

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

WeeklE-Newsletter: December 8

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

Church Christmas Decorating – 9 a.m.

Sunday, December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

* The flowers are sponsored by Dave & Sue Wise in loving memory of John F. & Martha Wise. * The bulletins are sponsored by the Thompsons in celebration of Sarah's birthday on Wednesday, December 13! * 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: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Class (An Advent Study) - Parlor Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266) Monday, December 11 Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Tuesday, December 12** Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor) Finance -6:30 p.m. Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room. Classrooms, and Social Room)

Wednesday, December 13 – *Poinsettia Order Deadline* Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 14 Community Meal – 5 p.m. Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded) Livestream/Recorded Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

Christmas Trivia – 10:30 a.m. (Zone) Hempfield H.S. Chamber Choir Holiday Concert – 3 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

In the spirit of Zion's Stewardship Initiative and being a faithful follower of Jesus, be sure to pick up your offering envelopes in your church mailbox! Please note that some envelope numbers have changed in 2024 from what they were in 2023. Make sure you use the correct box!

ANGEL TREE

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



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you, Zion, for contributing 97 pound of food in October! The pantry is also grateful for financial contributions that help to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg at below super market costs. Financial contributions also allow the managers to purchase food items at local grocery stores and markets such as eggs, fresh produce, meats, dairy products as well as other pantry supplies.

In October, the pantry served a total of 1,956 people (544 children, 950 adults, 462 seniors, and 18 new families). Without the 40 volunteers who served over 600 hours, the pantry could not help all these individuals in the community!

In November, the pantry received 3,500 pounds of food from the boy scouts "scouting for food" drive and the Hempfield High School food drive collected 2,712 pounds. Currently, Stauffers (Rohrerstown) is running a food drive for the pantry. *Even with the large amount of food the pantry received in the past months, the following items are still requested: Applesauce, Cereal, Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Mixed Fruit, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Strawberry and/or Grape Jelly.* Please note that the pantry prefers non-glass containers. Thank you!



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

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).

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!

JOYFUL NOISE

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-a-child/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.

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.

FLOWER VASE DONATIONS

Do you have any altar flower vases from the church? The Altar Guild (and Nancy M. in particular!) would love it if you could return them so they can use them to deliver arrangements to others! ALSO, if you have any extra clear vases with about a 6-inch diameter that could use a new home, the Altar Guild will be more than happy to take them off your hands! They thank you in advance! Questions about size or type? Talk with Nancy (717-278-1556).

WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST

Last Saturday morning women of Zion gathered at the Centerville Diner 2 (Mt. Joy) for an Advent breakfast! It was a time spent in holiday spirit enjoying fellowship, some fun holiday activities and gift exchange, and of course food. **THANK YOU** to Millie for organizing this gathering each year!



ADVENT FELLOWSHIP PICTURES

Last Sunday after worship we gathered for a time of Advent Fellowship! As you can see, it is always great to be together as we prepare for the birth of Jesus!







TODAY AFTER WORSHIP:

All are invited to gather in the Social Room for a time of Advent Fellowship during the Sunday School hour! * The Wired Word class typically meets in person and on Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266

* The class that meets in the parlor is doing an Advent study.

On December 17 – Next Sunday – 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 friendly competition)!.

HELP BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON CHRISTMAS EVE Order forms are available on the ushers' table in the narthex.

	Cost: \$10 per poinsettia adline for Orders: Wednesday, De	
I would like t	o sponsor poinsettia(s). Enclosed is	
Name of Spo	nsor	
In honor of _		
In memory of	f	
Other occasi	on:	
Please make	checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church	
	sponsor form and payment in the office mail basket in mailbox wall, mail (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville 175	
	You may take your poinsettias after Christmas Ev	ve worship.

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.

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.



Second Banner



This concert features a mix of holiday songs! You will recognize some songs and some may become new favorites!

The Hershey Community Chorus Presents

from Near and Far

You will leave this concert in the Christmas spirit!

We hope to see you there!

<u>TONIGHT</u> & SUNDAY AFTERNOON!

Friday, December 8th - 7pm The Hershey Story Museum 63 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey

Sunday, December 10th - 3pm Hershey Free Church 330 Hilltop Road, Hummelstown <u>Ticket Prices</u> Adults \$15 Students \$5 Children (5 and under) FREE

Pre-order Options

 * info@hersheycommunitychorus.org
* Contact John or Joanne Marrs (717-818-5509)
Tickets are also available at the door.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT A GLANCE

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.



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!

<u>Youth</u> <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.



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** Kay Crawford Dolly Overly Ed Illick (Husband of Pastor Pam Illick) 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 Doug Kautter **Ryan Stitzel** 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)

Chris Andrew Justin Gorlaski Thom Whitesel

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10th – Philip Smeltz 11th – Bill Flood 13th – Sarah Chapman, Nina Laliberte

14th – Christian Benedict 15th – Nathan Bear, Kaylyn Langseth, Ted Symonds

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 Link <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw</u>			
Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/17 & 31)		
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/17 & 31)		
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266		
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.		
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* The Stewardship slide is adapted from A Litany Prayer for Aleppo by Michael K. Marsh by Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown			