

# ZION NEWS

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## **From the Pastor's Keyboard:**

As we approach the celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup> this year, my mind has been filled with ponderings...

about U.S. military drone flights and bombings in Iran to stem the spread of ISIS;

about young American citizens training to be terrorists that kill their own countrymen;

about racially-motivated murders in South Carolina during a church bible study;

about "urban terrorists" with semiautomatic weapons opening fire during a child's birthday party in Detroit;

about the words of the *Pledge of Allegiance*, "One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

In the midst of worrying or pondering difficult issues, have you ever picked up The Bible and found a verse that helped you? Have you ever felt led to open a devotional book and found words that seem to speak to your need?

The following is a poetic restatement of Psalm 60 by Leslie F. Brandt, author of the book, *Psalms/Now*. Although the original text was written by King David as a prayer for the ancient nation of Israel, the words are just as relevant for us today. I hope these honest and prayerful verses speak to you as they did to me.

*You made us, O God, a great nation.*

*The lands beyond our own tremble at our awesome might.*

*But the rich wine of material wealth dulled our senses.*

*The tyranny of things obscured our vision.*

*We grew arrogant, self-satisfied, and were often insensitive to the needs of Your creatures beyond our borders.*

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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), Nursery School

*We waved our swords menacingly at potential enemies of our great country.  
We established our outposts in the very heart of our enemies' camps,  
We extended our powerful tentacles into other nations' undeveloped resources and drew their blood into our own.  
And we did this in Your name, and we convinced ourselves that it was by Your will.*

*Now our defenses have been broken, O Lord.  
Our fortress has been breached.  
We have given birth to offspring that threaten us from within.  
Splinter groups within our boundaries assert their identity and threaten to destroy our trust in unity under the flag.  
Disillusioned youth revel against a seemingly hopeless future and create fear through might of ill-used arms.  
Buildings explode, innocent lives are taken, young blood is spilled over turf conflicts.  
And as if the violence in the streets weren't enough, our religious institutions are under bombardment from New  
Age philosophies that subtly soften and erode our faith in the one true God.  
We are becoming paralyzed by fear and polarized by the extreme actions of radical and reactionary people.*

*Your Word is clear for those who would follow You, O God.  
Your promises are assured for the nation that will worship You.  
The enemies that threaten us and the problems that beset us can be absolved only when we return to our God.  
He will guide us and make us a blessing to the world.*

*We seek Your help, O Lord, in restoring our great nation.*

Amen.

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### **NURSERY'S SCHOOL'S FINAL YEAR COMING UP...**

Zion's preschool school will open its doors for the final year on September 11. Registration is open for our 3 day class held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 4 year old children. We would love to have a full class to celebrate this year! Please let any families you may know or may meet this summer about our school. Pick up a flier in the narthex for anyone who might be interested or have them call the Nursery School at 898-1392.

## ♦ **Church Council Update** *Submitted by Jon Wright*

Greetings,

As I write this newsletter article I realize that some of this may be old news. In June, VBS was held during the week when Council normally meets so we rescheduled our meeting to the following week. We met June 22 at which time we were brought up to speed about what is happening in the life of the church in the various Ministry Teams. There are a couple of unfortunate issues that have come up which Council has needed to address that I will share with you here.

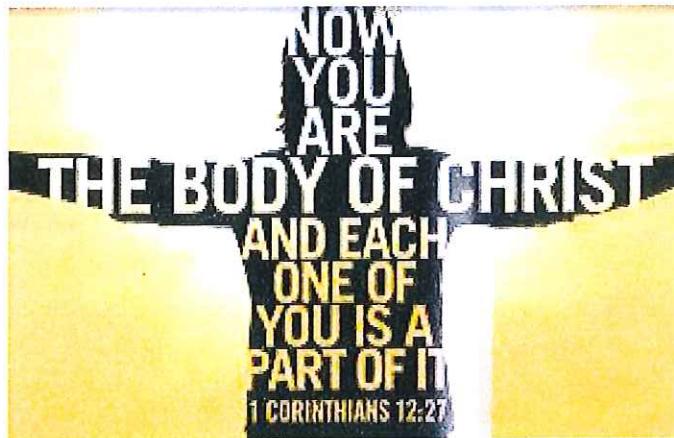
In May I received complaints from two individuals regarding inappropriate behavior by the Zion softball team. This team was operating unknown to the Pastor or any of the Council members. Over the years participants from our church have dwindled to the point where there was only one member of Zion on the team. After discussions with past members of the team, as well as a previous participant from another church team, it became evident that the leaders of the team were not projecting an image that we want to have associated with our church. A major concern was the lack of Zion participation including leadership and oversight by one or more Zion members. Based on the information that we gathered the Council voted to disband the team immediately. The league Commissioner and team captain were contacted by Pastor JMe to let them know our decision. Personally I feel that the league holds some responsibility for the situation that we faced. The league has nothing in place to guarantee that a church is aware of that a team is being fielded, or to allow the church to approve the roster. Council encourages anyone that is interested in forming a team for next season to feel free to do so. The Council and Pastor only require that a significant percentage of the team be comprised of Zion members, and that one or more active members, meaning those that regularly attend worship and volunteer their service, are willing to serve as coach and oversee the team. In addition, bulletin and newsletter announcements should be used to advertise the team so that all members are aware that they may participate.

