

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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2018 MARDI GRAS PARTY RECAP

*Thank you for your
amazing support!
A total of \$300 was*



*The Lutheran Conga
Line*



*The King &
Queen
Of The
Party!*



*The
Mardi
Gras
"Gang"*



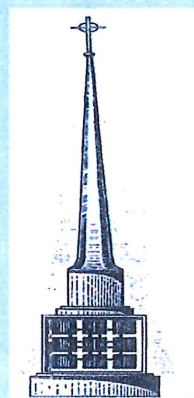
*Best
Dressed*

Master of Ceremonies



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♦ Connecting With Others, Financials

THANK YOU

From The Office of Student Services of Hempfield School District

...On behalf of the students and families of the Hempfield School District, that you for your kind donation [of the interest money from Anna Mary Herr distribution].

From Day of Smiles [Jane & Steve McCartney]

...Thank you so much for your kind and generous donation to our Day of Smiles through your Joyful Noise Offering. I love your idea of the Joyful Noise offering. I am a member of the Outreach Commission at Church of the Apostles so this means so much to me! Thank you again for supporting our day of giving in memory of our daughter Erin and son-in-law Max.

From Harry & Janet Musselman

...Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and phone calls during our bout with pneumonia . Thanks to Nancy Myers for delivering the beautiful flowers.

From Donald Cronauer, Administrator of Off The Streets

...Thank you for your kind donation [from your Joyful Noise offering]. Your donation will go towards helping another person or persons obtain a place that they can call home...It will enable young children to grow up in a home where they can thrive and develop. It will help elderly who have nowhere to go upon leaving a hospital. It will help abused mothers to provide a comforting environment to their children.

CONDOLENCES

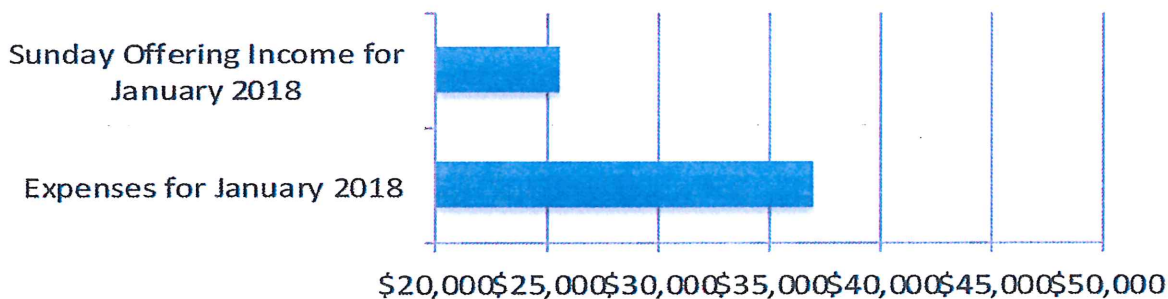
...to Barb Wildasin & family on the death of her brother, George Doll, who died on February 22.

...to the family of Lois Peterson who died on January 30.

...to Doug Searle and family on the death of his father, Jack Searle, who died on January 23.

...to Joan Oberrender on the death of her brother, Arden Miller, who died on February 6.

Financials January 2018



Total income (offering and from other sources) in January was \$26,884.

	Expenses for January 2018	Sunday Offering Income for January 2018
Series1	\$37,006	\$25,494

♦ Council President, Parish Fellowship

A Note From Your Council President

Submitted by Adele King

In the spirit of keeping everyone informed on what is happening at Congregational Council meetings, I will be including a note each month in the newsletter.

At our retreat last month, we decided that restructuring our monthly meetings might be helpful. By reading the reports in advance of the meeting, the business affairs will be able to be handled quicker. This should leave us with time to dedicate to our planning on how to develop strategies to provide a way forward for our congregation. At the retreat, we also took suggestions from the original strategic plan and decided what to build upon and what was practical at this time. We also will address

recommendations that were made by our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Director, Jeff Engroff, who helped identify and prioritize focus points of the strategic plan.

We are Zion EVANGELICAL Lutheran Church, and as such, evangelism should be our foremost mission. We need to have everyone on board to be mindful about this and how it is played out in the ministries at Zion . We connect with God, and in doing so, know it is His will that we connect with others and then, ultimately, we will connect others with God! So as we work to improve upon what is already being done well here at Zion, think how you, too, can help live out the mission of the church.

LETS' MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER!!

SIGHT & SOUND OUTING

Tickets are available for anyone who wants to go see "Jesus" at Sight & Sound on Friday, May 18 at 3 PM.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex! Questions?

Contact Millie (717-898-2313)



WHEN? Sunday, March 11
From 6 - 8 PM

WHERE? In the Social Room

WHAT? A fun time for all ages - An activity for everyone!

