



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God

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WeeklE-Newsletter

HAPPENING THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday, December 13 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

- ❖ The flowers this week are sponsored by the Thompsons in honor of Sarah's birthday.
- ❖ The communion kits are sponsored by Brenda Stover in honor of healthcare workers.

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. [Sign on any time after 10:15]

Class Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

Monday, December 14

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Personnel – 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 15

Bible Study -- 9-10:30 a.m. (Connection Zone)

Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Social Room, Classrooms, Basement)

Wednesday, December 16

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 17

No Community Meal Drive-Thru – (Suspended until January 14)

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

Sunday, December 20 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. [Sign on opens at 10:15]

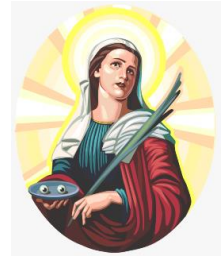
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Christmas in A Barn – 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Wittel Farm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS: St. Lucia ("Lucy")

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.



ADVENT BANNERS



As we prepare for the coming birth of Jesus, the anticipation builds as a banner in front of the Sanctuary is added each week.

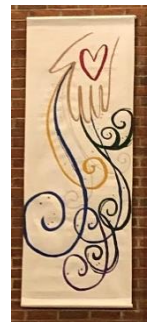
The 3rd banner design is of an angel holding a heart above its head with swirls ascending, extending upward to God and the heavens.



The 2nd banner has a candle with a heart in its flame and a swirl rising upward symbolizing prayer and commitment to God. This banner represents our turning to God.



The 1st banner has a large, open hand of God with a heart in the middle of the hand and a swirl descending to us. The idea is that God chooses us in grace and stirs our hearts in love and power.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

There are 2 Christmas Eve services scheduled at this time -- 7pm and 10pm. Please register to worship in-person by tomorrow (Monday, December 14) so a 3rd service could be added if needed. Please email, call, or text to register (adminzelc@comcast.net or 717-945-4585). For those who are not able to attend in-person, the 7:00 service will be livestreamed; the recording will be available on the website, Facebook, and YouTube link (http://bit.ly/Zion_Live) if you want to view it at a later time.



The WW class meets via Zoom each Sunday morning at 10:30. You can sign on any time after 10:15. If you want to hear more about the class, contact Sue W. (swoogle53@aol.com) or Barb G. (bmgerke@gmail.com). The link for the class is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for next year have been distributed into church mailboxes in the Narthex. If you attend worship in-person, please pick yours up then. If you do not come to worship, contact Anne to arrange a time to stop by the church office.



AN UPDATE FROM MARY HETRICK...

The weekly Community Meal continues to be successful. There has been an average of 90 meals served per week using the drive-thru, takeout process. During the months of November and December, we have been blessed to have our partner churches and community groups sponsor the meals.

Due to recent pandemic recommendations and availability of volunteers, the meal will be suspended through January 7. I have begun to assemble a schedule of meal sponsors for 2021, beginning on January 14. Many of our partner churches and community groups have already scheduled dates to serve next year. Zion will be sponsoring a meal every other month as we had done previously. I have had two members of Zion offer to sponsor meals. There are seven open dates remaining on the schedule thru June. We need to fill these dates to keep providing the Community Meal on a weekly basis without interruption.

Please prayerfully consider partially or fully sponsoring a meal. If you have contacts in the community who might be interested in participating, please have them contact me (psuocn92@comcast.net or 717-333-6173). Thank you for helping to provide this service to our community.

COMMUNION CARDS

Please be sure to fill out a communion card this Advent season. If you are worshipping in-person, you can place it in the offering plate. If you have participated in communion during the service at home, let Anne know so your church record can be updated appropriately.

Advent Season 2020
Communion/Attendance Record

We ask everyone communing this season to complete this card for our records. Place completed card into the offering plate. Thank you!

Date _____

Name _____

I am a ___ member ___ visitor

If you are a visitor, or member with a change of address, please complete:

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

For visitors: Are you a member of another church? _____

Should we send them a record of your communion? _____

If so, list church name and address on back of card.

Before I get to the 2021 final report figures, I want to remind those of you who pledged for 2020 to please review your pledge amount and try to fulfill your pledge to the best of your ability. I am asking all members to look at your personal finances and see what you can comfortably contribute to Zion for 2020. The financial health of Zion is dependent upon your support.

