

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

WeeklE-Newsletter: March 1

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

Sunday, March 3 – Welcome John Dizon from Safe Families for Children

* The altar flowers are sponsored by Brenda Stover to the glory of God. * The bulletins and communion elements are sponsored by David Albin in loving memory of his parents, Charles and Betty.

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 – Parlor Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266) Scout Committee Meeting – 7 p.m.

Monday, March 4

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Property – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

Tuesday March 5

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor) Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms, Social Room) Worship & Music – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Food Pantry -10 a.m. -1 p.m. Care Team -3 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Healing Service – 1 p.m. Choir – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, AND EVENTS

ZION'S MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

SHARING OUR TREASURES: February Update

Our financial budget for January 2024 predicted a deficit (expenses greater than income) of \$7,802. Our actual deficit, however, was (\$23,702). Although we typically anticipate being behind the eight ball early in the year, this deficit is greater than expected. A substantial portion of the deficit can be attributed to the purchase of a new server at the cost of over \$8,000 (under the Administration expense category). While an unexpected expense, and therefore unbudgeted, this purchase was absolutely necessary and essential for the day-to-day operations and functioning of the church. Other expense categories operated under budget, helping to somewhat offset this extraordinary expense.

The other substantial and disappointing portion of the deficit can be attributed to reduction in income: it was down \$17,000 from the income a year ago in January 2023. Last January, we did benefit from a \$9,500 distribution from the Betty Lou Hoffman Trust and another \$1,280 from a non-repetitive source. What this means is that \$6,000 of the deficit can be attributed to a reduction in member offerings. This is the concern.

This year there will be a Stewardship focus on *generosity*. Hopefully as the year progresses, we will receive both man-inspired and Holy Spirit-inspired guidance on how we should respond to God's generosity to us.

Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. –Deuteronomy 16:10

ZELC CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT January 2024			
Expenses	Month	Year-to-Date	
Salaries & Benefits	15,651	15,651	
Administration	10,856	10,856	
Property	14,763	14,763	
Stewardshp: Synod & Other Benevolence	2,257	2,257	
Worship & Music, Ministry Teams & Other	1,787	1,787	
Total Expenses	45,314	45,314	
Income Offerings & Special Giving Other	21,612	21,612	
Total Income	21,612	21,612	
Difference	(23,702)	(23,702)	

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – Sunday, March 24

Come to the Social Room after worship at 10:30 to enjoy a time of fellowship and good food! Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes so that we know how many to expect. Contact Millie with questions (717-898-2313)!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In January, the pantry served 1,800 people, including 513 children, 902 adults, and 394 seniors. In addition, 14 new families were registered. Thank you to the 46 volunteers who donated 619 hours to help at the pantry!

Requested items this month: canned tuna, canned corn, canned pears, canned red beets, cereal, 1 lb. boxes of elbow macaroni, and 1 lb. boxes of spaghetti



Beginning this Sunday, contributions will go to Bridge of Hope, an organization that serves the homeless or individuals who are at risk of homelessness with rental assistance, and intensive case management as they work to



achieve long term stability. For more information, visit: https://lancaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org

HEALING SERVICES AT ZION DURING LENT

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 AT 1:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 14 AT 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:15 a.m.

* The Wired Word: In the Zone and on Zoom

[Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266]

* The class that meets in the parlor is beginning a 3-week study on "The Screwtape Letters" by

C.S. Lewis. After Easter, the class will be picking up with the hit series "The Chosen."

* Neither class will meet on Palm Sunday (3/24) nor Easter Sunday (3/31).

EMPTY PILL BOTTLE RECYCLING OUTREACH PROJECT

Bring in your empty, clean, unlabeled pill bottles and help improve health care in developing nations. Types of empty pill bottles that are being accepted include: prescription pill bottles, large and small pill bottles, pill bottles with and without child resistant caps, and over-thecounter pill bottles. Donations will be sent around the world and used to distribute medicine in sterile containers. This initiative is run by Matthew 25 Ministries. Place bottles in the bin in the narthex; contact Diane R. with questions.







Spring Quilting Retreat: March 15-17 at Kirchenwald

Come enjoy a weekend gathering of women to share fellowship and talents! Register by March 8. Weekend: \$180; 2-Days (one overnight): \$110; Saturday: \$65 https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/womens-quilting-weekend-2024/

Summer Camp Open Houses: March 17 & April 14 2-4:30 p.m. @ Kirchenwald and Nawakwa

Come meet some of the summer camp staff! Take a tour of the camp! Get a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to new campers! Kirchenwald: <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/summer-</u> camp-open-house-kirchenwald-0324/



Nawakwa: https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/summer-camp-open-house-nawakwa-0324/



Earth Day Celebration: April 21 2-6 p.m. @ Kirchenwald

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of God's amazing creations: Camp Kirchenwald! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee. All ages are welcome! R.S.V,P. to 717-677-8211 or Lutherancamping.org by April 12. https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/earth-day-celebration-2024/

Dinner Church: <u>TODAY</u>; April 7; May 5 5 p.m. @ The Wittel Farm

Dinner Church is a community gathered around a shared meal to listen, connect, sing, pray, eat, drink, and be with God in creation. Bring some food to share.

March 3: <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/dinner-church-0324/</u> April 7: <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/dinner-church-0424/</u> May 5: <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/dinner-church-0524/</u>

Work Days: April 27 @ Nawakwa; May 4 @ Kirchenwald

Help us get our sites ready for the summer season. Jobs available for all skill levels. Complimentary lunch for all volunteers.

