

ZION NEWS

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The Ministers of Zion: Every member of the congregation

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From the Pastor's Keyboard:

The Lutheran Hymnal:

A Treasure Trove for Personal and Corporate Worship

Although most Lutheran congregations do little to commemorate specific Christians of the past or saints, Lutherans, like Roman Catholics, have a calendar of commemorative days specific to saints and significant Christians throughout history. It's interesting to look at this calendar and see who is being remembered on a particular day. For instance, Sunday July 3rd is the commemoration of Thomas, the apostle, and Saturday, July 23rd is the commemoration of Birgitte of Sweden, renewer of the Church.

At the June Congregation Council meeting, Joel Janisewski led the evening devotions. He introduced his devotional by telling us that he found his inspiration by picking up one of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnals from the pew rack. When he looked at the "Lesser Festivals and Commemorations" calendar included the front of the ELW hymnal, he noticed that June 21 is the commemoration of Onesimos Nesib, an Ethiopian translator of scripture and evangelist, who died in 1931. Onesimos, born about 1855, was a slave who was bought by Swedish missionaries. These good Lutherans freed him, educated him and converted him to Christianity. He spent much of his life ministering with the Oromo people of Ethiopia, his native tribe and the largest linguistic group in Ethiopia. A major accomplishment was his translation of the scriptures into the Oromo language.

During the summer months, we are taking a journey through the history and development of Lutheran liturgy. As we strive to answer the question, "Why do we worship the way we do?", a helpful resource is a copy of a Lutheran hymnal. If you pick up one of the cranberry-colored ELW hymnals from the pew rack, you will find a treasure trove of resources, not only for corporate worship but also for personal devotion. There are numerous hymns for singing (893), multiple settings for Sunday worship in diverse
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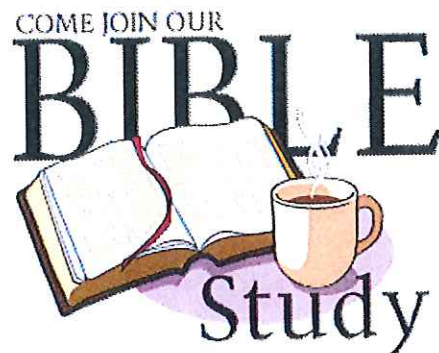
♦ From the Pastor (Cont'd from pg. 1)

styles (10), psalms for use in worship or personal contemplation (150), and a plethora of prayers for use in weekly worship, for special occasions and about topics of daily life and living (pgs. 18-87). You may have noticed that some hymns included in the worship bulletin have an ELW hymn number referenced. It's a great opportunity for you to pick up a hymnal and find that hymn in the book.

As you look through a copy of the hymnal, you will find that worship is to be part of daily life and not just a Sunday occurrence. There are brief services for daily prayer and suggested scripture readings for personal devotion. Do you desire to begin a discipline of daily scripture readings and prayers? There's a Daily Lectionary listing in the back of the hymnal under "Additional Resources." Do you need help with writing a prayer for the opening invocation of your civic club meeting? Check out the topical prayers in a hymnal. Do you need a brief devotion for the beginning of a church meeting? Go to the hymnal for inspiration like Joel did. Are you wondering just what Martin Luther wrote about the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion? Guess what? The Small Catechism of Martin Luther is included in the back of the ELW hymnal!

Take a few moments the next time you come to church and discover the treasure trove of faith resources that are contained in the *ELW* hymnal. If you want to borrow a hymnal, there are copies of the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW) and the *Service Book and Hymnal* (SBH) in the Parlor on the library shelves. These older hymnals of our church are also filled with many resources for your spiritual life.

Join us on Sundays during July and August to learn more about why we worship the way we do. The more you learn about Lutheran worship, the more you will be able to appreciate what happens when we gather together to give honor and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ and to receive his gifts of life, forgiveness and salvation through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Jesus is the reason we worship the way we do!



Bible Study & Breakfast at Miss Calee's Eats and Treats (B&B@MC)

Join us at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings for fellowship, good food, and interactive bible study. During July, we'll be focusing on 2nd Timothy after we complete 1st Timothy. In August, we'll be spending some time with the book of Hebrews with primary focus on the scripture passages that will be read each Sunday during the month. If you don't want to eat breakfast, just come in for a cup of coffee or tea and join the conversation. Don't forget to bring your bible!

♦ From the Council President

"The Holy Spirit gives each of us special gifts for the common good."

- 1 Cor. 12:7

"Christ fits us all together so the body can grow."

