

# ZION NEWS

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The Ministers of Zion: Every member of the congregation

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## **From the Pastor's Keyboard:** "Christian Education? Christian Formation? Faith Formation?"

In most areas of human life, there is terminology that changes according to the times, culture, and particular goals of organizations. This is true not only in the secular world but also in the church. These changes can be confusing, even troubling, for those who have been actively involved in a particular organization, industry, or denomination for many years. There are times, however, when these terminology changes truly make a difference in how one views the particular concept that is being described.

For example: What first comes to your mind when you read or hear the term, *Christian Education*? I would guess that most folks would immediately think of Sunday morning educational activities for children and youth, or Sunday School.

When I came to Zion, the Christian Education Team's focus was almost entirely on the educational opportunities for children and youth. However, Zion is blessed with several Sunday morning classes for adult learners, also. When a decision about scheduling was made about the Sunday morning programming for children and youth, the impact this would make on the adult classes was often overlooked. There was a sense that Christian Education is only for children and only happens on Sunday mornings. (Cont'd on pg. 2)

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

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*("Christian Education? Christian Formation? Faith Formation?" Cont'd from pg. 1)*

Over the years, we've been working hard to ensure that there was someone on the team to represent the educational programs for adults. The team has become more aware of what is happening with our Nursery School, Confirmation program, and weekly studies for adults. In addition, team leaders meet quarterly to share their schedules of events and ideas so that the team ministries will recognize ways in which they can work together.

The more we share our ideas, plans and goals, the more our ministry teams are realizing how their ministries are interconnected in the life of the congregation. There are components of Christian Education within our worship, within our fellowship, within our evangelism, within our stewardship and finance, within our caring for one another, within our social outreach, within our youth ministries, and within our property upkeep and maintenance. Connecting Christian teachings and practices with life happens more outside of the Sunday morning time slot than during Sunday School.

*Christian Formation* or *Faith Formation* are terms used in recent years better to describe the life-long process of connecting faith and life. A person doesn't stop learning when they graduate from school or when they are confirmed in the church. No matter your age, you can continue to grow in understanding of your relationship with Jesus Christ and how this provides guidance for and hope in your everyday life.

Those who are involved in bible studies and faith discussions during adulthood gain new insights and learn new things that build upon their childhood faith experiences. Continued involvement in bible study, practicing daily devotions, sharing the importance of your faith with children and grandchildren are all ways that your personal faith understanding further develops and matures. There are many opportunities for personal faith formation for all ages at Zion.

Faith Formation is what Martin Luther describes in this famous quote, "This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified."

Your Sister in Christ,  
Pastor JMe



♦ **Serving Schedules, CROP Walk, Sympathy**  
**ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO SERVE OR**  
**SCHEDULE SERVERS!**



It will soon be time to do the serving schedules for 2016. If there is a team you would like to be on, or if you are serving now and would like to be taken off that team, please contact your Team Coordinator/Scheduler.



Greeters - Nancy Myers  
Acolytes - Amy Thompson  
Ushers - Dave Wise  
Childcare - Sue Wise  
Altar Guild - Donna Dumeyer  
Coffee Table Host - Judy Brady  
Lay Reader and Communion Assistants - Marie Adams or Anne Rankin  
Please contact by November 1.

**Team Coordinator/Scheduler** - 2016 schedules should be e-mailed to church office by **December 1**.

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**CROP WALK**

**When?** Sunday, October 18 @ 1 PM  
**Where?** Begins at Clipper Magazine Stadium

***Support the Lancaster CROP Walk by walking or by sponsoring someone who is walking! Contact Chris Reinford for more information!***

Sign up on the Zion Hempfield Team Page at:  
<http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/zionhempfield2015>



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**SYMPATHY...**

***...to the family and friends of Susan Hackman. Susan passed away on Friday, September 11.***

## ♦ Evening in Turkey, Blessing of Animals

**An Evening in Turkey, Nov. 14, 5:30-7:30 PM**

"An Evening in Turkey," postponed from June, has been rescheduled to Nov. 14. This will be a special evening of food and fellowship. Together, we'll take a virtual trip to places in Turkey where the first Christians witnessed, lived and served. Through photographs and commentary, Pastor JMe will share some of the highlights of her January Continuing Education trip that focused on the missions of St. Paul and First Century Christianity.

A light meal will be provided before the presentation featuring samples the traditional cuisine of the Eastern Mediterranean and Turkey.



To participate in "An Evening in Turkey," please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the front doors or go to the SignUpGenius link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessCreate7&requesttimeout=360>

**October 4, 2 PM**  
**By the cross in the**  
**Cooper House**  
**Backyard**



You are invited to bring your pet friend(s) for a special service of blessing on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2 PM. Please have your pet on a leash or in an appropriate carrier for his/her protection (and that of other pets). Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors who have pets to come, too! We will gather on the lawn behind Cooper House by the wooden cross.

