and love. This group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the *Garden Angels* for keeping the church flower beds beautiful! We are so blessed with all of the efforts that the team puts into planting, weeding, watering and more.

DO YOU USE YOUR BOXED OFFERING ENVELOPES?

The church council recently decided that the 2023 offering envelopes will be mailed directly to each member's house from the envelope company rather than having them shipped to the church for pick up. If you find that you do not use your printed envelope because you donate via Simply Giving, online, or you tend to use the pew envelopes because you forget your printed envelope, please let Tammy know so that she can reassign your envelope number and remove you from the envelope mailing list. Tammy can be reached at 724-837-7327 or tammyhzlc@gmail.com
Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting following all services the weekend of June 4 & 5. The purpose of the meeting is a personnel matter.

DO YOU HAVE OLD BIKES LAYING AROUND!

Help us support the mission of Communia Cycle with Manor Presbyterian and Rev. Tom Holmes. Bikes can be dropped off at Harrold Zion on Saturday, June 11, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, by the basketball net at the back of the parking lot. The bikes will then be transported to Monaca, PA where they will be refurbished and sent to people who need bikes as transportation or people in other countries.

PRAYER CHAIN

Our prayer chain team at the church continues to be here to offer up prayers that are requested throughout the week. If you have a name for the prayer chain, please call the church office at 724-837-7327 or email at tammyhzlc@gmail.com. If you would like to join the prayer chain team, please let the church office know if you want to be on the phone chain or email chain.

JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 2, at 6:30 PM

JUNE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Stewardship Committee – Friday, June 3, 10:00 AM
- Fellowship Committee – Sunday, June 12, 11:45 AM
- Property Committee – Monday, June 27, 6:30 PM

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR JULY ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY 9:00 AM, June 15

Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@gmail.com or placed in the mailbox on the Secretary's office door. Thank you!

FROM THE OFFICE

Please note that summer office hours will begin Wednesday, June 1, 2022. The office will be open 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Regular office hours will resume in September. Thank you and enjoy the summer!



WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF:

Freya Grace Knott, daughter of Cayla Hoffer & George Knott, III, was baptized May 7, 2022.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

John & Ronnie Jo Churchfield on the death of John’s mother, Elaine Churchfield.

John and Andrew Robosky on the death of their Mom and Grandma, Phyllis Robosky.

Donna Merrits and the family on the death of her father, Donald Merrits.

May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

ALL ABOUT KIDS PRESCHOOL

Preschool is on break for the summer! We do have summer camp July 12th and 14th and August 9th and 11th. This is for ages 3-5. Some spaces still available.

Fall classes begin right after Labor Day in September. All classes are full with a waiting list except our Pm class M, T, Th 12:30-3:00 pm. Please contact Lisa Zundel at 412-554-4736 for more information. Happy summer!! All About Kids Preschool

In Our Community

ZION’S FIRST THURSDAY NOON WORSHIP AND LUNCHEON

Zion’s Lutheran Church (140 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Greensburg) will be hosting a worship service followed by a luncheon on the first Thursday of the month (June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1). The services begin at 12:05 PM. The suggested donation is \$5.00.

HARROLD ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a family of believers who seek to provide an open and caring environment where all are welcome and can experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, we believe the Lutheran Confessions to be a faithful interpretation of Scripture, and our ministry revolves around the “Word and Sacraments”.

We are committed to being good stewards of God’s creation by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed. Thus we respond to human need with acts of love and compassion, as we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

2022 Church Council and Committees Served

- Shawn Carolan - Fellowship
- Josh Chenoweth, Secretary - Audit
- Bob Eicher – Cemetery, Personnel
- Kim Elias – Social Ministry
- Bonny Free – Call, Investment
- Don Freeman - Stewardship
- Joanne Gebhardt – Worship & Music
- Bob Majcher, Treasurer – Finance, Investment
- John Millward, Vice President - Property
- Jack Molnar, President – Nominating, Preschool
- Ross Thompson - Evangelism
- Rick Yaksic – Mission & Vision

HARROLD ZION’S 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

April operating income:	\$34,614.09
April operating expense:	<u>\$31,937.26</u>
	\$ -5,420.63
YTD operating income:	\$114,742.49
YTD operating expense:	<u>\$128,383.57</u>
	\$ -13,641.08