On another note...Many of you may have heard through the Zion grapevine that the Property Team and Council have been dealing with a snow removal contractor who presented us with a bill of \$15,000 for snow removal this year. At the request of the Property Team the snow removal contract explicitly stated that there should be no snow removal unless the total exceeded 2 inches. Even though the contractor amended the contract for this provision and both Zion and the contractor signed off on it, we were charged for snow removal labor regardless of the snowfall total. *(Cont'd on pg. 4)*

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The team and I met with the contractor on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting did not end well but it was pointed out to the contractor that we were billed a hefty amount for two separate dates where there was absolutely no snowfall. He agreed to go back and review his records and submit a new invoice. Prior to the meeting Zion did send him a check for \$5000, the amount being based on the snow removal costs in 2014. When we received the edited invoice Jere Grube confirmed with the contractor that the edited amount was in addition to the \$5000 that we had already paid. The decision was made to not do anything and wait for the contractor to make the next move. We received a notice on June 10 that a civil action was entered against us at the magistrate's office. A meeting of the Council, Property Team, and some past Council Presidents was held between services on June 14. We all agreed that the contract was violated by the contractor and that Zion is in the right on this issue. It was decided to enter a defense against this action. We have obtained representation for this hearing which is scheduled to be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. We are certain that the Magistrate will find in favor of Zion and further updates will be provided when information is available.

I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful summer. Please remember our youth and their chaperones as they travel to Detroit for the Youth Gathering this summer.



### **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

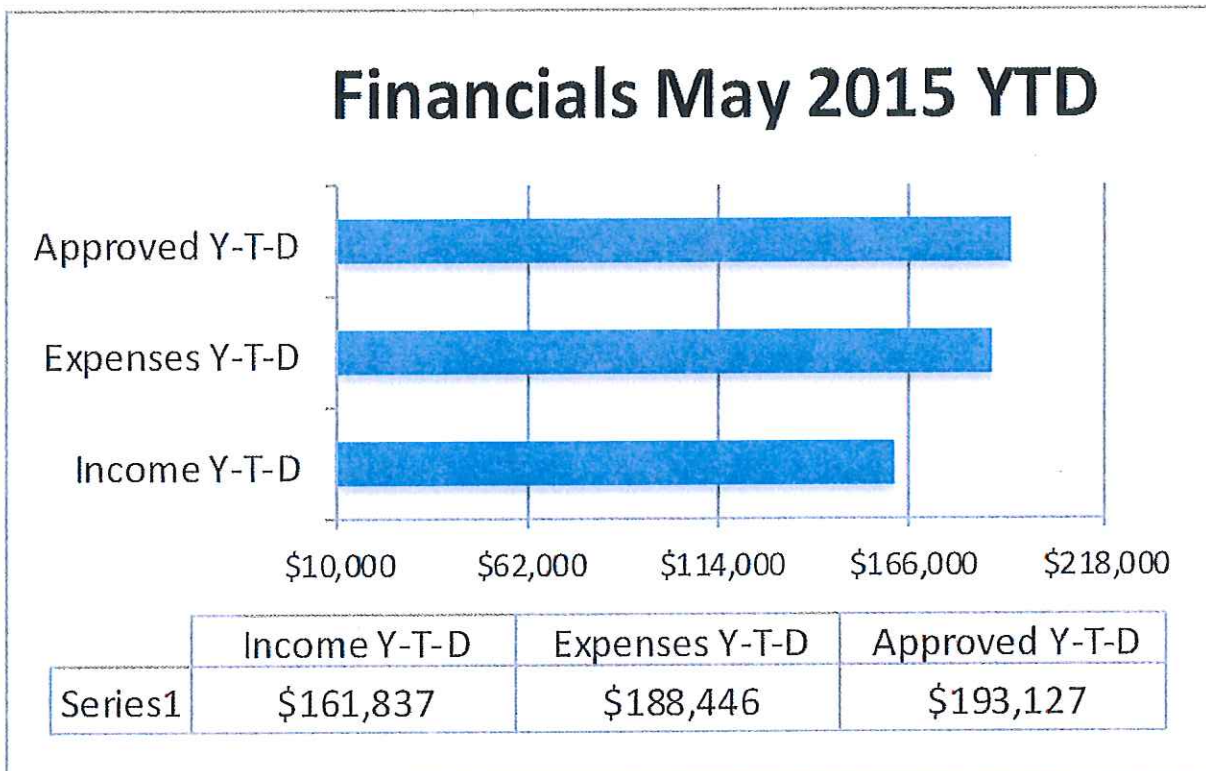
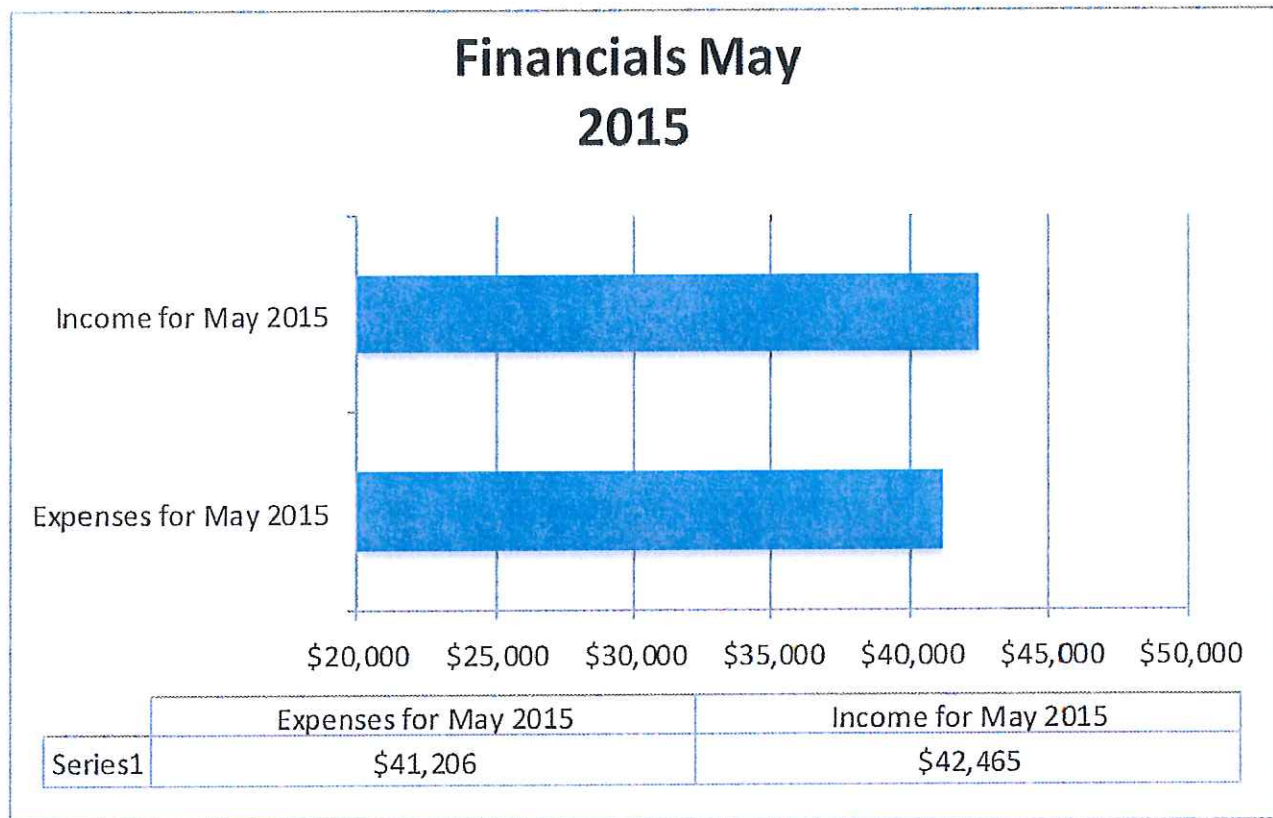
Ron Crawford, Financial Secretary  
Phil Houseal, Ass't Financial Secretary  
John Hay, Treasurer  
Lisa Nelson, Ass't Treasurer

#### Secretary

Joe Auchey



## ♦ Financial Figures (May)



\*The May & YTD income totals includes \$10,000 that we had to take from the Endowment Funds 5

## ♦ Prayer Team Submitted by Dolly Overly

### The Prayer That Changed My Life

Years ago I traveled to San Antonio to meet with a friend and spiritual mentor. While we enjoyed a lunch of great Mexican food, we caught up on each other's lives and ministries.

