

# ZION NEWS

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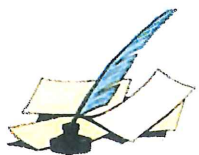


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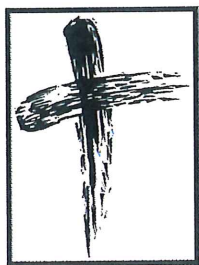
## **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BARBARA CARUANA**

Friends in Christ ...

*Grace and peace to each of you as we prepare to  
begin our Lenten journey.*

As I sat down to write this newsletter article, it seems incredible that our Lenten journey is almost ready to begin. As Ash Wednesday approaches and we're reminded that "we are dust and to dust we shall return." As odd as it might sound, I love the Lenten season. For me it's a time filled with a special type of joy ... a joy that reminds me that in the not too distant future we will celebrate Christ's death and the glorious resurrection that assures us of a life in which our sins are forgiven. WOW! What more could we want?

As we journey toward the cross together, remember that the cross of Christ stands at the center of our Lenten observance – a time when we remember what our Savior did for us by dying *in* our place to save us from sin and death forever. A major part of our focus during these days that lead to Good Friday is to make the cross something that has an important bearing on our day-to-day lives *Here are some ways to look to the cross this Lent and be renewed in your walk of faith.*



**As a reminder.** The cross reminds us that we are sinners who need to confess our sins and freely receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

**As a guide.** Daily we are faced with decisions about what to do in our lives. The cross guides us to follow God's will in our words and deeds ... just as Jesus did.

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## From Pastor Barb (Cont'd from page 1), Lunch Bunch

**As a comfort.** On the cross Jesus announced to the repentant thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Those words of comfort wash over us as well when we look to the cross and recall that it opens the door to heaven for us.

**As a motivator.** In times of weakness and struggle, the cross stirs us to continue on, as Christ did, and draws on the power of God to stay committed to Christ and share the Good News of the salvation found only in him who died in weakness but rose in might.

During this Lenten season, keep your eyes open for different types of crosses on church buildings, in hospitals, in homes, or on street signs. Sometimes cross shapes just happen in unexpected places. Think about which shapes are your favorite and why. Is God trying to tell you something when a cross becomes apparent in some unexpected way?

During this Lenten season, find ways throughout your days to declare to the world that you have a purpose in life because of the cross of

Christ. Pray over your meal in a restaurant. Wear a cross necklace or pin. Carry a cross in your pocket. Talk about going to worship when people ask you what you're doing over the weekend. Put a cross symbol on your desk at work. Joyfully express what your relationship with Christ means to you when people "cross" examine you about your faith. What do you want to tell people?

And finally, during the Lenten season, pray with the cross. Place a cross somewhere nearby you whenever you pray this Lent. Begin each prayer by "crossing" yourself. Spend 5 minutes of your prayer time simply contemplating the cross. Think about what Jesus prayed when he was on the cross. Does looking at the cross while you say your prayers change how you pray and what you pray? Just wondering!

*Blessings to each of you as you journey to the cross of Christ ...*

**Pastor Barb**



## Come For Lunch!

This fellowship opportunity is for anyone who can meet on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30. Each month the Lunch Bunch meets at a different local restaurant to enjoy time together while enjoying a nice meal.

The next two Lunch Bunch outings will be on:  
Thursday, March 28 &  
April 25 AT 11:30 AM

## ♦ Council Report *Submitted by Adele King*

We started our new year with a meeting on Monday, January 2, 2019. At that time, we learned that actual income for 2018 was \$34,390 less than 2017. We spent \$25,933 above the budget for the year. Our attendance numbers are down as well. Let's all pull together and make 2019 our "turn it around year!" Invite people to church, dig a little deeper into our pockets, get more involved, try something new, stay active...make Zion a vital place of activity and worship!!

Also in January, David Albin resigned from Council effective immediately. We identified candidates to appoint to become Dave's replacement. We are pleased to announce the addition of Diane Ramer to Council. She will also serve as liaison to the Faith Formation team.

It was agreed to approve the concert series organized by James Alfieri. He has personally donated \$3,000 to this endeavor. The Council agreed to donate money from the Anna Mary Herr fund to further this effort and free will offerings will be taken at the concerts. The first concert will be held on February 24th at 4 P.M.

In addition to the above, the following took place:

- ♦ The ADA special campaign has begun. All our efforts are an attempt to make Zion all inclusive. Jim Bear, Darrell Gerke and Scott Hetrick are leading this initiative.
- ♦ An IT policy was drafted and presented to Council concerning usage of technology, and was approved.

