

ZION NEWS

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**Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

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

The Ministers of Zion: Every member of the congregation

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From the Pastor's Keyboard: Election Year Challenges

Are you still glued to the news about who is winning in the presidential primaries, or are you tired of the whole process? Do you still watch the debates, or have you been flipping to another channel whenever the latest debate is covered? Have you decided which candidate you would vote for if he/she is nominated to run, or are you still wondering what you will do when the Pennsylvania Primaries are held on April 26th?

For some, including yours truly, this has been an upsetting and challenging campaign season. The mud-slinging and bad-mouthing engaged in by most of the candidates has been worse than ever. When policy is discussed, broad statements and promises have been made that no president has or will be able to keep. This is nothing new, actually, but one gets weary of being lied to every election season. Candidates claim to be speaking "for the American people" as a whole, but their political views consistently are biased towards one particular group of Americans, typically the wealthy, and ignore those who aren't members of that group, Americans who are in the expanding middle economic income range, those barely eking by, the poor, ethnic minorities and other vulnerable Americans.

Being a follower of Jesus can make being an American voter difficult. Being a wealthy (yes, I consider myself wealthy in more ways than merely money) American who is also a Christian makes the important choice of the next President of the United States, the leader of our country, a huge challenge.

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♦ From the Pastor (Cont'd from pg. 1) , Bible Study, Confirmation

What are the personal attributes and moral standards that make for a President who will lead our country toward a greater sense of unity and justice for all and toward a strong international leadership role in work for world peace and elimination of the scourge of terrorism? Do any of the current candidates stand out in his/her concern for the people Jesus most loved: the poor, outcast and vulnerable? Maybe it would be easier if someone like Jesus was running for office? Then again, that one would most likely be assassinated before he/she could take office.

No one like Jesus is running---only a group of human, imperfect, sinful, sometimes ornery and manipulative individuals. In other words, they are like us. Yet, our faith in Jesus Christ gives us redemption from this sinful nature, makes us new in the love and forgiveness of God, and calls us to live out this transformation in everything we do- even in the decisions we make during this election year. How might we, American citizens who are followers of Jesus, make election choices that reflect the faith we claim in the midst of the fractious society we live in today? What can we do to protect ourselves from getting caught up in the negative rhetoric of the campaign that is aimed at belittling others and instigating fear?

The ELCA and Lower Susquehanna Synod have resources to assist voters as we make decisions this year. A list of links is included, below. Of course, one of our greatest resources is prayer. Before you make your decisions, take time to pray for guidance. Read the information provided in newspapers, journals, or online about the platform of each candidate and ask God to help you make an informed decision that takes into account not merely your desires for the future of our country but, more important, God's will. Most important of all, after your study, contemplation and prayer, go out and vote in the Primary Election on April 26th.

Election Resources:

ELCAvotes: 2016 Civic Participation and Voter Education Guide http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCAvotes_civic_participation_and_voter_education_guide.pdf

Faithful Participation in Society- LSS Election Resources 2016

http://www.lss-elca.org/Redesign/wp-content/uploads/2016_Election_Resources

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor JMe

BIBLE STUDY

*Beginning Tuesday, May 10
9:30-10:30 AM in the Parlor*

*"From Paul to Titus:
A Study of the Epistle"*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 22, One Service at 10 AM

Confirmands
Melissa Grube & Marissa Martin

♦ From the Council President

Dear Friends,

"No winter lasts forever, no spring fails to take its turn."

As we begin another bountiful spring season, I thought you might enjoy the following rendition entitled, "The ABCs Of A Fruitful Life" (Author Unknown).

Always put God first in your life.

Be a true friend and you will have many friends.

Count and thank God for your many blessings daily.

Discipline yourself. Decide to make your life count.

Enjoy and encourage others consistently.

Follow great leaders and then become one.

Give liberally and joyfully of your time, talents, and means.

Have an attitude of gratitude.

Invert any negatives thrown your way. Turn them into positives.

Journey through life one step and one day at a time.

Keep written goals set ahead. Make specific plans to accomplish them.

Love and forgive everybody.

Maximize your strengths and minimize your weaknesses.

Never, never, never give up!

Open the door wide when opportunity knocks.

Practice patience. Promote peace.

Quit bad habits by replacing them with good habits.

Read God's word and other profitable material every chance you get.

Share the Gospel whenever and wherever possible.

Take time to appreciate everything and everyone God has given to you.

Use your God-given common sense.

Visualize your dreams and stretch to reach for them.

Watch, listen, and pray without ceasing.

