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From the Pastor's Keyboard: ***Living Fearless(ly) or Fearless Living***

I realize that I should probably give up trying to correct the grammar of slogans and signs used by major companies. Every time I hear or see the Capital BlueCross slogan, "Live Fearless," I verbally add the "-ly" on the end of the word, *fearless*, because it is an adverb. An adverb modifies a verb. I have the same problem with the little signs in produce departments of grocery stores that read, "Grown Local." It should be "grown locally" or "locally grown." Those are proper English descriptions.

It's good to know that I'm not alone in my grammar rant. Just Google* the Capital Blue Cross slogan, and you'll find that the Grammar Police are all over the "live fearless" slogan.

What on earth does it mean to "live fearless"? According to Jason Kirsch, Capital BlueCross senior director of Communications and Brand, "Live Fearless is about reminding people that, with Capital BlueCross, they are protected and can live with confidence and peace of mind." (quote found on <https://www.capbluecross.com>) The link to another affiliated, but inaccessible, BlueCross BlueShield site has this definition: "Live for the challenge. Live for the accomplishment. Live with the freedom to dream and believe. You have the freedom to **Live Fearless** with Blue Cross...." (www.livefearlessnc.com/)

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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

The insurance company promises that its clients will be able to live with protection, confidence, peace of mind, and freedom to dream and believe. That's nice to know. However, I have it on the best authority that no human organization- even one as well known and powerful as BlueCross Blue Shield- can fulfill the promise of truly fearless living on earth or in the future. Only the God we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit can make and fulfill this promise.

During September and October, we will be exploring the meaning of fearless living as followers of Christ. Many times in the New Testament, Jesus calms his followers with the words, "Do not fear" or "Do not be afraid." When a man asks the Lord to heal his daughter, Jesus says, "Do not fear. Only believe." (Mark 5:36; Luke 8:50). In the first chapter of Revelation, the Son of Man laid his right hand on John of Patmos and said, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades." (Rev 1:17-18 NRS) The author of 1st John writes, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us." (1Jo 4:18-19 NRS)

As Christians, our faith in Jesus Christ is the source of fearless living. Life without fear through faith in Jesus Christ is what God most wants for us. Truly fearless living, generosity, and serving are possible because of faith in the one whose love for us never ends.

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor JMe

*Google as a verb: See www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/google

NURSERY SCHOOL

Submitted by Mary Hetrick

This month our Nursery School will open its doors for our final year. The school year begins on September 11th. There are still openings available, so keep our school in mind for any family, friends or neighbors who might be interested.

The Nursery School board has two goals for the coming school year. The first is to continue fundraising to keep the amount of financial support we will need from the church to a minimum. We will be participating in the Giant A+ program again, and also planning an Isaac's fundraiser night. Please watch the announce-

ments each Sunday for more details. Registration for new bonus card numbers will begin on September 10th.

Our second goal is to have a celebration for our last graduating class and the Nursery School in the spring. We want to include anyone who has had any involvement with our school through the years. We want to celebrate all our school has accomplished and the memories through the years. Anyone who would like to help with this celebration is welcome. We are still in the planning stages. Please contact Mary Hetrick (898-3162) with any ideas or questions.

♦ SAFE CHURCH

Safe Church Presentation #2 at Zion

Sunday, Sept. 27, 6-7 PM

How Sexual Offenders “Groom” Children: What Every Adult Needs to Know

Description: This session is intended for all adults in the congregation who want to protect children and teens in the church, family and community from sexual harm. It includes an overview of the 5-step grooming process offenders often use to engage children in a trusting relationship prior to sexually exploiting the child. We will also view the compelling video “It’s not Just Jenna”, based on a true story of a teen sexually abused by a family friend. Her story illustrates how insidious the grooming process is, and helps viewers to better recognize the “red flags” that Jenna’s parents missed. Their courage, good counseling, and faith in God allowed Jenna’s family to heal from this tragedy, and now they want to share their wisdom with others.

Audience: **Adults in the congregation, with a particular emphasis on parents, and also staff & volunteers working with children.** Teens age 13 and older are encouraged to attend, and to discuss with parents or church staff the story of “Jenna” in the video. Not suitable for younger children.

MAKING ZION, LANDISVILLE A SAFE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

Many times when the subject of child abuse within a church community comes up, the typical response of faithful church members is: “That would never happen in our church. We have known all our members for a long time, and no one would ever hurt a child.” Unfortunately, both my experience as a pastor and news reports about child abuse by pastors and church leaders in various denominations prove that we can no longer be in denial about the possibility of abuse happening in our church. If you’d like to read more about my experiences, check out the Zion Salt & Light blog. There is a link on the Zion Hempfield website.

Zion’s leadership is committed to insuring that our congregation is a safe place for children and youth where they can know and experience the true love of Jesus Christ. For several years, the Congregation Council and Personnel Team have been working to update a Child Protection Policy that was originally approved in 2008.

