

Zion's Messenger

June 2015

From the Pastor

Dear Zion Members and Friends,

The season of warm weather has arrived and along with it vacation time and more leisure time outdoors. God calls us to rest each week as we remember the Sabbath Day in order to keep it holy. At Zion's, we have spent some time carefully planning for an extra weekly worship opportunity for you to take advantage of. This summer, we can worship God together on Sundays at 9 a.m. (starting June 14) and on Saturdays at 5 p.m. (starting on June 6).

It is important to remember that God never goes on vacation. If you are traveling or on vacation, take the opportunity to worship where you are. Bring back a bulletin and share it with me. I don't get out too much on Sunday mornings!



What words would you use to describe what we do in worship as Christians? Some strong verbs come to mind for me. Maybe for you to. **Words like PRAISE, CONFESS, ASK, TELL, GATHER, RECEIVE, SHARE, GIVE, HEAR, CELEBRATE, AND THANK.** When we do these things together with other believers, we are honoring God. The place, the participants, the time, the day can vary but what doesn't vary is that **God is pleased when God's people gather to worship.**

I hope that you will try out our Saturday evening worship opportunity this summer. Depending on the

weather, you may have to look for us. We could be anywhere on the property depending on the weather! Each Saturday, we will sing 2 familiar hymns, learn about one Bible Character, pray and break bread together.

I look forward to growing in faith with you this summer as we worship God in some different ways and in some different places.

Worshipfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Bruce".



WE NEED OLD SHOES!

For the Children's Parade Float in Shoemakersville on Saturday, June 6 at 10:30 am. (We line up on Franklin St.)
visit

www.shoeboxrecycling.com

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE

June 6/Saturday Worship

5 pm.

June 7/ Holy Trinity

8 am. Holy Communion

10:00 am. Joint Service at Shoey Park bring lawn chairs

June 13/ Saturday Worship

5 pm.

June 14/Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am. Holy Communion

June 20/Saturday Worship

5 pm.

June 21/ Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am. Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion/Picnic

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 27/Saturday Worship

5 pm.

June 28/ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am. Worship



Did you know that Shoemakersville is celebrating its 250th Anniversary this year?

Mark your calendar for a community worship service on Sunday, June 7th at 10:00 AM in the Shoemakersville Park. The choirs from St. Luke's Church, Salem United Methodist Church and Zion's Lutheran Church will be performing together. Rumor has it that our brass group might also be playing at the service. Come out and worship in the park on Sunday, June 7th!

ZION'S WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING 9 PEOPLE AS NEW MEMBERS ON May 17th:

David Klemmer joined by transfer from Christ Lutheran Church, Reading. David lives at 505 Muhlenberg St., Reading. David attended our Wednesday Lenten Study and Worship. He is singing in the choir.

Bob & Mariette Anthony joined by transfer from Friedens Church, Shartlesville. They reside at 3450 Mountain Rd., Hamburg. Bob plays in the New Ringgold Band, Shrine Band and the Zion's Brass. Mariette is a home caregiver.

Lee & Mary Barto joined by transfer from Mt. Zion, Krumsville. They live at 67 Merkel Lane, Shoemakersville.

Nancy & Bryon Leiby joined by transfer from Christ Lutheran Church, Reading. They were formerly members of Nativity Lutheran Church, Reading where Nancy served as secretary for many years. They live in NE Reading at 1237 Perry St.

Michael J. & Sheena Brennan reaffirmed their faith. They live at 54 Clarence Ave. in Shoey. Michael was baptized and confirmed here at Zion's. They have an infant son, Liam.

We welcome these new members into Zion's fellowship of faith. We pray for their growth in life and faith with us as we serve God together.

CAN'T MAKE IT ON SUNDAY MORNING?

Come to Saturday Night Worship at 5 pm. beginning on Saturday, June 6 through Saturday, September 5!!

OUR WORLD HUNGER OFFERINGS AT WORK..

