



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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WeeklE-Newsletter: December 2

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

Women's Advent Breakfast – 10 a.m. (Centerville Diner)

Liederkrantz Holiday Concert – 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 4 -- *Second Sunday of Advent/Installation Sunday*

** The flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her mother, Helen Gensemer, born on December 4, 1917.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by the Thompsons in honor of Pastor Tim's installation.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Installation Program – Immediately following worship (Social Room and Sanctuary)

No Sunday School

Monday, December 5

Comforters – 9-11 a.m. (Social Room/Kitchen)

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Social Outreach – 6 p.m. (Randy Miller's Home)

Property – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

Tuesday, December 6

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Sunday School Rooms)

W&M – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 9 – *Poinsettia Order Deadline*

Saturday, December 10

Sunday, December 11 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Advent/Christmas Study – Parlor

Wired Word – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

LET'S CONNECT!

Have you completed your “Let’s Connect” form yet?!? If not, we hope you will! Forms can be found on the ushers’ table; please complete one and then return it to the office basket between the mailboxes. This information is being displayed on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Diane Ramer (adramer@comcast.net) [Care Team] or Denise Haun (dmhaun@verizon.net) [VITALization Team].



SHEETS NEEDED FOR COMFORTERS



When cleaning out your linen closet, remember to place your unwanted clean sheets in the bin across from the coffee table. The donations last year produced a record number of comforters for Lutheran World Relief this fall.

PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to participate in Zion’s Prayer Chain. If you are willing to pray for others during times of crisis this opportunity might be one for you – all it requires is a heart open to the power of prayer. When a prayer request comes in, you will be notified by text, phone, or email, and you will then be requested to pray for a person or situation. No meetings to go to, just a few minutes spent in prayer for someone who is in need. If you are interested, please contact Dolly Overly at 717-917-9549.



PRAYER SHAWL RACK

On the rack across from the coffee table, there are prayer shawls which you may take to give to someone needing comfort, prayer squares to carry in your pocket, and several hats for women suffering hair loss from chemo. Help yourself.

THEY ARRIVED! OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

Better a little late than never! The December-February devotionals have finally arrived! You can find them throughout the church – on the ushers’ table, on the kiosk across from the mailboxes, on the window sill in the back hallway across from the choir room, and on the podium in the Narthex by the Welcome Packets.



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 1st 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. The 2nd Advent 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.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH



All are invited to come hear a performance of Handel's Messiah next Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Chiques United Methodist Church (1215 E. Main St., Mount Joy)!

COME SING WITH US AT CHRISTMAS TIME!

Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. every Thursday. All are invited to join in for the holiday season without the commitment of an entire year! If you have questions contact John (johnplandis@gmail.com or 717-875-6182).

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

As in years past, we are collecting gifts for families and children in need. There are tags for 23 children on our Angel Tree. The focus this year is to teach the children about giving rather than receiving. There are specific age group presents requested for the kids. These items should be returned unwrapped by next Sunday, December 11. We will also be sponsoring a local family – stay tuned for more information about that. Thank you once again for helping our Hempfield community children and families.



JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Beginning on Sunday (12/4) and going through December, the Joyful Noise Offering will go to the Hempfield School District.

ANNUAL REPORTS

It's that time of year again where annual reports are needed from all ministry teams. Please email your report about what was accomplished this year and what is on your to-do list for 2023 to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).

RENEWAL UPDATE

The **VITALization Team** (formerly known as the ReVITALization Team which was initiated last spring to bring more attention to the stewardship of resources and people at Zion) is now embarking on a new intention. They want us to get to know each other a little better, but, in order to know everyone, it requires everyone's participation! *HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" SHEET??? If you have, THANK YOU!* If you have not, PLEASE DO! Although we are an older congregation, we can still be an active congregation! Stay tuned for activities and programs that will celebrate what we ARE able to do with each other!