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♦ **Safe Church** *Cont'd from pg. 3*

In 2014, new Pennsylvania laws regarding mandated reporting of child abuse and clearances required for all volunteers working with children in both public and private organizations were passed. As a result, Zion became a participant in the Safe Church program provided by Samaritan Counseling Center. The program provides guidance for developing a Child Protection Policy for the congregation that meets all the state and federal requirements. It, also, provides presentations and training for members of the participating congregations to help them put their policies into action.

Our Safe Church Team is comprised of Pat Landis, Kim Paternoster, Chris Reinford, Pat Brady, Jon Wright and your pastor. We have been attending intensive training sessions during the year as we've been working on our draft of a Child Protection Policy. The Safe Church process includes two presentations for members of Zion to help us all understand the importance of being proactive in protecting the safety of our children. The first presentation, held in May, was attended by a pretty good number of our parishioners. The second will be held on September 27th at 6 p.m.(see notice above). Although attendance of these presentations is not mandatory for all of our members, you are encouraged to come and learn about how you, both as a member of Zion and as a citizen of our community, can be more aware of potentially abusive situations and relationships. These presentations are particularly important for members of Zion who volunteer in any of our ministries with children (Sunday Nursery/Child Care; Sunday School, ZYM, Kids' Club, Vacation Bible School, etc.).

According to the current laws, all those who regularly volunteer in activities involving children (listed above) are required to become "Approved Adults" by completing the steps listed below. Only until these have been completed may the volunteer begin or continue his/her ministries with children or youth in the congregation.

- 1). Each volunteer must secure the necessary State and/or Federal criminal clearances. This may be accomplished online through the PA Department of Welfare or by obtaining and submitting a paper application. A document outlining the process of attaining these clearances is available through the church office;
- 2) The original documents or copies (if the original documents are held by another institution) of these individuals' clearances must be brought to Anne in the Church Office no later than September 11.
- 3) The volunteer is encouraged to attend two Safe Church presentations provided at Zion and a mandatory training session to be held for all volunteers in November.

It is a sad state of affairs that Christian communities and their members must now approve child protection policies and take these actions. Unfortunately, this is a reality for our ministry in the world of today. If we can prevent even one child from experiencing abuse within our church building or while participating in church activities, all this is worth the effort. Remember that Jesus said about the children he blessed, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." (Mar 10:14-15 NRS) Let's strive to make Zion a little piece of kingdom for all our children and their families.

H2H Parent & Youth Event

September 20

Confirmation Students are youth who are in 7th–9th grade and are learning what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. They learn by participating in Zion's H2H ministry. The 2015-2016 H2H year starts with a Parent & Youth Event to introduce the new year.

Alive 2015

September 25-27

Jr. High youth from the Lower Susquehanna Synod will gather for a retreat at Camp Nawakwa. The cost for this retreat is \$60 per person.

Paintball

October 11

An annual favorite for ZYM, we will be going to Ski Roundtop for a day of paintball. We will leave the church at 2 PM and arrive back by 8 PM. The cost for Paintball is \$30. Please bring \$10 for food.

Washington DC Trip

October 24

H2H Confirmation will be taking a trip to the National Cathedral to see Christianity in a different way. We will also visit other landmarks and museums in Washington DC. The cost per person is \$20 to cover van rentals. Please bring a packed lunch and money for dinner. We will leave the church at 7AM and return around 7 PM.

UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Rally Day Service @
9:30 AM
ZYM @ 6 PM
- 20 H2H Parent & Youth Event
@ 6 PM
- 25-26 Alive 2015 @ Camp
Nawakwa
- 27 ZYM @ 6 PM

OCTOBER

- 4 H2H @ 6 PM
- 11 Paintball @ 2 PM
- 18 H2H @ 6 PM
- 24 Washington, DC H2H Trip
- 25 ZYM @ 6 PM



HALLOWEEN MYSTERY DINNER

Sunday, November 1

Save the date for this event! A hit from last year, the Halloween Mystery Dinner is an event for you to bring the whole family and your friends for a spooky-themed meal. You are sure to have a lot of fun in this interactive eating experience.

♦ Christian Ed

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sunday School classes will start on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 9:15 AM.

All elementary aged children will begin in the sanctuary; please plan on meeting your class and teachers there!

Children's Sunday School

PreK (Age 2) – Grade 5

This year our Children's Sunday School classes will be learning from the Spark Lectionary series. This curriculum focuses on lessons straight from the weekly lectionary readings which the church follows for the scripture lessons in worship.

Youth Sunday School

Grade 6 – Grade 12

Our Youth Sunday School classes will be learning from the Faith Lens resource on the ELCA website. This series focuses on current events and trends and is written by pastors and youth leaders in the ELCA throughout the world.

