

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: "The Small Catechism For Today"

"What does this mean?" This question begins each section of Martin Luther's explanations in the Small Catechism. Being concerned that the common people of his time were ignorant of the central tenants of the Christian Faith, he wrote his little instruction book as a means to help parents teach their children the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. He, also, included sections on the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, the Office of the Keys (Confession), and prayers for families and individuals to use during their meals and daily prayer times.

Five hundred years have passed since The Small Catechism was penned by Martin Luther. During all these years, generations of Lutheran Christians have been instructed in the Faith using this resource. Many were required to memorize the Small Catechism in order to be confirmed by their local congregation as members of the Church. Perhaps some who are reading this article still remember Martin Luther's explanations. Sadly, my memory is not very good, but I will never forget the acclamation at the end of each article of the Creed: "This is most certainly true!"

In a culture where "alternate facts" (or truths) seem to prevail, it is difficult sometimes to differentiate between truth and lies. I find comfort in the fact that, after almost two millennia, the truth that undergirds my faith, indeed

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♦ From the Pastor (Cont'd from pg. 1)

my life, is contained in the Holy Scriptures and in the Commandments, Creed and Lord's Prayer. It's true that, being of the Lutheran branch of Christianity, I have a particular understanding of what it means to be Christian. However, the truth of God's loving grace, forgiveness and salvation shown to the world through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus (God in the flesh) is central to all those who claim Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

Is it necessary to study and learn the Small Catechism of Martin Luther in order to be "Lutheran"? Knowing the contents of the catechism is not necessary for salvation; however, the Small Catechism provides a concise description of how Lutheran Christians understand the central tenants of the Christian Faith. The explanations contained in this little instruction book are helpful to anyone who is wondering what we believe and how these beliefs affect how we live in relationship with God and with one another.

When parents bring a child to be baptized, they promise to teach their child the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Command-

ments. The Small Catechism is a great resource to help them fulfill this promise. When an adult desires to be baptized or comes from another Christian background to join Zion, time is taken to share with him/her the basics of our faith using the Bible and the Small Catechism. If a person begins questioning what he believes, the Small Catechism may help provide answers. Even if a person is a life-long Lutheran, a review of the Small Catechism will affirm her faith and bring renewed understanding of what it means to say, "I believe."

During Lent, a traditional time for instruction in the Christian Faith, we will be focusing on the teachings found in Luther's Small Catechism. On Sunday mornings, portions of the Catechism will be used as an alternative confession of faith. At our Wednesday evening cross-generational events, there will be activities for all ages to learn, review, and renew what it means to be a Christian using the Small Catechism. Please join us on our Lenten journey. (For further information, see article on following page.)

The Passion in 4 Gospels: **Tuesday Morning/Evening Bible Study for Adults** 9 :30 – 11 AM & 6:30 – 8 PM March 7th – April 4th

We will be studying and comparing the four Gospel accounts of Jesus' Passion, from his arrest to his crucifixion. Journey with us this Lent through the last days of Jesus' life according to Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Through this study, you will grow in your appreciation for the sacrifice Jesus offered for us and for our salvation.

Bible Study Leader: Pastor JMe

♦ Wednesdays in Lent, WOZ

Wednesdays in Lent FAA! (For All Ages!)

March 8 – April 5, 5:30-7:30 PM

All are invited to come for soup, conversation, activities and crafts on Wednesday evenings March 8-April 5. These cross-generational events will begin with a delicious soup supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by a variety of activities suitable for all ages and closing with interactive worship together. The theme will be "Martin Luther's Small Catechism for Today".

Each week, we will focus on a section of the Catechism:

March 8: *The Ten Commandments*

March 15: *The Apostles' Creed*

March 22: *The Lord's Prayer*

March 29: *Holy Baptism*

April 5: *Holy Communion*

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board (near the front entrance) for those who would like to provide soup and for those willing to help with the activities.

Contacts for more information:

Adele King, Soup Supper Coordinator (adelel3@aol.com; 717-314-1221)

Pastor JMe, Activities Coordinator (pastorjme@comcast.net; 717-940-3602)

Women of Zion submitted by Millie Gundel

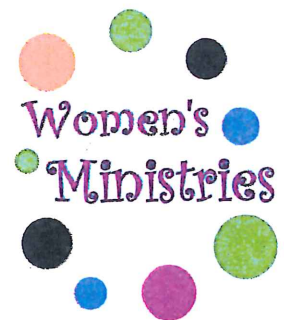
Join us for fun and fellowship as we work together to serve others!

