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Greetings from your Congregational Council

Submitted by Jon Wright

February 7 was a big day for Zion. A group of individuals attended the first of seven workshops that will lead to a working & enforceable Child Protection Policy for our church. Over the last few months we have mentioned that this was something that we've committed to, and it is great to finally begin the process. *In order for this to work, we need the participation of the entire congregation.* This is a huge task which does not end with the implementation of the policy. We will need a group to oversee and enforce the policy; without everyone's help we cannot succeed. *Failure is not an option;* without a working and enforced policy we will not be able to have activities for children and youth. A big thanks to lay members Pat Landis, Kim Paternoster, and Pat Brady for volunteering for this challenge, and to Pastor JMe and Chris Reinford who also attended the workshop. We are still looking for one or two other individuals so if you are interested, contact one of the team members listed above, or Jon Wright.

While our Safe Church team was attending the workshop, the Council met for 5 1/2 hours to discuss the feedback from the Discernment Cottage Meetings and to make some plans to put the findings into action. On February 8, Doug Rhoads presented a summary at both services He outlined our "4 Action Pillars" for 2015: (1) Improving Communication, (2) More Fellowship Opportunities, (3) Create a new approach to our Ministry Teams, and (4) Building Improvements. If you were not able to attend services that day you can request a copy of his presentation by contacting the church office.

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

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♦ From the Council (Cont'd), Adult Christian Formation

(From the Congregational Council, Cont'd from pg. 1)

This task, as with preparing for a Child Protection program cannot succeed without commitment from the entire congregation. There are some who feel we are moving too slowly. Please keep in mind that in addition to our duties as members of Council many of us are employed full time and have obligations to our families. The members of Council are very committed and we are doing our best.

There are many in this congregation who do work "behind the scenes" and don't receive any recognition. They are humble and view what they are doing as ministry, and would never ask to be recognized. However, Council feels that it is important for the congregation to be aware of their actions. I hesitate to name the few who have come to my attention in the past few weeks because I am sure there are others who are being overlooked. So here is a challenge for you. If you know of someone who deserves special recognition leave a note in the Council President's mailbox. Include the member's name and a description of what they've done "behind the scenes". I'll do my best to include the information in the monthly newsletter article. This month I would like to recognize Connie Grow and Dolly Overly for painting and hanging new curtains in one of the ladies restrooms, and Darrell Gerke for replacing some panes of stained glass that were broken and removed from windows in the social room. Please thank these folks for their dedication and for using their talents in ministry to God.

Christian Formation Classes for Adults

In the Parlor

Thru March 8: "Where Jesus Walked"

3-part video & discussion of archeological findings relating to Jesus' life by Biblical Archeological Society

(Led by Pastor JMe)

March 15 - March 29: "The Seven Churches of Revelation"

3-part multimedia series and bible study

(Led by Pastor JMe)

In the Social Room

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

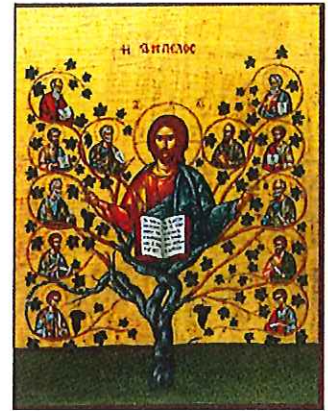


Worship Around the Tree of Life: Sundays in Lent

During the season of Lent, Sunday messages will focus on the Tree of Life as a meaningful symbol of the Christian faith. We will explore this image as it is depicted in the Holy Scriptures and in art.

“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.”

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Lenten Midweek Worship & Bible Study: “Beyond Question”

Wednesdays Thru March 25

Worship: 6 - 7 PM

Adult “Beyond Question” Study: 9:30- 10:30 AM & 7:15-8:15 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.”

