

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 Pastor:

"Let there be light!" As we sang "Shine, Jesus, Shine" during worship recently, this phrase really shone out for me. These are the words God spoke as creation began:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

(Gen 1:1-4 NRS)

Without light we wouldn't exist, for it was the first thing God created. Light is essential for our lives and for the lives of most living things. Light (or the lack of it) affects us physically, emotionally and spiritually. How many times have you stumbled in the darkness because you couldn't see what was in front of you? Why do children ask for a night light to be left on? Have you ever told someone to "lighten up" because he was getting too morose? Why does light therapy help those with depression?

During the season of Epiphany, we celebrate the gift of light as it has come into our lives through Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh. John's Gospel begins with a beautiful hymn about this light:

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♦ From the Pastor (Cont'd from pg. 1), Prayer Team

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
(Joh 1:1-5 NRS)

It is because of Jesus that we need never fear darkness of any kind. His love, forgiveness and hope shine to lighten every corner of our lives. When we are troubled, fearful, sad, lonely, in pain, or dealing with conflict in relationships—in all the dark times of our lives—Jesus is with us shining his light to give us courage

and strength. If it seems that the Lord is hidden by the darkness that seems to surround us, we merely need to remember to flip the switch of faith by reaching out in prayer. “Shine, Jesus, Shine!” may be words you can pray in these times, and “Let there be light!”

Because of our faith in Jesus, the light of the world (John 8:12), we are called to be his light for all we meet (Matt. 5:14-16), so that they may also give glory to God. How does Jesus’ light shine through you each day? In what ways could you give glory to God in and through your everyday life? How can we as a community of faith in Jesus better shine His light within our community this year? There is so much darkness in our world. Let there be light!

How Long Should You Pray?

There is nothing that dictates how much time you should spend praying, but there is lots of evidence to support the theory of more being better. The Apostle Paul felt that prayer should be unceasing. In the Book of Thessalonians, he exhorted the followers of Christ to “Pray constantly, and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do...” (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, devoted two hours of his day to prayer. Martin Luther did him one better and prayed for 3 hours a day.

More, however, isn't necessarily better. In fact, focusing on God for short periods of time is defi-

nately Superior to praying for hours while your mind is elsewhere. Given the choice, it's better to work with less rather than more, and do it right. Emphasize quality over quantity.

If you're new to prayer, keep it short and simple. Start with a few minutes a day. If you feel like extending your prayer time, by all means do so. But don't feel like you have to spend hours in prayer, or that you're letting God down if you can only manage five minutes a day. You won't have any gold stars if you go longer, or get demerits for brevity. On the other hand, the more time you spend talking to God, the more you'll get out of it. Let God's spirit lead you both into and out of your prayer time, and the amount of time you spend in prayer will be right and perfect.

♦ Lenten Emphasis

Luther's Small Catechism for All Ages

The year 2017 marks the international observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In honor of that anniversary, this year's midweek Lenten series is built around Luther's Small Catechism. The Small Catechism was designed as a teaching tool of the faith, not just within the church but in the home. Luther intended for the home to be the place where faith was first shared and taught. To that end he created the Small Catechism—a simple explanation of the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the sacraments. He included basic prayers for morning and evening, and suggested ways to worship, praise, and revere God during each part of our day.

Beginning on March 8th, we will be gathering in the Social Room for an evening of food, fun, crafts, learning, and worship. We'll start with a soup and bread supper at 5:30, followed by a time of table conversation and theme-based craft-making. The evening will close with worship.

The first week of this series sets the stage with the handing down of the Ten Commandments in Exodus.

The following weeks look at each major section of the Small Catechism in turn:

March 15: The Creed,
March 22: The Lord's Prayer,
March 29: Baptism
April 5: Holy Communion.

Each participant will receive his/her own copy of Luther's *Small Catechism*, and each evening there will be take-home items to enhance your experience at home.

Studying the Small Catechism offers a way of growing closer to God by thinking on God's word and the basics of our faith.

