

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

WeeklE-Newsletter: December 1

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Friday, December 1, 2023

Saturday, December 2

Women's Advent Breakfast – 10 a.m. (Centerville Diner 2, Main St., Mt. Joy) Liederkranz Concert – 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent

* The flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her mother, Helen Gensemer, on her birthday which was December 4, 1918.

* The communion elements are sponsored by Diane and Al Ramer for this Advent season of preparation.

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded) Livestream/Recorded Link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw</u> Advent Fellowship Gathering – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

Monday, December 4

Comforters – 9 a.m. (Social Room) Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Property – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

Tuesday, December 5

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor) Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room. Classrooms, and Social Room) W&M – 7 p.m. (Zone)

Wednesday, December 6

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Care Team – 3 p.m. (Zone)

Thursday, December 7

Wedding Policy Sub-Committee – 5:30 p.m. (Zone) Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

Church Christmas Decorating – 9 a.m.

Sunday, December 10 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded) Livestream/Recorded Link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw</u>

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Class (An Advent Study) – Parlor Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</u>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Martin Luther defines an "idol" as anything that we trust above God. Meanwhile, Jesus warns us that we cannot simultaneously serve both God and Mammon. The reason why we encourage giving to God "first" is so that we might live to serve the Lord and not money.

God provides for us! We must share our blessings with others at Zion and with those in our communities locally and around the world.

May our practice of stewardship form us to more faithfully follow Jesus. Amen.

ADVENT FELLOWSHIP – THIS SUNDAY!

You are invited to come to the social room after worship on Sunday for an Advent Fellowship gathering! There will be activities including Christmas Bingo, word games, and a cookie-share! This gathering is in place of Sunday School – we hope you will join us!

ANGEL TREE

The tree has been put up! Gifts for families in need and <u>coats</u> for kids are being collected ... if you have other questions, contact Kim P. (717-342-3796)



ANNUAL REPORTS: ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY TEAMS!

Now that it's December, it is also Annual Report time! All ministry teams need to email your report about what was accomplished this year and what is on your to-do list for 2024 to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).



The Joyful Noise offering through December will go to Bethany Christian Services' Safe Families for Children program. For more information about this program, visit: <u>https://bethany.org/help-achild/emergency-care/safe-families</u>



OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

The December-February devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the narthex, on the window ledge in the back hallway, and on the kiosk across from the mailboxes. Advent devotionals are there as well.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

There are a variety of Advent devotionals on the ushers' table in the narthex. In addition, there are also copies of the Advent Prayer cycle for the Middle East and the Holy Land from the ELCA and her ecumenical partners. Help yourself!

COMFORTER MINISTRY

The Comforter Ministry is still collecting colorful clean sheets and fabric! Please place any donations in the blue bin in the narthex!

2024 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities next year are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a great way to help offset the church's cost for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements.



TODAY AFTER WORSHIP: re-invited to gather in the Social Boon

All are invited to gather in the Social Room for a time of Advent Fellowship during the Sunday School hour!

> Classes will resume on Sunday, December 10!

- The Wired Word class typically meets in person and on Zoom. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</u>
- The class that meets in the parlor is doing an Advent study.

HELP BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Order forms are available on the ushers' table in the narthex.

POINSETTIA SPONSOR FORM Cost: \$10 per poinsettia Deadline for Orders: Wednesday, December 13 th	
I would like to sponsor poinsettia(s). Enclosed is	
Name of Sponsor	
In honor of	
In memory of	
Other occasion:	75 6 5
Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church	
Place your sponsor form and payment in the office mail basket in the sill by the mailbox wall, mail (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville 17538)	
You may take your poinsettias after Christmas Eve v	vorship.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303 717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org







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.

> January 5-7, 2024 \$170

MORE INFO. & TO REGISTER!

<u>Advent &</u> <u>Christmas in</u> <u>a Barn</u> <u>https://www.lut</u> <u>herancamping.</u> <u>org/event/christ</u> <u>mas-in-the-</u> <u>barn-2023/</u>

MORE INFO. & TO REGISTER!

Youth <u>Retreat</u> https://www.lut herancamping. org/event/winte <u>r-youth-</u> retreat-2024/

Join us at the Wittel Farm for our annual Advent/Christ mas night. This year, we'll gather around the outdoor fire and have cookies and cocoa in the barn. Lights and decorations! **December 17** 7-8:30 p.m.





