

# ZION NEWS

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## This is YOUR Church

*Submitted by Chris Reinford*

I know this may sound a little cliché, but this is YOUR church! There is no over or under stating this, because it is the complete truth. When children come to the church on a Wednesday night to play and learn together during Kid's Club, it is YOUR ministry at work. When women get together on Sunday's after church to knit masterpieces out of yarn for those in need of thoughtful care and comfort, it is YOUR ministry at work. When an intergenerational mix of people works on building a house for Habitat of Humanity, it is YOUR ministry at work. Again, when there are people putting their heart and skill into a bowl of chili to have a light-hearted meal and competition with church friends, it is YOUR ministry at work. What is your ministry?

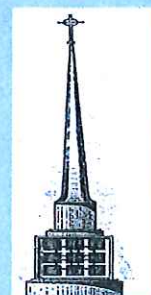
The church exists to provide a space for you to be fruitful as a Christ follower. If you did not know, Zion provides many opportunities for you to be involved in active ministries within our community. Jesus calls us to serve others, make disciples, and share the love that he showed us while he was walking as a man on Earth. Will you do that better sitting at home watching TV or serving a warm meal to someone who does not have the money to make one themselves? Jesus wants us to spend our time serving Him. In the parable of the 10 bridesmaids He even states that at any time he could return, so what are you doing for Him so that you are ready when it happens? Will you miss the celebration? "So stay awake and be prepared, because you do not know the day or hour of my return," (Matthew 25:13).

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*Connecting with God, connecting with others, connecting others with God*

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## ♦ **Your Church, cont'd; Women of Zion**

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If you are wondering where you should spend your time and efforts in ministry, I have a place for you. At Zion we are constantly trying to find more ways and areas that we can bring teenagers and children together to learn more about their faith and have an enjoyable time doing it. The best way for them to learn, is to be led by example. Take an opportunity to be involved in the ministries that impact our youth. Zion Youth Ministry (ZYM) events and Children's ministry events are perfect opportunities to be involved in growing our church. A strong church is built by active families. Encourage families you see to get involved in the ministries in which you are a part of. Ask youth and children to join YOU in serving community meals or helping out with the food pantry. These are YOUR ministries. Take control of the impact that you have on the lives of those in our church already and those who are out there in the community looking for their own place to make a difference. Jesus tells us to make disciples of all nations. How can we make disciples of other nations if we cannot do it where we live in our own nation and community? If Zion does not have a ministry that you are looking for, start your own with the support of the people of Zion. Get involved and make a difference in YOUR ministry today.



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**Women of Zion** events are open to all women (and sometimes men!). Please join us for fun and fellowship as we work together in these outreach activities. Invite a friend to accompany you!

**Yarn Ministry** — **Sunday, Feb. 1 & 15 from 1 - 3 PM in the parlor**  
*Come and join those who knit and crochet! If you don't have those skills, lessons and supplies are provided!*



***Prayer shawls, chemo hats, lap robes and prayer squares are all available for you to take to someone who needs comfort. They are on display in the narthex hallway. After you have made your choice, please sign the attached book so that we have a record of who has received something.***

**Comforter Ministry** — **Monday, Feb. 2 from 9 - 11 AM in the social room**  
*Come and help us make comforters for those who need warmth and protection. You do not have to sew anything...we need people to tie knots, and cut & press fabric. We could make many more blankets if we had many more helpers!*

## ♦ From the Congregational Council *Submitted by Jon Wright*

Greetings from the Congregational Council,

The year 2014 was a busy one for your Council, and 2015 is shaping up to be even busier. As we move into 2015 I would like to bring you up to date on our plans over the next few months:

### **Discernment Process:**

We completed the Cottage Meetings in late November, but with the holidays we did not have the opportunity to sit down and digest the information that was gathered. Doug Rhoads met with most of the Cottage Meeting Leaders in early January. The yearly Council retreat will be held on February 7, and a large part of that time will be spent on discussing the findings from the meetings and beginning the formation of a plan for Zion.

### **Child Protection Program:**

The regulations surrounding reporting of child abuse, as well as policies to protect children and youth continue to change. As a result, we have joined the Samaritan Safe Church program. There is a team of individuals who have committed to attending training and informational sessions over the next 10 months to allow Zion to create a solid and enforceable policy to protect the children and youth as we use our facility or participate in our groups. In addition, training sessions will be held at Zion for all individuals that work with children and youth.

Our team will be joining teams from other churches for the first meeting on February 7. We would like to add one or two more members to the team. If you are interested please contact Jon Wright or Pastor JMe for more information.