Offerings received at the service will benefit The Pet Pantry of Lancaster County. You are invited to bring an offering of pet food (either dry or canned), pet treats, or pet toys. The Pet Pantry is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance and resources to help families avoid surrendering the family pet when they are dealing with economic or health issues. The Pet Pantry works in cooperation with local animal organizations to do what it can to keep family pets where they should stay—in their forever homes.



## ♦ Women of Zion, Nursery School

### WOMEN OF ZION

*submitted by Millie Gundel*

**Blanket Ministry** - Monday, October 5 at 9 AM in the Social Room. Come help us assemble comforters (quilts) for those who need them for warmth and shelter. You will not be required to do any sewing....we lay out fabric and tie knots!

**Yarn Ministry** - Sunday, October 4 and 18 at 1 PM in the Parlor. Join us for knitting and crocheting prayer shawls,

children's hats, and many other items. There is yarn, needles and instructions available! Stop in and see what we are doing!

### **Women's Craft Retreat**

at Camp Nawakwa - November 6 - 8. Cost is \$145, payable to Lutheran Camping. Registration forms on bulletin board. Register by October 30.



### NURSERY SCHOOL

*Submitted by Mary Hetrick*

The 2015-2016 school year started on September 11th with nine students registered.

The Nursery School Board is concentrating their efforts on fundraising in October. We have three different opportunities in which the congregation can participate. The first is the annual **Giant A+ School Rewards program**. We can no longer collect Bonus card numbers to then register in this program. Everyone must register their own bonus card number in the program. The good news is if you were registered last year, then you should not have to register again. We encourage everyone to check which school(s) they have designated at [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) or call the A+ hotline at 888-448-4642. New bonus card members may also register at this website or phone number. You will need our school code which is #22200.

**The second fundraiser scheduled is an Isaac's fundraiser** on Wednesday, October 14th from 5-9PM at the Mount Joy location. If you don't shop at Giant, this is an excellent alternative to help the Nursery School. Our students and their families and friends have also been invited to participate. All you need is a flyer which can be obtained at church on October 4th or October 11th services. You must give this flyer to your server for the school to get 25% of your purchase that night.

**The third opportunity will be a car wash coupon sale**. Tickets will be available on October 11 & 18 at church before or after the service. See Mitch Gunzenhauser in the narthex!

*So whether you are shopping at Giant, having a fun meal at Isaac's, or driving a shiny clean car, you are supporting the Nursery School!*

***Thanks from the Nursery School!*** 5

# ♦ Prayer Team *Submitted by Dolly Overly*

## How to Pray God's Promises

(by Norman Vincent Peale)

How to pray God's promises when you feel fearful, alone, or simply want a more joyful life.

If we will but turn to God, He can help us with all our needs. He tells us this again and again in the Bible. Here are seven of the many Scriptural promises. Read each promise in a highly personal way, relating it to yourself. Concentrate on the one you most need now. Say, "I hereby accept this promise and will use it this day."

### 1. When You Need Courage

*...As I was with Moses, so I will be with you: I will not fail you, nor forsake you. Be strong and of a good courage...Joshua 1:5,6*

We are not alone. God will never forsake us but will protect, guide and comfort us at any time, anywhere. When the going is hard and you feel insecure and maybe fearful, just repeat this wonderful promise.

### 2. For a More Joyful Life

*...Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matthew 16:25*

This is a curious promise that runs counter to the modern materialistic conception that to have, one must get and keep. But for people who live only for themselves, life shrinks and finally withers. But for those who give generously to help other people in Christ's name life grows ever richer. The more you give the more you receive from life.

### 3. Removing an Obstacle

*And Jesus said to them...for truly I tell you, If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20,21*

A mustard seed is very small but you do not need a well-developed faith to move mountainous difficulties. Just a little faith will do it but it must be the real thing, the kind that comes by deep desire and earnest prayer and disciplinary dealing with yourself. Armed with this genuine faith, that which formerly seemed impossible becomes

gloriously possible.



### 4. Victory Over Temptation

*Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him. James 1:12*

Temptation is the urge to do or say something contrary to the will of God and the law of Christ. It often is pleasurable and the mind attempts to rationalize it, to make it seem all right. If we do not give in to evil we shall become rulers of ourselves. And He will help us gain its victory.

### 5. When You Need Forgiveness

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

You carry a heavy burden when sin is in your life. Many people live ineffective lives because of it. But this relieving promise tells us that if we freely confess to Him our wrongdoing and sincerely ask forgiveness, Jesus Christ will give new life to us.

### 6. When a Loved-One is Ill

*And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up...James 5:15*

People, who have been given up by doctors and loved ones, have often been healed when someone has had enough faith to put them unreservedly into the hands of the Great Physician. There is tremendous power in the prayer of faith as applied in cases of illness, whether of the body or the mind.

### 7. God's Greatest Promise

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

This is one of the most majestic of all Biblical promises. Jesus took upon Himself our guilt and paid with His own life for our sins. It represents God's supreme entreaty, His profoundest appeal to us. The great promise is that if we believe in the atoning power of Christ's death on our behalf we shall not perish when we die but have everlasting life.



