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Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God.

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR BARBARA CARUANA...

Friends in Christ ...

Let us pray.

O Lord, as the years change, may we find rest in your eternal changelessness. Help us to meet this new year bravely, in the faith that, while life changes all around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. (by William Temple 1881-1944)

My, my! It's hard for me to believe we're already heading straight into 2020. Where has 2019 gone? More importantly, where are we going in 2020? That's a BIG question for all of us who are part of Zion Lutheran Church?

As we face a new year, we're immediately thrust into making some decisions that will affect the life and health of this congregation ... decisions concerning our worship; fellowship events; outreach and mission; faith formation needs for all ages; property needs; updating of Zion's policies and Constitution so the church of the future functions well; changes within our existing church as a result of the number of active members; giving levels; functioning under a deficit-spending budget; and the calling of a new pastor. I also wonder about our visibility in the community. Do we prefer to be an outwardly-focused mission-oriented congregation or a more inwardly-focused congregation?

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For some, the above statement may solicit fear and discomfort; however, it's not intended to do that. In fact, I'd like you to think of it as an exciting, challenging statement. Obviously, we can't become the perfect church in one year ... maybe not even ten years. But ... we can start the hard work of figuring out who we are, who we want to be, and how we can get to where we want to be.

As the Profile Committee begins its work in 2020, I encourage them to be honest about who we are and what Zion wants to be. This is important so Zion develops a footprint of what we are looking for in a called pastor. One of the best ways to find the right pastor for Zion is through transparency within the congregation and with a potential candidate. When I refer to transparency, I'm talking about being open with each other about the good, the bad, and the ugly, and being able to talk things out among yourselves without fear of criticism or differences of opinion.

Moving into a new year can be mighty stressful and exciting. It often brings change with it. May we all be energized by what lies ahead; may we each find rest in God's eternal changelessness.

O Lord, help us to meet this new year bravely, in the faith that, while life changes are all around us, you are always with us ... guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love.

†In God's peace ...

Pastor Caruana



· Church Council

Submitted by Adele King, Council President

The updates from Council in this article cover three months so I apologize in advance for all this information coming to you at once. During October, we discussed the establishment of a new team to develop "secure church" policies. We will begin with a new key usage policy. The Call Process was discussed and we will begin that in January. It was also decided that an update needs to made to the spousal insurance plan for employees. The Property Team continues to deal with a leak in the roof affecting the nursery and kitchen; Darrell Gerke is taking strides to alleviate the problem.

Our 2020 goals were discussed and tweaked. We will continue to work on them and make them relevant and reasonable. A new microphone was purchased which will improve the projection of the Assisting Minister from the altar. Council also met for a special meeting to discuss upcoming budgetary matters and how to best present it to the congregation. We decided to reduce the amount that we, as a congregation, submit to the Synod. We also asked the Personnel Team to revise and decrease spousal insurance for 2020 and further yet in 2021. We will also meet to reevaluate how we use the Endowment Fund Principal and look at other ways to reduce expenses. Many thanks are in order to the Finance Team for their diligence and hard work.

The Congregation Meeting Information Session was held in the beginning of November. All financial facts were presented by John Hay, and I discussed nominees for Council, the Synod Representatives, and the new proposed "Statement of Purpose". All of these were voted on and passed at the Congregation Meeting in mid-November.

At the November 18th Council meeting, it was decided that an Affirmation of the 2020 Council will happen in worship on December 29th. Team Leaders meetings were discussed and I agreed to send out an email to all team leaders to get their responses as to the value of those meetings.

We discussed the Fall Harvest Bash which was a huge success! \$1,000 was contributed from our silent auction to Hempfield High School for students with special financial needs to help them participate in extracurricular/school-related activities. It was announced that our roof leaks in the kitchen and nursery have been repaired. Also,

lighting in the narthex has been improved. Thanks, Darrell Gerke and the Property Team for you work with both of these issues!

At this meeting, Council established the final goals for 2020: (1) To create an identity that is specific to Zion. We will be asking for people to give their thoughts and suggestions in the very near future. (2) Coordinate and Launch the Call Process in partnership with the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Please pray for our people doing the profile writing and help them as they ask for input to this process. (3) Become more visible within the community. Any ideas you might have could be valuable.

Council members are reading the updated Safe Church Policy handbook and learning how to follow the procedures. More will be forthcoming to the congregation about the policy and the updates to it. Special thanks to 15 individuals who attended the training workshop in Lititz. A separate group is the Secure Church team. Keys will be the first focus of this group and the new key policy is established. We also have an Instagram account that was set up by Riley Klepper. Many thanks to her for her efforts with this. To visit us on IG, go to "Zion.Landisville".