Yarn Ministry-Sunday, March 5 & 19 at 1 PM in the Parlor

Join us as we work on our various yarn projects. Knitting and crocheting lessons are always available...as well as patterns and supplies.

Comforter Ministry-Monday, March 6 at 9 AM in the Social Room

Currently, we have 7 comforters ready for Lutheran World Relief. We would like to have several more completed before we take our summer break! Come and join us as we are "stitchin' in the kitchen!"



Stop by the display rack in the Narthex and see the selection of prayer shawls, lap robes, and chemo hats. (The chemo hats are often worn by women who are undergoing chemotherapy and appreciate a warm head during these chillier months!) These all are available for you to take to someone who needs comfort. There is a nice variety of colors, styles, shapes, and sizes. Feel free to remove them from the rack and find the one that is the perfect fit. Please write a note in the booklet provided there by the rack when you take one.

♦ ZYM, Mid-Week Parent Café

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

MARCH

- 12: ZYM "Dark" 6-8 PM
- 26: ZYM "Dark" 6-8 PM
- 31: 30-Hour Famine Begins (6 PM)

APRIL

- 1: 30-Hour Famine Ends (6 PM)
- 15: Family Easter Egg Hunt
9-11 AM
- 23: ZYM Night 6-8 PM

MAY

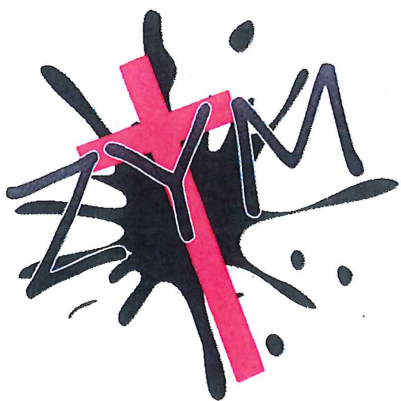
- 7: Senior High Escape Room in
Lancaster City 5-7 PM
- 21: ZYM Night 6-8 PM

JUNE

- 4: ZYM Event (TBA)
- 18: ZYM Event (TBA)

JULY

- 6-10: Beach Retreat — *Details
Coming Soon!*



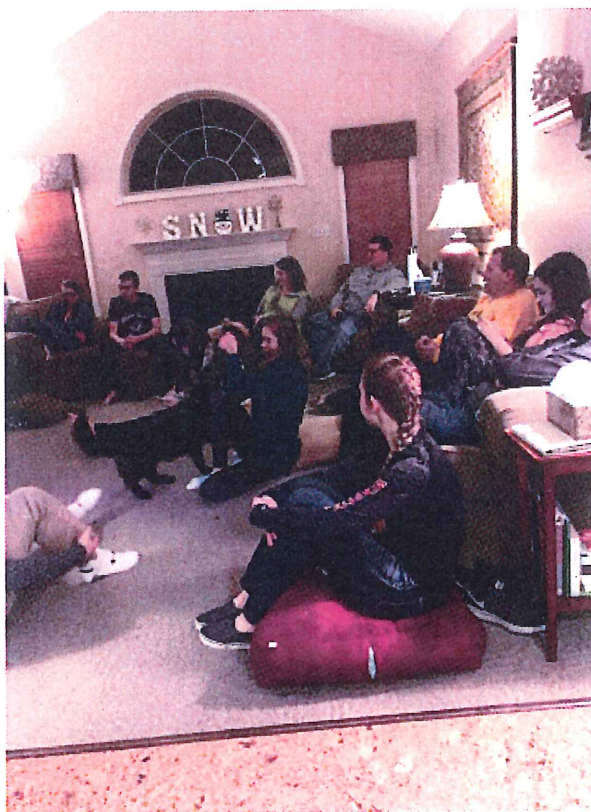
MID-WEEK PARENT CAFÉ

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)



♦ Kids' Club

KIDS' CLUB MISSION:

We will lead people into a growing relationship with Christ by creating a healthy, clean and safe environment in which they are encouraged to pursue intimacy with God, become Disciples of Christ through relationships, spiritual growth, celebration, and giving.

