

# ZION NEWS

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**Zion Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**

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

The Ministers of Zion: Every member of the congregation

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## From The Pastor's Keyboard: **A Church In Waiting**

Every day, it seems that we are forced to wait for something. We wait in traffic for a jam to clear. We wait at traffic lights, sometimes through more than one cycle because of the number of drivers in the turning lane. We wait in lines at the bank, the grocery store, the department store, the pharmacy and many other places we may go. We wait to be seated in a busy restaurant. We wait on "hold" for the elevator music to stop and someone human to answer the phone. We wait for the computer to boot or to download or to upload. We wait for a spouse to call and tell us when he/she will get home. We wait to hear if a son or daughter has arrived safely at his/her appointed destination.

My husband doesn't like to wait. If it is possible, he'll find another route around a traffic jam- even if we drive out of our way. On more than one occasion, we have left one restaurant and gone to another because the wait for a table was deemed too long at the first. He can be patient about some things, but he isn't a patient waiter.

The season of Advent is a time of waiting for Christians. Old Testament scriptures appointed for the season focus on the prophecies of the Messiah who is to come to save Israel. New Testament readings focus on the fulfillment of these prophecies through the preaching of John the baptizer and the birth of Jesus. Also noted in the scriptures for the season are the signs of the end times and the promised return of the Lord to judge. Both Peter and Paul encouraged the First Century Christians to remain faithful and be patient as they wait for the Lord's return. God's time is not like human time, writes Peter for, "...with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like one day." (2Peter 3:6)

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## ♦ Pastor's Keyboard (Cont'd from pg. 1), Tree Lighting

Just as was true nearly two millennia ago, today we are the "Church in Waiting." We also need the assurance of the scriptures, of God's Word, to give us patience and strength of faith to endure the terrors, uncertainty, and violence of life in the world. We need the comforting words of God to Isaiah, "Comfort, O comfort my people." (Isaiah 40:1) We need the encouragement of Paul who writes that God "...will also strengthen you to the end...God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1Corinthians 1:8-9). We, also, need the reminder given by Jesus in Mark 13:33, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."

Most of us don't like to wait, but we, also, know that some things are worth waiting for. Every

year, we wait for Christmas to come with its multi-colored lights, evergreen wreaths and trees, and enjoyment of sharing gifts with family and friends. It's worth the wait, even if the busy days prior to the holiday may be stressful.

Hearing the ancient story of Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel and the passages that lead up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ prepare us for the festival and its message of peace and good will to all. It's this message that carries us into the New Year with hope and trust in God's promises while we wait for whatever God has in store for us and all members of Christ's "Church in Waiting."

LIGHT  
UP ★ A  
LIFE

The lives of those who have influenced us, inspired us, shared with us will always be remembered.

When they are no longer with us, celebrating can be hard. But their memory can live on, and new traditions can be created to commemorate and honor them. During this holiday season, start a new tradition to honor someone who has been a light in your life.

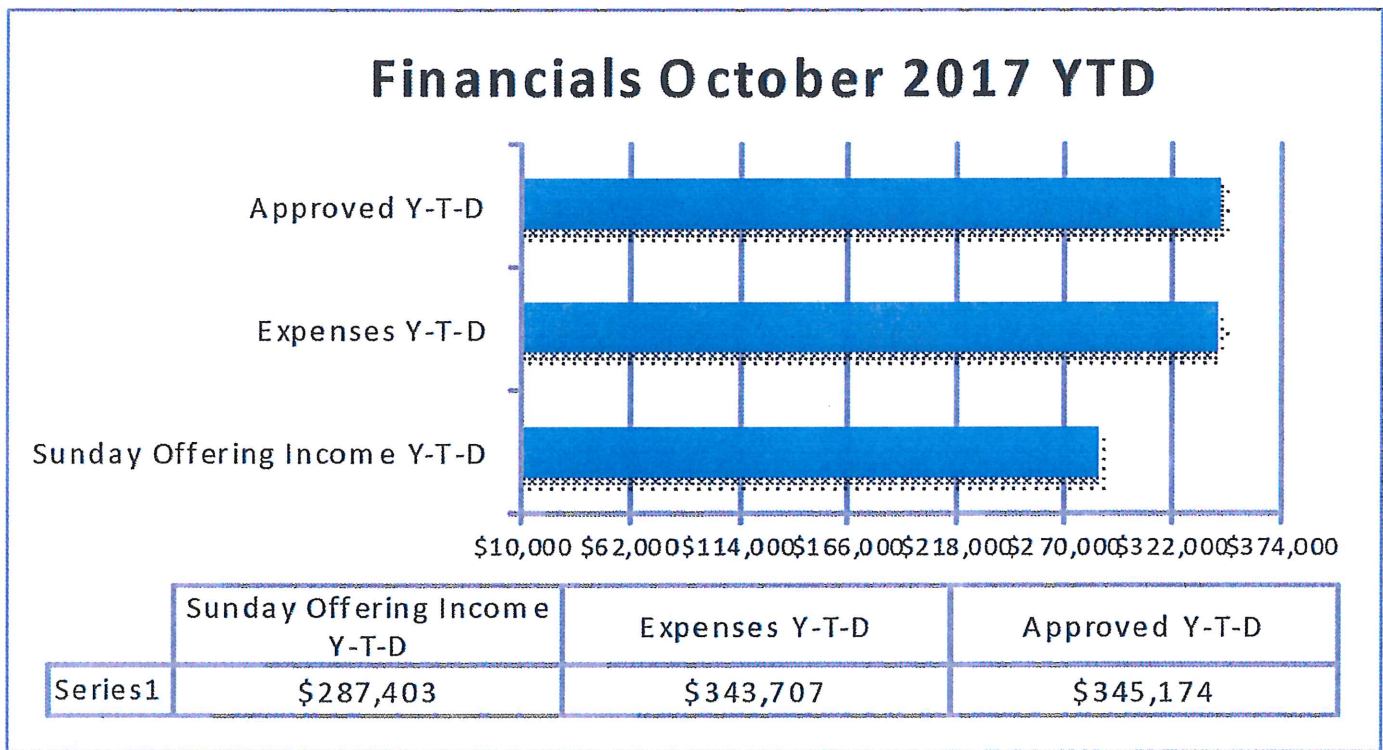
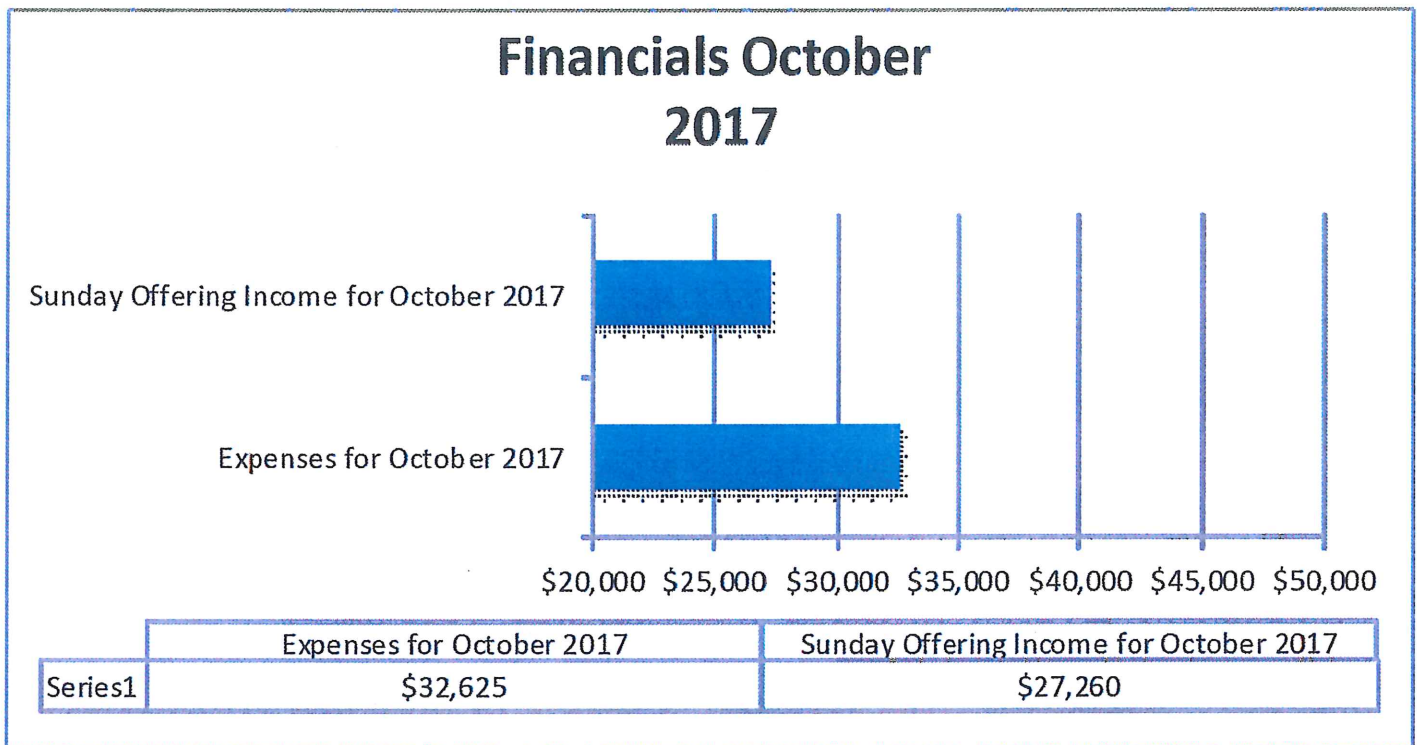
Your light will signify what this person means to you. Purchase a light to celebrate and remember someone special.