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ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

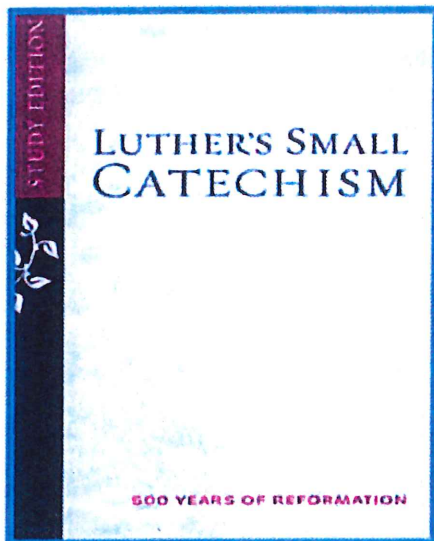
Luther's Small Catechism

Of all the things Martin Luther wrote, he is probably best known for two things: the hymn “A mighty fortress is our God” and the Small Catechism. Interestingly, Luther himself was ambivalent about the lasting value of most of his writings, with two exceptions—and one of them was this little pamphlet, the Small Catechism. And this from someone whose writings changed the whole landscape of the Western religious world.

Most of us know the Small Catechism well. Many spent hours memorizing it as teens. But how did it come to be, and what is it that makes it so helpful?

In 2017 we are observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation's start, when Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses. If that was the act of a passionate young man, a decade later he was facing the needs of the church he was reforming. If it was no longer enough just to go through the motions, following the lead of a Latin-rite priest, then what was at the heart of what people needed to know—and how were they to learn that? To meet that need, Luther the pastor and teacher created two catechisms—the Large (primarily intended for pastors) and the Small (for use in the home).

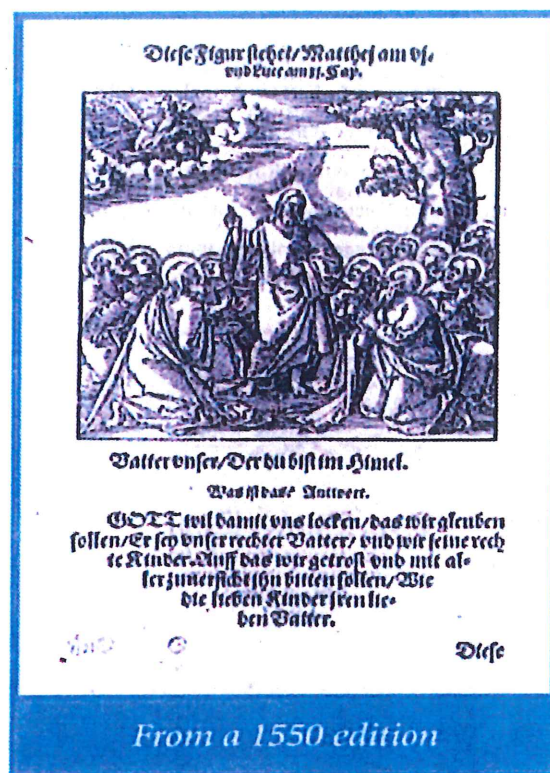
A catechism is a document that lays out the basic ideas of religion in a simple question-and-answer format. For the Small Catechism, Luther chose to open up some of the basics of Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments of Holy Baptism