-Eph. 4:15-16

We need your help. We still have some very important voids to fill in some very important areas of our congregation. Even if you're not certain what the position entails or whether you would be suited for it, don't be concerned. If it wouldn't work out, we will understand and you may find another area of expertise that would be more suitable for you.

We have many talented people at Zion and we're certain there are members in our ranks who can fill these tasks.

Do any of the following sound interesting? If so, contact Pastor JMe or any member of Council and we'll fill you in on the details..

- ⇒ Sunday School Superintendent
- ⇒ Evangelism Team Leader
- ⇒ Community Meal Coordinator
- ⇒ Pictorial Directory Helper

ZSPC Update: The Zion Strategic Planning Committee met on May 26th with Pastors Jorgensen & Blezzard from the Synod who provided information and strategies on the procedures for pursuing a cooperative ministry alternative with another church (or churches) and for upgrading our existing building.

Zion submitted our Church Building Consultant Application which is the first step a congregation must take in order to receive services in the areas of building/renovation, facility upgrades, use of the building, and property evaluation. Pastor Jorgensen informed us it could possibly be August until we can meet with a Church Building Consultant from the ELCA.

Basement Moisture Problem: The Zion Property Team has been working diligently on this complex issue and at their June meeting, held the 3rd of three interviews with contractors with this specialty. It has been determined that the problem is caused by hydrostatic water pressure. This means that the water originates from sub-ground level and not from above ground, provided, of course, that spouts and drain lines are kept clear at all times. (Cont'd on pg. 4)

♦ From the Council President *(Cont'd from pg. 3)*

The information and costs will be presented to Council and a course of action will be discussed as to whether we correct the water invasion problem immediately, or determine how it might relate to our future renovation/remodeling of the building.

The Property Team is working on a solution for providing WIFI throughout certain areas of the church building. The team has also accepted a quote from our lawncare specialists to include the area around Cooper House which previously was not included in the service contract. Trimming of trees has been completed by Goeke Tree Service.

Synod Assembly: Our thanks to Dolly and Deb Overly who, along with Pastor JMe, represented Zion at the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Messiah College on June 3 & 4.

Personnel Team: The Personnel Team has identified several viable candidates for the Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Director position and has begun holding initial interviews by phone, email, and skype. Initial and follow-up interviews will continue throughout the summer and the expectation and hope is that we will have a candidate in place by September. Additional information will follow to keep everyone apprised of the progress.