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

Wednesdays during Lent, we will focus on these questions both during worship and in bible study. At the midweek service each week, members of Zion will provide their personal testimonies about how they have grappled with the answers to these questions in their lives of faith. Two class times will be offered on Wednesdays for discussion of these questions using the *Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Beyond Question* (see times, above). Participant books for the *Beyond Question* study are available for \$10.00 each. In addition to being a guide to exploring questions from Jesus, the participants’ book includes a daily Lenten devotional resource. The study groups, led by Pastor JMe, will meet in the Parlor. All are welcome!

Beyond Question Testimony Schedule

- 2/25 *Where Is Your Faith?* Chris Reinford
- 3/4 *Who Do You Say I Am?* Scott & Liz Crum
- 3/11 *What Do You Want Me To Do For You?* Jeff Thompson
- 3/18 *Do You Love Me?* Randy Miller
- 3/25 *How Will You Believe What I Say?* Deb Overly

♦ Cub Scouts, Women of Zion



"God & Me" Badge Awards Ceremony:

April 12, 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.

God and Me



Last month on Boy Scout Sunday (Feb. 9) we kicked off the "God and Me" program. The boys will be working with Pastor JMe through March on it. At the completion of the program, each participant will receive a special "God and Me" badge. They will be receiving their badges and be honored in worship on April 12th at the 10:30 AM service.

Women of Zion

Submitted by Millie Gundel

All women in Zion and their friends are welcome to participate in any of our projects and events.

Yarn Ministry — Sunday, March 1 & 15 from 1 - 3 PM in the parlor

Knit and crochet prayer shawls to bring comfort and blessings to others! *If you don't have those skills, lessons and supplies are provided!*

Comforter Ministry — Monday, March 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!

SPONSORSHIP FUNDRAISER

In March 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 two that equal the amount).

YOUTH LED SERVICES

On *Sunday, March 15, 2015* the youth will be leading both services.

ISAAC'S EAT-OUT NIGHT

On *March 16, 2015*, from 5 - 9 PM, there will be another Isaac's Eat-Out night to support the ELCA Youth Gathering trip. Don't forget to bring your flyer that will be distributed in church.

SEDER DINNER

On *April 1, 2015 at 6 PM* the confirmation class will be providing the Seder Dinner again this year. It is a great reminder of the events during Holy Week leading up to Christ's death and resurrection.

VAN TRIP TO DC

April 25, 2015

This is an event for the confirmation class, however it is not only open to them. We will be visiting the National Cathedral as well as other national monuments and museums. You can bring the whole family on this trip. Please sign-up by March 29, 2015 so that the proper travel arrangements can be confirmed. The cost for the trip will be \$30, plus dinner and any spending money you would like to bring along.

UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

March

- 1 Sponsorship Fundraiser Starts
H2H @ 6 PM
- 8 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 15 Youth-led Services
Silent Auction Starts
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 @ 6 PM
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 12 Youth Gathering Meeting
@ 12 PM
H2H @ 6 PM
- 19 Youth Auction Winner Dinner
@ 5 PM
- 25 H2H Confirmation Van Trip to
DC
- 26 H2H @ 6 PM

SILENT YOUTH AUCTION

During the months of March and April, the youth will have a display of services or products that will be up for silent bidding. Last year the Auction was a great success. This year we are switching things up to keep it interesting. You will also find some things that were given last year for silent bidding. Be sure to support the youth by placing your highest bids! The winners will be announced at the "Winner, Winner Spaghetti Dinner" on *Sunday, April 19, 2015*.

♦ Kids' Club, Community Easter Egg Hunt



Meeting Times

Coming Up...

(Weds, 6 – 7 PM)

March 4, 2015
Working Together

March 18, 2015
Remembering Jesus

April 8, 2015
Easter Celebration

April 22, 2015
Earth Day

May 6, 2015
Family Night

Every other Wednesday night from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, 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, meet with the other parents in the Parlor, or just take an hour break!

Community Easter Egg Hunt



Please join us on,
Saturday, April 11

10 - 11 AM

@ Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Ages: Infant—12 yrs.

♦ Christ Lutheran, Community Meal

CHRIST LUTHERAN MEAL

Submitted by Linda Bear

Think ham loaf, baked potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, and dessert! Our next Christ Lutheran meal is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12, 2015**. Please check your calendar now and be ready to sign-up on the sheets that will be available in the narthex from **Sunday, March 1st through Sunday, March 8th**.

In addition, a thank you luncheon is in the planning stages for all the Zion and Bright Side volunteers who keep this ministry alive and well. **The tentative date is set for Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 1:00 PM in our Social Room at Zion**. Right now, the date is on hold while we wait for a response from Bright Side volunteers as they check their church calendar to make sure it will work. More news on that will follow in the near future.

Finally, please keep all of our faithful volunteers in your prayers, and especially pray for those who continue to serve in the best ways they can while facing their own or family members' health concerns: Connie and Al Alsedek, Donna Dumeyer, Arlene Miller, Helen and Bill Piper and Tom and Barb Williams.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Submitted by Joanne Grim

A decision was made last evening at the Social Outreach meeting to not have Community Meals during July and August. It is very hot in the kitchen and social room even with the portable air conditioners. People want to open the windows which are very fragile and I am afraid someone will get hurt. The windows are very heavy and fall down very easily. Most volunteers do not want to have a meal during this time because of how hot it gets in the kitchen. I hope everyone agrees with this and we will continue the meal in September.

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

- 5 Rotary Club
- 12 Hempfield Church of the Brethren
- 19 Wayside
- 26 Landisville Mennonite



♦ Prayer Team, Zion Nursery School

HOW DOES PRAYER HELP ME GROW SPIRITUALLY?

(Submitted by Dolly Overly; Written by Adrian Rogers)



There is nothing more important than prayer to help you grow as a Christian. You see, when you abide in the Lord Jesus Christ and He abides in you then you are growing as you pray.

Have you ever wondered why God doesn't answer your prayer immediately? Because, He wants you to grow some more. Sometimes we come to God and we say, "God please do this." But there is something God wants us to do first.

Prayer is the way of developing our spiritual walk. We pray, then go back to God and ask, "Why didn't You answer my prayer?" And the Holy Spirit tells you that there is sin in your life. The Holy Spirit tells you that you have been selfish, or jealous, or prideful, or more.

Romans 8:26 says, "Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

If God were to answer our prayers just automatically, then there would be no growth. But if we never had to pray, there would be no dependence. The wisest thing we can do is to learn how to pray. Prayer is God's way of bonding us to Him.



ZION NURSERY SCHOOL

Submitted by Mary Hetrick

As many in the congregation may be aware, our school has experienced very low enrollment during the past 3 years. Despite the work of the Nursery School Board and the teachers to try to increase our enrollment, our efforts have not had much success. Last school year we did not have enough students to be able to offer a 2 day program for 3 year olds. We continued with a 3 day program for only 4 year olds. With the consent of the church council, the decision was made to offer a 2 day program only for the current school year, with our commitment to those families to provide a 3 day program for next school year. Our hope was to have sufficient enrollment to return to offering both programs next year. Unfortunately, we have not

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♦ Hempfield Area Food Pantry, Nursery School (Cont'd)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE Submitted by Diane Gerlach

In January, the pantry served 194 families which included 270 children, 387 adults, and 91 seniors for a total of 748 people served. **We registered 17 new families and re-registered 3 previous families.**

During January, Zion members donated 71 pounds of food to the pantry. Thank you to the members who continue to contribute financially to the pantry.



During the month of January....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,567 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 1,142 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 1,501 pounds of bread and bakery items. Weis Stony Battery Road donated 306 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. Seventy four volunteers gave 630 hours for the month of January.

YOU are welcome **visit the community pantry located here at Zion on our "open" days to witness God's hands, heart, and love in action! Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**



Food items requested for the months of February and March ...jelly, peanut butter, 15 oz. canned fruit, and cereal.

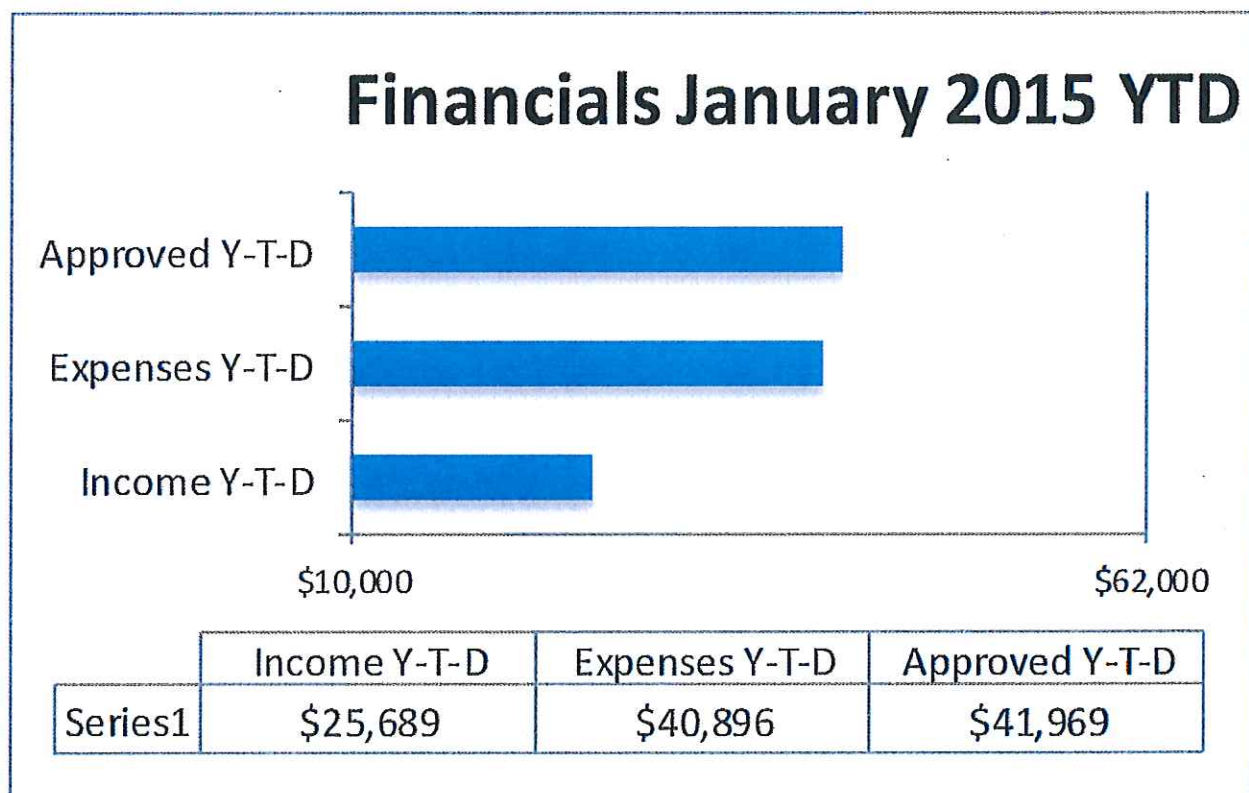
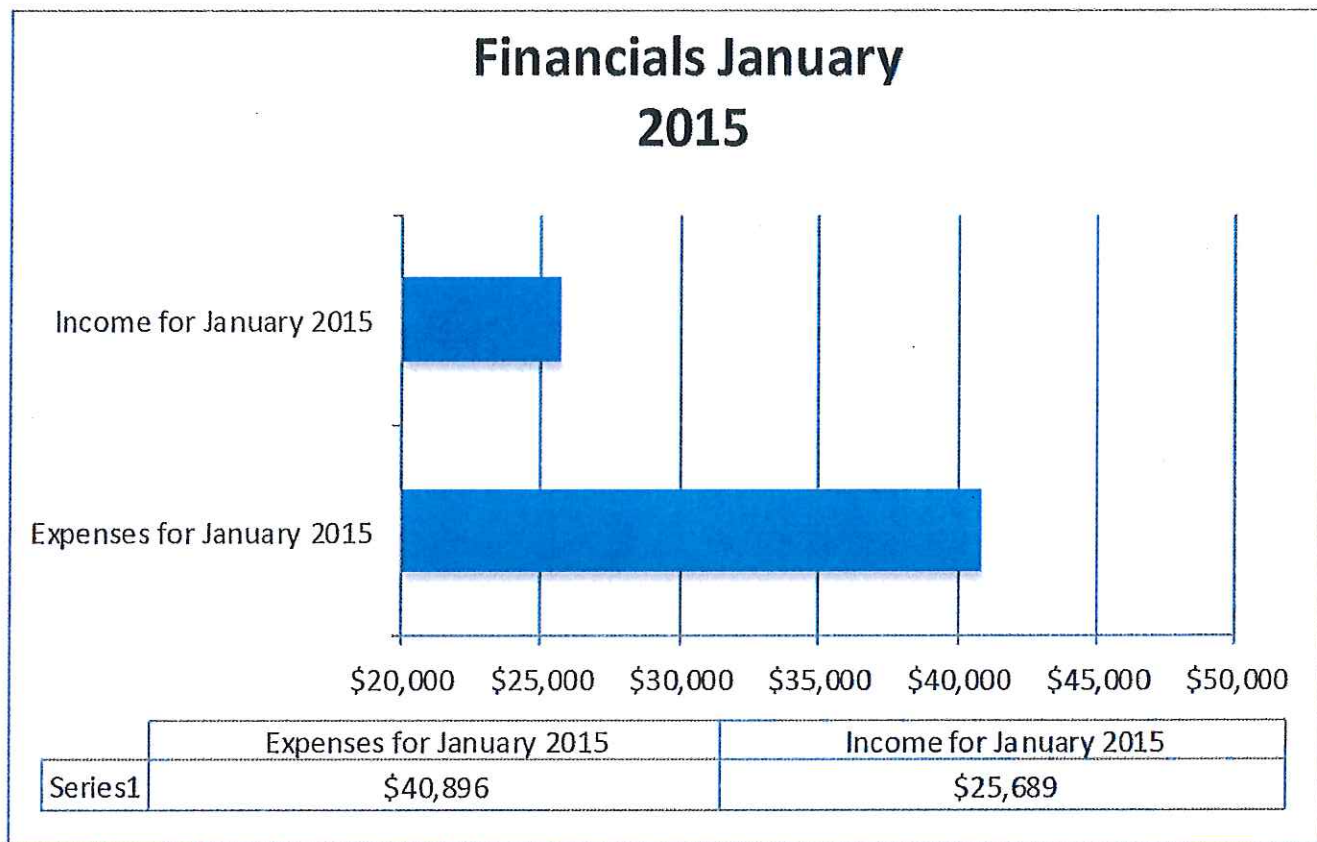
Together we will feed the hungry!

(Nursery School, cont'd from pg. 8)

been able to attract a sufficient number of students to support this plan. So, it is with sadness that the Board has decided to close the nursery school after the 2015-2016 school year. Zion Lutheran Nursery School has provided solid early childhood education in a Christian environment for 27 years. We have been blessed with wonderful teachers and families who participated in this ministry to our church and community. We WILL celebrate this next spring!

Meanwhile, our school year continues and we are doing everything we can to make it be a great one! The Board is determined to continue supporting our school and so we will continue our fundraising efforts. **Thanks to everyone who purchased car wash tickets!** Hopefully the weather will warm up so that we can use them soon! **This month we will be running our annual Weaver sandwich sale.** Sandwich coupons are \$6.00 each. Our school will get \$2.50 for each sandwich coupon sold. Coupons will be available for sale between church services and after the second service on March 15th and 22nd. Please help support our school as you always have!

♦ Financial Figures (January)



♦ Within The Wider Church

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER SPRING WEEKENDS

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. What have you done lately to deepen your love for your spouse? Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and are for couples of all ages. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging and 5 meals for each of you are included. The spring dates are:

- March 13-15, 2015 at the lovely Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel located in a peaceful setting 6 miles from the Pittsburgh Airport.
- April 10-12, 2015 at Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.

Registrations are also being accepted for the September 18-20, 2015 Weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA, in the Poconos and the October 16-18, 2015 Weekend at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA. To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and pay the \$45 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. Registrations are limited, so act TODAY to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

FREE WORKSHOPS AT THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

EXPLORE THE LENTEN CROSS: Tuesday, March 3 at 7 PM at the Parish Resource Center
Led by Sue Brubaker and Jane Kintzi, PRC Consultants

Explore the spiritual practice of making crosses and discover how the experience can deepen your own spiritual life during the Lenten season. You will learn about the symbolism of a number of crosses and, using a variety of materials, create your own crosses. No artistic talent needed; just a desire to slow down, to experience God beyond your day-to-day prayers and allow the cross to speak to you.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRIES: Monday, March 16 at 7 PM at the Parish Resource Center
Led by Liz Perraud, GenON Ministries

Want to gather all ages together for an event that is fun, nurturing, and inspirational for everyone? A perfect workshop for lay leaders, pastors, Sunday School teachers, and Christian Ed directors, youth leaders, worship leaders, and anyone who wants to inspire intergenerational ministry and fun at their church.

♦ 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, 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 or by calling the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP...

March 13 - 15: Women's Quilting Weekend at Kirchenwald

Bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Enjoy a week-end apart with the ladies.

Cost of the full weekend (Fri-Sun) is \$150

Two days (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) is \$85

One day (Sat, 9am-4pm) is \$55

March 22 from 2 - 4:30 PM: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

You are invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on March 22 or April 12. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. **As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!**

March 28 at 1 PM: Lenten Pilgrimage at The Wittel Farm

Join us for a contemplative walk, using the 'Resurrection Trail' at The Wittel Farm. Similar to the Stations of the Cross devotion, the trail at The Wittel Farm has 32 stations which include events from the life of Christ. Each stop along the way will include silent reflection on a verse from scripture, a question for personal reflection and silence. The entire walk should take about an hour and 15 minutes.

April 4: Summer Camp Early Full-Pay Registration Discount Deadline

Nawakwa Kirchenwald

Summer Camp Open House!!!

Every week at Nawakwa begins and ends with worship at one of the beautiful outdoor worship areas: Upper Temple, Fischer Chapel or Bishop Chapel. Community living takes place everyday through Bible Study, worship, recreation, crafts, and nature study. The caring staff members help to guide children as they explore God's creation and their relationship to it.

Come join us!!!

- Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff
- Take a tour of camp
- \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!!

Sunday, March 22, 2:00-4:30 pm

Sunday, April 12, 2:00-4:30 pm

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit www.LutheranCamping.org or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



Summer Camp Open House!!!

Kirchenwald focuses on adventure trip camps and growth through challenge. Campers travel to the Adirondack Mountains, the beaches of Assateague Island, Maryland or enjoy the climbing tower, climbing wall, ropes course, lake and sports activities at the camp.

Come join us!!!

- Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff
- Take a tour of camp
- \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!!

Sunday, March 22, 2:00-4:30 pm

Sunday, April 12, 2:00-4:30 pm

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of undeveloped timberland, adjacent to 4000 acres of State Game Lands, in Colebrook, Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit www.LutheranCamping.org or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



♦ Notes, Sympathy, Congratulations, Upcoming Dates

NOTES TO ZION. & PASTOR JME..