Later, with full stomachs and warm hearts, we walked out of the restaurant to say our farewells and head our respective ways.

But, my mentor wasn't quite finished with me. He asked me to join him in his old, beat-up Ford Bronco for a few moments of prayer. I gladly complied. Those few moments marked me forever.

My mentor asked God for something I had never heard before. He prayed that I would love to pray. He prayed that I would enjoy praying. He prayed that it would be easy for me to pray.

His words blew me away. I had never before thought about praying about my prayer life. But I've been praying about it ever since.

The prophet Isaiah spoke an amazing promise to Gentiles who embraced the God of Israel: God would bring them to His holy mountain (a metaphor for His holy presence) and would make them joyful in His house of prayer (see Isaiah 56:6-7). What a beautiful image! For many of us, prayer is drudgery, work, and flat-out boring.

Most Christians would rather endure a root canal than be forced to spend an hour in prayer. But it doesn't have to be that way. Prayer doesn't have to be an hour of

hard labor.

Start praying for God to help you love prayer. Use the language of Isaiah and ask God to make you joyful in His house of prayer. God will honor your request. I know, because over the last 20 years He has answered mine.

I can trace my desire to pray and my joy in prayer all the way back to those few moments in that Bronco. God honored my mentor's prayers for me, and He's been honoring mine ever since.

*O God, give me a heart of prayer. Let prayer be easy for me. Help me see it as a joy, not labor, and a privilege, not a chore. Precious God, do as Your Word promises. Make me joyful in Your house of prayer.*

*(Article excerpted from "Pray Big.")*

Do you have a prayer life? If not, this is an excellent way to get started or to improve on a so-so prayer life. God loves you and He wants to have a relationship with you. He wants to be your friend - someone to take all your joys and sorrows to. This relationship, however, depends on your willingness to spend time with God. He is waiting patiently for each of us to either start a prayer life or to improve upon the one we have. Pray right now that God will give you a heart of prayer. Make this a habit - do it daily. I think you will be amazed at how your life and your relationship with God will be.



### **GRADUATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

On June 7th we celebrated all graduates and were extremely proud of our 6 High School graduates for the directions that they have chosen. We had 6 high school graduates this year! Congratulations to Cameron Thompson, Duncan Brady, Alec Martin, Tyler Gunzenhauser, Andrew Sherwood, and Brian Sherwood!

### **SUMMER BEACH DAY TRIP**

On August 1st we will be traveling to Cape Henlopen for a beach day trip. We will be leaving Zion at 7 AM and returning by 10 PM. The cost for this trip is \$15. Please also bring additional spending money for the boardwalk!

### **YOUTH GATHERING**

*July 13-19*

We have 11 youth and 5 adults going to the Youth Gathering this summer in Detroit, MI. Keep them in your prayers for a safe and spirited time.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY**

*August 23*

At 5pm we will have a back to school cookout and pool party. Location is TBD.

### **CAMPFIRE AT THE REINFORDS**

On August 9th at 5 PM we will have a cookout and campfire at Chris & Chelsea's house!

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

#### **JULY**

- 5 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 13-19 ELCA Youth Gathering  
Detroit, MI
- 26 Youth Gathering Sunday  
ZYM @ 6 PM

#### **AUGUST**

- 1 Summer Beach Day Trip
- 9 Campfire at the Reinfords  
@ 5 PM
- 23 Youth-Led Services  
Back to School Pool Party  
@ 5 PM

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 13 Rally Day Service @ 9:30 AM  
ZYM @ 6 PM
- 20 H2H @ 6 PM
- 25-26 Alive 2015 @ Camp Nawakwa
- 27 Paintball @ 2 PM







# 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**

**JUNE 24, 2015 - AUGUST 19, 2015**

**Dinner @ 5:30pm**

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



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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**85 Brandt Boulevard, Landisville, PA 17538**

If Interested: Please send your name, phone number, and a short amount of information about you and your children to [chrisreinford@comcast.net](mailto:chrisreinford@comcast.net).

