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From the Pastor's Keyboard: All Saints

The Christian Church calendar designates November 1st as "All Saints Day." Usually, the first Sunday in November is set aside as a celebration of All Saints during worship. This festival has several purposes:

- *To give thanks for the lives of those "saints" (members) of the congregation who have died during the year since the previous All Saints Sunday
- *To honor all those deceased (both known and unknown) who have been faithful to the Gospel in their lives, and we hope to join in the Kingdom of God (i.e., the "Communion of Saints").
- *To celebrate the lives of living saints, those who are presently striving to live in the light of the promises given through Holy Baptism. This includes you and me; for, in spite of our sinful human natures, through Baptism God calls us saints.

Typically, the primary focus of All Saints Day is the remembrance of those who have died. Candles may be lit, chimes may be rung, and the names of deceased congregation members are read. The ceremonies performed during worship that day may be difficult for those who are family members of the deceased. On the other hand, this means of communal remembrance may bring comfort to those who grieve.

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

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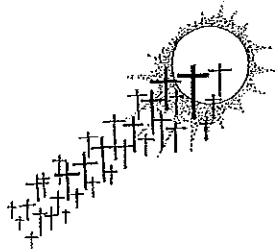
♦ From the Pastor (Cont'd from pg. 1)

Each year I serve as pastor, All Saints Day becomes a reminder of the ways my life is blessed through knowing, and ministering with, members of the congregation during their lives. Although there may be a few individuals that I have not had the opportunity to know well, each person whose service I lead at the time of his or her death provides a reminder of the amazing ways that the Holy Spirit works in and through the lives of faithful people. To be honest, tears often come to my eyes during worship on All Saints Sunday as I remember the relationships I've shared with significant parishioners. Even pastors grieve the deaths of those they've ministered to, and with, through the years. With the tears, there is also a sense of celebration of the persons' lives and Christian witness.

Recently, someone shared a reading from the devotional book, *For All the Saints*, written by Berthold Von Schenk. The author writes of the adjustment a grieving person must make in order to come to a sense of the continuing presence of a loved one. This adjustment is possible through acknowledgement of the Living Lord.

"As we seek and find our Risen Lord we shall find our dear departed. They are with Him, and we find the reality of their continued life through Him. The saints are a part of the Church. We worship with them. The worship the Risen Christ face to face, while we worship the same Risen Christ under the veil of bread and wine at the Altar. At the Communion we are linked with Heaven, with the Communion of Saints, with our loved ones. Here at the Altar, focused to a point, we find our communion with the dear; for the Altar is the closest meeting place between us and the lord. That place must be the place of closest meeting with our dead who are in His keeping." (From "The Presence," by Berthold Von Schenk, in *For all the Saints*, Volume IV, pp. 1376-1378)

When you come to receive Holy Communion each week, may you know comfort, peace, and joy in the knowledge that you are in the presence of the Lord and also with your loved ones who have died. The Communion liturgy tells us that the Altar is a meeting place between heaven and earth where we are "with angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven." Von Schenk concludes: "When we, then, view death in the light of the Communion of Saints and Holy Communion, there is no help-less bereavement."



♦ Annual Congregational Meeting Letter

Dear Zion Members,

As outlined in section C10.03 of the Constitution for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and section B10.01 of the Bylaws for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, this letter serves as notice of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held on November 15th 2015. The meeting will be commenced during the 8:00 AM service, suspended following the vote, and reconvened during the 10:30 AM service. The business to be conducted at the meeting will be to vote on accepting the budget that Council will put before the congregation.

At the time of writing this letter we have no nominees to the Congregational Council which we can put forward for a vote. If we can get a full slate of nominees we will hold an election during the same meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Congregational Council please contact Jon Wright or Doug Rhoads for more information.

