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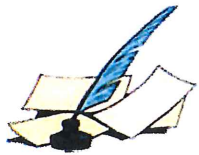


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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BARBARA CARUANA

*Grace and peace to each of you during
the season of thanksgiving.*



As I write this newsletter article, I find myself thinking about Thanksgiving and how important it is to periodically stop and reflect on those things for which we are truly grateful. There are, of course, the “normal” things ... friends, family, food, shelter, clothing, and employment. But for each of us, there are also special things for which we are particularly grateful.

For me, even though I’ve encountered a few unfortunate mishaps during 2019 (like breaking my pelvis and a couple of ribs), I am most grateful for the opportunity I have been given by all of you to return to ministry as your interim pastor.

My first year among you has flown by with lightning speed and has been filled with numerous blessings as I’ve gotten to know each of you. It has been a year filled with excitement, challenges, and answered prayer. Therefore, with a deep sense of gratitude and thanksgiving, I offer the following prayer to you:

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THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERY- THING

*Thank you, God, for everything ...
the big things and the small ...
For every good gift comes from you,
the giver of them all.*

*And so at this time I offer up a prayer
to thank you, God, for giving me
a lot more than my share.
First, thank you for the little things
that often come my way ...*

*The things I take for granted
and don't mention when I pray ...
The unexpected courtesy,
The thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help me
in times of sudden need.*

*Then thank you for the miracles
I am much too blind to see,
and give me new awareness
of my many gifts from Thee.*

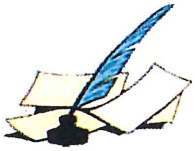
*And help me to remember
that the key to life and living
is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks
and each day a day of thanksgiving.*

† With thanks to my Zion family ...

Pastor Caruana



♦ From Pastor Barb (December)



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BARBARA CARUANA

Friends in Christ ...

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

It happens every year on Thanksgiving Day. You can almost set a clock by it. My family and I will be sitting around the dining room table, stuffing our faces with once-a-year delicacies, when someone (with their mouth full) says, "So, what do you want for Christmas? I'll be starting my Christmas shopping tomorrow."

As soon as those words are blurted out, I get a knot in my stomach ... not because I don't want to get people gifts, but because the thought of running around like a crazy person (no editorial comments, please) wears me down before I even get started. But the truth is, gift buying and gift giving is a big part of Christmas. After all, Christmas is the time when we celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known ... God's gift of Jesus Christ.

The three Magi began the tradition of gift giving to celebrate the arrival of Christ. They endured a long, difficult journey to bring their gifts to Jesus. "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

Giving is an important part of the Christmas season. It offers us a chance to grow as Christians. Giving to loved ones and to those who need love helps people grow closer to each other and to God. Gift giving means much more than buying presents. It means reaching out to others. It means giving of ourselves ... just as God gave his own Son and Jesus gave his life for all people.

As we prepare for Christmas, let our giving reflect the true meaning of Christmas ... let it reflect unselfishness, joy, generosity, and responsibility. Done in the right spirit, giving is a blessing!

Remembering that it's not the gift itself, but the act of giving that's important, here are a few gift-giving ideas:

- * **Give Time:** Time is the most precious gift you can give. Consider setting aside time to help someone else.
- * **Share a Skill:** Use your special talents and abilities to make someone happy.
- * **Make Contributions:** Helping the less fortunate is a precious gift.
- * **Help Your Church:** Remember your church at Christmas time. Pledge your resources in the coming year.
- * **Create Your Own Gifts:** They don't have to be fancy, just thoughtful. Be inventive!
- * **Give Recycled Gifts:** Check the attic, basement, or garage for potentially useful gifts.
- * **Remember Those in Need:** This Christmas, reach out to all the world with your love, prayers, and understanding.

Christmas is a giving time. This year, choose gifts that help you experience the true meaning of Christmas. Consider the needs and interests of each recipient. Select gifts that are appropriate and get you involved. Give of yourself joyfully and generously.

*"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another."
(1 Peter 4:10)*

† May God's blessings be with you throughout this awesome season ...
Pastor Caruana

♦ **Council Report** *(Submitted by Adele King)*

At the September meeting, Council was presented with the proposed budget for 2020. The personnel team presented their suggestions for staff salaries, based on performance. Salaries and cost cutting measures were discussed. In addition, Pastor Caruna's contract was discussed, and as soon as the numbers are decided, it will be signed.

We also discussed what the steps are for moving forward with writing the church profile and forming a call committee for a new pastor. It was decided that a team would be formed to begin writing the church profile in January. Those who have been asked and agreed to serve on the profile writing team include: Doug Rhoads, Jeff Thompson, Al Ramer, Evan Benedict, Brenda Stover, Mary Hetrick, Lynda Sherwood and Corrie Stream.

In addition, as follow-up to conversations about how Zion can enhance security, Dave Dumeyer had met with local police to evaluate our current secure church policies and see what improvements could be made. Action steps were discussed. As part of this discussion, Brenda Stover pointed out how we need to look at the key issue policy and follow it as closely as we possibly can, given the large number of keys that are out. This will be something that is addressed more fully in the new year, as the Property Team is looking to rekey the locks.

