

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: "**Budget Woes**"

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

-2 Corinthians 9:7

At the beginning of 2016, the leadership of the State of Pennsylvania had not yet approved a budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Finally, in March 2016, the budget was passed by the State Legislature without Governor Wolfe's signature of approval. This means that, for almost nine months, there was no budget in place for payment of salaries of government workers, maintenance of state roads and infrastructure, funding of public education and state-related universities, support of human services, etc. It was a nightmare for all parties dependent on the State for their existence.

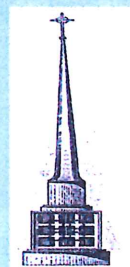
In contrast, for the past several years Zion members have, quickly and with little discussion, passed annual budgets that we were not able to fund through our congregational offerings. Once again this year, the actual expenses for our ministries, congregation administration and facility maintenance, although below budget, were not fully funded by our weekly offerings. As a result, it has been necessary to use interest monies from our Endowment Fund to offset the deficit. If this trend continues, we will have to take money directly out of our endowment in order to support our ministries in 2017. It wouldn't be untrue to say that the state of the finances of Zion has caused the Finance Team, the Congregation Council and your pastor to experience nightmares.

The Council and Finance Team have worked hard to prepare a 2017 Annual Budget that takes these financial issues into account.

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Ministry teams are being asked to prepare budgets that reflect what was actually spent during 2016. Staff salaries have been affected with no raises from last year, and there is a proposal that hours, and therefore salaries, of two employees be reduced. The line item for a major facility repair to complete the restoration of the basement room has been removed from the Property budget. All of these budgetary decisions will impact not only the usual activities of our ministries but also they will hinder the growth in in-reach and outreach ministries of our congregation.

How are we, as people who love our community and church, going to respond to these issues in order to insure our congregation will thrive in the future? As I stated in a recent sermon, the two ministry areas essential to growth, financial strength, and vitality of a congregation are **stewardship** and **evangelism**. Sadly, Zion has not had functioning teams of volunteers to lead these important ministries for many years. We thank Darrell Gerke for his efforts to highlight the importance of good stewardship through newsletter articles and periodic "temple talks:" however, one person does not a team make! Another ministry team essential to providing hospitality, building relationships and strengthening community within the congregation is the Parish Fellowship Team. This team has, also, been floundering because of the lack of enough volunteers to plan and provide fellowship opportunities. Our thanks should go to Liz and Scott Crum, who, until their family grew, were striving to keep this team afloat. Won't you consider being part of one of these ministry teams?

In addition to the involvement of more of our members in the ministry teams of Zion, we all can show our commitment to our congregation by taking the risk of increasing our monetary contributions. Because of God's great mercy shown through the many blessings you have received, and especially through the forgiveness of sin, salvation and life eternal given through Jesus Christ, it is right to give God praise and thanksgiving through how you respond. Your offerings to the church provide ministries and care that benefit both you and your family. They support Zion's outreach into our community through our food ministries and Kids' Club. They are sent beyond our local area to bring the Good News of Jesus' love to people in far-off lands and to provide essentials for their lives. They support the regional, national and international programs of the ELCA making the influence and ministries of Zion congregation expand in amazing ways as we partner with our brothers and sisters in faith.

I know that many of us are struggling to pay bills or are on fixed incomes. You may wonder how you can increase your giving to your church. Do you know that an increase to your current giving of merely ½ of 1% of your household income will make a difference? It's true that this small increase in giving overall will not solve our budgetary woes; however, every little bit helps. If you need help with the calculation of this increase in giving, a handout is available. Of course, there are those in (cont'd on pg. 3)

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the congregation who may be moved to increase their pledges in greater amounts, perhaps even challenging themselves to tithe (give 10% of their household income). On Commitment Sunday, November 13, we will celebrate our support of Zion's ministries through worship and the offering of our Commitment Cards.

As you are prayerfully considering your pledge to support the ministries of Zion during 2017, you may also want to consider using the direct deposit program Simply Giving. Simply Giving is a program offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that facilitates automated payment of your offerings directly from your bank account to Zion's bank account according to the schedule (weekly, monthly, etc.) that you request. To learn more about Simply Giving, contact our Financial Secretary, Ron Crawford, for information and the appropriate forms.

Dear sisters and brothers, my love for you and my commitment to Zion congregation are true. I am blessed to be serving you as your pastor. With God's help and our faith in God's great mercy, we will put the current budget woes behind us and move ahead into growth and continued faithful ministry as a congregation. Paul's words to the Thessalonians [1 Thessalonians 1:2-3] ring true for Zion's staff members and me, *"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*

November 13th is Commitment Sunday!

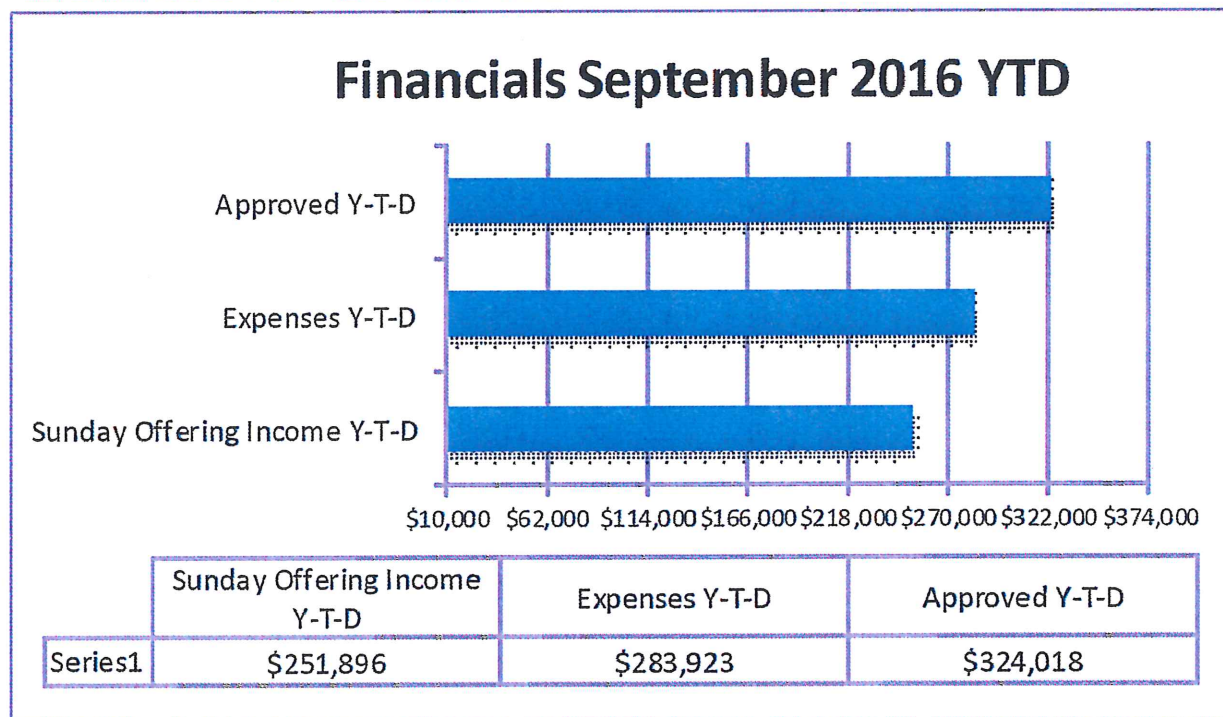
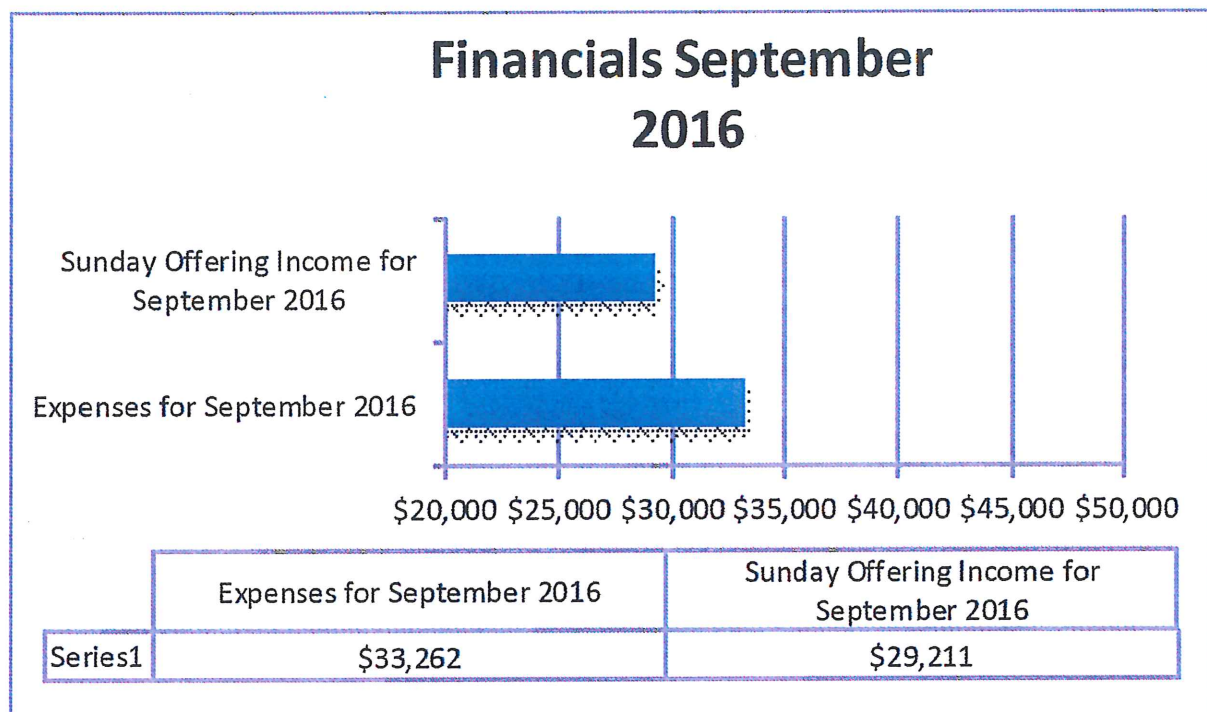
Every household will be receiving (or have already received) a mailing providing information about the proposed 2017 Congregation Budget and the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting on November 20th. Also in that mailing was a follow-up letter about this year's stewardship emphasis, "Because of God's Great Mercy," with a Commitment Form to indicate your proposed contribution to Zion's ministry during 2017. We encourage you to complete this form and bring it to church on Commitment Sunday on Nov. 13.