In December, officer elections were held by Pastor Caruana. Elected were: President: Adele King and Vice Present: David Wise. Council members will be reaffirmed on December 29th in worship, and new members to the congregation will be received. Council also reaffirmed employee vacation time and Brenda Stover set a date of January 14th for the first meeting of the Profile Writing Team. They will meet with Pastor Blezzard from the Synod to help guide them through what is required.

The Community Meal was discussed; it was confirmed that meals will continue in 2020 as it has been. Thanks to Randy Miller, Diane Gerlach, and James Polinsky for their assistance with this ministry to the community. It was agreed to suspend the regularly scheduled Team Leaders meetings and, instead, hold them on an as-needed basis. Property reported that the roof leak into the nursery is apparently not completely fixed yet and Darrell will continue to look in to it.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we look forward to our church family working together to keep things moving for the good of all. Please evaluate your time and talent and see if there is a way to help with anything mentioned above. May the Hope that is Jesus Christ guide us and help us with our choices!!



• Music At Zion

Submitted by James C. Alfieri

ASSISTANT ORGANIST OF THE DAY EXPERIMENT

As a follow up to the VBS organ crawl, I would like to invite children and adults to sit with me one or two at a time at the console during worship. The assistant will power on the organ, pull stops/cancels, help get the next hymn ready, turn pages, etc. The assistants will sign up for a Sunday. A picture of the assistant will be displayed on the Music Ministry bulletin board. A sign-up sheet is posted. I hope to

see your name on the list! Thank you Amy Thompson for your help in November!

ZION MUSIK CONCERT SERIES

Our first season brought The Pennsylvania Flute Choir, Pianist Dr. Maria Thompson Corley, Susquehanna University Choir and The Heritage Chorale of Lancaster. Our spring season resumes February 9, 2020 with a performance by Isosceles Trio and continues with concerts on March 29 and April 26—invite a friend! While admission remains free, this music is not Our key source of without costs. funding comes from audience freewill donations and generous individuals who,

like you, share our passion for bringing outstanding local musicians to our community.

You are our greatest asset! Your generosity makes it possible for Zion Musik to continue to enrich the cultural life of our congregation and community, and to realize our vision of "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise." Please consider giving a tax deductible donation today.



Sponsor Level	Amount
Copper	Up to \$49
Bronze	\$50-\$99
Silver	\$100-\$199
Gold	\$200-\$299
Platinum	\$300-\$399
Diamond	\$400+

The next ZION Musik concert is Sunday, February 9 at 4 PM and will feature The Isosceles Trio. The members are Doris Hall-Gulati, clarinetist; Sara Male, cellist; and Maria Corley, pianist. Each of the musicians is well known in the Lancaster area and beyond.

FIRST THURSDAY RECITALS

I will present a 30 minute recital on the first Thursday of each month starting at 12:15pm. These free recitals are in the sanctuary and are open to the public. Please join me on January 2, 2020 and February 6, 2020.



Please join me in thanking all musicians, choirs and soloists for the beautiful Christmas Eve music. May the Lord continue to bless the music ministry of Zion Lutheran Church as we "sing praise to God, who reigns above!"

Fearless Generosity

Submitted by Darrell Gerke, Stewardship Chairman

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

It is January 2020, the beginning of a new year, so it is time to make those New Year's resolutions regarding trying to improve ourselves by going to the gym more often to lose weight, learn to play an instrument, or taking a foreign language course.

Seriously though, it is a good time to focus on our Christian life and to consider what resolutions you think would improve and to strengthen your faith in Christ and



service to those who need you in special ways.

Stewardship is not only about financial support to the church, but also about using your God-given talents in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I ask you to pray about your special talents and try to find ways to use them that would make others smile in appreciation. God will also smile.