Contact John L. with questions or if you would like to be a sponsor for this year's concerts! johnplandis@gmail.com 717-875-6182





Sunday, December 10th - 3pm Hershey Free Church 330 Hilltop Road, Hummelstown <u>Pre-order Options</u> * info@hersheycommunitychorus.org * Contact John or Joanne Marrs (717-818-5509) Ticke<u>ts are a</u>lso available at the door.

ADVENT & CHRISMAS AT A GLANCE

Sat., 12/2 at 10 a.m. Women's Advent Breakfast (Centerville Diner 2) Sat., 12/2 at 4 p.m. Lancaster Liederkranz Concert Sun., 12/3 at 9 a.m. Worship (Advent 1) Sun., 12/3 at 10:30 a.m. Advent Fellowship (Social Room) Sat., 12/9 at 9 a.m. **Church Christmas Decorating** Sun., 12/10 at 9 a.m. Worship (Advent 2) Wed. 12/13 **Poinsettia Order Deadline** Sun., 12/17 at 9 a.m. Worship (Advent 3) Sun., 12/17 at 10:30 a.m. **Christmas Trivia (Zone)** Sun., 12/17 at 3:00 p.m. **Hempfield Chamber Concert** Sun., 12/24 at 9 a.m. Worship (Advent 4) Sun., 12/24: Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRENDA ALIMO

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

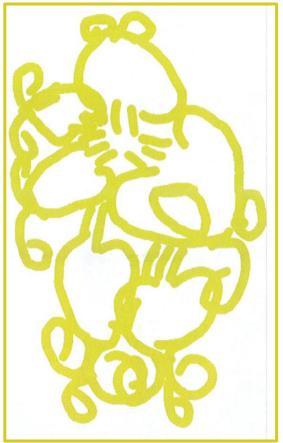
I am so happy to take this time to write to you. How is your congregation? I hope you all are fine. My family and I are all fine. My family is currently cleaning the gardens for the next planting season. During this season we plant crops like maize, millet, cassava, and sorghum. We are getting rainfall almost on a daily basis and this rain will help our crops to grow well.

Thank you so much for the birthday gift you sent me. With the \$25 (which is 93,374 Ugandan shillings) I bought a goat. I will rear at home for my future use.

I did not get good grades in grade seven so I now want to join a catering school. This will help me have a skill for a living. Thank you so much for the love and care you have shown me and my family. We love you so much. Your sponsored child, Brenda



This is me posing for a photo for you.



This is a drawing I drew for you.

CHRISTMAS GREETING TO ZION

Thank you for allowing the Food Pantry to be in your church to give to the needy. Thank you for the meals that you have provided as well. We really appreciate what you do. May God bless you for everything you have done. Have a merry

Christmas and a happy new year!

From the "9 Family" (The Brodmans)

ADVENT BANNERS

As we begin preparations for the coming birth of Jesus, the anticipation builds as a banner in front of the Sanctuary is added each week. The first Advent 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.





PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

Dick Olson Cindy Blough Bob Shirk Tom Grzybowski Jess Barcaro Sam King **Bill Grove Connie Alsedek** Joe Adams Mary Zimmerman Marvin Ruch Kate Donnan Judie Ingersoll Joan Mays Holly Hoover **Barb Williams** Kav Crawford Dolly Overly Ed Illick (Friend of Pastor Tim) Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise) Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams) Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson) Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly) William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube) Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long) Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove) Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube) Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson Lucy Davis Deb McCartney George Potts Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long) Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise) Randy Miller and his family on the death of his father. Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict) Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer) Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict Christopher Wright Chris Andrew Thom Whitesel Ryan Stitzel Doug Kautter Justin Gorlaski Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves) Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis) David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4th -- Tracie Andrew 6th - Jaden Myers 7th - Bradley Green

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers Pastor Music Director Parish Administrator Worship Technology Assistant Lay Ministry Assistant Council President Council Vice President Sextons Members of the Congregation Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown John Landis Anne Rankin David Albin Diane Gerlach Kim Paternoster Denise Haun Brian Bourassa (a.m.) Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Livestream & Recorded Linkhttps://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy 3AeK pExuVhcUfI2cSw Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/3, 17, & 31) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/3, 17, & 31) Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 Morning Bible Study Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. Church Office 717-898-2911 Pastor 717-332-4216 Parish Administrator 717-945-4585 **Council President** 717-342-3796 Office Email adminzelc@comcast.net zion1517pastor@gmail.com Pastor Email **Council President Email** krpkc@aol.com zionlandisvillemusic@gmail.com Music Director Email Website www.zionhempfield.net Zion Lutheran Hempfield Facebook 85 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538 Church Address 75 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538 Office Address * The Stewardship slide is adapted from A Litany Prayer for Aleppo by Michael K. Marsh by Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown