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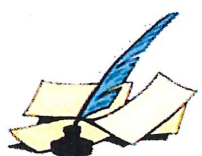


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## FROM THE DESK OF

**PASTOR BARBARA CARUANA**

### THE GIFTS OF AUTUMN

*(Inspired by the writings of Ramona Vincent)*

As I take Katie for her morning walk, I'm beginning to notice change is beginning to happen all around me! The air is getting a little crisper ... the leaves are just beginning to transform from deep summery shades of green into what will become a rich rainbow of gold, yellow and red. Night is falling upon us a little faster. Summer is starting to fade, and autumn is arriving!

Autumn has always been one of my favorite seasons of the year.

**Autumn is a season of change, a season of transition, a season of renewal.**

It's also a season filled with hustle and bustle. It's the time when children go back to school, young adults go away to college, and parents are pulled in a thousand directions! Autumn is an exciting time – but in the midst of all of our activities, it's important to stay focused on God and make the most of every precious moment.

**Autumn is the season to set Godly priorities.**

*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

*(Psalm 90:12)*

We all have busy schedules, but even on our most hectic days, just as we make time to feed our bodies, it's also important to nourish our souls. Take time to listen for the still, quiet voice of God to see where He is leading.

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## **From Pastor Barb** *(Cont'd from page 1)*

Autumn is a time when lots of invitations may come your way – but not every one of them is from God. As you reflect upon the opportunities before you, ask God for wisdom as you plan your days. When in doubt, apply Scriptural principles to your decision-making., because Autumn is the season to set our priorities in accordance with God's Word.

### **Autumn is the season to make every moment count.**

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

As children go back to school and families adjust to their new fall routines, it's more important than ever to ensure that our families spend quality time with God and one another! How do you make sure that God and your family come first on your busiest of days? Here are a few ideas that you can easily incorporate into your fullest of weeks.

- ⇒ Set aside time each day to pray for those who are part of your life. Pray for any individual needs and specific concerns they have. Pray for their spiritual growth. Pray specific Scriptures for them.
- ⇒ Make the most of every moment. As you drive your children to school and activities, find out what's new in their world. At mealtime, invite them to share about their day, listening closely to what they say – and what they don't. As you shop with your kids or help them with their homework, invite them to share any concerns that are on their minds. Let them know you always have time for them. Use your time wisely.
- ⇒ Make time for fun! On the weekends, look for relaxing, wholesome activities you and your family can enjoy. Be sure to include seasonal activities that remind you of the beautiful world that God created and the countless ways that God blesses us each and every day!

### **Autumn is the season to thank God for his many blessings.**

*The land yields its harvest; God our God blesses us. (Psalm 67)*

Autumn is also a season of thanksgiving. It's a season of praise. It's a season to gather with family and friends to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. It's a season to share the love of Jesus with others by blessing them with the gifts that he has so generously shared with us.

How can we use the gifts that God gives us to minister to others? Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- ⇒ If God has blessed you with financial resources, prayerfully consider how you can help an individual, a family in need, or your church. Also consider how your resources could benefit a charitable cause that is near and dear to your heart.

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## **From Pastor Barb** *(Cont'd from page 2)*

- ⇒ If God blessed you with a beautiful home, consider using it to minister to others. Invite newcomers over for a meal. Host a Bible Study. Make your home a safe haven where people can build friendships and pray together.
- ⇒ If God has placed an ailing individual in your life, tend to their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Bring them meals. Drive them to the doctor. Help them with housework. Run errands. Spend time conversing with them and simply showing how much you care!

Of course, sharing the love of Jesus starts at home by sharing God's love with your family!

### **Your Turn**

God blesses us in so many ways – both material and spiritual. As you reflect upon the gifts of the season, what are you particularly grateful for during this time in your life? In what ways is God providing for your physical, emotional, spiritual and material needs? Please share what God is doing in your life with others. Pass on your faith!

*Blessing during this wonderful season! Pastor Caruana*

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### **SANCTUARY DENOMINATION**

*From The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop*

At the ELCA Churchwide Assembly this past June, a resolution was adopted that, among other things, declared the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) a sanctuary denomination. Many are asking, "What does this mean?"

Our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith. In our baptismal covenant we promise to strive for peace and justice in all the world. One of the ways we live out this vow is through our commitment to welcoming the stranger. With this declaration, we publicly state that walking alongside refugees and immigrants is a matter of faith.

We have prepared talking points to provide a better understanding and further clarification on what sanctuary means for you and your congregations. We acknowledge this will look different in different contexts across the ELCA.

We also hope this resource will help guide conversations with each other and our community about what our faith says about immigration.

*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7).*

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# **Being A Sanctuary Denomination** *(Cont'd from page 3)*

**What does becoming a sanctuary denomination mean for the ELCA?**

- **In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.**
- **Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation or synod to engage in any illegal actions.**
- **We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.**
- **Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.**
- **Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.**
- **While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work. Sanctuary for a congregation may mean hosting English as a second Language (ESL) classes; marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families; providing housing for a community member facing deportation; or, in some of our congregations, having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.**



## **Sanctuary Denomination** *(Cont'd from page 4)*

- Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church. Our decadeslong work with immigrants and refugees is how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S.
- At our last churchwide assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the **AMMPARO** strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).
- Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate. We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the U.S., we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has five sanctuary synods (our regional structures), all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.
- In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.
- Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.



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

Your Congregational Council met on July 15. Scott Hetrick reported to the Council on the annual synod assembly. He talked about sessions that he, Mary Hetrick, and the Pastor attended. Additionally, he spoke about our needs as a safe church. The synod recommended the development of an emergency operations plan. We will contact local police authorities to possibly do a risk analysis. We, Zion, are also to provide snacks for the September 7th Safe Church cluster meeting. Thanks to Brenda Stover for agreeing to take care of that. It was decided to approve a leave for James Alfieri to attend a workshop in early August. He later reported how insightful it was and how it provided many ideas to him. The Council provided the community meal on July 18th. We served meatball sandwiches, creamy corn, applesauce, carrot and celery sticks, and ice cream sandwiches. We served around 50 people.

All team leaders and Council were given the results of the Time and Talent Survey (thanks to Al and Diane Ramer). If you made your wishes known, you should hear from a representative on that particular ministry team.

We discussed the "Healthy Congregation" seminar provided by the synod. Look for the article with the update on some of what was discussed (Provided by Pastor Biles and written by Brenda Stover for the newsletter).

It was decided to send letters to inactive members to establish whether they want to be removed from the rolls.

Please look for bulletin information regarding how we, as a congregation, can be a more "inviting" congregation. We hope you all will "take the challenge."

Thanks to all who made our June picnic a smashing success. Hopefully, we can have another one next summer!

Council met again on August 19. Pastor Tom McKee, from the synod office, attended the meeting and re-

viewed the "Call Process." We are to complete a "profile" and select a call committee. We will begin this process sometime in January. Meanwhile, we will be renewing a contract with Pastor Caruana beginning in November.

Randy Miller talked about the community meal and how it is more difficult to get people to host and to sponsor this ministry. Diane Gerlach agreed to help him, and we are still looking for hosts for the events. If you would like to host from time to time, please contact Diane or Randy.

The annual congregational meeting has been scheduled for November 3, 2019. At that time, we will review the budget and also recommend a new "Statement of Purpose." Our action statement will remain the same: "Connecting with God, connecting with others, connecting others with God." The new Purpose Statement, will replace: "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". Few of us can repeat this when asked and we wanted it to be as memorable as our action statement. We are recommending: "United in Christ, we are called to love and serve." We started the process of working on our goals for 2020, and hope to have them completed soon.

The printer/copier in Cooper House has been having technical problems with some regularity for the last 6 months, and needs to be updated as we will soon not be able to get parts for it because it is not supported by the current company who we work with.

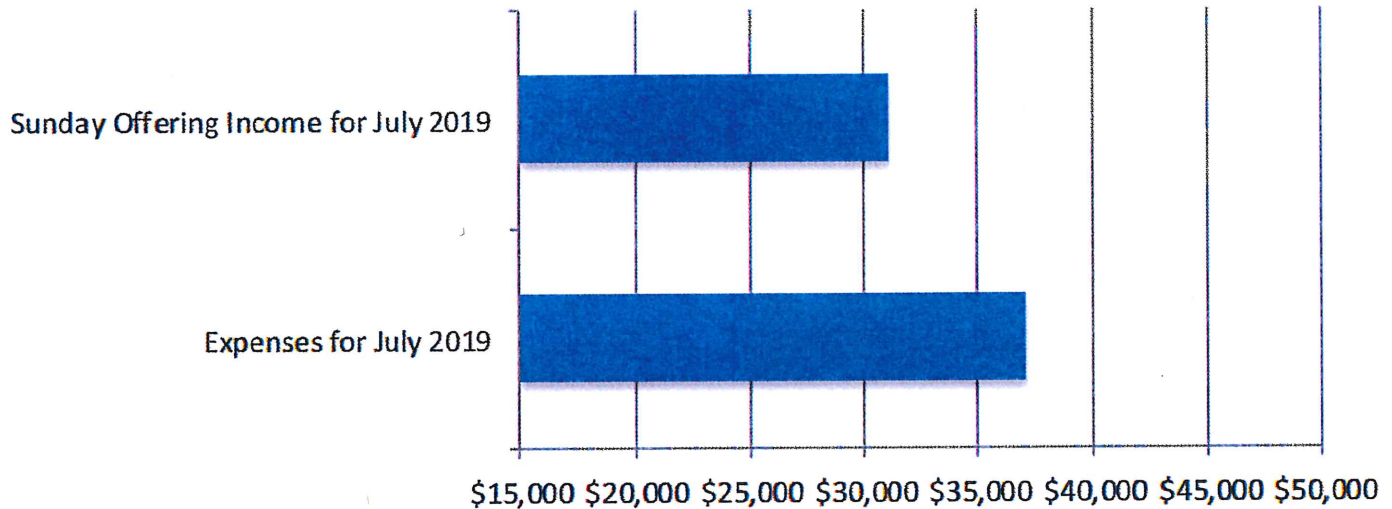
Since one of our nursery attendants resigned in May, we have been looking for a replacement. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact the church.

This Council has been working diligently on your behalf. We volunteer to help each other consistently and hope that we are receiving your prayers for guidance and support when asked. Thanks to all of you who volunteer on a regular basis!!



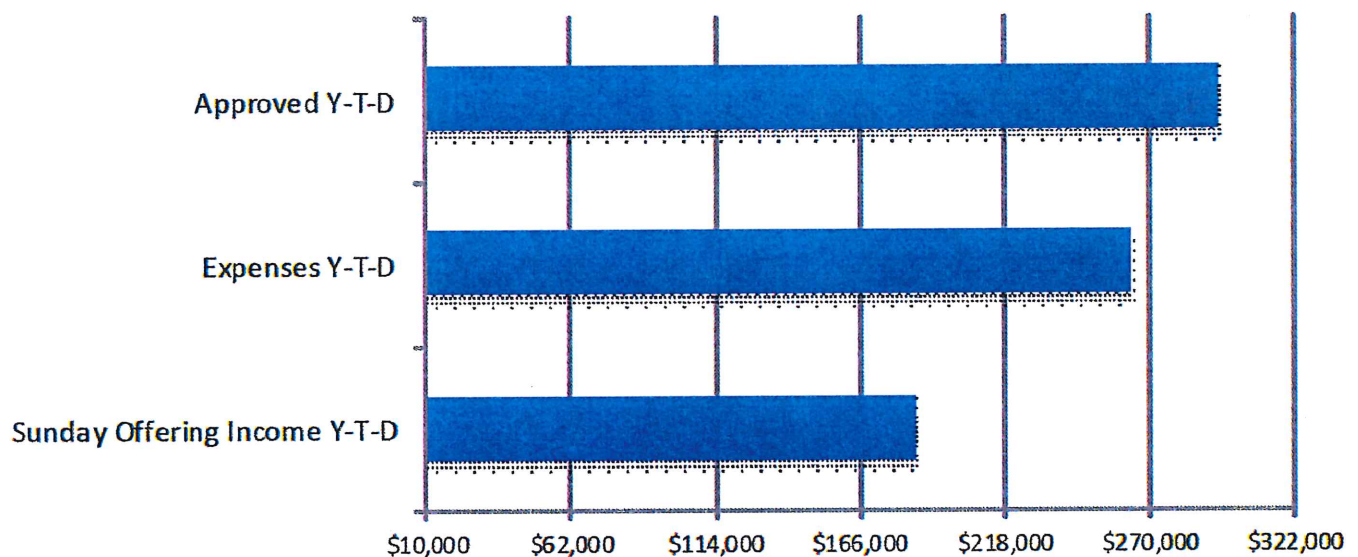
## ♦ Financial Figures (July)