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,*

*The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,*

*The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,*

*Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad*

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 9:30 AM STAFF MEETING 10:30 PS CHAPEL 5:30 PM YOUTH CHOIR 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:00 PM PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS *END YEAR PARTY FOR MUSIC MINISTRY	2 6:30 PM COUNCIL MEETING	3 10:00 AM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE	4 PENTECOST COMMUNION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
5 PENTECOST COMMUNION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 12:00 PM CONFIRMATION SERVICE	6 10:00 AM QUILTING 3:00 PM S.H. RESERVED (PAT ROGERS)	7	8	9	10 S.H. RESERVED (HEIDI ROSS)	11 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:00 AM S.H. RSVD FOR VBS SET UP 9:00 AM BIKE PICK UP 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
12 10:30 AM RECEIVE NEW MEMBER 11:45 AM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE VBS SET UP	13 9:15 AM VBS	14 9:15 AM VBS 7:30 PM COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS	15 9:15 AM VBS	16 9:15 AM VBS	17 9:15 AM VBS 5:00 PM PAVILION RESERVED FOR SYNOD WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM	18 8:00 AM S.H. & PAVILION RESERVED (DENISE HARSHMAN)
19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! 10:30 JOYFUL NOISE 1:00 PM BIKE BLESSING	20	21	22	23	24 9:30 AM WORSHIP	25 9:00 AM S.H. & PAVILION RESERVED (AMY BUSCH)
26 12:00 PM S.H. RESERVED (RITA HEASLEY)	27 10:00 AM QUILTING 6:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE	28 10:00 AM KNITTING MINISTRY	29 10:00 AM NEWSLETTER MAILING	30		

COUNCIL MEETING May 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 Present: Jack Molnar, Bonnie Free, Tammy Hilland, Joanne Gebhardt, John Millward, Shawn Carolan, Ross Thompson, Don Freeman, Bob Majcher, Josh Chenoweth and Pastor Caroline. Devotion by Pastor Caroline

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Shawn Carolan. Second by Don Freeman. Motion carried.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT: Grace to you and peace. These are exciting times for you as you review the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). They are exciting times for me as well. My prayers are with you as you make policy decisions regarding the call that you will eventually extend to your next pastor. I ask for your prayers as well, as I too enter into a time of discernment as to what is next for Mary Beth and me. My wife reminds me that my skills at predicting the future doesn't even approach 50%. One thing I do know, the transition, when it comes, for all of us will be sudden. That's how I have seen it work since I entered the call process forty years ago. I recall that it was in April of 1982 that I faced the Examination Committee of the Michigan Synod. Mutual Ministry Committee Of the eight people that Jack Molnar, Pastor Caroline, and I asked, two have agreed to serve. They are Jacki Nestor and Jeanne Toohey. They have agreed to meet with us (JM, PCC, and I) for orientation later this month. Year-Round Stewardship Emphasis I trust that most of you heard that first round of Temple Talks last month. We will continue to do this each month, along with place an article in the newsletter. Bernie Zundel and Don Freeman are looking for a few more good women and men to serve on this committee. Our next meeting is Tuesday 10 May at 1 p.m. Future meetings are possible in the evening, too. Evangelism I look forward to the next round of calls and letters to the members and prospective members. Ross is striving mightily with the committee to track down those former members whom we know of, but do not have much to go on. In some cases, we only have a town and a zip code. Constitution Update The Transition Team, mainly Emily O'Neill, put together a document that highlights the differences between the current constitution of 2010 and the model constitution of 2019. I forwarded that document to Rick Yaksic and Glen Nickodemus. Worship and Music – I continue to be awed by the dedication and talent of our worship team. We were still standing on Easter Day. Christian Education – Remember to approve for confirmation the eighth-grade students who have completed their two years of studies. And then there's the 250th Anniversary Committee ... I had lunch with Pastor Robert Kruell of Harrold Reformed United Church of Christ. I got to hear the perspective of "We do wonder why those Lutherans got up and left us." We also have a connection with the congregations in Mt. Pleasant. Up until a few years ago, he was covering that congregation in Mt. Pleasant, too. We are continuing the conversation later this month. Thank you for encouraging me to take the time to attend continuing education courses. This report comes to you from the Larger Church Conference. I will be back on Saturday for a baptism that evening and the regular round of services on Sunday. Sometimes I simply need to get away to get to work on primary tasks of being your interim pastor. Finally, I thoroughly enjoy the All About Kids Chapel service on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I trust that you have noticed some improvement in my children's messages on Sundays. Who better to teach me than the preschoolers themselves? Pray for me, as I pray for you, always in Christ Jesus. Pastor James Intentional Interim Senior Pastor