For More Info: Visit [www.zionhempfield.net](http://www.zionhempfield.net) or Call (717) 898-2911



## ♦ Stephen Ministry

### **Show Them You Care!**

*When you see people who are sad, lonely, or grief-stricken, don't just tell them you care – show them you care. Ask how they are, listen to what they have to say, share the love of Jesus. And if their need is great, encourage them to consider Stephen Ministry as a way to receive the transforming love and care of Jesus. Show them you care, and you can make a real difference in their life.*

### **Making Zion A More Caring Place**

*We can all help make Zion a more caring place with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, a warm hug, a word of encouragement. As you greet people this morning, let them know how much you care. And remember, when you meet someone with extra needs, tell him or her about our Stephen Ministry.*

### **CAARE...**

Stephen Ministers...

Create an

Atmosphere of

Acceptance

Reassurance (of God's love) and

Encouragement

### **SMILE...**

Stephen

Ministry

Is

Like

Encouragement

*If you or someone you know is interested in talking to a Stephen Minister who "CAARES," or are in need of a good "SMILE," please contact Judy Traup (898-0625).*



## ♦ Community Meal, Christ Lutheran, Stewardship

### COMMUNITY MEAL

*submitted by Joanne Grim*

The Community Meal will not be served during July and August due to the extreme heat in the Social Room and kitchen. In September we will start up again with the Benedict family serving the meal on the 3rd. Since we will not be serving at Christ Lutheran after July, please consider doing a meal at Zion. There are a few dates still open in the fall. Please contact me if you are interested! (898-2867).

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### CHRIST LUTHERAN MEAL

*submitted by Linda Bear*

Thursday, July 9 will be the final meal Zion will serve our guests at Christ Lutheran Church in Lancaster City. Christ Lutheran Church is in the process of selling the "Social Hall" part of their building which includes the large dining room and kitchen. We are grateful for the members of Christ Lutheran for their generosity of sharing their love of Christ with the surrounding community for so many years, and we're looking forward to making this last meal a successful one with a good turnout of volunteers. Our bulletin board will be available for sign up in the narthex on Sunday, June 28 and Sunday, July 5, 2015.

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### LIVING GENEROUSLY

*submitted by Darrell Gerke*

BEWARE! The summer giving slump is coming to Zion. However, YOU can make a difference. Every year during the summer vacation months of July and August our attendance and giving goes down which presents a hardship for John Hay to pay the church bills for Zion.

The church is open and operating every Sunday morning and other activities occur as usual. The lights are on and the air conditioning is functioning.

Please consider continuing your contributions to Zion before or after your vacation as if you were here instead of sitting on the beach. Please consider your giving as a monthly bill such as your TV cable bill, your gym or pool membership or your auto insurance which you pay monthly whether use the services or not, rather than a pay-as-you-go fee like going to the movies or going to a music concert.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.



## ♦ Women of Zion, Bus Trip to LWR

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

*submitted by Millie Gundel*

All Zion women are invited to a one night retreat at Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon County, near Mt. Gretna, Friday, September 11. The newly enlarged Schreiber Lodge has 10 rooms with attached baths. Each room has 2 full lower beds and 2 upper bunks.

Bring comfy indoor and outdoor clothes and be prepared for a fun, relaxing 24 hours! You will also need to bring your own bedding (pillow and sheets/blanket or sleeping bag) and towels!

You may arrive any time after 3PM on Friday....dinner will be at 6:30PM. Checkout on Saturday is at 3PM.

The cost is \$35.00 per person and includes 3 meals....Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board. *Make your check to "Zion Lutheran Church" with "Women's Retreat" in the memo.* Take your check to the office or place in office mail basket on the window sill between the mailboxes.

Direct any questions or concerns to Millie Gundel or Diane Ramer.

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### BUS TRIP TO BALTIMORE

*submitted by Joan Oberrender*

In 2014, Lutheran World Relief supported 4,763,599 people in 35 countries. They work through long-term solutions to poverty and with emergency response where needed. (The latest response was to Nepal and those who faced the earthquake disaster.)

Sharing Gifts of Extraordinary Love: Pens and pencils, a toothbrush, a quilt ... ordinary items we take for granted become treasures in the hands of their recipients. The items you send will be cherished and used by people who take nothing for granted, for whom even a simple bar of new soap is special. Your gifts and resources are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together. (The above paragraphs are directly from the Lutheran World Relief website.)

Over the years Zion members and friends have helped share God's love in many ways. The LWR

headquarters is in Baltimore, Maryland, and the warehouse which stores and prepares shipments is located in New Windsor, Maryland.

On **Thursday, October 1**, the Women of Zion invite both men and women, members and friends to join them on a day bus trip to see up close and personal the workings of this organization which we support. We have rented one of Conestoga Tours small buses and have room for 26 guests to join us. Cost of our transportation & lunch will be \$40 a person. Plans are to leave Zion around 9 AM and return to Lancaster by 5 PM. We will have a guided tour of both facilities and the WOZ will be taking along the quilts that they made to the warehouse.