Adult Sunday School Classes for All Ages

Adults Class in the Social Hall

This class meets in the Social Hall and focuses on the Wired Word. The Wired Word connects contemporary issues with what the Bible would have to say about the issue. This is a fun class that thrives on great discussion and fun conversation.

The Sunday Scholars

The Sunday Scholars is an adult Bible study class using videos and lively discussion on the topics that include spiritual formation, discipleship, Judaeo-Christian history and traditions, and dealing with the world as a Christian. We kick off the new Sunday School year on Sunday, September 6th in the parlor with a series by John Ortberg titled "When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box." That series will last for six weeks from

September 6th through October 25th. We will not hold class on September 13th in order to celebrate Rally Day, and on September 20th, John Metzger from the Seed of Abraham, a Liitz-based messianic Jewish congregation, will be in our class to discuss the unique ministry of Christian Jews in present-day American society. More about John's program will appear shortly.

Beginning November 1st and running through November 22nd, the class will take up discussion about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran martyr who gave his life living out his ministry to Christ during the Holocaust and Nazi Germany's rise and fall in the Second World War. This video series will feature discussions led by Eric Metaxas, author of the award-winning *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

Come. Join us. All adults are welcome in either of these classes!

♦ Kids' Club, Stephen Ministry Kids' Club

Kids' Club will resume on Wed., Sept. 23 and will meet each 1st & 3rd Wednesday thereafter in the Social Room. Meals will continue to be held at 5:30 PM with the program activities beginning at 6:00 PM. All children preschool age - 5th grade are welcome! It is a great time of fun and fellowship for the younger children of Zion and the community!

Invite your friends and kids you know in the neighborhood and school!

A Trunk or Treat Night will be held on October 28 at 6:00 PM in and around the church parking lot. Zion members of all ages are encouraged to decorate the trunks of their cars, fill them with candy, and bring them to the church on the 28th for the kids of our church and community to trunk-or-treat!

This will be a great intergenerational night of fellowship for our community!



"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10

Our Stephen Ministry Program is celebrating it's second anniversary! We are blessed to have another Stephen Minister, Linda Bear, who completed her training in June. Our Stephen Ministers are available to anyone needing added support during times of stress and difficulties. We are happy to be a part of Zion's Care Ministry.

Please also keep us in your prayers.

Support: To hold in position so as to keep from falling, sinking, or slipping

Support is something we all need. God gives us support through our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all be sensitive to one another's needs and take the time to support each other through prayers, phone calls, friendly chats after church, and even visits. Also, remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Tom or Mary Grzybowski (459-3316), Judy Traup (898-0625), or Pastor JMe (940-3602).

"When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O Lord, supported me. "
- Psalm 94:18.

♦ **Prayer Team** *Submitted by Dolly Overly*

Prayers for Healing

Draw upon the healing grace of the Divine Physician.

When you are facing emotional or physical pain, prayer can help. Turn to these healing prayers from Prayers for Special Help - Powerful Prayer for Every Need.

Healing Prayer

At every moment of our existence you are present to us, God, in gentle compassion. Help us to be present to one another, so that our presence may be a strength that heals the wounds of time and gives hope for all persons through Jesus, our Savior and Brother. Amen.

My Lighthouse of Hope

Most gracious and loving Father, I want to thank You for all the blessings You've given me, my family and friends and all those I hold dear.

Thank you Lord for giving me another day to see the beauty of your creations. You know the state of crisis that I am in now Lord.

I want to be of use again to You, Lord. In the time of my hospitalization, You Lord remain as my rock and my anchor. You stand as my lighthouse giving me hope.

I pray Lord that you will heal me soon. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Renew My Mind, Body and Soul

Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand.

In you all things are possible.

Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body, and soul.

I am lost, but I am singing. You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy.

Give me the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for me.

Guide me towards better health, and give me the wisdom to identify those you've placed around me to help me get better.

In your name I pray, Amen.

A Prayer to Ease Pain

Almighty Father,
Thank you for your love, grace and mercy. I pray that my discomforts will turn to comforts, my pains to gains, my deprivation to more blessings, my losses to profits, my tears to smiles, my sorrows to pleasures, my illness to wellness, my debts to credits and my dreams to realities.

As the scripture said "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." And, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

♦ Women of Zion, Men of Zion

WOMEN OF ZION

submitted by Millie Gundel

Since there were not enough women signed up, the Women of Zion Retreat, September 11 has been postponed until the spring. Stay tuned in 2016 for more information!

Blanket Ministry - Since the first Monday of September is Labor Day, we will meet Monday, September 14 at 9 AM in the Social Room followed by 11:30 lunch at Miss Calee's. In October, we will meet the first Monday, Oct. 5.

