

# ZION NEWS

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**Zion Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**

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

The Ministers of Zion: Every member of the congregation

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## From the Director of CYFM:

### ***Ministry Challenge of Value Versus Effort; Can We Create and Sustain a 'New Kind of Ministry'?***

Have you ever passed up a penny on the sidewalk? Maybe if it's a "heads" you'll pick it up for luck. If a friend of mine sees a penny on the sidewalk lying "tails" up, he has a habit of stooping and turning it over so that the next person who comes along will be thrilled to find a "heads." He's not superstitious that way but he knows some people are and that's just the kind of guy he is.

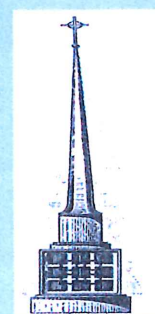
But even for my friend a penny is not worth the effort to pick it up, not worth the pocket space for storage. A penny just doesn't pass the "value vs. effort" test for most of us.

Churches have to think about the spiritual value of any program or outreach effort to decide if the value of relationship building or the value of service to the community justifies the resources expended to make it happen. Sometimes you can fudge a little on the side of effort even if the resulting value gained from the experience isn't clear or may be realized later. But any armchair economist can tell you that if energy expended is not generally less than or at least equal to the value gained, the program or the volunteers involved will eventually come to a grinding halt. You leave the penny on the ground. It's just common sense.

As Zion's CYFM director, I see the value of doing 'good,' effective ministry with and for young people. Reaching outside of a comfort zone, doing ministry outside of our church walls, or just trying something 'new' can not only make us feel

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## ♦ From the Director of CYFM *(Cont'd from pg. 1)*

uncomfortable, but actually cause us to be 'too comfortable' in 'the way we've always done things.' This comfort took years to attain, took many dollars out of many checking accounts over many, many years to reach a certain level of being comfortable with what 'we did' and what we 'talk about doing.' Kids'Club is a ministry that started out as an idea. It blossomed into a real and tangible program as soon as it (the idea) was encouraged and supported by others. It took off like a rocket. However, without goals and objectives to guide it to a level of sustainability, it ran out of fuel and gently parachuted back to earth. Notice that I did not use the verb 'crashed.' Kids'Club ministry is a program that many congregations do not have. This makes Zion unique.

Can we take this ministry to the next level? Can we offer a top notch, self-sustaining ministry to children in the Landisville/Salunga area? Can we truly meet the needs of families who struggle with hunger, poverty and homelessness on a daily basis? Can we effectively reach the unchurched or under churchd children and their families for Christ? What is the 'value' vs. 'effort' outcome for this and other ministries of our congregation going to be? Kids'Club is more than a monthly meeting for kids to eat, play and hang out. This program is more than asking a few people each month to give a little bit of their time to babysit

children. Kids'Club is a ministry of this congregation. It fosters building new relationships with all walks of people through story, music, conversation and meal. It allows 75 minutes a month of respite for children and their families from a world filled with uncertainties. Can we 'refuel' this rocket and propel it to new heights? Can we form a strong outreach team of Christian youth and adults to wisely use their talents and gifts to 'go out into the world' making Disciples of Christ? It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a congregation to open their arms wide and receive those who are searching for love, compassion, hope and grace. Perhaps that church on the corner of Brandt Blvd is a beacon for those searching, wondering and wandering. Or, are we still searching, wondering and wandering about, waiting for the next 'big thing' to happen?

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## Christmas Gift Ideas Needed?

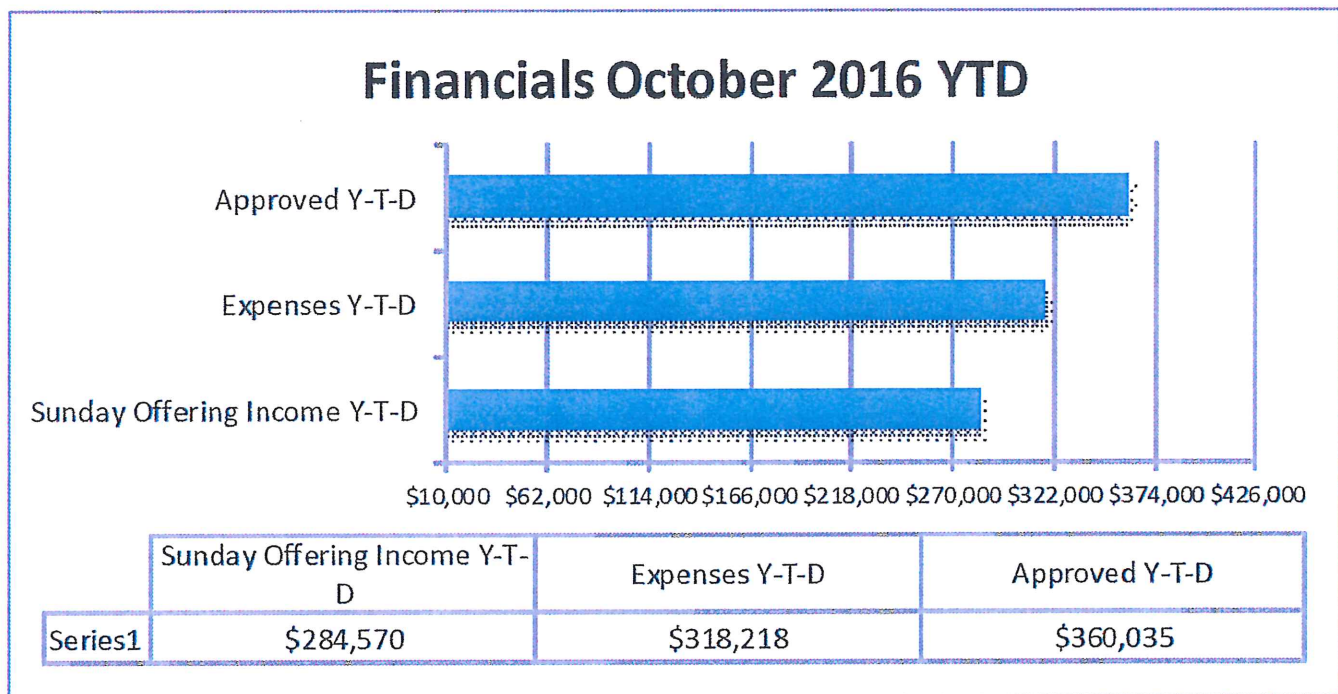
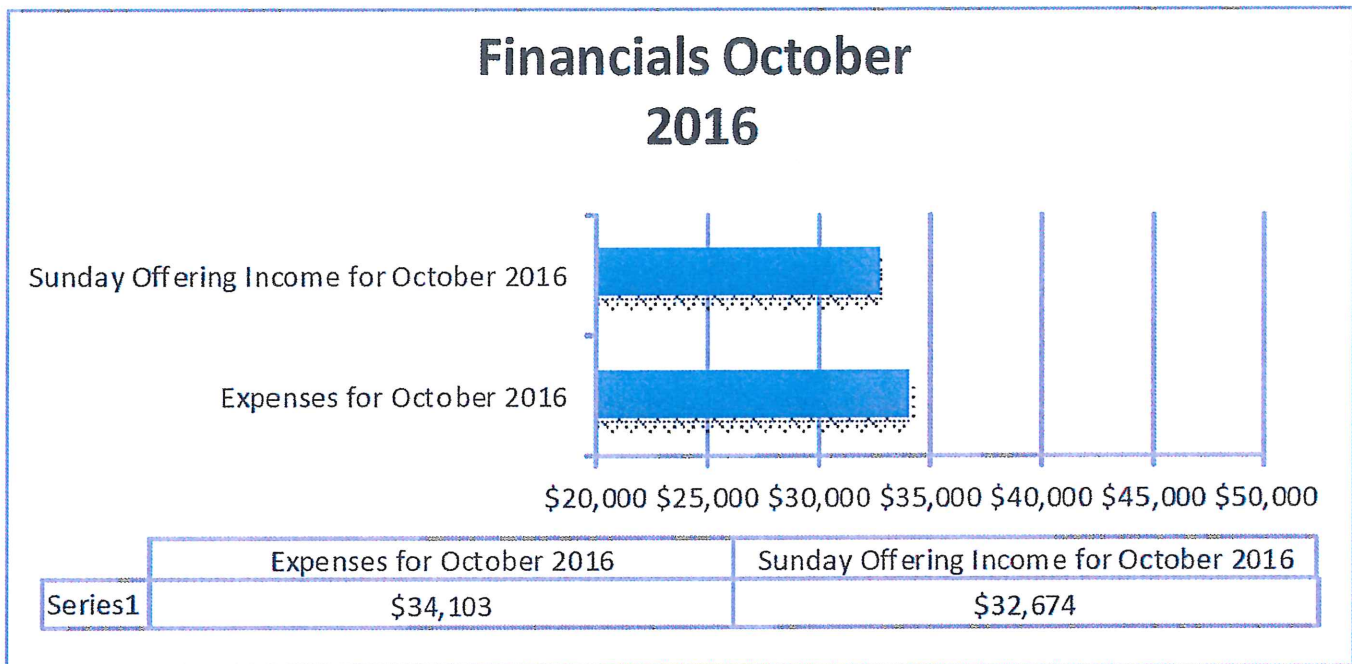
For that person on your Christmas gift list who has everything, consider giving something unique this year.

Check out ELCA Good Gifts at

<https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts> for great gift ideas.

There's also a paper copy of the Good Gifts catalog available on the table by the mailboxes. Items gifted through ELCA Good Gifts provide food security, vocational skills, and financial income for people in need all over the world. These are gifts that keep on giving!

## ♦ Financial Figures (October)



\* In October, we received an additional \$1,144 from other sources, making our total income \$33,818.

\*In 2016, we have received an additional \$44,412 (including \$10,000 from the endowment), making our total YTD income \$328,982.

# **Stewardship 101**

## ***Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love***

By Rob Blezard

*By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*-Luke 1:78,79*

Advent is the time of waiting, but what are we usually waiting for? For presents? Parties? Santa Claus? Winter vacation from school? Travel to Grandma's house? Dinner with family? The after-Christmas sales?

The answer is yes, and no.

It's "yes" because that's what our culture tells us Advent and Christmas is really all about.

It's "no" because we are Christians first, and consumers second. We wait for Jesus.

The answer is yes and no because we are always pulled in these two directions. We are simultaneously Americans and Christians, just as we are simultaneously sinner and saint.

How sad that the energy and frenzy of consumerism has all but swallowed Advent, an ancient season that used to be celebrated with quietness and prayer as Christmas approached. The idea wasn't merely to wait for the birth of Jesus, but to prepare our hearts and minds through prayer and spiritual discipline.

How distressing that Christians have allowed our culture to refocus Advent into a season

primarily of buying and selling. We have taken our Lord's holiday and turned it into a marketplace. But scripture and spiritual disciplines help refocus us on what's really important.

The above passage from Luke 1 captures the essence of Advent. Read it again. But read it slowly, as you would savor a fine chocolate with complex sweetness and luxurious texture. Go ahead. What new meanings do you discern?

You need only watch the news to know that we are, indeed, a people who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. We need the light of the dawn from on high to break upon us. We need to be guided in the way of peace.

The four weeks of Advent help bring us into the proper spirit for "the dawn from on high" that will "give light to those who sit in darkness. Advent worship is rich in symbolism.

- The paraments (cloths) that adorn the altar are deep blue, the color of the sky before dawn, when it is no longer night but not quite morning.
- With its five candles, the Advent wreath provides a visual representation of the gathering dawn. We light one candle the first week of Advent, two the second week, three the third, and four the fourth. At Christmas we light all five because the dawn of Christ has come.

Each candle and each week of Advent has a theme. Each expresses the gifts of God we have in the miracle of Christmas: Hope, Peace, Joy. Love.

Now that's worth waiting for!

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## ♦ Advent Worship Series

### Advent Worship Series “From Heaven Above”

As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches, let Martin Luther’s beloved hymn “From Heaven Above” speak to you in our special Advent worship series.

Each service in the 4-part series focuses on the divine gifts that come down to us through the birth of Jesus.

### The 4 Sundays of Advent will focus on these gifts:

**Nov. 27: *The Gift of Hope***, based on Matthew 12:15-21, looks at how the people of Israel waited in hope for the promised Messiah, and how we now wait in hope for his return on the Last Day.

**Dec. 4: *The Gift of Love***, based on John 3:13-17, looks at how the steadfast love of God is revealed in the gift of his Son and how we, as the redeemed people of God, have the privilege of sharing his love with others.

**Dec. 11: *The Gift of Peace***, based on John 14:25-27, reminds us that we have peace with God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that we are now ambassadors of that peace to all the world.

**Dec. 18: *The Gift of Life***, based on John 1:1-5, invigorates us with the message that we have been given a life of faith here on earth in Christ’s name and eternal life in heaven with him through his precious birth among us.