#### **Deadline for reservations will be September 1.**

Your check is your reservation. Please make your check payable to *Zion* and mark "bus trip" in the memo line. Your check can be dropped off or sent to the office or placed in the wooded box between the two sets of mailboxes in the front hallway.

## ♦ Bible Studies, Summer Sunday Themes

### Summer Wednesday Adult Bible Studies

The Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study continues a study of the Gospel of Mark during the month of June. We meet 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Parlor. There are Learner Books available from Pastor JMe. You are welcome to join us!

On July 22nd we will begin a new, 6-week study of "The Churches of Revelation." There will be both morning and evening offerings of this adult bible study. The studies will be held at 9:30-10:30 AM and 6 - 7 PM through August 26th. The evening study will be held in conjunction with the Kids' Club; therefore, a light meal will be available from 5:30-6:00 PM in the Social Room, before the study begins in the Parlor. There will be no meetings on July 15 because Pastor JMe will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit that week.

If you would like to participate in either of these studies, please inform Pastor JMe. There will also be a sign up available for the Wednesday evening meal and study group on the Christian Formation bulletin board and online through [www.SignUpGenius.com](http://www.SignUpGenius.com).

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### UPCOMING SUNDAY THEMES

July 5: Red, White, & Blue Sunday

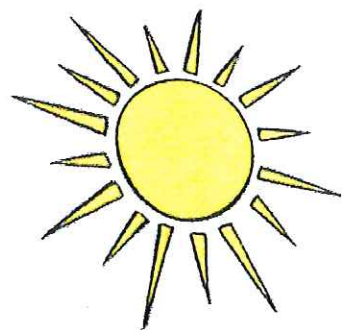
July 12: ELCA Youth Gathering/Detroit Group Sending Service; Blessing of Diapers & Prayer Squares for Detroit

July 26: Christmas in July (wear red & green). Intergenerational Christmas Activities during the Sunday School hour.

August 9: Beach Sunday (wear your favorite flip flops and sunglasses, bring a colorful beach towel)

August 23: Back to School Blessing of Teachers, Students, & Backpacks

September 13: Rally Day; ONE SERVICE @ 9:30 AM. Sunday School Intro./Ministry Displays. Picnic & activities for all ages following the service.





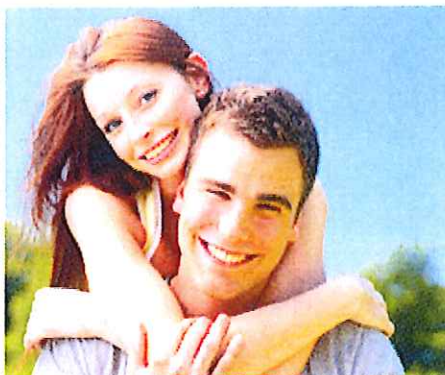
## ♦ Within The Wider Church

### LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FALL WEEKEND

*ATTENTION LOWER SUSQUEHANNA AREA MARRIED COUPLES: BY POPULAR DEMAND, A LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND COMING TO LANCASTER FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS FALL.*

Weekends are designed to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty that God intends. The Lancaster Weekend is set for **October 16-18** at the all newly-remodeled Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's." Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM. Currently, the registration fee is \$45 per couple; however, starting September 1, the registration fee will be going up to \$100 per couple, so register now to qualify for the lower registration fee. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your 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 the continuation of the program.

In case these dates don't work for you, registrations are also being taken for the September 18-20 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a hotel-style facility in the Poconos. **Registrations are limited**, so sign up today to ensure the Weekend of your choice! Simply go to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and sign up paying the \$45 registration with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form 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).



## ♦ **Synod Assembly Report** *Submitted by Doug & Connie Grow*

### ***Report on the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly June 5-7 at Messiah College***

As attendees for the second time, Doug and I were able to get a clearer picture of the value of a Synod Assembly. We arrived on Friday and attended 3 sessions and a forum ending on Saturday. Seating for the sessions and the forum were comfortable theater style. Large screens were used to assure all could see the proceedings. Humor was used throughout the speakers' remarks and included music by Rachel Kurtz during the sessions.

The Bishop's talk concerned the growth of our Lutheran Church population. His concerns included the conditions of our church facilities which are in need of improvement, the growth in some churches is faltering, and the need for merging some churches where the population has dropped below sustainability.