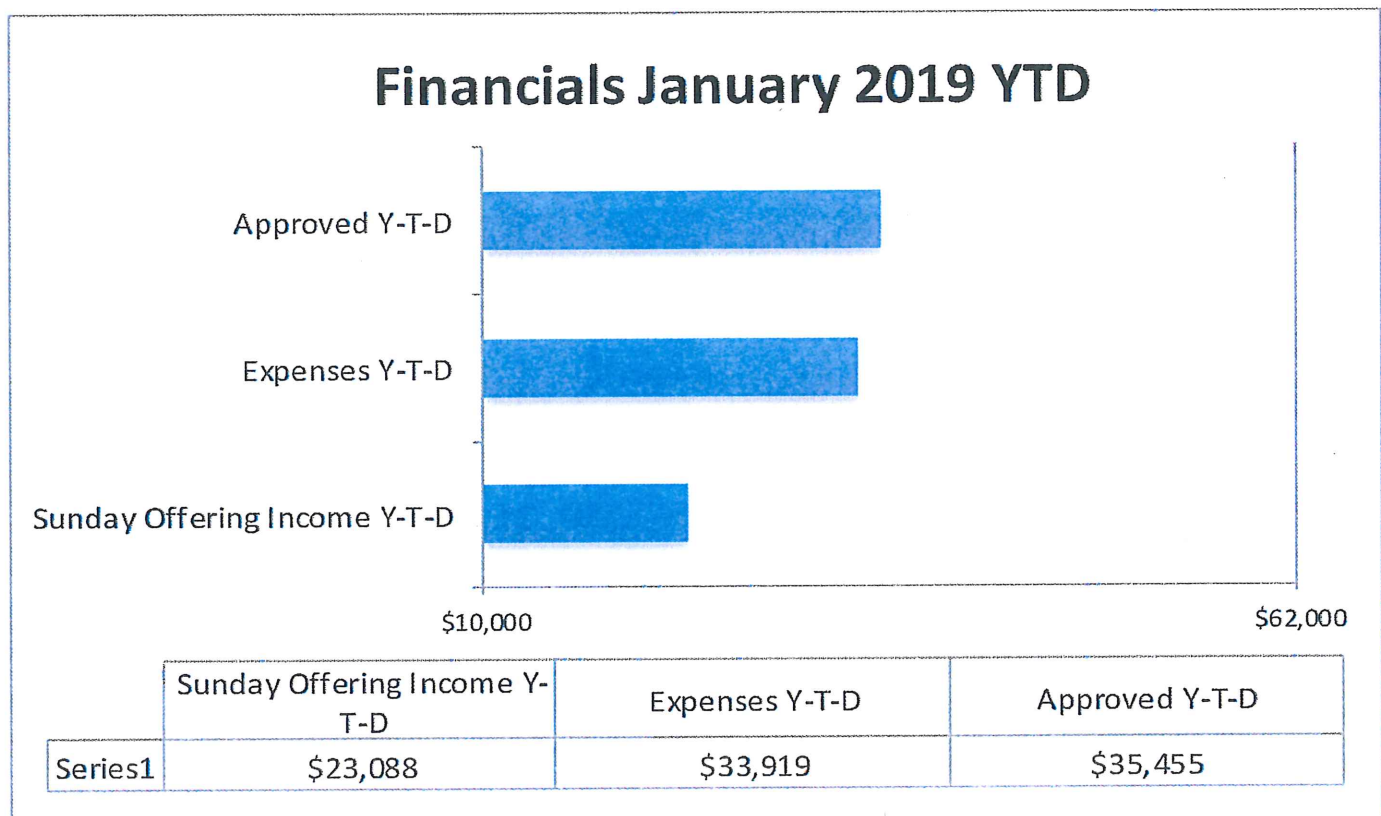
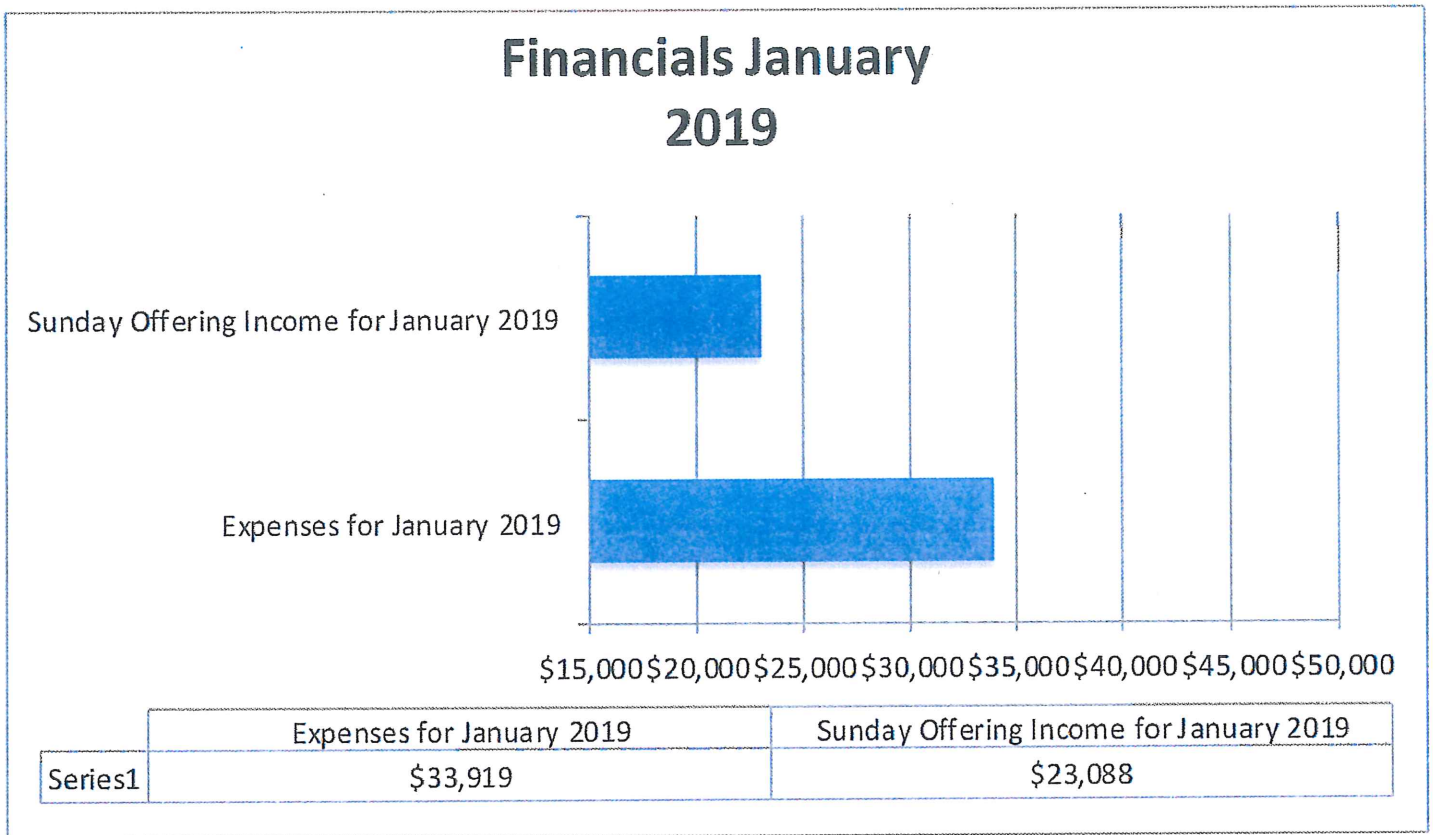
The "Safe Church" team was approved as well. They include: Joel Janisewski, Pat Brady, Pat Landis, Barb Caruana, Jeff Engroff and Jon Wright.