## ♦ Christian Ed

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** *Age 2 – Grade 5*

Zion Lutheran Church's Sunday School teachers, Mrs. Gundel, Mrs. Grim, Mrs. Bear, Mrs. Haun, Mrs. Landis, and Mrs. Myers, welcome all children age 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join them in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings for some exciting music and songs provided by Mr. Dezort. After that, we will all move to the Sunday School rooms for Bible stories, Bible verses, fun activities, and crafts from the Spark curriculum. Students will also learn what "Bucket Filling" is!

According to author, Carol McCloud, we are all born with an invisible bucket that we carry with us wherever we go. We can't see it, but it is there, and God wants us to keep those buckets filled, so we can fulfill His plan for us! Our bucket is filled when we receive and share God's gifts such as love, peace, kindness, caring, safety and self-control.

Sunday School classes end at 10:15 AM, and parents should come to the classroom to pick up their children. A gentle reminder that Sunday School teachers usually want to get to the 10:30 AM church service too, so please be prompt in picking your child(ren) up!

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** *Grade 6 – Grade 12*

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

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

#### *The Sunday Scholars*

The Sunday Scholars is an adult Bible study class that is currently using videos and lively discussion by John Ortberg titled *When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*. This series will last for six weeks through October 25th.

From November 1 - 22, 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*.

#### *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.

#### *Adult Class in the Stephen Ministry Room*

This class is a video bible study focusing on the Gospel According to Mark.



### 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.

### 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.

### Washington DC Trip

*Saturday, November 7*

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. This trip is also open to anyone in ZYM.



## UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

### OCTOBER

- 4 H2H @ 6 PM
- 11 Paintball @ 2 PM
- 18 CROP Walk
- H2H @ 6 PM
- 25 ZYM @ 6 PM

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Halloween Mystery Dinner
- 7 Washington, D.C. Cathedral Trip
- 8 H2H @ 6 PM
- 15 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 20-22 Fall Retreat
- 22 H2H @ 6 PM
- 29 ZYM @ 6 PM



### ZYM FALL RETREAT

*November 20-22*

The annual favorite of the youth will now be taking place in November instead of December! All of ZYM will be getting away at Camp Kirchenwald for the Fall Retreat. The cost for the retreat is \$70. Bring a friend for even more fun and you save \$10! Deadline to register is October 25, 2015.



## ♦ Parent Café



# Parent Café

Don't have time for coffee in the morning?

Parents!!! After bringing your children to Sunday School, please come and join us in the Social Room for a time of relaxation and conversation with the other parents of Zion! Coffee and snacks will be provided from 9:15am-10:15am!

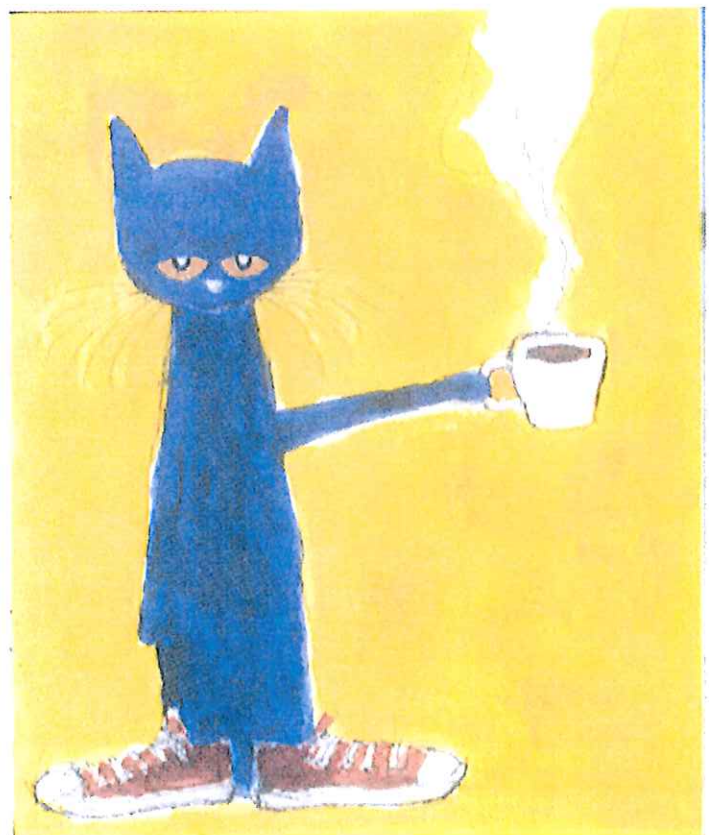
Held on the  
1st Sunday of every  
Month

Parents of all children  
through grade 12 are invited!

? Questions ?

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## ♦ Parent Café (cont'd from pg. 9), Kids' Club

### Parent Café

You are invited to join us at the Parent Café! This pop-up café is open the first Sunday of every month at 9:15am in the social hall, and it promises to have the most delicious coffee in Landisville and some tasty treats just to keep your appetite at bay.