Kirchenwald: <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/summer-camp-open-house-kirchenwald-0424/</u>

Nawakwa: <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/summer-camp-open-house-nawakwa-0424/</u>





For more information about these or other events at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, or The Wittel Farm, visit: <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org</u>

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

Devotional booklets for March-May are now available! Pick yours up on the usher table or on the window ledge in the back hallway. Take an extra to share with someone else!

PSU Fellowship Outing! Thank you to the Men of Zion for organizing this event!





If you have ideas or are planning for anything, please let the office know so we're all kept in the loop!

2024 CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

THRU THE SPRING... <u>March</u>

- 7: Healing Service (1 p.m.)
- 14: Community Meal
- 14: Healing Service (7:30 p.m.)
- 24: Palm Sunday Brunch (10:30 a.m.) (No Sunday School)
- 28: Community Meal

April

- 11: Community Meal
- 14: Hempfield Choir Concert
- 25: Community Meal

May

- 4: Liederkranz Spring Concert
- 9: Community Meal
- 19: Pentecost Brunch (no SS)
- 23: Community Meal
- 23: Choir Festival Concert

SUMMER AND BEYOND... Suggested June-August

(Not yet scheduled)

- 2 outdoor worship services
- Bike/Hike on trail
- Progressive dinner
- Picnic lunches
- Open to suggestions!

September

8: Rally Day Catered Fellowship Luncheon (no SS)

October

3: Picnic at Lake Grubb 20: Crop Walk

December

- 7: Women of Zion Advent Breakfast
- 7: Liederkranz Christmas Concert
- 22: Christmas Trivia during SS hour

DAY OF RENEWAL REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Registration: 8:30-9:15 a.m. (refreshments upon arrival)

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: St. Paul, Lititz

Cost: \$30.00 (Includes program and lunch)

Theme: "Footprints...Encounters with Jesus "

Special Offering: Lititz Warwick Community Chest (Shelf Stable Foods, toilet paper, paper towels)

Contact for Guestions: Sandy Bingaman Phone: 717-665-5265 Email: <u>sandyi.bingaman@gmail.com</u>

Sponsored by,

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Lower Susquehanna, Synodical Women's Organization

Church is handicap accessible

Following the presentation, CD's will be available in the narthex for purchase. Also the W/ELCA, LS SWO craft table will be available.

About the speaker:

Heartsongs Ministries, Inc. presents Karen Wright who is an inspirational speaker, concert artist, and actress. The Mission Statement for "Heartsongs Ministries, Inc. is dedicated to glorifying God by presenting the truth of the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ through music, worship and the spoken word."

Karen's concerts include inspirational, contemporary, gospel and well loved hymns.

She often includes moments of dramatic storytelling to bring even greater meaning to the music. Her style is warm, humorous and completely engaging. Karen has created inspiring presentations based on the lives of Biblical & Historical Women of Faith.

Karen is probably best known for one of her many lead roles at Sight and Sound's Millennium Theatre as Mrs. Noah in the renowned production, Noah, in Lancaster. During her time with Sight and Sound, Karen performed to audiences of over 6,000 on a daily basis, but her heart's desire is to reach out to people on a more personal basis with the hope and peace found in Jesus Christ. Her inspirational speaking combined with singing and storytelling has taken her all over the United States, Italy, Germany, South America, Asia and Israel.

(Please complete and mail this section of the form **postmarked by Wednesday, April 10, 2024**)

Make check payable to LS SWO, WOMEN OF THE ELCA and mail to:

Peggi Norman, 328 Carolle St., Greencastle, PA 17225 Questions: 717-658-7432 or email: peggi2@yahoo.com

Acting Treasurer, Chris Todd, is unavailable to receive registration forms for this event, so mail your check to Peggy Norman for this event only. Thanks!

Name:	Phone	
Address:	City	Zip
Email address:		
Home Church	City	
	Sandwiches	
	Variety of Salads	
	Variety Desse	rts





PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

Dave Wauls **Dick Olson Cindy Blough Bob Shirk** Jess Barcaro Sam King **Bill Grove** Connie Alsedek Joe Adams Mary Zimmerman Marvin Ruch Kate Donnan Judie Ingersoll Holly Hoover **Barb Williams** Kay Crawford Tom Grzybowski Dolly Overly John Hay Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise) Ed Illick (Husband of Pastor Pam Illick) Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams) Renee Willamon (Friend of Pat Landis) Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long) Isaac Miller (Great nephew of Judy & Bob Traup) James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson; Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort) 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) Rev. David Klepper (Father of Dave Klepper and friend of the congregation)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson Lucy Davis George Potts Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long) Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise) Deb Grube and the extended family on the death of her father, William Hartman 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 Doug Kautter Justin Gorlaski **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)

IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7th – John Hay 3rd – Rick Rainar 4th – Connie Alsedek, Andrew Bernhard, Barb Wildasin 8th – Darrell Gerke

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers Pastor Music Director Parish Administrator Worship Technology Assistant Lay Ministry Assistant **Council President Council Vice President** Sextons

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.) Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. 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 Pastor Email zion1517pastor@gmail.com krpkc@aol.com **Council President Email** zionlandisvillemusic@gmail.com Music Director Email Website www.zionhempfield.net Zion Lutheran Hempfield Facebook **Church Address** 85 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538 Office Address 75 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538

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