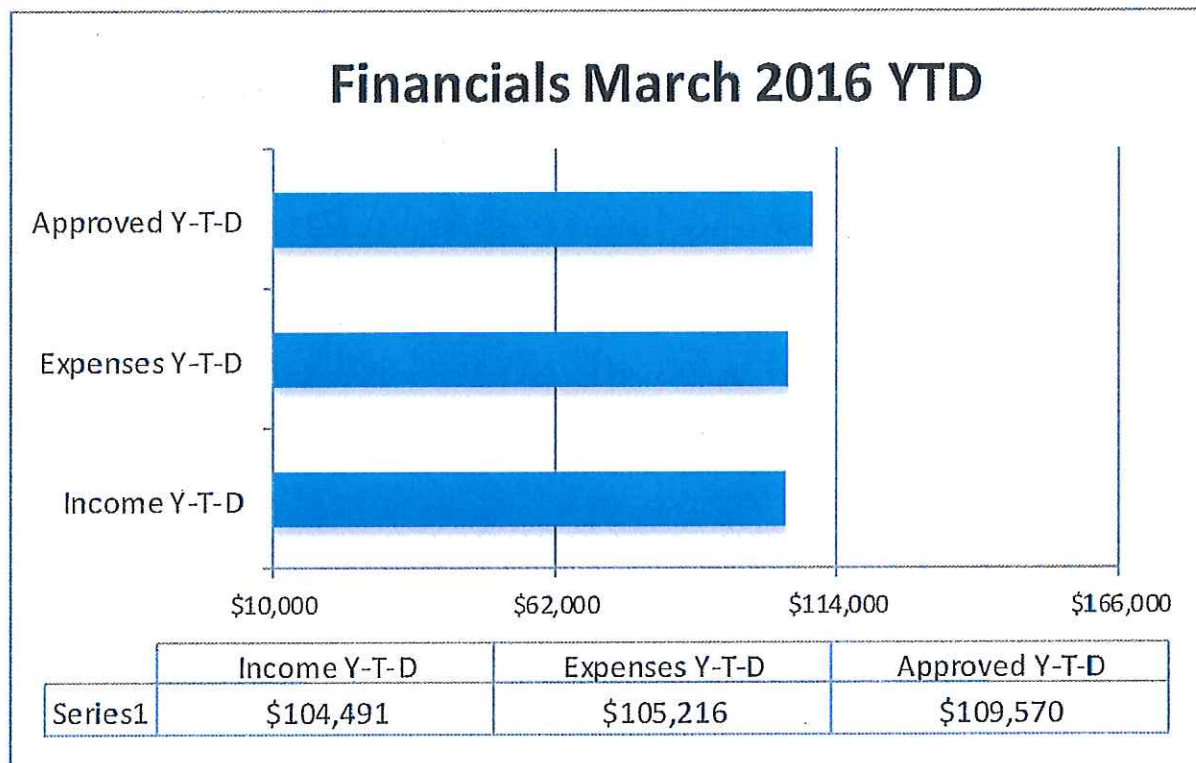
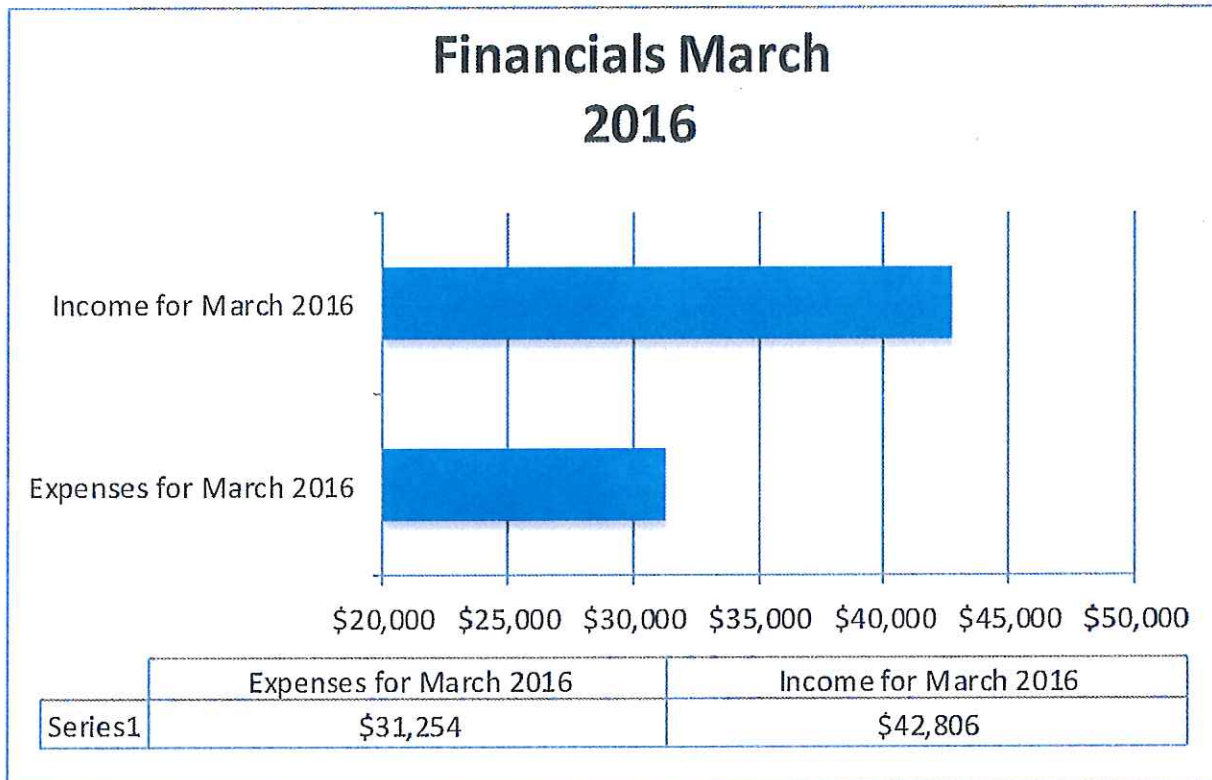
Xamine your motives on a regular basis.