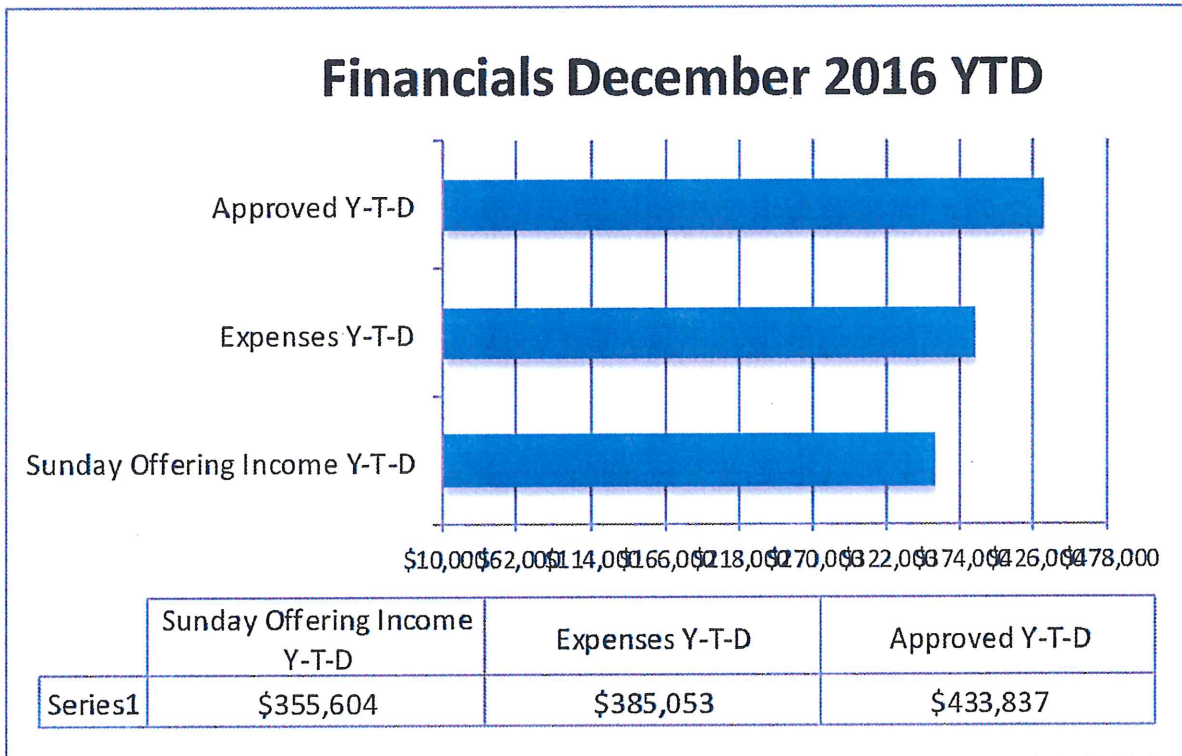
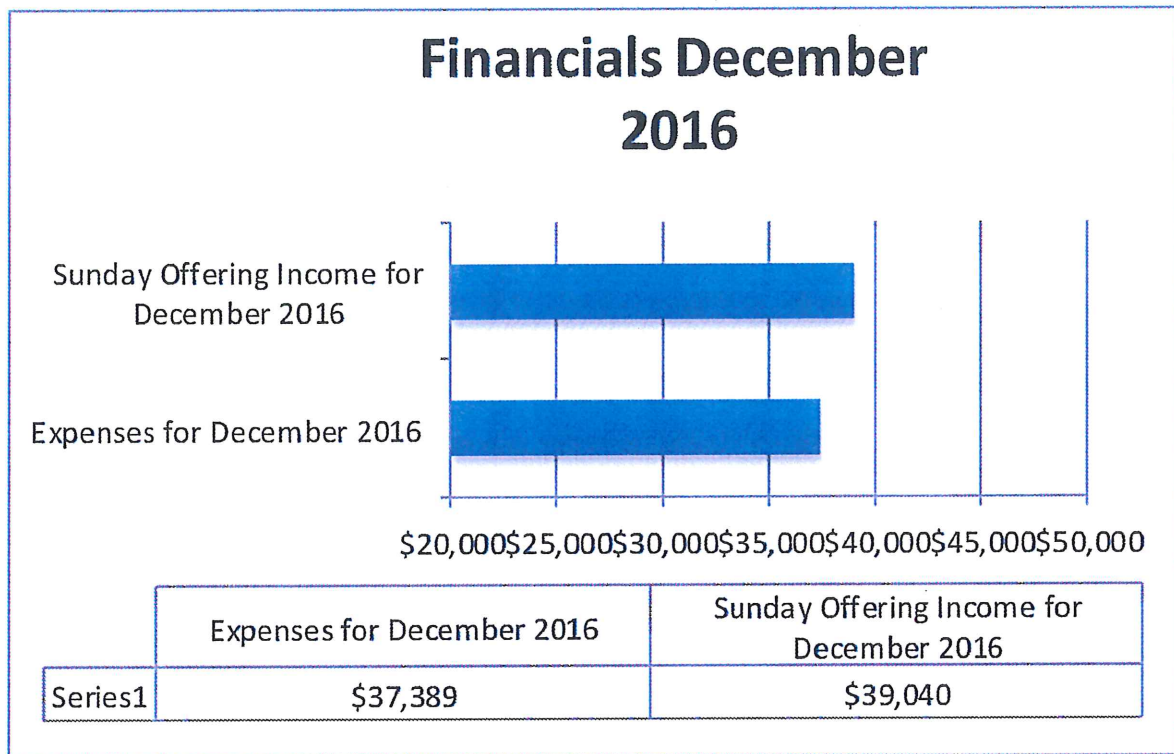
and Holy Communion, and the Office of the Keys and Confession. It's worth noticing that he based this teaching document on what already existed rather than starting from scratch and inventing a whole new system. Luther was committed to the church catholic.

His genius is shown in the way he opened up these statements of faith. The famous question in each case was, in German, "*Was ist das?*" In English, most of us know this as "What does this mean?" but a literal translation would be "What is *that*?" And then he proceeded to tell, in beautifully simple language, what each commandment, each part of the creed, each petition of the Lord's Prayer, tells us about God and about us as God's children. These explanations set out a God who is not the stern judge of Luther's own childhood, but a loving parent who offers us unconditional grace and only then invites us to live accordingly.

