
Zion's Messenger

January 2016

FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Zion Friends,
When you receive this newsletter, likely you will have already celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the God baby born in the Bethlehem manger. I trust that it was a joyful, blessed celebration for you and yours.

The year of 2015 is coming to an end. As the year winds down, our world is a mess. Violence, fear, and a rise in hatred add up to a feeling of hopelessness.

Polarized politics in our state and nation remind us that we have to work together for the good of all our people, not just for the benefit of some or few.

As you make some resolutions for the new year, consider these suggestions: **Be on the lookout for God in the ordinary places and interactions of life.** God's Spirit is alive and active in the work of our congregation. Zion's Lutheran is an active place with hope-filled activities that are designed to build community. Too many like to point out where God is not present, forgetting how much good is going on.

Get involved in something new that helps others, maybe that helps yourself become a healthier, more faithful, kinder, more courteous person. Our church needs new volunteers all the time to strengthen its' work and its' ministry. Decide to try



something that “pushes” you a little bit, something challenging. Complete the Time and Talent Inventory and return it to the Church Office.

Support the work of love, not hate. Work as a “child of the light”. Speak out against the dark forces that seek to undermine and tear down. Stand up for what is right and just. Have and show compassion and empathy for others.

Count your blessings every day. Remember to give thanks for the peaceful and productive country side that many of us live in. (Julie and I now live in the very quiet country). Keep a faith perspective in considering world events. Think about what Jesus would think before you engage in criticism and sarcasm, especially if you use social media.

I hope to see you in church. I am.

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

P.S. Come to the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 17 to hear about all that our congregation accomplished in 2015.

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“Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township”

Like us on Facebook www.zionslutheran.org

354 Zion’s Church Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555

Church Office: 610-562-3112 is staffed Tuesdays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Church Office Email is churchoffice@zionslutheran.org

Worship times: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 a.m.

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

Church Staff

The Rev. Bruce G. Osterhout, Pastor (Cell: 610-914-2795)

Email at pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org

Secretary: Elaine Schroeder

Organist: Wellesley Keal Choir Director: Don Ryan Hand Bells/Brass: Steven Turner

Custodians: Ruth Hoppes, Brian Moroney, and Karen Mengel

2015 Congregation Council Members:

Jim Hirko, President; Brian Moroney, Vice President; Tiffany Gruber, Secretary; Sandra Moroney, Treasurer; Susan Lutz, Joe Leone, Bill Deibler, Jerry O’Brien, Dawn O’Brien, Cleta Borkey, Dwight Heckman, Brad Doklan, **One**

position currently vacant. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. **5**

vacancies will need to be filled by the January Annual Meeting. (See Wanda H or PB)

Community Ministries@ Zion’s

A.A. and Al-Anon meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. A.A. meets on Saturdays at 7 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack #163 meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #163 meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Weekly Activities- Please Join In

Adult Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Brass Rehearsal: Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Regular Monthly Activities – Please join In

Quilt-Knotters: Normally Second/Fourth Tuesdays 9 - 11 a.m.

Senior Adult Fellowship: Normally Second Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR JANUARY

ACOLYTES

Jan. 3 – 8:00 am. Carielle Geist
3 – 10:30 am. Brittany Noecker
10 – 8:00 am. Alicia Gough
10 – 10:30 am. Paul Engle
17 – 8:00 am. Alyssa Blandford
17 – 10:30 am. Veronica Heckman
24 – 8:00 am. Luke Mengel
24 – 10:30 am. Hailey Denatala
31 – 8:00 am. Jacob Fegley
31 – 10:30 am. Alyssa Blandford

MAIL TEAM #3

January 28 – 7:00 pm.
Michael Puglia, Mary & David Mengle

GREETERS

Jan. 3 – 8:00 am. Venus Fioravanti
3 – 10:30 am. Susan Kauffman
10 – 10:30 am. Barbara Shafer & Maylynn Wagner
17 – 10:30 am. Tiffany & Samantha Gruber
24 – 10:30 am. Richard & Donna Long
31 – 10:30 am. Gary & Carol Rothermel

ALTAR GULD

Jan. – Paul & Linda Weidner

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE MEAL

Leave church at 5:30 pm. on Jan. 15, 2016

LECTORS

Jan. 3 – 8:00 am. Sandra Moroney
3 – 10:30 am. Faye Heckman
10 – 8:00 am. Jeanette Heckman
10 – 10:30 am. Mark Dreibelbis
17 – 8:00 am. Carol Rothermel
17 – 10:30 am. Mark Price
24 – 8:00 am. Katie Stefan
24 – 10:30 am. Mark Dreibelbis
31 – 8:00 am. Bill Deibler
31 – 10:30 am. Susan Lutz