Bring your games if you have a favorite!

Games & tables will be provided!

You may want to bring a snack to share! Beverages will be provided.

You may just want to sit back and watch the fun....that's OK too!

Join us for a happy time...the more the merrier!

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 22
11:30

Centerville Diner

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Note this is a week earlier than usual because of the Maundy Thursday service at Noon on 3/29

♦ ZYM, Kids' Club, VBS

ZYM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9-10 th :	30 HOUR FAMINE (Friedens Lutheran-Myerstown) <i>*Please contact me ASAP if you plan on attending!*</i>
March 11	Game Night (Minute-To-Win-It, and more!) — 6-8 PM
March 25	Zion — 6-8 PM
March 31	Holy Saturday Egg Hunt — 9:30 AM
April 8	Escape Room — 6-8 PM
April 22	Zion — 6-8 PM
May 6	Zion — 6-8 PM
May 20	Zion — 6-8 PM
June 3	Mini-golf and Ice Cream — 6-8 PM
June 26-July 2	ELCA YOUTH GATHERING



KIDS' CLUB SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE



MARCH 4, 11, 18, & 25: "God's Love"

APRIL 8, 15, @ 22: "God Is Amazing!"

**Note there will be no Children's Faith Formation on Easter Sunday, April 1)*

FAITH FORMATION April 29—May 13: "Following Jesus"

May 20: Faith Formation Student, Parent, & Teacher End of Year Party

KIDS' CLUB WEDNESDAY SPRING SCHEDULE

March 7	5:30-7PM
April 4	5:30-7PM
May 2	5:30-7PM
June 6	5:30-7PM



VBS 2018
MISSION IS POSSIBLE II
⇒ JULY 9-12
⇒ 6-8 PM Each Night

♦ Women of Zion, Movie Night

WOMEN OF ZION

On February 10th we celebrated Valentine's Day with a breakfast at Country Table. All women of Zion and their friends are always invited to any of our planned events!

COMFORTER MINISTRY: Monday, March 5 at 9 AM in the kitchen

YARN MINISTRY: Sundays, March 4 & 18 at 1PM in the Parlor.

Come and make, or learn to make, prayer shawls and prayer squares.....our prayer square supply needs replenished. Prayer shawls are available, near the mailboxes, for you to take to someone in need of comfort. Please sign the attached book with your name and that of the recipient.



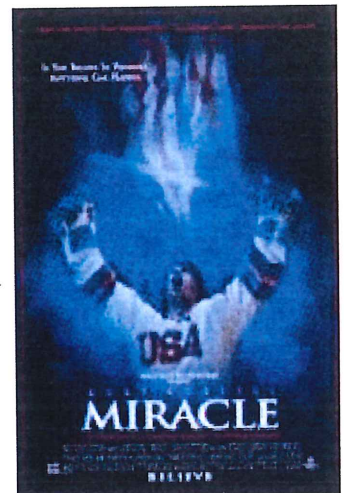
March 2, 6:45 PM **MIRACLE**

It was winter of 1979 in the midst of a deep national malaise. An economic recession had taken hold in the US. On the international front, Iranian students had seized the US embassy in Tehran, and soon the Soviet Union would invade Afghanistan.

Into this mess walked Herb Brooks, a final cut from the 1960 US Olympic hockey team and a man who wanted to get America believing in its greatness again. Our movie for March is "Miracle", the story of Brooks and his team of Olympians who shook the world by upsetting the top international hockey team, the Soviets, to take the gold medal in the 1980 winter Olympics at Lake Placid, NY.

The Disney movie stars Kurt Russell as Brooks. This film runs 2 hours, 15 minutes, so show time will begin at 6:45 again.

If you missed the excitement at this year's Olympics, we invite you to come and re-live history on Friday, March 2nd at 6:45 pm. This movie is rated PG (language).



Come, join us. Bring a snack to share.

♦ Pastor's Continuing Ed, Care Ministry

PASTOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION

Each year, members of the Zion staff develop goals to achieve that will enhance their ministries or improve their work skills for more effective service with Zion. Goals are developed, in part, in response to areas for improvement identified during the annual review process. In addition, staff members may develop goals for their own professional advancement as means to be better able to serve the congregation in the future.

Pastor JMe will be focusing on two major areas for her ministry. As part of the congregation vitality project of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, she entered an online program towards achievement of a certificate from Vibrant Faith Institute in "Faith Formation for the Twenty-First Century". She is, also, involved in an online preaching course.

In order to complete these continuing education programs, she will need dedicated office time to participate in the webinars and to accomplish the assignments that she is given for each course. The Congregation Council has given approval for her to schedule

Tuesday afternoons 12 noon to 4 p.m. to engage in the work required. Except for emergencies requiring pastoral care, please honor Pastor JMe's continuing education time on Tuesdays by refraining from contacting her for ordinary church business. As always, Anne will be available in the office until 2 p.m. to assist you. Pastor JMe's cell phone will be turned off during this time, so you may leave a message, and she will respond as soon as she is able.

Thank you for helping Pastor JMe to enhance her skills for ministry with Zion.

Prayers and Cards

Submitted by Judy Traup

There is a need at Zion that many of you are not aware of. *Please consider sending a card to any of our shut-ins, those needing comfort and strength, and those that are healing.* The names are listed weekly in our Sunday Bulletin. Also, there is a separate listing of our Home Bound members in the Narthex, giving their addresses, and birthdays. There are two members of Zion that have been sending cards regularly, but additional cards from everyone at Zion would make a huge difference in the lives of our members that are unable to attend worship services. Let's let them know that they are not forgotten and are being prayed for by the Zion family. It's easy, just pick out one or two names a month to send a "thinking of you" card. It is the hope of our Care Ministry Team that this will be ongoing.

Love

A pen that's always busy
A voice upon the phone,
A letter in the mail,
To prove we're not alone.
Love said upon a paper,
A voice within the air,
Reassurance of a loved one,
To show how much we care.
To prove our love is sacred,
To help one understand,
That love is always near you,
On the lips, within the hand.

by James Joseph Huesgen



♦ Easter Flowers, First Holy Communion

EASTER FLOWERS

Name _____

of plants _____ (\$10/plant)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

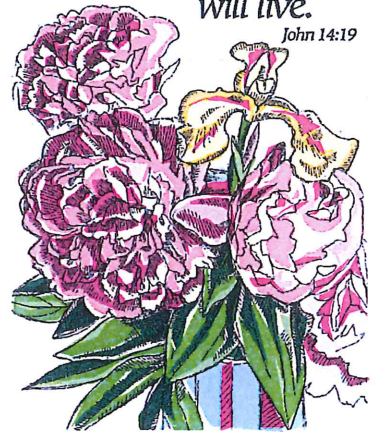
Order Deadline: March 11

Please take your flowers home with you after the
10:30 AM Easter service on April 1.

Flowers not picked up by Tuesday, April 3rd
will be planted on the church grounds.

Because I live,
you also
will live.

John 14:19



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 10 & 17, 10 AM – 12 Noon. Parents are asked to attend the sessions with their children.

The children will celebrate their First Communion during worship on Palm Sunday, March 25th. 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 3rd.

♦ Lenten Midweek Program



CROSS+WALK

"During the Middle Ages the practice of going on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and, while there, following the path of Jesus' journey to the cross became a very popular devotion. To this day people still travel to Jerusalem in order to follow the footsteps of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrows.

"Medieval pilgrims upon their return to Europe told others about their deeply moving experiences. Some of them even wrote books travelogues of sorts, describing the experience. Many more people than were able desired to make the journey. Thus, the practice developed of making a simulated journey.

"Some went so far as to construct scale models of the Way of Sorrows in order to simulate the journey in their own backyards. Out of this grew the devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

"There are fourteen stations [in Roman Catholic tradition... each representing some event which, in tradition, took place as Jesus made his ascent to Calvary and the Cross." Although some Protestant

churches follow the Roman Catholic stations, During the devotion of walking the stations, the worshipper is led through a series of prayers and scripture readings, one set for each station. By means of this guided devotion the worshipper vicariously accompanies Jesus on that final journey. It is, in other words, a walk with Jesus."

There are also Protestant versions that have a different order and number. Protestant versions tend to focus on actual scriptural passages that describe the events that took place as Jesus made his ascent to Calvary and the Cross.

At Zion this year, we are focusing on five significant "stations" of Jesus' journey to the cross through Cross+Walk, a program developed by Pastor JMe. On Wednesdays during the Lenten season our Cross+Walk journey will begin. Each Wednesday of the season we will gather for a cross-generational event beginning with a soup supper followed by activities and worship for all ages.

Portions of the explanation, above, were taken from an article by Rev. Steven Frock, Pastor, Brayton & Hamlin Lutheran Parish, Iowa, and additional information was added by Pastor JMe.

Dates for March Cross+Walk Wednesdays

- +March 7 - Cross&Walk #3
- +March 14 – Cross+Walk #4
- +March 21 – Cross+Walk #5

♦ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

During the month of January, 2018, the food pantry served 167 families which included 85 seniors, 241 children, and 408 adults, for a total of 735 people served during the month. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday...an average of 100 families visit the pantry each week.

“Thank you” to our Zion members who contributed 108 pounds of food items to the pantry during the month of January.

“Thank you” to the Zion members who contributed financially to the pantry in January. Monetary contributions help the pantry to purchase food items not regularly donated as meats, eggs in addition to the purchase of “high demand” items as cereal, rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soups, and fruits. Financial contributions also allow the pantry to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank at eighteen cents per pound.