Sponsorship Opportunities

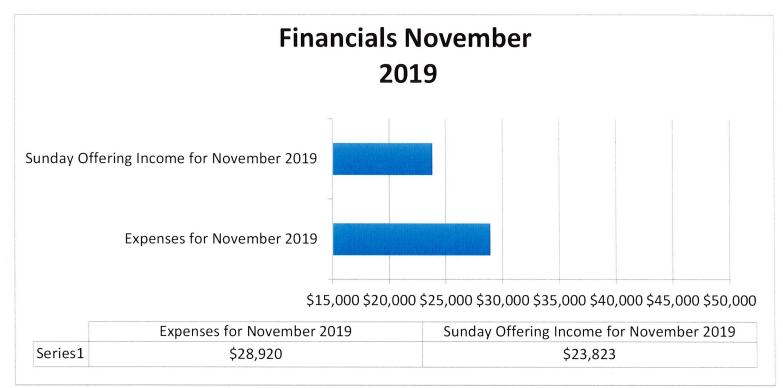


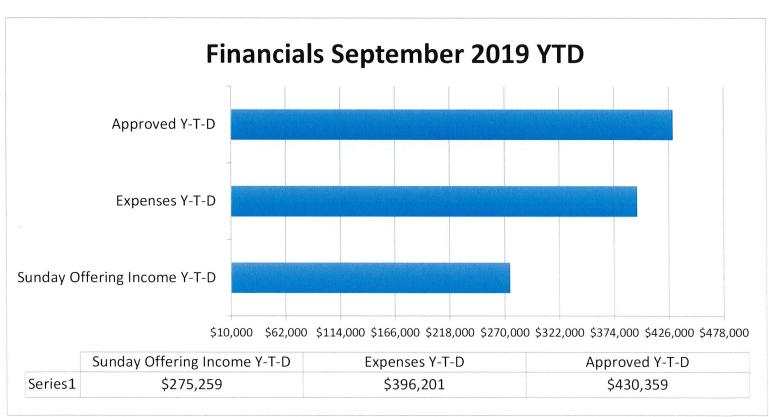
Sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, or wine as a way to remember, celebrate, or recognize a person or special event in your life.



Cost is \$30 for wine & bulletins, and \$40 for flowers.

Financial Figures (November)





Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

BABY BOOMERS AND BEYOND

January 16, 2020-Mark your calendars and plan to spend a small portion of your afternoon with us!

Lunch will be served at 11:30 followed by a presentation from our guest speaker, Vicar Angie Hammer. Angie is currently serving as vicar at a local Lutheran congregation and has served as a missionary to Africa. Her story and experiences are both fascinating and uplifting!

Please contact Jeff Engroff or call the church office (717-898-2911) if you are planning to attend!

KIDS'Club

For all children Pre K-6th Grade

*January 15th 5:30-7 PM *February 5th 5:30-7 PM





ZYM

January 3-5

Winter Retreat! Zion youth will join the youth of St. Matthew, York and Zion, York for a weekend at Camp Nawakwa.



January 19th 6-8pm@Zion

February 2
6-8 PM in the Zone
[Pack College Care Packs]

February 25
5:30-8pm
Mardi Gras French Market!

VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

It's that time of year, again! Time to show a little love to our college-age young adults! Each Valentine's Day we like them to receive a care package from the congregation.



All donations will be collected in the narthex from January 12-26th.

Some ideas of items to donate:
Gift cards, granola bars, popcorn packs, crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, trail mix, other snack items. Thank you!

FAT TUESDAY FRENCH MARKET CELEBRATION: FEB. 25, 5:30-8PM

Come on out, grab a bite to eat and enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of New Orleans' famous French Market!

French roast coffees, teas, fresh beignets, and an authentic Cajun meal that will warm your heart and palate!

A free-will offering will be taken to help with the cost of ZYM's mission trip to New Orleans this summer.



A note from Jeff Engroff:

Saint Bernard Parish was devastated by Hurricane floods during Hurricane Katrina and two other hurricanes since. I have partnered with Saint Bernard Parish Project since 2010 by sending groups of young people into parish homes once destroyed and currently under construction. While in New Orleans, volunteers work side by side with home owners each day until the work at the sites in completed. We need your help and support to get us to New Orleans this

coming summer. The world may have forgotten about the thousands still without a home, but we haven't. At the time Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, it was then estimated that it would take over twenty years to rebuild. It's been fourteen years and there is still a lot to be done. By supporting this year's ZYM Mardi Gras event, buying gift cards, and purchasing subs, you help us reach our goal in getting the group safely there and back.

What is Beer and Bible?

Beer and Bible is a group that meets (usually) on the 3rd Thursday of the month and (usually) at Chancy's Pub in East Petersburg (off main street). People from 3-4 local congregations come together to meet for about 90 minutes over drinks and food. There are no "rules" except you must be 21 or over.

Conversations center around biblical , theological, or worldly questions and issues. Questions and dialogues are openly discussed through a 'theological lens.'