On February 2, the annual Council retreat was held. Some of the things that took place and transpired during that day include:

- ♦ Diane Ramer being appointed to Council to fulfill Dave Albin's seat since his resignation in January.
- ♦ Discussion about the handling of funds for the ZION Musik concert series. It was agreed that a special committee would be formed to decide the details. The committee has since met and came up with a solution.
- ♦ Review of our accomplishments for 2018, and discussion of how we hope to move forward in 2019.
- ♦ Group activities which prompted goal-setting for this year. We established four goals for 2019: 1) Plan to refine our meetings to focus on critical items; 2) Continue to work on recommendations of the Strategic Plan (especially the focus of keeping everyone engaged and designing our programs around our mission; 3) Continue to improve on the "welcoming" appearance of Zion, and 4) Go forward with the the Healthy Congregation Initiative introduced to us last year by the Synod.
- ♦ Revision of a time and talent survey which we hope to have members complete very soon.

*The next Council meeting will be on March 11.*

## ♦ Financial Figures (January)





## ZION'S MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

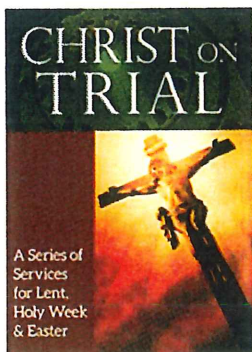
This year we will travel the road to the cross using Elsa L. Clark's Lenten Service Series entitled **Christ on Trial**. Through this series, we will hear that more than two thousand years have come and gone since Caiaphas and Pilate passed judgment on Jesus in Jerusalem. And though the verdict passed down at that trial was a miscarriage of justice, the result fulfilled God's purpose: to save the world by sacrificing his son.

Through the **Christ on Trial** series we have the opportunity to hear the story again of what happened to Christ so long ago. His saving act, his being in the world, his radical teachings all demand a reaction. Every human heart must wrestle with questions like: Who is this Christ? Is he who he claims to be? If so, what does he mean for me and my living? Christ demands a reply. Daily, Christ is on trial.