For a number of years the congregational offerings have not met the approved budget, and I heard numerous comments that we don't meet the budget so it has no meaning. This year the Council and Finance Team have prepared a budget that is essentially the same as our projected expenses for this year. Increases are essentially due to pay increases and the increased cost of benefits. This gives us a working budget that is the true cost of running the church. It is bare bones and leaves no further room for ministry. We pulled interest from the Endowment Fund on two separate occasions this year, totaling \$20,000, in order to meet expenses. Using data from previous years to provide a projection of offerings and expenses through Dec. 31, our Finance Team concluded that we will most likely not need to use any more Endowment Fund interest this year. This is a good thing, however there is a "but".

We are projecting to start 2016 with a cash balance of approximately \$4,000. As a point of comparison our cash balance at the beginning of 2015 was approximately \$33,000. In 2014 we started the year with a cash balance of \$49,700, and at the beginning of 2013 the cash balance was \$70,000. If offerings don't increase and expenses stay on the projected path we run the risk of using up the remaining Endowment Fund interest during 2016, and may need to start spending the principal. Spending of the principal can only happen with approval from the congregation.

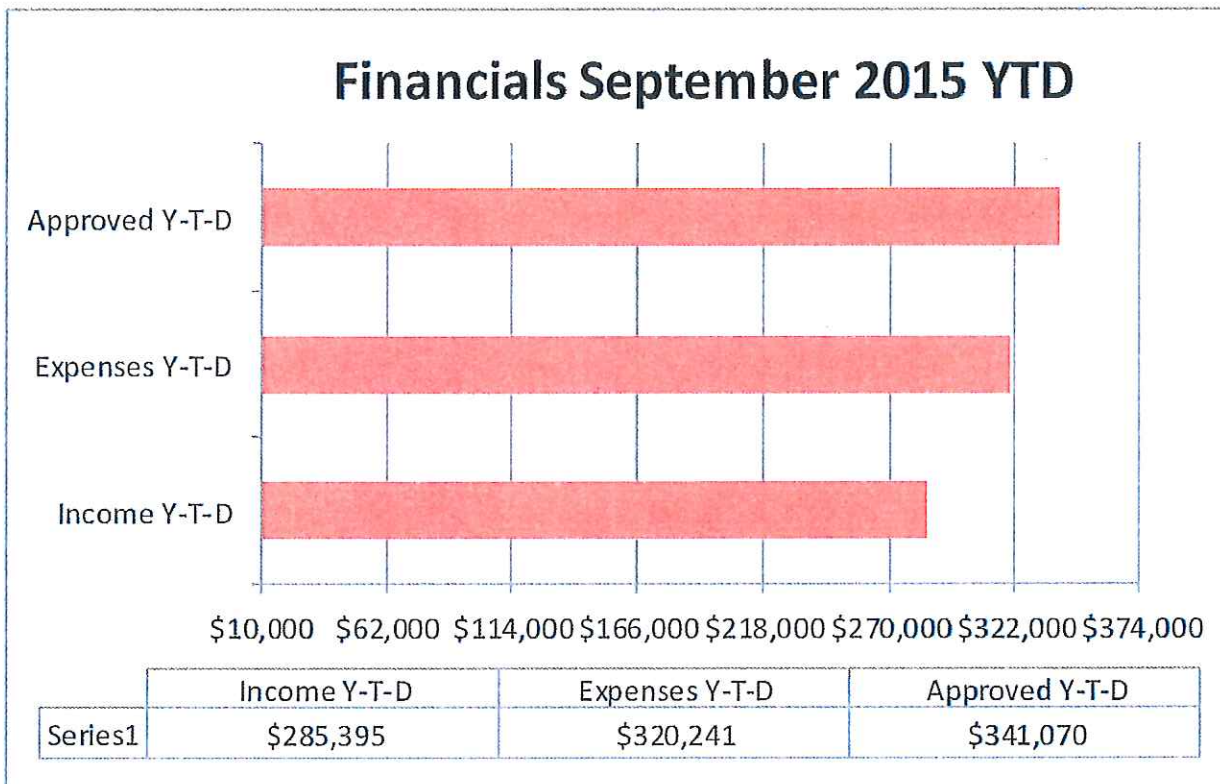
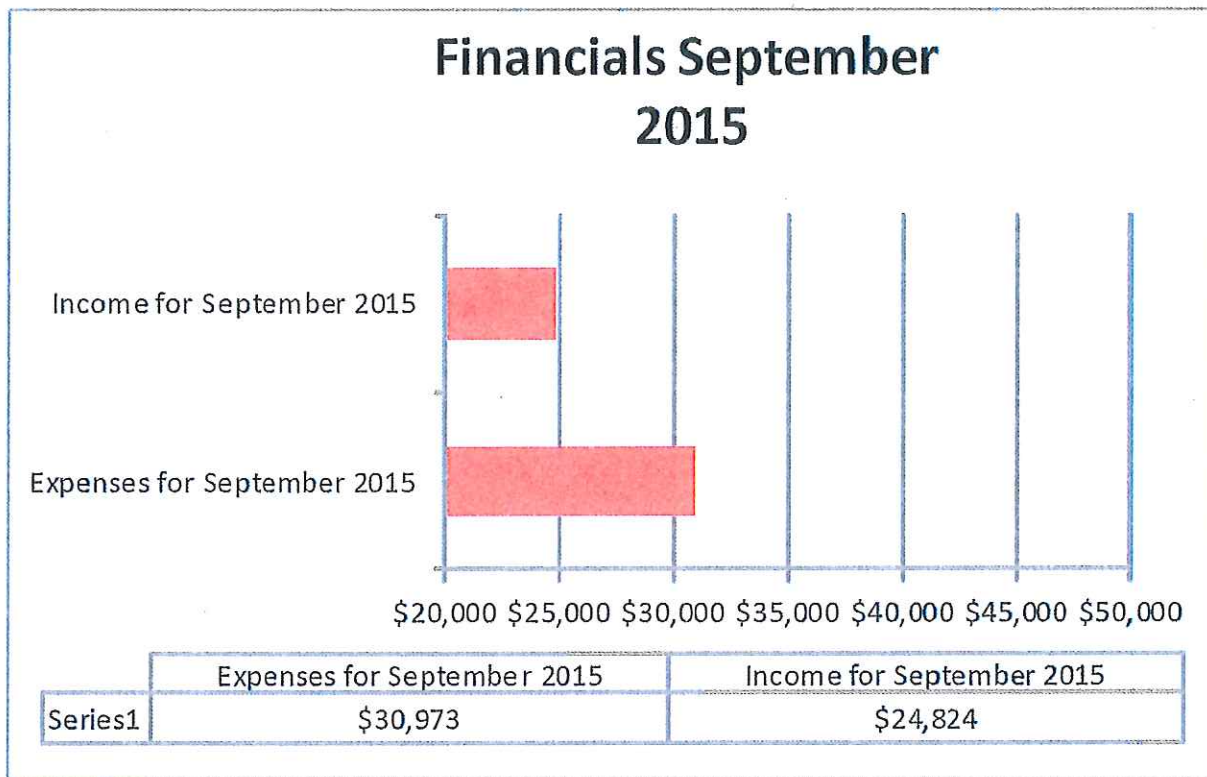
An informational meeting for the budget will be held on November 8, 2015, time and place to be provided. I encourage all Zion members to attend the budget meeting on the 8th and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on November 15, 2015.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Wright', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Wright, Council President

♦ Financial Figures (September)



**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.*

♦ Serving Schedules, Thank You, Sympathy

ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO SERVE OR SCHEDULE SERVERS!



Time is coming 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.

THANK YOU...

*** From the ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal**

Thank you for your recent gift of \$496 to Nepal Area Earthquake. Gifts like yours make it possible for our church to continue its effective and efficient response to disasters....As Lutheran Disaster Relief 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. In Christ's Service, The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director

***From Marie Adams**

Thank you for the cards, prayers and support given after my mom's passing. A special thank you to Pastor JMe for the lovely service. I'm so blessed to have such a caring "church family".

