

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:

Why Do We Worship the Way We Do? - Ancient Roots of Lutheran Worship

During the summer months, we will be exploring together the development of Lutheran worship and experiencing ways that our forefathers and foremothers offered worship and praise to the Lord Jesus Christ and received his gifts through the Holy Sacraments. The following is an introduction to our worship journey. Join us each week to worship and learn why we do what we do on Sunday mornings.

"⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Act 2:42 NRS) "⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." — Acts 2:42, 46-47 (NRSV)

Corporate worship has been central to the Christian faith since the very first followers of the Way gathered at the time of the Pentecost. Also, from the very beginning, sharing the meal we know as Holy Communion was a regular part of their gatherings.

Around 56 A.D. Paul wrote to the Christian community in Corinth to express his concern about inappropriate behavior during worship and the sharing of the Lord's Supper. He stressed the importance of the meal and its place in the worship of the church by repeating Jesus' words at the Last Supper with the disciples before his crucifixion- words that are still used today.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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♦ From the Pastor (Cont'd from pg. 1)

During most of the First Century, Christians gathered with their Jewish brothers and sisters for Sabbath services of scripture readings, interpretation, and prayers. Early on, they were considered a sect of Judaism; however, they differentiated themselves as a group through their additional "Lord's Day" (Sunday) gatherings in members' homes to share the Lord's Supper instituted by Jesus. As Christianity spread into the lands outside Israel, more and more Gentile believers joined the growing communities. This growth together with growing persecution from both the Roman government and Jewish leaders led to the establishment of the Christian church as an entity unto itself. By the end of the Second Century, church leadership hierarchy, worship service content and structure, and church buildings had been established throughout the known world. By the end of the Fourth Century, Sunday- "The Lord's Day"- had become the primary day of worship in the week.

Below are excerpts about worship practices from writings of early church leaders. Take note of how the content and structure of our worship has changed very little since the first centuries of the church: confession, psalms/hymns, prayers, scripture readings, sermon, offering, Holy Communion.

"But every Lord's day gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one who is at odds with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned. For this is that which was spoken by the Lord: "In every place and time offer to me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the nations.

(The Didache, 50-120 A.D.)

"When you instruct the people, O bishop, command and exhort them to come constantly to church morning and evening every day, and by no means to forsake it on any account, but to assemble together continually; neither to diminish the Church by withdrawing themselves, and causing the body of Christ to be without its member... but assemble yourselves together every day, morning and evening, singing psalms and praying in the Lord's house: in the morning saying the sixty-second Psalm, and in the evening the hundred and fortieth, but principally on the Sabbath day. And on the day of our Lord's resurrection, which is the Lord's day, meet more diligently, sending praise to God that made the universe by Jesus, and sent Him to us, and condescended to let Him suffer, and raised Him from the dead. Otherwise what apology will he make to God who does not assemble on that day to hear the saving word concerning the resurrection, on which we pray thrice standing in memory of Him who arose in three days, in which is performed the reading of the prophets, the preaching of the Gospel, the oblation of the sacrifice, the gift of the holy food?"
(Apostolic Constitutions ca. 1st-4th cent. Bk. 2. 59)

To learn more about the history of Lutheran worship, check out the Worship Page on our website (www.zionhempfield.net) for other installments of "Why Do We Worship the Way We Do?".

For an outline of the service themes this summer, see the write-up on page 3.

♦ Summer Worship

Summer Worship Project

Throughout the summer 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:

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

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 Dennis or Pastor JMe. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

TUESDAY TAIZE SERVICES

June 28 at 7 PM by the cross in the Cooper House backyard.

All are welcome!

What is a Taize Service?

It is an informal half hour of peace in your hectic, busy life. **There is music**...you may sing along, hum or just listen. **There is prayer**...it is short and meant to focus your thoughts. **There is scripture**...listen to the Word as you relax. **There is a time of silence**...a few moments to "just be." **All of this in one half hour!** *A wonderful island of solitude in your day!*

The services are held the 4th Thursday evening of each month at 7 PM.

♦ From the Council President

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

We had a guest speaker, John Metzger, speak during the Sunday School hour on April 24th. Rev. Metzger spoke about the meaning and functions of the Jewish seder meal. Rev. Metzger is a member of the Messianic Jewish congregation in Lititz. Our thanks to Dave Dumeyer for making the arrangements for this very interesting and informative program.

Our thanks, also, to Jere Grube and the Property Team for their recent efforts in beautifying the church grounds. The team has also completed some new outside signage and had our trees trimmed by an outside contractor. Thank you to Bill & Julia Grove for the signs! At the June meeting, Property will meet with the third of three contractors who have submitted proposals to address the invasive basement water problem.

The Personal Team has received a good number of resumes from and letters of interest in the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Director position. Interviews have just begun and the team’s expectation is to have the position filled in time for the beginning of the upcoming programmatic year.

The Zion Strategic Planning Committee (ZSPC) meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM and is currently gathering information for a feasibility study on two fronts — possible structural modifications to our current facility and information on a cooperative ministry program. The goal of the committee is to assemble as much information as possible and then present the findings to the congregation in the fall. The committee will not be asked to make a decision or recommendation on their information. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meetings or offer suggestions.

We still have position vacancies available in the following areas:

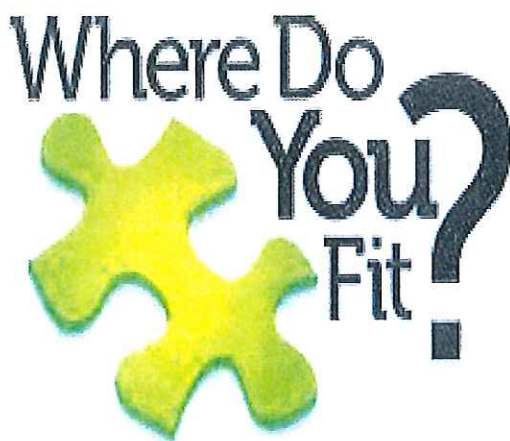
- ⇒ Sunday School Superintendent
- ⇒ Safe Church Approved Adults to be volunteers
- ⇒ Community Meal Coordinator
- ⇒ Evangelism Team Leader

Interested? See Pastor JMe or any member of the Council.

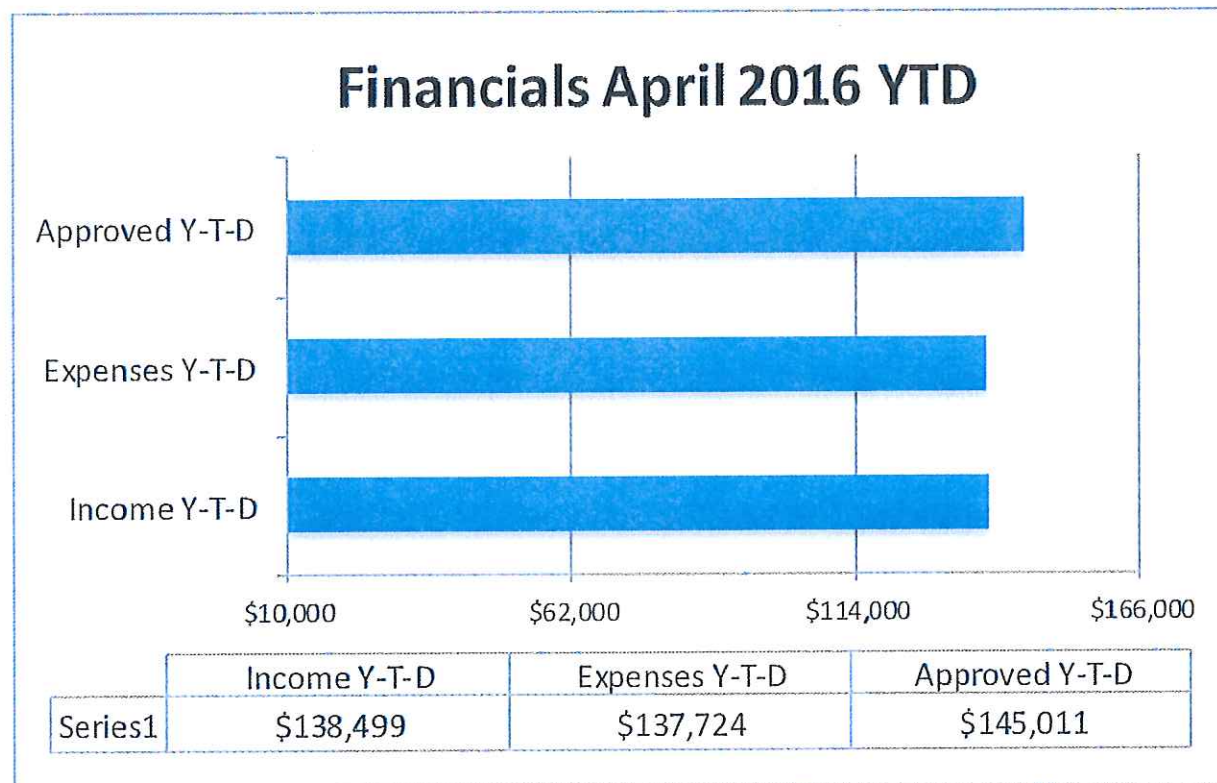
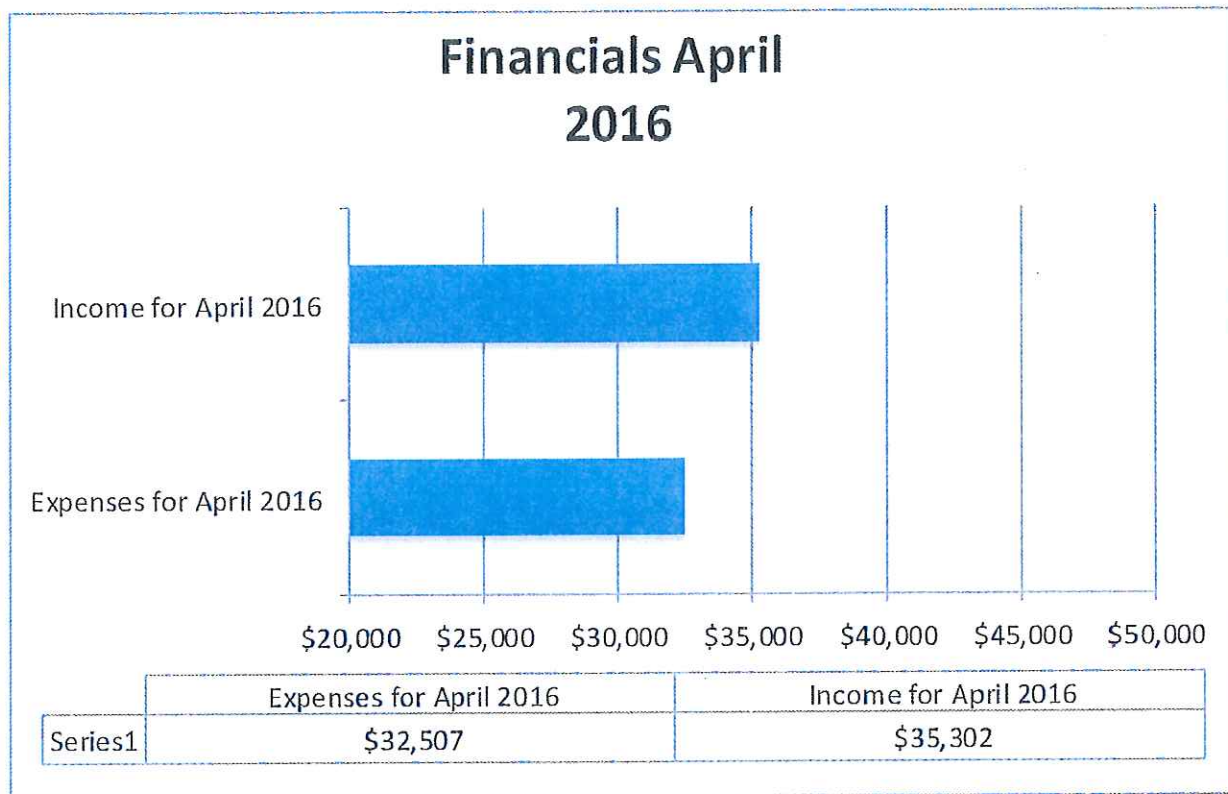
♦ From the Council President *(Cont'd from pg. 4)*