‘A Happy Family’

Kyomugisha Shadresi, the mother of five children ages 3 to 13, lives in a rural village in Uganda. She and her youngest daughter, Prossy, had been sick off and on for some time before finally visiting the health center – where they were both diagnosed with HIV. Upon hearing the news, Kyomugisha’s husband sold everything he could and deserted the family, leaving them nearly destitute. Kyomugushi took on whatever work she could do, earning barely enough to feed her family.

ELCA World Hunger, working with Racobao, our partner in Uganda, reached out to Kyomugisha and her family as part of its program of improving the lives of vulnerable families affected by HIV and AIDS. Before long, the family had a small but sturdy new house with a kitchen, clean water and a sanitary latrine - and a few goats to help them earn an income.

Kyomugisha is now the heard of a happy family with a brighter future. She says, “I am so happy! This really gives me hope, because in the future when these goats have offspring, our standard of living will improve. Thank you very much!”

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR JUNE

ACOLYTES

June 7 – 8:00 am – Brett Daub
14 – 9:00 am. – Autumn Eyer
21 – 9:00 am. – MacKenzie Stocks
28 – 9:00 am. – Alyssa Blandford

ALTAR GUILD

Ruth Wilhelm & Pat Potts

LECTORS

June 7 – 8:00 am. Katie Stefan
14 – 9:00 am. Venus Fioravanti
21 - 9:00 am. Church Picnic
28 – 9:00 am. Bill Deibler

GREETERS

June 14 – 9:00 am. Ron & Joy Weyer
21 – 9:00 am. Church Picnic
28 – 9:00 am. Sue Kauffman

MAIL TEAM # 1

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 pm.
Tiffany & Samantha Gruber, Ruth Hoppes, Pat Potts

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

June 14 – Faye Heckman & Alicia Gough
21 – Church Picnic
28 – Eileen Puglia & Paul Engle

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE MEAL

leave church at 5:30 pm.

June 19 – Cleta Borkey, Captain. Paul Weidner, Janine Dreibelbis, Christine Miller



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

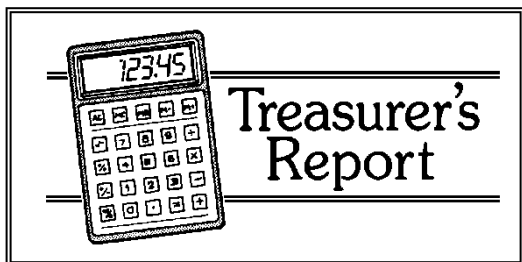
WEDDING –

We are pleased to announce the wedding of Valerie Kohler & Spencer Hancik which will take place on June 20, 2015

NORTHERN BERKS FOOD PANTRY IS:

**Kid’s food: Spaghetti O’s, Chef-Boy-R-Dee,
microwave meals/bowls, kool-pops, soups –
chicken & stars, noodle shapes, etc.**

Please place donations in the shopping cart in the narthex. Thanks for helping members of our community to be able to help ends meet!



Zion's Unified Fund

through April 30, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$ - 5,868.09
Current Offerings	67,308.43
Special Offerings	<u>7,517.90</u>
Sub Total	\$ 68,958.24
Current Expenses	<u>- 85,790.83</u>
Fund Balance	\$ -16,832.59
AC Balance owed to Vanguard	\$ 4,432.00
Collected since last check sent	\$ 1,910.00
AC Balance still needed to collect	\$ 2,522.00

CHURCH COUNCIL CORNER

The meeting opened with devotions read by Brian Moroney. Duane Epting from Strausser Insurance Agency was on hand to discuss insuring our church; Zurich has opted out of handling policies for churches. In the end, we will receive better coverage, better defined benefits at a reasonable rate. The proposal was put forth in a motion, seconded and carried.