Scriptural evidence will be analyzed during each Lenten service, and eye witnesses will share accounts of their encounters with Jesus while the congregation serves as the jury.

**Christ on Trial** examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus ... for you?

Please join us each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. while the trial is in session. Each service will be preceded by a light dinner of soup and bread starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.





## OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

- March 5      Mardi Gras Dinner & Festival Celebration  
5:30 p.m. in the Community Room
- March 6      Ash Wednesday Service with the  
Imposition of Ashes.....7:00 p.m.
- March 13     Mid-Week Dinner & Worship.....6:00 p.m. dinner  
Pre-Service Music.....6:45 p.m.  
Christ on Trial.....Worship  
Witness 1: Matthew
- March 20     Mid-Week Dinner & Worship..... Same as above  
Pre-Service Music  
Christ on Trial  
Witness 2: A Woman Healed
- March 27     Mid-Week Dinner & Worship.....Same as above  
Pre-Service Music  
Christ on Trial  
Witness 3: Nicodemus
- April 3        Mid-Week Dinner & Worship.....Same as above  
Pre-Service Music  
Christ on Trial  
Witness 4: An Adulterous Woman
- April 10      Mid-Week Dinner & Worship..... Same as above  
Pre-Service Music  
Christ on Trial  
Witness 5: John



## MARDI GRAS FUN RETURNS TO ZION!

TUESDAY MARCH 5th 5:30-8 PM

DINNER \* KING CAKE

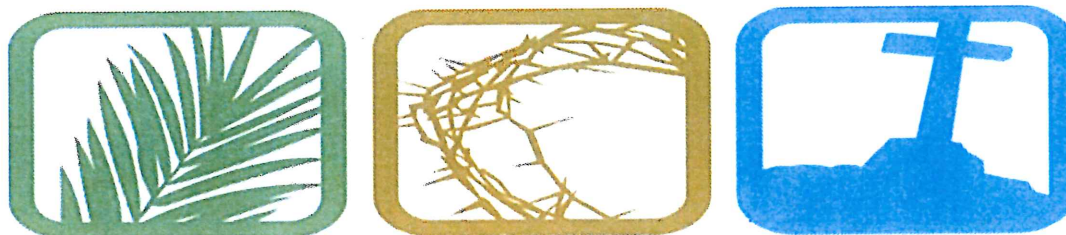
\* PINATA \* GAMES \* MUSIC \*

*Join ZYM, as they host a fun evening filled with great food, games, music and all things Mardi Gras!*

Wear you favorite mask. Wear your beads. Wear your purple, gold and green!  
OR...make your own mask and collect beads throughout the evening!

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Get your FREE tickets in the Narthex following both worship services  
February 24th and March 3



# HOLY WEEK

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14	Passion / Palm Sunday.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Breakfast & Cross Making.....9:15 a.m. -10:15 a.m
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service.....7:00 p.m.
April 19	Good Friday Service in Memory of Christ .....7:00 p.m.
April 20	Easter Egg Hunt.....10:30 a.m.
April 21	Easter Sunday Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

***Christ is Risen ...***

***He is Risen Indeed***

# PICTURING HOLY WEEK

*Submitted by Pastor Barbara Caruana*

More than any other week in the year, we have developed pictures in our mind's eye of what we think the scenes of Holy Week looked like. These "pictures" of Holy Week have come about over the centuries through Church traditions, artists' renderings, and the vivid picture language of Scripture itself. What emerges in all this Holy Week imagery, in the end, is a clearer picture of who Christ is. Here are some snapshots of our Savior.



## *A Palm Parade*

Everyone loves a parade, right? Maybe that's why so many people enjoy looking at pictures of Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We see people waving palm branches and hailing Jesus as King. But the image of the donkey reminds us that Jesus is a humble king who is coming to suffer and die for his people.



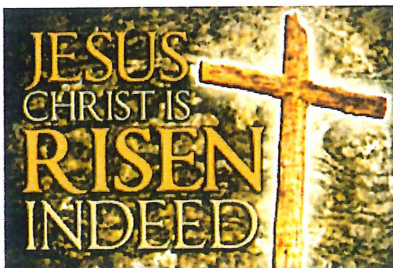
## *The Last Supper*

We almost instantly think of da Vinci's *The Last Supper* when we imagine what Maundy Thursday looked like. The image is powerful because it depicts Jesus at the center of the picture, calmly providing his body and blood in the bread and wine to his closest friends. We see through this painting that Jesus is always at the center of our lives, calming and providing for us.



## *Mount Calvary*

Just about every Sunday school child will draw three crosses on a hill when asked to make a picture about Jesus and the thieves beside him. The reason we cling to this image on Good Friday is that it reminds us that Jesus died in the midst of criminals so that we might never face the sentence of death for our sins.



## *Easter Sunday*

*Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!*

May the images of Holy Week fill your hearts throughout the year!