Yield to the Holy Spirit when He prompts you.

Zoom in on God's real purpose for your life.

Yours in Christ,
John F. Hinkle, Jr.

♦ Financial Figures (March)



**March & YTD income includes \$10,000 transferred from the Endowment Funds in March.*

♦ ZYM, Kids' Club

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 22

Join us at 10:00 AM for the celebration of two of our students who will be confirmed as members of Zion. Melissa Grube and Marissa Martin have both worked hard and have grown a lot in their faith over the last 3 years. Please help us in congratulating them on this accomplishment!

MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

May 30

Along with the Social Outreach team, ZYM will be holding a pancake fundraiser for the community on Memorial Day Monday. This fundraiser will be held from 7 AM-11 AM. Please come out and support ZYM and the Social Outreach team!

DETROIT MISSION TRIP

July 10-16

Members of ZYM will be joining Lutheran Hands back in Detroit to help with clean-up and many other jobs! Keep them and the chaperones in your prayers!



The last Kids' Club of the school year will be on May 4. Dinner for the entire family will be served at 5:30 PM and the program for the children begins at 6 PM.

The theme for May 4 is "May the 4th Be With You!" Stay tuned for details about Kids' Club over the summer.

UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

MAY

- 1 H2H @ 6 PM
- 6 or 7 Possible Movie Night to see "God's Not Dead II"
- 8 No ZYM (Mother's Day)
- 15 H2H @ 6 PM
- 22 ZYM @ 6 PM (ZYM Room)
- 30 Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser (7-11 AM, Social Room)

JUNE

- 5 ZYM @ 6 PM (Greens: 121 Park Pl. Landisville)
- 12-16 Vacation Bible School
- 19 No ZYM (Father's Day)
- 25 Activity TBA (No White Water Rafting)

JULY

- 10-16 LutheranHANDS Mission Trip, Detroit, MI
- 24 ZYM @ 6 PM (Benedicts: 61 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville)