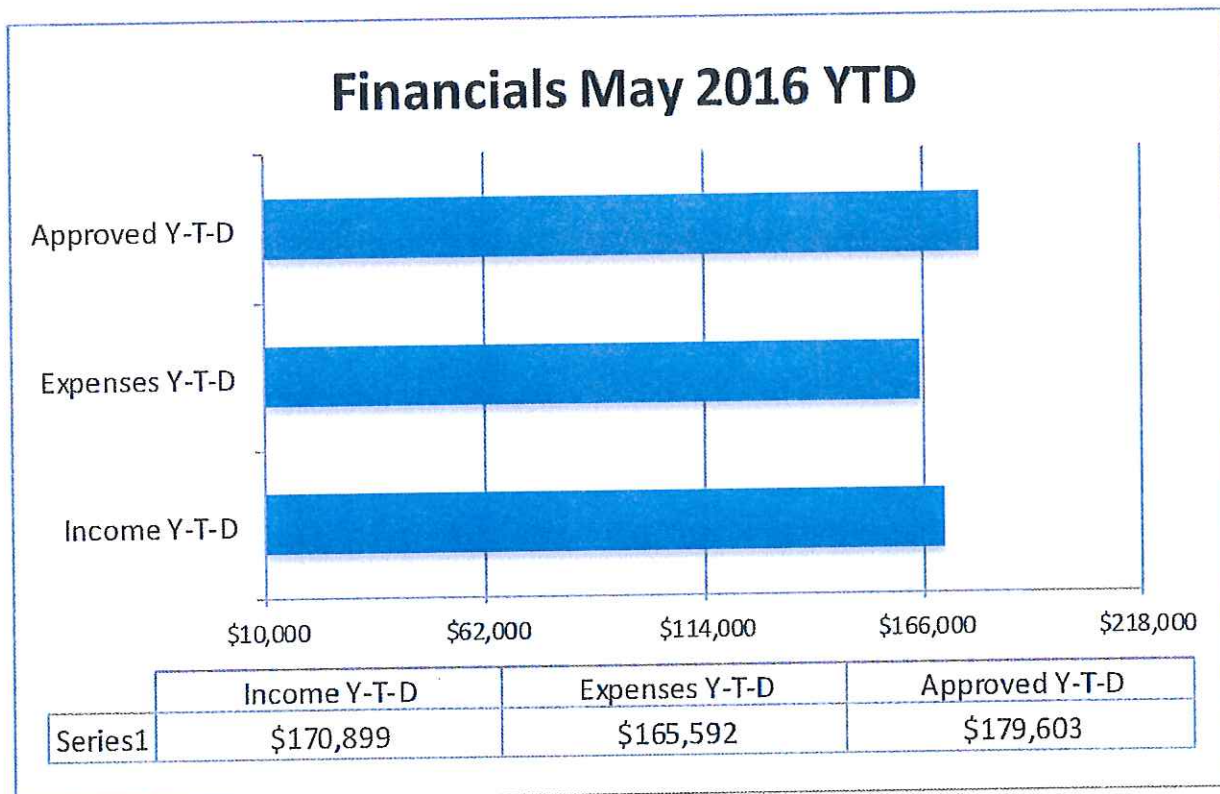
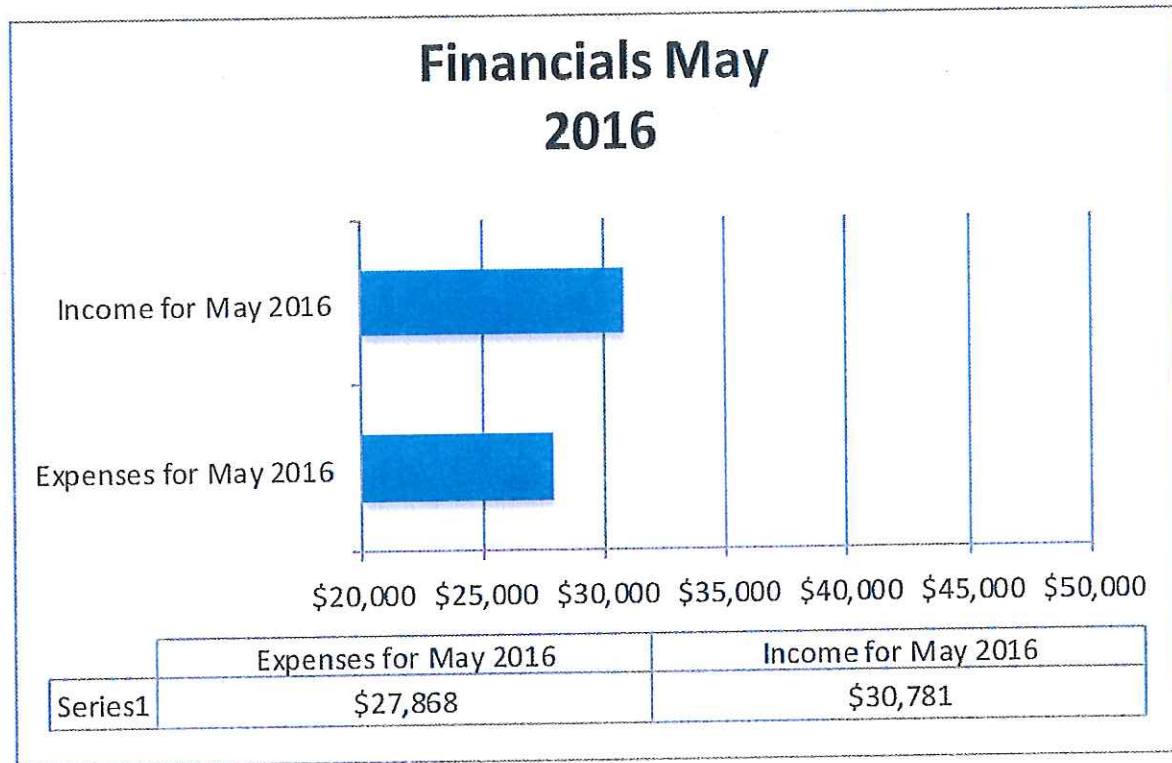
Don't forget there will be the Box Office Bible Study sessions from July 3 - August 28, led by Dave Albin. The topics will align with the Sunday Worship Themes and Lectionary passages.

Our offerings often tend to drop off during the summer months. Please remember to keep your giving on a current basis, even if you don't make it to worship, since our expenses continue regardless of how many people are at church for Sunday morning worship. If you're going to be away on vacation or if you're travelling over the weekends, remember there is always the "Simply Giving" electronic giving program which can handle the automatic placement of your gifts.

Please feel free to contact any of the Council members if you have information or questions relating to Zion. Have an enjoyable summer.