How profound was Luther's achievement in writing the Small Catechism? A mark of it can be seen in the simple fact that nearly five hundred years after its first publication in 1529, and after being translated into hundreds of languages, it is still one of the most effective tools for learning and teaching what the Christian faith is all about.



♦ Financial Figures (December)



* In December, we received an additional \$4,004 from other sources, making our total income \$43,044.

*In 2016, we have received an additional \$49,021 (including \$10,000 from the endowment), making our total YTD income \$404,625.

♦ Property Courtyard Project *Submitted by Darrell Gerke*

Background information

The ZYM room in the basement of the Social Room became unusable several years ago due to the mold in the damp environment. The Property Committee hired a contractor to remove the mold and installed two dehumidifiers to try to keep the basement dry.

It was discovered that one of the down spouts in the Parlor Courtyard was plugged with debris which was removed and during the summer of 2016 the basement remained dry and mold free.

The Property Committee listened to three proposals from contractors who specialize in basement water problems. The cost estimates ranged from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00. All three proposals only planned to remove water after it continued to get into the basement. None of the companies planned to try to prevent water from coming into the basement in the first place.

The Property Committee decided the cost was too great and continued to use the dehumidifiers to try to keep the basement dry.

Using my past experience at our own home of sloping the earth away from the basement walls which produced a dry basement, I formulated a plan to collect the rain water in the courtyard and route it out to the street using the present down spout drainage system. I presented my ideas to the Property Committee in October and on Oct. 17, 2016 I presented a formal plan to the Church Council. The Council approved an expenditure not to exceed \$1,600.00 for the project.

Goal of project: Capture rainwater in courtyard with a pond liner membrane and catch basin system to route the water to the existing down spout drainage system to prevent moisture from leaching down to the Social Room basement wall and causing mold and a moldy smell in the ZYM room.

Objectives: 1) Remove an old, unused fuel tank buried in the courtyard.

2) Slope the soil in the courtyard to a centrally located catch-basin to be tied into the present down spout system.

3) Cover the black pond liner with Tan and White river stone to improve the courtyard appearance.

Results of Objectives and Goal

Objective 1): The oil tank first appeared to be a small 275 gallon vertical tank. Upon attempting to remove the tank on Nov. 14, 2016 with an excavator, it soon became clear that the tank is a round 550 gallon tank which is too large to remove with the small excavator. A large crane at a very large expense would be needed to remove the large tank.

♦ Property Courtyard Project *(Cont'd from pg. 7)*

Plan B- The proper way to decommission a tank in-place is to open the top of the tank, drain any unused fuel and fill with stone. This was completed on Dec. 10, 2016 with 5 cubic yards of 2A stone.

Objective 2): On Dec. 15, 2016 the catch basin was installed and piping connected to the present down spout drainage system. On Dec. 31, 2016 2 cubic yards of 2A stone was used to slope the courtyard to the catch basin, the landscaping fabric was laid over the stone and then the pond liner was installed.

Objective 3): On Jan. 8 and 14, 2017 4 cubic yards of Tan and White river stone was used to cover the black pond liner. The entire project was completed on Jan. 14, 2017.

I would like to thank the following eleven members of Zion for working at one or more of the group work sessions: Christian, Evan and Todd Benedict, Ed Blough, Mark Coons, Steve Haun, Scott Hetrick, Jere Grube, Jesse Landis, Randy Miller, and Rodger Myers. They worked a total of 105 hours which helped to complete the project on time.

Jere Grube brought his garden tiller to church which was used to loosen the soil and then grade the soil in the courtyard; a crucial step to the overall project. Thank you, Jere!

A big, big thank you goes to **Rodger Myers** for his help in trucking all the stone with his truck that is equipped with a dump shoot which made it easy to load wheelbarrows to get the stone through the Parlor into the courtyard. Rodger also donated all the 2A stone which was used to fill the fuel oil tank and to slope the surface of the courtyard for proper drainage. Rodger's donations helped to complete the project on-time and under budget. (Two phrases that are good to describe any building project).

The actual cash outlay for this project was \$1,271.13 and adding in the donated items at a value of \$410.00 makes the true total value of this project \$1,681.13.

Goal

Courtyard rain water will now be collected and drained to the street at Brandt Blvd. It will take a full year to see if the new drainage system fulfills the goal of preventing a wet Social Room basement.

At a distance the courtyard now looks like a beach at the ocean so maybe the Property Committee should put in a few beach lounge chairs and play recorded sounds of the waves washing up on the beach so members can catch some rays and feel like they are on vacation at the shore.

