

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 Home Office of CYFM, in sunny Landisville, PA:

Greetings in Christ's name!

The world is changing and society is bombarding our children with so much that it's hard to keep up with what issues they are facing let alone the responsibilities of school work, chores, sports and personal commitments they have to balance. Our children are in a world that changes the rules on what's popular or unpopular from week to week. Now, even home life is being influenced by society's ever changing personality; you might be seeing the effects firsthand. It should be no surprise that going to church or attending youth group events is falling off most of their radar screens. Whether popular or not, ministry to God's young people continues through all of the change society can throw at it! This very thing also continues to baffle all of the trend setters and naysayers who tell our children that God is imaginary or doesn't exist at all.

As I embark on my 33rd year of working with young people, it is I, who has been rewarded most. I am honored to serve as your CYF Director and am blessed to join with you (brothers and sisters in Christ) in ministry to God's people, here in Landisville and abroad; loving and serving our neighbor through the compassion and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Faith Formation encompasses much more than just a weekly youth meeting, children's story and playing silly games. Faith formation starts in the home and is nurtured both at home and wherever 'two or more are gathered' (Matt.18:20). Faith is caught more than it is taught! To catch that faith, our young people are exposed to the lifestyles of Godly adults; (parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, pastors, youth workers, etc.) I ask that you keep your children involved with the many faith formative ministries and activities available to them.

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♦ From Jeff Engroff (Cont'd from pg. 1)

For me, it was my grandmother who made sure that I was 'in church' every Sunday so that I would learn more about the mysteries of God through caring conversations, devotions, rituals and traditions of the church and serving others. That's what faith formation at Zion is all about! Each age-appropriate group meets at least twice a month for caring conversations, devotions (through study and song), rituals and traditions (that are both tried and true and even new), as well as what it means to serve others!



Zion on Sunday mornings is full of opportunity for every person to connect with others through study and song. Zion offers Sunday evening and Wednesday evening opportunities for young children and teens to gather via ZYM, Head to Heart and Kids' Club. Check out the inside of the newsletter for upcoming meetings, events & activities. All are welcomed! Be an evangelist...invite your friends!

To contact me, please email jeffengroff@comcast.net, or call my cell phone (717-606-2266) or the church office (898-2911).

Yours in Christ's Service, Jeff

FINAL TAIZE SERVICE OF THE SEASON

Join us on *September 27 at 7 PM* by the cross in the Cooper House backyard, weather permitting. All are welcome!

What is a Taize Service?

It is an informal half hour of peace in your hectic, busy life. **There is music**...you may sing along, hum or just listen. **There is prayer**...it is short and meant to focus your thoughts. **There is scripture**...listen to the Word as you relax. **There is a time of silence**...a few moments to "just be." **All of this in one half hour!** A *wonderful island of solitude in your day!*
Questions? Contact Dennis (203-9863).



♦ From the Council President

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

The summer is rapidly passing us by and we are closing in on the start of another school year and the beginning of a full schedule of activity at Zion. Although some activities get curtailed during the summer months, there has been a great deal of motion and planning that occurred by several different groups during this time.

Our thanks go out to all those who worked hard to put together a successful Vacation Bible School from June 13-17 based on the "Cave Quest" curriculum. Also to those who helped keep the Kids' Club active and the CYFM programs running during the absence of a director.

The Personnel Team and Pastor JMe worked very hard and long in bringing to us a new CYFM Director, Jeff Engroff, who began his employment with Zion on August 1. The process of bringing Jeff to us entailed many hours of phone calls, interviews, skype sessions, and meetings which occupied much of their time these past few months.

Dave Albin led a series of summer Sunday School lessons from July 1 – August 28 called "Box Office Bible Studies" which were very interesting and thought-provoking. The themes each week were centered on past Hollywood productions and were in alignment with each week's Sunday worship themes. Dave spent a lot of effort in the preparation and delivery of this series and we appreciate his contribution. Dave will also be heading up the pictorial directory project this fall.

The Strategic Planning Committee (ZSPC) remained active throughout the summer with sessions including visiting guests from the ELCA at several of their meetings. Jeff Spann, the Church Building Consultant, from the Mission Investment Fund of ELCA, spoke to the group on July 14. Pastor Richard Jorgenson from the Synod also spoke with the group on July 14, as well as on August 11. The committee will continue to update the congregation as additional information is obtained and progress is made.

We welcome and look forward to working with our new full time Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Director, Jeff Engroff. Jeff has already attended

♦ From the Council President *(Cont'd from pg. 3)*

and has been involved in some of the functions of our CYFM program and will be launching some new ideas as he begins his tenure with us. Jeff and his wife, Anita, live in Millersville and he can be reached at the church office daily, by email (jeffengroff@comcast.net), or on his cell phone (717-606-2266). Welcome to Zion, Jeff!

The Property Team is gathering bid information for chimney and slate roof repairs, in addition, to trying to secure a feasible solution to secure WiFi throughout the various areas of the church. They have set October 8 as the Fall Work Day/Clean-Up. Please record that date and help out if you possibly can!

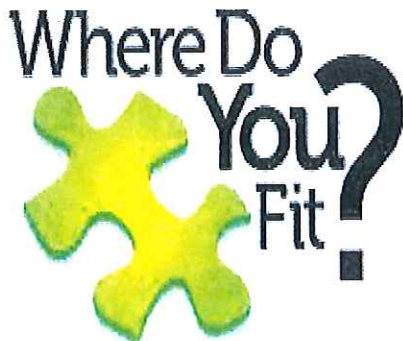
We are blessed to have involvement and cooperation by Zion's members in all the areas mentioned above which has made these activities possible. BUT, we still need help in other programs and facets as well!

Do you think you might be interested in helping Zion grow by using the talents, abilities, or spiritual gifts that the Lord has given you? Talents and skills are natural abilities with which we are born. As we grow, they develop and generally determine our interests and vocations. However, a spiritual gift is a divinely given endowment, which equips us to serve the Lord effectively and successfully. They can be ministry gifts, like teaching or working on evangelism, personal gifts for the common good of the church, or motivational gifts like serving others, giving, or singing in the choir.

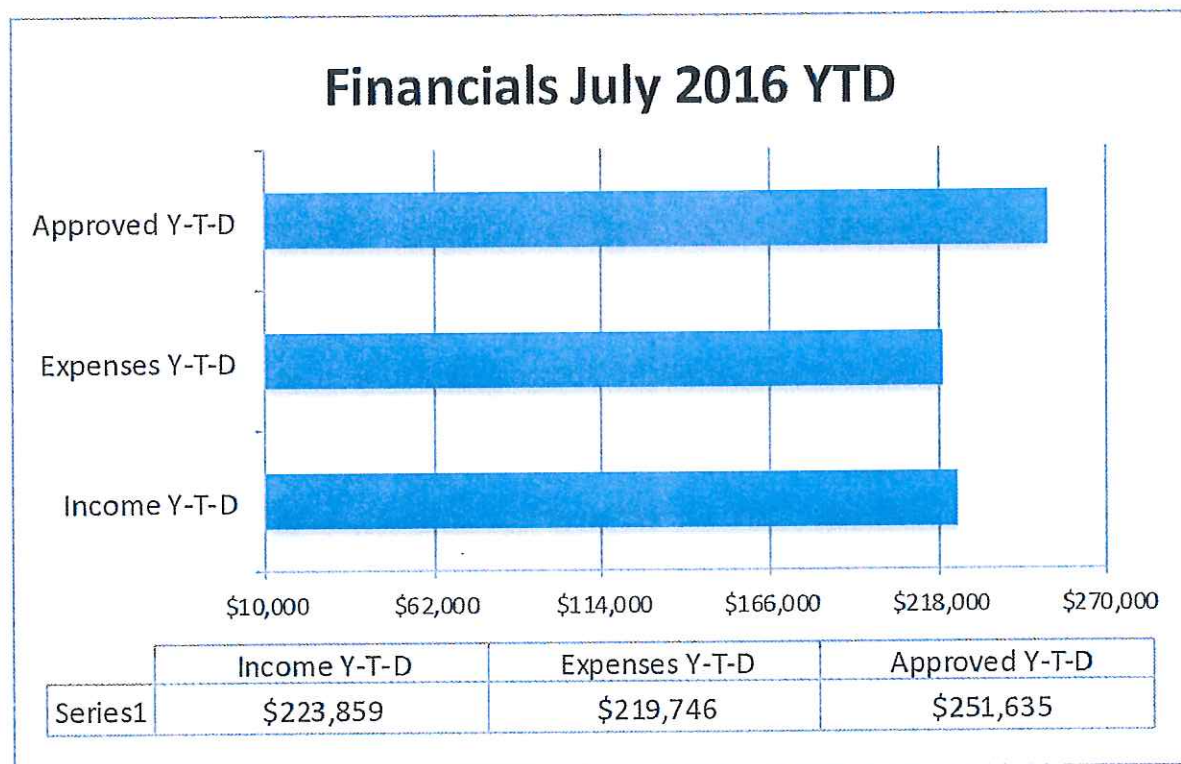
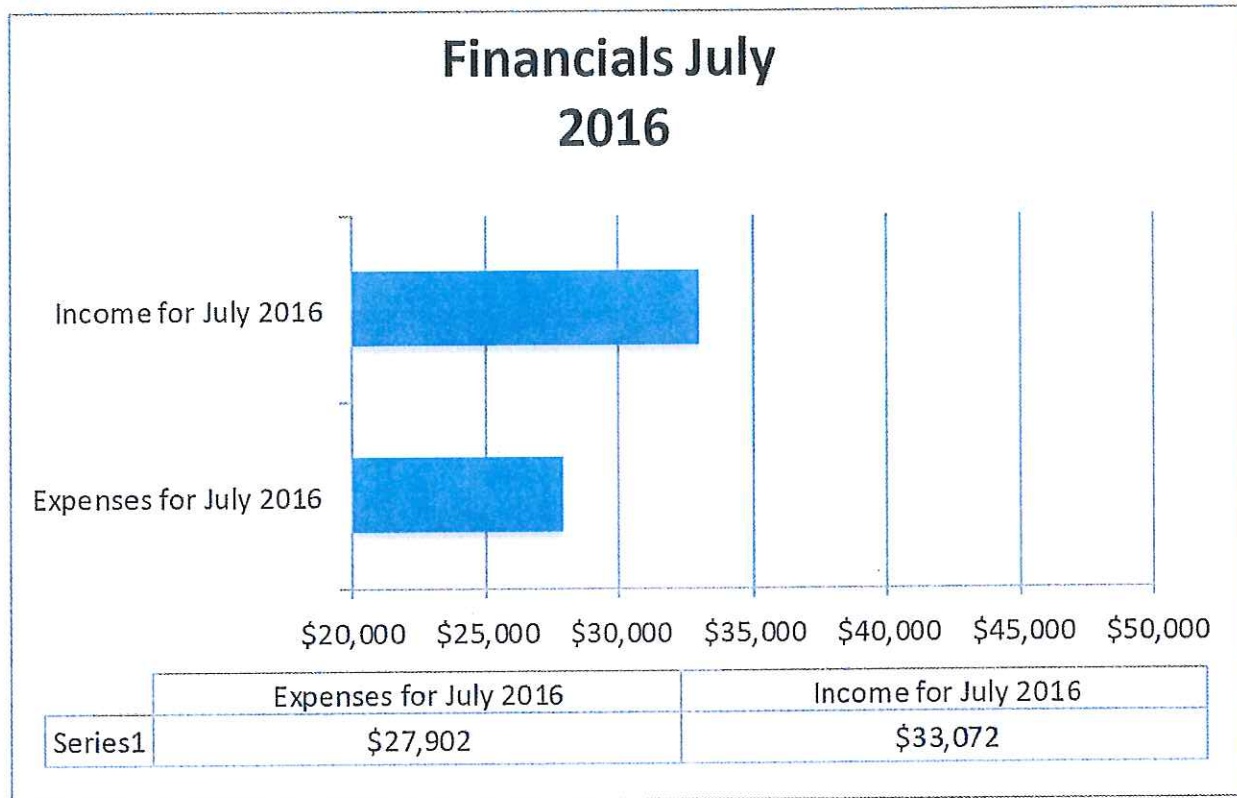
Spiritual gifts are given to us for the common good of the church and every believer has at least one spiritual gift! They are not for us but for others. We won't realize our potential as a congregation until we put our gifts into action.