Yours in Christ,
John Hinkle

♦ Financial Figures (May)



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

♦ Summer Worship, Taize Services

Summer Worship Project

During the services this summer, we are taking 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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| 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 myself or Pastor JMe. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

TUESDAY TIAZE SERVICES

July 26 at 7 PM by the cross in the Cooper House backyard.
All are welcome!

What is a Taize Service?

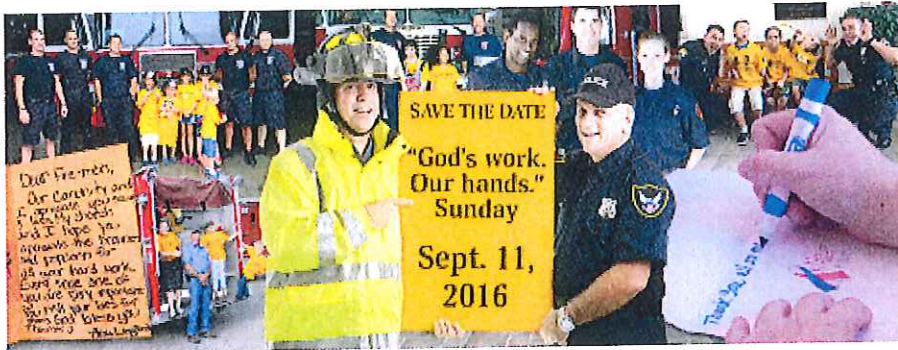
It is an informal half hour of peace in your hectic, busy life. **There is music**...you may sing along, hum or just listen. **There is prayer**...it is short and meant to focus your thoughts. **There is scripture**...listen to the Word as you relax. **There is a time of silence**...a few moments to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

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

♦ Rally Day

God's Work Our Hands: Sunday, September 11, 2016

For the past several years, ELCA congregations have participated in a day of service on the Sunday after Labor Day. Usually celebrated as "Rally Day" in many churches, the "God's Work Our Hands" emphasis has become a wonderful way to bring members together for a common purpose after the Summer months.



This year, Zion will be a participating congregation in God's Work Our Hands Sunday. In commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that killed thousands in New York City, Washington, D.C. and western Pennsylvania, we will be honoring first responders (police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical workers, etc.) and active military personnel of our congregation and community as well as remembering those who have lost their lives in terrorist attacks and other crisis situations. There will be a special worship emphasis on that Sunday. All age groups in the congregation will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of service projects during the day. And, of course, there will be a picnic for everyone to enjoy!

Do you want to help organize this effort? Contact Pastor JMe. We will be meeting in July and August (dates to be announced) to get all the preparations for this special day of service in place. Do you have a suggestion for a service project? Let the Church Office know what you are interested in doing or where you see a need that can be met.

Are you interested in making a monetary donation to support Zion's God's Work Our Hands Sunday activities? You can do this by indicating your special gift for "God's Work Our Hands Sunday 2016" in the memo line of your check and placing it in the offering plate any Sunday during July and August. During these months, there will be other suggestions of ways you can support our effort and/or be involved. Watch out for announcements in the "Weekly Updates," on the video screen or in the Sunday worship bulletins.

♦ Community Meal

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

For about 10 years, Zion has hosted a weekly meal on Thursday evenings. Folks of all ages from the community around us as well as church members have enjoyed the good food and fellowship provided. The number of weekly guests typically ranges from 50 to 75. Meals are provided by local church groups, civic and student organizations, Girl and Boy Scout groups, as well as ministry teams, small groups and families of our congregation.

Since the Community Meal began, Joanne Grim has been the primary organizer and hostess for this weekly ministry. Many meals, she has prepared herself because there was no other group scheduled. For some time, she has asked to be relieved of some of her responsibilities so that she can free up her time to care for her great grandchildren when this is needed. We give thanks to God for providing Joanne with the energy and commitment to lead this ministry throughout the years. We so greatly appreciate all that you have done, Joanne, for this outreach of Zion and for the guests who come on Thursdays for a good meal.

During June, a Community Meal Leadership Team was formed, and several individuals agreed to take on major tasks related to the Community Meal and all the fellowship events during which the kitchen is used. Joanne will continue to coordinate and develop the schedule of churches and other groups who provide the meals. Randy Miller will be scheduling weekly "Hosts" who will be present. Jim Bear and Tom Williams will be working on kitchen inventory and purchasing of supplies as well as reviewing the financial support necessary to provide the meal. The Benedict

Family continues to oversee the weekly set-up of the Social Room for the meals. We are still in need of a person to be "Serve Safe" certified in order for our kitchen and food service to be in compliance with State regulations.