### **2014 Financial Year in Review:**

As a congregation we finished 2014 on a strong financial note, and ended the year with a cash balance of approximately \$33K. Though this is

\$16K less than the cash balance on Jan. 01, 2014, it is 13K more than we had at the end of November. Average attendance for 2014 was exactly the same as for the year 2013. The Finance Team mentioned that this is the first time in recent memory that our attendance figures did not drop, and where we exceeded our income from the previous year. The Council thanks you for your Stewardship and hopes that we are beginning to reverse the trend of declining attendance and budgeted offerings.

### **Council Elections:**

Elections for the office of Council President and Vice-President were held at the monthly meeting on January 19th. Elected to the office of President was Jon Wright, and Doug Rhoads was elected as Vice-President. We welcome Ed Blough, Scott Crum, and Delaney Klepper to the Council.

Council meetings are held the third Monday of each month, and everyone is welcome. If you wish to attend the meeting and bring a specific item to the attention of the Council, please understand that agendas are formed several weeks in advance of the meeting. Depending on the length of the agenda there is no guarantee that we will be able to fit you into the agenda. It is suggested that you contact the Council officers at least two weeks in advance of the meeting if you wish to discuss an issue.

Please feel free to bring any concerns, ideas and/or suggestions to any of the Council members:

Birgitte Chapman	Ed Blough
Jon Wright	Scott Crum
Deb Overly	Ron Crawford
John Hinkle	John Hay
Doug Rhoads	Lisa Nelson
Delaney Klepper	Phil Houseal



# ♦ Hempfield Area Food Pantry, Thrivent Financial

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE Submitted by Diane Gerlach

In December, the pantry served 206 families which included 274 children, 407 adults, and 94 seniors for a total of 775 people served. **We registered 10 new families and re-registered 6 previous families.**

During December, Zion members donated 251 pounds of food to the pantry. Thank you to the members who continue to contribute financially to the pantry.



During the month of December....**Darrenkamps of Mount Joy** donated 2,516 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; **Target in Lititz** donated 2,113 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items; **Weis Markets in Columbia** donated 1,495 pounds of bread and bakery items. **Weis Stony Battery Road** donated 484 pounds of bread and bakery items.

We continue to be blessed with **many volunteers from community churches who give their time to the pantry** each Monday and Wednesday as well as additional time as needed. Sixty nine volunteers gave 782 hours for the month of December.

THANK YOU to all who remembered those less fortunate during this past holiday season. More details and information has been reported in the annual report.



YOU are welcome to **visit the community pantry located here at Zion** when we are open (Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM) to witness God's hands, heart, and love in action!

**Food items requested for the months of January ...jelly, 15 oz. canned fruit, and cereal.**

*Together we will feed the hungry!*

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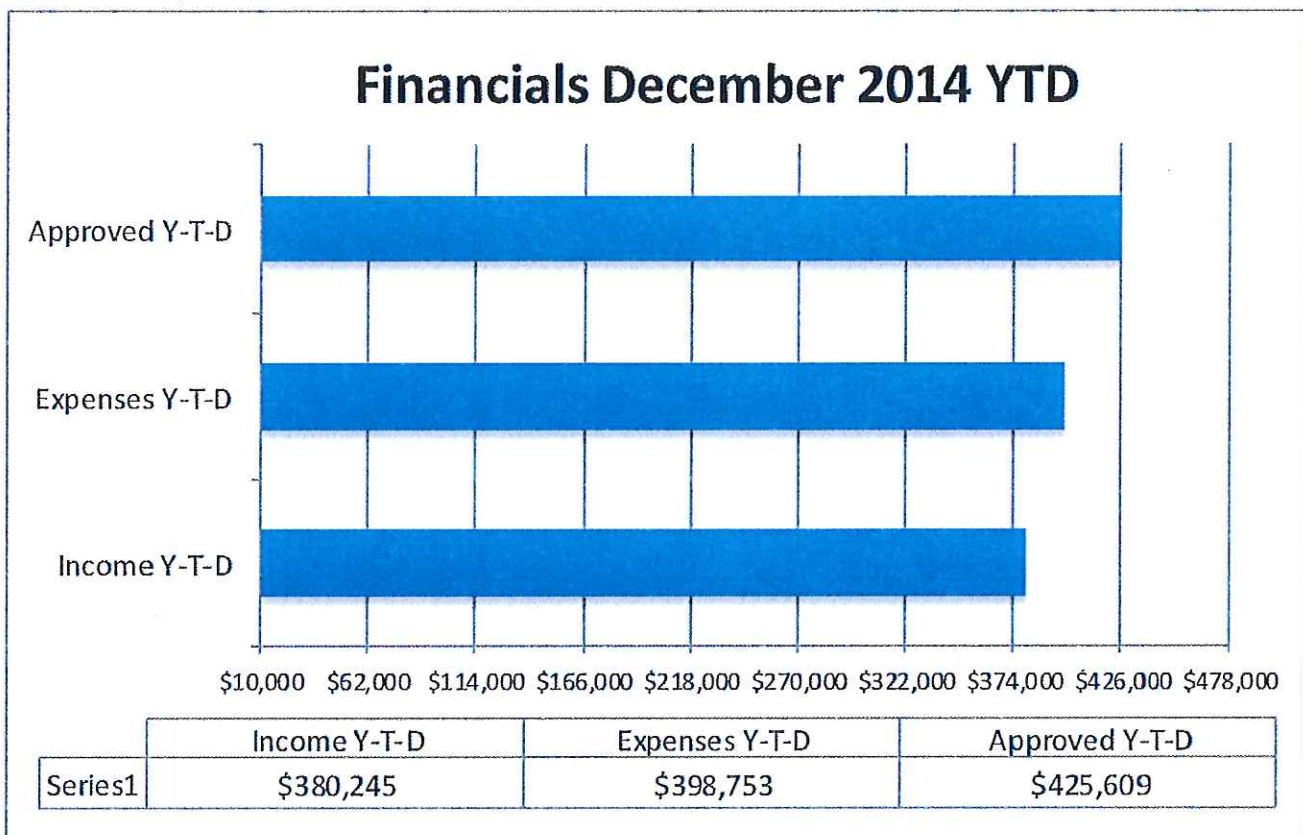
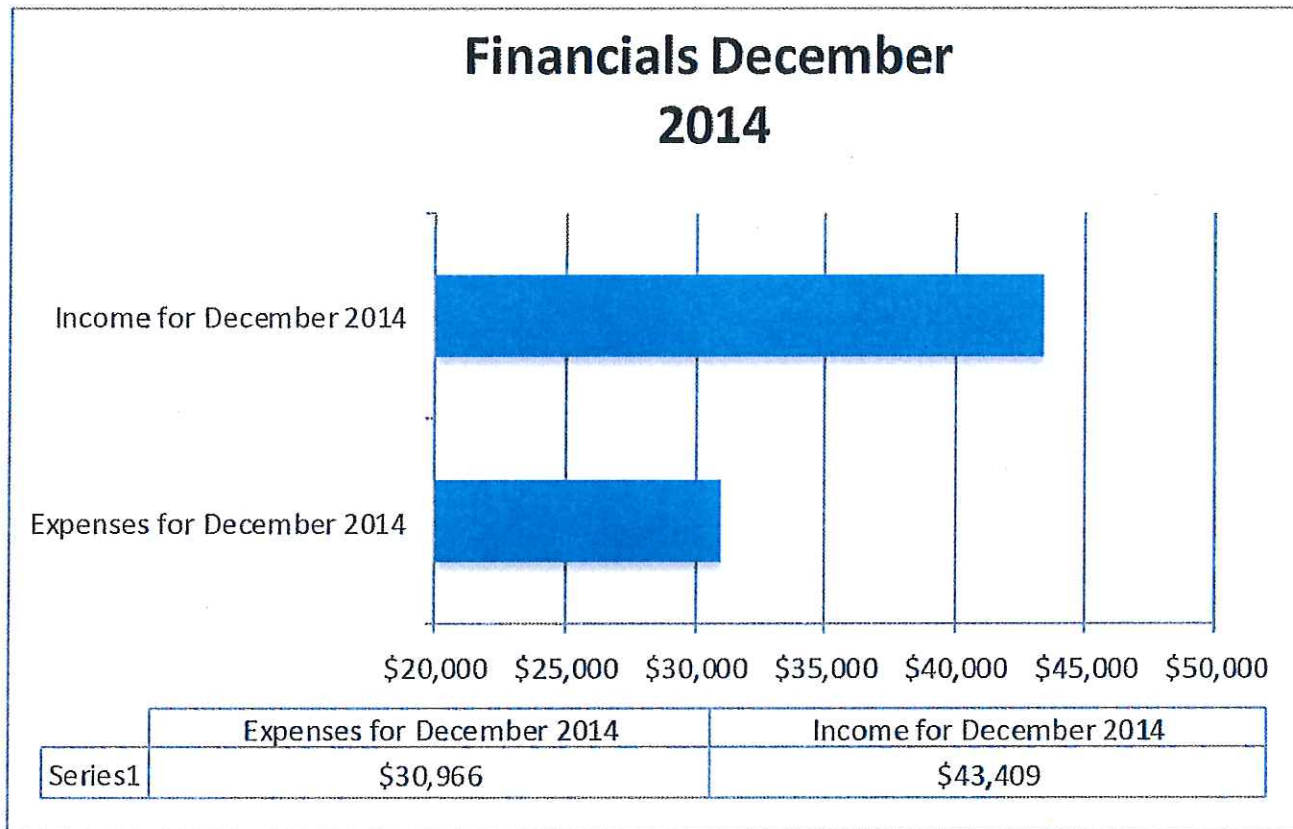
**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Please don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars. Dollars from 2014 are still available until the end of March. See Lisa Nelson if you have questions about your Thrivent Choice dollars.