On **Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, our worship services will focus on *The Gift of Joy* as we hear the story of Jesus’ birth from Luke 2: 1-20. Together, we will contemplate on the message of the angel to the shepherds, “I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people”, and learn how we can be witnesses of good news bringing joy in a world of darkness and pain.

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### Bring a Bell to Worship on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Join in the celebration of Jesus’ birthday by bringing a bell to ring when we sing “Joy to the World” on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you have multiple bells, please bring a couple extra to share with other worshippers. Together, we will make a joyful noise in praise of the One who came from heaven above to bring life, forgiveness and salvation to the world!



## ♦ Advent Bible Study, Seed Money, WOZ

### Advent Bible Study Begins November 30<sup>th</sup>

Join us each Wednesday in Advent for a study following the scriptural themes of our Advent Worship Series, "From Heaven Above."

As we read and discuss the scriptures together, we will discover anew the incredible message of God's gift in Jesus Christ for us and for the world.

Each Wednesday session of the study will be offered at both 9 AM and 7 PM. A limited number of participant study books is available for \$5



### NEED MONEY FOR A MINISTRY TEAM PROJECT?

***Thrivent Financial has money you can use!!***

Consider tapping into seed money from Thrivent Financial!

If your ministry team would like to finance a project, consider getting some financial help from Thrivent in this capacity.

The Stephen Ministry team provided two sessions for the church and community focusing on resources for life issues; they plan on having more in the spring. These opportunities were made possible due to seed money from Thrivent Financial.

If you would like more information on how Thrivent can help support your ministry, there are "action cards" by the basket across from the coffee table. You can also contact one of the Stephen Ministry Team members (PJ, Judy Traup, or Linda Bear).

## Women of Zion submitted by Millie Gundel

***Join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to serve others!***

***Yarn Ministry*** — Sundays, December 4 & 18; January 1 & 15 in the Parlor

***Comforter Ministry*** — Mondays, December 5 & January 2 in the Social Room

***Fleece Comforter Update*** — 5 more red and black knotted comforters were completed and given to the Hempfield School District to be distributed to homeless students. These blankets provide warmth and comfort to those students who have so little.

**Christmas Gift Bags for Food Pantry Children** — Thank you to everyone who donated items or money for items to be included in the gift bags! We will be filling the bags on Saturday, December 3 at 9 AM in the Social Room. If you would like to help fill them, please contact Millie (898-2313) ...or just show up! :)





## ♦ Christmas Poinsettias

### CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS

Sponsors are needed for poinsettias, door wreaths, candles, and other decorations that will be used around the church for Christmas Eve Services.

Sponsorships are \$10 and may be in honor or memory of someone.

Please complete the form below and return to the church office by  
Sunday, December 11.

*I wish to help sponsor decorations for Christmas Eve.*

*Enclosed is* \_\_\_\_\_

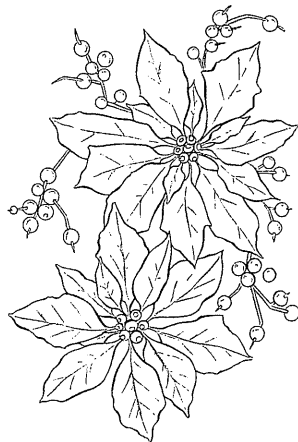
*In honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

*In memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Sponsor* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church and place in mail basket in the Narthex or mail to 85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA 17538.*

*We ask that you please take your decorations after the services on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Any remaining decorations after the 27<sup>th</sup> will be handed out to the Food Pantry clients.*



## ♦ Kids' Club & ZYM Schedules, Photo Directory



5:30: Dinner for the entire family  
6-7 PM: Activities for kids  
[preschool-5th grade]

*Invite your friends and neighborhood kids!*

December 7 ("God's Peace/Advent")  
January 4 ("The Disciples")



### DECEMBER

2-4: ZYM Retreat  
11: H2H (6-8)  
18: ZYM Christmas Party  
28: ZYM Past & Present Olive  
Garden Dinner

### JANUARY 2017

6-8: WinterFest (Grades 9-12)

Be a part of our upcoming  
photography event.

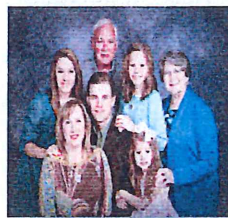
**Be yourself.** Classic,  
casual, musical, sporty,  
fun— it's up to you!

**Make it special.** Bring  
meaningful items and  
special people too! (like mom)

**Share your story** with  
family and friends. Portraits  
make great gifts.



Each family receives a  
complimentary 8x10 and a  
free directory for participating!  
You will have the opportunity to  
purchase additional portraits for  
yourself, family and friends.