Looking ahead to the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 17 following both services, possible Council nominations and Synod reps were discussed. Diane Ramer, Riley Klepper, and I have all agreed to run to serve again in 2020. Mark Coons has decided not to run for a second term, and, since the meeting, Cathy Benedict has agreed to run to fill his seat. We thank Mark for his valuable service to this Council! Brenda Stover and Lisa Nelson have agreed to be our representatives at the Synod Assembly in June. It was confirmed that 2 females could be reps, as opposed to one male and one female. We will also vote on the new purpose statement: *United in Christ, we are called to love and serve*. There will be an information session on Sunday, November 3 between the services at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary.

As has been an item of discussion for some time, a vote was taken to form a Mutual Ministry Team at Zion. This team will serve as a sounding board for the pastor, staff, and members of the church. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Discussion was held regarding lighting in the Narthex. The Property Team will follow-up on this and see what can be done to improve this entrance area by seeing what alternative lighting options make sense.

Some changes will be put into place concerning Assistant Ministers. Stay tuned for more details about this and when training session(s) will be held.

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♦ Council Report *(Cont'd from pg. 4)*

Having had the Nursery Attendants and child care for about 6 months now, we discussed how that is going so far. We will reevaluate again in April.

Pastor Caruana updated the Council on the Fall Harvest Bash and the progress that is being made on making this exciting fellowship event come to life!

Anne presented information concerning 2 companies that we are considering in order to purchase or lease a new copier/printer for Cooper House. She and Pastor Caruana will decide which of them to go with and then Anne will follow-up with a few final questions before making the final decision.

Council Goals for 2020 were presented, and we decided to put them into proper format at the October meeting. These goals will then help guide Council and the ministry teams through what is done and how it will be accomplished in the coming year.

Since there were conflicts with the usual Council meeting date in October, the meeting will be held one week later than normal on October 28th. We, as a Council, will also have a special meeting on Wednesday, October 9th, to discuss budget only. This will prepare us in enough time to get letters out to the congregation concerning our budget proposals.

A Team Leaders meeting was held also on the 30th of September. They were briefed and updated on these above items and had time for discussion.

Nothing can be reported on the October meeting yet as we are meeting after the newsletter goes to print.

Continue to rise to the challenges, enjoy the Harvest Bash, and spend time evaluating your time and talent and how you can help!! We continue to move forward, and can use all the help we can get!!!



♦ Congregational Challenges

CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGES

From the Council & Adele King, President

As we continuously live in ways that reveals the love we have for God and our church to others, we continue to make progress on becoming a more inviting congregation. We hope you are meeting the challenges that have been presented to you throughout the fall. Here are the challenges for November and December

NOVEMBER'S CHALLENGE

⇒ Invite one person to get involved with, or participate in, something that happens at the church.

Example:

My church is always looking for volunteers to help with the Thursday night community meal.

This should not be forced, but should allow an opening for others to respond. When you try to bring up our church in simple conversation, opportunities arise in a much more natural way.

DECEMBER'S CHALLENGE

⇒ Invite someone to church this month.

Example:

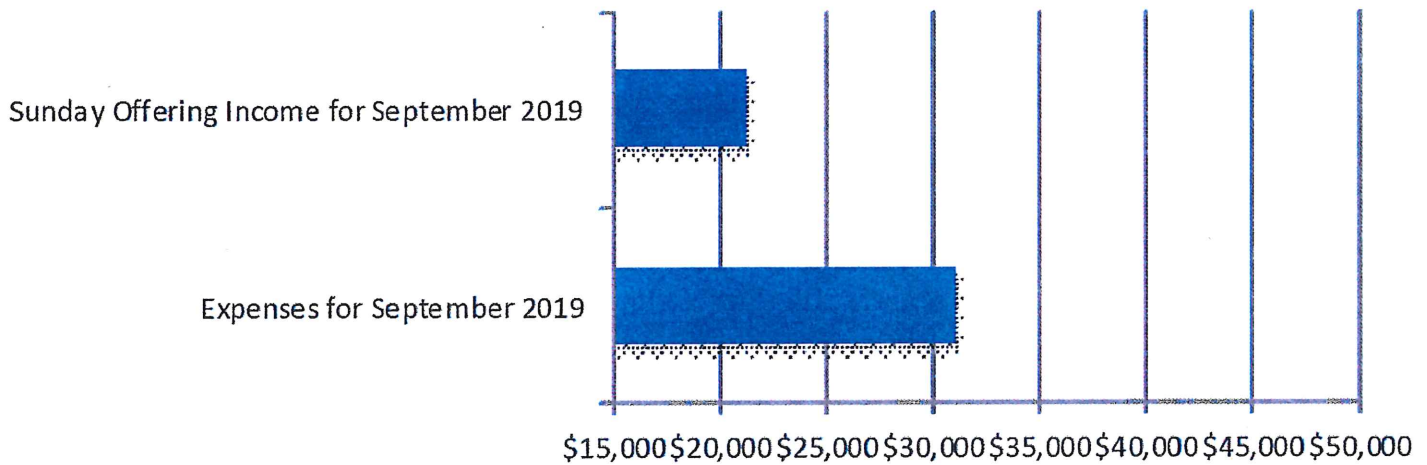
This is a good month to invite people to church because with the holiday coming up, there are a lot of things going on. In addition to worship, the Advent family night is on 12/4, and many holiday musical events will happen throughout the month (Zion Musik Concert on 12/8, the Liederkrantz Concert on 12/14, Christmas Caroling on 12/15, and the Hempfield Chamber Singers Concert on 12/21). Take advantage of these times and reach out to others.