Kids' Club is not just a program; it's one of the avenues God uses to shape young Disciples of Christ. Childhood is the most formative time in a person's life—when most of us develop a spiritual and moral compass that guides us through the rest of our years. **Today, more than ever,** kids need to build relationships with caring adults who will mentor them and model a life lived for Christ.



INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING!



FAMILY MEAL!

Kids' Club children are:

- given opportunity to experience God's love and forgiveness.
- taught how to make new friends.
- taught about spiritual gifts and how they can use theirs.
- instructed in how to relate Christ to their everyday situations.



CRAFTS!



GAMES!



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

*Invite your friends and
neighborhood kids!*

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

♦ Stephen Ministry, Prayer Team

LIFE MATTERS SERIES

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

Presentation 3

"Necessary Conversations Between Adult
Children & Their Aging Parents"

Saturday, March 4
10:00 – 11:30 AM

In the Connection Zone

Presented by Gerald W. Kaufman, MSW &
Marlene Kaufman, MSW

*The presentation will provide suggestions for
discussing finances, medical care, driving and
living arrangements – before the crises hit.*

Presentation 4

"Planning Your Life Celebration"

Saturday, April 29

10:00 – 11:30 AM

In the Connection Zone

Presented by Pastor JMe Lowden



10 Ways to Boost Your Mood

*(An article from The Evangelical Lutheran
Good Samaritan Society)*

We all face times in our lives when we feel overwhelmed by worry, uncertainty, loss or loneliness.

*Here are 10 suggestions for how to cope with
life's ups and downs:*

1. Take time to reflect and pray

Prayer and meditation can provide opportunities for reflection, peace and connection with God and the world around you.

2. Be grateful

Having a heart and mind of gratitude changes how we look at life. It can help us see the good, even in the midst of life's challenges.

3. Laugh

Laughter can remind you there is no situation so serious that God can't lighten it with his love and grace.

4. Let things go

Letting go of the anger, grief and hurt weighing you down will help you discover peace with God, yourself and others.

5. Talk with others

Having someone with whom you can "think out loud" provides support, encouragement and new perspectives.

6. Exercise

Staying active can release feel-good chemicals, boost your self-esteem and give you another reason to go outdoors or to stay connected. Even low-impact activities like golf or Tai Chi are great ways to keep your body moving.

7. Get plenty of sleep

Let your body and mind recharge with a good night's rest. Establish a regular sleep routine and try to stick to it every night.

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♦ First Communion, VBS, Prayer Team

First Holy Communion Instruction

First Holy Communion instruction will be offered during Lent for children who are currently in Kindergarten/First Grade. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings, March 18 & 25, 10 AM – Noon and Wednesday, April 5, 5:30-7:30 PM. Parents are asked to attend the sessions with their children.

The children will celebrate their First Communion during worship on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Contact the Church Office (898-2911), go to the Zion Facebook Page, or our website to register your child for this special step in his/her Faith Formation.

Registration ends on March 10th.

VBS 2017: Our Mission Is Possible!

VBS 2017! ("Our Mission is Possible") will kick off Monday, June 19th at 6PM!
4 Amazing nights of clues, passwords, story, music, creative crafts, fun games, and more!



VBS is for all children ages 3-12. Children will be grouped by age and will rotate to three different, unique and "highly classified" areas of the church building to search for new clues to what our mission is! Be an evangelist... invite friends!!

Volunteers are needed now that we are going full steam ahead into the planning stage of this year's program! Youth and adults who wish to help with creating props, staging, the crafts or games, or with the snack, are asked to contact Jeff for more information on how you can play an important part in a child's VBS and faith formation experience.

JUNE 19-22 (6-8PM) — ONLY AT ZION!

10 Ways to Boost Your Mood

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8. Try something new

Play a new game. Join a new club. Read something new. Try new foods. Learn a new skill.

New things can renew your sense of hopefulness.

9. Volunteer

Helping others can help you find a new sense of purpose. Volunteering offers the chance to form new

relationships, where you may find support and encouragement. There are many opportunities at Zion for you to volunteer your time and talent.

10. Set limits

An overextended schedule saps your energy. Take regular breaks, including vacations or staycations. If you're feeling drained, look for things to cut out from your weekly to-dos. Saying "no" at times can help you find an appropriate balance between helping others and helping yourself.

♦ Stewardship Submitted by Darrell Gerke

Fearless Generosity

Most Christians today only associate the idea of stewardship with sermons they have heard about church budgets and building programs because that's the only time stewardship is talked about or even mentioned. As Stewardship Chairman I want to define stewardship and make it a very important part of your Christian daily life all year long. Giving money to church for budgets and building programs, which is from God and not ours in the first place, is good but is only a small part of stewardship.

The fundamental principle of biblical stewardship is that God owns everything; we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf. Bill Peel from The High Calling wrote an essay entitled "Leadership Is Stewardship" where he suggests that we need to understand the four principles of biblical stewardship.

1. The principle of ownership.

The psalmist in the 24th psalm begins; The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

This is where the fundamental principle of stewardship comes from. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves.

2. The principle of responsibility.

God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What

about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities. We are called as God's stewards to manage well that which belongs to God according to his desires and purposes.

3. The principle of accountability.

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each of us will be called to give an account for how we managed what the Master has given us. This is the maxim taught by the Parable of the Talents.

4. The principle of reward.

The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next. We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in Matthew 25:21: We done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness.

As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world. We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good and further his Kingdom.

The article above was paraphrased from an article entitled "Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship" written by Hugh Whelchel, Executive Director of the Institute of Faith, Work and Economics, published 11/26/12.

♦ Community Meal, Silence In Worship

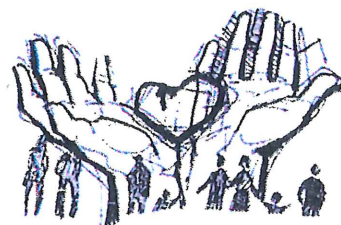
ZION COMMUNITY MEAL

Looking back at February & Looking ahead to April

Submitted by Linda Bear

The February meal was CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW! Every meal brings us new information, and we now know that when the Hempfield School District closes for the day, the community meal is cancelled. This helps to keep our guests and volunteers safe due to slippery travel conditions, parking lots and sidewalks.

Thank you to everyone involved for your planning, shopping, many phone calls and understanding of our cancelled plans. We were able to freeze most of the food that was purchased to be used for the next meal in April. However, we donated the sour cream to the Food Pantry because freezing changes its consistency.



Our April meal is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017, so mark your calendars for that date, and remember to sign up on our volunteer bulletin board which will be available at the beginning of April in the Narthex.

THINK SPRING!

Silence in Worship

"Silence is a gift that can enrich the life of a worshipping community. The rests in music are as important as the notes, and they must be counted and honored in the same way that sounds are made. In a similar fashion, silence deepens the experience of the words, music, and actions of worship.

Silence is a vital element in worship, but one often omitted or difficult to incorporate well. Until a congregation gets comfortable with silence, members of the assembly will be fidgeting or looking around, wondering if the pastor or musician forgot what is coming next in the liturgy.

In our busy and noise-filled world it is often very difficult for us to be still and savor silence. When we

are alone many of us are connected to some kind of screen or sound; we need something to fill up space and time. Because we are so uneasy with silence in our daily lives, this may be an even greater reason that we should include it in worship.

Silence teaches us that prayer is not only a conversation involving words, but is also a stance of openness and listening for the voice of God. When worship becomes over saturated with words and music without any silence, we can forget God comes to us in silence and stillness. "Be still and know... (Psalm 46:10)."

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www.elca.org/worshipfaq. (The entire article may be found on Zion's website.)

♦ **Social Outreach/Mission Trip** *Submitted by Randy Miller*

West Virginia Mission Trip Planned!

Last fall, I announced that I was hoping to put together a mission trip to help rebuild homes that were ravaged by flooding earlier in 2016. Zion has held six mission trips to rebuild homes after Hurricane Katrina, and our youth group held a mission to assist with rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Helping others who are in need is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. In that, these mission trips are a very worthy cause – a cause that I hope to keep alive at our church.

