



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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## WeekE-Newsletter: December 9

### THIS WEEK AT ZION

**Friday, December 9 – *Poinsettia Order Deadline***

**Saturday, December 10**

**Christmas Decorating – 9 a.m. [Please come help!!!] ☺**

**Sunday, December 11 -- *Third Sunday of Advent***

\* *The flowers are sponsored by Todd & Cathy Benedict in celebration of Christian's birthday.*

\* *The communion elements are sponsored by the Thompsons in honor of Sarah's birthday.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Advent/Christmas Study – Parlor

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

**Monday, December 12**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 13**

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Sunday School Rooms)

Finance – 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 14**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Thursday, December 15**

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m. (Zion)

Choir – 6 p.m.

**Friday, December 16**

**Saturday, December 17**

**Sunday, December 18 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent***

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Combined Adult Sunday School [Christmas Trivia] – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

Hempfield High School Holiday Concert – 2 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT THE CHURCH – TOMORROW!



We are decorating the church tomorrow morning – Saturday, December 10 – beginning at 9:00 a.m. **Please come help!** Everyone's contribution will be very much appreciated!

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> banner design is of an angel holding a heart above its head with swirls ascending, extending upward to God and the heavens. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## HANDEL'S MESSIAH



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

**Sunday**

## 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](mailto:johnplandis@gmail.com) or 717-875-6182).

## ANGEL TREE GIFTS

If you took a tag, please be sure to bring your gift(s) in by Sunday! If you can't make it by Sunday, please contact Kim P. ([krpkc@aol.com](mailto:krpkc@aol.com)) to arrange a time for pick-up.

## JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Through December the Joyful Noise Offering will go to the Hempfield School District.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:adminzelc@comcast.net)).

## 2023 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities in 2023 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!



2023 Bulletin Sponsors		
<b>January</b> 1 8 15 22 29	<b>February</b> 5 12 19 26	<b>March</b> 5 12 19 26
<b>April</b> 2 9 16 23 30	<b>May</b> 6 13 20 27	<b>June</b> 3 10 17 24
<b>July</b> 1 8 15 22 29	<b>August</b> 5 12 19 26	<b>September</b> 3 10 17 24
<b>October</b> 1 8 15 22 29	<b>November</b> 5 12 19 26	<b>December</b> 3 10 17 24 31



## INSTALLATION DAY RECAP

Last Sunday was indeed a special day in the life of Zion's history! The morning began with worship with the Rev. Richard Jorgensen preaching and was followed by a delicious brunch, the community service project, and Pastor Tim's Service of Installation. It was a morning of praise, thanksgiving, and outreach. **THANK YOU** to the Call Committee and Council for leading Zion through the last four years to get to this point of installing Pastor Tim!



*Morning Worship and Installation Service*



**THANK YOU** for bringing in items and making the gratitude gift baskets for the social workers and counselors in Hempfield School District. Zion has been reVITALized, continues to minister as a vital congregation, and strives to live out the purpose of Connecting with God, Connecting with others, and Connecting others with God.



Below is an adaptation of the last verse of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, with lyrics based on the contents of the fourteen baskets that were made (written by Dave A.):

*In the fourteen Zion baskets, we gave the community:*

*Twelve tangerines  
Eleven Planters’ peanuts  
Ten Scooby Snacks  
Nine Oreo cookies  
Eight mini Cow Tales  
Seven crispy apples*

*Six Captain’s Wafers  
Five protein bars!  
Four Kool-Aid Blasters  
Three Krispie Treats  
Two Snyder’s pretzels  
And a package of Doritos Cool Ranch*

**THANK YOU** to Cathy & Todd B. and Amy & Jeff T. for organizing the brunch.



***For those who asked for the French Toast Casserole recipe:***

½ loaf French bread cubed (about 8 oz)  
½ cup butter  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
6 eggs  
2 cups milk  
2 tsp vanilla  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 Tsp brown sugar for topping  
Powdered sugar (if desired)

**Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Butter a 13x9 baking pan and set aside.
3. In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Once butter has melted stir in brown sugar until

- dissolved and mixture is smooth. Pour mixture into the bottom of the 9x13 pan and spread evenly.
4. Add bread cubes to the pan spreading over the top of the butter/brown sugar mixture.
5. In a medium sized bowl whisk together the eggs, milk, vanilla, and cinnamon. Pour egg mixture over the pieces of bread.
6. Sprinkle with remaining tablespoon of brown sugar.
7. Bake in preheated oven for 25-30 minutes until top is golden brown.
8. Remove from oven and sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.





Zion will be serving a ham loaf dinner this coming Thursday, December 15. This will be the last meal for 2022. 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 dates are 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!