Water Softener repair or replacement-Mike Puglia attended the meeting to discuss two options considered by the Property Committee to correct the brown water issue we have been experiencing at the church. After discussion, council found it prudent to replace the system rather than just the metered valve head due to the age of the entire system.

Treasurer's Report- we continue to slide further into the red... we are currently at \$16,832.59 in the red and the congregational approved figure for 2015 was \$24,590.08 in the red. At this rate we will be over the approved budget by the end of this summer. To overcome this deficit, we as a

congregation would need to bring in \$4,300 a week to erase the red ink on our ledger. We look forward to open and honest discussion of this subject over the next several weeks.

Stewardship Committee needs volunteers/members! Please consider giving of your time and talent to this very important committee. Inquiries should be directed to Pastor Bruce or Allan Cornman.

A proposed Summer Schedule of Worship has been introduced by Pastor Bruce based on the worship survey that was passed out April 19th. 66 responses were returned and based on the results Pastor Bruce has taken his conclusions to the Worship and Music committee on May 13th. The results are interesting with a proposed Saturday 5pm service and a Sunday 9am service. Pastor Bruce has been VERY busy with hospital and home visits the past month as well as talking to new prospective members for Zion's with eight new members received on May 17th.

There is a need for two Sunday School teachers for the fall of 2015. PLEASE consider taking one of these positions.

June 7th Shoey Park Worship-If you are planning to attend this service, please bring a chair with you.

Zion's new website is up and running!!! Check out <http://www.zionslutheran.org> and see what's new!!

This is our church; let us all continue to do all we can to sustain and grow our community in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Moroney, Council Vice President.

As of May, 2015 we have raised \$328.60 from saving Redner's Tapes. If you would like to participate in this program, it's easy. Just get a save-a-tape card at the store, put your whole register tapes in the basket in the narthex.

You must use a SAVE-A-TAPE card from Redner's for the church to receive credit for the tapes.

June Birthdays 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Delite Kramer	2 Wanda Hoherchak	3 Avery Gruber	4	5	6 Pamela Seidel
7 Robin Epting	8 Jaxon Seidel	9	10	11 Jane Seidel Crystal Koehn MacKenzie Stocks	12 Jennifer Mazaika Matthew Hoffert Michael Brennan Devin Pond	13
14	15	16	17 Richard Davis (L)	18 Melanie Hartman	19 Chaz Cornman Jean Smith Terri Yeager	20 Carol Smith
21 Dennis Reinhart Tracie Heckman	22 *Edith Reppert	23	24	25 Karen Heckman Brandon Noecker	26 *Dorothy Nester	27 Brian Smith McKenzie Clark
28 Dennis Heckman Carmen Long Ryan Wilhelm	29 William Deibler	30	31			

*Denotes Shut in

BIBLE Word Search: Women in the Bible

I G P R L V A C E C X A U D R
H X P Y E H R N C J N B D H E
K S D V T A I J V Q J E G A H
A I E R J L Y T P A D H M G T
A B A L E B E Z E J S S C A S
S M I D Z I P P O R A H R R E
B A G G W Y D G R X E T T Y V
U A C Q A E R U B G G A H I H
M U K R L I E A G I D B Y O R
W F H I O V L M M Q E R E M S
L G L C L D U U A F B Z Y Q O
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H A R A S O U G U R A E G M Q
G G W O N M R I B S H Z T G C

ABIGAIL
BATHSHEBA
DEBORAH
DELILAH
DORCAS
ESTHER

EVE
HAGAR
JEZEBEL
LYDIA
MARTHA
MARY

Mary MAGDELINE
RACHEL
RUTH
SARAH
VASHTI
ZIPPORAH

Instructions:

Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

Hey, Zion's Member and Friends –

Let's Get Reading Together!

Our Church Library Will Be Open for Business:

+ Every Thursday Evening While School is Out, from June 11 to August 20!