SYMPATHY...

...to **Gloria Grube** and family on the death of Weidler on October 14.
...to **Sue Censier** and family on the death of her father on October 10.
...to **Marie Adams** and family on the death of her mother on September 27.
...to **Curt Rogers** and family on the recent death of his mother.

♦ Evening in Turkey, Bible Study

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:

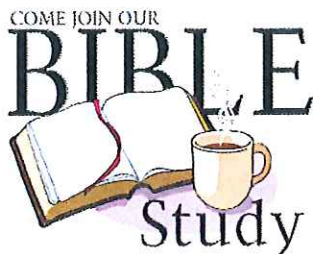
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Wednesday Bible Study: 9:30-10:45 AM

Join our group for a new study starting November 4.

Each week we will be reading and discussing the Sunday lectionary texts together. The Church Liturgical Calendar includes appointed weekly readings from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures), the Psalms, the New Testament, and the Gospels. A wonderful way to prepare for worship each week is to read through and think about the scriptures that will be highlighted on Sunday morning. It helps you better to focus on the message for the day.

If you can’t come on Wednesdays, Pastor JMe will have the readings posted online both on the Zion website and Facebook page. Read them over each week and feel free to post any comments. Perhaps something you say or write will show up on Pastor JMe’s sermon that week!



♦ Prayer Team Submitted by Dolly Overly

7 Easy Ways to Pray Yourself to Sleep

Why an evening prayer plan can be a huge blessing for getting some rest: *Health experts say that consistent bedtime rituals can make a big difference in promoting a good night's sleep. For that reason (among many), an evening prayer plan can be a huge blessing.*

Not only is it possible and surprisingly easy to incorporate prayer into your existing pre-sleep routine; it could lead to better sleep patterns--as well as a closer walk with God. Here is a suggested evening prayer plan, which of course can be altered according to your routine:

1) Pray as you enter the bedroom.

"May the Lord Almighty grant me and those I love a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen."

2) Pray as you empty your pockets and prepare to undress.

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

3) Pray as you undress for the night.

"Almighty God, my heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, in what I have done, and in what I have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive all my offenses and grant that I may walk before you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen."

4) Pray as you wash your face and brush your teeth.

"Praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and is to come, at the end of the ages. Amen."

5) Sing in the shower.

Sing a hymn or worship song.

6) Pray as you dry off or get dressed for the night.

Pray the Lord's Prayer, followed by any petitions for yourself or intercessions for others.

7) Pray as you climb into bed and turn off the light.

"Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; for You have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. Keep me as the apple of your eye and hide me under the shadow of your wings."

These are offered with the promise that eventually you may never again lay your head on your pillow without a sense of God's peace and presence.



Property *Submitted by Jere Grube*

The property team has had plenty of fall activity to keep us busy. Some of the activity was planned and some was unexpected.

On Saturday, October 7th, just as we were nearing the end of the mold removal project in the old church basement, the heating system was started for the season and had a valve malfunction which caused the basement to be flooded with 2-3" of water. The water and the boiler was shut off and Compleat Restorations, who was doing the mold removal project, was contacted and they promptly arrived to pump out the water and dry the area out.



At the same time, the main boiler was started to heat the sanctuary and newer Sunday school wing. However, the heat did not come on in the sanctuary. The plumbers were unable to resolve the problem on Saturday and we assumed that the Sunday services might be a little chilly. To everyone's surprise, the heat was on and would not shut off on Sunday morning, so the 8:30 service was quite toasty. The plumbers finally resolved the problem on Monday. Hopefully the rest of the heating season will be uneventful.