*Please join us for our Tree-Lighting Ceremony.*

December 3, 2017, 5:00 p.m. at Country Club of York, York

December 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at 685 Good Drive, Lancaster

## ◆ Financial Figures (October)



◆ The total income year-to-date of \$602,270 includes \$20,000 from the Endowment and \$286,850 bequest from the estate of Betty Lou Hoffman.



## ♦ Fearless Generosity Submitted by Darrell Gerke

### Stewardship Campaign Results

As of November 12, 2017, 59 puzzle pieces have been received equaling 38.6% of the total outstanding puzzle pieces. A corresponding pledge total of \$219,284.00 equates to 48.7% of the total proposed 2018 budget of \$450,423.00. Coincidentally, it is interesting to note that 59 members attended the Congregational Meeting on November 19.

The Stewardship Committee thanks the 59 members that pledged and returned puzzle pieces. We believe this is the greatest number of pledges received and the most money pledged at Zion. Next year we hope to build on this successful campaign.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Jim Bear who suggested the puzzle theme for the Campaign. Jim then took a picture at Zion, secured the picture in puzzle form, sent out the pieces to the members of Zion along with a letter explaining the campaign format, then weekly tabulated the results and reported the results as a weekly item in the church bulletin and an email message to all members. Jim, thank you for your deep concern for Zion and its financial future.

### Year End Giving

Every year our giving increases around the Christmas season and I pray that that occurs again this year. Our giving has not kept pace with our spending in 2017.

Thank you for considering giving a little extra to thank God for all the many blessings he showers upon us daily.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.*





## ♦ Kids' Club & ZYM

***ADVENT is in the air, and in our hearts!***

ZYM and KIDS' CLUB Wednesday and Sunday mornings will be filled with all things Advent!

We gather and learn, explore and live out our Christian faith through many opportunities in worship, song, education, and play. Rotational workshops for our younger children, ZYM youth nights and activities, and our Kids' Club evangelical community outreach for children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade on December 6 (5:30-7 PM).

The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

### **Kids' Club Wednesday!**

**Wed. Dec. 6**

*All kids preschool-elementary will have a blast!*

Pizza for dinner at 5:30 for the families! Then, off to games, crafts and story!

### **ZYM**

**December 1-3: Fall Retreat**

**December 17: Youth Night 6-8 PM**



### **Kids' Club Sunday!**

Every Sunday Morning at 9:15 5



## ♦ Women of Zion, Decorating, Singles Lunch

### WOMEN OF ZION

*Women of Zion is open to all women in our church and their friends! If you have the time and would like to join us for fun and fellowship, we would love to have you! During the year, there are opportunities for service projects and social events. Sometimes, we take day trips! We are always looking for new ideas and the women who are willing to make them happen!*

**Comforter Ministry:**      Monday, December 4 &  
   Monday, January 8  
   At 9 AM in the kitchen

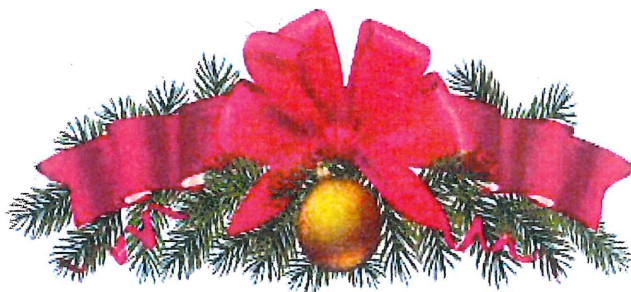
**Yarn Ministry:**      Sundays, December 3, 17  
                                 January 7 & 21  
                                 At 1PM in the Parlor.

**Advent Breakfast:**      Saturday, December 9  
   At 10 AM at the Country Table Restaurant in Mount Joy  
*Join us as we prepare for Christmas...bring a friend!*  
                                 *Sign up by Sunday, December 3.*  
*For a little added fun, bring a wrapped gift (\$3.00 limit) for the "Holiday Grab Bag!"*

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### DECORATING GET-TOGETHER!

On Saturday, December 16 at 10 AM all are invited to join in the Christmas decorating fun! All are welcome to come help decorate the trees ... come and be a part of the Zion Christmas spirit!



**Mark Your  
Calendar**



Mark Your Calendars for the 2018 "Single Again Luncheon" on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. This special event for both widows and widowers will be held at Zion. *More details will follow.*



## ♦ Christmas Poinsettias

### CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Sponsors are needed for poinsettias, door wreaths, candles, and other decorations that will be used around the church for Christmas Eve Services. Sponsorships are \$10 and may be in honor or memory of someone. Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the form below.

I wish to help sponsor decorations for Christmas Eve; enclosed is

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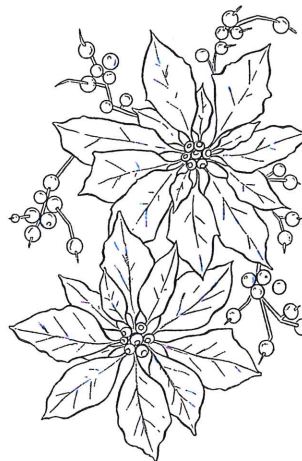
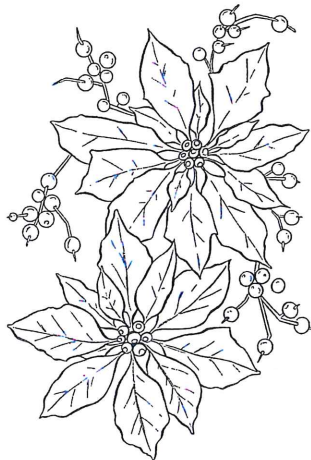
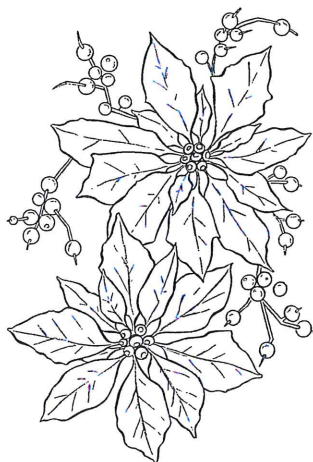
In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church and place in mail basket in the Narthex or mail to 85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA 17538.*

*We ask that you please take your decorations after the services on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Any remaining decorations on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be handed out to the Food Pantry clients.*





## ♦ Advent Bible Study, Service of Remembrance



### **“Church in Waiting” Beginning Nov. 29th**

*Join us for a special four-session Advent season bible study, “Church in Waiting.”  
This study focuses on the scripture lessons for the season as means to encourage  
and inspire us while we wait.*

#### **Session titles of the study are:**

**Week #1:** *Be Enriched and Strengthened*

**Week #2:** *Wait Patiently*

**Week #3:** *Repent and Prepare the Way of the Lord*

**Week #4:** *Glorify God through Jesus Christ*

The “Church in Waiting” study will be offered at two different times each week,  
beginning on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday Sessions**, beginning on November 29th