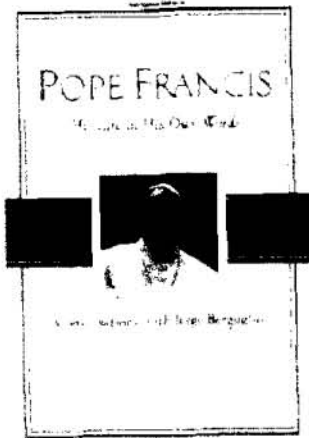
+ Live Out Loud Reading of Bible Stories for Children ages 4-9 years old! From 6:30 – 7 p.m. each Thursday evening, in our air-conditioned Church Library!

+ Participate in our Summer Reading Program and earn \$10 towards a book of your choice. Children who attend 5 Thursdays earn a Gift Card! Attend 9 of the 11 sessions and you could earn 2 Gift Cards! (One week night in early September, those who earned gift cards will be invited to meet Pastor Bruce at Barnes and Noble to purchase their books!

+ Our Library has some great new Bible Comic Books for kids to check out!

+ Adults are invited to participate in our summer reading program too! (Read 5 library titles and earn \$10)

In addition, to our monthly choices (on the back of this page) **for all of you fast readers out there**, you can read **“Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening”** by **Carol Wall**. Plan to stay to discuss this book after worship on Sunday, August 30!



Zion's Lutheran's monthly Adult Book Group discussions are open to anyone who wants to participate:

On Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m., come and discuss the "Pope Francis; Conversations with Jorge Bergoglio: His Life in His Own Words" by Sergio Rubin and Francesca Ambrogetti.

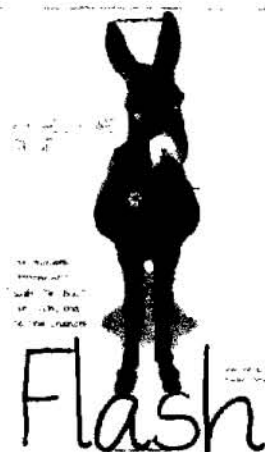
Any one who would like to share observations about Pope Francis or has read any of his other biographies is invited to come for the lively discussion. (Of course, everyone in eastern Pennsylvania awaits his visit to Philadelphia later this summer!)

Pope Francis: Conversations with Jorge Bergoglio: His Life in His Own Words

On Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m., come and discuss "What Alice Forgot" by Liane Moriarty.

What Liane says

I had always wanted to write a story about time travel but I found the logistics made my head explode. Then I read a story about a woman in the UK who lost her memory and behaved like a teenager – she didn't recognise her husband or children. I realized that memory loss is a form of time travel. So I came up with the idea of a woman, Alice, who loses 10 years of her memory. She thinks she is 29, pregnant with her first child and blissfully in love with her husband. She is horrified to discover she is 39, with 3 children and in the middle of a terrible divorce. It's like the younger Alice has travelled forward in time. Readers tell me that what they liked best about this novel was how it made them think about the choices they'd made and wonder how their younger selves would feel about the lives they are leading now.



On Thursday, August 20 at 7 p.m., come and discuss "Flash the Homeless Donkey".

Very well-written, insightful, and humorous true story

By Crissy Hope on April 26, 2015

Format: Hardcover

The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me about Life, Faith, and Second Chances is the most delightful story I have read in a long time. A bedraggled donkey and a stressed out family are serendipitously brought together in a heartwarming true tale of the unique blessings that animals can bring into our lives. This amazing writer uses humor and wit to share her family's adventures with Flash, who shows up unexpectedly one night and captures their hearts with his quirky antics. The author sees his arrival as God's special gift during a difficult season of life. Her journey of faith and trust is set in motion by her unlikely involvement with this donkey, who displays simple yet profound lessons in his daily activities that Ridge insightfully applies to her own life. Knowing whose you are, finding sanctuary in God alone, serving others in love, choosing gratitude and forgiveness – these are just some of the "lessons from Flash" described in this book. I also enjoyed the photos of Flash in each chapter and learning more about the roles donkeys have played in Biblical times and throughout history. A laugh out loud, hard to put down kind of book that uplifts the spirit and opens the eyes to see God's goodness and glory in the simple things of daily life.