A clean-up work day was scheduled and completed on Saturday October, 10th. We ordered and spread playground mulch around the playset in back of the church to keep the preschool kids out of the mud. We dug out, spread gravel and installed solid concrete blocks to make a pad for the dumpster. This should keep the dumpster level to allow it to drain and keep it from sinking in the mud. Beds around the church and Cooper House were weeded and plants were cut back to get ready for the cold weather. Thanks to Darrell Gerke, Ed Blough, Dolly Overly, Mary & Scott Hetrick, Connie & Doug Grow, and Weidler Grube for their help.

As a final note we would like to say a special "Thank You" to Dick Heim for tackling a much needed painting project for the church again this summer. Dick scraped, sanded, and repainted the Brandt Blvd. entrance of the preschool/old Sunday school wing along with the half-round windows at the gable ends of the same wing. This is the second year in a row that Dick has given his time and talent to tackle a difficult task to beautify and preserve the church property. When you see Dick give him a pat on the back and let him know his hard work is very much appreciated!

♦ Christian Ed, Kids' Club

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 5th 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.

Sunday School classes end at 10:15 AM, and parents should come to the classroom to pick up their children at that time. A gentle reminder that Sunday School teachers usually want to get to the 10:30 AM church service too!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Grade 6 – Grade 12

Our Youth Sunday School classes are 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

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*.

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 stimulating conversation.



Kids' Club will continue on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of every month. Dinner for the entire family will be at 5:30 PM and the program for children will be held from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

The children are currently learning about the Fruits of the Spirit!

All children from preschool-5th grade are more than welcome to come!

PARENT CAFE

The next Parent Café is on November 1st. Join us at 9:15 AM in the Social Room to connect with other parents of kids of all ages and share stories as we discuss the challenges of raising our children to be faithful.

We promise the coffee will be delicious and freshly brewed. And there will be snacks!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Our annual Gift Card fundraiser is coming back! Please make sure you take this great chance to get a head start on Christmas gifts, or if you go out to your favorite restaurant or department store regularly you can help us out too. We have all sorts of gift cards you can think of. You pay \$25 for a \$25 gift card, no tricks! Orders are due by November 15. Need the cards by Thanksgiving? Let us know on your order form.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 27

If anyone would be interested in hosting this party at their house it would help create a great Christmas atmosphere! Please contact Chris (717-715-6861) if you would like to host! For this party everyone should bring a \$10 gift that will be exchanged during a game! Also, a prize will be awarded to whoever wears the "BEST" Christmas sweater!

UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

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

DECEMBER

- 6 H2H @ 6 PM
- 13 Christmas Caroling @ 3 PM
- 20 H2H @ 6 PM
- 27 Christmas Party

WINTERFEST

January 1-3, 2016

The Senior High Youth and Young Adults will be having fun at the Synod's Winterfest at the Lancaster Host Resort! The theme this year is "Community" The cost per person is \$80. If you come to the Winter Retreat too, your cost is \$70. Deadline to register is December 13.

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!

♦ Health Update, Women of Zion

ZION HAS A NEW AED!

Submitted by Mary Hetrick

We recently have replaced our automated external defibrillator. This device is used in conjunction with CPR to attempt to restore a heartbeat for someone in cardiac arrest. Zion has had an AED since 2004.

With advances in technology, an AED will need to be updated or replaced. This is the third AED that Zion has purchased with the help of Jim and Millie Gundel. They have been faithful supporters of our AED program by purchasing these AED units and the supplies needed to keep them up to date. Please offer them a big "THANK YOU" when you see them at church!

With the arrival of this new AED, we need to update the list of members who are certified in CPR. You may have this certification as required by your employer, or obtained it independently. If you are CPR certified and would like to be a part of Zion's "First Responder Team", please contact Mary Hetrick (898-3162 or psuoc-n92@comcast.net). I need your name and certification date.

If you would like to see the new AED, I will be happy to review it with you.



WOMEN OF ZION

submitted by Millie Gundel



Blanket Ministry - Monday, November 2 at 9 AM in the Social Room. Help us make comforters for those who need them in the cold winter months.