9:30 – 10:30 AM, in Parlor

**Sunday Sessions**, beginning on December 3rd: 9:15-10:15 AM,

in Stephen Ministry Room

*See Pastor JMe for your copy of the “Learner Guide.”*

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## **Service of Remembrance at Groff’s Family Funeral Home**

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM**

*Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Are you dreading the holidays?*

*Come to this special service of remembrance, prayers and caring support.*

*Pastor JMe will be leading the service this year and Dennis Dezort will provide special music.*

Groff’s Family Funeral Home is located at 528 West Orange St.,  
Lancaster 17603



## ♦ Community Meal, Movie Night

### Thursday Night Community Meal Invitation

*Submitted by Linda Bear*

Be inspired by God's joy, love, and His spirit of giving by volunteering your time and assistance at Zion's Community Meal on **Thursday, December 14**. We have promised to provide a warm, nutritious meal on the second Thursday of every month, so this December meal is your last opportunity to serve during the present year.

The sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex beginning on Sunday, December 10. *We will need five volunteers to make desserts, five volunteers to prepare the meal, and eight volunteers to serve and clean-up the kitchen.*



We are appreciative of everyone who has volunteered in February, April, June, and November, and for all those who can join us for the December festivities, we give thanks!



#### **January 5, 7 PM: *The Emperor's Club***

An inspiring teacher at a private boys' school engages his students in the history of the Roman Empire and those who wore the mantle of Roman Emperor. In the course of this story about integrity and honor, he has a chance to examine his own life and see how the lives of his students have changed forever.

#### **December 1, 7 PM : *Miracles Are From Heaven***

Based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Chrissy (Jennifer Garner) discovers her 10-year old daughter Anna (Kylie Rogers) has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored, and their community inspired.



## ♦ Barnstorming Clipper Stadium, Part 3 *Submitted by Dave Albin*

So I had been told that if the Barnstormers made the playoffs (nope) or if there was a cancellation before the end of the season, I'd be the first person they'd call as a replacement. Given my typical luck, I knew not to hold my breath - which made it all the more surprising when on Wednesday night, September 13<sup>th</sup>, I checked my email at 4:30 in the afternoon and found that my presence was requested for that night's game! Though I had less than two hours' notice, I got to the stadium in time to review the seventh-inning routine with Cylo the mascot (a "different" Cylo, as it turned out) and stand ready behind home plate, all set to sing the anthem at 6:30.

With two minutes to go, however, I noticed that no one was there with me to sing "God Bless America" before I sang the anthem. I asked the assistant how I could help, and ninety seconds before the microphone went live, I volunteered to sing "God Bless America" as well as the anthem. The Barnstormers have arrangements for their games to be YouTubed, so you can see the results on the Internet, although the audio is not perfect, and it gives priority to the commentators. I thought both songs went well, and the crowd didn't boo me, so... all's good. Seriously, there's nothing like singing our National Anthem badly or well to bring out the bad or good sides of people, and I received quite a few compliments from total strangers - which was almost everybody, because the short notice had prevented me from inviting anyone else to come along. Even my mom couldn't get out of a church commitment that night! I

did get to chat with an EMT at the stadium who's a friend of mine, but he'd been busy while I was singing... No chance at the announcers' booth this time - the spot had been promised to a pair of youngsters who unbelievably had a worse home half of the fourth inning to call than I had - strikeout, walk, double play, end of inning. It was the shock of "oh, we're done!" at the end that made me feel sorry for the kids, but by then I had bigger barns to storm. The seventh inning stretch was fast approaching; would Cylo and I get to do our routine this time around?

Again, watch the video; it's about two hours into the game. You don't get the audio, but you do get to see Cylo helping me up onto the dugout (I got a nice scar on my left knee there). Bucket in hand, I tell Cylo that "this is the only way he can carry a tune". Cylo takes the bucket - check. Cylo heads to the other end of the dugout and exchanges the empty bucket for one filled with water while I lead the crowd in "Take Me out to the Ball Game" - check. Cylo creeps up on me and splashes me with the water on the last note: "GAAAME!" - uh, not exactly. I get as far as "If they don't win..." and SPLOOSH! I get unexpectedly hit in the back with the water. I salvage the situation by doing a "slowly I turn" response to Cylo, who hugs me and lifts my arm, champion-boxer style, as we finish the song. The fans never knew the difference from the way the sketch was supposed to go, and they loved it! People reached out and shook my hand as I went back up the stairs to the main concourse. The video of

Cylo splashing me was repeated on the scoreboard after the next half-inning, so we must have done something right!

I also got a chance to meet with Cylo after he got out of his costume later in the evening, and he said that he really enjoyed the sketch, in part because he'd been doing the same silly stuff for the whole Barnstormers season, and this was a different bit of hijinks. A funny thing happened as we had our conversation (once I recognized him without the costume): an elderly lady walking by stopped to congratulate - ME - and say how much she enjoyed watching me that evening. If she'd only known that Cylo was standing right there! He didn't say anything, so I kept quiet (that's his choice, I respect that), but I did ask him if he got that a lot during the season. "Oh, yeah," he replied. "Once the costume's off, I come out at the end of games and just walk around, see if I hear any feedback. Part of the job, and I actually get a kick out of it." I can sympathize; I understand how he's thinking.

Add to my report the number of times that fans and Barnstormers employees asked me to sign up at next year's Barnstormers Job Fair, and I think I've reached the bottom of the ninth inning. Thanks for reading these articles, and remember: If God is your relief pitcher, get off the mound and go to the bullpen!





## ♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*



**In October**, the pantry served 156 families which included 236 children, 371 adults, and 82 seniors for a total of 689 people served.

**During the month of October, Zion members donated 84 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 October ....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,295 pounds** of fresh produce to the pantry; **Target in Lititz donated 2,308 pounds** of fresh produce and **123 pounds** of bakery items; **Weis Markets in Columbia donated 580 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 736 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **S. Clyde Weaver donated 1511 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz donated 232 pounds** of bakery items; **Giant**

**of Mount Joy donated 372 pounds** of bakery items. **The pantry purchased 5,575 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank.** The pantry received **2,134 pounds of free food items** from Community Action Program. In addition to the above donations and purchases, **8,109 pounds came from the community which includes donations from the churches, businesses, social and civic organizations and private individuals.**

**Sixty nine volunteers gave 674 hours during the month of October.** 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 and completing the reports required for the Central Penn Food Bank, as well as registering new clients each week. We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give to serving with a true servant’s heart and a smile! The pantry is an ecumenical project with eight-

een churches in the Hempfield area supporting 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 contribute to the pantry regularly... many individuals and businesses also join the “fight against hunger” with special food drives and financial contributions. During the month of October, the **Pilot Club of Lancaster and Moveable Feast** donated food items collected during their food drives for the pantry. **Hempfield Area Food Pantry is a total community effort.**

**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 God’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!**



## ♦ LCC, PRC, Holiday Concert

### LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION

#### WINTER EVENTS

- January 2017: Summer Staff Recruitment Begins (if you are interested in working at one of the camps this summer, contact LCC at 717-677-8211)
- January 6-8: Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald
- January 22: Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald
- February 12: Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald



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### PARISH RESOURCE CENTER ADVENT EVENT

**"Hope Reborn: An Advent Experience"**

**Dec. 4-8 & 11-15: 9AM - 4 PM**

*As we celebrate Advent, we wait in expectation for the coming of Jesus.*

*This is a season of hope, yet personally, and in the world around us, hope can feel absent or contrived. This Advent, carve out at least ten minutes to visit the Parish Resource Center and enter into an Advent experience: Hope Reborn.*

*Through this interactive and contemplative experience, consider how hope is being reborn all around you. Visit us after you've dropped the kids off at school, during your lunch break, on your trip home from shopping, or after work. The experience is suitable for children if they are accompanied by an adult who can assist them in the experience.*



**Sunday, Dec. 3**

Trinity U.C.C.