♦ Community Meal

ZION COMMUNITY MEAL

Submitted by Linda Bear

Thursday, February 9th is our first regularly scheduled opportunity to serve our ham loaf and baked potatoes meal to our guests at Zion's community meal in 2017. All members are invited to participate in the fun. **The sign-up sheets will be ready and waiting for your signatures from Sunday, January 29 through Sunday, February 5, 2017.** Please use the sign-up sheets so we know who is available and willing to help and who to contact about the various duties!

It is understood that there were quite a few leftovers at the last meal we served on December 15. Please know that committee members are continuously striving to do our best to adjust food purchases and dessert requests to best meet the needs of our guests. Since there is no way we can know exactly how many guests will be present, we base our decisions on past history and the advice of experience. At times, we are right on the mark with our decisions, and other times, not so much!

While our goal is always to have as few leftovers as possible, sometimes there are some. According to the meal guidelines written by Joanne Grim and Randy Miller, it is stated that "leftover food may be given out to guests who request it." However, when there are leftovers that are not given out, we wrap and freeze the food to be used either at Kids' Club or at the next community meal. (According to information available on the internet, a fully decorated cake can be frozen from 2-4 months without affecting its quality or flavor.)

All who volunteer appreciate your continuous prayers and support. Likewise, know that your donations of desserts, time, and effort are always appreciated. Please contact Linda Bear (285-4854) or Connie Alsedek (492-4045) with any questions or concerns.



♦ **Stephen Ministry**

LIFE MATTERS SERIES

Sponsored by the Stephen Ministry of
Zion Lutheran Church
Landisville, PA

Presentation 3

"Necessary Conversations between Adult Children and their Aging Parents"

**Saturday, March 4, 2017
10:00-11:30 AM**

Presented by

Gerald W. Kaufman, MSW and L. Marlene Kaufman, MSW
Family Therapists and authors

Their presentation will offer suggestions for discussing finances,
medical care, driving, and living arrangements before
the crises hit.

In addition, their book will be available for purchase either be-
fore or after the presentation



♦ Children's Ministry/Global Barnyard Sunday

Since the beginning of our Sunday School year, our preschool through sixth grade Sunday School students have been bringing their offerings to support "**God's Global Barnyard**," a program sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. This program purchases *chicks, ducks, goats, sheep, cows, and pigs* to support families in need around the world. So far the

GOAT

Goats can adapt well to harsh climates, especially where it's tough to raise other animals. Fresh milk, which is great for children, can also be used to make cheese, yogurt and other dairy products to eat and sell. As goats multiply, families often share the offspring with neighbors in need, helping lift entire communities out of hunger and poverty.

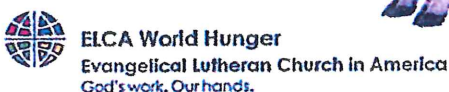


kids have collected approximately \$25.00 for this purpose. The students will continue their offerings throughout both the Winter and Spring sessions of 2017 when a final tally will be made, and the money will be donated to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in their names. Thank you to our families and children for their continued support.

On **Sunday, February 19**, at both services, the kids are asking you to help them! In place of the usual Joyful Noise offering, the Sunday School children will be collecting donations to add to their Global Barnyard Fund.

SHEEP

The warm and durable wool from sheep is especially valuable for a family living in poverty. Wool can be easily made into hats, sweaters, coats and blankets to keep family members warm and dry. These products – and even the wool itself – can be sold at the local market for extra income. Sheep's milk can also be used to make nutritious dairy products.



CHICKENS

When they are just months old chickens begin laying eggs, which make nutritious meals for families who are hungry. The many extra eggs are often enough to allow a family to start a small business by selling them for additional income.

COW

A cow has it all: milk, meat, fertilizer and calves, which can quickly strengthen a family's financial stability. Milk from a cow is packed with calcium and essential nutrients to help nourish a family, and the extra milk and dairy products can be sold at the local market for income. When a cow gives birth, a family can trade the calves for other necessities.



Following the Children's Chat, they will come around the congregation with "barn banks" to make the collection!

Please be generous! There will be plenty of room for paper money as well as change!

♦ SOUPER BOWL, WOZ

SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT!

