

# ZION NEWS

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## **From the Pastor's Keyboard:** **"From Crucifixion Cross to Tree of Life"**

During the season of Lent, we have pondered the meaning of Jesus' Crucifixion Cross as "The Tree of Life." The very idea of calling an instrument of torture and death a "tree that gives life to the world" is ludicrous for many. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians, "For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1Co 1:18 NRS) Through faith, Christians gaze upon the horror of Jesus' death on the cross and see beyond the cross and the grave to see the Resurrection and new life that are promised.

We believe that Jesus' death on the cross destroyed the hold that sin has upon humankind, freed us from the sentence of death that we deserve, and opened the way to life in the promised Kingdom. Glimpses of this Kingdom are evident to those who are faithful to the way of Jesus during our earthly lives; however, when Christ returns the Kingdom will be revealed in its fullness and glory. Therefore, we do not need to fear death, for death is the way to new life in Christ.

Our Lenten journey began with the Genesis account of the Garden of Eden and the trees that God planted for the first humans. The Tree of Life was available from the very beginning as a source of nourishment and eternal relationship with God. Sadly, humans chose their own way to godly power and control instead of God's way to freedom and peace. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil becomes a symbol of the power of sin revealed through the law. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 6:23 NRS)

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

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## ♦ From the Pastor (Cont'd from pg. 1)

Martin Luther wrote:

In particular, the Scriptures see into the heart, to the root and main source of all sin: unbelief in the depth of the heart. Thus, even as faith alone makes just and brings the Spirit and the desire to do good external works, so it is only unbelief which sins and exalts the flesh and brings desire to do evil external works. That's what happened to Adam and Eve in Paradise (cf. Genesis 3)." (Preface to the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans by Martin Luther, 1483-1546, Translated by Bro. Andrew Thornton, OSB)

Tree of Life images are found in many cultures and religions. As the Holy Scriptures were written, the authors borrowed these and other images from the ancient cultures of the world around them as means to describe the creative and redeeming works of the God of Abraham and Moses. Thus, the Tree of Wisdom became the symbol of God's Spirit of guidance for life and living. God's kingdom was described as a tree yielding abundant fruit, fed by the water flowing from heaven. The mystery of the Kingdom of God was symbolized by the tiny seed or shoot that grows into the glorious, overarching tree that provides shelter for birds and brings healing to the world. A tree of death, the crucifixion cross, becomes symbolic of the way of sin that humans chose in the creation garden. Through his crucifixion, the Son of God willingly suffered and died on our behalf in order to destroy the power of sin and death that permanently separate us from God. Through his Resurrection, that same tree of death is transformed into the Tree of Life that restores the forgiveness, life and salvation that were God's original gifts in the Paradise Garden. "[T]hanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1Cor. 15:57 NRS)

***Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Your Victorious Sister in Christ,  
Pastor JMe

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### **"God and Me" Award Sunday- April 12**

Seven Cub Scouts of Pack 37 will receive their "God and Me" Award during the 10:30 service on April 12. In all, eight young men and their parents attended four evening sessions during February and March in preparation for this award.

*The goals of the "God and Me" curriculum are:*

- ⇒ *To provide an opportunity for young people and families to explore their faith together.*
- ⇒ *To help children realize that God is active in every part of their lives*
- ⇒ *To help children know that Jesus is their best friend*
- ⇒ *To memorize the Lord's Prayer*

## ♦ Church Council Update Submitted by Jon Wright

Greetings from the Congregational Council,

It's been said that there are two things you don't discuss among friends, money, and politics. I'm going to break the rule and talk about money. In the past, we have had stewardship campaigns during the fall and maybe it was my imagination, but it seemed that church attendance declined during that period. We don't talk about the financial state of the church – no one wants to be a part of the conversation. *That needs to change.*

*We are at a critical time for Zion.* It has been some time since we've needed to borrow from the Endowment Fund. That time has come again. We finished the month of February with a cash balance of \$9,802, which is \$10,000 less than we had at the end of January, and approximately \$24,000 less than we had at the start of the year. Yes, weather had some effect on our attendance and offerings in February; attendance in January 2015 was higher than January 2014, but offerings this year were lower. The projection from our dedicated Finance Team is that we will need to begin using interest from the Endowment Fund within the next month or two.