AUGUST

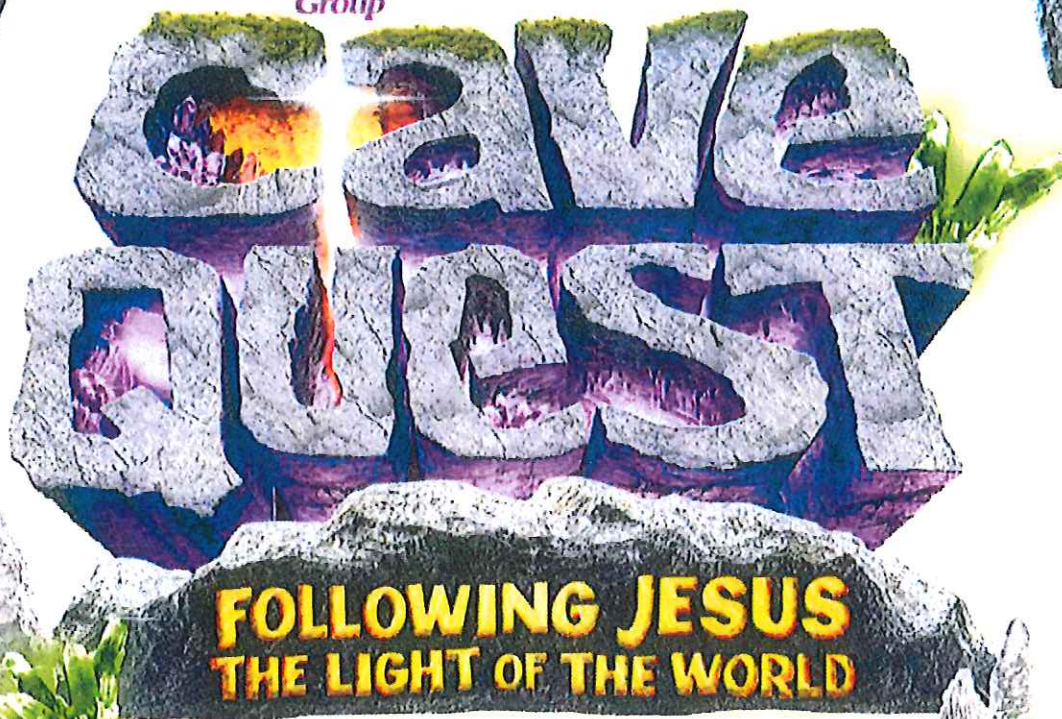
- 7 ZYM @ 6 PM (Volunteer Needed)
- 21 ZYM Picnic/Pool Party (Floods)





Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
presents

Group



**FOLLOWING JESUS
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For children in Pre-K through 5th grade.

**June 12 – 16, 2016
6 – 8 pm**

85 E. Brandt Blvd, Landisville, PA 17538

Embark on a VBS Adventure That Will Light Their Way!

Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure! Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times. We hope that your child's fun time spent at Zion this summer will provide easy to remember bible points, fun activities, and a place that is easy for them to make friends!

A Typical Day at Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

Kids will spend each day spelunking through field-tested activity stations with their Cave Crews (small groups of up to 5 kids and one leader). Every station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible Point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. Stations include Deep Bible Quests, Spelunker Sports and Games, KidVid Cinema and Imagination Station.

Donation sign-up posters and collection bins will be in the church lobby soon! Volunteers needed.

Register at ZionFamilyMinistry.Weebly.com/Registration

♦ Faith Formation

"We Have The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down In Our Hearts!"

Submitted by Linda Bear

On behalf of all of our Sunday School teachers and helpers from pre-school through grade five, we joyfully thank the parents of our wonderful students for sharing them with us throughout the 2015-2016 Sunday School year. **As this year's classes come to an end on Sunday, May 15, 2016**, the children remain eager to learn more about God and His son, Jesus Christ.

Please consider registering them for our upcoming Vacation Bible School, "Following Jesus the Light of the World: Cave Quest," scheduled for the week of June 12 through June 16, 2016, and we are looking forward to seeing each one of them in September 2016.

We thank the children for their enthusiasm to become one of "God's Bucket Fillers" this year as they shared patience, love, kindness, good listening, consideration and respectfulness towards each other, family, friends and teachers. Our children always bring joy to us as they sing in our services, assist with communion and help in community service such as making blankets and participating in community meals. Our buckets' are overflowing with joy!



♦ Summer Worship Submitted by Dennis Dezort

Summer Worship Project

As most of you know by now, beginning Sunday May 22, through Labor Day, September 11, we will be worshipping at one service, beginning at 10 AM. During seven of these services we are going to take a journey through the history of Christian Worship, from shortly after the Crucifixion to the present day. From the Reformation on, the focus will be entirely on Lutheran Worship. We hope to foster an understanding and feeling for the development of our worship and how we got to where we are today.

The Sundays devoted to these teachings are as follows:

- June 26 *Ancient Christian Worship (How early Christians worshiped; the foundations of worship)*
- July 10 *Roots of Catholic Worship (teaching sermon-focus on structure of worship. No special liturgy).*
- July 17 *Reformation Worship (Liturgy in the style of Martin Luther's German Mass).*
- July 31 *18th Century Worship (As Lutheran's worshiped in the 1700s in Pa.*
- Aug 14 *Early 20th Century Worship (Liturgy in the style used when Zion began).*
- Aug 21 *Later 20th Century Worship (Liturgical renewal from the 1960s-1970s).*
- Sep 18 *Back to 2 services. As we are today.*

Our services on these Sundays will be in the style of the worship described. This is a rather ambitious project and will require much research. If any member of this congregation has any knowledge regarding the worship we will be doing, please contact either myself or Pastor JMe. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

♦ Conversations in the Courtyard, Women of Zion

NEW this Summer: *Conversations in the Courtyard*

This summer, pull up a chair, sip on some lemonade (or coffee!) and take a moment to chat with fellow members of our wonderful Zion Lutheran Church "family."