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Jan. 3 – Eileen Puglia & Autumn Eyer
10 – Lori Palubinski & Karyna Blandford
17 – Faye Heckman & Brett Daub
24 – Carissa Miller & Alyssa Blandford
31 – Eileen Puglia & Paul Engle

JANUARY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

January 2 - 5 pm. Saturday Evening worship
January 3/ Christmas II
8 & 10:30 A.M. Services of Holy Communion

January 9 - 5 pm. Saturday Evening worship
January 10/ Baptism of Our Lord
8 A.M. Worship/ 10:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion

January 16 - 5 pm. Saturday Evening worship
January 17/ Second Sunday after Epiphany
8 A.M. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 A.M. Service of Holy Communion

January 23 - 5 pm. Saturday Evening worship
January 24/ Third Sunday after Epiphany
8 A.M. Service of Holy Communion/ 10:30 A.M. Worship

January 30 - 5 pm. Saturday Evening worship
January 31/Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8 A.M. Worship/ 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion

The Annual Lot Owners meeting of Zion's Cemetery, Perry Township will be held on Thursday, January 7th at 9:00 am. at Zion's, Windsor Castle.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES –

Change of Address –

Pastor Bruce Osterhout
4610 Irish Creek Rd.
Bernville, PA 19506
610-488-5496

Death –

Samuel Stewart passed into eternal rest on November 22, 2015



ZION'S UNIFIED FUND

through October 31, 2015

1-1 Beginning Balance	\$ -5,868.09
Current Offerings	177,147.65
Special Offerings	<u>23,170.20</u>
Sub Total	194,449.76
Current Expenses	<u>- 221,678.73</u>
Fund Balance	- 27,228.97

Year to date we have raised \$646.03 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, give it to the cashier and put your register tapes in the basket in the narthex. Remember, all tapes must say Save-A-Tape on them to be eligible for this program.

SAVE-A-TAPE

Zions collects Redner's receipts in order to receive 1% of the recorded total purchases turned in. However, you **MUST** present a "Pump Perks" card (even if you don't use it for gas) in order for Zion's to receive the 1% back from Redners. Receipts without this are ineligible! If you don't have a "Pump Perks" card, stop at Customer Service to get one. Please get a card and use it when you are at the check-out register. Bring in your entire Save-A-Tape receipt and put it in the basket in the nave. Keep those receipts coming!!!! Thanks!



WINTER WEATHER AND WORSHIP

We can't predict, but we can prepare. Weekday bad weather cancellation of programs and rehearsals and meetings will be tied to what the Hamburg Area School District is doing for the day. If HASD cancels or lets out early, then all church programming is suspended for the day. This eliminates the need for multiple phone calls, hopefully everyone understands.

Sunday morning cancellations will be a decision made between the Pastor and some council members. However Pastor has been known to occasionally sleep at the church on Saturday night, when bad weather approaches, so hopefully we won't have to cancel any service. For large groups or for Sunday school and Worship Events, cancellations will be posted on Channel 69's website: www.wfmz.com. (click on School Closing then Church, Worship) and it should be on the scrolling bar on the bottom of the TV screen.

Information will also be on our Facebook page: Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township. If you're not sure about a scheduled event, simply call the Church at 610-562-3112.



SHUT IN BIRTHDAYS

January's Birthday:

Marguerite Hepner will celebrate her birthday on January 22nd. Marguerite's address is: 1 South Home Avenue, D 330, and Topton, PA 19562

CHURCH COUNCIL CORNER

Council meeting was held December 8m 2015. All council members chose the Christmas Eve service they will attend and help at. An email will be sent regarding instructions for lighting and acolyte help.

A motion will be forth coming at the Annual Meeting on January 17 by Council to pay off any deficit from the Vanguard Investment Account. A concern was aired regarding that their might be a possibility our Annual Report may not be ready for people two weeks prior to our meeting. It was suggested that when it is completed and printed that an email be sent to those people we have emails for and post it on Facebook when they can be picked up.

It was decided that the copier contract be converted to a monthly bill so money could be budgeted easier. There was a shortage of \$2369.00 in the budget for the month.

Online giving through VANCO should be available this month. Eight people signed up for online giving and six people contributed so far. We will have a link on our church website that you will be able to give online. This is easy as automatic bill pay via your bank. You will set up a profile and will be able to run reports that will detail your giving.

Joe Leone has been made Endowment Fund Chairman as the Interim since Alan Cornman resigned. Several expenses were listed under this category to be paid: new keys, safe, and sign repairs. Members of this endowment fund are Mary Mengle and Mabel Fry.

Drew Hoffman from the DEP will be testing the water on December 15, 2015. He will also inspect our system. We are classified as a transient non-community water supplier. Until April 2016 we will be testing quarterly and after that we must test monthly which Suburban will do at a monthly cost of \$18.00.

