ZION NEWS

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

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We shall not want!

One of the best known and beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the Shepherd Psalm. There we learn that the Lord is our shepherd. And since He is our shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

How do we do this? We do it when we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving the gifts that He won for us on the cross, a violation of the First and Third Commandments. We do it when we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we think we don't know what the future will bring, even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters. We do it when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves, we do this because we have a mind set on earthly, temporal things

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Stewardship Snippet (Cont'd from page 1), Stephen Ministry

and not on heavenly, eternal things. We do this because we have stopped hearing the call of our shepherd, which comes through His Word.

The Word of God is how our shepherd calls us to himself. Through that Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through that Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead you to your true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the good news: The Lord is your shepherd still, even, and especially, for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the shepherd that lays down his life for His sheep. The Lord is your shepherd. Let us live then as His sheep.

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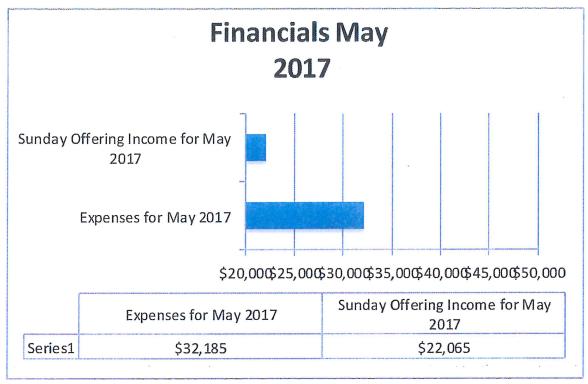
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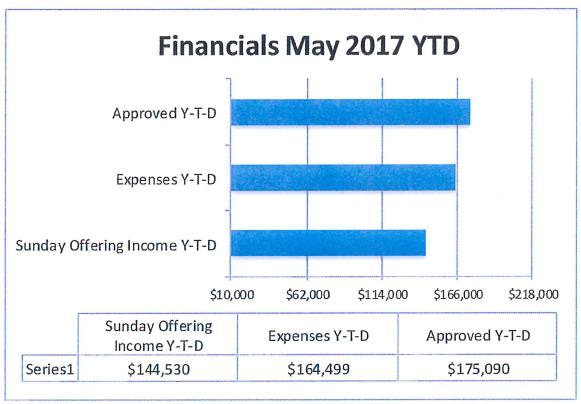
The Stephen Ministry Team is pleased to announce that another presentation will be offered to the community and members of Zion. The presentation, "Being Mortal," will be sponsored in partnership with Lancaster General's Advanced Care Planning Director, Jennifer Wagner. Thank you so much, Aarin Deibler, Mary Hetrick, and Donna Dumeyer for providing such a valuable contact. Both Jennifer and the Stephen Ministry Team is excited about our partnership opportunities!

The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 9:00-11:00 AM at Zion in the Connection Zone.

The presentation will include watching the DVD, group discussion, refreshments, and a free book raffle for attendees. In addition to Zion members and folks in the community, medical professional staff such as physicians, social workers, nurses, will be invited to attend.

Financial Figures (May)





^{*} In May, there was a credit to the unbudgeted income, making our total income \$21.220. *In 2017, we have received an additional \$3.680 making our total YTD income \$148.210.

Vacation Bible School 2017

Vacation Bible School 2017 The 'Mission' Was An Enormous Success!

Over 30 elementary age children enjoyed thematic conversation, games, crafts, songs and snacks for four fun-filled days!

Corrie Stream, our VBS chair, pulled the committee together, kept the ball rolling, paid attention to every detail, filled in where needed (and survived another VBS year!). Many thanks to Corrie and the team that worked with me (CYFM Director) these past several months! Enjoy the photos below and on the following page!

This year's theme "Our Mission IS Possible" allowed children to ask questions about their faith, their God and Jesus! The kids brought in donations to the food pantry all week. We ended the week with an ice cream social with the parents!

Thank you to all who donated time, supplies and money ensuring a memorable VBS experience for the youngest of Jesus' disciples!