Session 2 included a Bible study on the following Bible passages:

1) A study on the Word using John 1:1-5. Words were circled that John used to describe the Word.

2) The Word as Life: Matthew 8: 5-16.

3) What did the Word do for the people?: Romans 1: 16-17.

This session continued with a choice of forums with a boxed lunch.

We attended the "Does the Church Matter?" session. The lesson was a discussion that focused on the challenges, or the transitions occurring, during the present time. The issues discussed were:

1) More diversity due to the longer life spans causing changes in the family structure.

2) Digital technology

3) Religious diversity (There are fewer Christians in America because the population is more diverse culturally and therefore, religiously.)

4) Decline in faith formation in the home

5) Fear of change

The Lutheran church is entering a period of change, thus the church needs to create ways to promote the message of Jesus by a media approach. The church can no longer expect people to come to church. The church must reach out in the community and use digital devices and other means to contact the population. Several videos showed examples of other churches using Web Pages, Facebook, and other digital means.

The business of the Synod such as elections, reports of committees, memorials, Lutheran World Relief presentation, Synod Council report, Bishop's report, and Malaria relief report were spaced out in the three sessions. Ms. Wyvetta Bullock, Assistant to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, provided a report as the ELCA Representative to the Assembly.

We highly recommend this experience to everyone. If you're interested in hearing more, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us!



## ♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

**In May**, the pantry served 182 families which included 242 children, 357 adults, and 83 seniors for a total of 682 people served. **We registered 9 new families.**



**During the month of May, Zion members donated 175 pounds of food** to the pantry. Thank you Zion members for your continued support through the donation of food items and financial contributions. Your financial contributions are used to purchase food items on sale at various grocery stores and the Central Penn Food Bank.

**During the month of May....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy** donated 1,642 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; **Target in Lititz** donated 1,932 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items; **Weis Markets in Columbia** donated 1,208 pounds of bread and bakery items. **Other food donated through stores, food drives, individual churches, and private donations** totaled 8,086 pounds of food. In addition, the pantry **purchased 468 pounds** of food items to maintain the supplies on our shelves.

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 three volunteers gave 547 hours for the month of May.

**YOU are welcome to 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 continue to be some of the “main” items the pantry can always use!!!

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



## LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION EVENTS COMING UP...



**July 5 - 11:** Elder Camp at Nawakwa

**July 12 - 18:** Family Camp 1 at Nawakwa

**August 2 - 8:** Family Camp 2 at Nawakwa

**August 2 - 8:** Family Camp –K-tion (Family Camp at Kirchenwald)

### 2015 ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FRIENDSHIP FEST JULY 25 IN THE AFTERNOON

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569-1632

[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)

**“Get the scoop” about Church World Service’s ministry in Lancaster County**

**FREE Ice-cream Social/Friendship Fest**  
**1-2 PM Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, and Fun Activities for Children**  
**2-3 PM LIVE CONCERT featuring**  
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[www.jimrule.com](http://www.jimrule.com)

**Please bring hygiene items (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, wash cloth, band aids, etc. ) for Church World Service’s refugee ministry.**

**Don’t forget a lawn chair or blanket for the concert.**





## ♦ Notes, Sympathy, & Congratulations

### NOTES TO ZION.—

#### ♦ **From the family of Betty & Ray Davis**

*The Raymond L. S. Davis family would like to express to you our sincere appreciation for your prayers and support during the death and grieving of our father. He was a man who loved his church and its congregation, and he spoke of your kindness to him and mom. Thank you for the many years that you loved and served as the church family to our parents.*

♦ *Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a success this year! Without your time and energy and contributions, it would not be possible!*

### AN UPDATE FROM BRENDA ALIMO...

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,*

*I am Echonyu Justine writing to you once again on behalf of your happy child Brenda Alimo who has gone for a holiday visit to one of her aunties. Our family sends you greetings. Brenda is fine and doing well. I hope you too are fine and in good health. Thank you so much for the Easter gift that you sent to Brenda. We received US Dollars \$25.00 which in our local currency is 74,250 shillings. We bought for Brenda a goat to rear at home for her future education needs. Our Easter celebrations went on well. Thank you for your continued support to Brenda and the entire family. We pray that God blesses the work of your hands.*



### SYMPATHY...

*...to **Diane Gerlach and family** on the death of Bruce on Friday, June 19th.*

*...to **the family of Ray Davis** for his death on Friday, June 12th.*

### CONGRATULATIONS...

*...to **Robin Ginther & Katharine Donnan** for their membership to Zion on Sunday, June 21.*