Yarn Ministry - Sunday, November 1 and 15 at 1 PM in the Parlor. Join us as we make prayer shawls as well as hats and scarves for the Food Pantry gift bags.

♦ Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers at Zion continue to provide compassionate care to our care receivers. What is compassion anyway?!?

Compassion: Deeply sharing the suffering of another, together with the inclination to give aid or support.

As we look at Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He now calls us to follow his example and to be deeply concerned for one another. *Stephen Ministry is a ministry filled with compassion.* It provides compassionate Christians with a place where they can use those gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please call any of the Stephen Ministry Leaders: Tom or Mary Gryzbowski, Judy Traup, or Pastor JMe.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
- Galatians 6:2



Online Book Discussion with PJ

Would you like to take part in an online book discussion? Pastor JMe has been reading books, both fiction and nonfiction, that she thinks would be fun to discuss with others. Knowing that taking an evening or morning out for a study group at church is not always possible for our busy members, she would love to start something new using our online resources. Of course, if you read something that you'd like to discuss with a group, let her know.

The first book will be a relatively light one: *The Martian*, by Andy Weir. Whether you've seen the movie or not, the book is a must read. Join Pastor JMe, starting on November 2nd, for some interesting conversation about topics in this book.

Each week, we will focus on a portion of the book and several questions as a launching point for discussion. Email Pastor JMe at pastorjme@comcast.net to sign up for the study by November 1st. This way, she'll have an idea who is interested. Of course, anyone may join in the fun at any time!

♦ Music Happenings

About eighteen years ago, when Weidler Grube was a member of our choir at Zion, he gave me a copy of a hymn titled *My God and I*. He said it was one of his favorite hymns, and asked if we could sing it sometime. I told him we would, and then I set it aside in a stack of music in the choir room.



At a recent choir rehearsal a few days after Weidler's untimely death, the choir and I were discussing what we could sing at Weidler's funeral service. Millie Gundel suggested that Weidler probably had a favorite hymn, and we could sing that. Immediately I flashed back eighteen years to that stack of music, reached into the pile and retrieved Weidler's hymn. Here are the words to this favorite song of his:

My God and I

My God and I go in the fields together,
We walk and talk as good friends should and do;
We clasp our hands, our voices ring with laughter,
My God and I walk through the meadows hue;
We clasp our hands, our voices ring with laughter,
My God and I walk through the meadows hue.

He tells me of the years that went before me,
When heav'nly plans were made for me to be,
When all was but a dream of dim conception,
To come to life, earth's verdant glory see.
When all was but a dream of dim conception,
To come to life, earth's verdant glory see.

My God and I will go for aye together,
We'll walk and talk and jest as good friends do;
This earth will pass, and with it common trifles
But God and I will go unendingly.
This earth will pass, and with it common trifles
But God and I will go unendingly.

♦ Within The Wider Church

~COMING TO THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER~

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

Saturday, November 7, at 7 PM

As our country struggles to respond to the deep wound of racial inequality, churches offer few answers. The PRC would like to take a step toward bringing the Lancaster community churches to this discussion by hosting a benefit concert by Grammy Award-winning all-African-American music group, Sweet Honey In The Rock.

"Sweet Honey in the Rock" is an all-female, African-American a cappella ensemble. They are a Grammy Award-winning troupe who express their history as African-American women through song, dance, and sign language.

Ticket price \$40 for Zion members because the church is a member of the PRC. All ticket net proceeds go to the PRC and Bright Side Opportunity Center (a nonprofit in Lancaster City which provides healthcare, social services, and educational programs). To order tickets, go to ParishResourceCenter.org.

There will be a follow-up session the following week on Tuesday, November 10 at 7 PM. The event will feature leaders from the Lancaster community in a conversation about how we confront this deep issue here. In addition, PRC will sponsor several seminars/workshops on related issues next spring.

An Evening with Diana Butler Bass Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 P.M.