Parent Café is for parents of children of all ages. Our goal is to create a gathering place where we can share with another, learn from the experiences of others, and remind ourselves that we are not alone. Life can be so hectic, so full, yet at the same time so isolating. We want to take a moment to slow down and connect with one another. So on Sunday morning, please take your kids to Sunday School and make your way to the social hall. We'll have a fresh cup of coffee waiting for you.

Mark your calendar for fall: The Parent Café will be open October 4, November 1, December 6.

Please join us! Your hosts, Jean Pretz and Joel Janisewski (the Janipretzskis)



***Kids' Club continues to meet each 1st & 3rd Wednesday in the Social Room.***

Meals will held at 5:30 PM with the program activities will be from 6 - 7 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!*



## ♦ Blankets Needed, Cards Anyone?

### Urgent Need In Our Local Community Submitted by Nancy Myers

Many of you may be aware of the increase in homeless families within the Hempfield School District. I have spoken to one of Hempfield's social workers and she could use 15-20 new or gently used blankets.

WOZ blanket ministry have committed the 22 blankets we made last year to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. This is the first time Zion has been able to contribute to that organization. Therefore, the women are starting again this fall, with making another supply of blankets, but will not be able to get 15-20 completed by the rapidly approaching colder months.

A bin is in the narthex hallway to collect sheets/blankets (of all sizes) for WOZ blanket ministry. You may bring your donations to church and place them in that bin. Or, they could be picked up at your home.

Thank you in advance for supporting our local families. Contact Nancy Myers, 898-0089 with questions.

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## CARD GROUP

Submitted by Dave Albin

Four seats, a table, and a deck of cards. All we need is you - and you, and you, and you.

Featuring a new adventure with each hand played, bridge is the card game that lets you meet new friends as you keep your mind sharp and have fun at the same time. (Two versus two, as partners.)

No experience with the game is needed - I'll be teaching the game step by step, a little bit at a time so that you'll have a gradual learning curve. We'll find out how to play to each trick, how to bid in each auction, how to defend hands, and of course, how to add up the points when it's all over.

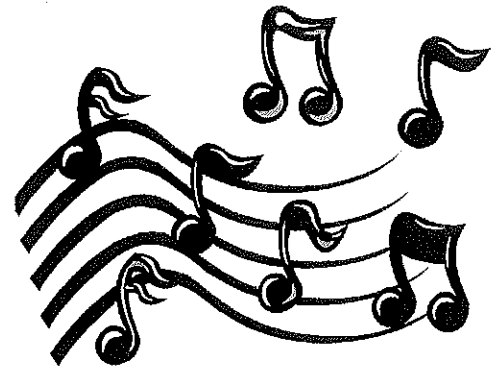
We'll be playing in the living room of Cooper House (nice setting), and it's all free. Once people sign up in the narthex, we'll get together and set up a schedule. You'll be bidding three no trump, making four before you know it!



## ♦ Music Happenings

### TAIZE PRAYER

Nothing fosters a communion with God more than a meditative prayer with others, with candlelight and singing that goes on and on and that continues afterwards in the silence of one's heart. To glimpse the universal dimension of this communion, all members of our congregation should come together, from children to elderly persons, and join in prayer.



This is the essence of Taize prayer. We will have Taize Prayer on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the sanctuary (October 27 & November 24). Each prayer lasts about 30 minutes.

### CHOIRS

The **PRAISE CHOIR** will rehearse Thursday evenings, 7:30-8:30 PM. This choir will primarily lead the singing of the first set of songs at the 10:30 service in addition to prepare special music offerings several times a month.

### EARLY SERVICE CHOIR

As in the past, this choir will be asked to sing at the 8 AM service on the first Sunday of the month. Rehearsal for this choir will be at 9:00- 9:15 AM each Sunday.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This year we will reestablish the Children's Choir. We will meet every Sunday in the Sanctuary for the start of Sunday School at 9:15. We will learn and practice songs from 9:15-9:25, with the plan to sing at the 10:30 service every 3rd Sunday.