Flash: The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me about Life, Faith, and Second Chances Hardcover –

April 19th Worship Survey - Brief Summary of the Results

+ 66 responses were returned. 50 of them were returned on April 19th. Many were not completely filled out. + 37 favor 9 a.m. worship from Memorial Day through Labor Day. 22 chose June 14 through the end of August. 7 chose keep it the way it is year round. + 34 attend weekly. 26 attend almost weekly. 7 attend monthly. + 26 said they would attend an alternative service. 25 said no they would not. + Saturday at 5 p.m. was the first clear choice. Thursday at 8 p.m. was second. Wednesday at 7 p.m. was third. + 26 want more audio-visual use. 16 do not. + 17 said they would attend worship at an alternative location. 6 said they would attend a Growth in Faith summer event.

Based on the results of the survey, Pastor Bruce proposed and the Worship/Music Committee and the Congregation Council approved a summer worship schedule that includes **one Sunday morning worship** at 9 a.m. beginning on Sunday, June 14 and **a new Saturday evening worship** opportunity at 5 p.m. which will begin on Sat., June 6.

Zion's Summer Worship will have these characteristics:

+ **A "Favorite" Hymn** will be sung each Summer Saturday/Sunday.
4 will be sung on June 21 at worship.

+ **The 4th Sundays (June 28, July 26 and August 23)** will be non-communion Sundays and would include a Community Speaker.

+ Every Saturday will include Holy Communion by Intinction.

Worship will be held indoors (in The Gold Room) or outdoors depending on the heat, humidity, weather, at the discretion of the pastor. If outdoors, then the location might be anywhere on the property. Worshippers may have to find the benches! Lawn chairs are encouraged and optional on any given Saturday. Some wooden benches have been borrowed from the Perry Township Recreation Center for our use.

+ **Saturday dress is casual.**

+ **3rd Sundays**, July 19 and August 16 will use the talents of our Contemporary musicians except in June)

+ **A Children's Sermon** will be given every Sunday and placed after The Prayer of the Day rather than right before the regular sermon.

+ **On the 2nd Sundays after 9 a.m. worship**, a Family Outing will be offered. Families would be encouraged to bring a picnic meal to eat at the designated location. (June 10, July 12, August 9)

Highlights of the 2015 Summer Worship Schedule:

**Sunday, June 7 – 8 a.m. Worship at Zion,
10 a.m. 250th Shoemakersville 250th Anniversary Community
Worship at the Shoemakersville Playground.**

**Annual Father's Day / Sunday, June 21 – 9 a.m. Worship in the
Grove followed by Backyard Games/Fellowship with Lunch served
at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your lawn chairs!**

Sunday, June 28 – 9 a.m. Worship without Holy Communion (The
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary will give a presentation and will receive the
Bible School donations)

Saturday, July 4 – 5 p.m. Worship with all patriotic hymns and
Sunday, July 5 – 9 a.m. Worship with all patriotic hymns

Sunday, July 26 – 9 a.m. Worship (No Holy Communion with a
Community Speaker and Presentation)

Saturday, Aug. 22 – 6 p.m. Worship followed by a BBQ Meal and
Fellowship upon the return of the WELCA Women from Philly

Sunday, Aug. 23 – Worship (No Holy Communion with a Community
Speaker and Presentation)

**Sunday, Aug. 30 – 9 a.m. Back to School Worship at the Perry
Recreation Center* (if available) with Picnic following. Several
volunteers are needed to coordinate a picnic meal following worship.
Please see PB to volunteer for it)**

**Sunday, September 6 at 9 a.m. –
Wear Your Work Clothes to Worship (or your former work clothes!)**

Sunday, September 13 – 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Returns!