The headlines seem confident: religion is on the decline in America as many people leave behind traditional religious practices.

Diana Butler Bass, leading commentator on religion, politics, and culture, disagrees. Instead, she believes that what appears to be a decline actually signals a major transformation in how people understand and experience God.

Parish Resource Center is bringing her to Lancaster. Hear her speak and have an opportunity to interact with her.



Diana Butler Bass is the author of eight books on American religion, including *Christianity After Religion*, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, and *A People's History of Christianity*. She holds a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Duke University, has taught at the college and graduate level, and is currently an independent scholar. She was a columnist for the *New York Times* Syndicate. Currently, she is a blogger for God's Politics with Jim Wallis on the Beliefnet website, as well as a blogger for The Huffington Post. She is associated with *Sojourners Magazine* and the Red-Letter Christian movement.

♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*



In September, the pantry served 187 families which included 266 children, 398 adults, and 94 seniors, for a total of 728 people served. **We registered 8 new families.**

During the month of September Zion members donated 1,078 pounds of food. Garden produce is tapering off, and we say “thanks” to our Zion members for the great contribution of fresh produce over the summer.

In September....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,495 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; **Target in Lititz** donated 1,496 pounds of fresh produce and bakery items; **Weis Markets in Columbia** donated 1,025 pounds of bread and bakery items in August; **Weis Market Stony Battery Road** donated 256 pounds of bread and bakery items. **Penn State Extension** donated 1,467 pounds of fresh produce. **Other food donated through stores, food drives, individual churches, and private donations** totaled 8,843 pounds of food in August. The pantry purchased 3,630 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank and local grocery stores. Your financial contributions are used to purchase these food items on sale at various grocery stores and the Central Penn Food Bank.



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 nine volunteers gave 680 hours for the month of September.

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

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!

♦ Food Pantry Gift Bags

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY CHILDREN

This is a service project by the Women of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Landisville and we are grateful for donations and help from many other Hempfield churches.

Each bag will contain a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste donated by local dentists and a warm hat, most of them handmade by members of Zion and other local churches.

We are collecting donations of other gifts to include in the bags for about 200 children. The gifts should be new and appropriate for infants to age 12.

Our gift bags measure 6x4x12inches, so large items will not fit!

Donation suggestions:

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| -small toys - (yo yo, jump rope, ball, etc.) | -pocket flashlight |
| -small packs of cookies | -handheld games/puzzles |
| -small books. | -small solar calculators |
| -sippy cups, bath toys. | -small pencil sharpeners |
| -"fat" crayons (for pre-school). | -stretch headbands |
| -small boxes of 8 crayons. | -stretch bracelets |
| -colored markers/pencils | -playdough |

Gift donations will be collected at Zion from Sunday, November 1 until Sunday, November 29. They may be placed in the bin in the front hallway.

Gift Bags will be filled at Zion Saturday, December 5 at 9 AM. If you are interested in helping to fill the bags, please contact Millie Gundel (898-2313)



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONCERT SERIES

Concerts coming up ...

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 Caribbean, and Israel.*

Sunday, January 24, 4 PM: Duo Chiaroscuro "Perfectly Fran(c)k" ...*Pianist Maria Corley and cellist Sara Male team up for a program of chamber music by Cesar Franck, Francois Francoeur, and Frank Bridge.*

Sunday, February 14th, 2-4 PM: Robert Horton "Now 'C' Here" ...*Director of music at Trinity since September 2014, organist, harpsichordist, and pianist, Robert Horton presents a multi-keyboard program of music by Clementi, Couperin, and Chambonnières.*

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LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION EVENTS COMING UP...