2340 State St., East Petersburg

6 PM

Desserts following the concert

*Free Will Offering Benefits Transitional Living Center & Trinity Music Ministry*

## ♦ Connecting With Others, Service Times

### THANK YOU

#### **From Anna Benedict**

*...Thank you very much for the scholarship you gave me for working at Camp Kirchenwald this past summer. It is very helpful to have helping paying for school. My semester is going very well so far! I am excited to be able to see everyone when I am home over the upcoming holidays. Thank you very much again.*

#### **From Diane Gerlach**

*...Thank you to everyone who have assisted with the recent Memorial Services and luncheons. The families are very appreciative for the support and service given to them. Thank you especially to: Marie Adams, Ed Blough, Ron Crawford, Donna & Dave Dumeyer, Darrell Gerke, Millie Gundel, Dick Heim, Burnell Hostetter, Mary & Scott Hetrick, Joan Oberrender, Jennifer & Wilson Pipkin, Doug Rhoads, and Judy & Bob Traup.*

#### **From The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal**

*...Thank you for your gift of \$100 to Lutheran Disaster Response. With this gift you are providing emotional and spiritual care, supplying emergency relief, and addressing long-term recovery... Thank you for this gift and all your faithful generous gifts. Thank you for encouraging others to learn, act, pray, and give with you. Thank you for living into God's words of justice and mercy and for joining with the whole church to love and serve one another.*

#### **From ZYM**

*...Thank you to everyone who supported us by buying gift cards! We appreciate your support and encouragement as we look forward to the Youth Gathering this summer.*

#### **From Judie Ingersoll**

*...Thank you for your service during Darryl's memorial service. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated so much.*

### CONDOLENCES

*...to Ed & Cindy Blough on the death of Cindy's mother, June Duke, on Monday, November 13.*

### CONGRATULATIONS

*...to Joan Oberrender on the birth of her great granddaughter, Madalyn Elizabeth, born on October 13.*

*...to Jeff Engroff on the birth of his first grandson, Jaxon William Via, on November 7.*

*...to Stephanie & Ryan Stitzel on the birth of Cooper Alexander, on November 20.*

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### December 24 & 31 Service Schedule

Sunday, December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent: 10 AM

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve: 7 & 10 PM

Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve: 8 AM & 10:30 AM





## ◆ December Celebrations

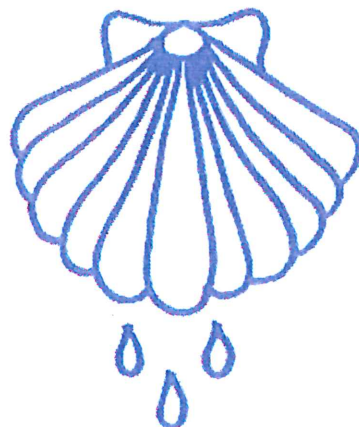


1	Amelia Goliheew	10	Tracy Ingersoll	21	Todd Reed
2	Joseph Auchey	10	Philip Smeltz	21	Kathryn Unger
2	Sarah Auchey	11	Bill Flood	23	Linda Bear
2	Heather Gronholm	11	Brad Ingersoll	23	Don Wierschke
2	Kaylee Thompson	12	Melodie Dearolf	24	Holly Hoover
3	Kimberly Contino	13	Donna Keith	24	Sue Wise
4	Tracie Andrew	13	Nina Laliberte	25	Mary Gerlach
4	Bryce Burfete	13	Sarah Thompson	25	Dave Wauls
4	Finn Gunzenhauser	14	Christian Benedict	26	Alexander Groff
6	Joseph Gorlaski	15	Nathan Bear	27	Connor Donnan
6	Jaden Myers	15	Kaylyn Ringso	28	Judy Brady
7	Bradley Green	15	Ted Symonds	28	Deb Grube
8	Ron Crawford	17	Travis Jackson	28	Floyd Weidler *
		18	Nate Deibler	29	Steve Haun
		18	Diane Ramer	30	Arianna Jackson
		18	Nancy Smith	30	Joan Mays
		20	Cameron Reed		
		20	Brenda Stover		