Many members of Zion have volunteered to be hosts or to provide meals throughout the years. For this, we thank you! After the summer break, the Community Meal will resume on September 1st. Please contact Joanne or Randy if you would like to participate by providing a meal or by serving as a Thursday Host. Training will be provided to prepare you for your service. The Community Meal will continue only if our church community continues to support it through donations to the "Friends in Need" Fund and through volunteering to help as hosts or meal providers.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM JOANNE

Thank you to Zion's members and friends who came to the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. The youth did an awesome job and a big thank you to all the cooks, clean-up crew, and to Cathy Benedict for organizing the youth to help.

Thank you to Connie Alsedek and Linda Bear for taking over the meals on the second Thursday of every other month. Thank you, also, to everyone who helps pick up food, prepare it for the ovens, serve, and clean up. We always have a great crew of workers. A special thanks to Cathy Benedict for setting the tables, filling pitchers of water, and making lemonade every single week. You are awesome!



♦ Conversations in the Courtyard, Women of Zion

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."

Throughout the summer, 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! *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:

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*

Our regularly scheduled meetings are on "summer break!" We will resume our activities in September! In the meantime, please continue to knit or crochet children's hats, scarves and mittens, prayer shawls and prayer squares. Direct any yarn related questions to Joanne Grim.

Check out the poster above the coffee table in the front hallway for Lutheran World Relief Fabric Kits. In the fall, we are planning to deliver the kits, as well as the comforters made by WOZ, to New

Windsor MD. Direct questions to Donna Dumeyer.

Any donations of clean sheets may be placed in the WOZ bin in the front hallway. These will be used to make comforters for distribution locally and worldwide by LWR.

♦ Kids' Club, ZYM, BOBS



Join us for Kids Club this summer!

Kids Club is a ministry for all kids ages 3 through 5th grade. This summer's theme is Service.

Kids will learn about Bible stories, complete crafts/activities, play games, and sing.

Each evening starts at 5:30pm with a simple meal for the whole family. The programming for kids runs from 6-7pm.

Any questions? Contact Jean Pretz (jean.pretz@gmail.com) or Corrie Stream (corrie.stream@gmail.com).

Summer 2016 schedule

June 22: Serve Family
July 6 : Serve Friends
July 20 : Serve Neighbors
August 3 : Serve Community
August 17 : Serve Jesus

All are welcome to any and all Kids Club evenings – tell your neighbors and bring your friends!

Kids Club Special Event

The congregation is invited to join Kids Club families on August 17th at 6:30pm for a celebration and sharing around the fire, complete with songs and s'mores! We hope everyone will join us for this fun late-summer evening.

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



UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

JULY

24 ZYM @ 6 PM (Benedicts: 61 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville)

AUGUST

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

Box Office Bible Study

Submitted by Dave Albin

BOBS (BOX OFFICE BIBLE STUDIES) will be held from 8:30 to 9:45 each Sunday morning from July 10 through August 28.

Dave Albin will be leading discussions for adults and youth, featuring short clips from famous motion pictures, then looking at "Christian faith points" that arise from the Hollywood scenes.

Each session is an individual unit, so you can come to one, to some, or to all without missing anything. No textbooks required, just bring note-taking materials and your Bible. Be prepared for unique looks at Biblical principles through movie directors' camera lenses!

"Finding The Way" *Submitted by Burnell Hostetter*

The Story about Former Member, John Warren Long, Jr.

John was the only member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Landisville who died in World War II.

John is referred to as "Johnny" in the book "Finding the Way" written by his step-son Andrew H. Farmer.

John's parents were J. Warren Long Sr. and Fanny Elizabeth Mann Long, who met while they attended Millersville State Normal School, now Millersville University. Mr. Long, after teaching one year in public school, decided to move with his bride back to the family farm in East Hempfield Township. They placed a high value on education; five of their six children -- Johnny, Charles, Ruth, Anne and Janet -- were able to attend college. A sixth child, Margaret, died at the age of five months, in 1915.

Johnny, born on August 17, 1919, was the next to youngest of the Long children. Johnny excelled in all of his classes in East Hempfield Township schools. While attending high school, Johnny was motivated scholastically by Mary Elizabeth Baker, later married to Samuel Dum. It was Johnny's goal to get a higher grade than Beth.

Johnny graduated from high school in 1937. He enrolled in Dickinson College and graduated in 1941 with a Bachelor of Philosophy degree, with majors in history, psychology, and German. In late 1939, he met his future wife, Mary Louise Hollinger. Mary Lou was the oldest of four siblings.