## ***IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY!***

If you haven't signed up yet,  
there are times available on  
**Mon., Jan. 16th &  
Tues., Jan. 17th  
from 1-8 PM.**

Sign up on Sunday mornings in  
the Narthex or online at  
[https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/  
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index.php?page=10](https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/zionevangelicallutheranchurch6/index.php?page=10)





## ♦ Zion's Partnerships

### *Do you know?*

There are three local, ecumenical organizations in which Zion holds partnership status: The Lancaster County Council of Churches, The Parish Resource Center, and The Samaritan Counseling Center. All three of these ministry organizations are part of the cooperative ministry and sharing of resources that help us be more effective in our congregational ministry. As a "partner congregation" in these organizations, we provide an annual financial contribution to each based on the size of Zion's active membership.

*Why are these connections in our community so important?* Here's a brief synopsis of what each of these organizations provides to enrich and extend our congregation's mission and ministries.

#### The Lancaster County Council of Churches

- + Cooperative outreach to the Lancaster community and beyond supported by partner congregations and businesses in the Lancaster County area
- + Coordinates daily community meals for persons/families in need that are held in various churches in Lancaster City. These meals are provided by various congregations and organizations and served by volunteers from those groups. (We provided and served a meal downtown at Christ Lutheran Church many years.)
- + Food Hub extends our Food Pantry ministry beyond the Hempfield area by providing fresh and healthy food to over 100 families on a daily basis.
- + Clothing Bank distributes clothing to thousands of men, women and children each year, who come in and make their own selections. Some of the donations to the Community Aid box at our Cooper Ave. go to the LCCC Clothing Bank.
- + Provides "Wheels to Work" for city folk without access to transportation.
- + Provides the Winter Shelter in cooperation with the YWCA, an emergency cold weather shelter for

women and children that is staffed, in part, by volunteers from partner churches and other organization.

- +Organizes the annual CROP Hunger Walk. A portion of the donations raised by those who walk return to assist hunger ministries in the Lancaster area.

#### The Parish Resource Center

- +Serves as a hub for church leaders and members to exchange ideas, learn new skills, and seek guidance, support, and encouragement.
- + Provides a lending library of resources for congregation ministries such as the DVDs of biblical study programs used in our "Bible Scholars" Class on Sunday mornings, Christian Education programming, and books of patterns and ideas for church banners.
- +Holds leadership and ministry seminars for clergy and congregation leaders.

#### The Samaritan Counseling Center

- +Provides clergy and congregational care and support through mentoring groups, educational programs and seminars for church leaders.
- +Offers discounts on counseling sessions for members of partner congregations, including pre-marital, relationship, and individual counseling.
- +Offers consultation services for both congregational and business health and growth.
- +Through the Safe Church program, provides training and support for congregations striving to meet and maintain the necessary requirements for child safety. Zion took part in this process during 2014-2015.
- + Provides voluntary mental health screening and assessment for students or area schools.

*If you would like any further information about these partner organizations, contact Pastor JMe or Parish Administrator, Anne Rankin..*

## ♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In October, the pantry served 167 families which included 227 children, 374 adults, and 86 seniors for a total of 687 people served.

During the month of October Zion members donated 176 pounds of food. In addition, 69 pounds of frozen food items donated from John Hinkle. Thank you for your weekly food donations and your continued financial contributions to the pantry. Monetary contributions allow the pantry to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg at greatly reduced prices per pound which include meats, eggs, dairy products and other food items not donated through food collections. Financial contributions also allow the pantry to purchase food items on sale at local food stores and to purchase supplies for the pantry. **The pantry purchased chickens and turkeys to give to our families for the Thanksgiving holiday.**



During the month of October....**Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,587 pounds** of fresh produce to the pantry; **Target in Lititz donated 2,174 pounds** of fresh produce and 121 pounds of bakery items; **Weis Markets in Columbia donated 875 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 260 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **S. Clyde Weaver donated 289 pounds** of bread and bakery items; **Forry's 102 pounds** of produce; **Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz contributed 212 pounds** of bakery items; **Giant of Mount Joy donated 376 pounds** of bakery items. **The pantry purchased 234 pounds of food items** through local grocery stores; **5,731 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank**; and **received 1,656 pounds of free food items** from Community Action Program in Lancaster. **Sixty eight volunteers gave 645 hours during the month of October.**

Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give to serving them with a true servant's heart and a smile! We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! The pantry continues to operate with a full non-paid staff. Eighteen churches in the Hempfield area support the pantry with food, finances and volunteers. In addition, the local boy scouts and girls scouts, Hempfield School District students and staff, Hempfield Woman's Club, Rotary Club, postal employees, Union National Bank Salunga, Village Grande Community, Willow Valley Retirement Community, many individuals and businesses all join the "fight against hunger" in the Hempfield area. **During this holiday season, many businesses, boy scouts, Hempfield High School Student Council, and individuals contribute food items to the pantry.**

Zion can be very proud to provide the space for this outreach mission to our families in the Hempfield School District who need help in providing food for their families. YOU are welcome **to visit the community pantry located here at Zion on our "open" days (Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM) to witness God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action! Thank you!**

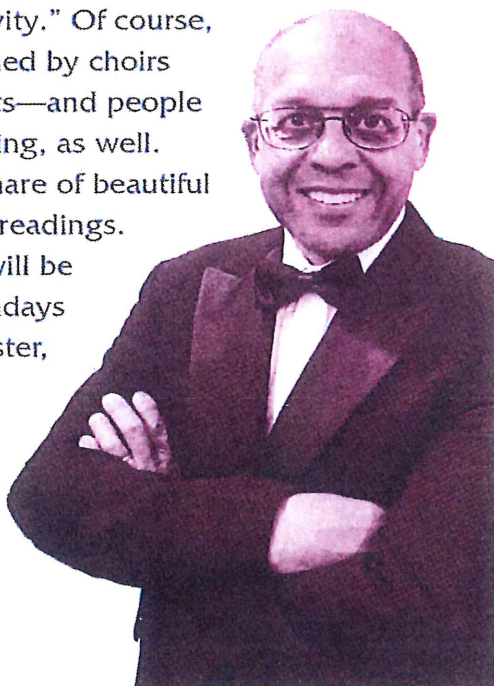


## ♦ Lessons & Carols for Lent, Advent Day Apart

Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.

### LESSONS AND CAROLS for Lent

**LENT'S SETTING OF LESSONS AND CAROLS IS A NEW SERVICE THIS YEAR, BUT IT BRINGS BACK A FAMILIAR FACE.** Richard Ford, baritone, has sung at Good Shepherd several times and has won people over with his gorgeous voice as well as his infectious enthusiasm. He loves to sing, and he will be singing the spirituals he loves, including "Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain," "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," and "Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child." Richard is based in New Haven, CT, and lists among his accomplishments the lead role in "Black Nativity." Of course, Richard will be joined by choirs and instrumentalists—and people will be invited to sing, as well. Lent has its own share of beautiful music and familiar readings. Not all the music will be somber! Lent's Sundays look forward to Easter, after all. Besides, how could we end an event without having some terrific food when it's over?



Fine Arts Series at Lutheran Church of  
the Good Shepherd  
For more info: 717-393-3958  
[www.eLCGS.org](http://www.eLCGS.org)



### Advent Day Apart: Saturday, December 10 @ The Wittel Farm

We don't like to wait for anything,  
and especially for Christmas!  
With all its secular attraction, this  
holiday is often a focus on over-  
indulgence, and too often neglected  
is the best gift of all ... one worth  
our waiting.

You are invited to The Wittel Farm  
for a day apart from the busyness  
of life for prayer and contemplation  
as we journey toward the celebra-  
tion of Christmas.

Registration Fee (includes lunch):  
\$15

***Call to register or go online***  
***677-8211***  
***[lutherancampng.org](http://lutherancampng.org)***

***Looking ahead to January...***  
***January 22: Winter Fun Day at***  
***Kirchenwald***  
***January 22: Chicken & Waffles***  
***at Nawakwa***

## Pathways Center for Grief & Loss Grief Support Series

*Grief support groups are held on Thursday evenings starting with a light supper at 6 PM. From 6:30-7:30 PM children and teens meet in age-specific groups while the parents/guardians gather separately to learn how to support grieving children.*

*These sessions are for anyone who has lost a loved one as a result of illness or from a sudden, unexpected death.*

*All groups are facilitated by master's level grief counselors and trained volunteers. We focus on helping children identify and express their feelings as they share experiences about the death of their loved one. Groups enhance family communication and expand the personal skills needed to cope with, and adjust to, the intense feelings and challenges that accompany loss and grief.*

Prior to enrolling in a series, families attend an assessment to ensure that the support groups will be helpful.