Beginning June 5, immediately following the single church service, head out to the courtyard for our summer fellowship, *Conversations in the Courtyard*!

In addition to weekly lemonade and light snacks, the Adult Sunday School classes and choir will be serving up brunch once a month. Come for the food – stay for the conversation!

The 2016 Conversations in the Courtyard Schedule is as follows:

June 5 – Brunch, courtesy of the Wired Word Sunday School Class

June 12, 19, 26, & July 3 – Lemonade, coffee, and light snacks

July 10 – Brunch, courtesy of the Sunday Scholars

July 17, 24, & 31 – Lemonade, coffee, and light snacks

August 7 – Brunch, courtesy of the Choir

August 14, 21, 28, & September 4 & 11 – Lemonade, coffee, and light snacks

We look forward to seeing you there!

WOMEN OF ZION submitted by Millie Gundel

Comforter Ministry-Monday, May 2 at 9.00 AM in the Social Room.

Yarn Ministry-Sunday, May 1 and 15 at 1:00 PM in the Parlor.

Samson at Sight & Sound Theater — Friday, July 29 at 6:30 PM.

This outing is for the whole family! Reservation forms and more information can be found on the bulletin board and on the ushers' table in the Narthex. *Reservation forms and checks are due by May 15.*

Women's Spring Breakfast- May 7 10:00 AM at Country Table. Please sign up by May 1....invite a friend!



♦ Prayer Team, Community Meal

What Should be Included in Prayer?

by K. J. Kehler (thoughts-about-god.com)

Submitted by Dolly Overly

Although communion with God is all about our heart's attitude, the following are four aspects of prayer that make for a healthy conversation with God.

Adoration

To show adoration to God is to worship, praise, honor and exalt Him. In other words, respect Him, and say wonderful things about Him. Psalm 103 and 145 are good examples of adoring the Lord.

Confession

When we begin to acknowledge how great, perfect and awesome our God is, we can't help but recognize our weaknesses and sins. Admitting and confessing our sins and knowing he has forgiven our past, present and future sins is vital to our prayer life. God is a holy God, so we need to come to Him with a clean heart.

Thanksgiving

Giving thanks expresses our faith, and it is faith that pleases God. In Hebrews 11:6 we read, "And without faith it is impossible to please God." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 states, "In all things give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you." We don't necessarily give thanks for the difficult circumstances, but give thanks for His total provision during good - and painful ones.

Supplication

Asking seems to come naturally to children. As God's children, we can freely talk

to Him and ask Him for anything. And like any caring parent, He will say, "Yes" to some of our requests, "No" some of the time and at times, He will say, "Wait".

You can remember this outline for prayer through the acronym ACTS - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each component is necessary for an effective prayer life.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Submitted by Linda Bear

Take some time for quiet reflection as we acknowledge and joyfully remember and appreciate all that was offered in God's name to our Christ Lutheran and Zion Community Meal Ministries by the following members whose giving spirits remain within our hearts: Bruce Gerlach, Weidler Grube, Pauline Hess, Judy Huber, Helen Piper, Chis Reinhart, and Peg Stockman.

*Our next Thursday night community meal is scheduled for **June 9** at 5:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be available beginning on Sunday May 22, 2016 through Sunday, June 6, 2016. Come be a part of this caring ministry!*



♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*



In March, the pantry served 179 families which included 230 children, 372 adults, and 92 seniors for a total of 694 people served. **We continue to register new families each month.....in March we registered 9 new families.**

During the month of March Zion members donated 196 pounds of food. Thank you for your weekly food donations and your continued financial contributions to the pantry. Your financial contributions are used to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank and "on sale" items at various grocery stores in the area.

During the month of March....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,279 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 1,390 pounds of fresh produce and 130 pounds of bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 1,006 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 168 pounds of bread and bakery items. S. Clyde Weaver donated 312 pounds of bread and bakery items; Forry's 210 pounds of produce; Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz contributed 488 pounds of bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 342 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 1,286 pounds of food items through local grocery stores; 3,385 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank; and received 2,800 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program in Lancaster.



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 four volunteers gave 701 hours during the month of March.** Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give to serving them with a true servant's heart and a smile! We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! The pantry continues to operate with a full non-paid staff.

YOU are welcome to visit the community pantry located here at Zion on our "open" days (Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 P) to witness God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action!