The Coolest Week of the Summer!

*New friends *Amazing experiments * Glacier games * lip-smacking snacks * Surprising adventures * Incredible music

Ages: 3 years old – finishing Grade 5

Location: here at church

June 22 -26, 2015

9:00 am. – 11:30 am.

Call 610-562-3112 or email the church at churchoffice@zionslutheran.org

Forms are available on the Narthex bulletin board

SNACKS: We are asking the congregation to help supply the snacks for vacation bible school to be held June 22 – 26. Please check the list on the narthex bulletin board to see what you can donate.

BEAR CREEK CAMP NEWS

This year Zion's WELCA has provided 11 Zion's students ½ scholarships to camp. 2 friends will be going with these students. Let's pray for these campers while they are experiencing God's love at camp this summer:

June 21 -27: Karyna Blandford

July 5 – 11: Taryn Seidel, Ty Seidel, Dylan Baer, Samantha Baer

July 12 – 18: Alyssa Blandford, Chaz Cornman, Tiffany Cornman

July 19-25: Alicia Gough, Dylan Gough

July 26 – Aug. 1: Alicia Gough, Julia Doklan, Grant Doklan, Abbie Smith



ZION'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, June 21st

9:00 am.

here at the Church

Please bring a covered dish (baked beans, salads, red beet or deviled eggs, etc.), lawn chairs, cards, picnic blanket, and your favorite outdoor game.

Picnic is held rain or shine!!



The Happy Knotters appreciate all the people that helped to get the quilt tops together before they are knotted. After the quilts get knotted they are blessed, packaged and taken to Maryland where they will be sent to need people around the world. The group can use any clean blankets, straight sheets, mattress pads and material. If you have any of these items to donate or would like more information on this group, either call the church office or show up on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 am.



WELCA SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

The devotional we'll be using can be found on the table in the narthex. It's nicely packaged with a pen included. Help yourself to one and start reading the devotions and as you are inspired write down some of your thoughts to share with the other women of our congregation during the Bible study. The first Bible study will take place at the church on Friday, June 12th at 6:30 P.M. It will take place either indoor or outdoor depending on the weather. We'll be looking at and discussing the lives of Sarah, Ruth and maybe Deborah. I'll be leading the Bible study and I have the same name as one of those three women. Can you guess who I am? Please join us for an inspiring, interesting and informative evening. The second Bible study will be on Friday, July 10th at 6:30 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

The Reading Choral Society will hold it's 2015 Summer Sing on Saturday, August 15th here at Zion's.

VOLUNTEERS READING TUTORS NEEDED FOR Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who are struggling with reading at Perry Elementary School on Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:15 pm. no previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org. Pastor Bruce will be tutoring each Wednesday beginning in the Fall.



LIBRARY SHELVES

Looking for summer Reads - don't forget to check out Zion's Library, added to collection are the following:

DVD's

The Bible - The miniseries as shown on TV produced by Roma Downey and Mark Burnett

Unbroken - True story of Olympian Louis Zamperini

Buck Denver Sing/Bible - for our Buck Denver fans

Recommended by a member of Zion's congregation:

How to Listen to God by Charles Stanley - Learn to listen to God who wants to speak to you

Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur - A look at twelve ordinary men that Jesus called to be his disciples

Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur - Some amazing stories of women who were not ancillary to His plan, they were at the heart of it

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver - Finding intimacy with God in the busyness of Life

The Love Letters by Beverly Lewis - Marlina cares for her sister's baby in her Mennonite grandmother's home away from her Old Order Amish beau. See how her story ends.

If you have any suggestion you would like to see added to our collection, please contact Barbara Shafer at 484-336-8995.

Zion's Lutheran Church

Senior Adult Fellowship Schedule

Any one of any age may attend these ***Gold Room social activities*** which are aimed at anyone older than Pastor Bruce (55+). Bring Board Games and Cards. Sit around and visit. Enjoy some fellowship time with each other. Friends and family are always welcome. The group is informal and participant driven. Come for all or come for some. Donations for "ordered in lunches" are collected in a basket.