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## ♦ Financial Figures (December)





# ♦ Christ Lutheran, Community Meal

## CHRIST LUTHERAN MEAL

*Submitted by Linda Bear*

About 70 hardy souls, mostly men, braved the cold temperatures, icy parking lots and sidewalks to enjoy a warm meal at Christ Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 8. 70 is approximately half of the number of guests who are usually served so we had an abundance of food available, and the majority of guests there appreciated the opportunity to enjoy two meals instead of one! The opportunity to talk to quite a few of the people was had as they traveled to the serving window for their meals.

Also observed were many different acts of kindness shown to others in the crowd. One woman was helping two elderly guests with some physical challenges to find places to sit, and she assisted them with carrying their plates to their table. Another gentleman invited two other men to get in line in front of him because they arrived late and had not had their first meal while others were already working on their second one. In general, people were using good manners and being considerate of others which were heartening events to experience.

This is a ministry for all ages to volunteers. Our youngest volunteer, 18 months old, helped to push the coolers into kitchen at Zion. He also assisted with putting supplies into our plastic storage tubs. Some of our youth and a college student

helped with baking cakes. Many members volunteered by baking a cake or serving Thursday evening, and a crew cooked, delivered, set-up, served, and cleaned-up. There were 5 volunteers from Zion present on Thursday night along with the 6 volunteers from Bright Side Baptist. Much appreciation is expressed to all!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 12, 2015 - our next meal!

## COMMUNITY MEAL

*Submitted by Joanne Grim*

In May 2006 a group (LaDonna T., Joan O. Barb Wildasin, and I) did a study and planned to have a community meal at Zion. We started meals in October after contacting several churches and organizations to help with providing meals. We went one year with serving twice a month and then decided that we would offer it every week. I have been organizing it entirely. Because the original idea of forming a committee never materialized.

Landisville Mennonite serves 10 meals a year, Hempfield Brethren in Christ serves 6 meals, Rotary and Wayside serve 4 meals, Hempfield High School does six meals, and the girls scouts, women's club, some groups from Zion, and other community organizations do some. In addition, some of the Zion members who are homebound send very generous monetary contributions in for supplies to support this meal.

While all these groups are extremely helpful and it is amazing to have so many who are so dedicated to this mission, I need more people to step up from Zion, especially, to provide meals. When you see Zion listed, it is me doing the meal. I receive a check whenever I ask from Kraft Funeral Home for \$1000 to help with cost for paper goods and drinks.

This past year, I also received over \$900 in funds from a person who passed away and had his memorial go to the meal. Some people who attend give a check every month to help with cost, or bring food for the food bank as a way to "pay" or give back. The Social

Outreach team at Zion, which is the team that the community meal falls under, does not have any money budgeted for the meal. A meal can be very simple - baked potato with chili, soup, or a casserole. It is not hard to have several people do a casserole and to spend an hour and a half serving. I am begging for help!!!! Please consider this very special outreach program. I see some very hungry people come and some very poor. You never know if one may be Jesus coming for a warm meal as He is always among us.

## SERVING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

5	Hempfield Band (Cris Burfete)
12	Trinity U.C.C., East Pete
19	Diane Ramer
26	Landisville Mennonite

### **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY**

**February 1:** We will participate in our own Flag Football game at 3 pm on the field behind Cooper House. After that we will all get together to watch the game and eat pizza at 6pm. A location has not been decided yet. Anyone who would like to host this event, please contact Chris.

### **SPONSORSHIP FUNDRAISER**

**Throughout February:** In February we will start our Sponsorship fundraiser. This will be a large board in the narthex with envelopes on it. On these envelopes will be the numbers (\$1, \$2, ...\$49, \$50) and each envelope will contain a card of a youth who will be going on the ELCA Youth Gathering trip with some basic information about them. Congregation members will decide how much they would like to give, and select the envelope that fits that amount (or more!) that equal the amount. This can be a successful fundraiser and a great way for the congregation to get to know those who will be attending the Gathering.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FUNDRAISER**

**February 17:** This will be another great Fundraiser for the Youth Gathering. In conjunction with a Shrove Tuesday concert at 7:00 PM, we will be expecting close to 100 people at this pancake dinner. We will need as much help that we can get to be present at 4:30 PM in the social hall to prepare for this meal.