Johnny was drafted into the army in July 1941 and passed exams that qualified him to transfer to the Army Air Corps. He began his military career as a Private, but later took and passed exams to qualify for the aviation cadet program.

Johnny eventually achieved the rank of Captain and was a navigator in a B-25 on August 9, 1945 when his crew crashed and died while attacking one of the last Japanese air craft carriers, Kaiyo, in the Beppu Bay, Japan.

The American Army Air Corp dropped atom bombs on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and the second on August 9 on Nagasaki. The news media covered the bombings and the Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945 with practically no coverage on Johnny and his crew dying the same day as the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.

A memorial service at Zion was held for Johnny on September 9, 1945 led by Pastor Harold Dietz. Johnny was eventually returned to this country in 1949 and is buried in the Landisville Mennonite Cemetery.

Andrew Farmer has donated several copies of *Finding the Way* to Zion as an opportunity for us to learn more about our former member, John Long, and his service and sacrifice to our country.

Please contact me to borrow a copy of *Finding the Way*, as I will keep a record of who borrows a copy and who has returned it. Return copies can be placed in the Hostetter mail slot in the narthex. There are only a limited number of copies so please read and return them promptly so other members can enjoy the story about John Long.

♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In May, the pantry served 180 families which included 224 children, 376 adults, and 85 seniors for a total of 685 people served. **We continue to register new families each month.....in May we registered 11 new families.**



During the month of May Zion members donated 225 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 May....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,863 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 1,668 pounds of fresh produce and 169 pounds of bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 855 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 173 pounds of bread and bakery items. S. Clyde Weaver donated 157 pounds of bread and bakery items; Forry's 64 pounds of produce; Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz contributed 242 pounds of bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 227 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 775 pounds of food items through local grocery stores; 4,957 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank; and received 1,305 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program in Lancaster.

A "thank you" luncheon was held on May24 for pantry volunteers in appreciation for the hours they contribute to the pantry. (Thank you to Marie Adams, Donna Dumeyer, Nancy Myers and Joan Oberrender for serving the luncheon.) We continue to be blessed with many volunteers from the Hempfield area and our Hempfield community churches who give their time to the pantry.



Sixty four volunteers gave 580 hours during the month of May. 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.

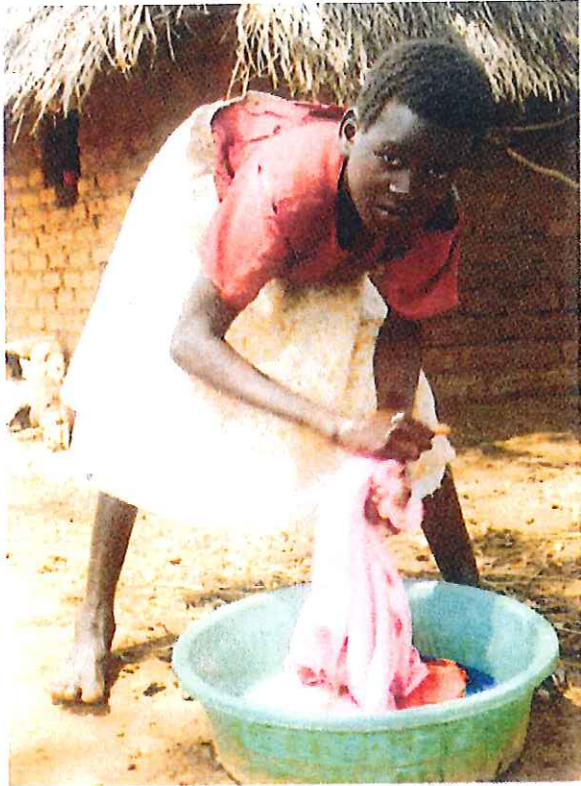
Zion can be very proud to provide the space for this outreach mission to our families in the Hempfield School District who need help in providing food for their families. YOU are welcome to visit the community pantry located here at Zion on our "open" days (Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 P) to witness God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action!

During the summer months, when children are not in school, the need for extra food items escalates as many of the children of clients receive free and reduced lunches at school. The pantry acknowledges this and provides "extra" food items for the children's breakfast and lunch times. The "main" items needed (requested) for the pantry currently through June are cereal, jelly and 14 -16 ounce cans of fruit.

Cereal is ALWAYS a requested food item. Thank you!

Together we will feed the hungry!