♦ VBS Pics Cont'd from page 4)



Summer Faith & Fellowship

SUMMER SUNDAY FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

9:15-10:15 AM

July 2

Unplugged- Jeff Engroff
(Connection Zone)
BOBBYS- Dave Albin. Box Office
Bible Study for children & youth
(Parlor)

July 9

Conversations in the Courtyard (lemonade & goodies)

July 16

ZYM Reunion Sunday
Brunch and conversation (Courtyard
& Connection Zone)

July 23

Christmas in July Sunday
Activities in Courtyard & Connection
Zone

July 30

Summer Camp Sunday
Share stories of camp, sing camp
songs, do a camp craft

August 6:

Story & Art-Jeff Engroff (Connection Zone) BOBS- Dave Albin (Parlor)

August 13:

(Supply pastor, PJ on vacation)
Conversations in the Courtyard
(lemonade & goodies)
Neighborhood walk- Jean Pretz

August 20

(Supply pastor, PJ on vacation)
Conversations in the Courtyard
(lemonade & goodies)
Neighborhood Walk- Jean Pretz

August 27

Hidden Talents Sunday
Preacher: Jeff Engroff
Showcase of hidden talents and skills
of members of all ages

September 3

Celebrate Our Labors Day
Bring an item that symbolizes/
represents your work/labor/job/
profession either past or present. Between services there will be opportunity to talk about what you brought.

September 10

One Service- 10 AM

Ministry Connections Sunday

Ministry Displays and Activities

Congregation Picnic



Special Sunday Themes

What is Your "Hidden Talent"?

Sunday, August 27, will be "Hidden Talents" Sunday. This is an opportunity to share something that you enjoy doing with other members of the congregation. Do you paint? Are you a photographer? Do you like to make movies? Are you a dancer? A cheer leader? A mime? Do you sing? Do you play a musical instrument? Do you enjoy making crafts or re-purposing old things? Are you a seamstress or tailor or do you do needlework?

Both during worship and between services, there will be opportunities for members of all ages to share their hidden talents. We'll assemble a display in the Zone for arts and crafts items brought and provide time and space for performers. Contact Dennis Dezort or Pastor JMe by August 13 to sign up to share your hidden talent. You may, also, indicate your desire to participate by completing the "Hidden Talents" form that will be available beginning July 23. Dennis will be working with musicians and other performers before August 27 to incorporate their hidden talents during both services that day. Details about the arts and crafts display will be forthcoming.

This "Christmas in July" Celebration Will Knock Your Socks Off!

On July 23, we will celebrate our annual "Christmas in July" with Christmas carols, good cheer and holiday activities between the services. During December, we typically gather gifts for families in need and place them under the Christmas "Angel Tree". Beginning Sunday, July 2, we will be collecting pairs of socks for children in need and decorating, the "Christmas in July Sock Tree."

The Sock Tree will be the place for donations until July 23, when we bless the gifts before donating them to Community Aid.

You are invited to bring pairs of new socks for

children of varying sizes and colors to decorate the tree. There will be clips available to attach your gift and make the tree so beautiful it'll knock someone's socks off!



. <u>ZYM</u>

JULY 6-10 BEACH RETREAT

The youth will be on retreat July 6-10 at Cape Henlopen State Park!
We will enjoy the sand and surf as well as excursions to Rehoboth and Ocean City, MD.

Zion joins St. Peter's Lutheran youth for our first joint retreat!



ELCA Youth Gathering Update

Brad Green, Claire Flood, Quinn & Riley Klepper, Melissa Grube, and Evan & Christian Benedict will be attending the Youth Gathering in Houston next summer!

More information to come! Please start praying for our youth and the 30,000 who will join us next summer!





Unplugged and Story & Art

See the schedule on page 6 for "Unplugged" and Story and Art Sunday morning offerings.

Please join us for faith formative conversation, thought provoking questions regarding today's headline news and the good news through multimedia and creative expression!

Meet Jeff E. in the Zone!



FALL Bus trips and overnight excursions are being planned for ZYM senior youth!

