

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

WeeklE-Newsletter: October 27

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Friday, October 27 Saturday, October 28

Model Club - 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Sunday, October 29 – Pastor Jorgensen Preaching; Baptism of Madilyn Kline

* The flowers are sponsored by the Grube family in honor of Melissa's birthday on November 3. * The rosebud is in celebration of Maddy's baptism.

* The bulletins are sponsored by Diane and Al Ramer in celebration of Kevin and Ashley's wedding anniversary.

* The communion elements are sponsored by Lisa Nelson in memory of her mother, Grace Rohrbach's birthday.

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

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

Baptism of Madilyn Kline Continental Breakfast – Following Worship (Social Room) No Sunday School

Monday, October 30

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor) Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room. Classrooms, and Social Room)

Wednesday, November 1

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 2

Choir - 6:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

Friday, November 3

Saturday, November 4 – Daylight Savings Time Ends (Turn your clocks back!)

Sunday, November 5 – All Saints Sunday

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw Budget Informational Meeting – Following Worship Adult Sunday School – Following the budget meeting

Bible Study Class ("Israel's Mission") – Parlor Wired Word Class – Zone (No Zoom)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

WELCOME Rev. Richard Jorgensen this Sunday! It is always an honor to have Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Jorgensen preach at Zion!



The annual meeting this year will be held on Sunday, November 19 following the worship service. *The budget information session will be held in the sanctuary* <u>next Sunday, November 5</u> during the Sunday School hour at the conclusion of worship. Copies of both the summary sheet and the entire proposed budget are on the ushers' table at the entrance to the sanctuary. The official announcement about these meetings was emailed on October 20.

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NO CLASSES THIS SUNDAY!

ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

AT THE

BREAKFAST!

Regarding Sunday School on 11/5 and 11/19: Classes will still meet on both of these days but will begin after each meeting ends and will not go longer than the normal time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ZION

All are welcome to join a Sunday School class!

- The Wired Word class typically meets in person and on Zoom. However, there will be no Zoom option on 11/5 and on 11/19.
- The class that meets in the parlor is showing "Israel's Mission," a Ray Van der Laan video travelogue series.



Questions? Contact Sue Wise (<u>swoogle53@aol.com</u>) or Barb Gerke (<u>bmgerke@gmail.com</u>) about the Wired Word, and Dave

Dumeyer (<u>davedumeyer@gmail.com</u>) or Dave Albin (<u>nagredmoonstriker@gmail.com</u>) about the class in the parlor.

WOMEN OF ZION ADVENT BREAKFAST



All women are invited to an Advent breakfast on Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Centerville Diner 2 in Mount Joy (formerly Country Table). All women are invited to begin the season of Advent with food, fun, and fellowship! If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$3.00 wrapped gift! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex across from the mailboxes by Sunday,

November 26. Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313).

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



Thank you, Zion, for the 47 pounds of food items donated to the pantry in September! AND also, for your financial contributions to the pantry!

The pantry served 1,725 individuals in September: 500 children, 839 adults, and 413 seniors! In addition, 13 new families were registered for the pantry. Of course, we are always incredibly

grateful for the 42 volunteers who donated a total of 547 hours! We could not do it without their help! If you would like to donate items, current requested food items are: grape or jelly (non-glass jars), canned mixed vegetables, canned corn, canned tuna, canned chicken noodle soup, canned chicken rice soup, and cereal.

MISSION PROJECT

The sign-up sheet is still up! Are you interested in participating in a work project in Columbia through Habitat for Humanity? Use the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board to indicate your preferred dates. Contact Randy M. (randymiller107@comcast.net) with questions!

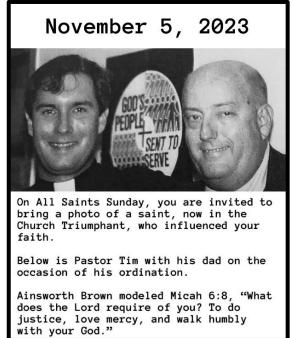




Is there anyone you would like to include in next Sunday's All Saints remembrance? Please write

their names in the black book on the podium in the narthex. Please also include their birth date and death date. If you don't have all the information or forget to write in the book, you can email Anne through Monday, October 30.

<u>ALSO</u>, please bring in a picture(s) of anyone who has died and has had an influence on your spiritual life. Pictures will be displayed by the sanctuary windows next Sunday.





The Joyful Noise offering this month will go to the CROP Walk. Even though the Walk was last Sunday, you can still give to Team Zion online: <u>https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/zion-lutheran-</u> church-landisville

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

In anticipation of the proposed 2024 church budget and the annual congregational meeting (on November 19), the Stewardship Team shares an update about Zion's *VITALization*!

SHARING OUR TREASURES

In his Stewardship *VITALization* Temple Talk on Sunday, October 15, Al Ramer referenced the condensed financial report that will be in the bulletin and e-newsletter each month. This report is a condensed version of the financial report that is presented at the monthly finance team and council meetings. It consolidates and reduces the expense categories to five, making it easier to read and understand. The report shows the amount that was spent on *what* (the expenses), and *how much* the congregation contributed to cover these expenses (the income). In other words, the report shows how contributions were used to support Zion's work through the mission and the ministries that express our love for God and our neighbors near and far. The first of these condensed financial reports is the September report provided at the end of this update.

THANK YOU to all who have generously shared their financial resources with Zion! God has so abundantly blessed us all and Zion is grateful for your blessings to the church. Your gifts make the Zion "experience" possible *within* our church family and *beyond* to the community and world around us.

HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED

Salaries & Benefits: Your gifts support our church staff! Your pastor provides spiritual pastoral leadership through word and sacrament. Administrative leadership provides vital communication, office maintenance, and organizational coordination. All of these aspects of church operation facilitate the smooth functioning of the many parts of the life of the congregation. Music leadership enhances and enriches our worship services through voice, instruments, and special concerts. The sextons keep Zion's facilities and property clean and well-maintained.

Administration: Your gifts cover the costs related to technology, equipment, and supplies used to operate the office and the services it provides.

Property: Your gifts pay to heat, light, insure, repair, and maintain Zion's building and property to ensure its integrity, safety, and longevity.

Stewardship to the Synod & Other Benevolence: In addition to expressing God's love by sharing your generous gifts directly with the many organizations listed on the narthex bulletin board, Zion also contributes gifts to the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Our relationship with the Synod ensures us with resources, and ministry and consultation services to complement what we do. The Synod also uses these gifts for various

ministries locally, as well as other humanitarian and relief causes in the United States and throughout the world.

Worship & Music, Ministry Teams, & Other: This category covers all other areas of expense that your gifts support. Some of these areas are related to the worship service including music supplies and adornments, as well as to the ministry teams and activities that contribute to ministry and mission of the church.

LOOKING AT THE PRESENT AND INTO THE FUTURE

As you can see, the condensed budget reflects year-to-date expenses through the end of September and that they exceed our income by \$88,317. Based on the trends through this year and from previous years, the finance team's projection at this point is that our expenses will exceed our income by approximately \$30,000 by the end of December.

Fortunately, we are blessed with carry-over cash from previous years (including last year), earnings from our endowment, and remaining funds from the very generous Betty Lou Hoffman bequest. In addition, we can take some solace in knowing that historically our giving typically increases during the last quarter of the year. We prayerfully trust that will be the case again this year. All of these factors will, as they have in past years, reduce the shortfall at the end of the year.

On October 20, Zion's proposed operating budget for 2024 will be provided to members of the congregation. It will be emailed and paper copies will be available at the church. An information session of the budget will be held at the end of the service on Sunday, November 5. This will be a time to review the proposed budget and to ask questions about it. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19 when a vote will be taken to approve it.

Please give thoughtful and prayerful consideration on how <u>you</u> will respond to God's bountiful blessings in <u>your</u> life when deciding how—and how much—to continue sharing those gifts to support His work at Zion now and in the future!



CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

	September 2023	
Expenses	<u>Month \$</u>	<u>Year-to-Date \$</u>
Salaries & Benefits	14,895	138,980
Administration (Office Related Equip & Supplies)	1,450	15,385
Property	4,198	93,645
Stewardshp: Synod & Other Benevolence	1,917	18,103
Worship & Music, Other Ministry Teams	2,015	9,695
Total Expenses	24,475	275,808
Income		
Offerings & Special Giving	15,208	187,491
Total Income	15,208	187,491
Difference: Income Greater (Less) Than Exp	(9,267)	(88,317)





IN CASE YOU MISSED AL RAMER'S TEMPLE TALK ABOUT TREASURE VITALIZATON ON OCTOBER 15, THIS IS WHAT HE SHARED:

Treasure VITALization Initiative Temple Talk

When I addressed you in August to introduce the Treasure VITALization Initiative, I mentioned that Dave Wise has been working with the finance team to provide a condensed year-to-date financial report. It is included in the bulletin. Our plan is to provide one each month as we move forward. My thanks to Dave and the financial team for all their time in developing the condensed financial report.