Interested? If so, check with Pastor JMe or a member of the Church Council and let them know what areas might interest you.

Yours in Christ,
John Hinkle



♦ Financial Figures (July)



**YTD income includes \$10,000 transferred from the Endowment Funds*

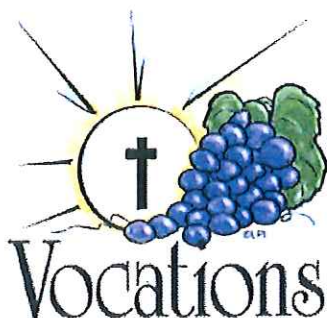
♦ Celebration of Work & Vocation, Social Outreach

Labor Day Sunday (September 4) Celebration of Work & Vocation: Bring a Symbol of Your Daily Life

During the worship service on Sept. 4, we will have a celebration and blessing of the daily lives of work and vocation of our members.

You are invited to bring, as a special offering for the day, a symbol of your daily work or activities. These can be symbols of either past or present work you have done. If you are retired from your labor, you may bring a symbol of your retirement activities.

At the time of the offering, you will have the opportunity to present these symbols of your daily lives and labor for a blessing. What you bring will be returned to you after worship as a sign of our commission to go out into the world to serve the Lord in everything we do during our daily lives.



Social Outreach Update

Submitted by Melodie Dearolf

SUMMER JOYFUL NOISE COLLECTIONS

⇒ The **July Joyful Noise** offering collected \$134.28. This money was sent to HDC for the SR Home in Mountville for their "Fun Day" for seniors.

⇒ The **August Joyful Noise** offering collected \$106.01. This money will be used to cover the cost of mailing the LWR Fabric Kits (which will be put together on Rally Day) overseas.



ANNA MARY HERR FUNDS

⇒ \$250 was designated for **Silent Samaritans** – an organization which helps with counseling for women

⇒ \$500 donated to the **North Star Initiative** toward the opening of the "Harbor" in Lancaster County. This is a safe house that has been purchased for women 18 years old and older who are survivors of human trafficking. This money was the 2nd Quarter distribution of the Anna Mary Herr Funds.

♦ Conversations in the Courtyard, Bible Study, WOZ

Conversations in the Courtyard

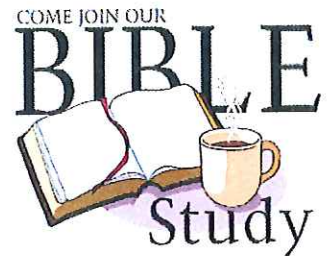
There are two more Sundays to pull up a chair, sip on some lemonade (or coffee!), and take a moment to chat with fellow members of our wonderful Zion Lutheran Church "family."