A new updated hall rental agreement was made since several things listed were obsolete. The rug in the church and the nursery have numerous spots on them which we are unable to remove so therefore a professional will be hired to take care of this matter.

Our new choir director, Don Ryan, asked St. Paul's Smoke Church, to move their church service to 8:45 instead of 9 AM so he doesn't have to rush to get to Zion's on a Sunday morning since we are sharing him with both churches. Karen and Dewey Freeman donated a piano for the church.

Welcome and Outreach purchased the tote bags etc. for the Christmas Eve services for the children. WELCA made a profit of approximately \$3,000.00 at the bazaar. Special

thanks to everyone who donated their time and talents in baking.

An Amendment to the Constitution for the Media Committee will be presented at the Congregational meeting on January 17th. Gerry O'Brien will be submitted this proposal.

Mark Weyer will be the speaker during the Sunday school on January 7th regarding his hiking the entire Appalachian Trail. Come out to hear of his adventures.

An Opportunity House bin will be placed at the far end of the parking lot for your donations to Opportunity House. They hire and provide job training to people who live at Opportunity House to help them become independent again.

Youth are busy at the church. They delivered and made fruit baskets for shut ins. Plans are made to go Christmas Caroling with Bruce Rohrbach's group on December 19th. December 20th more fruit baskets will be delivered and the children will enjoy a pizza party.

Newsletter cost is a concern and suggested for people to pick up at church or get them emailed. Tiffany will get a list from Elaine as to who we send newsletters and Tiffany and Sandra Moroney will contact those people to see if they will pick up their newsletters or have them emailed to them to lower the postage costs.

February 1st will celebrate congregational accomplishments. Muddy's BBQ will serve a meal from 6 to 7:30 PM.

Family Promise week is December 20 to 27th. Two female adults and 3 children will be participating.

Look in your January newsletter for dates to remember for 2016. Church Council would like to extend a Very Merry Christmas to all of you and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you each and every one of you for all that you do to make Zions Strong. If you have any questions, feel free to approach any council member with your concerns.

Submitted by Susan Lutz

FOOD BANK UPDATE

The January Food Pantry item is:

The January food is: SOUP

Place your items in the shopping cart in the Narthex.



The start of another year!!
WELCA encourages all women of Zion's to grow in your faith.

I would like this year's focus to be on "Growing in Faith while Having Fun".

You might ask how this can be accomplished with such a busy schedule?? The only direction I can offer is priority. We all of choices to make throughout the day, every day. Where do you place the priority in growing your faith???

I would like to establish monthly meetings and/or activities on the same day/time each month as to better plan your schedule. Should you plan to make church and your growing in faith the priority this year, you would be able to plan your schedule and other activities around Zion's.

I welcome all feedback!! I love listening to all suggestions!! I truly believe the only way to grow in faith is to help each other. What a support system we can have with the help of Our Lord Jesus. With God's help we can accomplish anything.

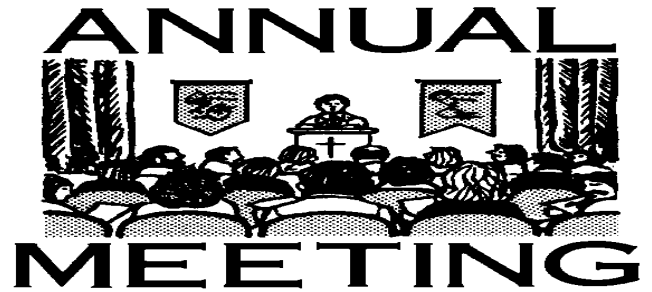
Bettie Hirko

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Envelope boxes are available on the table in the Narthex. By taking yours home with you, you will save us the postage for mailing them to you.

If you cannot find yours on the table in the Narthex, please notify the church office and we'll fix you right up.

Have you filled out your Time & Talent Sheet for 2016?? If not, please use the enclosed on or pick one up on the Narthex table, fill it out and place it in the offering basket.



Covered Dish Lunch And Congregational Meeting — Sunday, January 17, 2016 Snow date – January 24, 2016

Zion's Annual Meeting and Congregational Dinner will be held Sunday, January 17, 2016, in the Fellowship Hall immediately after our Worship Service.

Each family or person attending is asked to bring a dish to share. Make your favorite casserole, vegetables, salad/side dish, or dessert. We will supply barbecue, vegetable soup, and beverages. There will be someone in the kitchen both before Sunday School and the Worship Service to take your dish. **Please do not bring serving spoons, and have your dish warmed before it is brought to church.**

Following the worship service the meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall followed by the Annual Meeting. A report is being prepared and will be sent to all households before the meeting. Please review the report and bring it with you to the meeting. There will be a slide show highlighting the year at Zion's.

We will have babysitters available in the Gold Room during the meeting.