This year, 22 comforters (quilts) were made specifically for Lutheran World Relief. They will be displayed and blessed at the worship services on September 27. On October 1, they will be taken on our bus trip to New Windsor, MD, to be sent somewhere in the world to provide comfort and warmth.

Yarn Ministry - The first meeting this fall will be Sunday, October 4th at 1PM in the parlor. This ministry will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. It's not too early to start making children's hats for the Christmas gift bags!

Upcoming events....

Bus trip Thursday, October 1 to New Windsor to deliver the quilts and Baltimore MD to tour LDR headquarters. Lunch is included in the cost of \$40.00.

Women's Craft Retreat at Camp Nawakwa, November 6-8. You may take your own craft and also participate in the craft options available. All meals are included and worship is led by Rev. Cindy Brommer. Cost is \$145.00, payable to Lutheran Camping. Please register by October 30. Forms available from Millie Gundel.

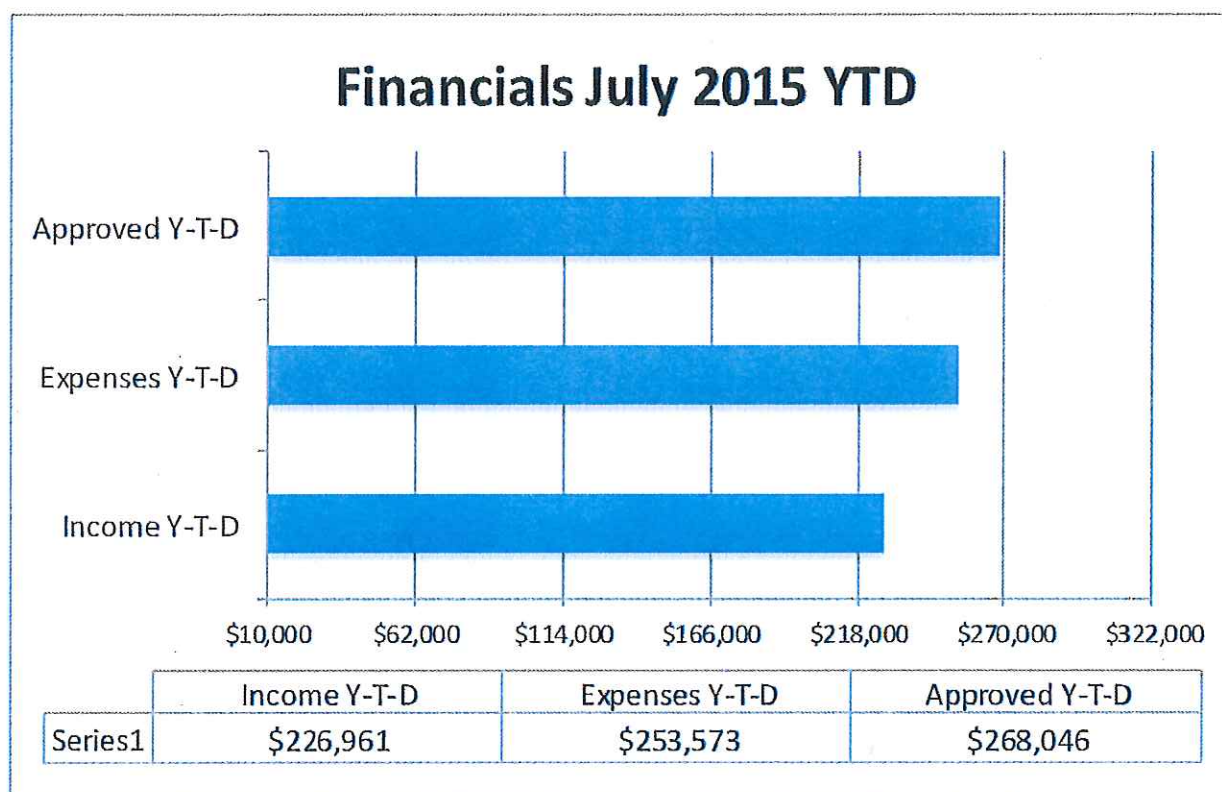
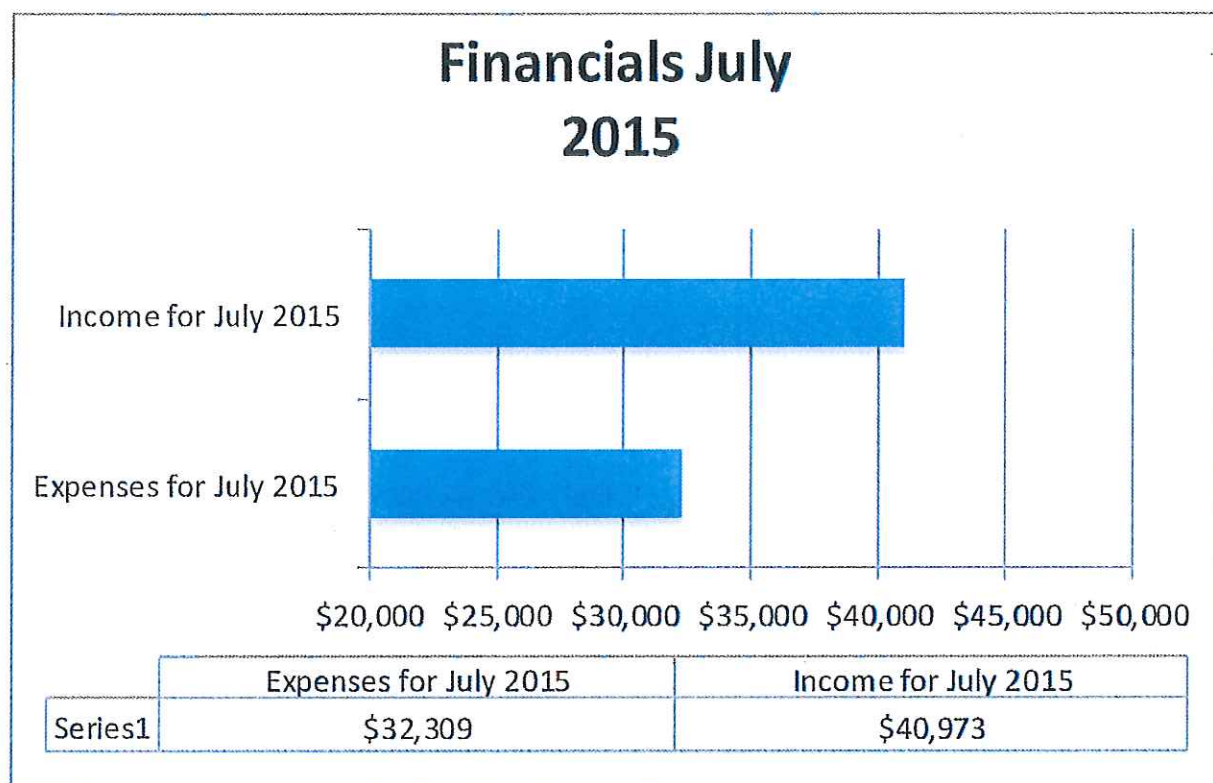
Christmas Gift Bags for the children of the Food Pantry in December. Complete information later.

MEN OF ZION

The Zion Men's Group is considering a canoe/kayak outing in late September or early October. If you are interested in participating and/or have a canoe or kayak that you can lend, please contact Al Ramer (phone: 717-940-5182, email: al.ramer@jostens.com) There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those interested in participating.



♦ Financial Figures (July)



**The July income includes \$10,000 taken from the Endowment funds cover expenses and the YTD income includes \$20,000 taken from the Endowment to cover expenses.*

♦ Legacy Workshop

Whose will it be? Legacy Workshop

God asks this question of us (Luke 12:20). Whether it is .25 in a checking account or \$250,000 in an IRA, should you die today, whose would you want it to be? You have passions. You have faith. You have family. God's work in the world has spoken to your heart, but where do you begin?

Begin by attending a "Whose will it be?" Legacy Workshop hosted by Zion's Stewardship Team and Pastor Liz Polanzke, Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation on **October 3, 10-11:30am, in the Social Room.**

This workshop will start you on the process of answering four basic questions:

- ⇒ Which ministry do I want to help?
- ⇒ How much should I give?
- ⇒ Which resources should I use?
- When should I make the gift?

The role of the Gift Planner is to assess your passions and work with you to provide all you need to make informed decisions, while always considering you and your family's current and future needs. The services of the Gift Planner are offered without obligation through the ELCA Foundation and the agencies and institution partners.

Sign-up for this event by September 27th on the narthex bulletin board or by contacting Anne in the Parish Office (898-2911; zionluth@comcast.net).

About Pastor Liz, Gift Planner: Pastor Liz Polanzke grew up in State College, and graduated from Kutztown University and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Since then, she has been a congregational pastor. She considers herself blessed to have lived in various parts of the county in the church's service, as far away as Nebraska to her current residence in York, PA. She now lives in York with her husband, Pastor Jim Polanzke who serves Christ Lutheran Church of Spry, her daughter, Rebecca, and their dog, Hermione.



♦ Stewardship, Altar Guild

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Submitted by Darrell Gerke

I have been submitting monthly Stewardship articles for the newsletter for the last two plus years under the "Living Generously" title. I am pleased to announce that Pastor JMe, with the support of the Church Council and the Stewardship Committee, will be conducting a new Stewardship Emphasis for 2015 entitled "Fearless Generosity." The program will be introduced on Rally Day (September 13) and will continue through to the Annual

Congregation Meeting on November 15.

A four week span from September 20 to October 11 will feature sermons, personal testimonies and challenges to the congregation to expand our Christian Church Life.

My next newsletter article for October will be under the "Fearless Generosity" title. Stay tuned for more exciting information about using our time, talents and treasures here at Zion to expand our service to Christ.

ALTAR GUILD RECOGNITION

Submitted by Donna Dumeyer

When everything runs smoothly during worship services on Sunday mornings, it's easy to forget that someone, working faithfully and consistently behind the scenes, has a hand in making that happen. There is something very satisfying, humbling, and reverential about preparing the altar for the Lord's Supper. Making sure the appropriate seasonal paraments are in place, crisp white linens, polished silver, and enough bread and wine to serve the communicants. These unseen hands also provide preparation for baptisms, funerals, stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday, and special communion in the parlor.

There are three teams of dedicated women who share this honor, serving four non-consecutive months of the year. Some of these women have volunteered their time and shown their love of the Lord in this ministry for many, many years.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the following women: Connie Grow, Mary Hetrick, Mary Shelly, Pam Houseal, Lisa Bernhard, Sue Rhoads, Nina Laliberte (Team leader), Sue Censier, Susan Wise, Cindy Blough, June Duke, Barb Williams, Brenda Stover (Team leader and past coordinator), Connie Alsedek, Bette Geibel, Nancy Myers (also altar flowers delivery coordinator), Diane Ramer (supplies bread for 10:30 communion), Dolly Overly, Mary Grzybowski, and Dawn Reinhart.

You all have a servant's heart and I thank you very much.

If anyone is interested in participating in Altar Guild and becoming part of a team, please contact Donna Dumeyer at church, or call 898-8529 to find out more.

♦ Meal Ministries

Former Christ Lutheran Meal Ministry Proposal

submitted by Linda Bear

After speaking with several Christ Lutheran volunteer team members about the topic, it is being proposed that we merge with Zion's own Community Meal Ministry held on Thursday evenings in our Social Room. The merger would mean that we, as a congregation, accept the opportunities to prepare and serve a community meal at Zion on six different occasions throughout the year. We would use the same format that was used at Christ Lutheran:

1. Groceries would be ordered and paid for out of Zion's budget. Volunteers would pick them up and deliver them to Zion on the Wednesday before the meal is to be served.
2. Volunteers would prepare, bake, and cook the food at Zion on Thursday morning and afternoon of the meal with the exception of desserts.
3. Volunteers would sign up to provide desserts.
4. Volunteers would serve the meal and complete dining room and kitchen clean up.

Since these meal opportunities will occur at Zion, we believe it may be somewhat simpler to involve more congregational members because it involves no transporting of food and supplies to another location, not as much clean-up, and not as much time traveling back and forth. Please think and pray about how you and/or your family could be a vital part of this ministry at our own church for people in our own surrounding community.

Zion's community meal scheduling for the upcoming year occurs in October. One community church in particular usually volunteers to serve on one Thursday out of every other month of the year. This is the perfect opportunity for Zion members to serve on one Thursday of the month on the opposite months of the year. When someone contacts you to assist, please say "yes" or, better yet, call or email Linda Bear or Connie Alsedek with your commitment to serve.

COMMUNITY MEAL

submitted by Joanne Grim

The worst of the summer heat is over which means the Thursday evening Community Meals will resume! We will start the meals up on Sept. 3rd with the Benedict family serving.

GOT SOUP?!?

If you are making soup this fall, would you consider donating a quart or two to the church. Our supply is running low. This goes to people coming home from the hospital, shut-ins and those who are feeling the loss of loved ones. Any questions please call Joanne at 898-2867.

♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In June, the pantry served 213 families which included 278 children, 426 adults, and 99 seniors for a total of 803 people served. **We registered 19 new families.**

In July, the pantry served 201 families which included 271 children, 413 adults, and 100 seniors for a total of 784 people served. **We registered 11 new families.**

During the month of June, Zion members donated 197 pounds of food. In July, Zion donated 183 pounds of food. Special "thanks" to our Zion members for the contribution of fresh produce from your gardens!

The pantry "welcomed" **Church of the Apostles in Rohrerstown** as a new contributor with their donations of fresh produce from their gardens. We also received 539 pounds of fresh food items from the **Penn State Extension**.

During the month of June....**Darrenkamps of Mount Joy** donated 1,939 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry and in 1,416 pounds of produce; **Target in Lititz** donated 1,989 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items in June and 2,230 pounds in July; **Weis Markets in Columbia** donated 900 pounds of bread and bakery items in June and 859 pounds in July. Other food donated through stores, food drives, individual churches, and private donations totaled 8,363 pounds of food in June and 9,941 in July. In addition, the pantry purchased 1,074 pounds of food items in June and 345 pounds in July. June monthly total of foods donated and purchased was 14,265 pounds and in July 14,790 pounds of food to maintain the supplies on our shelves. Your financial contributions are used to purchase food items on sale at various grocery stores and the Central Penn Food Bank.