*The Council has approved the formation of some task forces to look at some of the Discernment pillars and our financial situation.* We are going to have one task force look at the structure of our ministry teams to see if we can simplify and free up some volunteers for other ministries. Another task force will look into what we can do with the building, with the plan to informally approach East Hempfield Township to see what they will, and will not, let us do. Based on those conversations and how much we will be constrained, the Council may need to regroup and re-access the building plan pillar. The third task force will look at our financial situation.

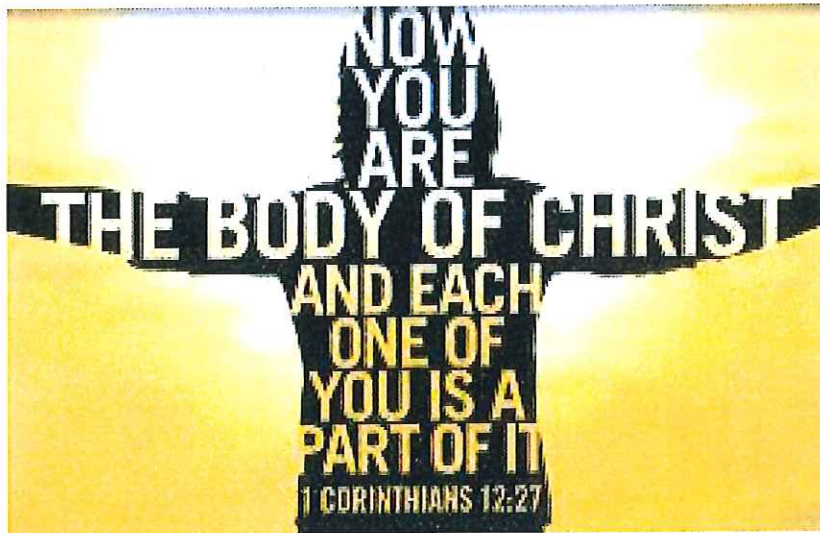
*I am concerned on several fronts.* A finding of the Discernment cottage meetings and something that we heard time and again is that our facility is holding us back. There are some grand ideas that have been presented, many of which count on our ability to build or do a very large renovation to the facility. If we don't have the funds to cover our operating expenses how will we be able to raise funds for a building project? I ask that you prayerfully consider your giving and if you are giving back to God to the best of your ability.

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On another note, we are looking for a member that is Serv Safe certified or who would be willing to obtain this certification. Joanne Grim has been our Serv Safe contact for several years but the certification has expired and she will not be renewing it. Thank you Joanne for the many years of service and all that you do for Zion! Having the certification is more a formality for our church. While our kitchen facilities have never been inspected, it would be helpful to have a member with this certification. If you are interested please contact a member of Council.

To end on a positive note: Last month I issued a recognition challenge — asking members to point out others that are doing service “behind the scenes.” I received a note from a member who wants to recognize **Jesse Landis** for his tireless effort shoveling snow, not only this winter but for several years. Thank you Jesse!

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact a Council member or leave a note in any of the Council member mailboxes.



### **2015-2016 Council**

#### Members

Jon Wright, Pres.  
Doug Rhoads, V.P.  
Deb Overly  
Birgitte Chapman  
Ed Blough  
John Hinkle  
Scott Crum  
Delaney Klepper  
Pastor JMe Lowden

#### Finance Members

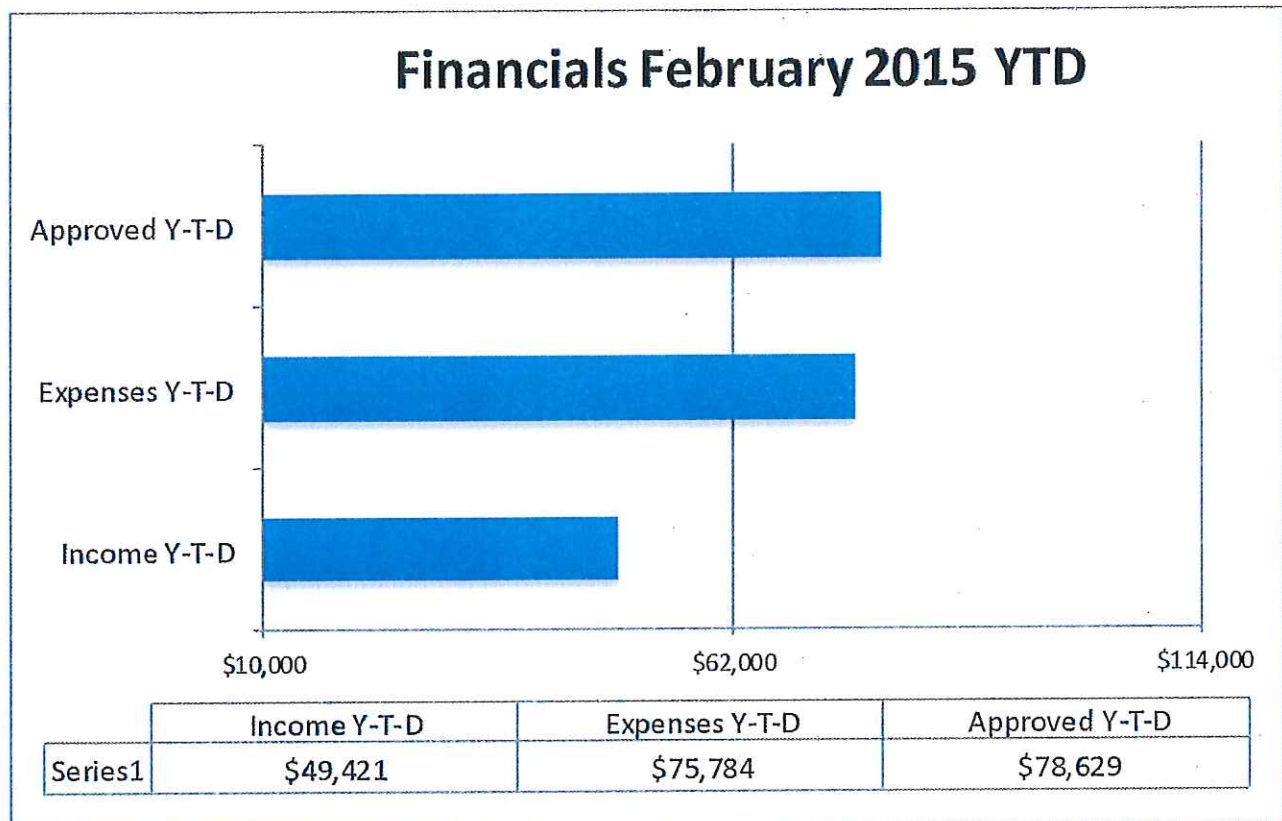
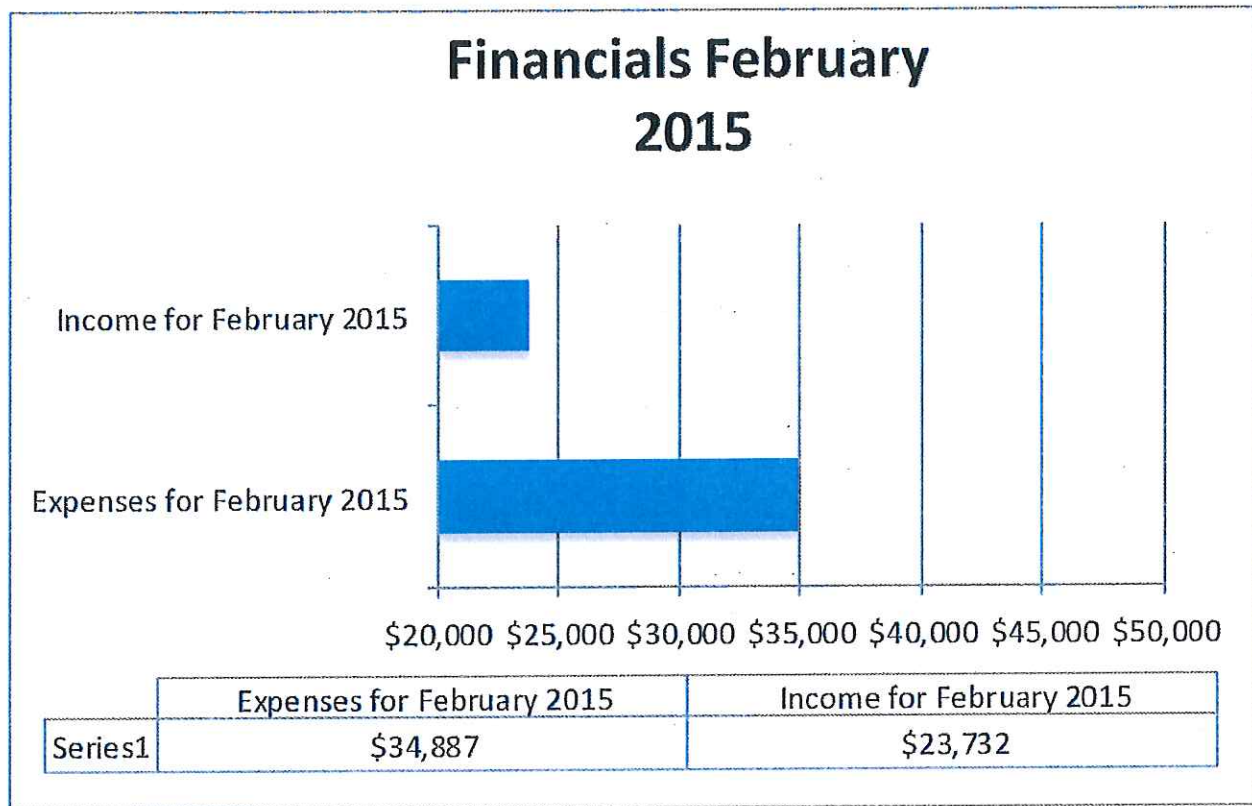
Ron Crawford, Financial Secretary  
Phil Houseal, Ass't Financial Secretary  
John Hay, Treasurer  
Lisa Nelson, Ass't Treasurer