The "main" items needed (requested) for the pantry currently through April/May are cereal and 14 -16 ounce cans of tomatoes. Cereal is ALWAYS a requested food item. Thank you!

Together we will feed the hungry!

♦ Letters from Brenda Alimo, Child Fund Sponsee

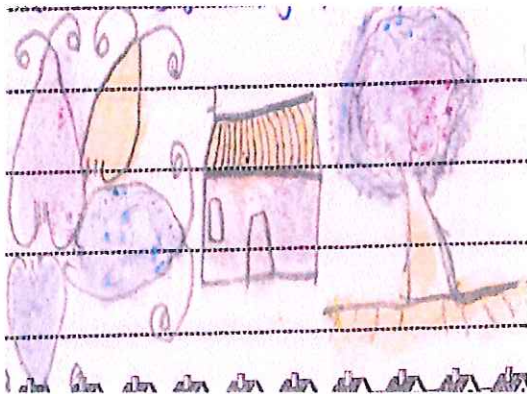
January 24, 2016



Hello Zion Lutheran Church,

Happy New Year to you all. How are you doing? Back to us, we are all healthy and I am happy to write to you. Hoping that you are all fine. I finished end of year exams and glad I passed to grade five. We enjoyed Christmas and then New Years celebration with our family members. There were lots of fun music and eats. I mostly liked Christmas carols. Thanks for the love and the booklet with Christmas songs and interesting hymns about Advent. Our family appreciated it so much. We now keep on learning and practicing the hymns by singing. This is the time our family also learns the meaning of some English words; thanks a lot!

We all wish you blessings in the new year. With love from Brenda Alimo



March 3, 2016

Hello Zion Lutheran Church,



I am very happy to write to you this letter. I am healthy and I hope you are also doing well in health. I send to you our warmly greetings from my family members. I am at school for first term studies now. I like being at school. I like playing ball games. Thank you so much for lovely Easter gift you sent to me and \$25 amounting to 86.125 shillings and the Christmas gift of \$25 amounting to 86.125 shillings., totaling to 172.250 shillings. With the gifts I bought two goats. I am happy to tell you that the chicken I bought last time have hatched 10 chicks.

Thank you so much for supporting me.
All with lots of love and smiles from your child, Brenda Alimo.

♦ LWR, Lutheran Summer Music Academy, LCC

FABRIC KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

During the summer months, May through August, Zion will be accepting donations of *fabric* and *thread* for Lutheran World Relief Kits. Fabric Kits provide materials for vocational training programs teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses. Both men and women will benefit from these kits.

Each kit contains two pieces of fabric and two spools of thread. You may provide a complete kit or a half kit. Purchases may be placed in the marked bin near the mailboxes. Complete instructions will be found on the bulletin board. Please take a "shopping list" card (found on the bulletin board) to the store with you, because the sizes required are very specific.

Monetary donations may be made to purchase kit materials. Checks should be made to ZELC, memo to "fabric kits" and placed in the offering plate.

Please direct any questions to Donna Dumeyer or Millie Gundel.

LUTHERAN MUSIC PROGRAM

Home of the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is about celebrating the music of the church that unites us and connects us to our shared heritage as people of faith. It is about providing exceptional musical training for young people. It is about intentional community. It is about teaching teenagers to recognize their unique gifts and the gifts of their peers. It is about preparing them for a life of joyful service to their community and to God. For more than 30 years, students have come to LSM and returned to their home congregations ready to share their experience. LSM 2016 will be held June 24-July 24 on the campus of Luther College of Decorah, Iowa. For more information, visit: www.lutheransummermusic.org

Spring Events with the Lutheran Camping Corporation

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| May 13 | Lutheran Camping Night at the Harrisburg Senators |
| May 14 | Garden & Tea Party at The Wittel Farm |
| May 15 | Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic at Nawakwa |
| June j10 | Annual Golf Tournament at Honey Run Golf Club, York |

For more information and to register, go to lutherancamping.org

SUMMERFEST

Saturday, July 23, 2016

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Camp Nawakwa

All ages welcome!

Bring your family, youth group, Sunday School class, or women's group. Enjoy a BBQ lunch,



games, hiking, swimming or conversing with friends. Plus a mini-concert with Rachel Kurtz and outdoor worship in the beauty of Nawakwa.

In addition to the entry fee, we will take an offering at worship to support our shared children, youth, young adult and family ministries, but it is not required to attend.

Registration Fee: \$12 per person, and only \$5 for children 12 and under, with pre-school children FREE. Congregational or family groups are encouraged to register together.