The final Conversations in the Courtyard will be after worship on the September 4 & 11 (prior to the picnic and service activities). Head out to the courtyard for some end of summer fellowship!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Weekday Adult Bible Study Resumes on September 14th

During the summer, we studied the Pastoral Epistles of Titus, 1Timothy and 2Timothy. Beginning Wednesday, September 14th, 9 AM we will continue to explore the latter books of the New Testament with a study of the book of James. We will be meeting in the Parlor. Join us for lively discussion and spiritual growth as we learn from the Holy Scriptures.



WOMEN OF ZION *submitted by Millie Gundel*



Yarn Ministry - Sunday, September 18, 1 PM in Parlor. Continue to make hats, scarves, and mittens for children to age 12.

Comforter Ministry - Monday, September 12, 9 AM in Social Room. Come and help us tie knots in the comforters we make for the needy.

Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa - November 18-20, 2016, \$145.00, all meals provided.

Spend the weekend at Camp Nawakwa with like-minded women! Do as much or as little as you like! Bring your own crafts and/or learn something new with the projects provided. Bring your own bedding. Reservation forms are on bulletin board.

♦ Nursery School

NURSERY SCHOOL WRAP-UP

Submitted by Mary Hetrick

As you know, our last class of four year olds graduated on May 11. Since mid-June, a group of volunteers has been sorting through nearly 30 years worth of teaching materials, craft supplies, toys, books and equipment that was used in the nursery school. I would like to acknowledge several people who volunteered many hours of their time on this project. They are: Marie Adams, Cathy Benedict, Connie Alsedeck, Millie Gundel, and Scott Hetrick. Richard Heim also provided his wood-working expertise to repair and refinish a few items which can now be used in the church nursery.

We opened the nursery school room on four days to the public and were able to liquidate most of the usable items. The Food Bank purchased a book display and some of the books. They are now offering a book exchange to children who come with their parents to the Food Bank! A few representatives of local nursery schools and child care centers came and purchased items for their programs. Also, a big thank you goes to all the church members who purchased toys and other supplies. We were able to earn enough money to replenish the funds borrowed from the endowment fund during the past school year. The remaining items will be donated to various places. Thanks to everyone who supported the Nursery School over the years!

PROPERTY

The fall work/clean-up day is
Saturday, October 8!

All are invited to come out and
help clean up the grounds around
the church!



WANT STONES?

The stone wall by the sidewalk in front of the original church building entrance on Cooper Ave. will be removed at the work day on 10/8.

If you would like any of the stones, please contact Jere (grubefarm@verizon.net). 8

♦ ZYM, Kids' Club

Take a break...take in the fresh air...leave your backpacks at home.

ZYM's first retreat with Jeff Engroff takes place **December 2-4** at Myers's Retreat Center at Camp Kirchenwald.

"Get out of the boat!"

GAMES, FOOD, HIKING, FOOD, GREAT CONVERSATION, FOOD, and most importantly... YOU!

Stay tuned for more info.



UPCOMING ZYM MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Community Meal
"Youth Volunteer Day" [meet Jeff at Zion at 5 PM]
- 11 Rally To Serve Day
- 18 H2H @ 6 PM
- 23-25 Alive! [Middle School youth Camping Event]
- 25 ZYM Kick-Off Party @ 6 PM

OCTOBER

- 2 H2H @ 6 PM
- 9 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 16 H2H @ 6 PM
- 23 ZYM Bonfire at Grubes
- 30 H2H @ 6 PM

NOVEMBER

- 6 ZYM @ 6 PM
- 13 H2H @ 6 PM
- 20 ZYM @ 6 PM [Service Project]
- 27 H2H @ 6 PM

DECEMBER

- 2-4 ZYM Fall Retreat
- 11 H2H @ 6 PM
- 18 ZYM Christmas Party

JANUARY

- 6-8 WinterFest (Grades 9-12)

NEW ZYM FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE-

All things YOUth!

Up to date information of meetings, events, and planned retreats will be posted here!

Not a FACEBOOK fan? No problem. Check out the church website, your smart phone for texts, and snail mail, too!



5:30: Dinner for the entire family

6-7 PM: Activities for kids
[preschool-5th grade]

Invite you friends and neighborhood kids!

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

December 7 & 21

ALiVE 2016

Middle School Youth Event

September 23-25, 2016

Camp Nawakwa

This is the kind of community where you can be yourself, not be made fun of for who you are or what you believe, but truly accepted and loved just for you!

Cool Christian friends, fun, & faith talk.

Plus this event features:

- ◆ great games and free-time
- ◆ campfires
- ◆ outdoor worship at Upper Temple
- ◆ cabin-time with your own youth group
- ◆ live music and powerful presenters



Talk to your
youth leader or
pastor today
and say,
"let's register for
ALiVE 2016."