The need for an Evangelism Team Leader is a pretty crucial one. Although all of us are responsible to be active in the area of evangelism, we need someone to lead an active group that will monitor this area of our ministry. There is no need for special “training” except merely to make certain that when there are visitors who are interested in our church that we acknowledge their presence and interest, and make sure we invite them to return. Or, if you know someone who is interested in coming, be sure to extend that invitation that they are hoping for. It’s that simple, but that necessary.

Are you aware that you can make your contributions to our church electronically? Well, you can! It’s a program called Simply Giving and it’s easy to use! Simply Giving is the program endorsed by the Thrivent Federal Credit Union that provides for automated giving to the church from your checking or savings account. Weather, holiday weekends, and sporadic attendance can create unpredictable giving patterns that make it difficult for the church to plan strategically. When the income comes in through online channels, it creates a consistency that is less dependent on these variables that make it hard, or even impossible, for you to be in church. With the upcoming summer vacation season, you could keep your offerings up-to-date even though you might not be able to attend church each Sunday. Do you use automated payments for any of your household bills? Why not add your church offering to that list! A number of our members are already enrolled in Simply Giving and are all very pleased with the program. It’s easy to sign up! Contact Phil Houseal or Ron Crawford if you are interested in more information. We want to make giving to the church as easy and enjoyable as making any online purchase. The Simply Giving program allows for this.



♦ Financial Figures (April)



**YTD income includes \$10,000 transferred from the Endowment Funds*

♦ 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 brunch once a month. Come for the food – stay for the conversation! *If you are interested in helping to serve lemonade or to bring snacks, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Jean Pretz (945-9036) or Millie Gundel (898-2313).*

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

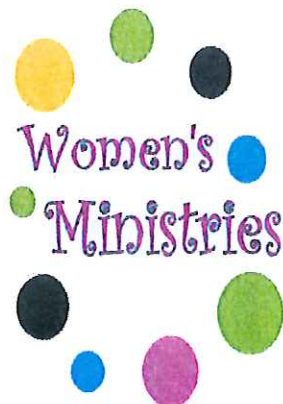
We look forward to seeing you there!

WOMEN OF ZION submitted by Millie Gundel

Comforter Ministry & Yarn Ministry will take a break throughout the summer months and will resume again in September.

Please continue to bring in donations of clean sheets which will be made into comforters for the needy.

Also, ATTENTION THOSE WHO KNIT & CROCHET! Keep your needles busy making hats, scarves and mittens for school age children. We will need them when we fill our Christmas gift bags for the Food Pantry children in December. There is yarn available in the Parlor. Direct any yarn or pattern questions to Joanne Grim.



♦ Community Meal, Prayer Team

COMMUNITY MEAL

Submitted by Linda Bear

Mark your calendars now for our next Community Meal to be served on **Thursday, June 9 at 5:30 PM.** Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex through **Sunday, June 6.**

In addition to the June 9 meal, we look forward to serving meals on October 13 and on December 8. *There will be a meeting after the meal on the 9th to help coordinate the meals in the fall.*

Your blessings of service are most appreciated!



FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

Submitted by Dolly Overly

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Joyce Meyer Ministries

Ephesians 3:16: Strengthen me in the inner man.

Ephesians 3:17: That I may be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love.

Ephesians 3:18: Let me grasp God's love - the breadth and length and height and depth of it.

Ephesians 3:19: That I might be filled through all my being with the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:19: That I might become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself.

Philippians 3:10: That I may "know" Him and the power of His resurrection.

Ephesians 1:17: That He might grant me a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Ephesians 1:18: That the eyes of my heart be flooded with light.

Ephesians 1:19: That I might know the greatness of His power in me.

Philippians 1:10: That I may learn to sense what is vital and of real value.

Philippians 1:11: That I may abound and be filled with the fruits of righteousness.

John 17:12: That He will keep and protect me from the evil one. (Jesus' prayer)

Colossians 1:9: That I may know God's will.

Colossians 1:11-12: That I may be strengthened with all power, (to exercise) every kind of endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks.

♦ Faith Formation, Nursery School

Box Office Bible Study: “You Can’t Keep A Good Book Down”

Submitted by Dave Albin

Box Office Bible Study (“BOBS”) is returning for Summer 2016! This summer we will be meeting in the Parlor at 8:30 AM from July 10-August 31. Each session will be different, so come to any or all of the eight sessions. Since each session is a separate unit, you won’t be out of the loop if you miss a week.

We will look at clips from popular movies and then we will discuss Christian viewpoints about what we’ve seen. Teens and adults are welcome as we watch scenes with John Goodman, Tom Hanks, Michael Keaton, Matthew Broderick, Jeff Bridges, Julia Roberts, Michael J. Fox, and more of your favorite Hollywood stars.

The discussions will be led by Dave Albin, but everyone is a teacher, everyone is a student, and most importantly, everyone is welcome. You only need to bring note-taking items if desired, all else will be provided.

See you at the movies!

THANK YOU MR. DEZORT!

The Kindergarten through 5th grade Sunday School teachers and the members of Zion's Children's Choir are singing the praises of Mr. Dennis Dezort for his time, talent, and dedication to giving our wonderful children of God the opportunities to share the love of the Lord through music and song.

A shout out of thanks to you, Mr. Dezort

THANK YOU CHILDREN & PARENTS!

Mrs. Bear, Mrs. Haun, Mrs. Landis, and Mrs. Myers thank all of our wonderful kindergarten through grade 5 Sunday School friends for an exciting and joyful year special learning lessons about God, Jesus, and many other interesting Bible characters. Thank you for being “God’s Bucket Fillers” and learning about “The Circle of Grace” — how to stay safe in church, in school, and in the community. In addition, we thank the parents for bringing the kids to Sunday School each week and entrusting them in our care. *Happy summer to all! Keep filling those buckets, and remember that God’s love circles you always!*

Zion Nursery School Graduation, Celebration, & Farewell

Submitted by Mary Hetrick

On May 11, 2016, the last class of nine students graduated from our nursery school. We had a wonderful celebration on May 1st to honor all those who contributed their time and effort to our school over the past 29 years. It was a time to welcome back many of our teachers, teacher aides and board members, as well as Pastor Martin Swartz to celebrate with us. We also had many alumni in attendance. *The Nursery School Board would like to thank everyone involved with the worship service and celebration luncheon.*

Hopefully you may have also seen the article about our school in the Lancaster newspaper at the end of April. While we are sad that it was no longer feasible to continue our nursery school program, we are confident that there will be other opportunities for our church to serve our community in the future.

♦ Kids' Club, ZYM



***Kids' Club will continue
this summer!***

On Wednesday nights, kids age 3 through 5th grade are invited to share a meal with their families, hear a Bible story, do crafts and games, and learn some new songs.

Kids' Club will be held on 6/22, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, and 8/17. Parents are welcome to join us for a simple kid-friendly meal at 5:30 PM.

Programming for kids will be held from 6-7 PM.

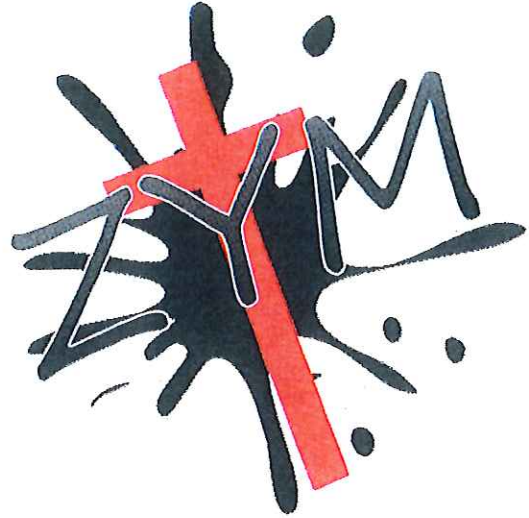
*It's like Vacation Bible School all summer long
– invite your friends and neighbors!*

Zion members: We are looking for volunteers to work in teams of two to run the Bible story and crafts/games for Kids' Club. We will provide the materials, and you need to only commit to leading Kids' Club one evening this summer. We are also looking for one person for each night to help prepare, serve, and clean up the meal. We can do the menu-planning and grocery shopping for you.