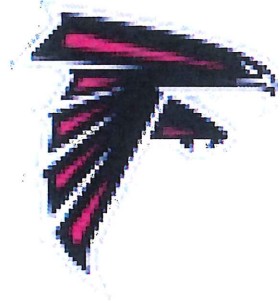
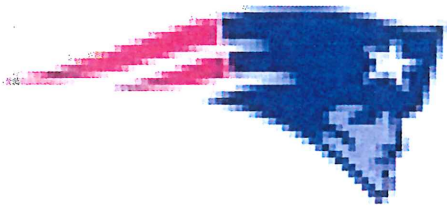
On February 5, come to worship wearing your Super Bowl team of choice apparel!

If you don't have any Patriots or Falcons gear, wear the colors!

Bring change to put in your team's soup bowl in the Narthex to show who you want to win the big game! You can also bring canned goods to donate!

All donations—canned and monetary—will go to the Hempfield Food Pantry. The bowl with the most donations will be deemed the team of choice by Zion to win the Super Bowl game later that evening!

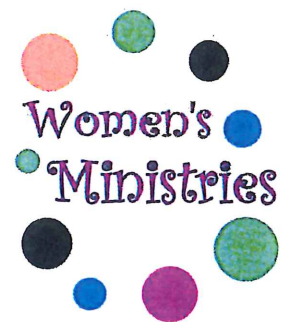
Go Patriots! Go Falcons! Go Food Pantry!



Women of Zion submitted by Millie Gundel

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

Yarn Ministry-Sunday, February 5 and 19 at 1:00 PM in the parlor.
When it is cold outside, it is the perfect time to stay indoors and knit or crochet prayer shawls...at home or with us in the Parlor! We also could use donations of yarn...it takes 3 skeins for one prayer shawl. Place donations in WOZ bin in front hall.



Prayer Shawls-Take a prayer shawl from the display in the hall to give to someone who needs comfort. Please sign the attached book with your name and the name of the recipient.

Comforter Ministry-Monday, February 6 at 9:00 AM in the social room.
The comforter makers (aka "The Naughty Knotters") would love to have more help....that way we could make more comforters! We plan to go out to lunch following this work session! You are welcome to join us!

♦ Kids' Club & Parent Café



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

Invite your friends and neighborhood kids!

February 1: "Salt & Light"
March 1: "Woman At The Well"
April 4: "Doubting Thomas"
May 3: "God's House"
June 7: "Creation"

MID-WEEK PARENT CAFÉ

During Kids' Club activity time, parents are invited to stay for "Parent's Café!" This parent gathering will be a time to talk with other parents about raising young children, as well as other timely topics that focus on parenting.

Questions or for more information:

*Contact Jean Pretz
(945-9036/jean.pretz@gmail.com)*

Zion is the proud (but not too proud) host of a growing children's ministry! This ministry was started a few years ago and has undergone some slight modifications for 2017. What changes? What's Kids' Club? Glad you asked!

Kids' Club is a ministry that reaches out beyond our building and into our community, teaching Christian values and Biblical truths through music, motion, story, and making crafts. Children in grades Pre-K through 5th join parents for a meal on the first Wednesday evening of each month (5:30 PM).

Children cycle through a themed story with matching activities and crafts. High school youth and adult volunteers share their time and talents with the children each month at the gatherings. The ministry is growing and so is the need for a core group of dedicated volunteers who aren't afraid to venture into the wonderful world of elementary age kids.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Meal providers, singers, dancers, story tellers, crafty folks ("crafty" as in gluing, stapling, and coloring), **game leaders, shepherds** (folks that can sometimes help herd a group of kittens), and anyone wishing to help in any other capacity.

How can you let us know you want to help?

Call or email! Jeff (606-2266/jeffengroff@comcast.net) or Anne (898-2911 or zi-onluth@comcast.net) or Pastor JMe (940-3602 or pastorjme@comcast.net)!

[Oh, and a parent small group meets while the kids are singing, playing or crafting. It's called Parent Café. Jean Pretz helps lead topical discussion around faith and parenting challenges, triumphs and everyday life.]

There is something for everyone.

Seriously, we want you to be involved! 13

♦ ZYM

Zion Youth Ministry announces a fun evening of food, fellowship, and merriment for our congregational families and friends!

***Mardi Gras Dinner Party February 28th from 6-8PM
in the Social Room!***



ZYM will host an evening of mask-making and crafts, a royal court to crown the 'king' and 'queen', Cajun entrée and King Cake for dessert. Music, dancing, prizes and more! A free-will donation will help our youth participate in next year's ELCA Youth Gathering. Event tickets will be offered between worship services on Sunday February 12th and February 19th. We need a 'head count' so that our cooks can make enough food!