### Financials July 2019



	Expenses for July 2019	Sunday Offering Income for July 2019
Series1	\$37,103	\$31,121

### Financials July 2019 YTD



	Sunday Offering Income Y-T-D	Expenses Y-T-D	Approved Y-T-D
Series1	\$186,065	\$263,686	\$295,607



## ♦ Bible Study, Women of Zion

### **Bible Study**



The Tuesday morning Bible Study is continuing through the fall! 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!

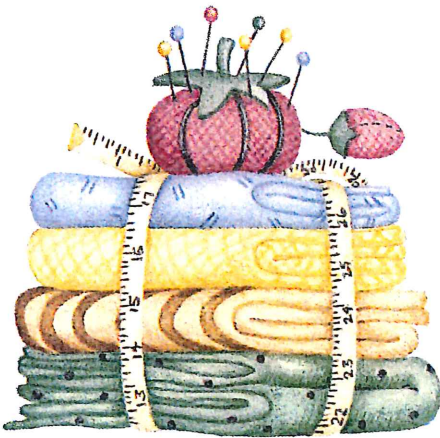
### Comforter Ministry

Monday, Sept. 9, 9AM in Kitchen

Monday, Oct. 7, 9AM in Kitchen

*We are accepting donations of items which will be used in the creation of knotted comforters. We can use clean (no stains or holes), smooth and flannel flat sheets and large lengths of washable fabric. The comforters that we make, are made to the specifications given by Lutheran World Relief and shipped anywhere in the world, as a need arises.*

*Place donations in WOZ bin.*

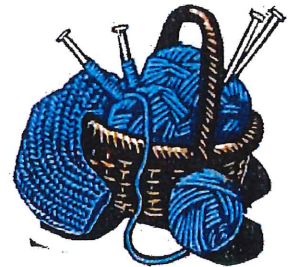


### Yarn Ministry

Sunday, Sept. 8 & 22, 1PM in Parlor

Sunday, Oct. 6 & 20, 1PM in Parlor

*Donations of yarn may be placed in the WOZ bin across from the coffee table in the Narthex.*



### Women's Craft Retreat at Camp

#### Nawakwa

November 8,9,10

Work on your own craft or enjoy the ones provided.

All meals included!

See Millie for more information!



*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

*- Hebrews 11:1*

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

### ***ZION Musik***

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

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

<b>Sponsor Level</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Copper	Up to \$49
Bronze	\$50-\$99
Silver	\$100-\$199
Gold	\$200-\$299
Platinum	\$300-\$399
Diamond	\$400+



**The next ZION Musik concert is Sunday, October 27 at 4:00pm and will feature the Susquehanna University Choir.** The 42-member Susquehanna University Choir, under the direction of Amy Voorhees, presents a varied program of classical and contemporary music. Their repertoire includes pieces such as *Kasar mie la gaji* by Alberto Grau; *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* by Gustav Holst; *Tango to Evora* by Loreena McKennitt; and *Musica* by Arvo Pärt.

## ***Summer Music Highlights***

### **Music Picnic**

20 guests enjoyed food and fellowship. Thank you to all who make music to the Lord!

### **VBS organ crawl**

Children of all ages were invited to gather around the organ for a hands on demonstration.

### **Summer Music**

June 16: Wind Spirit Flute Ensemble  
 June 23: Pamela Gunzenhauser, vocal  
 July 7: Quinn Klepper, trumpet  
 July 14: Lisa Nelson/Jean Pretz, piano  
 July 21: David Albin, vocal

Aug. 4: Joe Wolf, saxophone  
 Aug. 11: Miriam Janisewski, piano  
 Aug. 18: Cameron Thompson/  
 Delaney Klepper, vocal  
 Aug. 25: Delaney Klepper, clarinet July 28:  
 David Albin, vocal

***Thank you to all of our musicians!***

### **Music in the Mountains**

I was privileged to attend the 29th annual workshop in the Pocono Mountains on the campus of East Stroudsburg University at the beginning of August. The gifted and talented clinicians, including Joseph Martin, Heather Sorenson, Brad Nix, Stacey Nordmeyer, Nancy Price and over 200 church music directors provided celebration, fellowship and Spiritual renewal through the power of music. What a wonderful opportunity to recharge for the upcoming choir seasons!



## ♦ Rally Day, Community Meal *(Submitted by Linda Bear)*



### RALLY DAY!

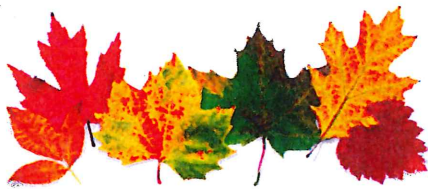
**Sunday, September 8**

**Our Kids' Club Sunday Morning** activities are "kicking off" on **Sunday, September 8** at **9:15 AM**

Kids from **preschool to sixth grade** are invited to join their teachers in **The Connection Zone** for music, song, a Bible lesson, activities, and a snack based on the theme "Fruits of the Spirit." **These spiritual gifts - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-**

**control - will be our ongoing theme throughout the year as the children learn about them and how to apply them in their lives.**

**Reminder: We are a Safe Church.** No kids will be allowed to leave The Zone on their own. A parent must come to The Zone promptly at 10:15 AM to pick them up.