*If you would like to be a part of a core group of people who would work together on the meal and the weekly commitment it provides to our community contact Mary ([psuocn92@comcast.net](mailto: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!

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- The class that meets in the Parlor will be doing an Advent/Christmas study today.
- The Wired Word class will meet 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 – 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 competition)!*

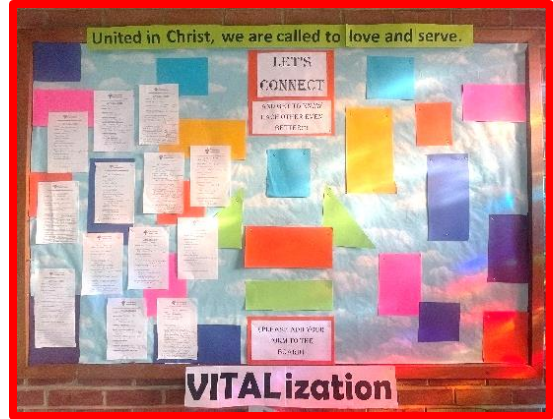


### **BRICK POINTING UPDATE**

The bell tower pointing is complete. The scaffolding has been removed and sealant is being 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 but we're getting there!

## LET'S CONNECT!

Thank you to everyone who has completed their Let's Connect form! If you have not yet, 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](mailto:adramer@comcast.net)) [Care Team] or Denise Haun ([dmhaun@verizon.net](mailto:dmhaun@verizon.net)) [VITALization Team].



## WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST

Last Saturday morning women – and one baby girl 😊 -- of Zion gathered at the Centerville Diner for an Advent breakfast with a theme focusing on JOY! 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 special gathering each year!





## **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 was held last Saturday morning 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 the month (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 – thank you to those who took tags and got 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 last Sunday was finalized.

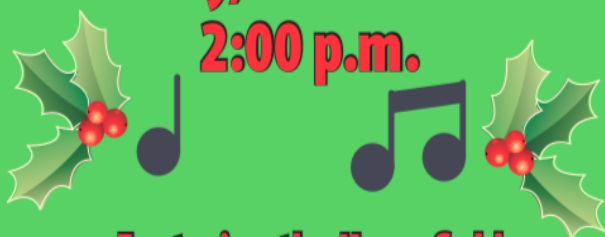
*Good things are happening at Zion. More involvement is always encouraged and welcome – on a short- or long-term basis!*

*Please consider how you can help and be a part of the action!*

# 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](http://bit.ly/zion_live)

*Christmas Day  
at Zion*

**Sun., Dec. 25**

**9:00am**

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



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**Zion Lutheran Hempfield** 

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*All are welcome!***

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## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS, CALENDARS, AND BOOKS

We're only partially through the season! It's not too late to start an Advent devotional or calendar! 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)!



*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 9<sup>th</sup>

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.*





The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm  
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303  
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*Lights and decorations!*

## **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.*



*For more information & to register, go to:*  
**[https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-  
in-the-barn-2022/](https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2022/)**



# **PRAYER LIST**

## ***FOR HEALING***

Dave Wise  
Steve Haun  
Lisa Nelson  
Jess Barcaro  
Harry Musselman  
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)  
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 Heim  
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)  
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)  
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 & REMEMBRANCE***

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

10<sup>th</sup> – Philip Smeltz  
11<sup>th</sup> – Bill Flood  
13<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Chapman, Nina Laliberte  
14<sup>th</sup> – Christian Benedict  
15<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Bear, Kaylyn Langseth, Ted Symonds  
18<sup>th</sup> – Diane Ramer, Nate Deibler

### **CONDOLENCES**

*...to Richard Heim and the friends and extended family of Marilyn as they grieve her death on Friday, December 2.*

#### ***Cards can be sent to:***

Richard Heim  
c/o Kimberly Heim Gruber  
2020 Harrogate Rd.  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Ken Heim & Family (Son)  
6107 Greenbriar Ln.  
Fayetteville, PA 17222

Kimberly Gruber & Family (Daughter)  
2020 Harrogate Rd.  
Lancaster, PA 17601

Carolyn Klinger (Marilyn's sister)  
3615 Wildflower Ln.  
Mountville, PA 17554

*...to Dawn, Jeff, & Mark Reinhart on the death of Kevin on Thursday, December 8.*

#### ***Cards can be sent to:***

Dawn Reinhart  
3952 Columbia Ave., Apt. 37  
Columbia, PA 17512



## **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	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Sunday Scholars Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

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

*[Note: On 12/18 the classes will be combined for Holiday Trivia.]*

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