#### Secretary

Joe Auchey



## ♦ Financial Figures (February)



## ♦ Prayer Team, Women of Zion

### Hearts Filled With Gratitude:

Do you find it hard to praise God? Sometimes it can be a challenge to give God daily praise and look for His hand, even when we possess the knowledge of His love and faithfulness. If you find yourself in this situation, often the Psalms are a great source to get you back on track.

Psalms 116 is an extraordinary expression of love--addressed to God! "How do I love Thee, God?" the psalmist seems to ask. In his answers, he sets forth several magnificent truths about God's goodness and deliverance.

I love the LORD, because He hears  
My voice and my supplications.  
Because He has inclined His ear to me,  
Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.  
The cords of death encompassed me  
And the terrors of Sheol came upon me;  
I found distress and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I beseech You, save my life!"  
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
Yes, our God is compassionate.  
The LORD preserves the simple;  
I was brought low, and He saved me.  
Return to your rest, O my soul,  
For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you."  
(Psalm 116:1-7)



How do we love our God? We love Him by counting the many ways He has been good to us and, as the psalmist did, by sharing His goodness with others. What does God desire? Our humble thanks. Our heartfelt gratitude. He wants us to be hungry for life, to treasure every day He entrusts to us. When you have a quiet moment, read the entire psalm, expressing your own heart of gratitude to our loving Lord.

Let's be humbly grateful.

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## WOMEN OF ZION

*Submitted by Millie Gundel*

*Happy Spring everyone! Now that the ice and snow and cold are gone for the season (hopefully), plan to join us for these constructive and fun service projects. We need your help!*

**Yarn Ministry:** Next meeting time is Sunday, April 19, at 1 PM in the parlor.

**Prayer Square Project-** Knit or crochet prayer squares for the youth to take with them to Detroit in July. They will trade them with kids from all over the country and also give them to others for comfort and support. Samples and instructions are available on

the table and on the bulletin board near the prayer shawl display. This is a good way to use leftover yarn! Additional yarn is available in the parlor. Completed squares may be placed in the basket in the parlor. Please direct your questions to Marie or Joanne.

**Comforter Ministry-** Monday, April 6, at 9 AM in the Social Room, followed by lunch at Miss Calee's on Main St. at 11:30 AM





## ♦ Social Outreach Submitted by Melodie Dearolf

*The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.*

*(Proverbs 11:25)*

God's system works on the principle of sowing and reaping. In the book of Genesis, God set up a system of seedtime and harvest. The Bible tells us that He gives seed to the sower. In other words, if you are a person who has a desire to bless others and sow seed, God will make sure you have something to give. Notice what happens when you generously sow seed – you increase more! Just like planting a seed in the natural brings an abundant harvest, planting a spiritual seed brings an abundant harvest as well. You can't out-give God! He will pour out blessings on you that you cannot contain! God's blessings go way beyond just the financial realm. He wants you to have blessed relationships, good health, and a fulfilling career. Take a step of faith today and look for ways to start sowing into the lives of others. What do you have in hand? Can you start by giving a smile or an encouraging word? Do you have five dollars to help someone else at the gas pump? Choose to be a blessing today, and God promises to bless and increase you in every area of your life.

You will discover that when you refresh others, you yourself will be refreshed. That word "refresh" means to restore or revive. When you reach out to others to restore them or offer strength to them, you are planting seeds for your own future. And there are many ways to refresh others – a smile, a kind word, a helping hand. Get in the habit of looking for ways to be a blessing to other people. Have a generous attitude, step out, and refresh others. As you do, you will have the satisfaction of living an effective life. *Written by Joel Osteen*

***Did you know this is what  
Zion's Social Outreach Committee is about?***

***Join us for our next meeting held at Hot Z's for dinner on  
Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM.***

***You may be surprised and we look forward to seeing you!***



### **SEDER DINNER**

*April 1*

Our confirmation class will be preparing and serving 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. All are welcome!

### **ISAAC'S EAT OUT NIGHT**

*April 7 & May 13*

There will be another Isaac's Eat-Out night to support the ELCA Youth Gathering trip. The fundraiser is honored from 5 PM - 9 PM. Don't forget to bring your flyer that will be distributed in church and sent via email.

### **SILENT YOUTH AUCTION**

During the month of 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 find many things that were also given last year up 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 26.*

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

*May 17*

We will confirm 5 students this year. These students have worked hard through their busy schedules to make their confirmation class an important part of their lives. We will confirm Katie Donell, Elisabeth Chapman, Christian Benedict, Quinn Klepper, and Ian Flood.

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

### **April**

- 1 Seder Dinner Provided by H2H @ 6 PM
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 7 Isaac's Eat-Out (Mt. Joy) @ 5 - 9 PM
- 11 Community Egg Hunt @ 10 AM
- 12 Youth Gathering Meeting @ 12 PM  
H2H @ 6 PM
- 19 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 26 Youth Auction Winner Dinner @ 5 PM

### **May**

- 3 H2H @ 6 PM
- 10 Happy Mother's Day
- 13 Isaac's Eat-Out (Mt. Joy) @ 5 - 9 PM
- 17 Confirmation Sunday
- 24 Youth Gathering Meeting @ 12 PM  
ZYM @ 6 PM
- 25 Memorial Day Pancake Fundraiser
- 30 White Water Rafting
- 31 ZYM Bonfire @ 5 PM

### **MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE FUNDRAISER**

*May 25*

Along with the Social Outreach team, ZYM will be having a pancake fundraiser to the community on Memorial Day. Breakfast will be served from 8 AM-11 AM. Please come out and support ZYM and the Social Outreach team!



# KIDS CLUB

GAMES • BIBLE • CRAFTS • MUSIC • SNACKS

Children in Pre K - 5th grade are invited to join Zion Lutheran in Landisville to learn about hunger issues in our local communities. They will hear stories of those who are hungry, tend to their own gardens, see what local organizations provide (including the Hempfield Area Food Pantry), donate food that they grow to local organizations, and much, much more!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**Dinner @ 5:30pm**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Wed., June 10, 2015

**Vacation Bible School - June 14-18, 2015**

Wed., June 24, 2015

Wed., July 1, 2015

Wed., July 8, 2015

Wed., July 15, 2015

Wed., July 22, 2015

Wed., July 29, 2015

Wed., August 5, 2015

Wed., August 12, 2015

Wed., August 19, 2015

**For More Info:**

[www.zionhempfield.net](http://www.zionhempfield.net)



