



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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WeeklE-Newsletter: March 15

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Friday, March 15

Dick Olson Funeral Service – 11 a.m. (Visitation at 10:30)

Saturday, March 16

Sunday, March 17

** The altar flowers are sponsored by Dave and Dottie Wauls in celebration of the St. Patrick's Day birthday of Dottie's mother, Dorothy Sellers!*

** The red rose is in celebration of the birth of Cullen Michael Sperry, son of Kristen and Nick and grandson of Denise and Steve Haun!*

** The bulletins are sponsored by John and Patsy Hinkle in honor of the birthdays of their granddaughter Jill and their great-grandsons Hayes and Grayson!*

** The 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 (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

Sanctuary Reserved – 3-6 p.m. (Piano Recital)

Monday, March 18

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

Tuesday March 19

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms, Social Room)

Wednesday, March 20

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Pinewood Derby (Set-up) – 6 p.m. (Social Room)

Saturday, March 23

Pinewood Derby Event – 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (Social Room)

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

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

Livestream/Recorded Link:

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

Palm Sunday Brunch – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

No Adult Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, AND EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SUNDAY

- PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP: March 24 @ 9:00 a.m.
- PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH: March 24 @ 10:30 a.m.
 - *If you haven't already signed up, please do so on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes so that we know how many to expect. Contact Millie with questions (717-898-2313)!*
 - *No Sunday School.*
- MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP: March 28 @ 7 p.m.
- GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP: March 29 @ 7 p.m.
- EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP: March 31 @ 9 a.m.
 - *No Sunday School.*



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers to beautify the worship space on Easter, please complete the form inserted in your bulletin by Monday, March 25. Cost is \$10/plant.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for the 290 pounds of food items donated to the pantry in February. The pantry is grateful for the 46 individuals who volunteered 595 hours last month. If you are interested in donating items to the pantry, they are currently requesting: canned tuna, canned spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned red beets, pancake mix, canned chicken, cereal.



This month, 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/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:15 a.m. (No class next Sunday and Easter Sunday 3/31)

* The Wired Word: In the Zone and on Zoom

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

* The class that meets in the parlor is studying the "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. After Easter, the class will be picking up with the hit series "The Chosen."

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-the-counter pill bottles. This initiative is run by Matthew 25 Ministries. Place bottles in the bin in the narthex; contact Diane R. with questions.





Dear Friends, Thank you for allowing us to host Jamie's Baby Shower in the Social Hall last Saturday. The beautiful room provided the perfect setting for our Big Day!! Everyone had a great time and there were no issues of any kind ... As we continue our journey, we feel more and more "at home" here at Zion, thanks to the kindness extended to us by so many.

Gratefully yours, John and Joanne Marrs

SHEETS NEEDED

The Comforter Ministry is in need of clean, colorful sheets and lengths of fabric. Please place donations in the blue bin under the mailboxes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

717-299-1113

For more upcoming events visit: <https://connectprc.org/programming/>

➤ **PREVENTING CAREGIVER BURNOUT**

March 21: 7:00-8:30 p.m., via Zoom

A recording will also be available to registrants to view at their convenience.

Led by Lesley Huff, Ph.D. For more info. and to register visit:

<https://connectprc.org/events/preventing-caregiver-burnout/>

➤ **SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH THE CRITICAL YEARS**

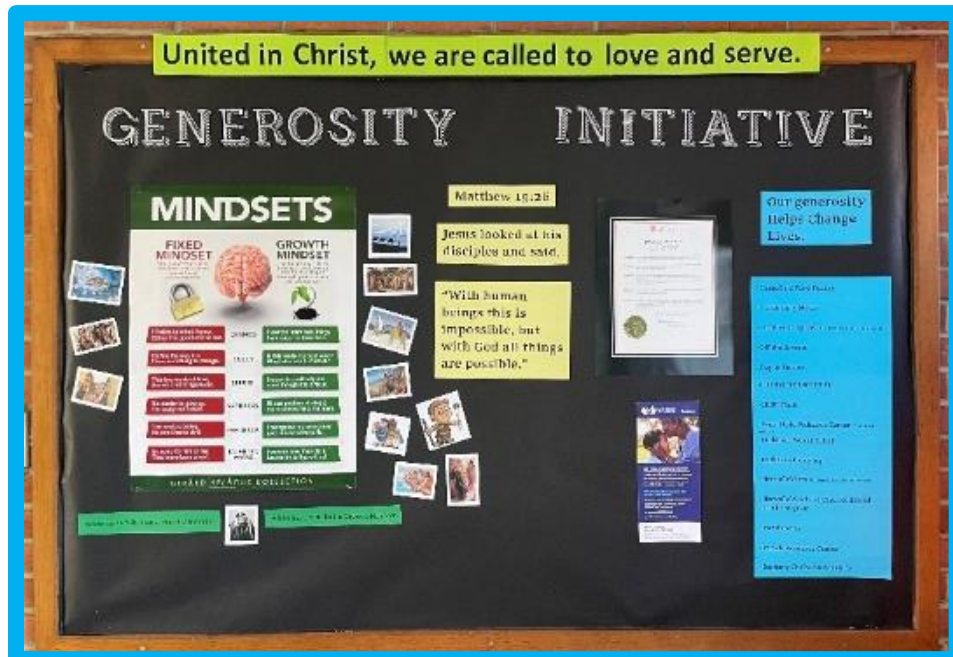
April 9: 7:00-8:30 p.m., via Zoom

A recording will also be available to registrants to view at their convenience.

Led by Rebekah Good Charles & Laura Demastus. For more info. and to register, visit:

<https://connectprc.org/events/supporting-families/>

GENEROSITY INITIATIVE



**THANK YOU TO
DIANE R. FOR
CREATING
THIS NEW
GENEROSITY
BULLETIN
BOARD!**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST SUNDAY ...

Al Ramer shared a Temple Talk on behalf of the Stewardship Team. If you didn't hear it or need a reminder of what he mentioned, his manuscript follows:

I'll begin by asking you to look around the sanctuary. What is different?

Nearly two years ago when we introduced the reVITALization and VITALization initiatives, we had 20 to 30 attendees. Today we typically have 60 to 80.

You first had an opportunity to recognize members who offered their time. Then many shared biographical information and talents. We had fun guessing who you were based on the information you shared. Most recently we addressed finishing 2023 strong with your treasure offerings as this year's budget was determined and approved. You now receive a monthly condensed financial report that started in September.

Bringing us to where we are today would not have been possible without each of your individual VITAL contributions of time, talent, and treasure. I want to recognize and personally thank Denise Haun, my wife Diane, Dave Wise, Dave Wauls, Randy Miller, John Hay, Phil Houseal, Lisa Nelson, Anne Rankin, and Pastor Tim for their support, ideas, and extra time commitment needed to bring us to today. We now have a solid foundation to move forward.

Today I'm introducing our next congregational initiative. The Generosity Initiative will work over the next three years to build long-term financial security and congregational growth. The two core goals are to eliminate our financial dependence on the endowment earnings and gifts and, make the community outside these walls aware of how we are changing people's lives with our support of the food pantry, the community meals, and our support of the non-profit organizations that we contribute to.

The Barna Group is a Christian research organization that provides data and insights on the trends affecting faith, culture, and ministry today. They conducted research in 2022 that showed that younger generations want to be part of groups that are having an impact changing people's life. We are doing that inside these walls with our support of the food pantry and our community meals and outside these walls with our support of local non-profit organizations. Not surprisingly, the research showed that the baby boomers don't understand what those born since 1965 view as important to their participation and giving. For many of us, that means we need to adjust our mindset. For example, just having a contemporary service or other programs we think relate to that age group will not necessarily make them want to come here. We can differentiate ourselves by demonstrating that we are a worship community that not only changes lives within these walls but, just as important to the younger generations, we are making an impact and changing lives outside these walls.

That describes a primary group that the Barna research determined those under 60 want to belong and contribute to. Making a difference in the greater community becomes even more important the younger the age group. With us, they can make a difference and positively impact the greater community.

Over the next three years, if each one of us can contribute on average, \$5 or more per week, we can eliminate our dependency on earnings from our trust fund and gifts. As that happens, we can increase our support of deserving non-profits to help them help impact lives for the better. With a Faith Sharing or evangelism effort that makes known what we are doing for the greater community, we can gain the attention of younger generations to decide more readily to "Come and See" who we are and learn more about what we are doing. The goal is to add **five** new members each year.

We are calling this three-year initiative the Generosity Initiative. Repeating what I just said, your generosity will allow us to increase Zions generosity outside these walls and, in additional ways, address the needs of the congregation inside these walls. As the greater community learns more about Zion, they will more readily decide to “Come and See” who we are and what we are doing inside these walls.

This will be a challenging process. You have already shown, post Covid, the difference it makes when each of us recognizes that we are VITAL contributors as we use our time, talent and treasures given to us by God and use them in God-pleasing ways.

In Matthew 19:26, Jesus looked at his disciples and said, “With human beings this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

In this season of Lent, I ask you to prayerfully ask God what you can do to build upon the foundation of giving that we have established these past two years as we all work together to make the Generosity Initiative a success that is pleasing to God.