Inviting is being active, not passive. Let's be active!!

Take the challenge!!

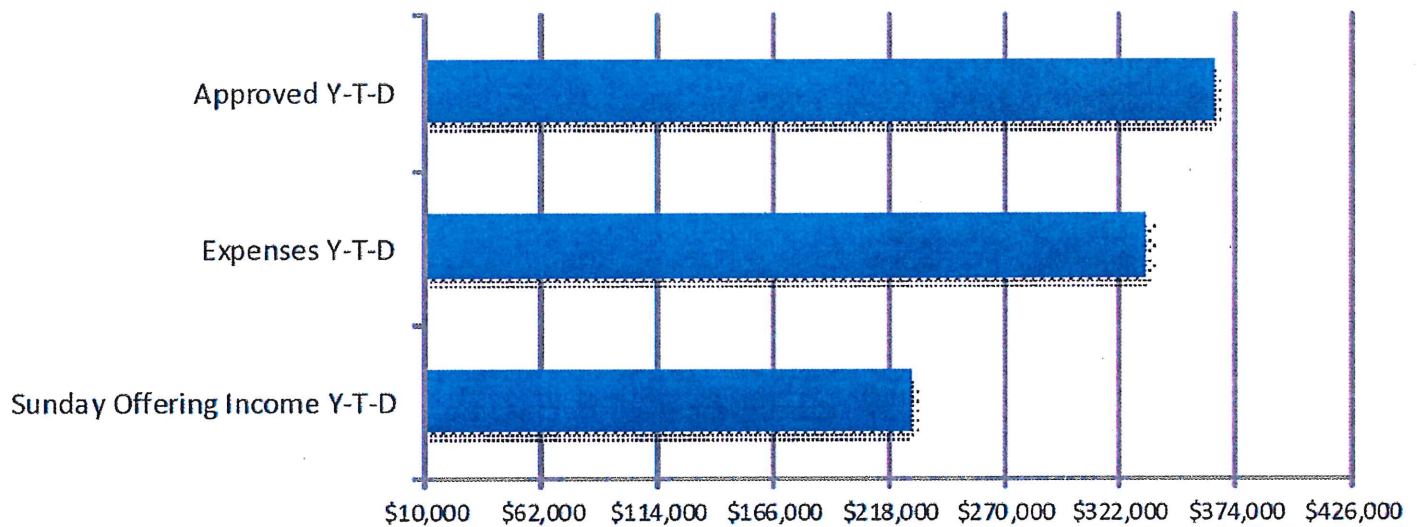
♦ Financial Figures (September)

Financials September 2019



	Expenses for September 2019	Sunday Offering Income for September 2019
Series1	\$31,123	\$21,305

Financials September 2019 YTD



	Sunday Offering Income Y-T-D	Expenses Y-T-D	Approved Y-T-D
Series1	\$228,095	\$333,760	\$364,483

• Healthy Congregations

Healthy Congregations: Impact of Emotional Triangles on Conflict in the Church

Emotional triangles are a feature of every relationship system. Understanding their nature, formation and behavior is essential to understanding what is happening in a church.

Emotional triangles form as a result of tension between any two people. Two-person relationships are inherently unstable; when anxiety between persons develops, one or the other or both will pass the anxiety to a third person, in an attempt to release the tension or getting the third party to influence the behavior of the other person. Any unresolved tension with another person or situation can become the occasion for scapegoating or blaming another person for one's problems.

EXAMPLES:

- ⇒ A church member has a problem with the pastor (or any other staff member). The person works on other people to influence the pastor, herself remaining anonymous in the process. (Passive-aggressive behavior)
- ⇒ A family experiences the death of the father. Unresolved issues with the father exist. The pastor makes a small mistake in the funeral service. All the anger of the family is transferred on to the pastor, who is criticized for everything he does.
- ⇒ A woman who has been a strong supporter of the pastor continually criticizes him at a council meeting, no matter what he says or does. He goes to visit her and discovers that she is anxious about her husband's upcoming heart surgery, and upset about her daughter's pregnancy to a married man.
- ⇒ In the Bible, when God confronts Adam, he avoids the issue by blaming Eve (and God). Eve in turn blames the snake. Both are evading responsibility by triangulating behavior.

How do they function?

Triangles function to preserve themselves, opposing efforts to change them. Triangles transfer stress to the most vulnerable or responsible member. In a church, this is often the pastor.

As stress in a system increases, triangles will begin to multiply and interlock. The whole system becomes stuck.

Triangles negatively reinforce 'treadmills', the same issue over and over or in a different form.

They do not promote clarity, because they distort perceptions and foster secrecy. They inhibit decisiveness and transmit stress because people do not take responsibility for themselves or their actions.