[http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/
events/alive/](http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/events/alive/)

♦ Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry Team Plans Fall and Spring Presentations on Life Issues

Up to 6 special presentations are being planned by the Stephen Ministry Team to provide resources for life issues of Zion members. These presentations will be held in the fall and the spring months.

The topics will include:

- ♦ "Grieving Well"
[October 15 — Presented by The Pathways Center for Grief & Loss]
- ♦ "How to Downsize Your Household"
[October 22]
- ♦ Advanced Funeral & Service Planning
- ♦ Difficult Conversations Between Adult Children and Their Elderly Parents
- ♦ Financial Planning for Retirement & Senior Life

PATHWAYS
CENTER for
GRIEF & LOSS



Is Stephen Ministry in Your Future?

Do you have a caring heart? Are you a good listener? Do you want to help make a difference in someone's life? Consider whether God is calling you to become a Stephen Minister. Zion's Stephen Ministry Team needs you! For more information on Stephen Ministry or how to become a Stephen Minister, pick up a brochure from the Stephen Ministry Classroom bulletin board (across from the Parlor) or contact Stephen Leader, Judy Traup (email: traup201@comcast.net or call: 717-898-0625).



It is time for a new church pictorial directory!

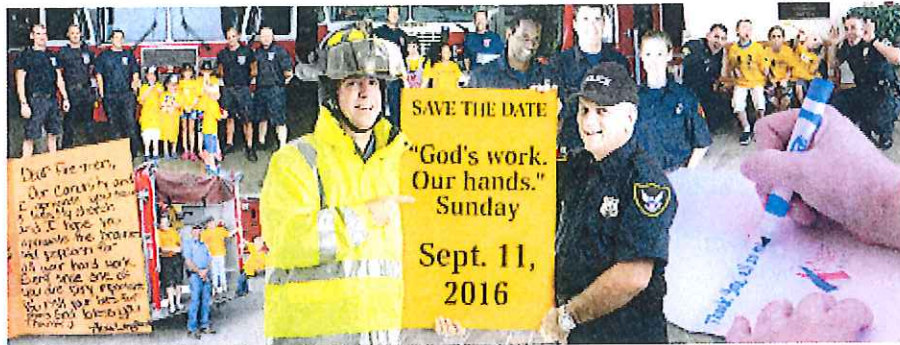
Stay tuned for more details about scheduling!

If you have digital pictures of church events, please email them to Anne (zionluth@comcast.net).

♦ Rally to Serve Day

God's Work Our Hands: Sunday, September 11, 2016

For the past several years, ELCA congregations have participated in a day of service on the Sunday after Labor Day. Usually celebrated as "Rally Day" in many churches, the "God's Work, Our Hands" emphasis has become a wonderful way to bring members together for a common purpose after the Summer months.



This year, Zion will be a participating congregation in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. In commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that killed thousands in New York City, Washington, D.C., and western Pennsylvania, we will be honoring first responders (police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical workers, etc.) and active military personnel of our congregation and community as well as remembering those who have lost their lives in terrorist attacks and other crisis situations. There will be a special worship emphasis on that Sunday. All age groups in the congregation will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of service projects during the day. And, of course, there will be a picnic for everyone to enjoy!

After Worship: Join us for a picnic lunch! Bring a side and/or a dessert to share.

Service Activities After Lunch:

- ⇒ Letter- writing continues
- ⇒ Messages to Child Fund child
- ⇒ Sort coupons for Veterans
- ⇒ Tie a quilt
- (In Stephen Ministry Room)
- ⇒ Sort & package school supplies
- ⇒ Sort & package hygiene items/kits
- ⇒ Highway cleanup
- (On our stretch of Harrisburg Pike)



**God's Work
Our Hands**

Opportunities for Ministry Connections at Zion: **Ways to Share Your Gifts**

Sunday Nursery Attendants

Due to the lack of the necessary approved adults (i.e., volunteers who have completed the application, certification and training process required by our Child Protection Policy), we have not had a staffed Nursery room for over a year. As a congregation that desires to grow, the lack of childcare for small children on Sundays during worship is a detriment to our mission.

It is our goal to have our Nursery open and attended during the 10:30 service by the time we begin a new program year on September 18. Dianne Coons has agreed to serve as Nursery Coordinator. She has been familiarizing herself with the Safe Church procedures for providing a safe and secure place for parents to leave their small children during the worship service. She will be overseeing the scheduling and providing the orientation/training for Nursery Attendants. Now, she needs to know who desires to be involved with this ministry with the children of our congregation and of our guests.

Some of you have already completed all the paperwork and training in order to be approved adults/mandatory reporters. For this, we thank you. Even if you have not, yet, completed the required application, certifications (clearances) and training, our Child Protection Team and Ministry Staff will assist you to accomplish this as quickly as possible so that you may be involved in any of our ministries with children and youth.

If you feel called to take part in our Nursery ministry in the months ahead, contact Dianne as soon as you can. Her telephone number is: 717-951-8690 and her email address is: dicoons1@comcast.net .