### **30 HOUR FAMINE**

**February 27-28:** We will be participating in the 30 hour famine. This is a time where we fast from food for 30 hours together. We will meet at 6 PM on Friday the 27th and we will join in a feast together at 6 PM on Saturday the 28th. We will be going to the Laser Dome at 8 PM on Friday which will cost \$15. On Saturday morning, we will serve breakfast for a fundraiser at 8 AM. Please encourage a friend to do this challenge with you!

### **H2H RETREAT**

**March 27-29:** Confirmation will be going to Camp Kirchenwald for a time away to learn and grow spiritually! Cost for this event will be \$30.

## **UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 1 Flag Football @ 3 PM  
Superbowl Party @ 6 PM  
Sponsorship Fundraiser
- 8 H2H Parent & Youth Event @ 6 PM
- 15 Youth Gathering Meeting @ 12 PM  
ZYM @ 6 PM
- 17 Shrove Tues. Pancake Fundraiser @ 5:30 PM
- 22 H2H @ 6 PM
- 27-28 30 Hour Famine/Laser-Tag

### **March**

- 1 H2H @ 6 PM
- 8 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 15 Youth-led Services  
Youth Gathering Meeting @ 12 PM  
H2H @ 6 PM
- 16 Isaac's Eat-Out Night 5 - 9 PM
- 27 - 29 H2H Retreat

### **April**

- 1 Seder Dinner Provided by H2H - Confirmation @ 5 PM
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 12 Silent Youth Auction Starts  
Youth Gathering Meeting @ 12 PM  
H2H @ 6 PM
- 19 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 25 H2H Confirmation Van Trip to DC
- 26 H2H @ 6 PM



## ♦ Shrove Tuesday, Souper Bowl Sunday



A big event coming up on the day before the start of Lent, is a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and talent show. This will be a combined effort of our church and Trinity United Church of Christ, East Petersburg.

This event will be at our church. The pancake dinner will be in the social hall from 5:30-7 PM. The talent show

will be in the sanctuary from 7-8:15 PM, and will include choirs, soloists, instrumental ensembles, comedy skits, poetry, sacred dance and even a harmonica player.

Dennis has already talked with a few people from our church who are interested in sharing their talent. If he missed you, and you want to participate let him know. Tuesday, February 17 is right around the corner.



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### WHAT IS ZION'S FAVORITE SOUP???

#### ~SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY~

#### Sunday, February 1, 2015 - Noon



Something new and fun.... Who is the best soup maker at Zion? Let's find out. On Sunday, February 1, you will get the chance to vote for your favorite soup from among 10 of Zion's favorite cooks.

*Want to submit your soup? Great!! See the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Fill in one of the "competitor forms" and place it in the envelope. First 10 submissions will get an opportunity to put your favorite soup to the Zion test.*

*Everyone is invited to join us that day in Fellowship Hall and vote for your favorite. Each vote will cost you 25 cents, so bring your roll of quarters. We also ask you to bring a salad, bread or dessert to share.*

The soup that receives the highest amount of money will receive bragging rights until next year. All monies raised will be used to help Zion high school youth attend the annual youth gathering in Detroit July 15 – 19, 2015.



## ♦ Kids Club, Music, Prayer Group



### Meeting Times Coming Up...

(Wednesdays, 6 – 7 PM)  
Feb. 4, 2015  
Feb. 18, 2015

*Every other Wednesday night from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, Zion will host its own Kids Club (Age PreK through Grade 5). All children from the community are welcome to attend! The kids will make crafts, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into some great snacks, and learn some fun bible stories. Parents are welcome to use this time to run some errands, take a needed break, join their kids in making crafts.*

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## Only One Instrument Sings

By no means is God against musical instruments. He loves the sounds of praise that come from a string or horn or drum. Many of the Psalms — the songs of the saints — were written, after all, to be accompanied “with stringed instruments” (Psalms 4, 6, 54, 61, 67, 76). And God explicitly calls for praise to be played on the tambourine, harp, lyre, and trumpet (Psalm 33:2; 71:22; 81:2; 144:9; 150:3).

But only one instrument sings. Only the voice brings words of praise — explicit expressions of God’s power, goodness, mercy, and wonder. Only a human voice declares the truth. A guitar, an organ, and a banjo all communicate something of the glory of God, but even the most beautiful note can’t save anyone. We are desperate for a voice, a word, a lyric that announces good news, that reminds us of the truth we all need.

