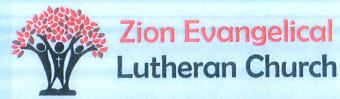
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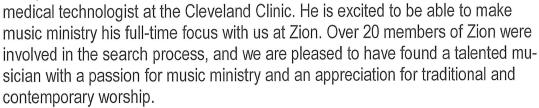


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Zion Welcomes James Alfieri as Director of Music and Worship Arts

We are delighted to welcome Mr. James C. Alfieri to the staff at Zion as Director of Music and Worship Arts beginning on November 1, 2018. James comes to us with 25 years of experience as a church musician at several different congregations, including Methodist, Presbyterian, and 11 years in a Lutheran congregation. He has a Master of Sacred Music, is an experienced organist and choir director, and he has played piano regularly for contemporary worship. James also has a teaching certificate and a private piano studio. Until September 2018, James worked as a medical technologist at the Cleveland Clinic. He is excited to be ab



As you get to know him, you will discover that James has a real passion for music as a means of ministry in the Church. James has shared his philosophy of music in worship: "Church music has been my avocation for over 25 years. During this time I have realized what an important role the music minister plays in the lives of the congregation. The word 'ministry' means the act of serving. It is not a word that refers to something huge, splashy, popular, dynamic, or prestigious. A music minister takes the lowly place, not the exalted place; he does not walk above others, but washes their feet; he does not labor for the applause of others, but for the "well done" of his heavenly Father. Music is a gift given by God and a joy and delight with which God graces creation. I want to use this gift as my sacrifice of praise to Him and I want to be challenged to do my best so that I may better teach, encourage and nurture the musical talents of the people of God I serve."

We are excited about the growth of our music program under James' leadership for many years to come. James' first Sunday leading worship is November 4, 2018, All Saints Sunday. Please welcome him to Zion!



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From Your Council President, Adele King

In August, the congregational council met with the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Sharon Blezzard. We were made aware of Pastor JMe's decision to resign. This followed many months of prayerful consideration, both by the leaders of the congregation as well as Pastor JMe. The congregational council and the synod agreed to honor her resignation. We, as a Council, then met on August 21st to establish the terms of that agreement, which included paying her salary and benefits until the end of the year, according to synod recommendations. She, JMe, gave her four weeks notice and we agreed on a timeline for this to take place. A luncheon was held in her honor after the service on September 15th.

Meanwhile, at the August Council meeting, the possibility of the hiring of James Alfieri, the recommended choice of the search team, was presented. We agreed to the terms of his contract and set a starting date of November 1st.

The Personnel team presented a new evaluation form that was being proposed by them. Council voted and accepted the new form. In addition, Council also discussed the need to hire people for childcare during the worship services.

Dennis Dezort will be retiring from Zion after 34 years of music ministry. A celebration to honor his ministry was set for November 3rd and plans were put into motion for the planning of that event.

Lastly, at the August meeting the budget process was begun for 2019.

In September, we found that although August offerings were up from last year, our

year-to-date offerings were still lower than 2017 by \$20,000. We reviewed the proposed budget for 2019, but then found new problems with the building that needed to be included.

Some of the other discussion point at the September meeting were about nominees to Council and for synod representation, the Worship and Music team's request that two people be hired for child care at both services in order to maintain our safe church policy and to also encourage young families to come to either one of our worship services. At the current time, we have no new suggestions from the synod for an interim pastor and will be having supply pastors until we do.

Office coverage was necessary for a brief time while Anne was recuperating and out of the office. Our thanks to Marie Adams, Diane Gerlach, Brenda Stover, Jeff Engroff, Dave Albin, Bob Wildasin, and myself for giving their time so generously.

A reminder to all: If there are hospitalizations while we don't have an interim, please contact Diane Gerlach or Judy Traup so they can arrange visits.

During our October meeting, a great deal of time was spent on the budget process. Property issues continue to be problematic. This year it was the HVAC system and the internet. Next year it will be ADA compliant bathrooms and roofing concerns.

In discussing our concerns for the ministry of Zion, the Council decided to hold another meeting on October 29th to be better able to address budgetary concerns with all of you. (Cont'd on page 3)

· Council Update, Cont'd

An informational meeting will be held on November 4th, between the services, at 9:15. We hope you will be able to join us as we need every member to take ownership of this church and its mission.

The Personnel team made a request to pay for coursework that Jeff Engroff will take in order to meet his lay pastoral certificate. This will benefit Zion as he will be able to take a much more active role in the life of the congregation. It was approved and it is understood that this certificate will only relate to his work here at Zion.

The Worship and Music team requested that James Alfieri, our new Worship and Music Arts Director, be able to place a baby grand piano in the sanctuary. This may be used by all at Zion for worship, special music, and concerts.

We then discussed the celebration honoring Dennis on November 3rd. We hope all will come out to support him, and to meet the new music director.

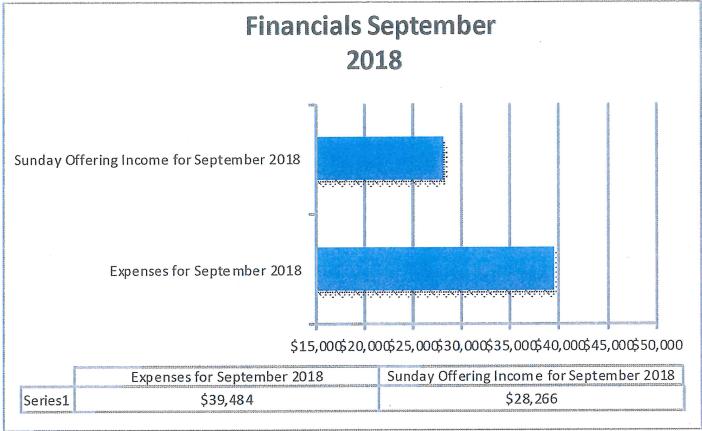
We talked about the Council hosting the community meal on October 18th. Our jobs and time were coordinated. We then had to dispense with the rest of our agenda as our meeting went quite late. A meeting of the team leaders was held on October 8th, with the Council liaisons also present. All gave their input into how we can incorporate evangelistic efforts

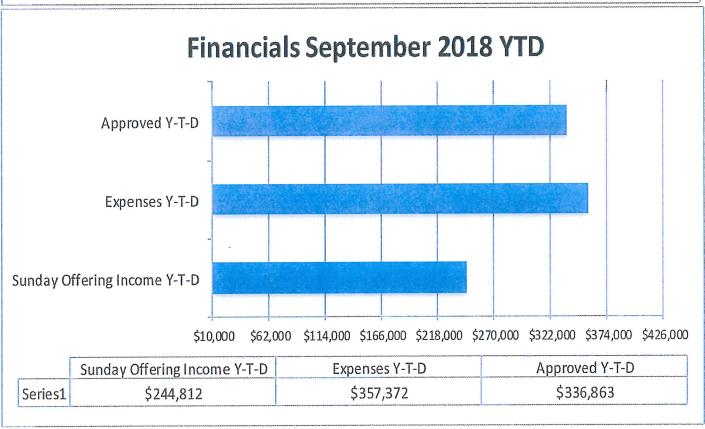
into our thoughts and activities. Additionally, how to improve the "welcoming" appearance of Zion was discussed.

This is a time of renewal for all of us. Please keep Pastor JMe, our current staff, and your congregational council in your prayers. We hope you see the opportunities before each of us to move this church forward and see it through to a positive and exciting place!



Financial Figures (September)





Kids' Club Sunday

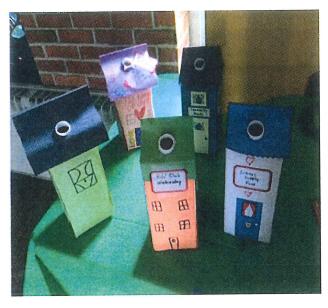
Kids' Club Sunday meets each Sunday morning during the Faith Formation Hour (9:15 AM). Toddlers through elementary grade 6 meet in the Zone (former Zion day care space). Children are warmly greeted by caring adult teachers and mentors and are invited to participate in music, games, crafts and story through the Lectionary.

"A Glimpse into our World"

Music: Thanks to our music team of talented leaders our students are given the gift of God's love through music and song. The kids will be preparing to sing again on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at the 10:30 AM service.

Some of our youngest members are learning to stand comfortably in front of a group; some are "whisper" singing; some might even sit down or run away; some of the older kids really know how to belt out a tune! They are all lovable members of God's family, and we appreciate all their ability levels as they connect with God and others through music!





Offering, Giving, Stewardship: All of our preschool through sixth grade students invite you to join them in their year-long generosity of giving by donating your coins and bills into the "ministry houses" they prepared. Their houses, located on "Stewardship Street," represent the following ministries at the present time: Food Pantry, Community Meals, Kids' Club Wednesday, School Supplies, School District of Lancaster Uniforms, Yarn Ministry. Look for some new houses that are still under construction to join the others that are already available for your donations.

Parents: Encourage your children to save their own coins to bring to Kids' Club Sunday each week.

ZYM, Kids' Club Wednesday



Gift Card
Fundraiser
will run Nov.
4-30. Order
forms are in
mailboxes
and on the
ushers' table.

November 4: "Day of the Dead" Youth Party & Game Night (6-8 PM). ZYM will host several other youth groups for the first annual DOD party. This is not an alternative to celebrating Halloween. Similar to "All Saints Day," this Mexican Holiday is filled with fun and merriment as they remember the lives of loved ones who have passed.

November 18: ZYM meets at Zion (6-8pm) for conversation and fun.

December 8-9: "Winterfest" takes place at the 'Nook!

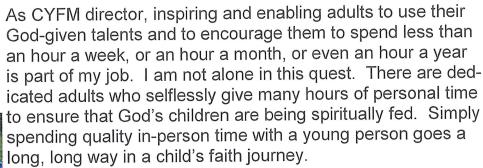
December 30: ZYM and former ZYM reunion holiday luncheon!

January 4-6: Winter Retreat at Camp Nawakwa! (ZYM will join 2 other Lutheran youth groups for a fun weekend at Grove Lodge). Cost per person is \$35.00.



Kids' Club Wednesday is a community wide ministry that typically meets the first Wednesday of each month. Here, all children are welcome and share in faith conversations, craft making and play. A light family meal is served each month.

Kids' Club Wednesday & Kids' Club Sunday are growing but the need for leaders is now at a critical level. There is an ongoing need for adult leaders to engage in faith conversation with the children in our midst. Without caring adults there can no longer be a children's ministry.





Please consider donating an hour a month of your time for such a worthwhile and most meaningful time spent with God's youngest disciples. Kids' Club Wednesday meets November 14th (NOTE DATE CHANGE) and December 6th.



THE 1ST ANNUAL "DAY OF THE DEAD" PARTY! SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH FROM 6-8PM

AT ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!



ZOMBIE GROG & SCREAM (GAMES!)







THE THEME IS: "ALL THINGS DEAD"

NO GORE. JUST FUNY

CEMETERY GATES OPEN (DOORS OPEN AT 6PM) AT ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

(DELD RD AND RT. 501) LANCASTER, DA

OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

Women Of Zion, Adult Faith Formation

All women of Zion and their friends are invited to join in any and all of our activities throughout the year! We always need more hands for our projects, which are listed below. This is a wonderful time to get to know one another better....and to do a worthwhile project!

*******WOZ Events for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER...Mark your calendar!******

<u>Comforter Ministry</u> - Monday, <u>November 5</u>, 9AM in Kitchen Monday, <u>December 3</u>, 9AM in Kitchen *Pinning, knotting, & fellowship!*

Yarn Ministry - Sunday, November 4 & 18, 1PM in Parlor Sunday, December 2 & 16, 1PM in Parlor Knitting, crocheting, & fellowship!

Advent Breakfast At Country Table—Saturday, December 1 at 10 AM

All women and their friends are invited to come celebrate the advent of Christmas!

Bring a wrapped grab bag gift (\$3 limit) to exchange!

Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the front door.

Faith Formation Opportunities for Adults

Sunday Scholars Class: Every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Parlor (beginning Sept. 16)

Experience the historical background and meaning of the Old and New Testaments through video presentations by biblical scholars and lively discussions that relate what you learn to life in the here and now.

Wired Word Class: Every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Social Room

The Wired Word provides adult Sunday school lessons that confront the news with Scripture and hope as well as spark and inspire meaningful discussions. Join a multigenerational group of folks with inquiring minds who tackle together everyday life and faith issues that arise from current events.

Parent Café: The first Sunday of every month at 9:15 AM in the room just past the stairs to the Social Room

THE PARENT CAFÉ provides a safe place to share the joys and challenges of parenting in today's world. Join us each month for stimulating conversation and delicious coffee or tea.

Community Meal, Bible Study

"Looking Back"

Wow! Just look at this list of God's helping hands! A call for help was put out for October's Thursday night meal, and here is who showed up: Dave Albin, Connie Alsedek, Jim Bear, Linda Bear, Cathy Benedict, Ed Blough, Mark Coons, Diane Gerlach, Joanne Grim, Gloria Grube, Jesse Landis, Tom Miller, Janet Musselman, Joan Oberrender, Dolly Overly, Bill Piper, Anne Rankin, Jo Stone, Dave Wise- behind-the-scene: organizers, ordering, kitchen supplies, food pick up and delivery, table setting, food prep, bakers, cooks; Thursday night: open up, servers, greeters, clean up, lock up - oh my! Our community meal was much better because all of you said, "Yes!"



"Looking Forward"

We will be ready to serve again on the second Thursday in December on December 13, 2018. We really appreciate it when some of our helpers can devote their time to greeting and circulating among our guests, visiting with them, and making connections - connecting with God, connecting with others, connecting others with God. Mark your calendars now. December will be here before you know it!



All are invited to Bible Study on Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30!

Even if you haven't come before, you are more than welcome!

Just come as you are (with your Bible!) to the Parlor.

Food Pantry Submitted by Diane Gerlach

In August, the pantry served 161 families of which 227 were children: 377 adults: 94 seniors for a total of 698 persons served. In September, the pantry served 148 families of which 184 were children; 330 adults; 98 seniors for a total 612 persons served. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday... an average of 75-100 families visit the pantry each week.

"Thank you" to our Zion members who contributed 71 pounds of food items to the pantry. "Thank you" to the Zion members who continue to contribute financially to the pantry. 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 once a month at greatly reduced prices. Due to the closing of Darrenkamps, Mount Joy (who we will miss greatly!!)....the pantry will no longer receive their weekly donations of fresh produce...consequently, fresh produce is another item the pantry will have to purchase through your financial contributions.

Requested food items for November are: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix. syrup, 15 oz. canned corn, 15 oz. canned fruit, and boxed pasta.

During the month of August....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,786 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Giant Mount Joy donated 346 pounds of bread and

bakery items and 588 pounds of food items: Weis Market in Columbia donated 752 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 913 bakery items and 400 pounds meat products; S. Clyde Weaver donated 159 pounds of bakery item; Stauffers of Rohrerstown donated 220 pounds of food items. The pantry purchased 6,983 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank and 362 pounds from local grocery stores. The pantry received 2.151 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program. In addition to the above donations and purchases. 7.164 pounds came from the community which includes donations from the churches, schools, businesses, social and civic organizations and private individuals.

During the month of September....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,194 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Giant Mount Joy donated 263 pounds of bread and bakery items and 503 pounds of food items: Weis Market in Columbia donated 720 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 373 bakery items and 21 pounds meat products; S. Clyde Weaver donated 142 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 8,226 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank and 1,065 pounds from local grocery stores. The pantry received 1,506 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program. In addition to the above donations and purchases, 4,806 pounds came from the community which includes donations from the churches, schools, businesses,

social and civic organizations and private individuals.

Seventy-five volunteers gave 702 hours during the month of August; 56 volunteers gave 511 hours in September. 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 "pickups" 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 reguired reports for the Central Penn Food Bank. We could not provide this important community service without our volunteers! Our clients are verv appreciative of the time the volunteers willingly give with a true servant's heart and a smile!

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 **Zion's proper**ty. This mission is a witness of God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action! In appreciation, the pantry contributed \$500 to Zion in September for utility use and \$3,300 to assist in the cost of the upgrade of the ITT services for Zion and the pantry

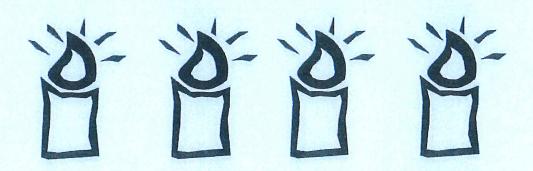
Stop by to visit the community pantry "in action" any Monday or Wednesday morning or see Diane Gerlach for a tour. Thank you! Together we will feed the hungry!



Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 8, 2018 10am - 2pm

All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.



There is a \$15 registration fee. Lunch will be provided.

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit www.LutheranCamping.org to register by November 23.



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ach year, Hospice & Community Care places thousands of delicate white lights on evergreen boughs. Each light shines in honor of a life worthy of celebration. Each light is also a gift that supports Hospice & Community Care's mission of providing comfort and care to patients and families as they face end of life.

Please join us by purchasing a light and making the life you wish to remember part of this year's Light Up A Life celebration.