Thursday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch will be sandwiches from The Market Basket

Sunday, June 28

After 9 a.m. Worship ends for 1 hour

Thursday, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We will go to the Perry Restaurant for lunch together at 1 p.m. You may just join us there, also.

Sunday, July 26

After 9 a.m. Worship for 1 hour

Thursday, August 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch will be ordered from Louee's in Hamburg

Sunday, August 23

After 9 a.m. Worship for 1 hour

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania

Our Peace Candle / Prayer Tradition

In 1985, the Rev. Blair R. Monie, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in York, Pennsylvania, visited the Soviet Union. In the small town of Voronezh, an old woman approached him and pressed a small sum of money into his hand and asked that he do something for world peace. He recognized a deep desire and strong devotion in her eyes and in her voice and determined that he would do something special when he returned to the United States.

What could he do with three rubles? After much thought, he purchased a small votive candle, placed it on the Communion Table and lit it. After hearing his story, the congregation agreed to make it a permanent accessory of the chancel and purchased a supply of votive candles so that they could make a "peace candle" available to any visitor to take back to his/her sanctuary.

When we see the glow of our peace candle burning, we offer our prayers for peace. This small, non-threatening symbol of peace helps us to be praying people and to play our part as peacemakers, as Jesus called us to do. Today, these candles, burn in the United States, England, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Kuwait, South Africa, and Denmark.

Our candle came to us from The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Yardley, Pennsylvania. Please accept this candle for your congregation with our best wishes. It is our hope that your congregation will join us in spreading this reminder to pray for peace by making candles available for visitors to take back to their churches.



"CHILD PROTECTION SCREENING CHANGES"

Pennsylvania law pertaining to Child Protection has gone under significant, and comprehensive legislative changes recently involving the clearance screening of volunteers and employees who work with and have direct contact with children. While us here at Zion's have been on the forefront as a Congregation in Child and Youth protection we seem to have employed a laissez faire approach to those screenings. You will soon see changes in our methodology as it has become necessary to be proactive in our clearance screenings as we work towards compliance with the law.



JUNE CARD SHOWERS

We have 2 card showers for June:

Edith Reppert will celebrate her 94th birthday on June 22nd. Her address is: 4100 7th Ave., Temple, PA 19560

Dorothy Nester will celebrate her 92nd birthday on June 26th. Her address is: 129 Marion St., Hamburg, PA 19526



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sending all the cards.
Gloria Fisher

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This is for all ages in the congregation that like to read or be read to. The summer reading program will start June 11 and end Sunday, Aug. 20. You can pick up your "Official Reading Ticket" in the church library the last Sunday in May. You are required to read or listen to 5 books from our church library that you didn't read before. Items must be age appropriate. Young children can participate by having someone read to them. Deadline for handing in your "Official Reading Ticket" is Sunday, Sept. 6th. Your prize for reading is a \$10.00 credit - not cash - toward a book of your choice. If you want a book that cost more than \$10.00, you must pay the difference. You need to write your book selection on the back of your "Official Reading Ticket" including the title, author, and stock number printed clearly.

Bible Story Reading Time for Children 4 – 9 years old will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7 pm. from June 11th to August 20th.

NORTHERN BERKS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Work Day 8–10 am			Work Day 6–8 pm		

Work Days. We have started our summer work schedule – Monday mornings from 8-10 am and Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. Come as often as you like, stay as long as you can. Check the church's website and Facebook for schedule updates (including weather cancellations).

Volunteer needs. We continue to be in need of volunteers to work in the Garden and for summer deliveries. Tasks include planting, watering, staking, harvesting, and some weeding. Delivery people are needed to take produce to the local food pantries each week. Can you deliver once a week? Once a month? For volunteer questions, call Lori at 610-401-1186 or email communitygarden@zionslutheran.org.