Download the simple one-page registration form at:

<http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/events/summerfest/>,

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Dinner/Concert



Featuring
Trinity Church Musicians
And



Special Guest Ringer – Ron Bellamy

Menu

Homemade Layered Mini Lasagna Casserole
Tossed Salad, Italian Bread, Various Desserts

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Dinner – 5:30 PM

Concert – 6:45 PM

Sign-up Sheet In Church Narthex
Or

Call 569-1632 For Dinner Reservations.

Freewill Offering Benefits

Education of Girls in the Equator Region, Congo through Global
Ministries and Trinity Music Ministry





*Together,
we can feed the hungry*

We are committed to address the root causes of hunger and poverty and building a world of justice in which all are fed.



Lower Susquehanna Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

God's work. Our hands.

Always
being made
New.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELCA

*We share a living,
daring confidence in God's grace.*

The Global Face of Hunger and Poverty

- ❖ One out of every five persons lives in extreme poverty, and one out of every nine persons is hungry.
- ❖ In the U.S. 49 million of our neighbors (including 16 million children) cannot count on having enough to eat each day.

Called by Christ to love our neighbor, we are responding.

Our ELCA works in 60 countries, including the United States, for systematic change through

- Agriculture and nutrition
- Water and sanitation
- Health care and prevention
- Income and savings
- Education and training

Our LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD works collaboratively to

- Provide more World Hunger dollars than any other synod in the ELCA
- Feed hungry schoolchildren through weekend backpack and summer lunch programs
Ruth's Harvest started as an ecumenical ministry at St. Matthew (Hanover). Seeds were planted and similar programs are growing in more than half a dozen other congregations and communities.
- Feed body, mind, and soul through innovative social ministry programs and alternative worshiping communities
Peter's Porch at Zion (Akron) began as a feeding and clothing ministry but quickly grew into an alternative worshiping community and community resource center. Now it has spread to Faith United (Denver) and ecumenical partners.
- Feed neighbors through food and clothing banks
Grace (Red Lion) provides food, clothing, and household goods to more than 1,500 families each year. "You walk in here on distribution day," Pastor Tina Melusky said, "and you see the face of Christ everywhere you look." Across our synod Lutherans are feeding others as we have been fed by Christ.
- Feed hope through community meals and food-packing events
Holy Trinity (Lancaster) opens its doors each Sunday to serve a hot breakfast to all who are hungry for food and hope. Other congregations, like Trindle Spring (Mechanicsburg), host monthly dinners. Together our congregations have packed more than 400,000 meals to address local and global hunger. God's work is accomplished through our hands—together.

Our Always Being Made New Campaign Goals –

\$2 Million for ELCA World Hunger (the amount we give yearly – PLUS 20%)

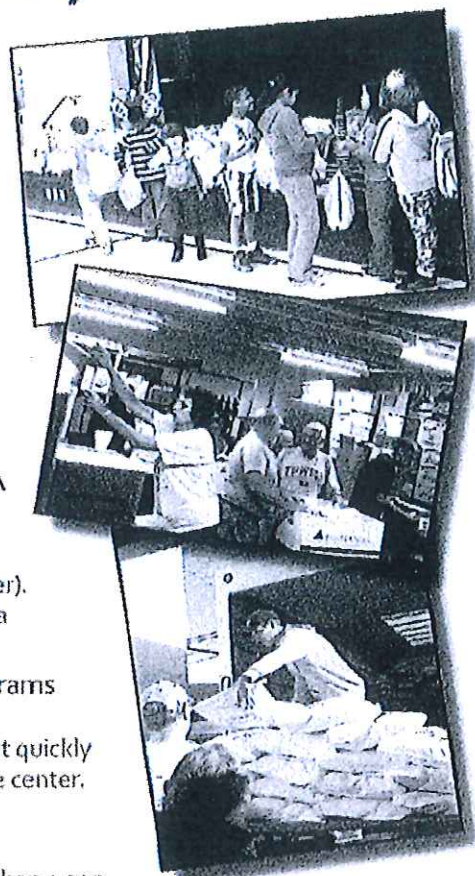
\$500,000 for starting and growing Synod Hunger Initiatives

For more information, please contact:

Always Being Made New Campaign

Lower Susquehanna Synod, 900 S. Arlington Ave. Suite 220B, Harrisburg, PA 17109

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**Always
Being
Made
New.**
THE ELCA CAMPAIGN

♦ Thank You, Congratulations, Sympathy

THANK YOU...

♦ From Rodger & Nancy Myers

Thank you kindly for your cards, prayers, calls, visits, soup, flowers, and well wishes with Rodger's surgery. It has been a long road of no weight-bearing on his foot for 6-10 weeks and then weeks of rehab. Being active folks, this has been a difficult road. God is definitely giving a lesson of patience. Please continue with your prayers for healing and strength. We are so blessed to be a part of Zion and have such wonderful friends to support us!