### COMMUNITY MEAL

When you are reading this news, days will still be hot, evenings will be warm, and air conditioners will still be running. Now, take a hop, skip, and a jump forward when days may still be

warm but evenings may be cooler, and thoughts of building a fire may sound comforting. October has arrived, and it is time for our next **Thursday night Community Meal scheduled for October 10th.**

The sign-up sheets for volunteers will be ready in the narthex for your signature on **Sunday, September 27 through Sunday, October 6th.** As usual, we will need help with baking some cakes, with meal preparations during the day at 1:00 PM and serving and clean-up at 5:00 PM. Please contact Linda Bear or Connie Alsedek with any questions or concerns.

Remember that church members are invited to join us at this community meal event that begins at 5:30 PM. Feel free to invite a neighbor or a friend who may be alone, and who would enjoy a delicious meal, and some good conversation. We would love to include them.



## ♦ Youth Ministry

### WHY YOUTH MINISTRY?!?

- Youth ministry is vital to helping teens integrate into the larger, inter-generational community of the church.
    - Youth ministry resists the status quo, helping the church stay relevant.
  - Youth ministry focuses on inviting those who are not already part of the church into the deeper narrative of God's plan.
  - Youth ministry reminds the church that teens are not marginalized members of the body, but co-creators and conspirators in the divine work of the church.
  - Youth ministry helps the church focus on the way of Jesus, which goes beyond tradition, dogma, school, and work.
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### ZYM

ZYM offers many opportunities for young Christians to gather, hang, talk about the issues or news of the day and in their own personal lives, pray, and play. Several retreats are planned as well as a mission trip to New Orleans next summer. Invite your friends and stay connected throughout the year!

ZYM Kick Off is September 8th at 6 PM in the Zone.  
This is a special parent & youth dinner and meeting!

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### KIDS' CLUB

All children Pre K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to have a blast each month! We kick off the evening with dinner for kids and parents at 5:30 PM and then the kids go off to play fun games, do crafts, watch a video, and have a bible story until 7 PM.

We meet in the Community Room.

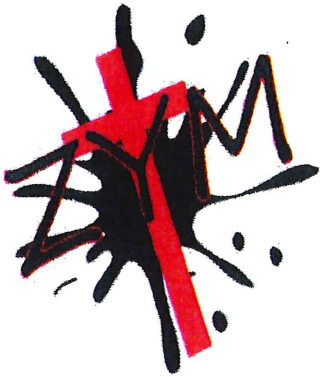
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### ZYM2

There's a brand new ministry at Zion! Middle School Youth Ministry ("ZYM2"), will meet on the same scheduled evenings as Kids' Club Wednesday. This ministry is geared towards the older elementary age and middle school aged student (6th thru 8th grades). They will start with dinner and then break off into their own activities for the evening.



## ♦ ZYM Schedule



### ZION YOUTH MINISTRY 2019-2020

#### Activity Calendar

#### SEPT

8th-

**RALLY DAY**

(PARENT &  
YOUTH Mtg.)

6-8pm

22ND-

ZYM Mtg.

6-8pm

#### OCT

6th-

ZYM Mtg.

6-8pm

26th

Church Social  
Event-Fall Bash  
4:15pm-?

#### NOV

3rd

ZYM Mtg.

6-8pm  
(fundraiser)

17th

ZYM  
Thanksgiving  
Party

#### DEC

7th-8th

\*Winterfest  
(The 'Nook)

22nd

ZYM  
Christmas  
Party

#### JAN

3rd-5th

\*Winter  
Retreat @  
Nawakwa

19th

ZYM Mtg.  
6-8pm

## ♦ Kids' Club & ZYM2

Kids'  
Club!



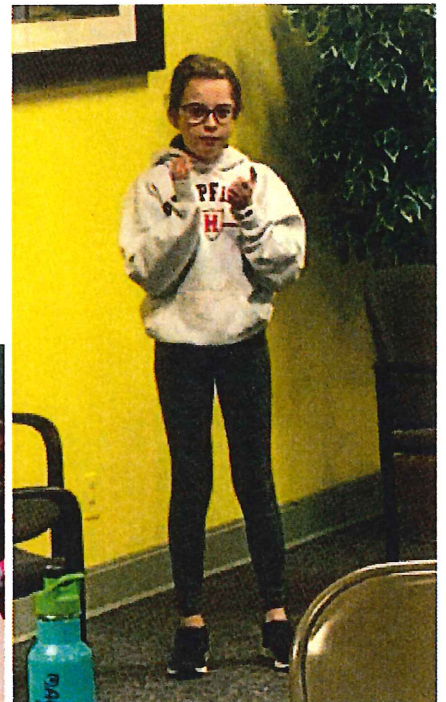
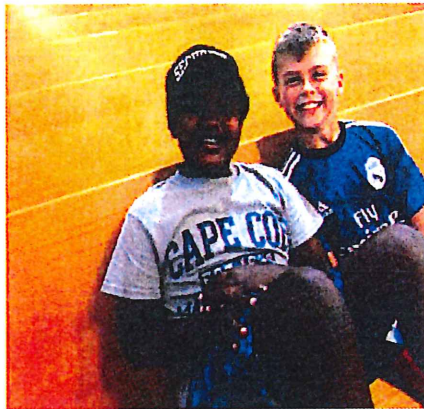
ZYM<sub>2</sub>

FOR WHOM?!?

*All middle school aged kids!*

FOR WHOM?!?

*All pre-K and  
elementary aged  
kids!*



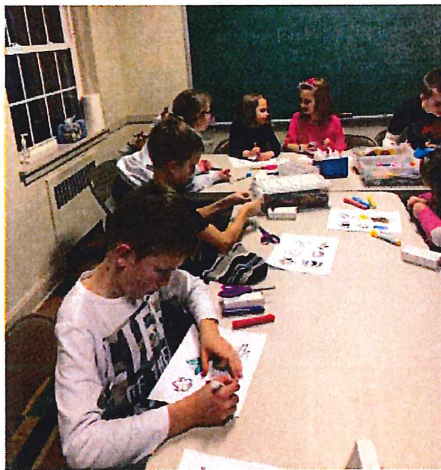
SAVE THE DATES!

Sept. 11

Oct. 2

Nov. 6

Dec. 4



WHEN?!?

*Dinner: 5:30 PM*

*Music, Stories, Crafts,  
Games, & FUN: 6-7 PM*





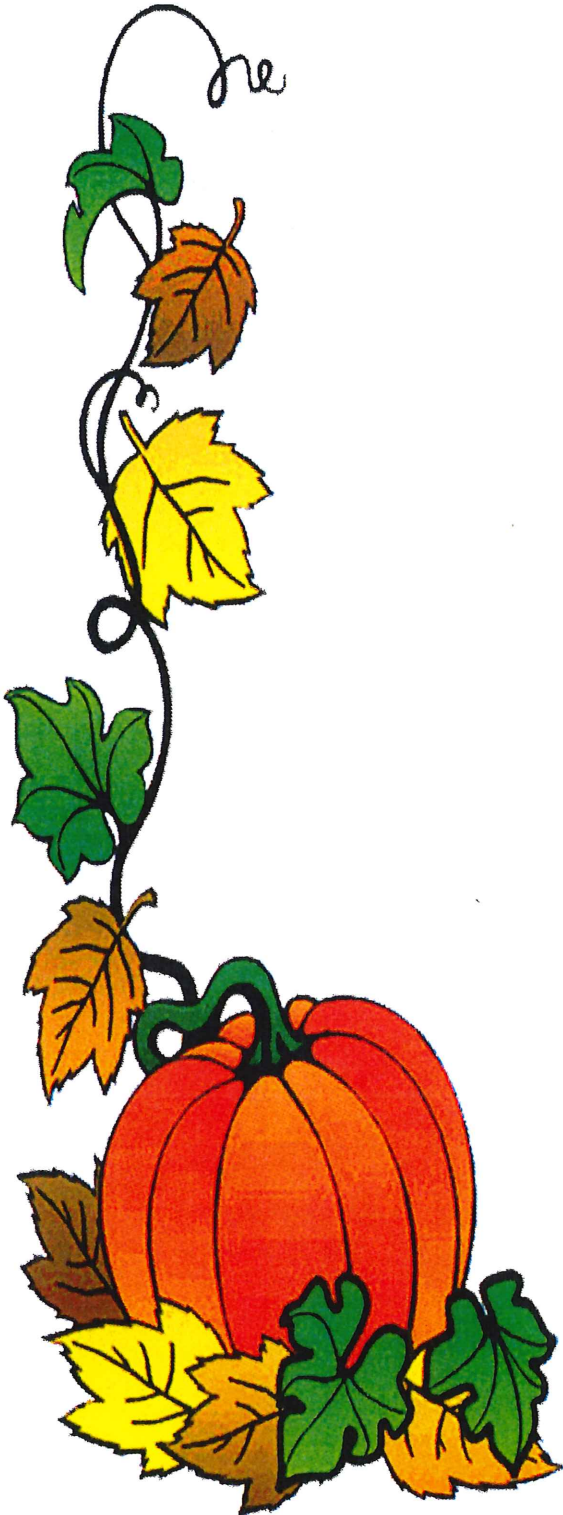
## ♦ Fall Harvest Bash

### Update on Zion's Fall Harvest Bash

Fifteen people gathered together in The Zone on July 30, for a kick-off meeting to start the planning for a Fall Harvest Bash. We discussed where to have the event since we are planning to open this event to the community; the menu (which will be fantastic); activities such as pumpkin painting, apples on a string, a silent auction, and jar guessing games. We also discussed the need for advertising of the event to encourage more people to attend.

**The event will be held on October 26 at the Liederkrantz beginning at 4:15 PM** with special music provided by the Heidelberg Brass Band and the Liederkrantz Hobby-Chor! Plan on doing some fancy dancing (the polka, of course!). Tickets will go on sale closer the time of the event.

We look forward to having lots of people join in the fun, food, and fellowship of this event. It's not too early to start talking about this great event among your friends, family members and neighbors!



## ♦ **Fearless Generosity** *(Submitted by Darrell Gerke, Stewardship Chairman)*

The month of September brings us the Labor Day holiday and the beginning of the Fall season. In the church it signals the beginning of the new Sunday School year with back to normal church attendance. It is also the time for Stewardship Pledging Campaigns. Zion has had successful campaigns during 2017 and 2018 thanks to the creative talents of Jim Bear. 60 giving units (families) pledged \$232,304.00 in 2017 and 52 giving units pledged \$183,060.00 in 2018.

I understand that many members feel that pledging is a private decision between God and themselves and I want to honor that wish. This year members who pledge for giving in 2020 can submit a written form which will ONLY be seen by the Finance Committee for tabulation purposes only. The results of the pledges will be shown by a graph on a thermometer strictly for information purposes.

You will be receiving a letter in early September explaining the pledging process and a form to use to indicate the amount you wish to give to Zion for 2020. The letter will also explain how you can enroll in the Simply Giving program through Thrivent. This is a great way to keep your giving on track for the whole year and eliminate the need to write a check every week. You can always change the amount if your financial condition changes.

For those members over 70 ½ years of age, you can request a withdrawal from your IRAs directly to Zion tax free. This may be an excellent means of meeting your Required Minimum Distribution requirement with the Federal Government.

The pledging period will run from September 8 to October 27 to help the Church Council with the 2020 budget.

I pray that you will pray about your decision to pledge and the amount to pledge. Zion is an integral part of the Landisville community. Help Zion to reach those who don't know God and I pray that you will pray about your decision to pledge and the amount to pledge. Zion is an integral part of the Landisville community. Help Zion to reach those who don't know God and those who need help in their daily lives.