♦ About Brenda Alimo, SummerFest @ Nawakwa



About Brenda

- ⇒ Brenda was born on September 30, 2003 and is now 12 years old. Her favorite game is dodge ball. She likes to tell riddles and she helps her family by cooking.
- ⇒ This year she was in 4th grade. She does her best work in math and she's making progress in science. This year she most enjoyed reading.
- ⇒ Brenda's health this year is good; she is 157 cm tall and weighs 32 kg [a little over 5 ft. tall and 70 pounds].
- ⇒ Her family has harvested enough maize and beans.
- ⇒ Through Zion's support of Brenda through ChildFund, she has received benefits including testing and counseling, cancer screenings, and participatory school governance.

Brenda's message to Zion is that our support has made her healthy in many ways!

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SUMMERFEST at Camp Nawakwa

Saturday, July 23; 11:30 AM—5 PM

All ages are welcome!

Bring your family and friends!

Enjoy a BBQ lunch, games, hiking, swimming, or simply conversing with friends. There will also be a mini-concert with Rachel Kurtz and an outdoor worship service.

Registration is \$12/person; \$5 for children 12 and under (preschool children are free). There will also be an offering at the worship service to support our shared children, youth, young adult, and family ministries. (This is not required, however, to attend the day long fun!)

You can register at <http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/events/summerfest/>

♦ Lutheran Marriage Encounter, LWR Kits

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again at one of the beautiful retreat centers where Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled this fall. NOW is the time to sign up for the one of your choice while there are still openings.

The fall Weekends are:

- September 16-18, 2016 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- October 21-23, 2016 at the Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA—a lovely, hotel-style retreat center perched on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh.

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee of \$100, plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, filling out the form, and paying the registration fee with a credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

FABRIC KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**Zion continues to accept 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.



♦ Summer Music at Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

⇒ 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.

♦ Thank You, Congratulations, Sympathy

THANK YOU...

♦ From 21 girls from Girl Scout Troop 70472

Thanks so much for all we do for them through the school year and for allowing us to use the church for our meetings.

♦ From Pam, Doug, & Eric Searle

We thank you so much for all of your kind notes, cards, and prayers sent to us. We so much appreciate it as we go through this very difficult time. Thank you also to the yarn ministry for the prayer shawl and prayer squares. It is so nice to know so many people care about us.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to the Liz & Scott Crum on the birth of Noah Brian, on May 22.

...to the Provanzo and Rhoads families on the baptism of Jordan Scott Provanzo on Sunday, June 5.

...to Zion's Graduates Recognized in Worship on June 5

- * Anna Benedict – Hempfield High School; will be attending University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Biology and minoring in Spanish
- * Delaney Klepper – Hempfield High School; will be attending Elizabethtown College
- * Drew Jarvie – Lancaster Catholic High School; will be attending Misericordia University
- * Bryce Burfete - Hempfield High School
- * Aimee Censier – Donegal High School; will be attending Empire Beauty School
- * Rachael Grube – Gettysburg College; B.S. in Environmental Studies, graduated Magna Cum Laude
- * Chrissy Rickert – High Point University; B.A. in Political Science, International Relations, & Spanish, graduated Summa Cum Laude. Chrissy will be attending PSU Graduate School, concentrating in Educational Policy & Theory.
- * Cory Paternoster – Lebanon Valley College; B.A. in Musical Recording and Music & Arts. Cory is working as an apprentice at a studio in Downingtown and is teaching drum lessons.
- * Kevin Smeltz – PSU; B.S. in AgriBusiness
- * Shane Symonds – Kutztown University
- * Liz Jarvie – PA College of Health Sciences; Nursing (RN)
- * Judy Brady – Eastern Mennonite University; M.Ed. with a concentration in literacy
- * Brett Houseal – Wesley College; M.B.A.
- * Megan Landis – Radford University; M.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders

SYMPATHY...

...to Shirley Cates on the death of her daughter-in-law, Nancy King, on May 27.

...to Bob Wildasin on the death of his father, Cleo Wildasin, on May 29.

...to Dave Albin on the death of his Aunt Nora.

...to Wayne Dearolf on the death of his father, James Dearolf, on June 7.