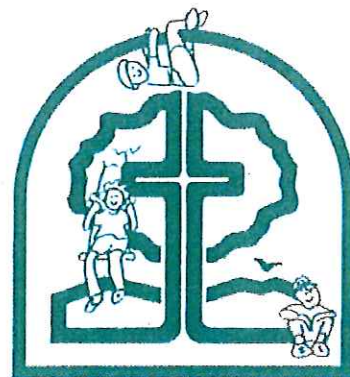
November 1: Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

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

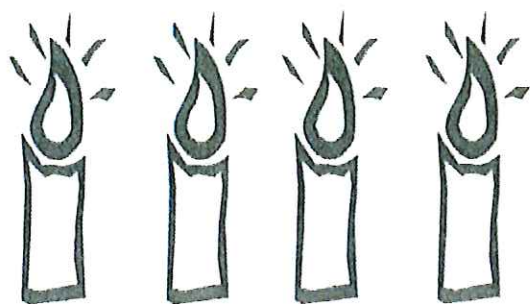


Advent Day Apart

at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 5, 2015
10am - 2pm

All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.



There is a \$15 registration fee.
Lunch will be provided.

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit
www.LutheranCamping.org to register by November 27.

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Kirchenwald Winter Youth Retreat

January 8-10, 2016

For youth in grades 3 through 9



Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.

To register, visit lutherancamping.org or simply fill out the information below, detach and mail with payment to Lutheran Camping Corporation, P.O. Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303.

Cost for the retreat is \$135. Please register by December 18, 2015.



2016 Winter Youth Retreat Registration

CAMPER NAME _____ MALE / FEMALE

BIRTH DATE _____ PRESENT GRADE IN SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ EMAIL _____

IF SEND MY CONFIRMATION MATERIALS BY EMAIL

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ CHURCH _____ CITY _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____ AMOUNT BILLED TO CHURCH \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS / CABINMATE / OTHER: _____ [cp]



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♦ November Celebrations



1	Ty Myers	4	Megan Landis	20	Olivia Richards
1	Mary Zimmerman	5	Cindy Blough	21	Denise Haun
3	Joe Adams	7	Ed Davis	22	Cindy Gunzenhauser
3	Renee Censier	7	Bill Piper	23	Christopher Andrew
3	Madison DePatto	7	Laura Wierschke	23	Ellie Barley
3	Melissa Grube	8	Lucy Davis	26	Deb Korn
3	Rae Miller	8	Mary Shelly	27	Janet Musselman
3	Kevin Smeltz	14	Gloria Grube *	30	Aiden Seyfried
4	Pat Brady	14	Janet Reeves		
		15	Cathy Benedict		
		15	Nicole Bono		
		15	Jo Stone		
		17	Toni DiNardi		
		19	Wyatt Egenrieder		
		20	Allison Korn		
		20	Addam Price		

* 90+ Birthday



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Amy Flood	9	Richard Dyer	22	Valerie Milholin
2	Adele King	10	Kali Miller	24	Adelyn Seyfried
4	Nathan Bear	12	Wenda Ruch	25	Collin Dean
4	Robin Ginther	13	Adam Shirk	25	Joel Janisewski
5	Mallory Trupe	13	Tyler Smith	25	Bob Lowden
6	Katherine Donnan	17	Courtney Nice	28	Dick Olson
6	Arlene Miller	17	Jerry Poff	30	Jim Gundel
6	Lynda Sherwood	17	Tom Williams	30	Isaac Rhoads
7	Rick Price	19	Savannah Reed		
		20	Kim Small		
		21	Danielle Myers		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3	Francisco & Andrea Rivera (10th)
18	Dave & Alane Klepper (19th)
19	Joe & Sue Hinds (27th)
22	Keith & Sherri Anderson (29th)
24	Burnell & Joan Hostetter (55th)



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Birgitte Chapman (Christian Formation)
Ed Blough (Worship)
John Hinkle (Ministry Support)
Scott Crum (In-Reach)
Delaney Klepper (ZYM)

(Nonvoting Members)

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Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer

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John Hay, Finance
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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

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Dave Wise, Finance
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Alice Carr, Head Teacher
Dianne Moore, Teacher

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David Bleil, Board President/Manager
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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.

December Newsletter Deadline: November 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