In other news...ZYM youth and their director have been busy these past several weeks repainting and slowly transforming this once drab space into a more user friendly gathering & game space. Jeff will donate sheetrock and his time to hang and finish the drywall in the small classroom area (water damaged sheetrock was removed earlier last year). We have a wish list to help us put the finishing touches on it before March.

We humbly ask for the following donations: 1 Keurig coffee maker, 3 round tables and 12 matching chairs and 2 area size rugs (8'X10'-ish). Any cool, retro art could find a new home here, as well. On behalf of ZYM...THANK YOU!!!

ZYM youth working hard (except when the pic was taken)



FEBRUARY

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|----|--------------------------|
| 5 | Beach/Movie Night 6-8 PM |
| 26 | ZYM |
| 28 | Mardi Gras Family Night |

MARCH

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| 12 | "Dark" 6-8 PM |
| 26 | "Dark" 6-8 PM |
| 31: | 30-Hour Famine |



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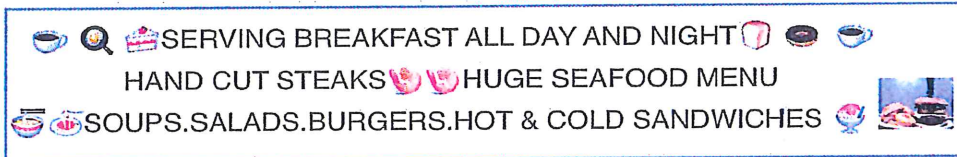
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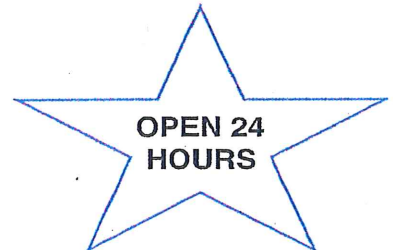
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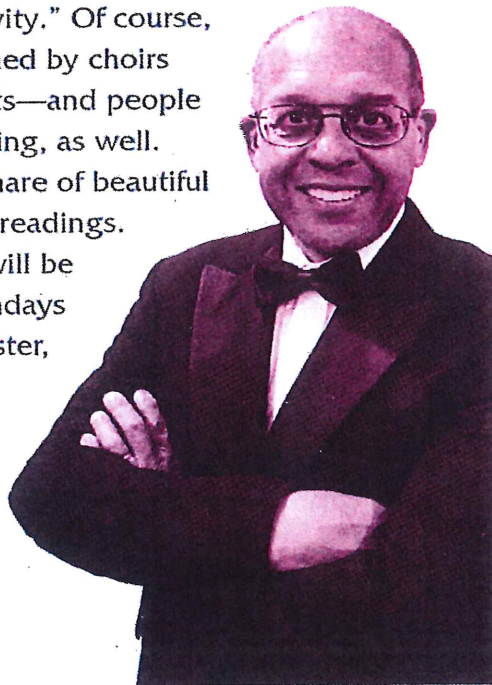


♦ Lessons & Carols for Lent, Summer Camp

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



LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER....

*Registration is now open
for camp at Camp
Kirchenwald, Camp
Nawakwa, and the
Wittel Farm!*

[https://
www.lutherancamping.org/
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The Lutheran Camping Corporation carries out its mission as a gracious expression of God's love. The heart of that mission is to:

- Strengthen the faith of children, youth, adults, and families;
- Offer opportunities for children and youth to grow in Christian leadership;
- Provide outdoor ministry experiences to all, regardless of their financial capacity;
- Foster Christian fellowship;
- Nurture God's children of all ages as good stewards of all God's good gifts.

♦ Parish Resource Center Upcoming Events

Kenda Creasy Dean to Speak at PRC Event

How do churches minister to Millennials, a generation who embrace Christianity, but are apathetic, even wary, of the organized church?

Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, Professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, will speak to this question during "An Evening with Kenda Creasy Dean," hosted by the Parish Resource Center on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Millennials' faith is "not durable enough to survive long after they graduate from high school. One more thing: we're responsible," Dean says.

What should churches do?

Dean urges churches to stick to their message, their faith community, and their mission, rather than watering down their beliefs with the hopes of attracting more young people. That is simply "a do-good, feel-good spirituality," as she calls it.

Dean argues in her book, *Almost Christian*, that young, committed Christians share several traits, all of which churches can learn from and respond to

when creating youth ministries program: a personal relationship with God, a dynamic congregation and/or youth group, a sense of call, and hope.

How do churches help to create and foster these good environments and opportunities?



Kenda Creasy Dean

How do they create the authentic atmosphere young people crave?

Dean will speak with hope about how to address these questions and more during "An Evening with Kenda Creasy Dean."