\*90+

### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Kevin Rickert	17	Tracy Ingersoll
5	Mary Hetrick	18	Sara Hoover
9	Zachary Houseal	18	Sam Myers
9	Deb Long	20	Carolyn Klinger
10	Katie Donell	22	Cathy Benedict
10	Mary Jane Unger	22	Marty Gerlach
11	Joan Hostetter	22	Mary Gerlach
11	Erica Kearon	23	Kara Barr
12	Amanda Grube	23	Brett Houseal
12	Sue Hinds	24	Aarin Deibler
13	Joseph Hinds	25	Devin Leibley
13	Lois Peterson	28	Todd Benedict
14	Ava Gronholm	28	Doug Searle
14	Soren Gronholm	30	Emma Baumgardner
16	Hailee Small	30	Jaclyn Emerick
		30	Pat Landis



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5 Rich & Angela Sieglitz (4th)



## ♦ January Celebrations



1	Collin Donnan	7	Dianne Coons
1	Darlene Smeltz	9	Mallory Trupe
2	Melissa Ingersoll	11	Dave Klepper
3	Soren Gronholm	12	Megan Bilbrough
3	Sarah Laliberte	12	Nathan Myers
3	Eric Searle	13	Julia Grove
5	Pamela Gunzenhauser	15	Jason Shirk
6	Randy Miller	16	Adelyn Seyfried
6	Jordan Provanzo	17	Al Ramer
		19	Lisa Bernhard
		19	Dylan Gromen
		20	Glen Anderson
		20	Jayann Leibley
		20	Jessica Wise
		22	Emma Baumgardner
		22	Dolly Overly

25	Anna Benedict
26	Jonathan Youssef
27	Millie Gundel



## HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Dave Albin	1	Diane Rainar	30	Pamela Gunzenhauser
1	Al Alsedek	1	Catherine Reider	31	Aimee Censier
1	Linda Bear	3	Betty Stoner		
1	Donna Dumeyer	3	Burnell Hostetter		
1	Bill Flood	4	Allie Provanzo		
1	Barb Gerke	5	Sarah McCullough		
1	Diane Gerlach	10	Emma Goliheew		
1	Gloria Grube	15	Kevin Ramer		
1	Steve Haun	21	Ty Myers		
1	Phil Houseal	23	Justin Propst		
1	Joan Mays	23	Judy Traup		
1	Lisa Nelson	26	Megan Landis		
		27	Pastor JMe		
		29	Rylie Kearon		



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

20	Bill & Julia Grove (56th)
20	Doug & Connie Grow (56th)
24	D.J. & Deb Korn (32nd)
28	Dave & Dottie Wauls (51st)





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Brian Bourassa, Sexton (AM)  
Tom Miller, Sexton (PM)

## **2017 Church Council**

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

Joel Janisewski, Pres. (ZSPC)  
Scott Hetrick, VP (Personnel)  
Adele King (Outreach)  
Ed Blough (Worship & Music)  
Dave Albin (Faith Formation)  
Mark Coons (Ministry Support)  
Scott Crum (In-Reach)  
Christopher Chapman (ZYM)

### ***(2017 & 2018 Nonvoting Members)***

Ron Crawford, Financial Secretary  
Phil Houseal, Assistant Financial Secretary  
John Hay, Treasurer  
Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer  
Brenda Stover, Secretary

## **Ministry Team Chairs**

Judy Traup, Care Ministry  
Melodie Dearolf, Social Outreach  
John Hay, Finance  
Dave Dumeyer, Personnel  
Jere Grube, Property  
Darrell Gerke, Stewardship  
Open, Worship & Music  
Liz Crum, Parish Fellowship  
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team

## **2018 Church Council**

### ***(Voting Members; Ministry Team Liaisons TBD)***

Joel Janisewski  
Scott Hetrick  
Adele King  
Dave Wise  
Dave Albin  
Mark Coons  
Mark Rosen  
Riley Klepper

## **Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff**

Amos & Mellie Geib, Managers  
David Bleil, Board President/Manager  
Diane Gerlach, Vice-President  
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.*

**February Newsletter Deadline: January 15**

**Worship: 8 AM & 10:30 AM**

**12/24 Services: 10 AM, 7 PM, 10 PM**

**Faith Formation: 9:15 AM**

**Parish Admin. Office Hours: Mon. - Fri: 9AM - 2 PM**

**Office assistance when the office is closed: 945-4585 (Anne's cell)**

**Pastoral emergencies: 940-3602 (Pastor JMe's cell)**