### Upcoming Dates

**Thursdays,  
Jan. 12 - March 2, 2017  
Registration Deadline:  
Dec. 30, 2016**

**Thursdays,  
March 16 - April 27, 2017  
Registration Deadline:  
March 3, 2017  
Call 717-391-2413**



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Please join  
Hospice &  
Community  
Care for a  
Tree-Lighting  
Ceremony.

### **TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY In York**

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

(Snow date: Sunday, December 11)

5:00 p.m. .... Music

5:30 p.m. .... Tree-Lighting Ceremony

**Country Club of York**

**1400 Country Club Road, York**

For questions, please contact Patricia Cochrane at (717) 391-2456.

### **TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY In Lancaster**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

6:30 p.m. .... Music by The Auscultation Brass

7:00 p.m. .... Tree-Lighting Ceremony

**Hospice & Community Care**

**685 Good Drive, Lancaster**

Parking will be at Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute.  
Shuttle service will be provided. Handicapped parking  
available at the Hospice Center.



## ♦ Connecting With Others

THANK YOU....

**From Anita J. Hanna, Silent Samaritan & Director of Development**

*...Thank you for Zion's sponsorship of \$250 for the Silent Samaritan Luncheon which will be held on Nov. 28. Proceeds from the luncheon support the Silent Samaritan Fund of the Samaritan Counseling Center – women helping women. The funds raised are used to support the needs of women in our community who seek counseling services at the Center but are unable to afford the full fee for professional therapy. We appreciate your gift to the mission of women helping women.*

WITH APPRECIATION FROM BISHOP JAMES S. DUNLOP and the  
LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD STAFF ....

*...The week of November 14 we remembered your congregation in our synod's staff's prayers and on our synod-wide prayer list. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry and mission and thank you for your faithful witness. We appreciate you! May God bless and keep you this week and always.*

FROM OUR CHILD FUND DAUGHTER & FRIEND BRENDA ALIMO –

*.Hello Zion Lutheran Church,*

*I am Justine, brother to Brenda, and am happy to write to you on behalf of Brenda who has gone back to school for her term three studies. Our health is good and I believe that you are all doing well in health too.*

*Thank you for writing to Brenda. You really love her; [please] pass our lovely greetings to all the church people. God bless you all.*

*Brenda was also happy for the gift she received from you. We wish you all a healthy year 2016 and may God bless you. Love to you from the family of your happy child.*

SYMPATHY....

*...to the family of Sue Wise on the death of her cousin, Jeffrey Slike.*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pastor Me

Jeff Hanna

Ronnie

Brian Bourassa

Anne Rankin

David C. Allen  
Tom Miller

## ♦ December Celebrations



1	Amelia Goliheew	13	Ninal Laliberte	25	Mary Gerlach
2	Heather Gronholm	13	Donna Keith	25	Dave Wauls
2	Kaylee Thompson	13	Sarah Thompson	26	Alexander Groff
4	Tracie Andrew	14	Christian Benedict	27	Connor Donnan
4	Bryce Burfete	15	Nathan Bear	28	Judy Brady
4	Finn Gunzenhauser	15	Kaylyn Ringso	28	Deb Grube
6	Joseph Gorlaski	15	Ted Symonds	28	Floyd Weidler*
6	Jaden Myers	17	Travis Jackson	29	Steve Haun
7	Bradley Green	18	Nate Deibler	30	Arianna Jackson
8	Ron Crawford	18	Diane Ramer	30	Joan Mays
10	Tracy Ingersoll	18	Nancy Smith	<i>*90+ years old</i>	
10	Philip Smeltz	20	Cameron Reed		
11	Bill Flood	20	Brenda Stover		
11	Brad Ingersoll	21	Todd Reed		
12	Melodie Dearolf	21	Kathryn Unger		
		23	Linda Bear		
		23	Don Wierschke		
		24	Holly Hoover		
		24	Sue Wise		



### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Kevin Rickert	13	Joseph Hindes	23	Kara Barr
5	Mary Hetrick	13	Lois Peterson	23	Brett Houseal
9	Zachary Houseal	14	Ava Gronholm	24	Aarin Deibler
9	Deb Long	14	Soren Gronholm	25	Devin Leibley
10	Katie Donell	16	Hailee Small	28	Todd Benedict
10	Mary Jane Unger	17	Tracy Ingersoll	28	Doug Searle
11	Joan Hostetter	18	Sara Hoover	30	Emma Baumgardner
11	Erica Kearon	18	Sam Myers	30	Jaclyn Emerick
12	Amanda Grube	20	Carolyn Klinger	30	Pat Landis
12	Sue Hindes	22	Cathy Benedict		
		22	Marty Gerlach		
		22	Mary Gerlach		