The Fall Retreat is booked at Camp Kirchenwald for December 1-3. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



Movies At The Zone, Women of Zion

Movies at the Zone (MAZ)

Friday, July 7th, at 7:00 PM



If it sounds as if angels are this summer's movie theme, that is purely coincidental. However, our next movie for Friday, July 7th, is *We're No Angels*, the story of three prisoners trying to escape from the French penal colony of Devil's Island, off the coast of South America. The lovable

rogues flee their prison and take up with a merchant and his family while waiting to escape the island, in the

process making the family's Christmas very special.

The 1955 comedy stars Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray and Peter Ustinov, with supporting roles by Joan Bennett, Basil Rathbone and Leo G. Carroll. The film is not rated (before ratings) and runs less than two hours.



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The audience is invited to bring snacks to share. Show starts at 7:00 PM in the Zone. Come. Join us

Women of Zion submitted by Millie Gundel

Mid-Summer Breakfast for ladies of all ages! Saturday, July 22, 10 AM at Country Table Sign up by Sunday, July 16! Bring a friend!

The **Comforter Ministry and Yarn Ministry** will resume in the fall, when the weather is cooler. We have 20 or more comforters to donate to LWR in October. Please continue to make children's hats, scarves and mittens for our Food Pantry Christmas gift bags. As you clear out your closets, remember, we continue to need donations of clean sheets, blankets and yarn.

A great big "thank you" to everyone who helped with the WOZ service projects since last September. These include: tying knots in red and black fleece comforters for Hempfield students, tying knots and sewing the edges of comforters for LWR, donating materials for comforters, knitting and crocheting countless prayer shawls, prayer squares, hats, and scarves.

Food Pantry Submitted by Diane Gerlach

In May, the pantry served 161 families which included 218 children, 349 adults, and 79 seniors for a total of 646 people served.

During the month of May Zion members donated 76 pounds of food..... Thank you for your weekly food donations and your continued financial contributions to the pantry. Monetary contributions allow the pantry to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg at greatly reduced prices per pound which include meats, eggs, dairy products and other food items not donated through food collections. Financial contributions also allow the pantry managers to "shop for" food items on sale at local food stores and to purchase supplies for the pantry.

During the month of May....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,296 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 2,664 pounds of fresh produce and 143 pounds of bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 829 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 191 pounds of bread and bakery items; S. Clyde Weaver donated 271 pounds of bread and bakery items; Forry's 57 pounds of produce; Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz donated 412 pounds of bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 593 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 1,316 pounds of food items through local grocery stores; 7,787 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank: and received 1,833 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program in Lancaster. In addition to the above donations and purchases, 8,243 pounds of food staple items were donated from the community. Local egg producers donated 429 pounds of eggs; Landisville postal carriers collected 433 pounds of food; Hempfield LaCrosse communi-

ty collected 178 pounds; Hempfield Rec donated 144 pounds; Hempfield High School National Honor Society collected 340 pounds; and Spooky Nook donated 113 pounds of items.

Seventy four volunteers gave 735 hours during the month of May. The pantry is a complete volunteer effort, operating with a full non-paid staff. Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give to serving with a true servant's heart and a smile! We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! Eighteen churches in the Hempfield area support the pantry with food, finances and volunteers. In addition, the local boy scouts and girls scouts, Hempfield School District students and staff, Hempfield Woman's Club, Rotary Club, postal employees, Union National Bank Salunga, Village Grande Community, Willow Valley Retirement Community, Hempfield REC....many individuals and other businesses also join the "fight against hunger" in the Hempfield area.

As you have read....Hempfield Area Food Pantry is a total community effort.

AND, Zion provides 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 PM) to witness God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action! Thank you!

Together we will feed the hungry!

Summer At The Tabernacle, Ice Cream Social

July 2: Men In Harmony

This talented group will premier a Joseph Martin gospel medley commissioned to celebrate the Mr. Gretna Campmeeting 125tgh anniversary.

July 9: Webb Family Singers

Seen on National TV and featured with Billy Graham, Charles Stanley, and others, the Webbs have been singing Southern Gospel for 30 years!

July 16: Brandywine Harps

This ensemble of Celtic Harpists, led by Janet Witman, were the first American Harp Orchaestra to perform at the Edinburgh, Scotland International Harp Festival.

July 23: Old-Fashioned Camping Service

Led by Rev. Bob Kettering and Dr. Rodney Shearer. The message and music will be taken from revivals and campmeetings from our early years.

July 28: 125th Anniversary Concert

Joe & Sue Martin will present a special celebration concert of piano and vocal music.

July 30: Massed Choir Concert

About 200 voices will be conducted by internationally-known composer, pianist, and conductor Joe Martin. The choir will premiere an anthem written by Joe to celebrate the Campmeeting's 125th Anniversary.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL!

When? National Ice Cream Day: July 16, 5 -7 PM
Where? Trinity Church (2340 State St., East Petersburg)
Come enjoy a concert by Jim Rule, face painting,
and of course, lots of ice cream!
Bring your friends and neighbors...
all are welcome!



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting

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Parish Resource Center

"What's Working Well In Your Children's Ministry?" July 10, 7 –8:30 PM

Join local children's ministry leaders as they share aspects of their programs that are working well.

Come ready to share some of your own ideas.

Led by:

Malinda Clatterbuck, from Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster (CMCL), will share about how CMCL's Peace School helps children follow Jesus as a peacemaker, shares stories that affect the children's sensibilities toward justice, teaches peace skills that help them practice peace, and offers a creative component that the children can take with them to remind them of the lessons they learned.

Laura Ligo, from St. Mark's United Methodist Church, will share about her congregation's Faith Factory pre-school program and how it connects to, and enriches, their overall ministry.

Jane Weigel, from Lampeter Church of the Brethren, will present ways in which her church has nurtured faith practices and experiences in their children and youth ministries.

Kirsten Blose, from Lititz Church of the Brethren, will speak to the pros and cons of including children's messages in worship, from telling the story versus abstract object lessons; children's messages that speak to the children versus children's messages that speak to the adults; and messages that connect to worship/sermon versus messages that seem random in theme.

"Emotions Workshop: Understanding How The Holy Spirit Uses Emotions In Our Lives" July 31, 7 –8:30 PM

Led by Lynelle Trigalet,

Life and Leadership Coach
Lynelle will lead us in an interactive workshop in which we will discover:

- How emotions are formed.
- What their role is in our lives.
- What responses to emotions are helpful and harmful.
- How our emotions impact our relationship with God.
 - What we experience when we are underresponsible and over-responsible with our emotions.
 - How to have a healthy relationship with our emotions.

This is a great workshop for everyone! Learn about your own emotional maturity and how it might relate to those with whom you connect every day.

More about Lynelle:

After training as a fashion designer, Lynelle quickly landed a job at Sight & Sound theaters as a seamstress. Within six months of being hired she found herself managing the costume department, a job she never applied for. Although Lynelle never sought to be a leader, it was a good fit for her innate ability to connect deeply with people, see and sense possibilities, and intuitively help each person feel included as a valued part of the team. After twenty years of managing large projects and developing strong, dynamic teams, she trained as a coach to continue helping people reach their greatest potential.

Lynelle helps individuals locate their energy leaks, plugs the holes, refill, and begin to influence others for good. Her work supports real and sustained transformation.

Connecting With Others

THANK YOU

From Brian Rathgeb, Director of Food Services, Hempfield School District

Thank you so much for your generous monetary donation. This money will be put toward the students at Hempfield School District who have negative meal account balances. Hempfield School District is very fortunate to have such a caring community. Thank you again for your very generous and thoughtful donation.

From Aarin Deibler

Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the past 4 years, offered encouragement, shown compassion when I was feeling stressed, and celebrated along with me when I graduated with my Masters degree. Special thanks for the well-wishes, card, and devotional presented on June 4th. I am so appreciative!

From ELCA Executive Director of Mission Advancement

Thank you for your recent gift of \$383.20 to support the mission and ministry of the ELCA through ELCA Good Gifts...your gift helps us care for our neighbors here at home and around the world by providing basic-necessity items, tools for education, skills and instruments for meal preparation and self-care, resources for new congregations and their leaders—and much more. Thank you for responding to God's call to walk with our brothers and sisters in Christ's name.

CONGRATULATIONS.