I have been in touch with Sherri Schafer at Community Lutheran Partners. I explained what we would be looking for as it relates to accommodations (housing and meals being provided, just like Mississippi and New Jersey), and that we are interested in the week of May 15 – 19. I also e-mailed a skills sheet to her, estimating what skills we could offer based on those members who have expressed an interest. She expects that she can accommodate us that week!

As I had said in church on February 12th, you don't have to have a skill. You don't have to be strong. All you need is the desire to help others who are less fortunate than we are. Sherri indicated that there is a good chance that we will be going to Webster Springs, located in Webster County. [However, that is subject to change.] She said that there has been so much devastation that the need for help will likely exist for the next 3 – 5 years.

We have invited Trinity UCC (East Petersburg) to join us on this trip. Between the two churches, I would like to see 20 to 25 of us going down there. We can make a difference. *So please consider joining us.* Invite your friends. If interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, call me at 898-8526 or drop me an e-mail at randy.miller@cna.com.



♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In January, the pantry served 158 families which included 206 children, 348 adults, and 83 seniors for a total of 637 people served.

During the month of January Zion members donated 105 pounds of food....80 of those pounds donated on Super Bowl Sunday!

In addition, \$106.84 was contributed through the Super Bowl

“contest”. 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 managers to “shop for” food items on sale at local food stores and to purchase supplies for the pantry.



During the month of January....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,476 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 2,124 pounds of fresh produce and 121 pounds of bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 1,325 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 250 pounds of bread and bakery items; S. Clyde Weaver donated 282 pounds of bread and bakery items; Forry's 310 pounds of produce; Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz contributed 310 pounds of bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 870 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 234 pounds of food items through local grocery stores; 5,340 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank; and received 1,931 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program in Lancaster. In addition to the above donations and purchases, 7,823 pounds of food staple items were donated from the community. Fifty nine volunteers gave 627 hours during the month of January.



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, Hemfield 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.

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!

Together we will feed the hungry!

♦ Lutheran Camping Corporation Events

March 11:	Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm *
March 10-12:	Women's Quilting Weekend at Kirchenwald *
March 19:	Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa *
April 1:	Summer Camp Early Full-Pay Registration Discount Deadline
April 9:	Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa *
April 23:	Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald *
April 29:	Work Day at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm
May 5-6:	Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald
May 5:	Lutheran Camping Night at the Harrisburg Senators
May 7:	Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic at Kirchenwald
June 9:	Annual Golf Tournament at Honey Run Golf Club
June 18:	Summer Camp begins at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

*See Flyers On Following Pages

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER...

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

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer/>

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.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

A Spring Quilting Retreat



A gathering of women to share
fellowship and talents.

Camp Kirchenwald

Friday, March 10, 7:00pm-

Sunday, March 12, 2:00pm

Cost of the full weekend (Fri-Sun) is \$150.

Two days (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) is \$85.

One day (Sat, 9am-4pm) is \$55.

Registration forms are available at
LutheranCamping.org or by calling
the Camping Office at 717-677-8211



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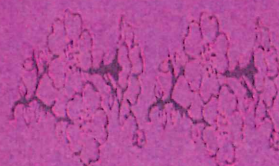
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A LENTEN DAY APART at The Wittel Farm

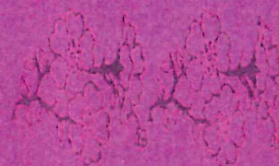


Saturday, March 11, 2017

9am - 3pm

"Receiving the Silence of God Like Thunder"

Led by Pastor Michael Allwein



Casual, comfortable clothing will be appropriate.
A \$15 registration fee covers program and meal costs.

To register for this event,
visit www.LutheranCamping.org or
call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



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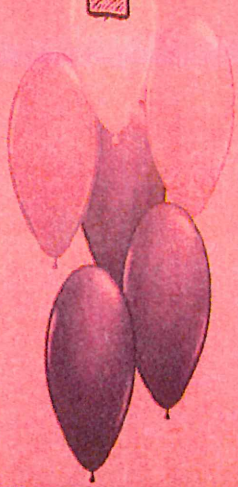
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Summer Camp Open House



**Summer Camp
Open House at
Kirchenwald &
Nawakwa**

Come join us!!!

- Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff
- Take a tour of camp
- \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!!