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5 Rich & Angela Sieglitz (3rd)





## ♦ January Celebrations



1	Collin Donnan	7	Dianne Coons
1	Darlene Smeltz	9	Mallory Trupe
2	Melissa Ingersoll	11	Dave Klepper
3	Soren Gronholm	12	Meagan Bilbrough
3	Sarah Laliberte	12	Nathan Myers
3	Eric Searle	13	Julia Grove
5	Pam Gunzenhauser	15	Jason Shirk
5	Kelsey Pfautz	16	Adelyn Seyfried
6	Randy Miller	17	Al Ramer
6	Jordan Provanzo	19	Lisa Bernhard
		19	Dylan Gromen
		20	Glen Anderson
		20	Jayann Leibley
		20	Jessica Wise
		22	Emma Baumgardner
		22	Dolly Overly
		25	Anna Benedict

26	Jonathan Youssef
27	Millie Gundel



### HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Dave Albin	1	Steve Haun	5	Sarah McCullough
1	Al Alsedek	1	Phil Houseal	8	Matthew McCullough
1	Linda Bear	1	Joan Mays	10	Emma Golihef
1	Donna Dumeyer	1	Nancy Myers	21	Ty Myers
1	Bunny Emmons	1	Lisa Nelson	23	Justin Propst
1	Bill Flood	1	Donna Pfautz	23	Judy Traup
1	Barb Gerke	1	Kelsey Pfautz	26	Megan Landis
1	Diane Gerlach	1	Daniel Rainar	27	Pastor JMe
1	Gloria Grube	1	Catherine Reider	30	Pam Gunzenhauser
		1	Betty Stoner	31	Aimee Censier
		3	Burnell Hostetter		
		4	Allie Provanzo		

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5	Nathan & Danielle Myers (16th)
20	Bill & Julia Grove (55th)
20	Doug & Connie Grow (55th)
21	Jason & Monica Traup (25th)
24	D.J. & Debra Korn (31st)
28	Dave & Dottie Wauls (50th)



## **Church Staff**

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Brian Bourassa, Sexton (AM)  
Tom Miller, Sexton (PM)

## **Church Council**

### **(2016 Voting Members)**

John Hinkle, Pres.  
Doug Rhoads, VP (Personnel)  
Deb Overly (Social Outreach)  
Joel Janisewski (Faith Formation)  
Ed Blough (Worship & Music)  
Scott Hetrick (Property & Stewardship)  
Scott Crum (Parish Fellowship & Care)  
Anna Benedict (ZYM)

### **(Nonvoting Members)**

Ron Crawford, Financial Secretary  
Phil Houseal, Assistant Financial Secretary  
John Hay, Treasurer  
Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer  
Brenda Stover, Secretary

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Judy Traup, Care Ministry  
Melodie Dearolf, Social Outreach  
John Hay, Finance  
Dave Dumeyer, Personnel  
Jere Grube, Property  
Darrell Gerke, Stewardship  
Tom Williams, Worship & Music  
Liz Crum, Parish Fellowship  
Dolly Overly, Prayer Team

### **(2017 Voting Members)**

Joel Janisewski  
Ed Blough  
Scott Hetrick  
Mark Coons  
Adele King  
Dave Albin  
Scott Crum  
Christopher Chapman

## **Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff**

Amos & Mellie Geib, Managers  
David Bleil, Board President/Manager  
Diane Gerlach, Vice-President  
Roz Flannelly, Secretary  
Lisa Bernhard, Treasurer  
Diane Gerlach, Pantry Coordinator

*Our purpose is to complete the work assigned to us by our Lord Jesus, to spread the good news about the wonderful grace of God with the Holy Spirit's guidance, and to love all.*

*February Newsletter Deadline: January 13*

*Worship: 8 AM (Trad.) & 10:30 AM (Cont.)*

*Faith Formation For All Ages: 9:15 AM*

*Parish Admin. Office Hours: Mon. - Fri: 9AM - 2 PM*

*Office assistance when the office is closed: 945-4585 (Anne's cell)*

*Pastoral emergencies: 940-3602 (Pastor JMe's cell)*