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### About Faith:

(from *Praying God's Will for Your Life* - by Stormie Omartian)

Faith is a spiritual muscle that needs to be exercised in order to prevent atrophy, which makes our entire spiritual being weak. Faith is first a decision, then an exercise in obedience, then a gift from God as it is multiplied. Our first step of faith is taken when we decide we will receive Jesus. After that, every time we decide to trust the Lord for anything, we build that faith. And whenever we decide *not* to trust Him, we tear it down. Faith is our daily decision to trust God. Faith is a gift from God because He enables us to believe, but we have to obey by building on that faith. To bolster your own faith, read through the fifteen characteristics of faith listed below:

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| 1. Faith is a choice.                               | 9. Faith is not holding anything back from God.            |
| 2. Faith is a step of obedience.                    | 10. Faith is being obedient even if we don't feel like it. |
| 3. Faith is a spiritual exercise.                   | 11. Faith is a gift from God as we read His Word.          |
| 4. Faith is taking God at His word.                 | 12. Faith is knowing that everything will work out.        |
| 5. Faith is saying yes to God.                      | 13. Faith is a way out of our limitations.                 |
| 6. Faith is looking to Jesus for everything.        | 14. Faith is the mother of hope.                           |
| 7. Faith is knowing we are never without hope.      | 15. Faith is the road to peace.                            |
| 8. Faith is what lifts us out of our circumstances. |  |

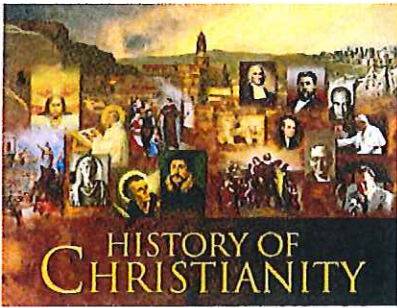


## ♦ Lent at Zion

### Worship & Study During the Season of Lent

#### Adult Bible Study

*Wednesdays, February 4–18 from 9–10:45 AM in the Parlor*



History of Christianity 101 will continue with study of the medieval era of the Christian Church, from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Join us for our journey through the interesting and sometimes violent events that have shaped Christianity. Meet both the inspirational and the despicable characters that have influenced Christian thought and fomented conflict within the faith. Learn why there are so many different groups that identify themselves as "Christians" in spite of our creedal confession of belief in the "one holy catholic and apostolic church."

#### Season of Lent Begins February 18<sup>th</sup>

On Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Season of Lent begins. *The Lutheran Handbook* (Augsburg Fortress, 2005) describes Lent as: "The season when we turn toward God and think about how our lives need to change." (p. 76)

During Lent, we remember the meaning of baptism and the forgiveness, life and salvation promised through Jesus. Martin Luther taught that, each night, we are to ask for and receive forgiveness from God for our sins- the ways we have turned against God and others. This will allow us to rest in peace, to sleep well. When we awaken to the new day, we are born again- renewed to live in the freedom and blessing of God's love. This is the daily gift of life as a baptized child of God. Each day, we are reborn to a new chance to praise and serve our Lord.

#### Services & Activities

##### Wednesday, February 18

*Ash Wednesday Services: 12 Noon & 7 PM*

##### Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>

*5:30 PM: Soup & Bread Meal (sign-up sheet for weekly providers on the Narthex bulletin board)*

*6–7 PM: Worship Around the Tree of Life (more information on pg. 11)*

*\*Parents, please note: Kids' Club activities in the Social Room will coincide with worship on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>\**

*7:15–8:30 PM: Adult Bible Study: "Beyond Question" (more information on pg. 11)*



## *Worship Around the Tree of Life: Wednesdays in Lent*

During the season of Lent, our mid-week activities and worship will focus on the Tree of Life as a meaningful symbol of the Christian faith. *Many world religions use the image of the tree of life when depicting their central beliefs and values. For Christians, that tree of life is the cross.*



To the right, is a thirteenth-century mosaic of the cross of Christ as the tree of life. *As in the Gospel of John, the Virgin Mary and John stand near the cross on which Christ is crucified, but, like the tree of life, the cross fills the earth with its life-filled leaves and gives nesting places for the birds of the air.*

Each week, members of Zion will provide their personal testimonies about how they have experienced the cross of Jesus Christ as the tree of life in their lives of faith.

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## *Lenten Midweek Bible Study for Adults: "Beyond Question"*

February 25-March 25

Two Class times will be offered on Wednesdays, 9:30- 10:45 AM & 7:15-8:30 PM

*Jesus asks questions throughout the Gospels. These are not easy questions with easy answers. They are transformative questions that challenge us, reposition us, change us, and draw us into deeper faith and discipleship:*

- *What are you looking for?*
- *Where is your faith?*
- *Who do you say I am?*
- *What do you want me to do for you?*
- *Do you love me?*
- *How will you believe what I say?*
- *Whom are you looking for?"*

(from the Augsburg Fortress website, <http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/17760/Book-of-Faith-Lenten-Journey-Beyond-Question>)

A guide to exploring these and other questions from Jesus, the participants' book includes a daily Lenten devotional resource. Participant books will be available for \$10.00 each and are also available in eBook format. This study group, led by Pastor JMe, will meet in the Parlor. All are welcome!

# **Adult Christian Formation during Sunday School for the New Year**

*Currently, there are three Christian formation classes for adults meeting on Sunday morning, providing educational options for persons with differing learning styles.*

## **Parlor**

January 4 - February 8: "With All Your Heart"  
*6-week video and discussion series by Ray Van Der Laan  
(Led by David Dumeyer)*

February 15 - March 1: "Where Jesus Walked"  
*3-part video & discussion of archeological findings relating to Jesus' life by Biblical Archeological Society  
(Led by Pastor JMe)*

March 8 - March 22: "The Seven Churches of Revelation"  
*3-part multimedia series and bible study  
(Led by Pastor JMe)*

## **Stephen Ministry Classroom**

January 4 - February 8: "The Gospel According to Matthew"  
*Video bible study with dramatization of the Gospel using the words of scripture*

Beginning February 15: A study of the book of Hebrews

## **Social Hall**

The Wired Word: An ongoing, lively discussion of current events and their impact on Christian life and faith.





## ♦ Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

### STUDY SERIES AT THE WITTEL FARM

Over the next several months, The Rev. Robert Hoover will be leading a study of Celebration of Discipline, Richard J. Foster's 1978 work on spiritual practices. The study series will take place at the Wittel Farm House of Prayer just outside of Elizabethtown on Mill Rd. Participants will gather between 9:30 and 10 AM, a light lunch will be serviced at noon, and the schedule will conclude by 2 PM.

#### STUDY DATES:

Wednesday, Feb. 11  
Wednesday, March 11  
Wednesday, April 8

Pastor Hoover has designed the series so that participants can attend all or some of the sessions. While there is great richness in working through the book as a group, the attendance is not required at all sessions. Each session has a registration fee of \$15. Please register at: [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) or by calling the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



### Scout Sunday Celebration: February 8, 2015, 10:30 AM Service

For many years Zion has sponsored Cub Scout Pack 37. Members of Zion have both led and participated in the pack throughout the years. Many of the boys who have been pack members continued as Boy Scouts. Evidence of the Eagle Scout projects of some of these young Zion members can be seen around the grounds of the church. Another one of these projects was the "beach" volleyball court at A. Herr Park. This relationship is just another of the many ways that our congregation supports the children and youth of the Hempfield community.

Currently, Zion members Chris and Tracie Andrew are among the leaders of Pack 37, and their sons, Brent and Devin, are Cub Scouts. The Andrews have been working with Pastor JMe to provide the "God and Me" (Grades 1-3) curriculum of the P.R.A.Y. Program for boys in the group in early 2015. The goals of the "God and Me" curriculum are: 1) To provide an opportunity for young people and families to explore their faith together; 2) To help children realize that God is active in every part of their lives; 3) To help children know that Jesus is their best friend; and 4) To memorize the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday, February 9—Boy Scout Sunday—will be the kick-off for "God and Me" registration. At the completion of the program, each participant will receive a special "God and Me" badge. Although this program is primarily for boys in Pack 37, Cub Scouts from other packs may be allowed to participate depending on the number of families interested. The date for an introductory session for participants and their families, as well as the schedule of the four session program, will be announced in early February. 13

## ♦ February Celebrations



1	Ashton DiNardi	6	Dave Dumeyer	22	Brent Andrew
1	Jim Paternoster	6	Riley Klepper	22	Emilia Gronholm
1	Jeff Quinn	8	Matthew Rickert	22	Marian Scott
3	Bill Barry	13	Jake Bilbrough	23	Doug Rhoads
3	Meghan Brady	13	Gabrielle Contino	24	Jesse Landis
3	Rachael Grube	14	Mary Cupach	24	Megan Smith
4	Evan Benedict	14	Kelly Kline	25	Devin Leibley
4	Harry Musselman	15	Ed Blough	25	Kacey Moore
5	Alec Martin	15	John McCloskey	25	Amy Thompson
		16	Bill Grove	26	Aiden DiNardi
		19	Michael Adams	26	Becky DiPerna
		20	Kurt Wildasin	26	Jessie Snavelly
		20	Marlin Zimmerman	27	Miriam Janisewski
		21	Ava Gunzenhauser	27	Brad Sherwood
		21	Marissa Martin		
		21	Jeff Thompson		

### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Judy Brady	19	Emilia Gronholm
1	Alison Long	21	Cathy Shirk
2	Pat Brady	22	Jason Myers
4	Andrea Rivera	23	Jack Barley
7	Josh Houseal	24	Christopher Croop
10	Jaden Myers	24	Robbie Croop
12	Melissa Grube		
13	Kevin Smeltz		
16	Matt Adams		
17	Madison DePatto		
18	Bryce Burfete		