The **Executive Team** is continuing work on current policies to make them more meaningful, helpful, and inclusive. This team is also continuing to find ways to renew our life together as a congregation.

The **Care/Fellowship Team** planned an Advent Breakfast for the Women of Zion which will be held tomorrow morning (12/3 at 10 a.m.) at Centerville Diner. This team has also put together bags for the children and youth who are members of the church. In addition, the team has discussed the need for people to get trained on the AED machine and to be CPR certified. Sign-up sheets for these opportunities will be made available soon. More people have joined the **Prayer Team** – no one would argue that it's possible to have too much prayer! This team will begin to meet monthly.

The **Finance Team** has not received the offering envelopes for 2023 yet. Look for those closer to the end of December (hopefully!).

The **Property Team** has installed heaters in the restrooms in the Narthex. This team has also been working on the handicapped parking – thanks to Darrell Gerke for painting the markers in the designated parking spots by the side and back entrances. The brick pointing continues.

The **Social Outreach Team** is participating in the "Angel Tree" project again this year – you are welcome to take a tag and get gifts for families and children in need this holiday season. Thanks to Kim Paternoster for organizing this outreach connection.

The **Worship and Music Team** has focused on decorating the church for the season. Advent readers and candle lighters have been lined up and concerts are scheduled. Issues regarding the music have been a point of discussion and the Service Project component of Pastor Tim's Installation Day (this Sunday!) was finalized.

Good things are happening at Zion. More involvement is always encouraged and welcome – on a short- or long-term basis! Please consider how you can help and be a part of the action!



The Community Meal resumed this week after a break for Thanksgiving. *Zion will be serving a ham loaf dinner on December 15, which will be the last meal for 2022.* Information about helping with this meal will be forthcoming; we

hope you will be able to be a part of the preparation and serving of this meal as a Christmas gift to our community. After taking a break over the holiday weeks, the meal will resume again on January 12, 2023.

Looking ahead, there are still many open dates for meal sponsors in 2023. *The critical need is for March 16 and March 30* when Mary will not be available to prepare a meal. There are other open dates in February and then later in the spring. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors in the community that help is needed!

In addition, Mary would like to build a "Community Meal Team" at Zion. This team would be a core group of people working together on the meal and the weekly commitment it provides to our community. Anyone with an interest -- or questions or ideas -- about the meal can contact her (psuocn92@comcast.net or 717-333-6173).

Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who have helped to serve the meal this year. Come join the fun in 2023!

2023 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.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no classes held this Sunday. Please participate in the Installation activities and program. Classes will resume next Sunday (12/11).

- The class that meets in the Parlor will be doing an Advent/Christmas study.
- The Wired Word class meets in-person and on Zoom to discuss current events and how they relate to the scripture. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>.
- *On December 18, the classes will meet together in the Social Room for Holiday Trivia! All are welcome to come join the light-hearted fun (and yes, maybe a little bit of competition)!*



BRICK POINTING UPDATE

The bell tower pointing is complete. The scaffolding will soon be removed and sealant will be applied. Scott Krimmel reports that the mortar joints were severely deteriorated at places. Work will soon begin on the south and courtyard walls of the Social Room. Finally, there will be some brick replacement and spot pointing on the Cooper Avenue side of the building. We have not been told an estimated date of completion yet.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ZION

*Help Beautify the
Worship Space this Season!*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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Cost: \$10/poinsettia
Deadline: Friday, December 9

Order forms are on the ushers' table.



POINSETTIA SPONSOR FORM

Cost: \$10 per poinsettia
Deadline for Orders: Friday, December 9th

I would like to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s). Enclosed is _____.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Other occasion: _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church

Place your sponsor form and payment in the office mail basket in the Narthex on the window sill by the member mailbox wall, mail (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville 17538), or hand deliver to the office.

You may take your poinsettias after Christmas Eve worship.



2022 Holiday Season at Zion Landisville

Holiday Concert at Zion
Sunday, December 18
2:00 p.m.



**Featuring the Hempfield
High School Chamber Singers**

Christmas Eve at Zion
Sat., Dec. 24

In-person & Online
7:00pm

Music
Candle Lighting
Scripture
Communion



http://bit.ly/zion_live

Christmas Day
at Zion

Sun., Dec. 25
9:00am

**Service of Lessons
and Carols with
Holy Communion**



85 E. Brandt Blvd.
(Off Main St. in Landisville)

717-898-2911

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Zion Lutheran Hempfield 

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Connecting with God
Connecting others with God
All are welcome!

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ADVENT DEVOTIONALS, CALENDARS, AND BOOKS

There is an assortment of Advent devotionals, calendars, and books on a table in the Narthex across from the mailboxes. There is quite a selection so please find something that you can use or that would be meaningful to you this Advent season ... help yourself (and take something for someone you know)!



DECEMBER 4 ... A SPECIAL DAY AT ZION!

Sunday

PASTOR TIM'S INSTALLATION

Sunday, December 4
~Following Worship~

YOU ARE INVITED!

- Brunch
- Service Project
- Brief Service of Installation

PLEASE BRING
INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED SNACKS
& TREATS TO
INCLUDE IN THE
GIFT BASKET
SERVICE PROJECT!!

WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST



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TOMORROW



December 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Centerville Diner (corner of Columbia Ave. and Centerville Rd.)

This is always a fun time for all the women of the church as we prepare for Christmas. Friends are welcome to come along too!

Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes by Sunday, November 27.

Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313)

There will also be two optional activities!

★ Gift Exchange

- Bring a wrapped gift (\$3 or less) to exchange with others!

★ Show and Tell

- Bring an object to show that gives you special JOY at this time of year!

For more information & to register, go to:
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2022/>

Winter Concert



Lancaster Liederkrantz Chorus

Barry L. Sawyer, *Director*
William L. Rhoads, *Accompanist*

Saturday, December 3, 2022 • 5pm

Zion Lutheran Church
85 East Brandt Blvd., Landisville
***Free Admission**

**A freewill offering will be accepted to benefit
Zion Lutheran Church*



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

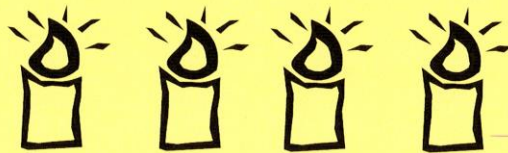
717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org



Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 3, 2022
9am - 2pm

All are invited to a day of prayer and
meditation in preparation of the birth
of the Christ child.



There is a \$15 registration fee.
Lunch will be provided.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN A BARN

**December 18
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

At The Wittel Farm

*Join us at the farm for our 5th
annual Advent/Christmas night.
Come gather around the outdoor
fire and have cookies and cocoa in
the barn.*

Lights and decorations!

For more information & to register, go to:
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2022/>

PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

Dave Wise
Steve Haun
Lisa Nelson
Jess Barcaro
Harry Musselman
Kevin Reinhart
Sam King
Connie Alsedek
Joe Adams
Mary Zimmerman
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Bill Grove
Judie Ingersoll
Barbara Williams
Joan Mays
Kay Crawford
Holly Hoover
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)
Nancy Hamilton (Sister of Dottie Wauls)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
George Potts
Richard & Marilyn Heim
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)

Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION

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!

2nd – Kaylee Thompson
4th — Tracie Andrew
6th – Jaden Myers
7th – Bradley Green
10th – Philip Smeltz
11th – Bill Flood

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Tim's niece, Abby Null, on the birth of her son, A.J.
on Wednesday, November 30.

UPDATED ADDRESS

Mary Ann Cupach
c/o Kadina Physical Rehab.
125 S. Broad St.
Lititz, PA 17543

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFO.

In-Person Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link for services held indoors	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Sunday Scholars Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/4)
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/4)
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