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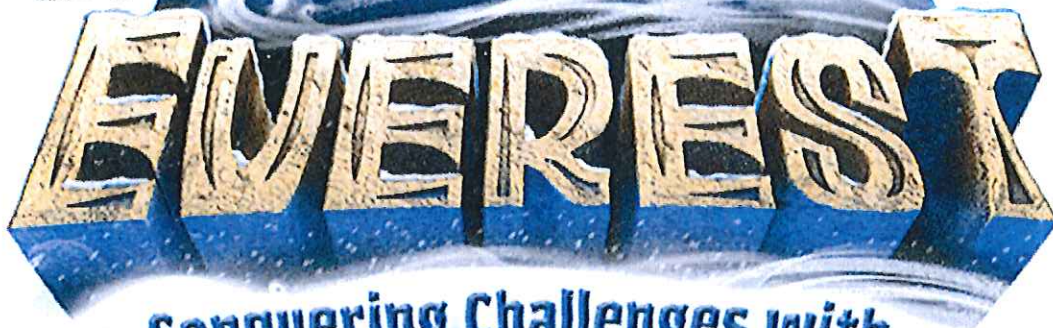
# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Embark on an icy expedition where kids overcome obstacles with God's awesome power. Anchor kids in rock-solid Bible truths that will guide them through life's challenges.

Your children will play games, sing great songs, create awesome crafts, and enjoy tasty snacks. It starts Sunday night at 6:00pm. The VBS week will end with an Ice Cream Social on Thursday at 8:00pm.

Groups



*Conquering Challenges with  
God's Mighty Power*

**JUNE 14 - 18, 2015**  
**SUNDAY-THURSDAY**



♦ Community Egg Hunt, Stephen Ministry  
*Community Easter Egg Hunt*



Please join us on,  
Saturday, April 11

10 - 11 AM  
@ Zion Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

Ages: Infant—12 yrs.  
Bring your own basket!

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY** *Submitted by Mary Grzybowski*

*Our Stephen Ministry is continuing to grow not only in our faith and commitment to God, but also in numbers.*

We are delighted to announce that Linda Bear is now our Stephen Minister in training. She began her 50 hours of training through the Lancaster Stephen Ministry Network, a group of approximately 15 local churches. This wonderful group meets regularly and provides education and support for its members. The training follows the program we use for Zion's training at no cost to the students or congregation. Linda really likes the program and is, as she has remarked, meeting "wonderful and caring people." Keep Linda in prayer as she continues her Stephen Ministry journey!



And, as always, please also keep our current Stephen Ministers in prayer as they walk the journey with their Care Receivers.

***It's YOUR Ministry!***

*Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is an important way we at Zion care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that he or she request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you!*



## ♦ Christ Lutheran *Submitted by Linda Bear*

Much appreciation goes to all our wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talents and become the "hands and feet" of our Lord to make this meal a reality for so many people in Lancaster City! (One of our generous families made three cakes this time!) On Thursday, March 12, 2015, we served 105 guests - young and old, families and friends, couples and singles. Everyone went home with full bellies, and a good time was had by all!

Our volunteers from Zion are really bonding with our friends from Bright Side who work with us. We are so grateful for their willingness to be there to help host, serve, clean, do dishes, and clean up.

While all of our current volunteers are so appreciated, it must be noted that it is the same small crew of volunteers from both Zion and Bright Side who serve each time. Some of the volunteers serve in every capacity: delivery, setting up, serving, cleaning up, and returning equipment to Zion at the end of the night. In other words, some of these volunteers are working all day long to make the meal possible! Unfortunately, this can lead to volunteer burnout because of the amount of work involved. Believe me, when we leave Christ Lutheran we leave satisfied, but also very tired!

We are in the process of brainstorming ideas of different ways to get more (and different) volunteers to step up to help out. There are six meals to serve each year - the second Thursday in the odd numbered months. Perhaps members of our different ministry teams could commit to serving one meal a year? Although, at times, it can be helpful to have one or two volunteers who say they may or may not be available on a Thursday night, we really need the help of those people who can make a commitment to be there. Please pray for our Christ Lutheran Ministry leaders to find a solution for the future.

Finally, a "Thank You Luncheon" for volunteers that was being planned for Sunday, April 19 has been postponed until a future date, probably in September. **Our next meal is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015.** Please contact either Linda Bear or Connie Alsedek if your Ministry Team will make a commitment for this upcoming meal, and we will walk you through all the different jobs that need to be done. You will be blessed to be a blessing!