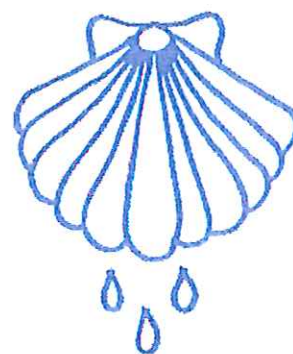
♦ July Celebrations



2	Nancy Myers	10	Sean Seyfried	21	Rick Long
5	Mary Hetrick	12	Sue HIndes	21	Brodan Quinn
5	Chrissy Rickert	12	Nathaniel Rivera	21	Parker Stitzel
5	Wenda Ruch	15	Matt Adams	22	Sam Contino
6	Stephen Crum	15	Ryan Gunzenhauser	23	Kara Barr
6	Jonathan Hoover	15	George Potts	23	David Youssef
6	Brett Rhoads	16	Betty Stoner*	24	Noah Hindes
8	Kay Crawford	17	Sam Myers	24	Kyle Ramer
8	Rich Sieglitz	17	Barb Williams	27	Diane Gerlach
9	Keith Anderson	18	Colton Bear	27	Diane Rainar
9	Deb Long	18	Cindy Donell	27	Tyler Gunzenhauser
10	Amy Flood	18	Alane Klepper	28	Aubrey Gunzenhauser
10	Kristen Long	19	Abby Barley	28	Joan Oberrender
		19	Myra Gromen	28	Michele Rickert
		20	Diane Metzinger	29	Kayla Gromen
		20	Bob Shirk	29	Prudence Jarvie
		20	Tyler Smith	29	Doug Stoner

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Quinn Klepper	13	Earl Mays
3	Eric Searle	17	Ashton DiNardi
7	Kelly Kline	20	Kurt Wildasin
8	Megan Smith	22	Christopher Wright
9	Mary Grzybowski	25	Hannah Pipkin
12	Faith Egenrieder	25	Kaylyn Ringso
12	Wyatt Egenrieder	25	Pam Searle
12	Tom Grzybowski	27	Kaylee Thompson
		29	Rich Sieglitz



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Marvin & Holly Hoover (39th)	11	Jim & Millie Gundel (57th)
2	Al & Diane Ramer (33rd)	12	Rick & Diane Rainar (36th)
5	Josh & Amy Miller (2nd)	26	Earl & Joan Mays (58th)
5	Tom & Barb Williams (47th)	27	Dennis & Marie Dezort (42nd)
6	Joe & Marie Adams (42nd)		
9	Brad & Lynda Sherwood (28th)		



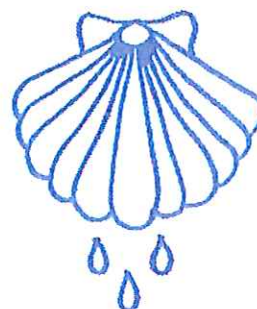
♦ August Celebrations



1	Lily Gunzenhauser	13	Dave Albin	23	Diane Dean
1	Stephanie Hengey	13	Joe Hindes	23	Kathleen Gorlaski
4	Joan Hostetter	13	Jennifer Thompson	25	Maria Hetrick
4	Jennifer Rosen	14	Ian Flood	25	Keller Moore
4	Doug Searle	14	Bette Geibel	26	Andrew Groff
6	Al Alsedek	15	Lucian Contino	26	Zachary Styer
7	Bonnie Oberholtzer	16	Doug Diebler	27	Alaina DiNardi
7	Jim Vogel*	16	Jere Grube	27	John Kearon
10	Mary Jane Unger	17	Kali Miller	27	Kim Paternoster
11	Erica Kearon	18	Barb Gerke	27	Hailee Small
12	Aimee Censier	18	Fred Hamor	29	Todd Benedict
		19	Adam Shirk	29	Jason Myers
		19	Jon Wright	30	Katie Donell
		20	Marilyn Heim	30	Chase Richards
		20	Brian Hengey	30	Pam Searle
		20	Zachary Houseal	31	Joel Janisewski
		20	Carolyn Klinger	31	Savannah Reed
		22	Duncan Brady		
		22	Brett Houseal		

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	John Hinkle	14	Julie Rhoads
1	Rodger Myers	15	Brooke Dohner
3	Riley Klepper	16	Lydia Goliheew
6	Anthony DiNardi	20	Chrissy Rickert
7	Mark Coons	20	Nathaniel Rivera
9	Colton Bear	21	Jeff Thompson
9	Max Gunzenhauser	23	Michele Rickert
12	Chad Gunzenhauser	24	Jesse Landis
13	Leah Egenrieder	25	Kasey Moore
14	Shirley Cates	26	Jessie Snavelly
		28	Nathan Myers
		31	Amy Thompson



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

7	Joe & Kathleen Gorlaski (62nd)	24	Mike & Arlene Miller (59th)
8	Arlie & Jan Reeves (63rd)	26	Glen & Dottie Anderson (43rd)
14	Daniel & Courtney Nice (6th)	31	Tony & Wendy DiNardi (21st)
16	Ted & Kim Symonds (30th)		
20	Nathan & Melissa Bear (4th)		
21	Chris & Kim Small (12th)		



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

September. Newsletter Deadline: August 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.

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