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"

♦ Financial Figures (September)



* In September, we received an additional \$7,905 from other sources, making our total income \$37,116.

*In 2016, we have received an additional \$43,267 (including \$10,000 from the endowment), making our total YTD income \$295,163.

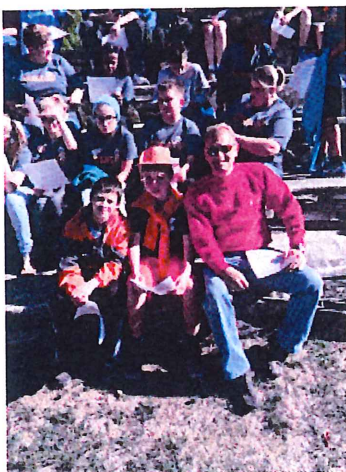
♦ Faith Formation: ZYM, H2H, Kids' Club

Each month there will be a highlighted scripture verse pertaining to this fascinating journey we call faith!

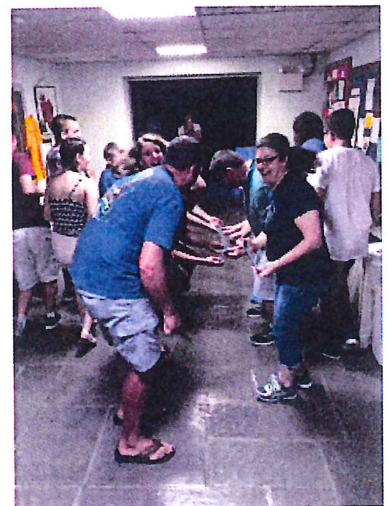
Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." This is the biblical definition of faith from Hebrews 11:1. Faith is assurance, a know-so not hope-so way of understanding why things happen.

1. Ephesians 2:8

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."



As God's children, we find ourselves on many different pathways of life. However, we are all on the same journey! Our journey started with the realization that our faith in God has saved us and that this saving faith we each possess is a gift from God. These photos show the amazing influence parents have on their kids...most parents are still kids at heart! We can find simple joys that enrich our



lives when we gather weekly for worship, confirmation, youth group, and Sunday Faith Formation.

Throughout 2016 and 2017, ZYM will be introduced to and learn more about the ELCA's Youth Gathering theme, (to be announced soon!) start fundraising for our trip to Houston in 2018, and live out our faith in other ways throughout our community.

◆ Kids' Club & ZYM Schedules, Photo Directory



5:30: Dinner for the entire family
6-7 PM: Activities for kids
[preschool-5th grade]

*Invite you friends and neighborhood
kids!*

November 2 & 16
December 7 & 21

NOVEMBER

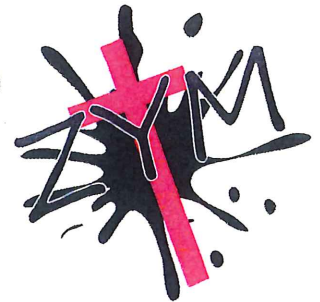
6: ZYM (6-8)
13: H2H (6-8)
20: ZYM (Service Project)
27: H2H (6-8)

DECEMBER

2-4: ZYM Fall Retreat
11: H2H (6-8)
18: ZYM Christmas Party

JANUARY 2017

6-8: WinterFest (Grades 9-12)



Be a part of our upcoming
photography event.

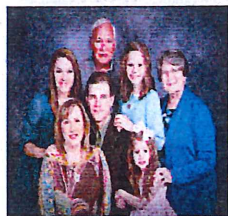
Be yourself. Classic,
casual, musical, sporty,
fun—it's up to you!

Make it special. Bring
meaningful items and
special people too! (like mom)

Share your story with
family and friends. Portraits
make great gifts.



Each family receives a
complimentary 8x10 and a
free directory for participating!
You will have the opportunity to
purchase additional portraits for
yourself, family and friends.



IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY!

**Photo sessions will be at Zion
on Tues., Dec. 27th &
Wed., Dec. 28th
from 1-8 PM.**

**Stay tuned for more
information about how to sign
up for the time that suits you
and your family best!**



♦ Ministry Opportunities, Community Meal, Singles

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

As we move into the fall and winter, we have some very important opportunities for you to get involved in a new or different ways!

Evangelism Team – The Inreach and Outreach Team - *Encouragers to bring lapsed members back and those without a church connection in.*

Stewardship Team – *Help members identify how they can best utilize their time, talent, and resources to serve God's purpose for them.*

Fellowship Team - *If you like organizing parties, this is the team for you.*

Stephen Ministry - *Listener and Comforter. There are times when we could all use someone to lean on.*

Sunday Morning Nursery - *More individuals are needed so we can restart having a nursery. A nursery is vital in order to attract young families.*

I ask you to prayerfully consider where you might step forward to serve, or if asked to help, to say yes. If you are ready to serve or first want more information contact Al Ramer (940-5182) or Pastor JMe (940-3602).