SHARING OUR TREASURES: March Update

In the month of February, our expenses came in under budget by \$5,645 – a positive accomplishment! Of this, \$2,416 can be attributed to a reduction in maintenance costs under the property expense category, \$880 under the administration category, and \$1,232 under the worship and music category. The remaining \$1,100 is an accumulation of ministries and committees with amounts budgeted but no expenses incurred.

While the expenses were maintained under control, the portion of the budget that we as the congregation can control fell disappointingly short by \$6,296 (as compared to February 2023). On the bright side however, our February income did exceed January’s income by \$4,410.

With the emphasis this year on generous giving, we all can—and should—give prayerful consideration to how we will respond to God’s gifts to us and love for us. In his Temple Talk, Al Ramer talks about the role each of us plays in continuing to build upon the stewardship foundation we have worked on over the past two years. In the spirit of the stewardship emphasis this year, let us each be challenged by the call to give generously.

*“We should certainly count our blessings, but perhaps more importantly,
we should also make our blessings count.”*

ZELC CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT February 2024

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Salaries & Benefits	16,181.8	31,833.11
Administration	2,108.72	12,964.89
Property	4,876.33	19,639.28
Stewardship: Synod & Other Benevolence	1,916.67	4,173.25
Worship & Music, Ministry Teams & Other	828	2,614.94
Total Expenses	25,911.76	71,225.47
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings & Special Giving	24,531	46,245
Other	1,590.57	1,488.57
Total Income	26,121.57	47,733.57
Difference	209.81	-23,491.9



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

THIS SUNDAY!

➔ **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:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/summer-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: 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.

April 7: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/dinner-church-0424/>

May 5: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/dinner-church-0524/>



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

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



***For more information about these or other events at
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, or The Wittel Farm, visit:***

<https://www.lutherancamping.org>

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 Questions: Sandy Bingham

Phone: 717-665-5265

Email: sandyi.bingaman@gmail.com

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.

(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:

Peggy 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 Desserts



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.



COBYS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PRESENTS

PARENTING WORKSHOPS

For Parents, Kinship Caregivers and Resource & Adoptive Parents



CO-DEPENDENCY AND CONNECTION: RELATING TO THE PARENT(S) OF THE CHILDREN UNDER YOUR CARE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21
7-8:30PM ON ZOOM**

FREE TO ALL PARENTS &
CAREGIVERS

LED BY KAY BELA, THERAPIST & WELLNESS COACH

Learn how to understand, connect, and relate to the parents of the children who are under your care. Discussion will revolve around codependence, enabling, boundaries, and communication with the adult children or parent(s) involved who may be incarcerated, in rehab, or elsewhere.

USING SENSORY CHANGES TO EMPOWER CHILDREN TO LEARN SELF-REGULATION

JOIN US VIA ZOOM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18
7-8:30PM ON ZOOM**

LED BY REBECCA KING, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Discussion led by a resource mom/occupational therapist on how sensory activities, diet, and lifestyle can be used to help children learn to self-regulate and empower themselves.

MINDFULNESS WITH YOUR CHILD

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024
7-8:30PM ON ZOOM**

TO REGISTER:



LED BY MELISSA TERCH, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

What is mindfulness and how can it benefit your child? Learn practical techniques and activities that you and your child can do together!

MINDFUL SELF-COMPASSION FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

CERTIFICATES FOR TRAINING HOURS
ARE AVAILABLE

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20
7-8:30PM ON ZOOM**

LED BY LESLEY A. HUFF, PSYD

Eleanor Brown wisely stated, "You cannot serve from an empty vessel." Caring for others requires us to include ourselves. Join us for hands-on practices to learn how to stay present while caring for others, how to treat ourselves as kindly as we would treat a friend, and how this self-care is directly connected to the quality of care and connection we are able to offer.

To register for these FREE workshops, please visit

<https://cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered>



COBYS Family Life
Education Department
444 Murry Hill Circle
Lancaster, PA 17601

Questions? Please contact education@cobys.org or call 717-435-8139

Services provided by funding through Lancaster County CYA, Schuylkill County CVS, and the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission.

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Dave Wise
Dave Wauls
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 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!

17th – Devin Andrew
22nd – Mary Gerlach, Ben Green
23rd – Hannah Pipkin

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristen and Nick Sperry on the birth of Cullen Michael on Tuesday, March 12!



CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Dick Olson who died on Sunday, March 10. At age 97, Dick was a longtime faithful member of Zion for almost 50 years.



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	Kim Paternoster
Council Vice President	Denise Haun
Sextons	Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
	Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw
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
No Sunday School classes on 3/24 and 3/31	
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor	717-332-4216
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