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3 Chad & Kate Gunzenhauser (8th)



## ♦ Notes, Sympathy, Reminders

### NOTES TO ZION...

#### ♦ **From June Duke**

*To the Angel Maker At Zion: On Sunday, Dec. 21st you left a beautiful little crocheted angel in my church mailbox. I took her home and hung her on my Christmas tree and I smile each time I look at her. I plan to keep her out all year and whenever I need a "pick-me-up" I can look at her and smile. You know who you are and as you continue to share your angels with others, you too can smile knowing what joy you are giving to others. God bless you and sincere thanks -*

#### ♦ **From The Hempfield Quilters Group**

*Nature brings out her most beautiful decorations to brighten this season. Happy Holidays!*

#### ♦ **From Valerie at No Longer Alone Ministries**

*Thanks so much for the lovely knit and crocheted prayer shawls. We actually had 3 WRAP (wellness, recovery, action, planning) courses which were held at the Salvation Army. These 3 folks really enjoyed a found purpose in the WRAP program. Thanks for making their graduation special.*

#### ♦ **From Judy Traup**

*I would like to thank Linda Bear and Dolly Overly, for our Card Ministry at Zion. So many members have received cards from this team for a number of reasons in 2014. This ministry lets our members know that even though they are absent from church we are always thinking about them. This also includes those serving in the military.*

#### ♦ **From Diane Gerlach**

*Thank you to: Joe Adams, Marie Adams, Ron Crawford, Donna Dumeyer, Diane Gerlach, Joanne Grim, Bill Grove, Millie Gundel, Joan Oberrender, Anne Rankin, Judy Traup, and Bob Wildasin for their assistance with the memorial service for Chis Reinhart and the luncheon following the service held on Friday, January 9, 2014.*

#### ♦ **From Dawn, Jeff, Kevin, and Mark Reinhart**

*We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, and support in the recent passing of our beloved husband and father. Also the wonderful luncheon served after the service. — many thanks for that. Special thanks to Diane and her committee. We are comforted in that Chis is resting peacefully. Blessings!*

#### ♦ **From Rob & Linda Baer**

*Thank you to all the members who remembered our mother with cards and flowers at Christmas. She remains happy and healthy and would wish you all a blessed 2015.*

### SYMPATHY...

♦ ...to Dawn Reinhart and the entire family on the death of Charles ("Chis") on January 4th.

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Did you pick up your Annual Report?

Be sure to get an updated Church Directory!

Mark your calendar for any serving duties for which you're scheduled!

## **Church Staff**

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Brian Bourassa, Sexton (AM)  
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## **Church Council**

### ***(Voting Members)***

Jon Wright, President, I.T.  
Doug Rhoads, Vice President  
Deb Overly, Outreach  
Birgitte Chapman, Christian Ed  
Ed Blough, In-Reach  
John Hinkle, Ministry Support  
Scott Crum, Worship  
Delaney Klepper, Youth

### ***(Nonvoting Members)***

Ron Crawford, Financial Secretary  
Phil Houseal, Assistant Financial Secretary  
John Hay, Treasurer  
Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer

## **Ministry Team Chairs**

Judy Traup, Care Ministry  
Chris Reinford, Christian Ed  
John Hay, Finance  
Jon Wright, IT  
Brenda Stover, Personnel  
Jere Grube, Property  
Darrell Gerke, Stewardship  
Sue Wise, Worship & Music  
Chris Reinford, ZYM  
Liz Crum, Parish Fellowship  
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team  
Melodie Dearolf, Social Outreach

## **Nursery School Board & Staff**

Mary Hetrick  
Julia Grove  
Mitchell Gunzenhauser  
Dave Wise, Finance  
Pastor JMe Lowden  
Alice Carr, Head Teacher  
Dianne Moore, Teacher

## **Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff**

Amos & Mellie Geib, Managers  
David Bleil, Board President/Manager  
Diane Gerlach, Vice-President  
Lynda Sherwood, Secretary  
Bruce Gerlach, Treasurer  
Lisa Bernhard, Assistant Treasurer  
Diane Gerlach, Pantry Coordinator

*Our purpose is to complete the work assigned to us by our Lord Jesus, to spread the good news about the wonderful grace of God with the Holy Spirit's guidance, and to love all.*

## ***March Newsletter Deadline: February 13***

**Sunday Services:** 8:00 AM (Traditional) & 10:30 AM (Contemporary)

**Sunday School for all ages:** Sundays 9:15-10:15 AM

**Office Hours:** Monday—Friday, 8:30 AM —5 PM