Kids' Club is a growing ministry that reached 45 children last summer. Join us as we help teach the young people in our community all about God's love!

To volunteer, please contact Jean Pretz (jean.pretz@gmail.com) or Corrie Stream (corrie.stream@gmail.com).

***Thank you for your support of our
growing children's ministry at Zion!***



UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

JUNE

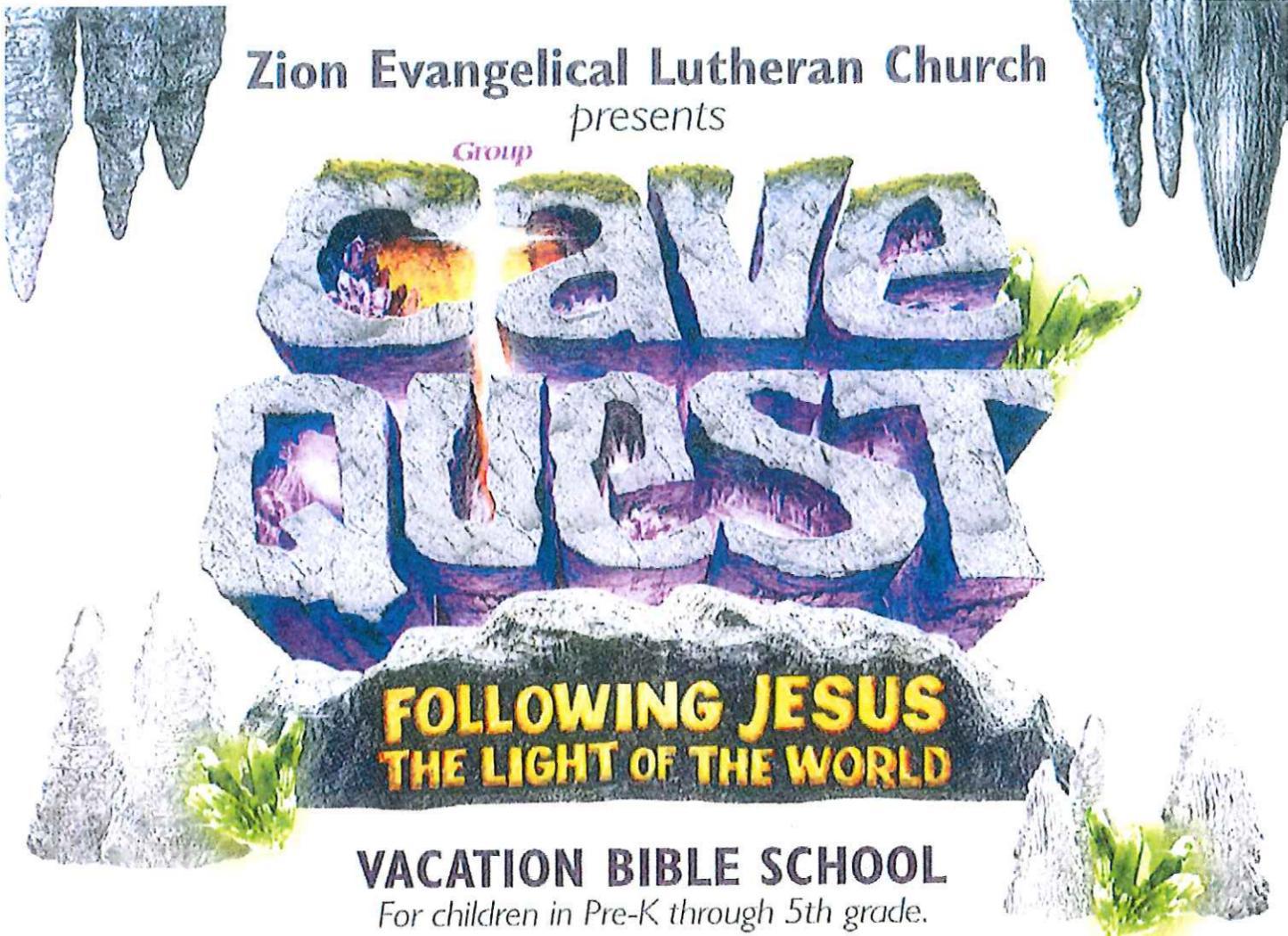
- 5 ZYM @ 6 PM (Greens:
121 Park Pl. Landisville)
- 12-16 Vacation Bible School
- 19 No ZYM (Father's Day)
- 25 Scoops Mini-Golfing & Ice
Cream @ 6 PM

JULY

- 24 ZYM @ 6 PM (Benedicts:
61 E. Brandt Blvd., L-ville)