Sunday, March 19

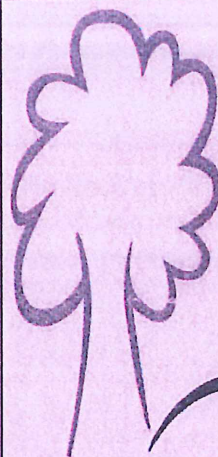
Sunday, April 9

2:00-4:30 pm

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of undeveloped timberland, adjacent to 4000 acres of State Game Lands, in Colebrook, Pennsylvania.

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit www.LutheranCamping.org or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.



Earth Day²⁰¹⁷ Celebration

Sunday, April 23, 2017 • 2-6pm
Kirchenwald

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: **CAMP!** An evening meal is included in the \$10 fee.

All ages welcome.

RSVP to 717-677-8211 or
LutheranCamping.org by April 14



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Music at Jerusalem

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church Street
Rothsville, PA

QuintEssentially Brass

Sunday, March 19, 2017
4:00 p.m.



The Heritage Chorale

Barry Sawyer, Artistic Director

Sunday, April 30, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Free-will offerings will be received.
Church building is handicap accessible.
For more information, please call the church office at 626-8972.

♦ Parish Resource Center Upcoming Events

Krista Tippett To Speak in Lancaster

Beloved for her NPR show and podcast, "On Being," Krista Tippett, *New York Times* bestselling author and Peabody-award winning broadcaster, 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*.

"I'm a person who listens for a living. I listen for wisdom, and beauty, and for voices not shouting to be heard," Tippett said. During the evening, she will speak about what she's learned in what has become a conversation across time and generations, across disciplines and denominations.

Krista will be speaking during the event about what she has learned from the discussions she's had with some of the most extraordinary voices of our time, people who kindle in others a sense of wonder and courage. Tippett will also discuss her own understandings of faith, of family, of community, and of the world.



Krista Tippett

For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to www.parishresourcecenter.org or call 717-299-1113.

OTHER EVENTS AT THE PRC THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST...

- ⇒ Creating Faith Development Goals for Your Church - 3/14
- ⇒ Children & Families Ministry Round Table - 3/20
- ⇒ Youth Ministries Round Table - 3/21
- ⇒ Stewardship 101 - 3/27
- ⇒ Mindful World: Becoming More Mindful In Our Every Day - 4/3
- ⇒ Take-Out Church - 4/24

**~All events are held 7-8:30 PM and
are free to Zion members~**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS INTERACTIVE PRAYER WALK

4/3-4/7 & 4/10-4/13, 9-5 PM

Come and experience a sense of what Christ's walk to the cross might have been like. Hear the crowds yelling. Feel the hard, rocky road beneath your knees as Jesus falls to the ground. Feel the heartache of the crucifixion as well as the joy of being washed clean! Stop in any time during the day to spend time in reflection during this Lenten season in the weeks leading up to Easter.

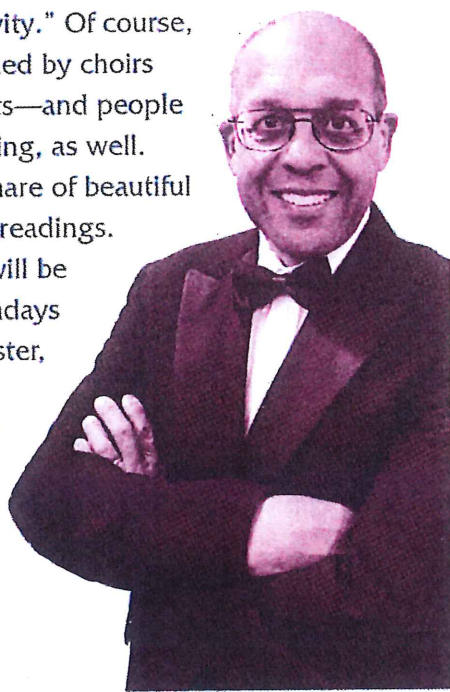
◆ Lessons & Carols for Lent, Service of Remembrance

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

Hospice & Community Care invites you, your family
and friends to attend a special

Service of Remembrance

in memory of loved ones who died in 2016.