Lay Visitors and Lay Communion Ministers

Do you like to visit with people, listen to their stories, and bring a message of Christian hope and care? Are you being led to take part in a very special ministry to those who have not received Holy Communion regularly due to being homebound? There is an increasing number of members who, due to health concerns or the aging processes, are unable to attend church. Zion is a community whose purpose is "to complete the work assigned to us by our Lord Jesus;" therefore, one of those "assignments" is to care for the infirm and aged as Jesus did. If you are interested in serving as a Lay Visitor or Lay Communion Minister, contact Pastor JMe. There will be training to prepare you for these ministries.

◆ Food Pantry *Submitted by Diane Gerlach*

In June, the pantry served 184 families which included 240 children, 374 adults, and 90 seniors for a total of 704 people served. In May we registered 11 new families.

During the month of June Zion members donated 234 pounds of food. Thank you for your weekly food donations and your continued financial contributions to the pantry. Your financial contributions are used to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank and "on sale" items at various grocery stores in the area.

During the month of June....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,249 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry; Target in Lititz donated 1,842 pounds of fresh produce and 141 pounds of bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 1,042 pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 404 pounds of bread and bakery items. S. Clyde Weaver donated 291 pounds of bread and bakery items; Forry's 139 pounds of produce; Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz contributed 442 pounds of bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 202 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 828 pounds of food items through local grocery stores; 3,256 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank; and received 2,220 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program in Lancaster.



Sixty three volunteers gave 693 hours during the month of June.

In July, the pantry served 554 families which included 196 children, 327 adults, and 80 seniors for a total of 603 people served. In July all families must be re-registered, 145 families were re-registered and 10 new families were added.

During the month of July Zion members donated 72 pounds of food. Thank you for your weekly food donations and especially the fresh produce from our "summer farmers!" Your financial contributions are appreciated and are used to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank and "on sale" items at various grocery stores in the area.

During the month of July....Darrenkamps of Mount Joy donated 1,692 pounds of fresh produce to the pan-

try; Target in Lititz donated 1,780 pounds of fresh produce and 171 pounds of bakery items; Weis Markets in Columbia donated 996

pounds of bread and bakery items; Weis Market Stony Battery Road donated 249 pounds of bread and bakery items. S. Clyde Weaver donated 302 pounds of bread and bakery items; Forry's 98 pounds of produce; Giant of Kissel Hill, Lititz contributed 367 pounds of bakery items; Giant of Mount Joy donated 296 pounds of bakery items. The pantry purchased 720 pounds of food items through local grocery stores; 6,563 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank; and received 2,053 pounds of free food items from Community Action Program in Lancaster.

Fifty nine volunteers gave 692 hours during the month of July. Special thanks to Diane Ramer and Jennifer Pipkin for their assistance with the re-registration of client families during the month of July. 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.

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 P) to witness God's hands, feet, heart, and love in action!

During the summer months, when children are not in school, the need for extra food items escalates as many of the children of clients receive free and reduced lunches at school. The pantry acknowledges this and provided "extra" food items for the children's breakfast and lunch times through the Abigail Longenecker Grant.

The "main" items needed (requested) for the pantry currently are cereal, canned soup and spaghetti. Cereal is ALWAYS a requested food item. Thank you!

Together we will feed the hungry!



Luthercare's 22nd Annual *Tee it up for Kids!* Golf Tournament



Together, We Make a *Difference!*

Proceeds from *Tee it up for Kids!* support the Luthercare for Kids Scholarship Fund, impacting nearly 50% of the children we serve in our Luthercare for Kids Early Learning Centers. Scholarship assistance is a vital resource for families who struggle to afford high quality child care.

Thank you for joining us to *Tee it up for Kids!*

Event Schedule

- 10:30 am Registration/Box Lunch Pick Up
- 11:15 am Welcome
- 11:30 am Shotgun Start
- 4:30 pm 19th Hole Reception
- 6:00 pm Awards & Prizes

Luthercare's 22nd Annual *Tee it up for Kids!* Golf Tournament

**Monday,
September 26, 2016**

Lebanon Country Club
3375 Oak Street, Lebanon, PA 17042
Directions/Course Information:
www.lebcc.com

Register by Mail or Online!
\$175.00 per Golfer
\$160.00 Golfers Age 62+
(Golfer Registration fee includes
the 19th Hole Reception.)

Online Registration is fast and secure. Visit the event website:
<https://2016teeitupforkids.eventbrite.com>

Why Always Being Made New?

We share a living, daring confidence in God's grace. The "Always Being Made New" Campaign gives us an opportunity to share God's abundance in new and increased ways. Together, we can do more.

"Our world hungers for what ELCA Lutherans offer best through our congregations, our Lower Susquehanna Synod, and our Churchwide ministries.

Together we equip leaders, encourage cooperation, and engage a rapidly changing world in new and radical ways."

- Bishop James S. Dunlop



What is Always Being Made New and why do we need this campaign?