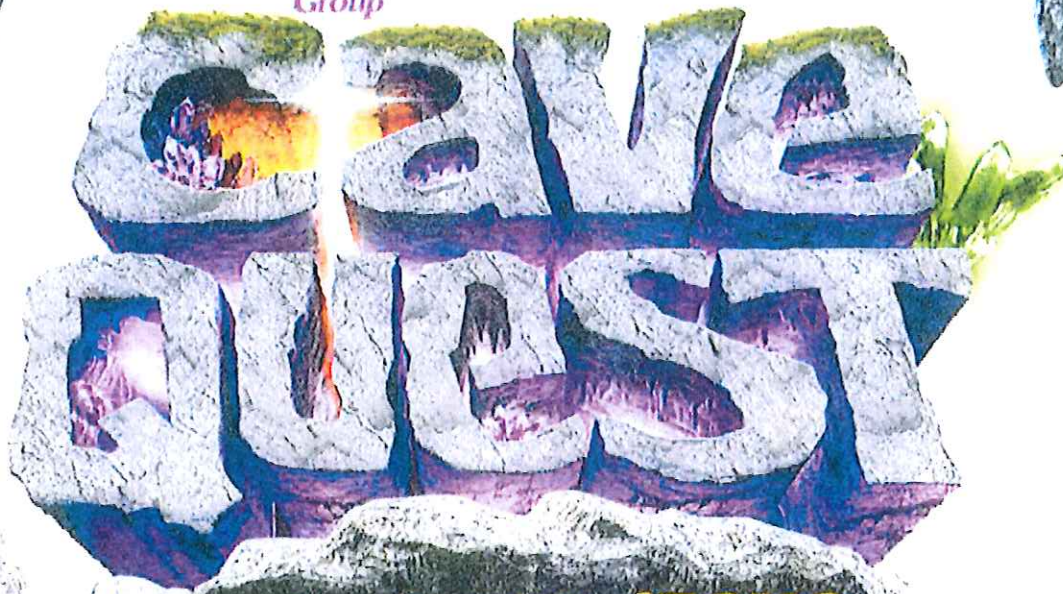
AUGUST

- 7 ZYM @ 6 PM (*Volunteer
Needed*)
- 21 ZYM Picnic/Pool Party
(Floods: 102 Main St.,
Landisville)



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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**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 online at: <http://www.zionfamilyministry.com/vbs->

ALiVE 2016

Middle School Youth Event September 23-25, 2016 Camp Nawakwa

This is the kind of community where you can be yourself, not be made fun of for who you are or what you believe, but truly accepted and loved just for you!

Cool Christian friends, fun, & faith talk.

Plus this event features:

- ◆ great games and free-time
- ◆ campfires
- ◆ outdoor worship at Upper Temple
- ◆ cabin-time with your own youth group
- ◆ live music and powerful presenters



Talk to your
youth leader or
pastor today
and say,
"let's register for
ALiVE 2016."

[http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/
events/alive/](http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/events/alive/)

♦ Letters from Brenda Alimo, ChildFund Sponsee, LWR

April 17, 2016

It's with joy and happiness today I write to you this letter on behalf of your child, Brenda Alimo, who is at school. I am her father, Opolon Geofrey, communicating to you.

I am really happy to receive the Easter blessings, wish a happy Easter, and the nice drawing showing how Jesus rose from the dead (Resurrection). Thank you for your care and love that you always provide to Brenda.

I am also happy to tell you that one of Brenda's goats have produced a female kid and is doing well in health.

Thanks a lot! Love from the family of your happy child, Brenda

May 2, 2016

I am so happy today to write to you this letter on behalf of your daughter, Brenda Alimo, who is at school doing end of lesson one examination. She will break for holidays on May 13.

I am her brother, Justine, writing. The family was so happy on receiving the nice note pad and a letter from Millie. Thank you for that love, Millie. Pass our lovely greeting to you all. The weather is cool with enough rains and the family is planting food crops for first season.

May God bless you. Love from the family of your child, Brenda.

FABRIC KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Zion is 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 at the Coffee Table in the Narthex. 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.

♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In April, the pantry served 173 families which included 230 children, 371 adults, and 92 seniors for a total of 693 people served. **We continue to register new families each month.....in April we registered 11 new families.**



During the month of April 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 April....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,495 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 3,663 pounds of fresh produce and 111 pounds of bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 1,071 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 181 pounds of bread and bakery items. S. Clyde Weaver donated 241 pounds of bread and bakery items; Forry's 187 pounds of produce; Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz contributed 417 pounds of bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 493 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 1,395 pounds of food items through local grocery stores; 5,830 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank; and received 2,733 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program in Lancaster.

On April 16, Hempfield/Lancaster Rotary Club again sponsored our Hempfield Pantry in their "Shop for a Cause" fund raiser at Park City. The results gave \$2,054 and 3,071 pounds of food to the pantry. A huge "thank you" to the Rotary Club for selecting and sponsoring our pantry at this event.

Thank you to the Wheatland Federal Credit Union. They presented a check for \$2,050 to the pantry on May 4, which was a result of a fund raiser involving several credit unions. Wheatland "won" the challenge and selected Hempfield Food Pantry to receive the results of the contest. Their representatives were given a tour of the pantry.

On May 11, a representative from the Central Penn Food Bank conducted an audit of our pantry. This involved a review of our records and reports which must be prepared weekly as they relate to client statistics, volunteers, and other data. It included a "walk through" of the pantry. The report was rated "excellent." This is due mainly to the volunteers who serve in the office and maintain the records. It also reflects the work done by all the volunteers as they receive, weigh and sort the food donations, and finally assist our clients in the selection of food. 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 eight volunteers gave 606 hours during the month of April. 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.