During the month of January....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,809 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 768 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 502 bakery items and 131 pounds meat products; S. Clyde Weaver donated 203 pounds of bread and bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 214

pounds of bakery items and 57 pounds of food items; Stauffers of Rohrerstown donated 203 of food items. The pantry purchased 6,277 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank. The pantry received 2,476 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program. In addition to the above donations and purchases, 5,426 pounds came from the community which includes donations from the churches, businesses, social and civic organizations and private individuals.

At the November, 2017 pantry board meeting, a motion was unanimously approved to **contribute \$500 per quarter to Zion** as a small token of appreciation for the facilities provided for their outreach ministry to the Hempfield community.

Sixty volunteers gave 604 hours during the month of January.

The pantry is a complete volunteer effort, operating with a full non-paid staff. **Many volunteers work “behind the scenes” on days other than “open” days of Monday and Wednesday. There are “pick-ups” of staples, fresh produce, and bakery items made throughout the week at the various businesses. In addition, there is an office staff documenting the donations received, clients**

served and completing other required reports for the Central Penn Food Bank, and registering new clients each week. We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! Our clients are very appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give to serving with a true servant's heart and a smile! **Currently, the Hempfield Area Food Pantry has over 300 families registered to receive food assistance. Ninety percent of the clients served at the pantry reside in the Hempfield School District. The remaining families reside in bordering communities. In addition to the clients who visit the pantry to select their food items, deliveries are made to senior citizens, and families who are unable to get to the pantry due to physical disabilities, lack of transportation, or those who no longer drive. All of our clients are very thankful and appreciative for the assistance they receive during this stressful and difficult economic time in their lives.**

AND, the pantry would not be able to provide this program to the Hempfield residents without the outreach mission of Zion with the use of God's property. This mission is a witness of God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action!

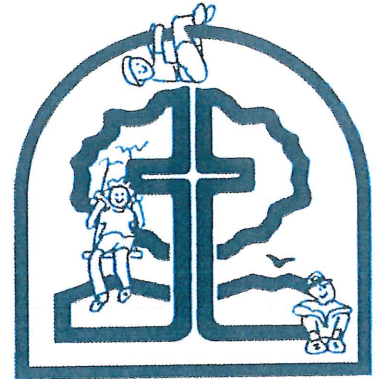


♦ Lutheran Camping Corp., Lutheran Youth Day

LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION

WINTER 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



SAVE THE DATE

Susquehanna
UNIVERSITY

Lutheran Youth Day

April 14, 2018

with David Scherer (AGAPE*) and Joe Davis

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♦ March Celebrations



2 Ellie Leach
3 Rick Rainar
4 Connie Alsedek
4 Andrew Bernhard
4 Barb Wildasin
7 John Hay
7 Jay Smith
8 Darrell Gerke
8 Madeline Quinn
11 Ethan Pfautz
13 Sofia Deibler
13 Jeff Engroff

14 Shirley Cates
14 Nancy Price
16 Liz Crum
17 Devin Andrew
17 Lydia Gronholm
20 Trevor Barry
21 Chloe Traup
22 Marty Gerlach
22 Benjamin Green
23 Hannah Pipkin
25 Leah Egenreider
25 Brenda Rosen
26 Jeanette Bomberger
26 Scott Hetrick
26 Brian Sherwood
26 Andrew Sherwood

27 Kevin Reinhart
28 Chris Small
29 Derek Stone
30 Jennifer Barley
30 Kate Gunzenhauser



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1 Meghan Brady
1 Parker Stitzel
3 Joe Adams
6 Lily Gunzenhauser
6 Brodan Quinn
10 Sam King
12 Fred Hamor
12 Sarah Thompson

12 Mary Zimmerman
15 Nicole Bono
15 Finn Gunzenhauser
15 Derek Stone
20 Keller Moore
21 Nate Deibler
21 Millie Gundel
21 Bob Traup
22 Ellie Barley
22 Brad Sherwood

25 Dianne Coons
25 Doug Stoner
26 Sam Contino
28 Olivia Richards
30 Kristen Haun
31 Arianna Jackson
31 Travis Jackson



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4 Steve & Denise Haun (40th)
19 George & Charlotte Potts (58th)
27 Tom & Mary Grzybowski (51st)



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Joel Janisewski (Outreach)
Dave Wise (Finance & Stewardship)
Dave Albin (Faith Formation)
Mark Coons (Ministry Support)
Mark Rosen (Worship & Music)
Riley Klepper (ZYM)

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

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

Hempfield Area Food Pantry Staff

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

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

April Newsletter Deadline: March 15

Worship: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Faith Formation: 9:15 AM

Parish Admin. Normal 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)