## ♦ 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 date coming up is:

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](http://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](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

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### WORKSHOPS AT THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

**KEURIG CRAFTS:** Tuesday, April 21 at 7 PM  
Led by Lancaster Creative Reuse

*Tired of throwing out all those tiny K-Cups every time you use your Keurig machine? This hands-on workshop will explore many ways to turn those tiny, plastic cups into fun and festive crafts. Materials supplied.*

**HOW TO START A PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Monday, April 27 at 7 PM  
Led by David Hosler

*Twenty-nine years ago, Dave Hosler stopped at the Parish Resource Center looking for guidance on starting a prayer breakfast. Many years later, this prayer breakfast remains a central ministry to the many people who attend it weekly. In this practical workshop, you will learn the nuts and bolts of starting your own morning prayer fellowship.*

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## ♦ Parish Resource Center (Cont'd) , Food Pantry

### WORKSHOPS AT THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER (Cont'd from pg. 13)

**EVANGELISM FOR INTROVERTS:** Monday, April 13 at 7 PM

Led by Rev. David Ryan, Pastor at Hopeland UMC, Ephrata

*This workshop will examine key characteristics of introverts, their gifts and talents, and the most effective (and comfortable!) ways for introverts to share their faith with others.*

**HOW TO LIVE AS A MISSIONAL CONGREGATION:** Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM

Led by Rev. Don Hackett, Pastor at First Pres. Lancaster

*Join us for a round-table conversation on this new trend in church outreach and multiplication. We'll explore questions such as, where did this movement come from and what can it teach us? What does it mean to be missional? How do congregation-based churches develop missional hearts? What principles, tools, and resources can help our people move from the pew to a lifestyle of intentional mission in Christ?*

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### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE Submitted by Diane Gerlach

In February, the pantry served 173 families which included 211 children, 353 adults, and 96 seniors for a total of 640 people served. **We registered 4 new families.**



During February, Zion members donated 79 pounds of food to the pantry. Thank you Zion members for your continued financial contributions.

During the month of February....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,434 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 1,021 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 831 pounds of bread and bakery items. Weis Stony Battery Road donated 237 pounds of bread and bakery items.

We continue to be blessed with many volunteers from the Hempfield area and our Hempfield community churches who give their time to the pantry each Monday and Wednesday as well as additional time as needed. Sixty one volunteers gave 603 hours for the month of February.

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.

Jelly, peanut butter, 15 oz. canned fruit, and cereal are some of the "main" items the pantry can always use!!!

***Together we will feed the hungry!***







PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
LANCASTER FAMILY YMCA  
62nd ANNUAL  
GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

*A community gathering that brings people of faith together to mark this important holy day with an inspirational message and ecumenical worship service in keeping with the Christian traditions of the YMCA.*

**When?** Friday, April 3

6:30 AM: Doors open

7:00 AM: Breakfast and Program

A talk by Dr. Peter W. Teague, President of Lancaster Bible College and music by the Moravian Brass Choir.

**Where?** Farm & Home Center

1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster

**Tickets:** \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com>. Search for "Lancaster Family YMCA Good Friday Breakfast" on the website. Tickets can be printed out following purchase from the Eventbrite website. Questions? Please contact [kjenkins@lancasteryymca.org](mailto:kjenkins@lancasteryymca.org)

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## LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION EVENTS COMING UP...

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

**April 8: Bible Study at Wittel Farm**

**April 12: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa**

**April 25: Work Day at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm**

**April 26: Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa**

**May 1 - 2: Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald**

**May 8: Lutheran Camping Night at the Harrisburg Senators**

**May 16: Garden & Tea Party at The Wittel Farm**

**May 17: Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic at Kirchenwald**





# 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](http://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](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.





The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

# WORK DAYS AT CAMP



**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015**

**KIRCHENWALD & THE WITTEL FARM STARTING AT 8:30 AM**

**NAWAKWA STARTING AT 9:00 AM**

Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping,  
gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks.

A noon meal will be provided.

Please call the Camping Office to volunteer - 717-677-8211



## Earth Day 2015 Celebration

**Sunday, April 26, 2015 • 2-6pm**  
**Kirchenwald & Nawakwa**

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental  
activities, games, and crafts at one  
of your favorites places within  
God's creation: **CAMP!** An evening  
meal is included in the \$10 fee.