Zion can be very proud to provide the space for this outreach mission to our families in the Hempfield School District who need help in providing food for their families. 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 May are cereal and 14 -16 ounce cans of fruit. Cereal is ALWAYS a requested food item. Thank you!

Together we will feed the hungry!

♦ Summer Music at Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

⇒ Sunday, June 12 @ 7 PM: Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster
Well loved local favorites. Exceptional harmony from young voices in grades 2-12.
Artistic Directors: Rosemary Blessing and Darlene Heim

⇒ Sunday, June 19 @ 7 PM: Andy Roberts and The Four Piece Quartet
Mt. Gretna's own Timbers Dinner Theatre musicians improvise spiritual jazz.

⇒ Saturday, June 25 @ 9:30 AM: The Puppet & Story Works
Ventriloquism, story, and song for the whole family

⇒ Sunday, June 26 @ 7 PM: New Holland Symphonic Band
Since 1829, the area's premiere patriotic band. Directed by Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch

⇒ Sunday, July 3 @ 7 PM: Jonathan Bornman
Jonathan is a Global Consultant and Trainer in Muslim/Christian relations at Eastern Mennonite Mission.

⇒ Sunday, July 10 @ 7 PM: King's Brass
Nationally famous—from CA to FL to NY to MG. They played to a full house at the Tabernacle in 2014.

⇒ Sunday, July 17 @ 7 PM: Pastor Dave Allen & Calvary Church Musician
Worship with David Allen, Pastor Emeritus, and John Frye with the choir and orchestra.

⇒ Sunday, July 24 @ 7 PM: Pastor Louis Butcher & The Bright Side Choir
A timely, dynamic message with inspirational and passionate spiritual singing.

⇒ Wednesday, July 27 @ 7 PM: Darrell Woomer & Rodney Shearer
Darrell and Rodney will lead us in singing the great old hymns of revivals and camp meetings.

⇒ Sunday, July 31 @ 7 PM: Massed Choir
More than 175 voices from over 20 churches will sing their praises. The "keystone" of the Bible Festival each year.
Directed by Patti Drennan from Norman, OK.

⇒ Wednesday, August 3 @ 7 PM: Ministers of Music
Bob Kettering, COB pastor, will be speaking, and the Ministers of Music.

⇒ Saturday, August 6 @ 7 PM: Handbell Festival
The most accomplished ringers from several handbell choirs, will be led by Bill Payn, retired Director of Music of Bucknell University.

⇒ Sunday, August 7 @ 7 PM: Michael Faircloth, Pianist
The gifted touring pianist of the National Christian Choir is heard on WDAC radio each week.

⇒ Wednesday, August 10 @ 7 PM: Keystone State Quartet
Their Southern Gospel harmonies will create an old-time camp meeting spirit.

⇒ Saturday, August 13 @ 9:30 AM: Steven Courtney
PA's favorite kid's entertainment sharing Jesus by delighting his audiences with all original songs, witty humor, physical comedy, and engaging stories.

⇒ Sunday, August 14 @ 7 PM: Dave Stahl & The Sacred Orchestra
Every popular big-band arrangements and vocals of favorite hymns.

⇒ Sunday, August 28 @ 7 PM: Quintessentially Brass
Our perennial favorite way to close out another season of Bible Festival programs at the Tabernacle.



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Kirchenwald and Nawakwa, the camps of The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA, have summer positions available for high school and college students.

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All applicants should be faithful, mature, and committed to living in an outdoor Christian community. Lutheran heritage and work experience are helpful but not required. Cabin counselors should be high school graduates and 18 years of age or older. Applicants for other positions should be at least 15 years of age. Questions may be directed to Zach Weiss (Kirchenwald) at 717-964-3121 or Marianne Brock (Nawakwa) at 717-677-8211.

**Applications are available at
www.lutherancamping.org or by calling
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at 717-677-8211.**



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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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♦ Thank You, Congratulations, Sympathy

THANK YOU...

♦ From Louise Graham to the Nursery School Board

Thanks so much for inviting me to the Sunday service and celebration of the Nursery School. It was always an honor to work at Zion. I loved it all, and was comforted to be part of it's gentle and thoughtful end. You have all put so much time and thoughtful effort into this project. Bless you all for your energy and efforts to support the children, families, and staff.

♦ From Louise Graham to Pastor JMe

I wanted you to know how much I enjoyed your service on Sunday and having it included the recognition of the Nursery School. It was also comforting to be reminded when a door closes, windows open. God is in control and Zion will surely be open to all options available for youth. It was a pleasure to meet you and may God bless you on this journey.

♦ From Twila, Matt, & Daisy Propst

Thank you so much for the baby basket! It means so much that everyone was so kind to think of us! And to the ladies of the Yarn Ministry — the baby blanket is beautiful! We use it for Ms. Daisy all the time! :)

♦ From Linda & Marilyn DiPerna to the Women of Zion

Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon after mom's funeral. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. It is comforting to know mom is in a much better place. Your service and kindness to our family was a great reminder of how much she was loved.

♦ From Barb Gerke

Thank you to all the Zion members attending the Adult Sunday School class in the social room...you are appreciated!

♦ From Barb Gerke

Thank you for the love and care shown by our Zion small group that includes Rodger and Nancy Myers, Jon and Karen Wright, and Cris and Bryce Burfete.