ASSISTANT PASTOR'S REPORT: Preaching & Worship – Pr. West and I have split preaching duties, although he was on vacation and then out for continuing ed, so I have been a little busier than usual. Lenten services, Holy Week services, and Easter went well this year for the most part. I also filled in for Pr. West's 7 AM communion service on Wednesday when he was out of town. I also participated in serving the kids their First Holy Communion. Visitation – Visitation has been busy again this month. Visits include in person and over the phone for homebound, loss of family, and illness (hospital). I visited person's home who wanted spiritual direction. Special Events – I participated in the Palm Sunday breakfast, the Easter egg hunt, and the confirmation dinner. I led the invocation at the Greensburg Commissioners' meeting this month, as well as received the proclamation for our 250th anniversary. I will meet with two families that wants to join the church on May 14th. Christian Education – The senior high Sunday morning class has been going very well, with 2-7 students attending, depending on the week. I am very pleased with the relationship building taking place. Sheri and I continue to plan for a summer travel activity with the students. Meetings – Pr. James meetings: 1 time per week with immediate staff, 1 time per week with all the staff, and 1-3 times per week between the two of us. Synod Ministry Committee meetings: (I am the secretary): we met

this time to discuss developing a Lay School of Theology for the synod (training and continuing ed for lay leaders). We will meet again to finalize those discussions. The Synod Council asked the committee to formulate a way to educate congregations about family leave and sabbatical policy. We will be meeting again in June to discuss this further. Lutheran Campus Board of Pittsburgh (I am the secretary for the board): We had 1 meeting for our quarterly meeting and a retreat the weekend of March 26. I participated through Zoom since I had to be available for presiding Saturday night. Synod: The synod ministerium meets monthly. Greensburg Lutheran Cluster: Pastor bible study on a weekly basis, on Tuesdays. Church committee meetings: I continue meeting with the personnel committee to discuss providing an employee handbook and as well as addressing policies for a new pastor. We are close to putting together the manual; I am modifying the document that was obtained from the ELCA, in order to fit our situation here at HZLC. I have also been attending Worship and Music meetings. Funerals, Baptisms, and Weddings – I have been meeting with two couples for 2 weddings in May; they will take place on May 20 and May 21. I led 3 funerals this last month. There have been 11 funerals since Nov. 1, 2021 (I've led 8 since then), and 9 since the beginning of the year (I've led 7 of those and participated in 1). Vacation: Planning to take a vacation the last week of May, through Memorial Day (May 23-20). Highlights: Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter services went well. I filled in for Pr. West's Wednesday morning services. I did 3 funerals this month and will do two weddings in May. I met with the synod ministry committee to discuss synod issues regarding congregations and lay leaders. I did the invocation at the Greensburg Commissioner's meeting as well as accepted the proclamation for our 250th anniversary. I participated in the synod's monthly meeting I participated in activities related to the youth (Easter egg hunt, Palm Sunday breakfast, Confirmation dinner, serving First Holy Communion). Blessings, Pastor Caroline Clifford

FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Holy week was exhausting but glorious! Palm Sunday's egg hunt went off without any hitches, even with the colder temperatures and high winds. Maundy Thursday brought 5 children to the Lord's Table. Good Friday brought a completed tomb. Holy Saturday's Vigil was a beautiful service. It was an honor to participate as usher, acolyte and crucifer. Then Easter Sunday's worship service was blessed with family's returning. Presently, I am working on the end of Sunday Bible Studies wrap ups. Confirmation wrap up and the Confirmation service on June 5th. I continue to add content to the church's website and Facebook page. I have met with several parishioners to listen to concern, minister to them and brainstorm ideas. And of course, VBS! Looking ahead, I will be completing my preaching class with a sermon on May 28th and 29th. From now until June 13th, I will be working towards the Monumental VBS. Not far from my mind; Rally Day, fall Bible Study classes and the need for leaders.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No Report.

CALL COMMITTEE: No Report.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: No Report.

YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE: Will be meeting June 5th to finalize VBS. With the pastor's, working on plans for a youth trip to the Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area, in Fairfax VA.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: 5 children made their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. Mr. John Millward took a group of youths of a property tour. The tour was a highlight for the youth and they thank Mr. Millward for his time and knowledge of the HZ history. Last day for Sunday Bible studies is May 22nd. Classes resume, Sept. 11th (Rally Day).

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: The Evangelism Committee met in April and reviewed the current "Inactive Membership List." This list has not been updated for several years. The committee went over the list, line by line. We decided to contact those for whom there is an address, email, or phone number. The committee also identified 132 individuals from this list for whom we have no contact information, or are deceased, or have indicated they are no longer wish to be associated with Harrold Zion. We recommend their removal from the "Inactive Membership List."

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: The Fellowship Committee met on April 10th. Currently there are 2 activities in the works: - Nonsense by St. Vincent Summer Theater. Fri. June 17th @ 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children 14 and under. - The Blessing of the Bikes. Sun. June 19th @ 1:00

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Report.
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: No Report.
MISSION AND VISION COMMITTEE: No report.
MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: No report.
NOMINATION COMMITTEE: No report.
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No report.
PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE: No Report.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Relatively little to report. The I-Pad for the sound system was repaired. Storage room clean out on May 7th starting at 9:00 AM. Anyone with items valuable to them please clearly mark that item or preferably be there! Otherwise just the usual maintenance.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

The Sonshiner group met on Wednesday, March 16 in the Social Hall. There were 40 people in attendance, and we all enjoyed pizza and ice cream for lunch. Upcoming events were discussed, and suggestions for future activities were discussed. It was decided to give an open invitation to anyone from the congregation and their guests to attend the Sonshiner's "Celebrate Spring" Luncheon on Thursday, May 26 at Lakeview Restaurant. Complete information is included in the May Newsletter and is also available in the Church Office. The last day to respond is Sunday, May 22.

Food2Go4Kids The last scheduled packing of Food2Go4Kids for this school year takes place on Wednesday, May 4. Volunteers helped pack 13 times from September to May, resulting in filling and delivering to the 3 area elementary schools 684 bags of weekend food. Representatives from the area churches and organizations who are part of the F2G4K program had a Zoom meeting with Coordinator Pastor John Smaligo, and with Hempfield Home School Visitor, Darcy Markovic, on Thursday, March 31. Pastor John asked each of us how our program was going, and if we had any problems or questions. After that discussion, Pastor John and Darci asked how we would feel about trying to get the food to the children over the summer. We all agreed we have thought about this and hoped summer distribution would be possible. After much discussion, we decided to try it once in June, July, and August to see if it will work because the bags will have to be picked up by the children's parents. We have not received the summer schedule at this time.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: No Report.
PERC COMMITTEE: No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: Since our last report we celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. All the services were well attended and a Special Thank you to everyone who helped make the services go smoothly. Flowers orders for Red Salvia to be used on Pentecost are now being taken. Memorial Day services will conclude by the flagpole on May 28/29 weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS: Synod reps.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to approve list of confirmands by Ross Thompson. Second by Joanne Gebhardt. Motion carried. Motion to approve purchase new software and hardware for HZ computer system by Bob Majcher. Second by John Millward. Motion carried. Motion to approve mailing all offering envelopes directly to church members by Bob Majcher. Second by John Millward. Motion carried. Motion accept Ministry site profile by John Millward. Second by Joanne Gebhardt. Motion carried. Motion to accept HZ FMLA policy of 6 weeks unpaid time after paid vacation has been exhausted by Shawn Carolan. Second by Joanne Gebhardt. Motion carried. Motion not to adopt recommended policy for sabbatical by Shawn Carolan. Second by Don Freeman. Motion carried. Motion to approve Synod Recommended Compensation Package for Ordained Ministers by Bob Majcher. Second by Shawn Carolan. Motion carried. Motion to approve Tammy's request of an increase of hours from 27.5 per week to 40 per week at a pay decrease from \$18.73 to \$18 per hour plus increased responsibilities by Bob Majcher. Second by John Millward. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bob Majcher. Second by Shawn Carolan. Motion carried.

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