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA is a five-year campaign approved by the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh, PA. It seeks to raise \$198 million in support of new and expanded churchwide ministries above and beyond those supported by your regular weekly offerings. The campaign goal represents a 64 percent increase in designated funding for these critical ministries.

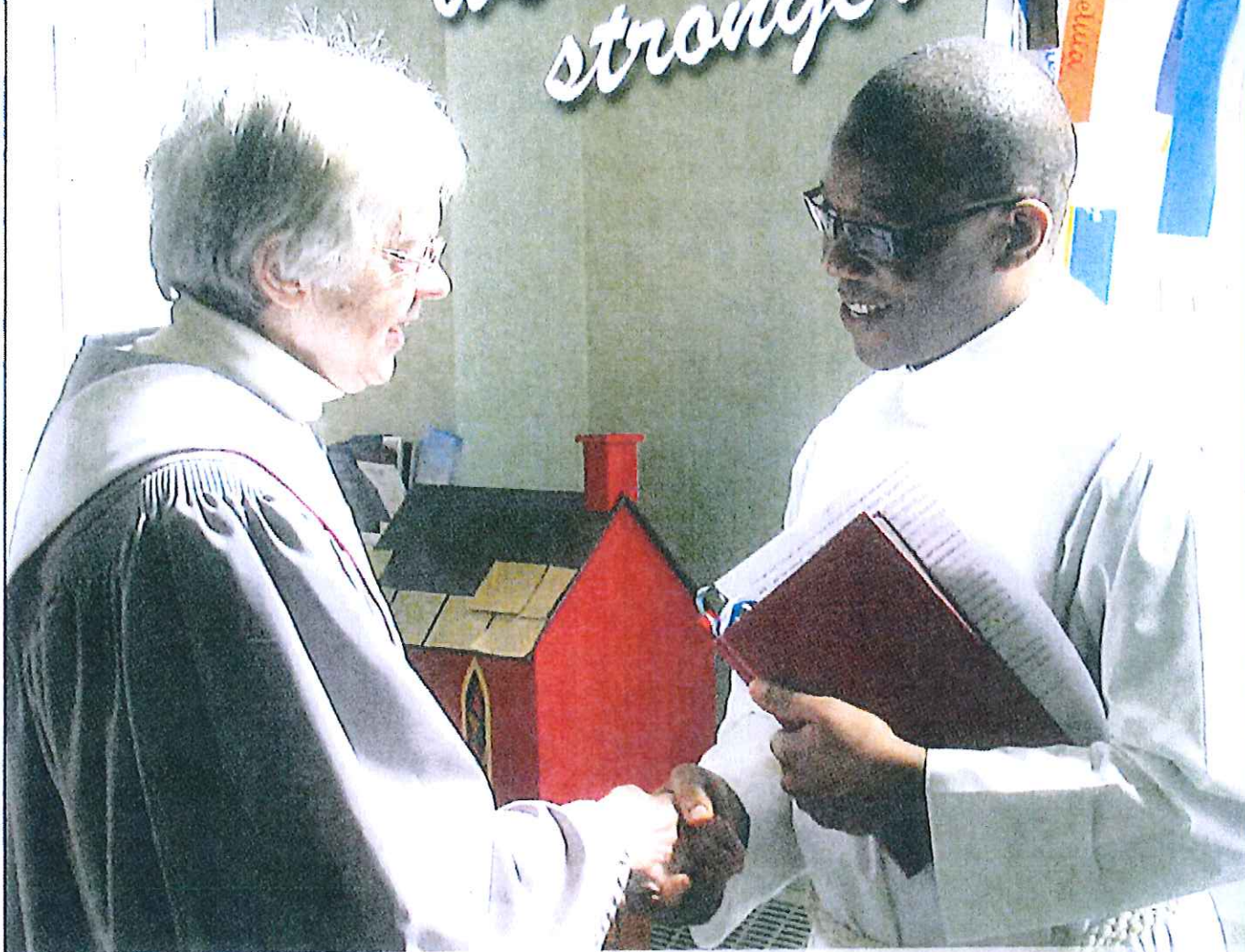
As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton reminds us, "It's not often that such an opportunity to make a real and lasting difference comes along—to start or renew a congregation, to identify and prepare leaders in our church and among our global companion churches, to feed people and equip them to break out of the cycle of hunger and poverty. That's what we can do together through this campaign. And we get to do this in Jesus' name. Thanks be to God!"

Voting members at our 2014 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, held June 5-7 at Messiah College, adopted a Synod Council Resolution on the 25th Anniversary Campaign for the ELCA in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. This bold initiative to fund not only critical churchwide ministries but also critical ministries here in our synod aims to raise a total of \$5.5 million in five years. These times challenge us to go outside our comfort zones and beyond our own walls, giving above and beyond current levels, to reach God's beloved people here in Central Pennsylvania and beyond," said Bishop Jim Dunlop.

What's the difference between Always Being Made New and our regular mission support and congregational offerings?