### PUPPET PLAYERS

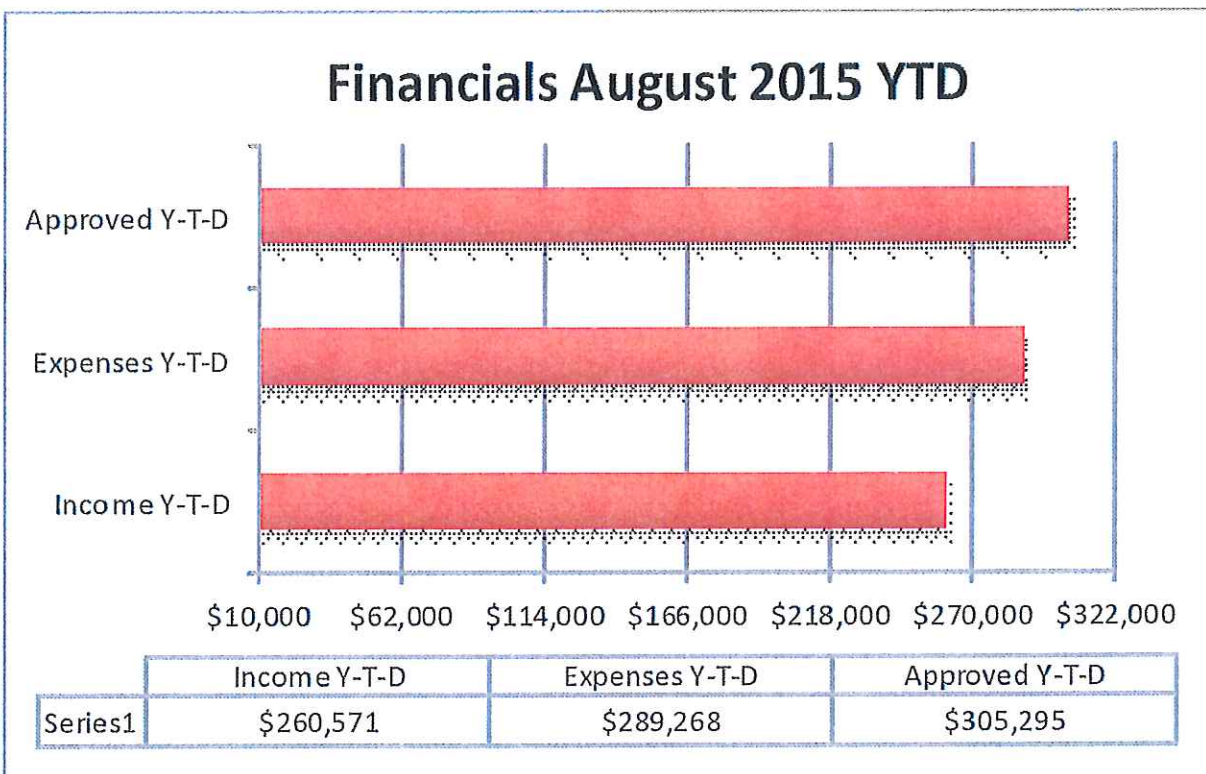
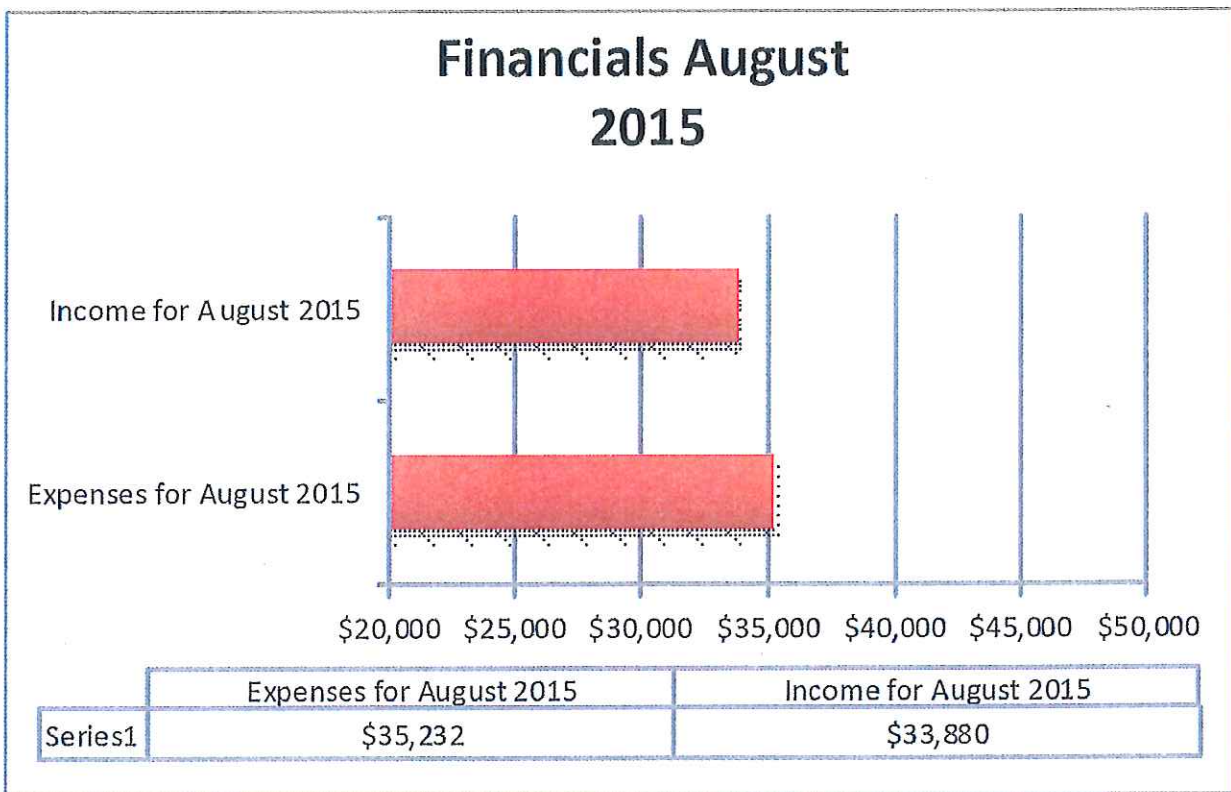
A group of ZYM kids will put on a puppet show for the younger children in the congregation on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The first show is scheduled for October 18, and ZYM will rehearse for this during Sunday School on Oct 4 and Oct 11. The skits are short, simple and effective lessons.

### INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS

I also plan on organizing various instrumental groups, as I have in the past. You will be notified and asked to perform as necessary.



## ♦ Financial Figures (August)



*\*The August 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.*

## ♦ Stewardship, Legacy Workshop

- ⇒ The ***Fearless Generosity*** series continues into October with “Fearless Sowing” on Oct. 4 and “Fearless Giving” on Oct. 11. There will be a fellowship potluck meal after worship on 10/11 to celebrate our gifts and giving with each other.
- ⇒ A Legacy Workshop: Fearless Giving for the Future will be held from 10 AM to 11:30 AM on October 3.

*I ask that you pray that God will lead you to be a bigger part of the journey of Christian stewardship at Zion. Just think what we can do if we all work together.*



## 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 on the narthex bulletin board or by contacting Anne in the Parish Office (898-2911; [zionluth@comcast.net](mailto: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.*



## ♦ **Fearless Generosity**

### **Stewardship Emphasis 2015: Fearless Generosity**

Sunday September 20th was the beginning of a four-week stewardship emphasis for our congregation called Fearless Generosity. Through special sermons, children's chats, Sunday School lessons, bible studies and other activities, we are learning how to become more faithful stewards as we explore what it means to practice:

- fearless living;
- fearless service;
- fearless sowing; and
- fearless giving.

During September, we focused on the first two of these concepts during worship in creative and inviting ways. The themes for October 4 and 11 will be "Fearless Sowing" and "Fearless Giving." On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10-11:30 a.m., there will be a special presentation on Legacy Giving provided by Pastor Liz Polantzke. More information about this program follows.

As we draw near to the culmination of this year's stewardship emphasis, you will be invited to provide an estimate or make a commitment for your giving during 2016 by completing a "Fearless Generosity" card. October 11 will be a celebration of Zion's fearless generosity both in worship and afterwards with a special pot luck meal and program. This Celebration Sunday will be an opportunity to join together to present our estimates or commitments of giving in support of the ministry and mission to which we are called as Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

When we practice fearless generosity, Paul's blessing to the church in Ephesians 3:20-21 becomes a blessing for Zion Lutheran Church. Using us as willing vessels, God through the Holy Spirit—the power at work within us—is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine. May Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus be our prayer as we live out God's call to be fearless givers and fearless stewards—as individuals and as a community of faith.

***We ask that you pray that God will lead you to be a bigger part of the journey of Christian stewardship at Zion.  
Just think what we can do if we all work together.***

## ♦ From Zion's Connections Coordinator

Dear Zion Family,

My family has been blessed in many ways since joining Zion in 1992. At the top of those blessings are the friendships and relationships we have made from being actively involved in the congregation's activities. Sundays are not only a time for worship but also a time to connect with our friends.

I have accepted to the role of 'Connections Coordinator' to help you connect with other members of the congregation while assisting the church staff, council, and ministry teams' requests for help.

*Please complete the list on the back by checking any role where you currently (and would like to continue to) serve or where you would consider serving in the future.* This information will be entered into "Shepherd's Staff," a program the church uses to store membership information. When there is a need, we will go to that data to identify potential members who could meet it.

A ministry team leader or I will contact you to see if you are interested in serving.

- ♦ The contact will include a description of the activity and role.
- ♦ It could be short term but no longer than one year.
- ♦ I ask that you prayerfully consider the request.

We hope that you will say yes to our request, but it is also okay to say no. We fully understand that the timing may not always be right.

My goal, as Connections Coordinator, is to *connect* with everyone not currently serving on a team or group and to give you an opportunity to do so, and to *reconnect* with those who currently serve and to talk about other ministry opportunities in which you may be interested.

Thank you, in advance, for completing and returning the checklist by placing it in the offering plate or by putting it in the office mail basket on the window sill in the narthex between the rows of mailboxes. And, thank you to those of you who have already completed and returned it!

Al Ramer  
Connections Coordinator





GET CONNECTED AT  
**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
 Landisville, PA

A church cannot grow and be healthy without the help of all its members using their gifts to the glory of God. Using the gifts, skills, and interests God has given you, in what ways would you like to connect with God, connect with others, and connect others with God through ministries of Zion for the coming year?