♦ From Tammi Cammauf (niece of Linda Bear)

It was two years ago that our daughter, Lindsey, was diagnosed with ITP. It was the first time my little girl asked me if she was going to die, and I had no clear answer. We spent many hours at the hospital, going to appointments, getting blood work, etc. . . The whole time all we had was faith that God was in control. When you are left with no answers and no control, clinging to even the tiniest amount of faith is the only comfort.

Today I am thankful that God chose to let Lindsey be a miracle. There was no good reason that with 0 platelets, she had no major bleeding. I am so thankful for the support and information we received through the PDSA. Looking back on that time now, I cannot even begin to express how thankful I am to everyone who prayed for Lindsey and supported us through it. God showed up through so many people! Please keep the prayers coming as she has been treatment free since last June, and we have faith that it will continue that way!



♦ From Jack Crowley, President of Water Street Mission

Thank you for your gift of \$126.05 to Water Street Mission. Because of your gift, our ministry is able to serve the homeless and hungry each day. You are helping restore lives through rescue and renewal! ...Thank you for your support.

♦ From Linda Bear

Thanks to everyone who delivered food, set-up, prepared, served, and cleaned up after the Community Meal on Thursday, April 14. A good time was had by all!

CONGRATULATIONS...

*...to **Connie & Al Alsedek** on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Michael & Katelyn Hoch, on March 28.*

SYMPATHY...

*...to the family and friends of **Elisabeth ("Beth") Dum** who passed away on Thursday, April 21.*

♦ May Celebrations



1	Lynda Martin	6	Arlene Miller	20	Patsy Hinkle
1	Mark McCullough	7	Ariel Hengey	20	Kim Small
1	Carl Metzinger	7	Floyd Jury*	22	Dick Olson*
1	Chase Pipkin	7	Sam King	23	Todd Hay
1	Gene Weiksner	7	Jean Pretz	27	Kyle Brady
2	Tammy Bennawit	7	Rick Price	28	Dick Heim
2	Mark Reinhart	8	Aubrey Provanzo	29	Zachary Barr
4	Joe Auchey	9	Sue McCullough	29	John Hinkle
4	Bob Traup	9	Aimee Miller	30	Jim Gundel
5	Troy Milholin	9	Jennifer Pipkin	31	Morgan Huber
6	Judie Ingersoll	9	Kim Propst	31	Hayley Morgan
		10	Quinn Klepper		
		14	John Bennawit		
		14	Mark Coons		
		14	Pam Houseal		
		14	Rodger Myers		
		19	Elisabeth Chapman		
		20	Stephanie Golihew		

*90+ Birthday



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Matthew Rickert	12	Denise Haun	21	Bryanna Dohner
3	Ed Davis	12	Jay Smith	21	Sue Stathopoulos
3	Kathy Good	13	Deb Grube	24	Brett Rhoads
4	Andrew Bernhard	13	Ava Gunzenhauser	25	Alec Martin
4	Sofia Deibler	14	Christian Benedict	26	Madison Pipkin
6	Marissa Martin	17	Anna Benedict	31	Jason Shirk
10	Pam Houseal	18	Mark Huber		
		19	Liz Crum		
		20	Cameron Reed		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Bill & Amy Flood (23rd)	11	Scott & Mary Hetrick (31st)
1	Ryan & Stephanie Stitzel (5th)	12	Wayne & Melodie Dearolf (16th)
2	Dave & Donna Dumeyer (47th)	14	Ryan & Pam Gunzenhauser (11th)
4	John & Patsy Hinkle (53rd)	17	Ron & Birgitte Chapman (19th)
4	Jeff & Michele Rickert (31st)	18	Mark & Sue McCullough (20th)
5	Ken & Mary Jane Unger (43rd)	19	Lars & Heather Gronholm (15th)
7	Rodger & Nancy Myers (44th)	19	Neil & Kelly Kline (15th)
9	Doug & Pam Searle (35th)	21	Bryan & Melissa Dohner (11th)
		24	Jason & Mary Green (19th)

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Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer
Brenda Stover, Secretary

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Liz Crum, Parish Fellowship
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team
Cathy Benedict, Interim ZYM Board

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Dianne Moore, Teacher

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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.

June Newsletter Deadline: May 15

May 1, 8, 15 Sunday Services: 8:00 AM (Traditional) & 10:30 AM (Contemporary)

May 22 & 29 Sunday Service: 10 AM

Faith Formation For All Ages through May 15: 9:15 AM