"Beautiful mosaics are made of broken pieces."

-Lori Jensen Nelson

Sunday, March 19, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Highland Presbyterian Church

500 E. Roseville Road

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

and

Sunday, March 26, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church

1907 Hollywood Drive

York, Pennsylvania

Child care is available at the Lancaster service.

For more information call (717) 391-2413.

HOSPICE & COMMUNITY CARE



♦ Connecting With Others

THANK YOU...

From Joan Mays

...Our family appreciates all the thoughts and prayers for Earl after his fall on Thanksgiving. Thank to Pastor JMe for her visits and to Bob Traup for delivering the beautiful poinsettia at Christmas. Earls remains at LutherCare in Lititz for rehab.

From Philip, Shanna, & Stone Smeltz

...Thank you so much for the thoughtful basket for our baby, Stone. The handmade gifts are beautiful and we so appreciate the clothes and stuffed bear too! Thank you for thinking of our family.

From Brenda Stover

...Thank you for the cards and condolences expressed to me on the death of my mother. I am comforted by your words and the knowledge that you care. Being a member of Zion has always brought me a great deal of peace. I love you all and appreciate your support and understanding. With love, Brenda

From Daniel Speckhard, President & CEO Lutheran World Relief

...Warm greetings from LWR! Thank you for helping a person in need unwrap a better life with an LWR Gift. Your special gift of the coffee tree seedlings helps lift people out of poverty and into futures of promise.....On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, thank you for this life-changing gift. God bless you.

From ZYM

...Thank you so much to everyone who donated snacks, gift cards, other Valentine treats, or helped pay for postage for the college kids' care packages! All of it is very much appreciated!

SYMPATHY....

...to Harry & Janet Musselman on the death of their great-niece, Rebecca Miller, who died on January 30.

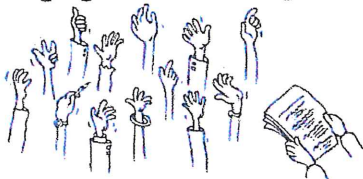
...to Lucy Davis on the death of Ed on February 2.

...to family and friends of Jackie Allen who passed away on February 15.

CONGRATULATIONS....

...to Bob & Judy Traup on the birth of their great grandson, Carson Michael, son of Chloe & Colby Graham, on February 16.

**Special
Congregational Meeting**



**Sunday.
March 5
9:15 AM**



**March 11 Into
March 12**

♦ March Celebrations



		17	Lydia Golihew	
		19	Matthew McCullough	
		20	Trevor Barry	
		21	Chloe Graham	
2	Ellie Leach	22	Marty Gerlach	
3	Rick Rainar	22	Benjamin Green	
4	Connie Alsedek	23	Hannah Pipkin	
4	Andrew Bernhard	25	Leah Egenreider	
4	Barb Wildasin	25	Brenda Rosen	
7	John Hay	26	Jeanette Bomberger	
7	Jay Smith	26	Scott Hetrick	
8	Darrell Gerke	26	Andrew Sherwood	
8	Madeline Quinn	26	Brian Sherwood	
11	Ethan Pfautz	27	Kevin Reinhart	
13	Sofia Deibler	28	Chris Small	
14	Shirley Cates	29	Derek Stone	
14	Nancy Price	30	Helen Auchey	
16	Liz Crum	30	Jennifer Barley	
17	Devin Andrew	30	Kate Gunzenhauser	



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

		12	Sarah Thompson	22	Brad Sherwood
		12	Mary Zimmerman	25	Dianne Coons
1	Meghan Brady	15	Finn Gunzenhauser	25	Doug Stoner
1	Parker Stitzel	15	Derek Stone	28	Olivia Richards
3	Joe Adams	20	Keller Moore	30	Kristen Haun
6	Lily Gunzenhauser	21	Nate Deibler	31	Arianna Jackson
6	Brodan Quinn	21	Millie Gundel	31	Travis Jackson
10	Sam King	21	Bob Traup		
12	Fred Hamor	22	Ellie Barley		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4	Steve & Denise Haun (39th)
19	George & Charlotte Potts (57th)
27	Tom & Mary Grzybowski (50th)



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Lisa Bernhard, Treasurer
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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.

April Newsletter Deadline: March 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)

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