NAME _____	Preferred Service _____	Contact Info.: _____
<u>Worship &amp; Arts</u>		<u>Men of Zion</u>
<u>  Acolyte</u>		<u>Prayer Team</u>
<u>  Altar Guild</u>		<u>Refreshment Host (Sunday)</u>
<u>  Audio/Video</u>		<u>Softball League</u>
<u>  Banner Making</u>		<u>Stephen Ministry</u>
<u>  Choir (Traditional/Contemporary)</u>		<u>Visitation (Hospital &amp; Home)</u>
<u>  Children's Chat</u>		<u>Women of Zion</u>
<u>  Children's Worship Bags/Corner</u>		<u>Yarn Ministry (Prayer shawls, etc.)</u>
<u>  Communion Assistant</u>		<u>Care Team</u>
<u>  Drama/Skits</u>		<u>Parish Fellowship Team</u>
<u>  Decorations</u>		
<u>  Greeter</u>		<u>Property, Finance &amp; Technology</u>
<u>  Home Communion Minister</u>		<u>  Bookkeeping</u>
<u>  Instrumentalist/Praise Band</u>		<u>  Carpentry</u>
<u>  Lay Assistant/Reader</u>		<u>  Computer/IT</u>
<u>  Nursery Attendant/Childcare</u>		<u>  Facility Renovation</u>
<u>  Usher</u>		<u>  Financial Administration</u>
<u>  Worship Leader/Song Leader</u>		<u>  Long Term Planning</u>
<u>  Worship &amp; Arts Team</u>		<u>  Office Volunteer</u>
		<u>  Painting</u>
<u>Christian Formation/Education</u>		<u>  Plumbing/Electrical</u>
<u>  Adult Sunday School Leader</u>		<u>  Social Media</u>
<u>  Bible Study Leader (weekday/evening)</u>		<u>  Website Design/Upkeep</u>
<u>  Children/Youth Sunday School Teacher</u>		<u>  Yard &amp; Garden Care</u>
<u>  Confirmation Class Refreshment Host</u>		<u>  Property Team</u>
<u>  Confirmation Retreat Adult Guide</u>		<u>  Finance Team</u>
<u>  Kids' Club Leader/Assistant</u>		<u>  Stewardship Team</u>
<u>  Kids' Club Meals</u>		
<u>  Parent Café (for parents with children)</u>		<u>Social Ministry &amp; Community Outreach</u>
<u>  Small Group Leader</u>		<u>  Advertising/Community awareness</u>
<u>  Vacation Bible School Planning</u>		<u>  Angel Tree (Christmas)</u>
<u>  Vacation Bible School Leader</u>		<u>  Community Meals</u>
<u>  Youth Ministry (ZYM) Planning/Activities</u>		<u>  Disaster Relief</u>
<u>  Christian Formation Team</u>		<u>  Habitat for Humanity</u>
<u>Congregation Care &amp; Fellowship</u>		<u>  Hempfield Food Pantry</u>
<u>  Blanket/Quilt Ministry</u>		<u>  Highway Cleanup</u>
<u>  Flower Delivery</u>		<u>  Photography/Videographer</u>
<u>  Driver (Transportation for Members)</u>		<u>  Mission to Zion (Help for members)</u>
<u>  Health Education/Parish Nurse</u>		<u>  Social Ministry Outreach Team</u>
<u>  Meals for members/home-bound</u>		<u>  Community Outreach (fka Evangelism) Team</u>

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## ♦ 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).





## From Zion's Child Fund Sponsoree, Brenda Alimo

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,*

*I am very happy to write to you this afternoon on behalf of your little friend, Brenda Alimo, who is far away visiting our uncle. I am her brother Econyu Justine. I hope you are doing fine. We too are doing well.*

*Thank you so much for birthday gift of US \$8.25 which is 88,5000 of our money. I asked our mother to buy for Brenda a goat to rear for her future education needs.*

*All the family members send thanks and heartfelt greetings to you and special thanks for the great love, care, and support that you are providing Brenda and the family. May God richly bless you for all the good work that you're doing for Brenda and the whole family.*

*We love you so much. All from Econyu Justine, brother to Brenda you little friend.*



## The Junction Center Events Coming Up

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](http://www.thejunctioncenter.com)*

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONCERT SERIES

*Concerts coming up this fall...*

**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.*

31 South Duke Street, Lancaster 17602  
www.trinitylanaster.org  
717-397-2734

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## LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION EVENTS COMING UP...

**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*

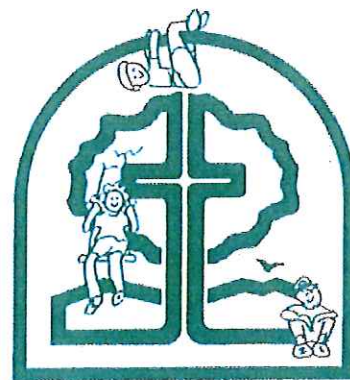
**November 1:** *Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa*

**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*

**\* See flyers on the following pages for these events**





**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

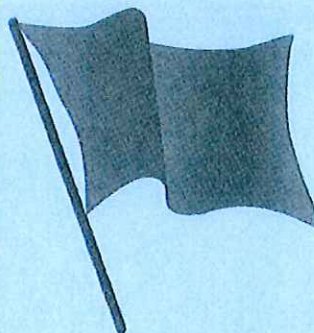
Fall 2015

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:  
The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)

# 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](http://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](http://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 Roll  
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  
[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)  
by October 9 to register.



