



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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WeekIE-Newsletter

HAPPENING THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday, December 20 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- ❖ The flowers this week are sponsored by the Hetricks in memory of loved ones.
- ❖ The communion kits are sponsored by Brenda Stover in honor of healthcare workers.

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship 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>

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

Monday, December 21

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Council – 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 22

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

Wednesday, December 23

Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

No Community Meal Drive-Thru (Postponed until Jan. 14)

In-Person Worship – 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Live-stream Worship – 7:00 p.m.

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Friday, December 25 – *Merry Christmas!*

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS: Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.



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 4th banner design of the swirls ascending upward leading to a city with a heart in the middle and a star above. This banner illustrates the journey to Bethlehem. 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.



IN-PERSON CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

You are welcome to join us for Christmas Eve worship! In-person services will be held at 7 & 10 p.m. Due to gathering guidelines, please register by December 23 (adminzelc@comcast.net or 717-945-4585) if you plan to attend either of these services.

LIVE-STREAM & RECORDED CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

You are welcome to join us for Christmas Eve worship virtually! The 7 p.m. service will be live-streamed if you chose to attend in real-time and recorded if you chose to attend at a later time. The link for the service is: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live



COMMUNION CARDS

If you have not filled out a communion card yet this Advent season, please do so today after you commune. Cards can be found on the ushers' table by the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please place the card in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary next to the baptismal font when you leave at the end of worship. If you have participated in communion during the service at home, let Anne know so your record can be updated.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Unfortunately, there is no significant progress to report on the call process. The pandemic has probably had some effect, but also, the pastor from the Synod who was assigned to Zion has left the Synod to accept a call to a parish in Maryland. Another pastor from the Synod has now been assigned to lead Zion's search. At this time, the committee has not received any information on potential candidates. We must continue to be prayerfully patient, as the process is the process, and it is currently in the hands of the Synod.



Lower Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



*The WW class meets via Zoom each Sunday morning at 10:30. You can sign on any time after 10:15. **Be ready for some Christmas Trivia this Sunday!** 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>*



Looking ahead to resuming the Community Meal in 2021, Mary H. has started to create a schedule of meal sponsors beginning on January 14. Many of our partner churches and community groups have already scheduled dates to serve next year, and there are two members of Zion who have offered to sponsor meals. Zion will be sponsoring a meal every other month as we had done previously. There are seven open dates remaining on the schedule thru June. In order to provide the meal on a weekly basis without interruption, these 7 dates need to be filled.

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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). Your support of this ministry is appreciated!

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 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.



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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.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Please be sure to email Anne your year-end reports by next week.

Thank you to those who have already submitted them!



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE FROM DARRELL GERKE

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.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

As of last week, 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 as we gather and respond to the needs of the church now and in the future, we can reverse these 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 Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

CHRISTMAS IN THE BARN

*All are invited to experience Christmas In A Barn at the Wittel Farm **this Sunday night (12/20)** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Be sure to dress warm! Questions? Contact the Lutheran Camping Corporation office (717-677-8211).*



WINTER YOUTH RETREAT



*If you did not register your kids, grandkids, nephews, nieces, cousins...for the Winter Youth Retreat, you need to do that promptly as the registration is **today, Dec. 18**. This annual retreat is for all kids in grades 3-9. This year it will be held on Saturday, January 9 (9a.m.-7p.m.) & Sunday, January 10 (9a.m.-4p.m.). For more information and to register (\$80/person), visit the Lutheran Camping website: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/winter-youth-retreat-2021/>*

WINTER FUN DAY

Everyone is invited to come for an afternoon of winter fun at Kirchenwald on Sunday, January 17. There will be a variety of activities, including (but not limited to!) going down the award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge. There is no cost...just come and have fun!



CHICKEN & WAFFLES



Come on out to camp and enjoy some delicious home-made chicken and waffles on Sunday, January 17 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If there is snow, you are welcome to bring your sled for some fun winter play! RSVP to the Camping Office (717-677-8211) by January 13.



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

Ron & Kay Crawford

In memory of our daughter Jennifer Thompson

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

Lynda, Bob, Alec, & Marris Martin

In memory of Jennifer Thompson: sister & aunt

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

Frank & Kaylee Thompson

In memory of Jennifer Thompson: wife & mother

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
Interim Pastor
Assisting Minister
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
Doug Rhoads
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

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Sunday School Class (Zoom)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Live-stream & Recorded Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Christmas Eve @ 7:00 p.m. Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
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