During the summer months of "vacation time," the pantry gave extra food items to families with children since many of these children are on free and reduced lunch during the school year.

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. Seventy one volunteers gave 730 hours for the month of June and 78 volunteers gave 901 hours in July.

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.

Cereal and 15 oz. canned fruit continue to be some of the "main" items the pantry can always use!!!



♦ 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 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.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONCERT SERIES

Concerts coming up this fall...

Sunday, September 13, 4 PM: Temple Avenue Jazz Quintet

Friday, October 2, 8 PM: Don Kinnier...*This is an annual first Friday favorite! Lititz area theater organist Don Kinnier returns to Trinity to accompany Douglas Fairbanks' 1920 silent film, "The Mark of Zorro."*

Sunday, November 15, 4 PM: Moravian College Concert Choir...*Under the direction of Paula Zerkle, the choirs of Moravian College have toured the United States, Europe, the Carribean, and Israel.*

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LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION EVENTS COMING UP...

September 15, October 19, & November 16: "Mark-ing" Scripture Together' at the Wittel Farm *

October 4: Capture The Flag at Kirchenwald *

October 6-8: Book Study Retreat at Nawakwa *

October 18: Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa *

October 24-25: KirchenGolf Retreat at Kirchenwald

November 1: Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

November 6-8: Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa

December 5: Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

January 8-10, 2016: Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald



Wittel Farm House of Prayer

1753 Mill Road
Elizabethtown, PA

Schedule

Sessions begin at 9:00 a.m.
and conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Registration fee of \$15
includes lunch.

September 15
"Mark-ing the end of
Pentecost"
Led by Bishop Dunlop

October 19
"Mark-ing the Festivals"
Led by Pastor Rob Myallis

November 16
"Mark-ing Advent"
Led by Pastor Rob Myallis.



"MARK-ING" SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

at The Wittel Farm

Fall 2015

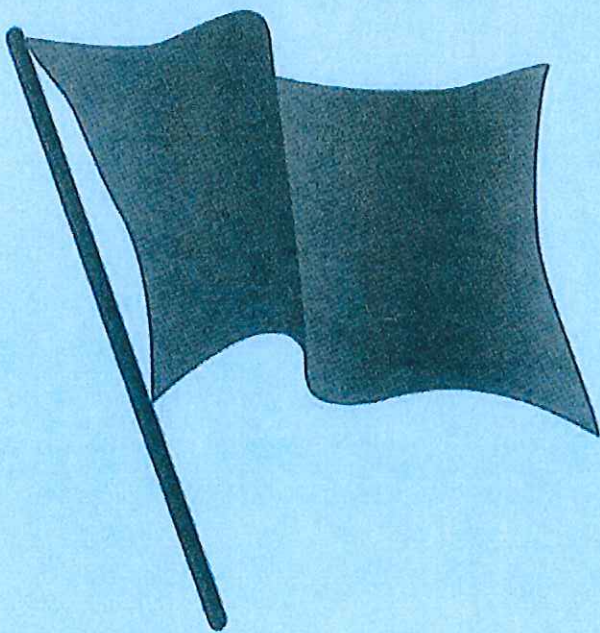
This fall, Bishop Dunlop and Pastor Rob Myallis invite rostered leaders, worship planners, and faith formation leaders to gain insights, & share ideas as we explore Mark's gospel together.



For more information, contact:

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CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR



Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow.

at Kirchenwald

Sunday, October 4, 3-5:30 pm

This is a free event, but please RSVP by September 25 to 717-677-8211 or online at LutheranCamping.org



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A Book Study Retreat on the book

Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi

October 6-8, 2015
Zinn-Tozer Lodge,
Nawakwa

Registration fee: \$135
Lodging and meals provided

Please call 717-677-8211
or visit www.LutheranCamping.org
to register by September 25



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Sunday, October 18th, 2015

Fall Foliage Day

at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

Kirchenwald

**Pumpkin Painting
Canoeing / Kayaking
Mountain Biking
Hiking
And More!**

Nawakwa

**Pumpkin Painting
Apple Butter Boil
Hayrides
Hiking
And More!**

**Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall
afternoon! Both events will run from 1-6pm.
An evening meal will be provided.**

Registration is \$7/person.

**Please call 717-677-8211 or visit
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by October 9 to register.**



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From Zion's Child Fund Sponsoree, Brenda Alimo

July 24, 2015

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
I am Uncle Okupa Moses, and am happy to write to you on behalf of your child Brenda Alimo who is far at school. Thank you for the letter you sent to Brenda. She is fine and healthy. Soon she will be back from school for holidays.*

At home Brenda has three sheep, one piglet, and a goat all bought with your support and we are really thankful for your love.