# WHY DO LUTHERANS MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Submitted by Pastor Barbara Caruana



In the Name of the Father



and of the Son

*It recently came to my attention that there were questions about making the sign of the cross by Lutherans. I thought this information might be helpful, especially during Lent.*

"In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit" or "Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever." These words begin the orders for Confession and Forgiveness in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (the red Lutheran book



and of the Holy Spirit



Amen

of worship). The rubric (directions in *red* italics) that accompanies these words says: "The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins."

Over the years, an increasing number of Lutherans have begun tracing the sign of the cross over their bodies by moving their right hand from forehead to lower chest, then from left shoulder to right shoulder and back to the heart; others trace a small cross on their foreheads.

The sign of the cross, whether traced over the body or on the forehead, is a sign and remembrance of Baptism. The *Use of the Means of Grace*, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's set of priorities for the practices of word and sacrament, says of this gesture: These interpretive signs proclaim the gifts that are given in the promise of God in Baptism. The sign of the cross marks the Christian as united with the Crucified One.

The sign of the cross is ecumenical, in that it is used by the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Episcopalians, and is slowly increasing in use among mainline Protestants. It is also a remembrance of the death and resurrection of our Lord: the center of our faith. The sign of the cross is a treasured part of our heritage as Lutherans because the practice was encouraged and used by Martin Luther himself. Luther made provisions for using the sign of the cross on at least three occasions: Holy Baptism, Ordination, and as a beginning to daily prayers.

Today Lutherans also use the sign of the cross as follows:

†*At the beginning of the confession and forgiveness.*

†*At the absolution in the confession and forgiveness.* For example, the sign of the cross is made as the minister says, "I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit" or "In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. (Cont'd on pg. 10)

## ♦ Sign Of The Cross (Cont'd from pg. 9), Fasting, "Little Easters"

†*At the Blessing during the Sending Rite*, when a Trinitarian form of benediction (one that includes the words "Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit") is used, and during the final phrase of the Aaronic benediction (The Lord bless you and keep you....)

†*In Holy Communion*, as the "Blessed is He" is sung in the Sanctus, and immediately before or after receiving the elements of bread and wine.

†*At the reading of the Gospel*, as the words "The holy Gospel according to \_\_\_" are said.

†*At the conclusion of the Nicene Creed*, when the phrase "and the life of the world to come" is said. Making the sign of the cross here is a remembrance that resurrected life is promised to those baptized into Christ.



### FASTING OPENS SPACE

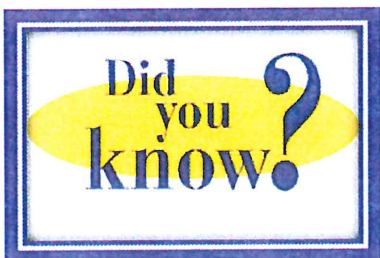
*"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Joel 2:12"*

It's traditional during Lent to fast, that is, to limit the amount and kind of food we eat. But people choose to fast from many other things: from gossip, from being late all the time, from too much Internet. Whatever we choose to do without, fasting can be a little uncomfortable, like a pebble in your shoe. But it's that little

bit of discomfort that gets our attention. We can use it to remind ourselves of what we are choosing instead, like kindness instead of gossip, respect for others instead of making them wait for us, time with each other instead of time online.

What is something your family can do without? What grace will it make more room for in your life?

**Prayer:** *Loving God, help us fast in ways that will open some space in our hearts for you. Amen.*



Sundays are excluded from the counting of the 40 days of Lent because they still remain "Little Easters" even during this solemn season. The number 40 is significant because, at the start of his ministry, Jesus spent 40 days fasting, praying and resisting temptation, as we are called to do during Lent.

## ♦ Music Notes Submitted by James C. Alfieri

### Musical Meditations

Please join me in the Sanctuary for 15 minutes of quiet, reflective music prior to the Wednesday evening Lenten services, beginning March 13.

### ZION Musik

I ask you to prayerfully consider being a sponsor for our new concert series. Your ZION Musik sponsorship will help us continue and expand the program of our music ministry and mission. Note your sponsor level from the categories listed below:

Copper Sponsor: Up to \$49

Bronze Sponsor: \$50-\$99

Silver Sponsor: \$100-\$199

Gold Sponsor: \$200-\$299

Platinum Sponsor: \$300-\$399

Diamond Sponsor: \$400+



Your generous support helps to make this offering of music to our community possible. Please see James for more details!

The next ZION Musik concert is Sunday, March 24 at 4pm and will feature Dr. Maria Corley, Pianist

*Jamaican-born Canadian pianist Maria Thompson Corley gave her first public performance at the age of eight. Since then, she has appeared on radio, television, and concert stages in Canada, the United States, Central America, the Caribbean, Bermuda and Europe, both as a solo and collaborative artist, including performances in Budapest at the Liszt Academy, and in Carnegie Recital Hall, Aaron Davis Hall and Alice Tully Hall, all in New York City. She has collaborated with such artists as Metropolitan Opera soprano Priscilla Baskerville, internationally renowned clarinetist James Campbell, Peter Kenote, a violist in the New York Philharmonic, and Dara Morales, principal second violinist in the Philadelphia Orchestra. Her performances as soloist with orchestras include engagements with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Gunther Schuller, the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Stephen Gunzenhauser, and the Allegro Chamber Orchestra, with Brian Norcross. She has also performed with the Philadelphia-based Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra, directed by Jeri-Lynne Johnson.*

### Special Easter Music

The Choir will be singing special music for Easter. Please join us! Now is the time to sing without a full commitment! Look for upcoming information on rehearsal dates and times.

## ♦ Bible Study, Stewardship

### Bible Study



**All are invited to Bible Study on Tuesday mornings  
from 9-10:30 (beginning again on Jan. 8)!  
Even if you haven't come before, you are  
more than welcome!  
Just come as you are (with your Bible!)  
to the Parlor.**

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### Stewardship

*Submitted by Darrell Gerke*

#### **Worry, Worry, Worry!**

What are you worrying about? Is worrying harming your health? Is worrying holding you back? Did worrying ever solve a problem?

Are you worried about your family's finances? Are you worried that if you started to tithe or at least increased your giving to Zion that your family will be unable to pay all the monthly bills?

Psychologists and scientists all agree that chronic worrying can become debilitating and it robs your body of energy which holds you back from making a decision and then implementing that decision.

Jesus in his sermon on the mount as stated in Matthew 6: 25-34 spoke directly to this issue. He said that worrying does no good. "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why worry about your clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith? So do not worry saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

So I encourage you to start giving more of your talents and money to God through the church and you will be amazed and astounded how God will provide all that you need and you will no longer need to worry. Now I understand that it is hard to change our old habits but you will feel a calming affect come over you which will reduce your cause to worry. What a glorious gift from God!



## MARDI GRAS

March 5th

5:30-8PM

*Youth will host this annual fun event in the Community/ Social Room. Any help in meal prep would be so appreciated. We will meet as a youth group March 3 following the late service (noon) to set up the space...lunch will be provided. This event is a fundraiser for ZYM.*

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 20th

*ZYM always helps with this special event each year. Please arrive at 8:45 AM to help set up and hide the eggs. The event kicks off at 10:30 AM. Last year over 100 children participated!*



## ICE CREAM & MINI GOLF MAY 19th 12:30PM

*Come out for some mini-golf and ice cream at Boulders Mini-Golf & Scoops Ice Cream!*



## BEACH RETREAT!

*When? The "Beach Bus"...aka rental van...will leave Zion on May 31 and will return June 2*

*Where? Ocean City, MD*

*Who? ALL senior high youth and friends.*

*We will join two other youth groups (Friedens, Myerstown and St Mark, York).*

*How Much? There is NO fee, service charge, shipping and handling cost, or tax charged! Just come and enjoy the sun and surf for a few days.*

*PLEASE contact Jeff as soon as possible.*



## ♦ WOZ, Adult Faith Formation, Easter Egg Hunt

*These activities are open to all women in Zion and their friends.*

**Comforter Ministry** - Monday, March 4, 9AM in Kitchen

Monday, April 1, 9AM in Kitchen

Donations of *clean sheets and blankets* may be placed in the WOZ bin.

**Yarn Ministry** - Sunday, March 3 & 17, 1PM in Parlor

Sunday, April 7, 1PM in Parlor [*We won't meet on April 21 since it is Easter Sunday.*]

*Donations of yarn may be placed in the WOZ bin across from the mailboxes.*

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## Faith Formation Opportunities for Adults

**Sunday Scholars Class:** Every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Parlor

*Experience the historical background and meaning of the Old and New Testaments through video presentations by biblical scholars and lively discussions that relate what you learn to life in the here and now.*

**Wired Word Class:** Every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Social Room

*The Wired Word provides adult Sunday school lessons that confront the news with Scripture and hope as well as spark and inspire meaningful discussions. Join a multigenerational group of folks with inquiring minds who tackle together everyday life and faith issues that arise from current events.*

**Parent Café:** The first Sunday of every month at 9:15 AM in the room just past the stairs to the Social Room

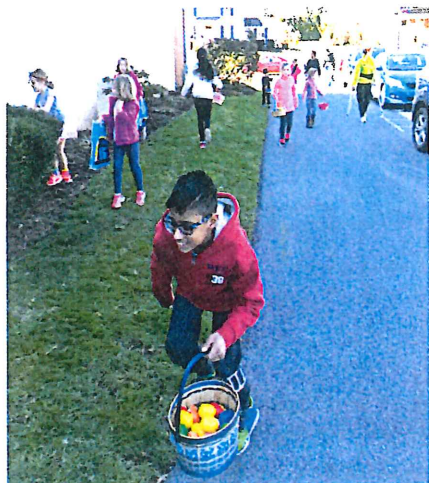
*THE PARENT CAFÉ provides a safe place to share the joys and challenges of parenting in today's world. Join us each month for stimulating conversation and delicious coffee or tea.*

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## ANNUAL HOLY SATURDAY EASTER EGG HUNT April 20th at 10:30 AM

*This fun event brings children and families together from all over our community.*

*Fun Bible Story, Craft, and Egg Hunt for all children toddlers through elementary-age.*



## ♦ From Our ChildFund Sponsoree, Kids' Club

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,*

*Lovely greetings to you from our family on behalf of Brenda who is far from home. I am a cousin and feel so excited to write to you this letter on her behalf. We are all doing well on health and I believe that you are fine too.*

*It was a joy to receive the Christmas card from you and to hear that snow has come earlier this year even. Even in Uganda we have started our dry season and rain will come back in March.*

*Whenever we hear from you our family gets excited and feel proud of the relationship we have with your church family.*

*Best regards from the family of your happy child, Brenda.*



### **KIDS' CLUB**

**5:30-6 PM**

**Dinner for the entire family**

**6-7 PM**

*Activities for elementary-aged kids*

*Kids' Club is a community and church program that includes food, games, a thematic story, and crafts!*

*The final 3 meeting times for this school year are: March 6, April 3, and May 1.*



## ♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In January, the pantry served 157 families of which 204 were children; 365 adults; 95 seniors for a total of 664 persons served. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday...an average of 75-100 families visit the pantry each week.

**“Thank you” to our Zion members who contributed 138 pounds of food items** to the pantry. “Thank you” to the Zion members who continue to contribute financially to the pantry. **Monetary contributions help the pantry to purchase food items** not regularly donated as meats, eggs in addition to the purchase of “high demand” items as cereal, rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soups, and fruits. Financial contributions also allow the pantry to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank once a month at greatly reduced prices and at local stores when needed items are on sale. **Due to the closing of Darrenkamps, Mount Joy.....** fresh produce is now being purchased through your financial contributions. The pantry is also purchasing eggs for our clients.

**Currently, requested food items are:** cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned fruit, canned applesauce, chunky peanut butter, jelly, canned red beets. NO GREEN BEANS, please!!! We are over-stocked with green beans!!!!

**During the month of January.... Giant Mount Joy** donated 534 pounds of bread and bakery items and 332 pounds of food items; **Weis Market in Columbia donated 547 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 534 bakery items and 399 pounds of meat products; S. Clyde Weaver donated 149 pounds of bakery item; Stauffers of Rohrerstown donated 111 pounds of food items. The pantry purchased 3,232 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank.** The pantry received **1,846 pounds of free food items** from the **Community Action Program**. In addition to the above donations and purchases, **4,321 pounds came from the community which includes donations from the churches, schools, businesses, social and civic organizations and private individuals.**

**Seventy-one volunteers gave 556 hours during the month of January.** The pantry is a complete volunteer effort, operating with a full non-paid staff. **Many volunteers “work behind the scenes” on days other than “open” days of Monday and Wednesday.** There are **“pick-ups” of staples, fresh produce, and bakery items made throughout the week at the various businesses.** In addition, **there is an office staff** documenting the donations received, clients served and completing other required reports for the Central Penn Food Bank. We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give with a true servant's heart and a smile!

**AND,** the pantry would not be able to provide this program to the Hempfield residents without the outreach mission of Zion with the use of **Zion's property**. This mission is a witness of God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action!

Stop by to **visit the community pantry “in action” any Monday or Wednesday morning or see Diane Gerlach for a tour. Thank you! Together we will feed the hungry!**

## ♦ Connecting with Others, Vacation Bible School

### THANK YOU...

- ♦ *Thank you so much to Pastor Barb for the visits to the hospital and my home during my surgery and the death of my cousin. Your care is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank all for the support I have received by visits, get well cards, sympathy cards, phone calls, text messages, receiving the altar flowers and of course the many prayers that were sent my way. Also, a special thank you to Randy Miller for helping me to move my cousins belongings from the nursing home. You all are a blessing to me and I thank God for your love and care. -Dolly Overly*
- ♦ *What a gift you've given! Thank you for your recent gift of \$353.00 to ELCA ministries through ELCA Good Gifts... Thank you for your support of the vital ministries that we do together -- and for your very good gift. In God's abundant grace, Christina Jackson-Skelton (Exec. Director, Mission Advancement*
- ♦ *We are deeply moved by your kindness and support of our annual Day of Smiles through your Joyful Noise Offering... We are planning to purchase sheets for Brereton Manor and Hershey Mill Group Home with the generous donation from your congregation. Thank you so much!*  
-Jane & Steve McCartney