For 2021, 34 giving units have pledged \$141,542. This continues the trend of decreasing giving units and a lesser total amount pledged. We all know how this has been a difficult year for all of us in different ways. For the church, the fact that we cannot worship as we did in the pre-pandemic times has hurt our church attendance and therefore, the offerings.

Unfortunately, our church attendance, offerings and yearly pledging have all followed the same trend for the past four years. Our core members are still loyal to Zion and the mission of the church. Even though we may be shrinking in numbers, we still have spirit!

Zion's financial outlook is a grim reality -- if we continue to function by using more and more money from our Endowment Fund until it is depleted, we will have to close the doors. Our only hope is that a new minister is called who can reverse the current trends.

I am asking all of you to pray daily about our situation and what you can do with the Lord's help to support our ministry in any way you can. All is not lost. God works in many ways. We just have to be prepared to act as He calls us.

The bipolar ionization air filtration system has been installed and doing its job to help keep the air in the Sanctuary as clean as possible. The Property Team hopes that this upgrade to the HVAC system will offer an increased safety and comfort to those coming to in-person worship. Thank you to the anonymous donor who paid for the system



2021 SPONSORSHIPS

You can now sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, and communion elements for 2021. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for those who come to in-person worship. If you do not come to the church to sign up, you may still do so by emailing Anne the date you would like to sponsor, what you would like to sponsor, and the occasion for which you would like to have noted in the bulletin.

2021 Flower Sponsors		
January	February	March
Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____
2	7	7
9	14	14
16	21	21
23	28	28
30		28 Palm Sunday
April	May	June
Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____
4 Easter	2	6
11	9 Mother's Day	13
18	16	20 Father's Day
23	23	27
25	30	
July	August	September
Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____
4	1	5
11	8	12
18	15	19
25	22	26
October	November	December
Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____
3	7	5
10	14	12
17	21	19
24	28	24
31		26


2021 COMMUNION SPONSORS		
January	February	March
Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____
April	May	June
Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____	Date: _____ Name: _____
July	August	September
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Come to the Table

2021 BULLETIN SPONSORS		
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MINISTRY TEAMS

The deadline to get your ministry team's year-end report to Anne is December 21. If you have questions about this, talk with others on your team or you can ask Anne. Please email your report to adminzelc@comcast.net.



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January – December 2020

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
United in Christ, we are called to love and serve.

ACTION STATEMENT
*Connecting with God; Connecting with others;
 Connecting others with God*

FAITH COMMITMENT
Our faith commitment is to be an inclusive and welcoming Lutheran church home that educates and emboldens children, youth, and adults of all ages to serve God and spread His word in our local communities. Guided by the Holy Spirit, nurtured by the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, firm in our desire for congregational in-reach and community outreach, and strengthened by our fellowship with each other, we strive as a church family to achieve spiritual growth and maturity.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events...

Winter Fun Day

at Kirchenwald

Sunday, January 17
Sunday, February 21
1:00pm - 6:00pm

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.

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at
717-677-8211.



The Lutheran Camping
Corporation of Central PA
LutheranCamping.org



Chicken & Waffles

at Nawakwa

Sunday, January 17
1:00pm - 3:00ish

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!

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at
717-677-8211 by January 13.



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CHRISTMAS IN A BARN AT WITTEL FARM



Sunday, December 20

7:00-8:30pm

Be sure to dress warm!

Questions?

Contact the Lutheran Camping Corporation office
(717-677-8211)

Kirchenwald Winter Youth Retreat

January 9-10, 2021

For youth in grades 3 through 9



Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.

No Overnight in 2021

Saturday - 9am - 7pm

Sunday - 9am - 4pm

To register, visit lutherancamping.org or simply fill out the information below, detach and mail with payment to Lutheran Camping Corporation, P.O. Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303.

Cost for the retreat is \$80. Please register by December 18, 2020.