York

(ceremony indoors)

Sunday, December 2, 2018

(Snow date: December 9, 2018)

5:30 p.m.

Country Club of York

1400 Country Club Road, York

(additional gifts may be listed on a separate page).

Lancaster

(ceremony outdoors)
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
6:30 p.m.
The Essa Flory Center

685 Good Drive, Lancaster

Return the bottom portion in the envelope provided.

For a gift of \$25 per light, we will place light(s) in memory or honor of the following:

In Memory/Honor of:	In Memory/Honor of
Please notify the following that this gift has been made:	Please notify the following that this gift has been made:
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:

Connecting with Others, Cong. Mtgs., Lunch Bunch

THANK YOU ...

From Anna Benedict

Thank you very much for the camp scholarship money! I really enjoy my time working at camp each summer! It means a lot to me that you support me and the work being done at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. As I have been back at school, the scholarship money has been very help as I've had to buy textbooks and other school supplies. Thank you again!

From Millie Gundel

Many thanks for all of the cards and good wishes on my "retirement" from teaching Sunday School. Each class that I taught was a pleasure and each child was a blessing! I pray that the children may continue to grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus!

CONDOLENCES TO ...

- ♦ Jeanette Bomberger on the death of her sister, Sylvia, who died on September 10.
- ♦ Lisa Nelson & Grace Rohrbach on the death of their sister and daughter, Carla Rohrbach, on Septermber 14.
- ♦ Dave Dumeyer on the death of his mother, Gladys M. Dumeyer, on October 21.

CONGRATUALTIONS TO ...

- Zachary & Alexandra Swade and Joan Oberrender on the birth of their daughter and great grand-daughter, Lyla Grace, on August 30.
- Don & Laura Wierschke on the birth of their grandson, Alex Clark, on September 15.
- Michael Adams on his marriage to Haley Park on September 18.
- ♦ Matthew Propst on his marriage to Twila Flawd on October 13.

PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET INFORMATIONAL SESSION: Sunday,

November 4 at 9:15 AM (No Adult Faith Formation Classes)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: November 18 at 9:15 AM (No Adult Faith Formation Classes)





Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex

EVERYONE IS WECOME! Thursday, November 29 AT 11:30 AM

No Lunch Bunch in December...

eat holiday cookies instead! 13

November Celebrations

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Jim Gundel

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Lynda Sherwood

Katie Donnan

Arlene Miller

Rick Price

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- Dave & Alane Klepper (22nd) 18
- Joe & Sue Hindes (30th) 19
- Keith & Sherri Anderson (32nd) 22
- Burnell & Joan Hostetter (58th) 24



December Celebrations

Happy
Birthdays

1	Amelia Golihew
2	Joey Auchey
2	Sarah Auchey
2	Heather Gronholm
2	Kaylee Thompson
4	Tracie Andrew
4	Bryce Burfete
4	Finn Gunzenhauser
6	Joseph Gorlaski*
6	Jaden Myers
7	Bradley Green
8	Ron Crawford

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Philip Smeltz
Bill Flood
Brad Ingersoll
Melodie Dearolf
Sarah Chapman
Nina Laliberte
Christian Benedict
Nathan Bear
Kaylyn Langseth
Ted Symonds
Travis Jackson
Nate Deibler
Nancy Smith
Brenda Stover
Kathryn Unger
Linda Bear
Don Wierschke
Holly Hoover

24	Sue Wise
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25	Dave Wauls
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28	Deb Grube
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5	Mary Hetrick			
9	Zachary Houseal			
9	Deb Long			
10	Katie Donell			

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10	Mary Jane Unger
11	Joan Hostetter
11	Erica Kearon
12	Amanda Grube

Sue Hindes

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13	Joe Hindes
14	Ava Gronholm
14	Soren Gronholm
17	Tracy Ingersoll
18	Sara Hoover
18	Sam Myers
20	Carolyn Klinger
22	Cathy Benedict
22	Marty Gerlach
22	Mary Gerlach
23	Kara Barr
23	Brett Houseal

24	Aarin Deibler
25	Devin Leibley
28	Todd Benedict
28	Doug Searle
30	Emma Baumgardner
30	Jacklyn Emerick
30	Pat Landis
31	Madalyn Billett
31	Amber Swade



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!5 Rich & Angela Sieglitz (5th)



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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.

January/February Newsletter Deadline: Deadline December 14

Worship: 8 AM & 10:30 AM Faith Formation: 9:15 AM

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