*...to **Collin, Connor, & Steven Donnan** on their baptism on June 21.*

*...to **Juliette Grace Moore**, daughter of Kacey & Ben, on her baptism on June 21.*

## ♦ July Celebrations



2	Nancy Myers	10	Amy Flood	21	Parker Stitzel
5	Mary Hetrick	10	Kristen Long	22	Sam Contino
5	Chrissy Rickert	12	Sue Hindes	23	Kara Barr
5	Wenda Ruch	13	Pat Weidler	23	David Youssef
6	Jonathan Hoover	15	Matt Adams	24	Noah HIndes
6	Brett Rhoads	15	Ryan Gunzenhauser	24	Kyle Ramer
7	Erik Ringso	15	George Potts	27	Diane Gerlach
8	Kay Crawford	16	Betty Stoner	27	Tyler Gunzenhauser
8	Rich Sieglitz	17	Sam Myers	27	Diane Rainar
9	Debra Long	17	Barb Williams	28	Aubrey Gunzenhauser
		18	Cindy Donell	28	Joan Oberrender
		18	Alane Klepper	28	Michele Rickert
		19	Abby Barley	29	Kayla Gromen
		19	Myra Gromen	29	Prudence Jarvie
		20	Diane Metzinger	29	Doug Stoner
		20	Bob Shirk	30	Bill Stathopoulos
		21	Rick Long		

### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Quinn Klepper	13	Earl Mays
3	Eric Searle	17	Ashton DiNardi
7	Kelly Kline	20	Kurt Wildasin
8	Megan Smith	22	Christopher Wright
9	Mary Grzybowski	25	Hannah Pipkin
12	Tom Grzybowski	25	Kaylyn Ringso
		25	Pam Searle
		27	Kaylee Thompson
		29	Rich Sieglitz

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Marvin & Holly Hoover (38th)	26	Earl & Joan Mays (57th)
2	Al & Diane Ramer (32nd)	27	Dennis & Marie Dezort (41st)
5	Josh & Amy Miller (1st)		
5	Tom & Barb Williams (46th)		
6	Joe & Marie Adams (41st)		
9	Brad & Lynda Sherwood (27th)		
11	Jim & Millie Gundel (56th)		
12	Rick & Diane Rainar (35th)		





## ♦ August Celebrations



1	Lily Gunzenhauser	13	Dave Albin	22	Duncan Brady
1	Stephanie Hengey	13	Joe Hindes	22	Brett Houseal
4	Joan Hostetter	13	Jennifer Thompson	23	Diane Dean
4	Jennifer Rosen	14	Ian Flood	23	Kathleen Gorlaski
4	Doug Searle	14	Bette Geibel	25	Maria Hetrick
6	Al Alsedek	15	Lucian Contino	25	Keller Moore
7	<b>Jim Vogel, Sr.</b>	16	Doug Deibler	26	Andrew Groff
9	Jason Searle	16	Jere Grube	27	Alaina DiNardi
10	Mary Jane Unger	17	Kali Miller	27	John Kearon
11	Erica Kearon	18	Barb Gerke	27	Kim Paternoster
12	Aimee Censier	18	Fred Hamor	27	Hailee Small
		19	Alex Rogers	29	Todd Benedict
		19	Adam Shirk	29	Jason Myers
		19	Jon Wright	30	Katie Donell
		20	Marilyn Heim	30	Pam Searle
		20	Brian Hengey	31	Joel Janisewski
		20	Zachary Houseal	31	Savannah Reed
		20	Carolyn Klinger		

### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	John Hinkle	12	Chad Gunzenhauser	24	Jesse Landis
1	Rodger Myers	14	Shirley Cates	25	Kacey Moore
3	Riley Klepper	14	Julie Rhoads	26	Jessie Snavelly
6	Anthony DiNardi	15	Brooke Dohner	28	Nathan Myers
7	Mark Coons	20	Chrissy Rickert	31	Amy Thompson
9	Max Gunzenhauser	20	Nathaniel Rivera		
		21	Jeff Thompson		
		22	Marian Scott		
		23	Michele Rickert		

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

7	Joe & Kathleen Gorlaski (61st)
8	Arlie & Jan Reeves (62nd)
14	Daniel & Courtney Nice (5th)
16	Ted & Kim Symonds (29th)
21	Mike & Arlene Miller (58th)
26	Glen & Dorothy Anderson (42nd)



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Lisa Bernhard, Treasurer  
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*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.*

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**September Newsletter Deadline: August 14**

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

**Children's Sunday School** will resume **September 13**

**Office Hours:** Monday—Friday, 9 AM - 3 PM