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## ♦ Food Pantry Submitted by Diane Gerlach



**In August**, the pantry served 200 families which included 267 children, 390 adults, and 97 seniors for a total of 754 people served. **We registered 13 new families.**

**During the month of August, Zion members donated 121 pounds of food.** Thank you to our Zion members for the great contribution of fresh produce from your gardens! Thank you for your continued giving of financial contributions to the pantry! These monies are used to purchase food items on sale at various grocery stores and the Central Penn Food Bank.

The pantry “welcomed” **Hempfield Church of the Brethren** as a new contributor.

During the month of August....**Darrenkamps of Mount Joy** donated 2,240 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; **Target in Lititz** donated 1,664 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items; **Weis Markets in Columbia** donated 833 pounds of bread and bakery items; **Weis Market Stony Battery Road** donated 213 pounds of bread and bakery items. **Penn State Extension** donated 1,023 pounds of fresh produce. **Other food donated through stores, food drives, individual churches, and private donations** totaled 6,163 pounds of food for the month of August.



We continue to be blessed with **many volunteers from the Hempfield area and 20 Hempfield community churches who work together giving of their time to the pantry** each Monday and Wednesday as well as additional time as needed. 74 volunteers gave 744 hours during the month of August.

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

**Cereal, 15 oz. canned fruit, and canned soups** continue to be some of the “main” items the pantry can always use!!!

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



## ♦ October Celebrations



1	Horst Bernhard	6	Shane Symonds	18	Wilson Pipkin
1	Kevin Ramer	7	Ryder Barr	19	Bryan Dohner
2	Collin Dean	8	Arlie Reeves	19	Kathy Hengey
2	Catherine Reider *	8	Joanna Youssef	19	Ken Unger
3	Janet Bair *	9	Scott Crum	23	Bob Lowden
4	Vivian Gunzenhauser	9	Phil Houseal	24	Ryan Traup
4	Lynda Sherwood	10	Pat Landis	25	Christopher Chapman
5	Monica Traup	11	Pastor JMe	27	Suzanne Reed
		11	Sarah McCullough	28	Justin Golihew
		12	Ruth Janisewski	28	Marvin Hoover
		13	Dottie Anderson	30	Kristen Haun
		15	Donna Dumeyer	30	Brian Helm
		15	Lisa Nelson	31	Dave Wise
		17	Thelma Pearson *		
		17	Katrina Rosen		

\* 90+ Birthday

### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Maria Hetrick	9	Sue Trupe	23	Cory Paternoster
1	Patsy Hinkle	12	Bob Shirk	23	James Yeager
4	Connie Alsedek	13	Cameron Thompson	25	Kensie Barr
5	Aiden DiNardi	14	Melissa Dohner	25	Zachary Barr
6	Dick Heim	16	Jonathan Hoover	25	Kim Seyfried
7	Andrew Metzinger	18	Cindy Donell	25	Kyle Symonds
8	June Duke	18	Dylan Leibley	26	Bob Wildasin
8	Shawn King	18	Chase Pipkin	27	Kyle Brady
8	Kristen Long	20	Kayla Gromen	28	Claire Flood
9	Horst Bernhard	22	Dylan Quinn	29	Marilyn Heim
9	Lynda Martin	23	Devin Andrew	29	Jonathan Wise
		23	Abby Barley	30	Jeff Rickert
		23	Mike Miller	31	Ian Flood

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Ed & Cindy Blough (38th)	20	Mark & Terri Huber (14th)
1	Jeff & Amy Thompson (23rd)	21	Tim & Kim Propst (26th)
11	Jim & Kim Paternoster (23rd)	22	Jon & Karen Wright (32nd)
12	Doug & Aarin Deibler (13th)		
16	Sean & Kim Seyfried (5th)		

### **Church Staff**

The Rev. Janice Marie E. Lowden, Pastor, email: pastorjme@comcast.net  
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Dennis Dezort, Director of Music & Worship Arts, email: dezort@comcast.net  
Diane Gerlach, Ministry Assistant, email: dlsgerlach@comcast.net  
Anne Rankin, Parish Administrator, email: zionluth@comcast.net  
Brian Bourassa, Sexton (AM)  
Tom Miller, Sexton (PM)

### **Church Council**

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

Jon Wright, President  
Doug Rhoads, Vice President  
Deb Overly (Outreach)  
Birgitte Chapman (Christian Formation)  
Ed Blough (Worship)  
John Hinkle (Ministry Support)  
Scott Crum (In-Reach)  
Delaney Klepper (ZYM)

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

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

### **Ministry Team Chairs**

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

### **Nursery School Board & Staff**

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

### **Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff**

Amos & Mellie Geib, Managers  
David Bleil, Board President/Manager  
Diane Gerlach, Vice-President  
Judy Nichols, Secretary  
Lisa Bernhard, Treasurer  
Diane Gerlach, Pantry Coordinator

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

### ***November Newsletter Deadline: October 15***

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

**Sunday School For All Ages: 9:15 AM**

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