♦ **From Sue Blechschmidt**

Thank you so much for the soup and prayer shawl that Linda Bear brought to me. I am recuperating from knee surgery. Your thoughtfulness is really appreciated. Linda Bear is a dear friend of mine. Thank you.

♦ **From Brett, Julie, & Isaac Rhoads**

Thank you for the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. We are grateful that you were so willing to partake in Isaac's special day in November. It was a beautiful introduction to the church.

♦ **From Brenda Alimo, our Child Fund Sponsoree**

I am always happy to communicate to you on behalf of Brenda, your daughter. I am Justine, sending warm greetings to you all. We are all fine and Christmas celebration went successfully. Thank you for the holiday card and Advent book you send to Brenda and the family in general. Thank you so much for all the help you are providing Brenda. Our school shall begin on February 2nd for term one studies. Bye for now. May God bless you.



SYMPATHY...

♦ ...to **Randy Miller** on the death of his mother, Mary A. Keiper on February 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to **Jim & Millie Gundel** on the birth of their granddaughter, Alena Paige, daughter of Doug & Christine Gundel, on February 25th.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION DATES...

- ♦ March 8, 15, 22, & 29 during the Sunday School Hour (9:15 AM)
- ♦ **Seder Meal** on April 1 at 5 PM in the Social Room
- ♦ **Maundy Thursday Service** on April 2 at 7 PM (arrive no later than 6:30 PM)

BAPTISMS COMING UP...

- ♦ March 1: **Parker Jon Stitzel**, son of Stephanie & Ryan Stitzel
- ♦ March 15: **Finn Eugene Gunzenhauser**, son of Chad & Kate Gunzenhauser
- ♦ April 12: **Olivia Small**, daughter of Chris & Kim Small

NEW MEMBERS COMING UP...

- ♦ March 1: **Ryan Stitzel**

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

Order forms are in your mailbox
and on the ushers' table.

Deadline to order is March 22nd.

Don't forget to move your clocks
ahead one hour on Saturday
night, March 7th

♦ March Celebrations



2	Ellie Leach	11	Ethan Pfautz	23	Hannah Pipkin
3	Rick Rainar	13	Sofia Deibler	25	Brenda Rosen
4	Connie Alsedek	14	Shirley Cates	26	Jeanette Bomberger
4	Andrew Bernhard	14	Nancy Price	26	Bunny Emmons
4	Barb Wildasin	14	Stacy Thornwall- Rogers	26	Scott Hetrick
7	Jay Smith	16	Liz Crum	26	Andrew Sherwood
8	Beth Dum	16	Carole Helm	26	Brian Sherwood
8	Darrell Gerke	17	Devin Andrew	28	Chris Small
8	Madeline Quinn	19	Bronson Helm	29	Derek Stone
		19	Matthew McCullough	30	Helen Auchey
		20	Trevor Barry	30	Jennifer Barley
		21	Chloe Traup	30	Kate Gunzenhauser
		22	Marty Gerlach		
		22	Benjamin Green		
		23	Kaitlin Helm		

***Bolded name(s) indicate
90+ years old***

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Meghan Brady	21	Nathanial Deibler
3	Joe Adams	21	Millie Gundel
6	Lily Gunzenhauser	21	Bob Traup
10	Sam King	22	Ellie Barley
12	Fred Hamor	22	Brad Sherwood
12	Sarah Thompson	25	Dianne Coons
12	Mary Zimmerman	25	Doug Stoner
15	Nicole Bono	26	Samuel Contino
15	Derek Stone	30	Kristen Haun
17	Weidler Grube	31	Jason Green
20	Keller Moore	31	Arianna Jackson
		31	Travis Jackson



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4	Steve & Denise Haun (37th)
27	Tom & Mary Grzybowski (48th)

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Scott Crum
Delaney Klepper

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Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer

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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: March 16

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