The event will be held at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 East Roseville Road, Lancaster. Tickets are \$12 for currently enrolled students (high school, college, or seminary), \$15 for anyone attending a PRC member church, and \$20 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets, please go to www.parishresourcecenter.org or call 717-299-1113.

BREAKING NEWS!

New York Times bestselling author and Peabody-award winning broadcaster, **Krista Tippett**, will speak on Saturday, **March 4 at 7 p.m.** at an event hosted by the Parish Resource Center.

The event will be held at Lancaster Mennonite School's Fine Arts Center.

Each ticket includes a free copy of Tippett's latest book, *Becoming Wise*.

For more information—and for tickets—please visit www.parishresourcecenter.org or call 717-299-1113.



♦ Connecting With Others

THANK YOU....

From Joan Oberrender

...Thank you to everyone who helped make a meal for Joanne Grim during the transition time of getting back into her home following her extended hospital stay.

From Lutheran World Relief

...Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund! Your donation ensures that LWR Quilts and Kits get into the hands of people who need them most!

From Jeanette Bomberger

...Thank you to my Zion Church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. I am getting better each day!

From Joe & Helen Auchey

...Thank you for bringing us the thoughtful gift baskets for Joe & Sarah. The kids will enjoy the handmade blankets. The teddy bears are a great addition to the nursery.

From Kerstin Hjelm

...Thank you so much for blessing our family this Christmas! We are so grateful for all the gifts! God bless everyone!

FROM OUR CHILD FUND DAUGHTER & FRIEND BRENDA ALIMO –

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
I am happy today. Hello to you on behalf of Brenda who is at school. Our schools are now preparing for the end of year exams.*

Our health is good. Thank you for writing to Brenda—mostly Elisabeth, Miriam, Ruth, and Emma! We love you all.

Our family is so thankful whenever we hear from you and appreciate your support that you always give to Brenda. May the living Lord be with you and keep you all in good health.

Love to you from Justine, on behalf of your happy child, Brenda.

CONGRATULATIONS....

...to parents Philip & Shanna Smeltz, and grandmother Darlene Smeltz on the birth of Stone Patrick, on November 23.

...to Joe & Helen Auchey on the birth of their son and daughter, Joseph Charles and Sarah Margaret, on December 2.

...to Erica & John Kearon on the baptism of their daughter, Riley Grace, on January 29.

SYMPATHY....

...to the family and friends of James Vogel, who passed away on Sunday, January 1.

...to the Sherwood family on the death of Lynda's mother, Carolyn Hile, on Sunday, January 15.

...to the family and friends of J. Richard Dyer, who passed away on Monday, January 23.



♦ February Celebrations

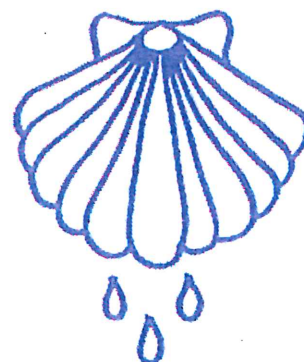


1	Ashton DiNardi	14	Kelly Kline	25	Kacey Moore
1	Jim Paternoster	15	Ed Blough	25	Amy Thompson
1	Jeff Quinn	16	Bill Grove	26	Aiden DiNardi
3	Bill Barry	19	Michael Adams	26	Rebecca DiPerna
3	Meghan Brady	20	Kurt Wildasin	26	Jessie Snavely
3	Rachael Grube	20	Marlin Zimmerman	27	Miriam Janisewski
3	Allie Provanzo	21	Ava Gunzenhauser	27	Juliette Moore
4	Evan Benedict	21	Marissa Martin	27	Brad Sherwood
4	Harry Musselman	21	Jeff Thompson	29	Maddox Miller
5	Alec Martin	22	Brent Andrew		
6	Dave Dumeyer	22	Emilia Gronholm		
6	Riley Klepper	23	Doug Rhoads		
8	Matthew Rickert	24	Jesse Landis		
13	Jake Bilbrough	24	Megan Smith		
14	Mary Cupach	25	Devin Leibley		



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Judy Brady	19	Emilia Gronholm
1	Alison Long	21	Cathy Shirk
2	Pat Brady	22	Jason Myers
7	Josh Houseal	23	Jack Barley
10	Jaden Myers		
12	Melissa Grube		
13	Kevin Smeltz		
16	Matt Adams		
17	Madison DePatto		
18	Bryce Burfete		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3	Chad & Kate Gunzenhauser (9th)
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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.

March Newsletter Deadline: February 17

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)