2021 Winter Youth Retreat Registration

CAMPER NAME _____ MALE / FEMALE

BIRTH DATE _____ PRESENT GRADE IN SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ EMAIL _____

☐ SEND MY CONFIRMATION MATERIALS BY EMAIL

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ CHURCH _____ CITY _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____ AMOUNT BILLED TO CHURCH \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS / CABINMATE / OTHER: _____ [cp]



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SPONSORS

Al & Connie Alsedek

In memory of our parents

Horst & Lisa Bernhard

In honor of Andrew & Sara Bernhard

*In memory of Bob & Charlotte Williams, Andreas Bernhard,
Esther & Bud Little*

Ed & Cindy Blough

In memory of Henry & June Duke

In memory of Charlie Blough

Dave & Donna Dumeyer

To the glory of God

Diane Gerlach

In memory of Bruce Gerlach: husband, dad, and "Poppy"

In memory of Terry Steinmetz, brother

In memory of Walter & Laura Steinmetz, parents

Joanne Grim

In honor of my great grandsons, Maddox, Myles, Stephen, & Noah

Gloria Grube

In memory of my loving husband, Weidler

Jim & Millie Gundel

In memory of our son, Steven Gundel

Pat & John Hinkle

In memory of our fathers – Elwood King & John Hinkle, Sr.

The Kautter Family

In memory of Patricia Kautter

Sam & Adele King

In honor of our children: Alison, Justin, and Jessica

In honor of our grandchildren: Alexander, Emerson, and Leia

In memory of our parents and grandparents

In memory of our friends who died this year: Judy & Mary

In memory of Sam's sister, Betty

Joan Mays

In memory of Earl Mays

Joan Oberrender

Merry Christmas to my Zion family who I am missing this season.

Blessings to you all in 2021.

Madison, Chase, & Hannah Pipkin

In honor of Mommom

In memory of Poppy

Todd & Suzanne Reed

In memory of Palma Reed

Jan Reeves

In memory of Arlie and our loved ones

Wife Dawn & Sons Jeff, Kevin, & Mark Reinhart

In memory of our beloved Chis

Bob & Cathy Shirk

In honor of Tyler, Taylor, & AJ – our grandchildren

In memory of Dolores Derr and Eugene & Phyliss Shirk

David & Dottie Wauls

To the glory of God for the blessings of families: Brett Wauls' family &

Heather Wauls Duhart's family

Laura & Don Wierschke

In memory of our sons and their families

Kurt Wildasin

In memory of Sarah Wildasin

Bob & Barb Wildasin

In memory of Robert, Helen, Cork, George, & Bryan Doll

In memory of Cleo, Lillian, & Harry Wildasin

Barb Williams

In memory of Tom

Dave & Sue Wise

In memory of John & Martha Wise

In honor of John & Loma Slike



ZION'S PRAYER LIST



FOR HEALING

Kathleen Gorlaski
Dave Albin
Richard Olson
Cher Callahan
Thelma Pearson
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Barbara Williams
Dave Wise
Don Heartter
Joe Adams
Judie Ingersoll
Lucy Davis
Bill Grove
Kay Crawford
Holly Hoover
Janet & Harry Musselman
LaVon Harnish (Friend of Jeanette Bomberger)
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)
Ron Sahd (Friend of Dave Wise)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
Lesli LaFata (Daughter of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
Marlin Zimmerman
Bette Geibel
Charlotte & George Potts
Richard and Marilyn Heim
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Christopher Wright

Chris Andrew

Thom Whitesel

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Justin Gorlaski

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

13th – Sarah Chapman, Nina Laliberte

14th – Christian Benedict

15th – Nathan Bear, Kaylyn Langseth, Ted Symonds

18th – Diane Ramer, Nancy Smith, Nate Deibler

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers
Supply Pastor
Dir. of Music & Worship Arts
Parish Administrator
Worship Technology Assistant
Lay Ministry Assistant
Council President
Council Vice President
Care Team
Finance
Parish Fellowship
Personnel
Property
Social Outreach
Stewardship
Worship & Music
Faith Formation
Sextons

Members of the Congregation
Pastor Melody Sell
James C. Alfieri
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Adele King
David Wise
Judy Traup
John Hay
Millie Gundel
Sue Wise
Open
Randy Miller
Darrell Gerke
Open
Open
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)



WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship Services	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Class (Zoom)	Christmas Eve 7 p.m. & 10 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Live-stream & Recorded Worship	9:00 a.m. http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
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Parish Administrator	717-945-4585
Council President	610-247-1497
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