This comprehensive campaign is designed to address our generous Lower Susquehanna Synod members' desire to go the extra mile beyond their regular tithes and offerings, to give to the specific ministries and programs that speak to their hearts and desire to make a real and lasting difference. This campaign is also about growing faithful stewards for today *AND* tomorrow.

*Together,
we will grow
stronger*



**"Renewing congregations and
starting new missions will make us stronger
in the Lower Susquehanna Synod."**

— Bishop James S. Dunlop



Lower Susquehanna Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**Always
New.**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELCA

♦ Congratulations, Sympathy, ChildFund

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to Scout Leader, Chris Andrew for earning his Wood Badge Award. This Scout Award is one of the highest awards a Cub Master can earn.

SYMPATHY...

...to Jeff Engroff on the death of his cousin, David Lilly.



Hi, Zion Lutheran Church,

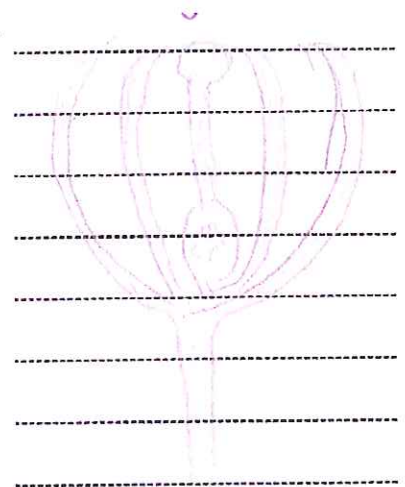
I am Justine [Brenda Alimo's brother] and am happy to write back to you on behalf of Brenda, who is still at school for term two studies. Thank you for the letter we received written my Millie. God bless you for that love.

How are you doing in health, our loving friends? Here for us, we are good. I am also happy to tell you that Brenda is now writing end of term two examination and she will break for holidays next month in September.

Rains are showering and it has changed the weather to cool and the home people are planting sweet potatoes, sorghum, beans, & maize for the second season. There is hope to get good harvest.

Thank you for being our friends who always take care of our family in many ways. [Brenda's] goat is healthy. We are wishing you a wonderful time and good health. Much love to you by Justine, on behalf of Brenda.

Picture drawn by Justine



♦ September Celebrations



1	Jason Green	11	Sara Hoover	26	Kathleen Hay
1	Charlotte Potts	11	Olivia Small	28	Emma Goliheh
3	Adele King	12	Ava Gronholm	28	Katherine Hay
3	Laura Quinn	13	Jack Barley	28	Judy Traup
3	Kimberly Seyfried	14	Joshua Houseal	30	Dave Aulenbach
3	Kim Symonds	15	Lois Peterson	30	Jaclyn Emerick
4	Alison Long	15	James Yeager	30	Robin Ginther
5	Martin Rosen	16	Claire Flood	30	Jennifer Karpouzis
6	Kate Donnan	17	Ron Chapman	30	Jason Traup
6	Dan Rainar	17	Courtney Nice		
7	Justin Propst	18	Cris Burfete		
10	Andrew Metzinger	18	Sue Censier		
		19	Kevin Rickert		
		20	Prudence Jarvie		
		21	Mark Huber		
		23	Burnell Hostetter		
		24	Andrew Korns		



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

1	Duncan Brady	13	Amy Miller	27	Joshua Deibler
1	Diane Metzinger	15	Michael Adams	28	Chris Small
4	John Kearon	15	Noah Hindes	29	Katie Hetrick
4	Barb Wildasin	16	Justin Goliheh	30	Tim Propst
8	Darrell Gerke	17	Jennifer Thompson		
11	Kathleen Gorlaski	19	Heather Gronholm		
11	Ethan Pfautz	22	Tyler Gunzenhauser		
12	Mark Reinhart	22	Ryan Provanzo		
		25	Aubrey Gunzenhauser		
		26	Scott Hetrick		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Robert & Cathy Shirk (43rd)	24	Randy & Rae Miller (39th)
2	Lucian & Kimberly Contino (16th)	24	Brett & Julie Rhoads (5th)
5	Todd & Cathy Benedict (24th)	24	Bill & Sue Stathopoulos (33rd)
11	Mark & Dianne Coons (40th)	25	Horst & Lisa Bernhard (34th)
22	Scott & Liz Crum (3rd)	27	Joel Janisewski & Jean Pretz (13th)
22	Dave & Sue Wise (32nd)		
23	Jim & Linda Bear (49th)		



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Joel Janisewski (Faith Formation)
Ed Blough (Worship & Music)
Scott Hetrick (Property & Stewardship)
Scott Crum (Parish Fellowship & Care)
Anna Benedict (ZYM)

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Lisa Nelson, Assistant Treasurer
Brenda Stover, Secretary

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Judy Nichols, 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.

October. Newsletter Deadline: September 15

Worship: Through Sept. 11: 10 AM Beginning Sept. 18: 8 AM (Trad.) & 10:30 AM (Cont.)

Rally to Serve Day: Sept. 11

Faith Formation For All Ages begins Sept. 18

Parish Admin. Office Hours: Mon. - Fri: 9AM - 2 PM

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