Martin Luther believed the premise that we are all theologians. Luther would pose questions or personal beliefs to other







Christians and then ask: "What does this mean?" Beer and Bible is an extension of this very practice. It is fun, light, heavy, deep, perplexing, and can be very inspiring.

What Beer and Bible is NOT:

It is not a Bible study. The "Bible" part on the group's name is a reference for the types of conversation found in the Bible. However, you are welcome to bring your Bible for your own reference or sharing. The "Beer" part in the group's name simply makes it known that ordering a beer is okay!

Upcoming gatherings will be advertised in the weekly bulletins and emails, Sunday morning verbal announcements, & on both the church website and Facebook page.

Lunch Bunch, Women of Zion, Bible Study



The Thursday Lunch Bunch is for everyone!

Join us as we meet at 11:30 at different restaurants on the <u>last</u> Thursday of the month.

Sign up on the bulletin board so we can reserve seats! January 30 at Hot Z Pizza on the Harrisburg Pk. (11:30AM) February 27 location will be determined at the January gathering.

Women of Zion

It's a new year...join us as we make items to bring comfort to others! Just come...you will be warmly welcomed and given all the help you need to succeed!

Please mark the dates for our Comforter & Yarn Ministries on your calendar...



Comforter Ministry

Monday, <u>January 6</u>, 9AM in Kitchen Monday, <u>February 3</u>, 9AM in Kitchen

-Donations of clean, "no longer needed" sheets and lengths of fabric may be placed in the WOZ bin across from the mailboxes.

Yarn Ministry

Sunday, <u>January 5 and 19</u>, 1PM in Parlor Sunday, <u>February 2 and 16</u>, 1PM in Parlor -Donations of <u>yarn</u> may be placed in the WOZ bin across from the mailboxes.

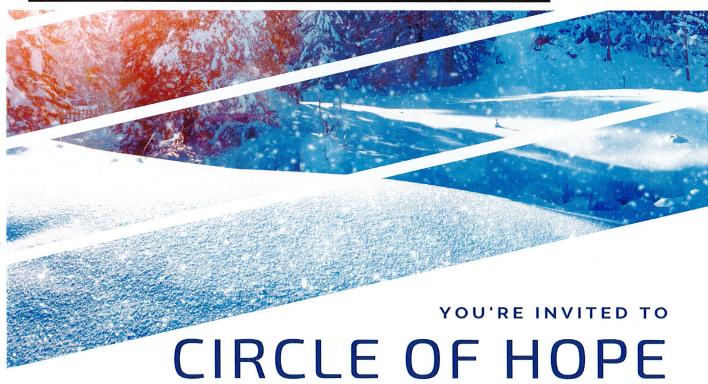


The JOY of the Lord is your strength. - Nehemiah 8:10



Each Tuesday morning, from 9 to 10:30 in the parlor, there is a small group that reads the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday. We dig beneath the surface of the words to determine the meaning of the lesson....what is God teaching us? You are most welcome to join us, anytime! Discussion is led by Millie Gundel.

Safe Communities Support Group



A 5-week healing group for survivors of sexual abuse

"People start to heal the moment they feel heard." - Cheryl Richardson

Come join us for our next Circle of Hope beginning January 2020. Circle of Hope is a healing group that offers a safe place for survivors of sexual abuse to honor their stories, connect with other survivors and build a community of resilience. Together we will share survival strategies and explore healing expressions as we seek to build resources and identify our individual and collective strengths on our path to healing. Topics include: Honoring our stories, Connecting for Resilience. Language for our healing journey, Trauma's Impact, Beyond Self-Care, Grounding and the power of creativity, and Building our survivor community.

Dates: January 23, February 6, February 20, March 5, March 19

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: 313 W. Liberty St. Suite 242, Lancaster, PA 17603

Cost: \$175 - payment plan available

Co -Facilitators: Trauma-Trained therapist Lisa Hanna Witmer, MSW/LSW and Deb Helt, Safe Communities team member



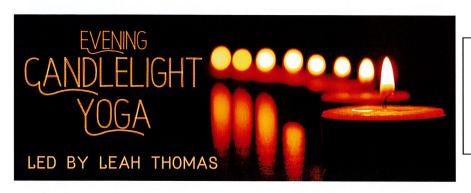
What is Safe Places? It's a program of Safe Communities, an advocacy organization with a vision to build communities where all children and teens are free from sexual exploitation and survivors are empowered and supported to live healthy, joyful and vibrant lives.