ZION COMMUNITY MEAL

Submitted by Linda Bear

Hats off to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Community Meal on October 13th! A good meal and a good time were had by all!

Please note the change of our next scheduled meal. We usually serve on the second Thursday of every other month, but *for the month of December, we will be serving on the third Thursday* instead. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 15! It will be the last meal served in 2016. Let's make it Christmas holiday happy!

Calling all Zion Singles!

You are invited to meet for brunch at the Park City Diner on
Sunday, November 20 at 10:45 AM.

A sign- up sheet with further details is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Come with ideas for future activities....bowling, eating out, movies, concerts, day bus trips, covered dish, board games, ...you bring your suggestions!

Any questions, see Jeanette Bomberger, Diane Gerlach, Gloria Grube,
Lisa Nelson, or Joan Oberrender .

♦ **Bible Study, Visitation Team**

Weekly Inductive Bible Study Small Group

Wednesdays at 9 AM in the Parlor

Join a group of folks who are exploring and learning from God's Word in the Scriptures each Wednesday at 9 AM. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea as we study portions of the Bible using the Inductive Bible Study method.

An Inductive Bible Study always begins with prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance. The method encourages you to ask questions of what is written as you complete the three main components of the study: Observation, Interpretation, and Application. It provides tips for marking the text you read in order to identify the key words, key phrases, verb tenses, literary connections, biblical concepts, people, places, events, etc. that are used to convey the message. Yes, dear ones, it's really okay to write in your own bible! The object is to allow the Scriptures to speak to you, your personal situation, and your relationship with Jesus Christ so that you will be able to apply what you learn to your life.

Get out your favorite bible, preferably with wide page margins for notes, a notebook, some colored pens, pencils, and highlighters, and join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of God's Word found in the Holy Bible. This month, we'll be studying Philippians.

Zion's Caring Visitors Team is Organizing in November

Do you like to visit with people, listen to their stories, and bring a message of Christian hope and care? Are you being led to take part in a very special ministry to those who have not received Holy Communion regularly due to being homebound? Have you provided either of these ministries in the past? Consider joining Zion's new "Caring Visitors Team".

There are an increasing number of members who, due to health concerns, recovery from surgery, or the ageing processes, are unable to attend church for extended periods of time. Zion is a community whose purpose is: "to complete the work assigned to us by our Lord Jesus." The Scriptures tell us that one of those assignments is to care for the infirm and aged as Jesus did.

If you are interested in serving on Zion's new "Caring Visitors Team," contact Pastor JMe. There will be an orientation and training meeting for the team on Saturday, November 5th at 10 AM.

♦ **WOZ** *submitted by Millie Gundel*

***The following service projects and social event are open to all Zion women. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend!
Mark your calendar!***

Yarn Ministry-Sundays, November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18 (Parlor)

Please continue to knit and crochet for the children's Gift Bags. We are especially in need of hats for ages 6 - 12 and scarves for ages 4 - 12.

Prayer Shawls are available for you to take to someone who needs comfort. Please take one from the rack in the front hallway and sign the attached book with your name and the name of the recipient.

Comforter Ministry-Mondays, November 7 & December 5 (Social Room)

Join us to tie knots for the needy!

Christmas Gift Bags for Food Pantry Children

Gifts for children (ages infant – 12) are needed for Christmas! A suggested shopping list is available on the bulletin board. Please place your gift donations in the collection bin from Sunday, November 6 - Sunday, November 27. You are encouraged to come and fill the gift bags on Saturday, December 3 at 9 AM in the Social Room. There will be refreshments and lots of fun! We are usually finished in just over an hour.

Women's Advent Breakfast at Country Table-November 26 at 10:00 AM

In Advent, we look forward to the birth of Christ. All women and their friends are invited to come and celebrate the beginning of this special season. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, November 20.



CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY CHILDREN

This is a service project by the Women of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Landisville. Many area Hempfield churches provide donations of gift items and help in filling the bags.

Each bag will contain a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste donated by local dentists, as well as a warm hat and possibly a scarf, both of which are handmade or crocheted.

We are collecting donations of other gifts to include in the bags for about 200 children. The gifts should be new and appropriate for infants to age 12.

Our gift bags measure 8x4x10 inches, **so large items will not fit!**

Donation suggestions:

- small toys - (yo yo, jump rope, ball, etc.)
- pocket flashlight
- small packs of cookies
- small books.
- small calculators
- sippy cups, bath toys.
- infant soft toy, rattle, snack cup, book
- small pencil sharpeners
- "fat" crayons (for pre-school).
- hair accessories
- small boxes or medium box of crayons.
- gloves/mittens
- colored markers/pencils
- playdough
- handheld games or puzzles



Gift donations will be collected at Zion from Sunday, November 6 through Sunday, November 27.

They may be placed in the bin in the front hallway.

All are welcome to join us when we fill the Gift Bags at Zion on Sat., December 3 at 9 AM in the Social Room. Questions? Contact Millie (898-2313).

♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

.In **September**, the pantry served 152 families which included 187 children, 337 adults, and 80 seniors for a total of 604 people served.

During the month of September Zion members donated 108 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 to purchase food items on sale at local food stores and to purchase supplies for the pantry.



During the month of September....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,293 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; **Target in Lititz** donated **1,598 pounds** of fresh produce and 188 pounds of bakery items; **Weis Markets in Columbia** donated **746 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **Weis Market Stony Battery Road** donated **601 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **S. Clyde Weaver** donated **289 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **Forry's** **102 pounds** of produce; **Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz** contributed **201 pounds** of bakery items; **Giant of Mount Joy** donated **399 pounds** of bakery items. **The pantry purchased 698 pounds of food items** through local grocery stores; **5,575 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank**; and **received 1,838 pounds of free food items** from Community Action Program in Lancaster. **Fifty eight volunteers gave 541 hours during the month of September.**

Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give to serving them with a true servant's heart and a smile! We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! The pantry continues to operate with a full non-paid staff. **Eighteen churches** in the Hempfield area support the pantry with food, finances and volunteers. In addition, the local boy scouts and girls scouts, Hempfield School District students and staff, Hemfield Woman's Club, Rotary Club, postal employees, Union National Bank Salunga, Village Grande Community, Willow Valley Retirement Community, many individuals and businesses all join the "fight against hunger" in the Hempfield area.



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

The "main" items needed (requested) for the pantry currently are **10 ½ oz. chicken noodle soup, 10 ½ oz. chicken rice soup, 18 oz. jelly, 15 oz. canned tomatoes, mac and cheese, cereal and 16 oz. crunchy peanut butter.** Thank you!

Together we will feed the hungry!

Pathways Center for Grief & Loss

Grief Support Series

Grief support groups are held on Thursday evenings starting with a light supper at 6 PM. From 6:30-7:30 PM children and teens meet in age-specific groups while the parents/guardians gather separately to learn how to support grieving children.

These sessions are for anyone who has lost a loved one as a result of illness or from a sudden, unexpected death.

All groups are facilitated by master's level grief counselors and trained volunteers. We focus on helping children identify and express their feelings as they share experiences about the death of their loved one. Groups enhance family communication and expand the personal skills needed to cope with, and adjust to, the intense feelings and challenges that accompany loss and grief.

Prior to enrolling in a series, families attend an assessment to ensure that the support groups will be helpful.

Upcoming Dates

**Thursdays,
Jan. 12 - March 2, 2017
Registration Deadline:
Dec. 30, 2016**

**Thursdays,
March 16 - April 27, 2017
Registration Deadline:
March 3, 2017**

Call 717-391-2413



**LIGHT
UP ★ A
LIFE**

**Please join
Hospice &
Community
Care for a
Tree-Lighting
Ceremony.**

TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY In York

Sunday, December 4, 2016

(Snow date: Sunday, December 11)

5:00 p.m. Music

5:30 p.m. Tree-Lighting Ceremony

Country Club of York

1400 Country Club Road, York

For questions, please contact Patricia Cochrane at (717) 391-2456.

TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY In Lancaster

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

6:30 p.m. Music by The Auscultation Brass

7:00 p.m. Tree-Lighting Ceremony

Hospice & Community Care

685 Good Drive, Lancaster

Parking will be at Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute.
Shuttle service will be provided. Handicapped parking
available at the Hospice Center.

♦ LCC Fall Events, Parish Resource Center

Women's Craft Retreat: November 11-13 @ Nawakwa

Projects are provided AND you may bring your own to work on! Meals, lodging, and most supplies are provided. Please register by Nov. 1. Registration Fee: \$145

Advent Day Apart: Saturday, December 10 @ The Wittel Farm

We don't like to wait for anything, and especially for Christmas! With all its secular attraction, this holiday is often a focus on over-indulgence, and too often neglected is the best gift of all ... one worth our waiting. You are invited to The Wittel Farm for a day apart from the busyness of life for prayer and contemplation as we journey toward the celebration of Christmas.

Please register by November 25. Includes lunch. Registration Fee: \$15.

Call to register or go online (677-8211 or lutherancamping.org)

EVENTS AT THE PRC THIS MONTH

⇒ **November 1: Centering Prayer and Examen**
7-8:30 PM at the PRC

[Free for those who attend Zion since we are a member of the PRC]

Led by Sue Spotts, Certified Spiritual Director and Director of Children & Family Ministries for Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA

For what are you most grateful? For what are you least grateful? How might the answers to these simple questions redirect your life to serving God and others with joy as you consider your life's true purpose?

Pause in the middle of your busy schedule with Sue Spotts and others as we explore the spiritual practices of Centering Prayer and Examen. These ancient spiritual practices will help you to discover moments of peace in the middle of life transitions or days that may be a bit over-scheduled.

⇒ **November 16: The Opioid/Heroin Epidemic**
7-8:30 PM at the PRC [Free for everyone]

Led by Craig Stedman, Lancaster County District Attorney and Dr. Joseph Garbely, Medical Director at Caron Treatment Center

A recent study by the Pennsylvania State Coroners Association reports that seven people die every day due to heroin or prescription opioid overdose. Addiction is a powerful, chronic disease.

Learn about how opioid abuse changes the brain, the hope of recovery, and the steps Lancaster County is taking to address this epidemic affecting our communities.

⇒ **November 29: Advent Paint Night Out!**
6-8:30 PM at Zole Art Factory, 17 W. Main St.,
Strasburg, PA 17579

\$35 for those who attend Zion since we are a member of the PRC]

Start your Advent season with Lectio Divino ("Listening to God"), a guided, contemplative Scripture practice, and then paint your inspiration on a canvas. You'll be making a perfect Advent decoration or Christmas gift. No painting experience is needed.

Join us at Zole Art Factory in Strasburg as we wonder, create, and wait for the coming of the Christ Child! [Deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 21]

Contact the PRC with any questions or to register:
299-1113

♦ Sympathy, Thank You, & ChildFund Letters

SYMPATHY....

Condolences to **Cris Burfete and family** on the death of her father, Jim Rohrer, on Sept. 22.

THANK YOU....

From James S. Dunlop, Bishop

Thank you for your support of the ministries in the Always Being Made New Campaign. We appreciate your contributions for LSS Hunger Initiatives and the ELCA World Hunger.... Thank you for your understanding, your gift, and your help for the vulnerable in our world.

From North Star Initiative

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 [in August]. We are very grateful that you have chosen to partner with North Star Initiative!... The collective power of many individuals will help make North Star Initiative's mission to open The Harbor [Lancaster's first restoration home for survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation] unstoppable. Thank you for your continued support and for recognizing that there's nothing humane about human trafficking.