## ♦ Healthy Congregations Initiative

Recently, your Church Council and Team Leaders were involved in the ELCA's Healthy Congregation Initiative. We want to share some of what we learned.

Healthy Congregations: Conflict & Anxiety In The Church

“Where anger dwells in a church, the Holy Spirit cannot work.” – St. Ignatius of Antioch

Conflict is inevitable in any relationship. The ideal of a perfect, happy, harmonious church is an illusion. The problem is not that conflict occurs, but how we deal with it. How do we work through conflicts in a church so that the body of Christ becomes stronger, rather than weaker?

Conflict occurs at various levels of intensity. As the conflict increases, the intensity of anxiety fueling the conflict increases. The higher the level of conflict, the more damaging it is to the organization, and the less people care about the effects of the conflict on the congregation.

Listed below are the common levels of conflict with their associated behaviors.

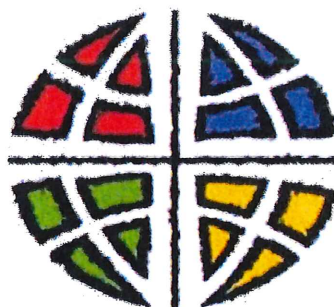
LEVEL OF INTENSITY	BEHAVIOR
Problems to solve *Lowest level	This is the least intensive form of conflict. People work with a high level of cooperation, even playfulness. The outcome is satisfying to all. It is ‘win-win’ thinking; everyone feels they have gained something.
Disagreements	At this level, distinct positions emerge. People have different opinions about what to do to solve the issues before them. There is still a high level of motivation, trust, and teamwork to solve problems, and most of the time most people are pleased with the outcome. This is still at the level of ‘win-win’ thinking.
Contests *Critical level	This is the highest level that conflict can go without damaging the organization. At this level, people take sides on issues. They seek out allies for their cause. Making sure ‘my side wins’ becomes as important as resolving the issue. Those who lost may harbor bitterness, but have enough commitment to the organization to stay with it. They view it as a ball game; we lost today, but we will play again tomorrow and maybe win next time. Leaders often have work to do after such contests to comfort those who feel they have lost.

## ♦ Healthy Congregations Initiative *(Cont'd. from page 16)*

LEVEL OF INTENSITY	BEHAVIOR
Battles	When conflict has risen to this level, it becomes destructive. The focus is not on solving problems, but getting our way. Solving the problem is defined as victory for our side. The need for our side to win becomes more important than the health of the organization. Those who lost often leave the organization. This is 'win-lose' thinking.
Wars *Highest level	This is the highest level of conflict. At this level, what is important is not only that 'our side' wins, but the opposition – 'the enemy' – is punished, even destroyed. At this level, people will 'destroy the village in order to save it.' This desire can continue even after one side has left the organization, as people pursue revenge and further punishment of the opposition. This is 'lose-lose' thinking because everyone suffers.

How do we deal with conflict at Zion? Are we open to work towards resolutions of differences in healthy ways that allow the Holy Spirit to continue to work in us?

A follow-up conversation will extend this notion of being a healthy congregation by focusing on the negative effects of emotional triangles and how they function as a barrier to healthy congregations.



**Evangelical Lutheran  
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## ♦ Congregational Challenges

### CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGES

*From the Council & Adele King, President*

*Last month we started Congregational Challenges as a way to encourage you to communicate about our church. Through the fall months, we will continue on our path to become a more “inviting” congregation with new challenges.*

#### **SEPTEMBER’S CHALLENGE**

- ⇒ Pick a word or phrase that describes our congregation.
- ⇒ Use it in conversation.

#### ***Example:***

“There is a community meal each Thursday at my church.”

*There are so many things to be said about Zion....whether its Lunch Bunch, Bible study, or something else that you like to do here.  
So, make it a part of your conversations and help spread the awareness of what is going on here!!*

#### **OCTOBER’S CHALLENGE**

- ⇒ Think about something our church does very well.
- ⇒ Bring it up in conversation at least once a week.

#### ***Example:***

“My church has a lot of fun activities. Would you be interested in purchasing a ticket to our Fall Harvest Bash?”

[You could also buy a few and invite close friends to join you!!!]

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So, make it a part of your conversations and help spread the awareness of what is going on here!!*

## **Take the challenge!!**

## ♦ Food Pantry *(Submitted by Diane Gerlach)*



In June, the pantry served 172 families of which 215 were children; 367 adults; 114 seniors for a total of 696 persons served. In July, the pantry served 160 families of which 202 were children; 328 adults; and 107 seniors for a total of 637 persons served. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday...an average of 75-100 families visit the pantry each week.

**“Thank you” to our Zion members who contributed 100 pounds of food items to the pantry in June and 318 pounds in July....thanks especially for the fresh produce from our Zion Summer farmers!!!** “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 are:

Canned peas, canned corn, canned green beans, canned spinach, canned tomatoes, cream of chicken soup, cream of celery soup, chicken broth, beef broth, boxed rigatoni, boxed ziti, crunchy peanut butter, and cereal.

**During the month of June.... Giant Mount Joy donated 314 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market in Columbia donated 700 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 405 bakery items and 554 pounds meat products; S. Clyde Weaver donated 140 pounds of bakery items; Stauffers of Rohrerstown donated 275 pounds of bread and bakery items. The pantry purchased 7,565 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank. The pantry received 2,316 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program. Additional contributions of food items and fresh produce came from the community which includes donations from the churches, busi-**

**nesses, social and civic organizations and private individuals.**

**In July, the pantry received..... Giant Mount Joy donated 233 pounds of bread and baker items and 40 pounds of other food items; Weis Columbia donated 954 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Stony Battery donated 272 pounds of bread and bakery items and 625 pounds of meat items; Stauffers Rohrerstown donated 289 pounds of food items; and Weavers East Petersburg donated 127 pounds of bread and bakery items. In addition, the pantry purchased 6,607 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank. The pantry received 4,708 pounds of free food items from 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 Seven volunteers gave 627 hours in June.....seventy three volunteers gave 795 hours during the month of July. 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!!!!**