♦ From Rev. John Metzger

Thank you so much for the opportunity to come and share the Passion presentation with your Sunday School class. I am always thrilled to present this very special time in sharing how our communion service comes directly out of the practice of Passover which has been celebrated for hundreds of years. May the Lord bless the ministry of your church as they follow Him!

CONGRATULATIONS...

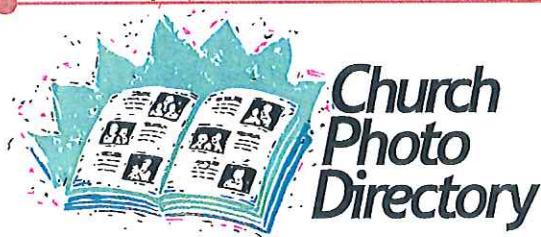
...to the Emerick and Unger families on the baptism of Benjamin John on Sunday, May 8.

SYMPATHY...

...to the family and friends of Marian Scott who passed away on Tuesday, May 3.

...to the family and friends of Jason Searle who passed away on Wednesday, May 11.

...to Jo Stone on the death of her sister, Jan Rubin, on Sunday, May 15.



***It is time for a new church
pictorial directory!***

**If you would like to help with this, please
contact the church office!**

♦ June Celebrations



3	Wayne Dearolf	9	Richard Dyer	17	Donna Pfautz
3	June Duke	9	Ashley Huber	18	Amy Miller
4	Josh Diebler	9	Earl Mays	19	Aarin Deibler
5	Mitch Gunzenhauser	9	Dottie Wauls	19	Shawn King
5	Ryan Stitzel	10	Mary Grzybowski	19	Sarah Styer
6	Abram Barley, Jr.	10	Timothy Smeltz	20	Dawn Reinhart
6	Scott Smeltz	11	Lucas Bono	20	Julie Rhoads
7	Cher Callahan	11	Tom Grzybowski	23	Jim Bear
7	Max Gunzenhauser	11	Chad Gunzenhauser	23	Katie Hetrick
7	Angela Sieglitz	12	Marie Adams	24	Don Gunzenhauser
8	Steven Donnan	12	Kensie Barr	27	Cory Paternoster
8	Danielle Myers	12	Matthew Propst	27	Jeff Rickert
		12	Mark Rosen	29	Sherri Anderson
		12	Brandon Spayd	29	Dylan Quinn
		14	Michael Jarvie	29	Isaac Rhoads
		14	Cathy Shirk	30	Sue Rhoads
		17	Jerry Huber		

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Delaney Klepper	11	Lucy Davis	21	Steven Donnan
1	Dolly Overly	12	Arlie Reeves	21	Juliette Moore
3	Carl Metzinger	12	Janet Reeves	22	Madeline Quinn
5	Kevin Reinhart	13	Gabrielle Contino	23	Evan Benedict
6	Angela Sieglitz	14	Floyd Jury	24	Jennifer Karpouzis
7	Joanne Grim	15	Laura Quinn	24	Harry Musselman
7	Jennifer Pipkin	15	Andrew Sherwood	24	Jason Traup
9	Helen Auchey	15	Brian Sherwood	25	Melissa McCloskey
9	Troy Milholin	17	Aiden Seyfried	28	Ed Blough
10	Sara Bernhard	19	Rachael Grube	28	Miriam Janisewski
11	Lisa Bernhard	19	Nancy Smith	28	Stephanie Stitzel
		21	Collin Donnan	29	Jean Pretz
		21	Connor Donnan		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3	John & Kathleen Hay (44th)	23	Ron & Kay Crawford (54th)
10	Todd & Suzanne Reed (16th)	23	Jere & Deb Grube (26th)
12	Jim & Rose Yeager (68th)	23	Marlin & Mary Zimmerman (25th)
15	Al & Connie Alsedek (20th)	24	Bob & Judy Traup (50th)
15	Rick & Deb Long (31st)	25	Dick & Marilyn Heim (55th)
16	Pat & Judy Brady (32nd)	26	Zachary & Kara Barr (9th)
20	Phil & Pam Houseal (35th)	27	Harry & Janet Musselman (57th)
20	Don & Laura Wierschke (46th)	28	Jesse & Pat Landis (36th)
22	Darrell & Barb Gerke (48th)	28	Doug & Sue Rhoads (36th)
		30	Justin & Stephanie Goliheew (9th)

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Tom Miller, Sexton (PM)

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Joel Janisewski (Faith Formation)
Ed Blough (Worship & Music)
Scott Hetrick (Property & Stewardship)
Scott Crum (Parish Fellowship & Care)
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John Hay, Finance
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Liz Crum, Parish Fellowship
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team
Cathy Benedict, Interim ZYM Board

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Mitchell Gunzenhauser
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Dianne Moore, Teacher

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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.

July/Aug. Newsletter Deadline: June 15

Summer Sunday Worship: 10 AM

Rally Day: Sept. 11

Faith Formation For All Ages begins Sept. 18

Summer Office Hours: Mon., Thurs., Fri: 9AM - 1 PM; Tues. & Wed.: 1 - 5 PM.

If you need office assistant during off hours during the day, please call 945-4585 (Anne's cell).

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 940-3602 (Pastor JMe's cell)