-www.safecommunitiespa.org-

Ouestions or Registration?

Contact Lizz Durbin at 717-560-9989 or ldurbin@safecommunitiespa.org

Upcoming Events At The Parish Resource Center

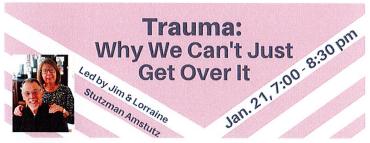


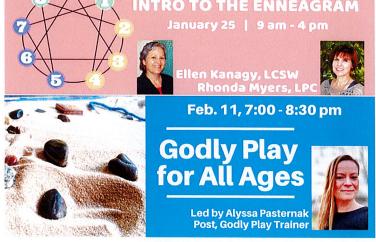
Calm Minds: January 15 & March 18

Calm Bodies: February 19 & April 15

All sessions are held from 7-8 PM













Solutions For Churches & Communities

2160 Lincoln Hwy E. Suite #18, Lanc. 17602

Go to www.parishresourcecenter.org for more information on all events or to

• Upcoming Events At Nawakwa, Kirchenwald, & The Wittel Farm



CHICKEN & WAFFLES

Spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner.
Bring your sleds (if there's snow) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories!

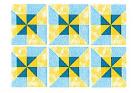
Nawakwa January 19, 1-3PM



WINTER FUN DAY

Bring your family or youth group and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's awardwinning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

> Kirchenwald January 19, 1-6 PM February 9, 1-6 PM



WOMEN'S QUILTING WEEKEND

Bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Enjoy a weekend apart with the ladies.

Kirchenwald

March 13-15



LENTEN DAY APART

Begin your Lenten journey to Easter by joining us for a day apart.

The Wittel Farm

March 14, 9 AM – 2 PM



SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Come take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!

Nawakwa and Kirchenwald
March 22 & April 5 2-4:30 PM



SUMMER-PREP WORK DAY

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

Nawakwa and Kirchenwald April 25, 9-5 PM

To register or for additional information, visit www.lutherancamping.org or call 717-677-8211 or 717-064-2131.

January & February Celebrations

1 1 1 3 5	ANUARY BIRTHDAYS Collin Donnan Darlene Smeltz Eric Searle Pamela Gunzenhauser	22 22 25 27	Emma Baumgardner Dolly Overly Anna Benedict Millie Gundel	16 19 20 20 21 21	Bill Grove Michael Adams Kurt Wildasin Marlin Zimmerman* Ava Gunzenhauser Marissa Martin
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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

5	Nathan & Danielle Myers (19th)	20	Doug & Connie Grow (58th)
20	Bill & Julia Grove (58th)	28	Dave & Dottie Wauls (53rd)

Connecting with Others

FROM MARY & SCOTT HETRICK

Thank you for the many cards and expressions of sympathy and support for us on the death of Mary's mother, Ethel Dervarics. Very much appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

- *The Donnan family on the birth of Christian on May 29, 2019.
- *Anna Benedict on her graduation from University of Pittsburgh on December 14. Anna earned her BS in Rehabilitation Science and a certificate in Pathokinesiology. She will return to Pitt in June to begin the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

CONDOLENCES TO ...

- *Mary Hetrick and family on the death of her mother, Ethel Dervarics, on October 29.
- *The friends and family of Gene Weiksner, who passed away on November 15.

FROM JAMES S. DUNLOP (Bishop), & THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD

Throughout the week of December 9, we remembered your congregation in our synod 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 always.

FROM OUR BRENDA ALIMO & FAMILY (Our ChildFund Sponsoree)

*I am glad to say hello to you. How are you? I am okay and and doing so good at school in grade six. I like playing and sharing with my fellow friends both at home and at school. Thank you for the composition notebook you sent to me. My best friend is Acen Christine. I like to learn science. I hope to become a nurse. I am interested in education. Thanks a lot. Love, Brenda Alimo

*Greetings to you in the name of our Lord from the family of your beloved friend, Brenda Alimo, who is at school at the moment. Our health is generally good and Brenda is also fine. Thank you for your letter with an interesting bible verse. We really became so excited because of your great care and love. We are receiving little rains here and the family is now busy weeding cassava and other crops. The cow that Brenda bought is growing very healthy. Our family is proud of your great sponsorship. Send our family greetings to the church people and tell them that we love them so much and our family is happy for the care and love they have given to us. God reward you with more blessings. Much love from Brenda's uncle.

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