...to Jason, Sarah, & Ty Myers on the birth of Shiloh Catherine, on June 12th

CONDOLENCES

...to Anita Kalibas and her extended family on the death of her uncle, Ed Kempfle, who passed away on June 5.

...to Helga Motrunczuk on the death of her husband, Paul, on June 15,

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FROM BRENDA ALIMO,

Our ChildFund Sponsoree

Greetings! I was born on September 30, 2003 and I am now 13 years old. My favorite game is net ball. I help my family by fetching water and cooking.

This year I was in grade 4. I do my best work in science and I'm making progress in English. This year I most enjoyed Christmas.

My health this year is good; I am 164 cm tall and weigh 41 kilograms [about 5 1/2 feet tall and 90 pounds].

Thank you for continuous support towards me. It has changed my life and the whole family because we had no goat but I am now happy to have goats. The goats I bought with the gifts [money] you sent me are now four and one is now pregnant.

July Celebrations

2 Nancy Myers 5 Mary Hetrick 5 Chrissy Rickert 5 Wenda Ruch 6 Stephen Crum 6 Jonathan Hoover 6 Brett Rhoads 7 Erik Ringso 8 Kay Crawford 8 Richard Sieglitz 9 Keith Anderson 9 Deb Long 10 Amy Flood 10 Kristen Long	10 12 15 15 15 16 17 17 18 18 19 19 20 21 21 21	Sean Seyfried Sue Hindes Matthew Adams Ryan Gunzenhauser George Potts Betty Stoner Sam Myers Barb Williams Colton Bear Cindy Donell Alane Klepper Abby Barley Myra Gromen Diane Metzinger Bob Shirk Rick Long Brodan Quinn Parker Stitzel	23 24 24 27 27 27 27 28 28 29 29 29 30	Kara Barr David Youssef Noah Hindes Kyle Ramer Diane Gerlach Mary Green Tyler Gunzenhauser Diane Rainar Aubrey Gunzen hauser Joan Oberrender Michele Rickert Kayla Gromen Liz Jarvie Doug Stoner Bill Stathopulos
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Richard Sieglitz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mary Grzybowski

Tom Gryzbowski

Ashton DiNardi

Kurt Wildasin

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1 Marvin & Holly Hoover (40th)

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- 2 Al & Diane Ramer (34th)
- 5 Josh & Amy Miller (3rd)
- 5 Tom & Barb Williams (48th)
- 6 Joe & Marie Adams (43rd)
- 9 Brad & Lynda Sherwood (29th)
- 11 Jim & Millie Gundel (58th)

- 12 Rick & Diane Rainar (37th)
- 27 Dennis & Marie Dezort (43rd)



August Celebrations

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		15	Lucian Contino	26	Andrew Groff
		16	Doug Deibler	27	Alaina DiNardi
1	Lily Gunzenhauser	16	Jere Grube	27	John Kearon
1	Stephanie Hengey	17	Kali Miller	27	Kim Paternoster
4	Joan Hostetter	18	Barb Gerke	27	Hailee Small
4	Jennifer Rosen	18	Fred Hamor	29	Todd Benedict
4	Doug Searle	19	Adam Shirk	29	Jason Myers
6	Al Alsedek	19	Jon Wright	30	Katie Donell
7	Bonnie Oberholtzer	20	Marilyn Heim	30	Pam Searle
10	Mary Jane Unger	20	Brian Hengey	31	Joel Janisewski
11	Erica Kearon	20	Zachary Houseal	31	Savannah Reed
12	Aimee Censier	20	Carolyn Klinger		
12	Madilyn Kline	22	Duncan Brady		
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 7 Joseph & Kathleen Gorlaski (63rd)
- 8 Arlie & Jan Reeves (64th)
- 14 Daniel & Courtney Nice (7th)
- 16 Ted & Kim Symonds (31st)
- 20 Nathan & Melissa Bear (5th)
- 21 Chris & Kim Small (13th)

Mike & Arlene Miller (60th)

Glen & Dottie Anderson (44th)

Tony & Wendy DiNardi (22nd)



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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 Worship: 8 AM (Trad.) & 10:30 AM (Cont.) Summer Sunday Faith & Fellowship: 9:15 AM

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