Celebrating 50 Years

**ENDING  
HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER WALK**



**2019 CROP WALK**

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 PM Registration Begins

1:30 PM Crop Walk Begins




**Greek Orthodox Church  
64 Hershey Ave.  
Lancaster, PA**

<https://crophungerwalk.org/lancasterpa>



## ♦ Parish Resource Center Events



**Family Yoga in the Orchard**  
at Hans Herr House

Sep 14 | 2pm

HANS HERR HOUSE  Led by Leah Thomas 



**Recreating Your Ministry with Youth**

October 7  
7:00-8:30pm

Led by Rev. Dr. Don Hackett



**Yoga with Pups**  
Oct. 5, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Led by Leah Thomas 

**EXPLORE CHRISTIAN RESPONSES TO IMMIGRATION**

OCTOBER 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

HEAR FROM **Pastor Greg Davidson Laszakovits**  
| E-town Church of the Brethren |

**Christine Baer** | Church World Service | **Fannie Miller** | Landisville Mennonite |




**Trunk-or-Treat Free Fall Fest**

October 22, 6:00-7:30pm

**Response to Armed Assailant for Churches**


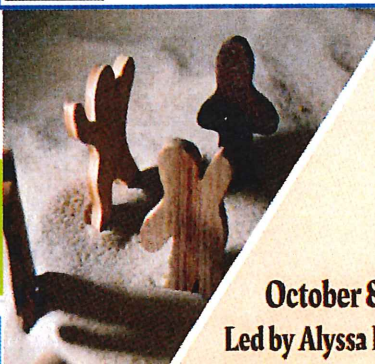
September 24  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

In partnership with the  
Office of the District Attorney and South Central PA Task Force




**HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN ENGAGE OLDER GENERATIONS**

OCTOBER 1, 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
LED BY LARRY GUENGERICH


**Godly Play Basics 2.0**

October 8, 7:00-8:30pm  
Led by Alyssa Pasternak Post, M.A. 

**CHILDREN + MUSIC = AWESOME WORSHIP**

NOVEMBER 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

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



**BABE & ME YOGA**

OCT 29, 10:30-11:30AM  
LED BY HANNA EADLINE & GRAHAM



## ♦ Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

### **DINNER CHURCH AT THE WITTEL FARM**

*Join us for a time of fellowship and worship  
around a picnic feast. Simple songs and crea-  
tive expression mark this unique worship  
opportunity.*

*September 8, 22*

*October 20*

*From 5-6:30PM*

### **LUTHERAN CAMPING NIGHT OUT AT THE BALL FIELD**

*The York Revolution and the Lutheran Camping  
Corporation of Central PA are teaming up as the  
Revolution take on the Lancaster Barnstormers.*

*September 21, 6:30PM*

*Peoples Bank Park*

### **ADULT STUDY RETREAT AT NAWAKWA**

*This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning  
and ends with lunch on Thursday. Lodging in Zinn  
- Tozer Lodge.*

*October 1-3*

### **FULL BELLY, EMPTY POCKETS**

#### **Party With A purpose**

*Please join us for a night of fun and fundraising!  
Dinner, Silent & Live Auctions, Live Music, &  
Giveaways, Benefiting Kirchenwald!*

*Kirchenwald*

*September 28*

### **CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR**

*Review your camp map, paint your face, and  
practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite*

*your friends and family (parents, too) to join you  
in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside  
familiar faces from your week at camp, plus camp-  
ers from every other week of the summer.*

*Campfire worship to follow.*

*Kirchenwald*

*October 6, 3-5:30PM*

### **FALL FOLIAGE DAY AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA**

*Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall  
activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a  
wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends  
or introduce new folks to camp.*

*An evening meal is included.*

*Kirchenwald & Nawakwa*

*October 20, 1-6PM*

### **BEAN BAG TOSS TOURNAMENT**

*Come out to the Annual Bag Toss Tournament at  
Kirchenwald's Fall Foliage Day. Then enjoy all  
the special activities going on at camp, as well.  
Games start promptly at 1:00pm. \$30 registration  
per team of two people. Registration fee includes  
participation in Fall Foliage Day activities  
(hayrides, pumpkin painting, etc) and dinner.*

*Kirchenwald*

*October 20, 1-5PM*

### **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*

## ♦ Connecting with Others, Upcoming Events

### THANK YOU...

♦ From Rodger & Nancy Myers

Dear Friends at Zion,

Thank you for the many cards, service visits, phone calls, flowers, food and caring in the loss of Rodger's twin, Rodney. A difficult couple of months was warmed by all your acts of kindness and acknowledgements. We are blessed to have you in our lives.

♦ From Donna Dumeyer

A heartfelt thank you for all the support shown to me following my car accident in July. All the prayers, meals, flowers, cards, hugs, and expressions of love and support were greatly appreciated. I am well on the road to complete recovery. Zion's family certainly has been a reflection of God's love.

♦ Thank you to Cathy Benedict for all of the yardwork (especially weeding) she has done around the church throughout the summer.

Thank you to Mary Hetrick for helping to go through piles of old choir music and equipment to make space for more current resources.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

♦ Kristen (Haun) & Nicholas Sperry on their wedding on Saturday, July 13.

♦ Hannah Kearon on her baptism on Sunday, August 11.

### CONDOLENCES TO...

♦ Joan & Burnell Hostetter on the death of her brother, James Brown, on August 29.

## What's Happening

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>9/29</u>	<u>One Service (9:30 AM)</u>
TBD	Pastor's Classes	10/6	LWR In-Gathering Collection
09/8	Sunday School Kick-Off Sunday	10/26	Fall Harvest Bash (4:15 PM @ The Liederkrantz)
9/11	Kids' Club & ZYM2 (5:30PM)	10/27	Zion Music Concert (4 PM)
09/26	Lunch Bunch (11:30 AM @ Country Table, Mount Joy)	11/3	Congregational Budget Meeting (9:15 AM)
9/29	LWR Breakfast Event (8:15 AM)	11/17	Congregational Meeting (9:15 AM)



## ♦ Letters from Brenda Alimo, Our ChildFund Sponsoree

June 29, 2019

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

How are you, our loving friends? We are fine. I am Brenda's cousin and am happy to write this letter to you on behalf of Brenda.