From Erica, John, & Rylie Kearon

Thank you so much for the baby care package for little Rylie Grace! We were very touched to receive the hand-knitted blanket and sewn doll, and will look forward to putting the onesies and bibs to use shortly as well. It is such a great feeling to know our church family is thinking of and praying for our little one—what a loving start to life! We are enjoying every moment with Rylie (mostly the non-crying moments!) We cannot wait to bring her to Lancaster and to church to meet everyone. Thanks again!

From Judie & Darryl Ingersoll to Social Outreach "Mission to Zion" Project

Thank you for my front porch. It's beautiful and Whiskey loves it too. God bless you all.

FROM OUR CHILDFUND DAUGHTER & FRIEND BRENDA ALIMO –

Hello Zion Lutheran Church,

Always my heart is filled with joy to write to you, sending lovely greetings.

Our health is generally fine. I hope you are fine too. I am glad to be at home helping my parents in domestic work. I am at home for end of term two holidays. I passed well.

Thanks for the birthday gift of US dollars \$25, amounting to 84,0002 our local currency. With it I chose to use for buying school uniform and shoes. The balance was used for buying a piglet for my future education needs.

I'm glad to inform you that the goat I bought using the support you sent me last time produced twin kids and are so healthy!

Thanks for the support. May the almighty father bless you all.

♦ November Celebrations



1	Ty Myers	7	Bill Piper
1	Mary Zimmerman	7	Laura Wierschke
3	Joe Adams	8	Lucy Davis
3	Renee Censier	8	Mary Shelly
3	Madison DiPatto	14	Gloria Grube
3	Melissa Grube	14	Janet Reeves
3	Rae Miller	15	Cathy Benedict
3	Kevin Smeltz	15	Nicole Bono
4	Pat Brady	15	Jo Stone
4	Megan Landis	17	Tony DiNardi
5	Cindy Blough	19	Anthony DiNardi
7	Ed Davis	20	Allison Korn
		20	Addam Price
		21	Denise Haun
		22	Cindy Gunzenhauser
		23	Christopher Andrew
		23	Ellie Barley

26	Deb Korn
27	Janet Musselman
30	Aiden Seyfried



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Amy Flood	12	Wenda Ruch
2	Adele King	13	Adam Shirk
4	Nathan Bear	17	Courtney Nice
4	Robin Ginther	17	Jerry Poff
4	Robin Ginther	17	Tom Williams
5	Mallory Trupe	19	Savannah Reed
6	Kate Donnan	20	Kim Small
6	Arlene Miller	21	Dani Myers
6	Lynda Sherwood	22	Valerie Milholin
7	Rick Price	24	Adelyn Seyfried
9	Richard Dyer	25	Collin Dean
10	Kali Miller	25	Joel Janisewski
		25	Bob Lowden
		28	Dick Olson

30	Jim Gundel
30	Isaac Rhoads

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

18	Dave & Alane Klepper (20th)
19	Joe & Sue Hindes (28th)
22	Keith & Sherri Anderson (30th)
24	Burnell & Joan Hostetter (56th)



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Doug Rhoads, VP (Personnel)
Deb Overly (Social Outreach)
Joel Janisewski (Faith Formation)
Ed Blough (Worship & Music)
Scott Hetrick (Property & Stewardship)
Scott Crum (Parish Fellowship & Care)
Anna Benedict (ZYM)

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Ron Crawford, Financial Secretary
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Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer
Brenda Stover, Secretary

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Judy Traup, Care Ministry
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John Hay, Finance
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Liz Crum, Parish Fellowship
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team
Cathy Benedict, Interim ZYM Board

Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff

Amos & Mellie Geib, Managers
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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.

December/January Newsletter Deadline: November 15

Worship: 8 AM (Trad.) & 10:30 AM (Cont.)

Faith Formation For All Ages: 9:15 AM

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