Thank you! A big thank you to those who purchased plants from our plant sale fundraiser, and to those who generously bought pepper plants to donate to the Garden. You're the best!

MOMENTS OF GOD'S GRACE SPOTTED AS WE SERVE GOD TOGETHER

Young **Dylan Gough**, who, at the early service on May 17, after hearing Pastor Bruce blow on the baritone horn, crinkled up his nose and nodded his head when Pastor Bruce asked if he needed to practice some more;

Richard and Connie Reinhart planting tomatoes and peppers (grown from seed by **Nancy Dusko**) in the Community Garden;

Mike Puglia, Brian Moroney and John Smith mowing the church grass during May in the hot sun;

Phares Fry, paying close attention to the placement and lighting of the Paschal Candle during the Easter season;

Luke Mengel bravely wearing his purple "Spokesperson for Hungry People" Bike for World Hunger t-shirt to worship on Sunday, May 17.



WEDDING NEWS

Our Brass and Hand Bell Director, Steven Turner, will marry Meghan Fulton on Saturday, July 4, 2015 at 2:30 pm. at Kings Mills, 6000 Pennell Road in Media, PA. (visit www.kingsmills.net to see the place, if you are curious). Our Brass and Hand Bell Choir participants request that you shower Steven and Meghan with wedding cards (gifts are optional). They live at 151 S. Bishop Ave., Apt. G-5, Secane, PA 19018. When they establish a wedding website, we will pass that information along to you so that you can see their pictures. We pray God's blessings on them in their married life together!



OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

The committee for the Friday, June 19th meal is need of the following items:

6 lbs. of ground beef
4 large bags of salad mix

If you can donate any of these items sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Community Garden Volunteers 8-10 am.	2 Gsrden Com. Mtg. 6:30 pm. Chris. Ed. Com. Mtg. 7 pm. A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.	3	4 Community Garden Volunteers 6 pm.	5 Fellowship Hall rented noon—2 pm.	6 Saturday Worship 5 pm A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.
7 Holy Comm. 8am. Worship at Shoey Park 10 am.	8 Community Garden Volunteers 8-10 am.	9 Quilt Knotting 9:30 am. Church Council 7 pm. A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.	10	11 Cemetery Board mtg. at Zion's W. C. 9am. Community Garden Volunteers 6 pm.	12 Women's Bible Study 6:30—8 pm.	13 Saturday Worship 5 pm A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.
14 Holy Comm. 8:00 am.	15 Community Garden Volunteers 8-10 am.	16 A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.	17 July/August Newsletter Deadline	18 Senior Adults 11 am. Book Club 7 pm. Community Garden Volunteers 6 pm.	19 Opportunity House Meal 5:30 pm.	20 Saturday Worship 5 pm A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.
21 Worship in grove 9 am. Church picnic 11:30 am.	22 Community Garden Volunteers 8-10 am. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9—11:30 AM. Welcome & Outreach Com. Mtg. 6:30 pm.	23 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9—11:30 AM. A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.	24 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9—11:30 AM.	25 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9—11:30 AM Mail Team #1 7 pm. Community Garden Volunteers 6 pm.	26 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9—11:30 AM	27 Saturday Worship 5 pm A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.
28 Worship 9:00 am.	29 Community Garden Volunteers 8-10 am.	30 A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.				

ZION'S MESSENGER

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Sunday Church School - 9:15 A.M.
Worship Services - - - - 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.



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PURPOSE STATEMENT

God's Purpose for Zion's is to welcome and empower people to grow in faithfulness and service to His mission through the Gospel.

† Jesus is Lord and Savior † † Honest and open communication † † Create and sustain healthy relationships †
† Share our faith through our daily life † † Recognize and encourage people's spiritual gifts † † Perseverance †

† A congregation united in Christ making Zion's a destination not an obligation. †

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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