**All ages welcome.**

**RSVP to 717-677-8211 or**  
**LutheranCamping.org by April 17**

## ♦ Notes, Sympathy, Congratulations, Upcoming Dates

### NOTES TO ZION.—

#### ♦ **From Love INC; Kim Wittel, Exec. Director**

*It is a privilege to thank you for your recent generous contribution [\$84.82] to the ministry of Love in the Name of Christ...We appreciate your partnership and ask for your prayers for Love INC's ministry, for both those who are served, and those who have the privilege of serving. Thank you for your gift of love. Your support makes such a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need!*

#### ♦ **From Water Street Rescue Mission, Paul Pearce, VP of Development**

*Thank you for your gift of \$186.11 to WSM. Because of your gift, our ministry is able to serve the homeless and hungry each day. You are helping change one life at a time!... Thank you for your support.*

#### ♦ **From Janene Mussman** (parent of a Pack 37 scout visiting on Scout Sunday)

*I felt very welcome here. Thank you for supporting scouting!!*

#### ♦ **From Chad, Kate, & Finn Gunzenhauser**

*Thank you so much for hosting Finn's baptism! We so appreciate the beautiful gifts and will treasure them for years to come.*

### SYMPATHY...

- ♦ ...to **Dave Dumeyer** on the death of his father, Milton Dumeyer, on March 7, at the age of 97.
- ♦ ...to the family and friends of **Pauline Hess-Fisher** who died on March 10. Pauline would have been 90 in September.
- ♦ ...to Sue McCullough on the death of her mother on March 16.
- ♦ ...to Judie & Darryl Ingersoll on the death of Darryl's mother on March 16.

### CONGRATULATIONS...

- ♦ ...to **Stephanie & Ryan Stitzel** on the baptism of their son, **Parker Jon**, on March 1.
- ♦ ...to **Chad & Kate Gunzenhauser** on the baptism of their son, **Finn Eugene**, on March 15.
- ♦ ...to **Ava Gunzenhauser, Sam Myers, Savannah Reed, & Sofia Deibler** on their First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 29th.

### BAPTISMS COMING UP...

- ♦ April 12: **Olivia Small**, daughter of Chris & Kim Small



## ♦ April Celebrations



1	Delaney Klepper	11	Melissa Dohner	25	Kyle Symonds
2	Griffin Helm	13	Cameron Thompson	26	Bob Wildasin
4	Birgitte Chapman	14	Stephanie Stitzel	28	Deb Overly
5	Brooke Dohner	15	Bryanna Dohner	28	Tom Williams
5	Doug Grow	17	Michael Jarvie	28	Christopher Wright
8	Valerie Milholin	17	Dylan Leibley	29	Bruce Gerlach
8	Sue Stathopulos	17	Karen Rainar	29	Jonathan Wise
9	Rose Yeager	18	Ryan Provanzo	30	Pauline Weiksner
10	Joanne Grim	19	D.J. Korn		
10	Connie Grow	20	Jerry Poff		
		20	Karen Wright		
		<b>21</b>	<b>Ruth Albright</b>		
		22	Amanda Grube		
		22	Madison Pipkin		
		22	Marv Ruch		
		23	Mike Miller		
		25	Sara Bernhard		

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



### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

10	Renee Censier	17	Barb Williams
10	Janet Musselman	18	Melodie Dearolf
11	Cynthia Blough	19	Bruce Gerlach
12	Marie Adams	20	Allison Korn
12	Janet Bair	20	Alexander Rogers
13	Brenda Stover	20	Patrick Rogers
14	Ruth Janisewski	21	Floyd Weidler
15	Amelia Golihew	24	Chloe Traup
16	Ray Davis	25	Alaina DiNardi
16	Wayne Dearolf	25	Dylan Gromen
		27	Marv Ruch



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

9	Rick & Nancy Price (32nd)
11	Bill & Helen Piper (55th)
15	Wilson & Jennifer Pipkin (26th)
16	Pastors Bob & JMe Lowden (32nd)
22	Curt Rogers & Stacy Thornwall-Rogers (26th)
25	Chris & Tracie Andrew (17th)
25	Mitch & Vivian Gunzenhauser (34th)
26	Marv & Wenda Ruch (35th)



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Ed Blough  
John Hinkle,  
Scott Crum  
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Melodie Dearolf, Social Outreach

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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.*

### ***May Newsletter Deadline: April 17***

**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