God bless you our far friends., with love.



The Junction Center Events Coming Up

September 11 @ 7:30 PM: Taylor Mason (comedy, music, & ventriloquism)

September 18 @ 7 PM: Family Movie Night ("Despicable Me")

September 20 @ 7 PM: Tenth Avenue North (Held at Grace Fellowship, York)

September 25 @ 7 PM: Love and the Outcome

October 8 @ 7 PM: Passion

October 9 & 10 @ 7 PM: Brett Myer (Illusions)

October 16 @ 7 PM: Family Movie Night ("Muppets Most Wanted")

October 17 @ 7 PM: Sandy Patty & Point of Grace (Held at Calvary Church, Lancaster)

October 18 @ 7 PM: RED, Wolves at the Gate, Tedashil, Capital Kings (Held at Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster)

For more information and tickets go to www.thejunctioncenter.com

♦ September Celebrations



1	Jason Green	5	Martin Rosen	19	Kevin Rickert
1	Charlotte Potts	6	Daniel Rainar	20	Prudence Jarvie
2	Andrea Rivera	7	Justin Propst	21	Mark Huber
3	Adele Lanyon	10	Andrew Metzinger	23	Burnell Hostetter
3	Laura Quinn	11	Sara Hoover	24	Andrew Korn
3	Kim Seyfried	11	Olivia Small	28	Emma Golihew
3	Kim Symonds	12	Ava Gronholm	28	Katherine Hay
4	Alison Long	13	Jack Barley	28	Judy Traup
		14	Josh Houseal	29	Chris Reinford
		15	Lois Peterson	30	Dave Aulenbach
		15	James Yeager	30	Robin Ginther
		16	Claire Flood	30	Jenn Karpouzis
		17	Ron Chapman	30	Jason Traup
		18	Cris Burfete		
		18	Sue Censier		

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Duncan Brady	13	Amy Miller	22	Jason Searle
4	John Kearon	15	Michael Adams	25	Aubrey Gunzenhauser
4	Barb Wildasin	15	Noah Hinds	26	Scott Hetrick
8	Darrell Gerke	16	Justin Golihew	27	Josh Deibler
22	Kathleen Gorlaski	17	Jennifer Thompson	28	Chris Small
12	Mark Reinhart	19	Heather Gronholm	29	Katie Hetrick
		19	Bronson Helm	30	Timothy Propst
		22	Tyler Gunzenhauser		
		22	Ryan Provanzo		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Bob & Cathy Shirk (42nd)	24	Randy & Rae Miller (38th)
2	Lucian & Kim Contino (15th)	24	Bill & Sue Stathopoulos (32nd)
5	Todd & Cathy Benedict (23rd)	25	Horst & Lisa Bernhard (33rd)
11	Mark & Dianne Coons (39th)	27	Joel Janisewski & Jean Pretz (12th)
22	Scott & Liz Crum (2nd)		
22	Dave & Sue Wise (31st)		
23	Jim & Linda Bear (48th)		



♦ Notes, Sympathy, & Congratulations

NOTES TO ZION. —

♦ **From the Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal**
Thank you for your recent gift of \$72.72 to Nepal Area Earthquake...As Lutheran Disaster Response, we support and pray for the well-being of people all over the world who are recovering from a disaster, and for our partners and volunteers who assist them in their journey to renewal. Thank you for providing help, hope, and healing.

♦ **From Diane Gerlach and family**

Words alone cannot express the appreciation and kindness you gave to Bruce during his three year illness with dementia. We have heard many times that Zion is a "loving, caring, supportive family"....you have shown this to our family. Your out-pouring of love and support to our family during this time and in his passing was overwhelming. We thank you for your prayers, cards, notes, visits, and meals. We miss him, BUT we know he is healed and "home" with our Lord....praise God! Thank you and God bless you!

♦ **From the Piper family**

We would like to thank you for the support, kind words, food, and well wishes that were extended to us after Helen's death. Please continue to "look after" Bill. Thanks again.

SYMPATHY...

*...to **Bill Piper and family** on the death of Helen on Saturday, August 1.*

*...to **Floyd Weidler and family** on the death of Pat on Monday, August 10.*

CONGRATULATIONS...

*...to **Scott & Liz Crum** on the birth of their son, Stephen Scott Crum III on Monday, July 6.*

Do you have any church keys
that you no longer need?!?

*Please return them to the
church office!!*

Thank you!

Since the newsletter is now being emailed to everyone we have an email address for, please let the office know if you would like to continue to receive a hardcopy in your mailbox each month. Beginning in October, if you have not indicated that you would like a hardcopy, be sure to check your email for it.

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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.

October Newsletter Deadline: September 14

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

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

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