Based on the giving during the last quarter of 2022 and projecting to this year, we will fall short of the anticipated expenses by around \$30,000. Offerings have normally been less than expenses. Fortunately, we are blessed with carry-over cash from previous years, earnings from our endowment, and remaining funds from the Betty Lou Hoffman bequest. Considering our available funds for this year, we are in good shape financially. We will meet our expenses as we move forward to 2024.

But think of the difference we could make in serving the greater community if our future offerings met or exceeded our expenses. In that case, we could use the endowment earnings, cash in the bank, and Hoffman funds to expand our ministry.

We are all familiar with how Christ took two fish and five loaves to feed thousands. If we think of our giving in terms of "fish and loaves", each of us giving additional fish or loaves each month means that we could meet or exceed our yearly expenses. Fish and loaves come in all sizes so our giving can and should be different for each of us. If we met our expenses with our offerings and used the other available funds to increase our donations to the fourteen organizations to which we donated this year. This would increase our evangelism efforts to bring new members to the congregation. Think of the differences we could make!

Christ fed thousands with a small offering. Think of what could happen with our extra offerings. Please read and study "Sharing Our Treasures" (above) and look at the bulletin board by the front entrance of the church. The illustration there shows that all of our blessings are gifts from God. Christ multiplied a small offering, and we can trust that our gifts will also be multiplied when we offer our treasure back in God-pleasing ways.



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



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Registration is \$15/person (4 & under free).

FALL CAMPFIRE @ THE WITTEL FARM October 29 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join us around the campfire circle for songs, stories, and s'mores!



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania Annual Quilt Auction Sunday, November 5, 2023

> TO BE HELD AT CAMP NAWAKWA 1033 NAWAKWA ROAD, BIGLERVILLE, PA 17307

> > 2:00 - Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items

3:00 - Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

All proceeds from the day benefit the Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come!

Please register for the in-person event by November 1. This is a free event, and includes an evening meal.



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FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

BID ONLINE THE WEEK BEFORE!



NEXT SUNDAY!

> Preview Quilts & Items and Bid Online at LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 5:30pm – 8:00pm

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Location: Highland Taps and Tables 925 Westminster Ave, Hanover, PA 17331

> All profits going to Camp Nawakwa of the Lutheran Camping Corporation

\$25.00 per person (includes food, dessert and a free drink voucher)

Register online at lutherancamping.org or use the QR code.

THE CHURCH OF GOD OF LANDISVILLE **IS HOSTING A** umn ing JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF **SINGING PRAISES TO GOD!** We will be taking hymn requests and we will be accompanied by a pipe organ! OME NOVEMBER 2 | 7 PM - 8PM **IN THE SANCTUARY** 171 Church Street, Landisville can me THIS ne **COMING THURSDAY!** www.landisville.church

PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING

Dolly Overly 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 Tom Miller 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) 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

27th – Suzanne Reed 28th – Marv Hoover 30th – Kristen Sperry 31st – Dave Wise) 1st – Ty Myers, Mary Zimmerman 3rd – Joe Adams, Melissa Grube, Rae Miller, Kevin Smeltz 4th – Pat Brady, Megan Fry (Lanis

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers Pastor Guest Preacher Music Director Parish Administrator Worship Technology Assistant Lay Ministry Assistant Council President Council Vice President Sextons Members of the Congregation Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown Rev. Richard Jorgensen 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 Livestream & Recorded Link Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor) Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)

Morning Bible Study Church Office Pastor Parish Administrator Council President Office Email Pastor Email Council President Email Music Director Email Website Facebook Church Address Office Address

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. http://bit.ly/Zion_Live Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 [No Zoom this Sunday, 11/5, 11/19] Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. 717-898-2911 717-332-4216 717-945-4585 717-342-3796 adminzelc@comcast.net zion1517pastor@gmail.com krpkc@aol.com zionlandisvillemusic@gmail.com www.zionhempfield.net Zion Lutheran Hempfield 85 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538 75 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538