People who resort to triangling behavior cannot function this way on their own. They need people who will support their behavior, much like a host cell accepts a virus in the disease process. (Cont'd on pg. 9)

• Healthy Cong. (Cont'd from pg. 8, Community Meal)

What's the solution?

The only solution is detriangling, to make the two in conflict responsible for their own relationship, or the other person responsible for his problem, while staying connected. The worst position is the togetherness position, where the third person feels responsible for keeping the system together or 'saving' the other person.

Members who have a complaint, issue or suggestion for a specific person, should speak to them directly and discuss their concerns. Complaining to other members without speaking to the person with whom you have a concern, is not supportive of a healthy relationship or a healthy congregation.

Members need to recognize when they're being asked to be 'host cells' for other peoples' virus-like activity. The appropriate response is to 'de-triangle', to refuse to be co-opted for the person doing the triangling. Remind them to speak directly to the person with whom they have a concern.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Submitted by Linda Bear

As we approach the last month of our calendar year, we have much to be thankful for and many volunteers to thank for the dedication that is provided to keep Zion's Community Meal Ministry open and available to guests each Thursday evening. The Zion team that is an offshoot of the community meals that were served at Christ Lutheran in years past now supplies and serves five meals throughout the calendar year at Zion. However, there are other Zion groups of volunteers who also serve meals such as Zion's Worship and Music Ministry, Zion's Sunday Scholars, and Zion's Council members. In addition, many other individual church members serve as a host/hostess for the other guest church groups and organizations that are scheduled throughout the year. Each one of our volunteers is appreciated and loved for your generous outreach and caring heart.

However, two of Zion's members are involved on most every Thursday of the entire year. That is Randy Miller who does all the scheduling for every single Thursday, oversees the smooth

functioning of each meal, and serves in many, many different capacities when his assistance is needed. And then there is Cathy Benedict who sets the tables each Thursday with napkins, utensils, and cups, and prepares the lemonade and readies the ice water in pitchers to serve to each table of guests. Cathy also makes shopping trips to ensure all the tableware and other kitchen supplies are purchased and ready to use by all guest groups and Zion groups who serve.

We are so fortunate and blessed!

Mark your calendars for the following dates when volunteers will be needed:

Thursday, December 12:

Linda Bear & Connie Alsedek

Thursday, December 19:

Zion Worship and Music Team



♦ **Music Notes** *(Submitted by James C. Alfieri)*

ZION Musik Concert Series

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:

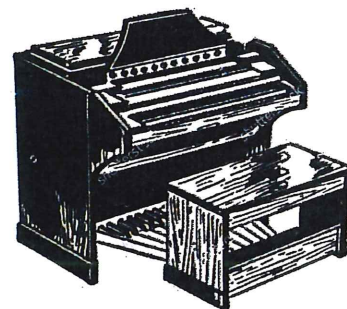
Your generous support helps to make this offering of music to our community possible. Please see James for more details!

Sponsor Level	Amount	The next ZION Musik concert is Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4:00pm and will feature the Heritage Chorale of Lancaster.
Copper	Up to \$49	Celebrating 25 years in pursuit of choral excellence, The Heritage Chorale of Lancaster under the direction of Barry L. Sawyer and accompanist Anne L. Lefever, will present “ <i>O magnum mysterium—We sing the mystery of Bethlehem!</i> ” Featuring the music of Lauridsen, Forrest, Warlock, Rutter and beloved carols of the season. A concert you won’t want to miss!
Bronze	\$50-\$99	
Silver	\$100-\$199	
Gold	\$200-\$299	
Platinum	\$300-\$399	Your generous support helps to make this offering of music to our community possible. Please see James for more details!
Diamond	\$400+	

Assistant Organist of the Day Experiment

As a follow up to the VBS organ crawl, I would like to invite children and adults to sit with me one or two at a time at the console during worship. The assistant will power on the organ, pull stops/cancels, help get the next hymn ready, turn pages, etc. The assistants will sign up for a Sunday. A picture of the assistant will be displayed on the Music Ministry bulletin board. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon.

I hope to see your name on the list!



First Thursday Recitals

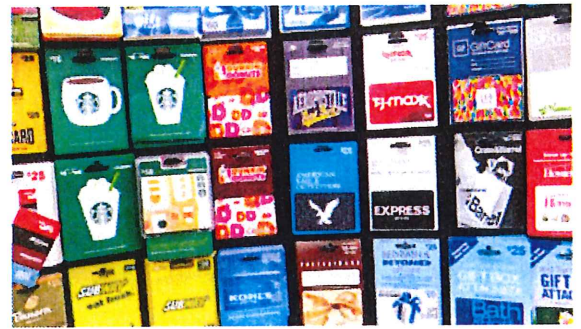


I will present a 30 minute recital on the first Thursday of each month starting at 12:15pm. These free recitals are in the sanctuary and are open to the public. The first concert is November 7, 2019 and will feature music for All Saints’ Day. The December 5, 2019 recital will feature piano Christmas music.

♦ ZYM & Kids' Club

ZYM GIFT CARD SALE

This annual fundraiser will begin on Nov. 3
Pick up your order form in your church mailbox or from a ZYM student! Your support will help ZYM travel to New Orleans for a weeklong mission trip, rebuilding houses in the St. Bernard Parish this coming summer.



ZYM THANKSGIVING MEAL AND GATHERING

November 17 from 6-8PM
in the Zone

Families are asked to bring a family favorite covered dish to share.

WINTERFEST AT THE NOOK

December 7-8 at Spooky Nook
This winter retreat is open to all high school youth.



KIDS' CLUB SUNDAY meets every Sunday morning for a brief lectionary-based study along with fun games and music! The teachers share their love of Christ and their faith with Zion's elementary aged children each Sunday.



KIDS' CLUB WEDNESDAY

Our ministry to young children extends outside of the classroom! Every first Wednesday of the month kids from pre-K through 7th grade gather for a meal, games, faith conversations, and simply hanging out and catching up with each other.



NOVEMBER

"BEING THANKFUL" is our theme for the month. Kids will enjoy having fun with floor scooters as well as making a thanksgiving gift to take home to a family member or friend.

DECEMBER

ZION & KIDS' CLUB ADVENT

EVENT- Wednesday December 4 from 5:30-7pm. Come out and enjoy the start of the Advent season! A family meal and craft are planned along with holiday songs (sing along). Fun for kids of all ages!



♦ Babyboomers & Beyond, Beer & Bible

As a way to connect and reconnect with members and friends from your church family, we are now offering monthly opportunities to come together!

These activities and gatherings will be varied, and open to anyone who is looking for something “extra” that is engaging yet also light-hearted and low-key!



In November, you are invited to a soup & salad luncheon (catered by Panera) in the Connection Zone on Thursday, November 14 beginning at 11:30 AM. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in coming!

In December, come out on Wednesday, December 4, for dinner at 5:30 PM, followed by crafts, holiday music, & activities as we begin the Advent season. This evening gathering will take place in the Community Room. There will be a sign-up sheet for this by mid-November.



Zion Lutheran Landisville will join
Zion Lutheran East Petersburg...

On November 19th for stimulating and
thought- provoking conversation over
a beer (or beverage of your choice) at
Chancey's Pub-(6049 Main St. East
Petersburg) beginning at 6:30pm

RSVP by Nov. 15th call Zion Landisville
Church (717-898-2911) or email
zionluth@comcast.net

Open to everyone 21 and over!

♦ Bible Study, Women of Zion

Bible Study



The Tuesday morning Bible Study is continuing into the winter months! All are invited to come from 9-10:30. in the Parlor.

Even if you haven't come before, you are more than welcome to join!

Comforter Ministry

Monday, November 4, 9AM in Kitchen

Monday, December 2, 9AM in Kitchen

-This year we completed 24 comforters....2 were given to Hempfield schools, 1 was given to the silent auction at the Fall Harvest Bash and 21 were given to Lutheran World Relief. We thank everyone who donated sheets and fabric, all those who knotted and sewed and Randy Miller who delivered the cartons to the drop off point!

-Please place your clean, "no longer needed" sheets in the WOZ bin! We can also use lengths of fabric!



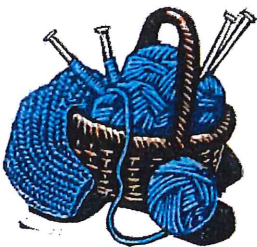
Yarn Ministry

Sunday, November 3 & 17, 1PM in Parlor

Sunday, December 1 & 15, 1PM in Parlor

-If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, come to the parlor and you will find a willing teacher! Necessary supplies will be provided!

-Prayer shawls are available on the rack to provide comfort to a friend! Please remember to sign the book when taking one.



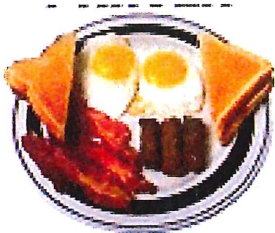
Women of Zion Advent Breakfast

Saturday, November 30 at 10AM

at Country Table, Mount Joy.

-All women and their friends are invited to celebrate the beginning of Advent.

-Sign up on the bulletin board!



*May the God of hope fill you with all **JOY** and peace as you trust in Him!*

- Romans 15:13

♦ All Saints Remembrance

All Saints Day Remembrance

Members of Zion

Pauline Weiksner - December 30, 2018

Tom Williams - January 22, 2019

Jessie Snavelly - March 11, 2019

Grace Rohrbach - April 19, 2019

Ruth Albright - September 22, 2019

Family & Friends

David Wright - November 22, 2018 (Brother of Jon Wright)

Leon Deschl - December 6, 2018 (Uncle of Adele King)

Barbara Klepper - December 23, 2018 (Mother of Dave Klepper)

Joe Gorlaski - January 9, 2019 (Husband of Kathleen Gorlaski)

Ted Reddig - January 22, 2019 (Father of Pam Houseal)

Lois Wise - March 8 (Step-mother of Dave Wise)

Barry Henry - May 21, 2019 (Former long time member of Zion)

Andreas Bernhard -- May 24, 2019 (Father of Horst Bernhard)

Shirley Buffington - September 8 (Mother of Bonnie Oberholtzer)

Alycia Andros - September 28 (Granddaughter of Kathleen Gorlaski)



♦ Christian One-Liners; Bible Translations/Versions



SOME CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS JUST FOR FUN...