The family was so thankful upon getting the nice Easter card and a cross as a reminder that Jesus was sacrificed because of our sins, and then resurrected from the grave on the third day.

Thank you for sharing with our family. May God protect you all. Much love from the family of your dear child, Brenda.

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July 13, 2019

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

I am so glad to send my warm regards to you. How are you doing in health? We are all fine and healthy and I hope you are the same too.

I am in grade 6. I like sharing and playing with my fellow friends both at home and at school.

Thank you for the Easter gift of \$25. That amounts to 94.150 shillings in our local currency. With the gift I chose to buy a school bag and shoes. I am so glad for your kind support to me and my entire family.

May God reward you abundantly.

## ♦ September Celebrations



1	Jason Green	14	Joshua Houseal	30	Dave Aulenbach
1	Charlotte Potts	15	Rylie Kearon	30	Jaclyn Emerick
3	Adele King	15	Maggie Stream	30	Robin Ginther
3	Kim Symonds	16	Claire Flood	30	Jennifer Karpouzis
3	Laura Quinn	17	Ron Chapman		
4	Alison Long	18	Cris Burfete		
5	Martin Rosen	18	Sue Censier		
6	Katharine Donnan	19	Kevin Rickert		
6	Daniel Rainar	20	Prudence Jarvie		
7	Justin Propst	21	Mark Huber		
11	Sara Hoover	23	Burnell Hostetter		
12	Ava Gronholm	24	Andrew Korms		
		26	Kathleen Hay		
		28	Emma Golihew		
		28	Katherine Hay		
		28	Judy Traup		



### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Duncan Brady	15	Michael Adams	29	Katie Hetrick
4	Barb Wildasin	15	Noah Hindes	30	Tim Propst
7	Cheryl Callahan	16	Justin Golihew		
8	Darrell Gerke	17	Jennifer Thompson		
10	Joan Oberrender	19	Heather Gronholm		
11	Kathleen Gorlaski	19	Vicki Swade		
12	Kyle Ramer	22	Tyler Gunzenhauser		
12	Mark Reinhart	22	Ryan Provanzo		
13	Amy Miller	25	Aubrey Gunzenhauser		
		26	Scott Hetrick		
		27	Joshua Deibler		



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Bob & Cathy Shirk (46th)	25	Horst & Lisa Bernhard (37th)
5	Todd & Cathy Benedict (27th)	25	Christopher & Brittany Wright (3rd)
11	Mark & Dianne Coons (43rd)	27	Joel Janisewski & Jean Pretz (16th)
13	John & Erica Kearon (5th)		
22	Dave & Sue Wise (35th)		
23	Jim & Linda Bear (52nd)		
24	Randy & Rae Miller (42nd)		
24	Brett & Julie Rhoads (8th)		
24	Bill & Sue Stathopoulos (36th)		





## ♦ October Celebrations



1 Horst Bernhard  
1 Al Ramer  
2 Catherine Reider\*  
3 Janet Bair\*  
4 Vivian Gunzenhauser  
4 Lynda Sherwood  
6 Jamie Stream  
6 Shane Symonds

7 Ryder Barr  
8 Joanna Youssef  
9 Phil Houseal  
10 Pat Landis  
12 Ruth Janisewski  
15 Donna Dumeyer  
15 Lisa Nelson  
16 Wendy DiNardi  
17 Thelma Pearson\*  
17 Katrina Rosen  
18 Wilson Pipkin  
19 Ken Unger  
25 Christopher Chapman  
26 Brittany Wright

27 Suzanne Reed  
28 Justin Golihef  
28 Marv Hoover  
30 Benjamin Emerick  
30 Kristen Sperry  
31 Dave Wise

\*90+ Birthday

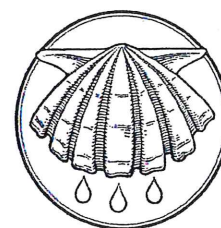


### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1 Pat Hinkle  
4 Connie Alsedek  
4 Corrie Stream  
5 Aiden DiNardi  
6 Richard Heim  
8 Shawn King  
8 Kristen Long  
9 Horst Bernhard  
9 Lynda Martin  
12 Bob Shirk  
13 Cameron Thompson  
14 Melissa Dohner

16 Jonathan Hoover  
18 Cindy Donell  
18 Dylan Leibley  
18 Chase Pipkin  
20 Kayla Gromen  
22 Dylan Quinn  
23 Devin Andrew  
23 Abby Barley  
23 Cory Paternoster  
23 Ava Stream  
25 Kensie Barr  
25 Zachary Barr  
25 Kyle Symonds  
26 Bob Wildasin

27 Kyle Brady  
28 Claire Flood  
28 Brittany Wright  
29 Marilyn Heim  
29 Jonathan Wise  
30 Jeff Rickert  
31 Ian Flood



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1 Ed & Cindy Blough (42nd)  
1 Jeff & Amy Thompson (27th)  
11 Jim & Kim Paternoster (27th)  
12 Doug & Aarin Deibler (17th)  
21 Tim & Kim Propst (30th)  
22 Jon & Karen Wright (36th)





# Fall Word Search



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### **2019 Church Council**

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

Adele King, President  
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Dave Dumeyer (Property)  
Joel Janisewski (Outreach)  
Dave Wise (Finance & Stewardship)  
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

### **Ministry Team Chairs**

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.*

*November/December Newsletter Deadline: Deadline October 15*

Worship: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

One Service on Sept. 29 at 9:30 AM (A special breakfast will be at 8:15AM)

Faith Formation For All Ages: 9:15 AM (except on 9/29)

Parent Café: 9:15 AM [September 1 & October 6]