### CONDOLENCES TO...

- ♦ *Gene Weiksner on the death of his wife, Pauline, on December 30.*
- ♦ *Kay Gorlaski on the death of her husband, Joe, on January 9.*
- ♦ *Barb Williams on the death of her husband, Tom, on January 22.*
- ♦ *Pam Houseal on the death of her father, Ted Reddig, on January 22.*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- ♦ *Amy & Josh Miller on the birth of their son, Myles, on December 29.*
- ♦ *Erica & John Kearon on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Rose, on January 6.*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

**Save the Date: June 17-21**

**Join the fun!**

**KIDS: Learn more about Jesus!**

**Bring your friends!**

**TEENS & ADULTS: You can be a part of this too by volunteering!**

**Contact Jeff if you are available to help!**



## ♦ March Celebrations



		16	Liz Crum
		17	Devin Andrew
		17	Lydia Goliheew
		22	Marty Gerlach
		22	Ben Green
2	Ellie Leach	23	Hannah Pipkin
3	Rick Rainar	25	Brenda Rosen
4	Connie Alsedek	26	Jeanette Bomberger
4	Andrew Bernhard	26	Scott Hetrick
4	Barb Wildasin	26	Brian Sherwood
7	John Hay	26	Andrew Sherwood
7	Jay V. Smith	27	Kevin Reinhart
8	Darrell Gerke	29	Derek Stone
13	Sofia Deibler	30	Jennifer Barley
13	Jeff Engroff	30	Kate Gunzenhauser
14	Shirley Cates		
14	Nancy Price		



### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

		15	Derek Stone	31	Travis Jackson
		20	Keller Moore		
1	Meghan Brady	21	Nate Deibler		
1	Parker Stitzel	21	Millie Gundel		
3	Joe Adams	21	Bob Traup		
6	Lily Gunzenhauser	22	Ellie Barley		
10	Sam King	22	Brad Sherwood		
12	Sarah Chapman	25	Dianne Coons		
12	Fred Hamor	25	Doug Stoner		
12	Mary Zimmerman	30	Kristen Haun		
15	Finn Gunzenhauser	31	Arianna Jackson		



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4	Steve & Denise Haun
19	George & Charlotte Potts
27	Thomas & Mary Grzybowski



## ♦ April Celebrations



		19	D.J. Korn
		20	Karen Wright
		21	Ruth Albright
		22	Amanda Grube
		22	Madison Pipkin
		22	Marvin Ruch
		25	Sara Bernhard
		25	Kyle Symonds
		26	Corrie Stream
		26	Bob Wildasin
		28	Deb Overly
		28	Christopher Wright
		29	Jonathan Wise
1	Delaney Klepper		
4	Birgitte Chapman		
5	Doug Grow		
8	Sue Stathopoulos		
10	Joanne Grim		
10	Connie Grow		
13	Cameron Thompson		
14	Stephanie Stitzel		
17	Drew Jarvie		
17	Dylan Leibley		
17	Karen Rainar		
18	Ryan Provanzo		



### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

		10	Renee Censier	20	Allison Korn
		10	Janet Musselman	21	Floyd Weidler
		11	Cindy Blough	25	Alaina DiNardi
		12	Janet Bair	25	Dylan Gromen
		13	Brenda Stover	27	Marvin Ruch
		14	Ruth Janisewski	30	Joey Auchey
		16	Wayne Dearolf	30	Sarah Auchey
		17	Barb Williams		
		18	Melodie Dearolf		
1	Ben Moore				
3	Marie Adams				
3	Jim Bear				
3	Jo Stone				
6	Jeanette Bomberger				
7	Nancy Myers				

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

9	Rick & Nancy Price
15	Wilson & Jennifer Pipkin
25	Chris & Tracie Andrew
25	Mitch & Vivian Gunzenhauser
26	Marv & Wenda Ruch



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## **2019 Church Council**

### ***(Voting Members & Ministry Team Liaisons)***

Adele King, President

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Dave Dumeyer (Property)

Joel Janisewski (Outreach)

Dave Wise (Finance & Stewardship)

Dave Albin (Faith Formation)

Mark Rosen (Worship & Music)

Riley Klepper (ZYM)

### ***(2019 Nonvoting Members)***

Ron Crawford, Financial Secretary

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John Hay, Treasurer

Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer

Brenda Stover, Secretary

## **Ministry Team Chairs**

Judy Traup, Care Ministry

Randy Miller, Social Outreach

John Hay, Finance

Sue Wise, Personnel

TBD, Property

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Jean Pretz, Worship & Music

Dolly Overly, Prayer Team

Open, Parish Fellowship

## **Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff**

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Roz Flannelly, 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.*

*May/June Newsletter Deadline: Deadline April 15*

Worship: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Faith Formation For All Ages: 9:15 AM

Parent Café: 9:15 AM [March 3 & April 7]