- ⇒ Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- ⇒ Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pew.
- ⇒ The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- ⇒ When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- ⇒ People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- ⇒ If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- ⇒ Peace starts with a smile.
- ⇒ Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- ⇒ God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'
- ⇒ You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.

WHICH TRANSLATION IS FOR YOU?

Different translations will appeal to different people in different ways. Some people want a Bible that's easy to read while others want a translation that's as close to the original Hebrew and Greek as possible. For the purposes of Bible study, I personally recommend the following three Bibles because of the accuracy of the word-for-word translation as well as their authoritative notes, maps, and tables:

The NRSV New Oxford Annotated Bible
The NRSV Harper Collins Study Bible
The NRSV Lutheran Study Bible



BIBLE TRANSLATIONS/ VERSIONS

Considering getting a new Bible? If so, on the next page is a table with some facts that may be helpful to you as you make your selection.

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◆ **Bible Translations/Versions** *(Cont'd from pg. 15)*

Original Translation	Translation/Version	Comments/Explanation
1611	King James Version (Authorized Version)	The most popular Bible for more than 300 years. It was revised in 1769.
1885	The English Revised Version	A British revision of the King James Version
1901	American Standard Version (A.S.V.)	Revision of the King James Version in American English
1952	The Revised Standard Version (R.S.V.)	A revision of the A.S.V. The New Testament was revised in 1971.
1966	Jerusalem Bible	Translation by Catholic scholars in Jerusalem. It was revised in 1985 under the title the New Jerusalem Bible.
1970	New English Bible	A "timeless" modern English version. It was later revised in 1989.
1970	New American Bible (N.A.B.)	Official version of the Catholic Church. It was later revised in 1989.
1971	The Living Bible	Popular paraphrase.
1971	New American Standard Bible	Revision of the A.S.V. It is a very literal translation ... keeping as close as possible to the exact words and phrasing in the original Greek and Hebrew.
1976	The Good New Bible (Today's English Version)	A vernacular English translation.
1978	New International Version (N.I.V.)	A "dignified" readable version.
1982	New King James Version	Modernization of the KJV using the same manuscripts used in the original translation.
1989	New Revised Standard Version	"Gender Neutral" revision of the R.S.V.
1991	Contemporary English Version	Written in "natural, uncomplicated" English
1993	The Message	A readable paraphrase in contemporary language.
1995	God's Word	Uses natural, common language and contains no special "theological terms" passed down from other translations.
1996	New Living Translation	A revision of The Living Bible in the form of a translation rather than a paraphrase.

♦ Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION

Join us for this year's Live Quilt Auction and Silent Auction of hand-crafted items. This fun-filled afternoon of bidding raises money for the LCC Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities. In addition to the auctions, the afternoon is a great time to renew camp friendships, walk around camp, and eat dinner.

Nawakwa

November 3, 2-6 PM

THANKSGIVING DINNER CHURCH

Thanksgiving Dinner Church at 5:00pm. Enjoy a Eucharist (Thanksgiving), offering thanks to God for the gifts of 2019.

The Wittel Farm

November 24, 5-6:30 PM

WOMEN'S CRAFT RETREAT

Try new techniques, share your latest creations, work on UFO's, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of camp in the fall. Worship led by Rev. Cindy Brommer. All meals provided.

Please register by November 1.

Nawakwa

November 8-10

ADVENT DAY APART

Join us for an Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm, a day of Bible study, worship, and prayerful reflection as we seek to prepare for the coming of the Christ. Led by: Rev. Karen Minnich-Sadler.

Registration fee includes lunch.

The Wittel Farm

December 7, 9AM-2PM

CHRISTMAS IN A BARN

Annual Advent/Christmas in the Barn: 7:00pm (no dinner) Cookies and Cocoa at 6:30.

The Wittel Farm

December 22, 6-8 PM

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

This retreat is a great way to renew summer camp friendships, to make new friends, and to see what Kirchewald offers in the winter. The retreat, for grades 3-9, features summer camp favorites like Capture the Flag, hiking to Buzzard's rocks, Bible study, worship, and games. We hope for cold, snowy weather for winter activities like sledding, snow soccer, snow fort building, and games like broom hockey or slipper tag on the frozen lake. Accomodations are in the main camp and Myers Retreat Center. Registration deadline is December 20. Cost is only \$145.

Kirchenwald

January 3-5

CHICKEN & WAFFLES

Spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner. Bring your sleds (if there's snow) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories!

Nawakwa

January 19, 1-3PM

WINTER FUN DAY

Bring your family or youth group and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

Kirchewald

January 19, 1-6 PM

To register or for additional information, visit www.lutherancamping.org or call 717-677-8211 or 717-064-2131.

♦ Community Events

Parish Resource Center Events

2160 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 18

For more info. or to register:

717-299-1113

THE 5 E'S OF LEADERSHIP

November 6 | Noon - 1:30 pm

Envision

Engage

Energize

Enable

Execute



Margot Hoerner, HR
Executive, Procter & Gamble

CHILDREN + MUSIC = AWESOME WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

LED BY JAMIE NACE, M.A. IN MUSIC ED.



Harvesting Gratitude Labyrinth Walk

November 14, 6:30-8:00pm

Led by Carmel Stabley



CANDLELIGHT RESTORATIVE YOGA

LED BY LEAH THOMAS

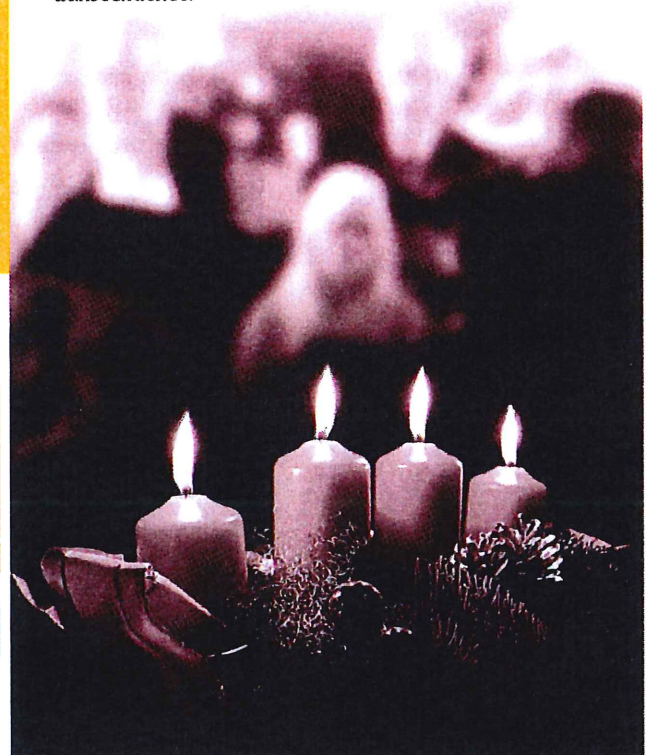
NOV 19,
7:00-8:00PM

Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF CONTEMPLATIVE REFLECTION ON THE COMING CHRIST as we

"hear once again the message of the Angels" in scripture and song. This year's service will be made up of the nine scripture readings and complementary anthems, carols, and hymns sung by the Good Shepherd Choir under the direction of Cantor Christopher Prestia. Start your busy December on a peaceful note with this time of reflection, prayer, and transcendence.



For more information, please contact the church office of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 717-393-3958 or visit the website at www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org

♦ Food Pantry *(Submitted by Diane Gerlach)*

In September, a total of 675 persons were 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 162 pounds of food items including fresh produce from our “summer “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 also purchases fresh produce and eggs at local stores/markets.

Currently, requested food items include: canned spinach, canned carrots, canned corn, canned cream corn, canned tomatoes, canned peaches (lite and sugar free), canned pears, canned pineapple, canned mandarin oranges, 18 oz. jelly, boxed pastas, cereal, and **especially canned green bean.**

During the month of September...Giant (Mount Joy) donated 1,155 pounds of bread and bakery items Weis Market Columbia donated 596 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 244 bakery items and 277 pounds meat products; S. Clyde Weaver donated 100 pounds of bakery items; Stauffers of Rohrerstown donated 62 pounds of bread and bakery items. The pantry purchased 8,628 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank. The pantry received 2,239 pounds of free food items from the Community Action Program. Additional contributions of food items and fresh produce came from the community which includes donations from the churches, businesses, social and civic organizations and private individuals. Sixty one volunteers gave 574 hours in September.....A reminder that 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 for a visit!!!!

Employees from Kellogg's collected food for the Food Pantry. In addition to the food collected, a grant of \$1,000 was also presented to the Pantry.





*Blessings to the members of
Zion Lutheran Church
From Pastor C, James, Jeff, & Anne*



A CHRISTMAS GREETING FOR THE CONGREGATION



*For unto you is born this day
In the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ
The Lord.*

† † † Luke 2:11 † † †

May the quiet peace and gentle love
of the first Christmas
be yours today and always.

*In love and peace ...
Zion's Staff*

♦ Connecting with Others, Upcoming Events

THANK YOU...

♦ **From Joan Hostetter**

It's with a grateful heart that I thank the members of the congregation, Pastor Caruana and Anne for their kindness, prayers, cards, meals, phone calls and words of get well during my recent hospitalization for a heart procedure.

♦ **From Pastor Caruana**

Thank you to the members of Zion Lutheran Church for the many expressions of thanks and appreciation. Pastor Appreciation Month 2019 was absolutely the best ever!

♦ **From Lutheran Disaster Response**

Thank you for your gift of \$215.00 to LDR. Your generosity brings hope and help to families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. Your gifts to LDR make possible short- and long-term recovery and rebuilding of lives and livelihoods. Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

♦ **Mandy & Kevin Eiche** on the baptism of their daughter, Sydney Christine, on September 22. [Sydney is the second cousin of Corrie Stream.]

♦ **Christopher & Brittany Wright** on the baptism of their son, Tucker Jon, on October 20.

CONDOLENCES TO...

♦ **Bonnie Oberholtzer** on the death of her mother, Shirley Buffington, on September 8.

♦ **The family and friends of Ruth Albright.** Ruth passed away on September 21 at the age of 97.

♦ **Kathleen Gorlaski** on the death of her granddaughter, Alycia Andros, on September 28.

COMING UP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>		
11/3	Congregational Annual Meeting	11/17	Yarn Ministry
	Informational Session (9:15 AM)		(1 PM in the Parlor)
11/3	Yarn Ministry	11/28	Happy Thanksgiving
	(1 PM in the Parlor)		Office Closed
11/4	Blanket Ministry	11/29	Office Closed
	(9 - 11 AM in the kitchen)	11/30	Women's Advent Breakfast
11/6	Kids' Club & ZYM2 w/ dinner		(10 AM at The Country Table)
	(5:30-7 PM in the Social Room)	12/1	Yarn Ministry
11/7	Lunch Break Organ Recital		(1 PM in the Parlor)
	(12:15 PM in the Sanctuary)	12/4	Advent Night (crafts, songs, etc.)
11/10	Parent Café (9:15 AM)		(5:30-7 PM in the Social Room)
11/14	Babyboomers & Beyond	12/8	Zion Musik Concert
	Soup, Bread, & Salad Lunch		(4 PM in the Sanctuary)
	(11:30 AM in the Zone)	12/14	Liederkrantz Christmas
11/16	Safe Church Training		Concert (5 PM in the Sanctuary)
	(8:15 AM @ St. Paul Lititz)	12/15	Christmas Caroling
11/17	Congregational Meeting		(3 PM)
	(At the end of both services)	12/21	Hempfield Chamber Singers
11/17	Joyful Noise Offering		Christmas Concert (Time: TBD)
	(Wounded Warriors)	12/24	Christmas Eve Worship
			(7 & 10 PM)
		12/29	One Worship Service
			(9:30 AM)

◆ November & December Celebrations

NOV. BIRTHDAYS

1 Ty Myers
1 Mary Zimmerman
3 Joe Adams
3 Melissa Grube
3 Rae Miller
3 Kevin Smeltz
4 Pat Brady
4 Megan Landis
5 Cindy Blough
7 Bill Piper
7 Laura Wierschke
14 Gloria Grube *
14 Jan Reeves
15 Cathy Benedict
15 Jo Stone
20 Cooper Stitzel
21 Denise Haun
23 Stone Smeltz
27 Janet Musselman

DEC. BIRTHDAYS

2 Joey Auchey
2 Sarah Auchey
2 Kaylee Thompson
4 Tracie Andrew
6 Jaden Myers
7 Brad Green
8 Ron Crawford
10 Philip Smeltz
11 Bill Flood
13 Sarah Chapman
13 Nina Laliberte
14 Christian Benedict
15 Nathan Bear
15 Kaylyn Langseth
15 Ted Symonds
18 Nate Deibler
18 Diane Ramer
18 Nancy Smith
20 Cameron Reed

20 Brenda Stover
21 Todd Reed
23 Linda Bear
23 Don Wierschke
24 Holly Hoover
24 Sue Wise
25 Mary Gerlach
25 Dave Wauls
27 Connor Donnan
28 Judy Brady
28 Deb Grube
28 Floyd Weidler
29 Steve Haun
30 Joan Mays

*90+ birthday



NOV. BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

1 Kevin Rickert
5 Mary Hetrick
9 Zachary Houseal
9 Deb Long
10 Katie Donnell
11 Joan Hostetter
11 Erica Kearon
12 Amanda Grube
12 Sue Hindes
18 Sara Hoover
18 Sam Myers
20 Carolyn Klinger
22 Cathy Benedict

22 Marty Gerlach
22 Mary Gerlach
23 Brett Houseal
24 Aarin Deibler
28 Todd Benedict
28 Doug Searle
30 Emma Baumgardner
30 Pat Landis
31 Madalyn Billett
31 Amber Swade

DEC. BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

1 Amy Flood
2 Adele King
4 Nathan Bear

4 Robin Ginther
6 Katie Donnan
6 Arlene Miller
6 Lynda Sherwood
10 Kali Miller
12 Wenda Ruch
13 Adam Shirk
19 Savannah Reed
21 Danielle Myers
27 Joel Janisewski
28 Richard Olson
30 Jim Gundel
30 Isaac Rhoads



NOV. ANNIVERSARIES

18 Dave & Alane Klepper (23rd)
19 Joseph & Sue Hindes (31st)

22 Keith & Sherri Anderson (33rd)
24 Burnell & Joan Hostetter (59th)



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2019 Church Council

(Voting Members & Ministry Team Liaisons)

Adele King, President
Mark Coons (Vice Pres./Personnel)
Dave Dumeyer (Property)
Joel Janisewski (Outreach)
Dave Wise (Finance & Stewardship)
Diane Ramer (Faith Formation)
Mark Rosen (Worship & Music)
Riley Klepper (ZYM)

(2019 Nonvoting Members)

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

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Judy Traup, Care Ministry
Open, Social Outreach
John Hay, Finance
Sue Wise, Personnel
Open, Property
Darrell Gerke, Stewardship
Jean Pretz, Worship & Music
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team
Millie Gundel, Parish Fellowship

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.

January/February Newsletter Deadline: Deadline December 15

Worship: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Services: 7 & 10 PM

December 29 Worship: 9:30 AM

Faith Formation For All Ages: 9:15 AM

Parent Café: 9:15 AM [November 10 & December 1]