Annual Report Distribution

This year the annual report will be available for pick up at the church starting in January. If you want one and cannot get to the church in the 2 weeks before the annual meeting, please call the office and one will be mailed to you. **THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS MAILING THIS YEAR.**

January Birthdays 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ellen Hartline Brenda Hartman	2 Rodney Reidenhour Kolby Schemberg
3 Kevin Gough	4 Alyssa Blandford	5 Mary Barto Prent Steffy	6 Doris Hoffman	7 Luke Mengel Slayton Hoffert	8 Christine Miller Tiffany Reinhart	9 Dennis Hoffert David Ketner
10	11 Robert Seidel Joan Seidel	12 Ruth Hoppes Elaine Albert Dorothy Brennan Shawn Seidel	13 David Mengle Barbara Seidel Barbara Shafer Brian Heffner Alicia Purcell	14 Tim Eyer Justin Dusko	15	16 Paul Gruber
17	18 Drew Koller Gloria Oswald Beckie Reinhart	19 Dianne Geschwindt Jerry Boltz	20 David Geschwindt Carl Davis	21 Harry Sohon Mark Dreibelbis	22 *Marguerite Hepner	23 Lester Wessner
24 Madeline Seidel	25 Shirlene Epting Karyna Blandford	26 Emma Seidel	27 Carol Schaeffer Dominic Leone	28 Gary Rothermel Lisa Nester	29 Carol Rothermel	30 Joyce Sechler

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*Denotes Shut in



The Property Committee is asking for volunteers to help with snow shoveling this winter. A sign up sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in helping, please sign the sheet for the date or dates that you are willing to cover this responsibility. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of a shoveling volunteer, contact Michael Puglia or any Property Committee member.

ZION'S YOUTH NEWS

January 10th – “Share Your Passions event during Sunday School! Reserve your table today on the poster in the entryway!

January 10 – Youth Group will meet from 4-5:30 pm. at the church with first assignments for the play “Heavenly Hotel” to be performed on Sunday, February 7 at both services! **Parents, please come at 5:30 pm. to make arrangements for Pocono Trip #2 Planning.**

Sun. January 17 – During Sunday School – Come hear 24 year old Mark Weyer talk about hiking the WHOLE APPALACHIAN TRAIL!

Sunday, January 17, 24, and 31 – 4-6 pm. Youth Group meetings/play rehearsal/supper

Don't forget that he Bear Creek Retreat is March 11-13!

PROPOSED ADDITION TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CONSTITUTION: CREATION OF A "MEDIA COMMITTEE"

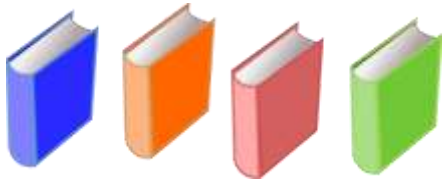
At the January 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting, Zion's Church Council will propose that a Continuing Resolution establishing a Media Committee be added to Chapter 19 of the Constitution of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township. If the congregation votes to approve this Continuing Resolution, Church Council will take the necessary steps to add it to the Constitution and oversee the formation of the committee, specifying its responsibilities and assigning a budget.

Following is the proposed wording for this Continuing Resolution:

The Media Committee

The Media Committee shall oversee the maintenance of the church web site in order to keep its content current and useful to our church members as well as a symbol of our Christian faith and values to the general public. Other responsibilities, such as overseeing print and electronic advertising for Zion's Lutheran, will be assigned by Church Council. The committee shall coordinate with and assist other committees and organizations within Zion's Lutheran on the purchase of hardware and software. The committee shall be assigned an annual operating budget. In addition to its budget and any possible memorial and endowment funds, the committee will accept donations of materials and equipment deemed fit for use and approved by Church Council. The committee shall report regularly to the Church Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry O'Brien
Liaison, Media Task Force



LIBRARY SHELVES

Start out the New Year with a new read from the shelves of Zion's Library:

DVD

Clive and Ian's Wonder-Blimp of Knowledge
Clive and Ian's wonder-Blimp Knowledge 2

If you have asked the question – How Old is God? – or other God questions, you will want to see these DVDs. What's in the Bible newsman, Buck Denver and his friends – Clive and Ian have the answer to your questions. Creator of What's in the Bible and Veggie tales, Phil Vischer brings you Clive and Ian.

Beyond the Mask

Return to the Hiding Place – Corrie Ten Boom's secret student army during WWII

Fiction

Prairie State Friends Series:

The Decision by Wanda E. Brunstetter
The Gift by Wanda E. Brunstetter

Angels Walking Series:

Chasing Sunsets by Karen Kingsbury

9/11 Series:

One Tuesday Morning by Karen Kingsbury
Beyond Tuesday Morning by Karen Kingsbury
Remember Tuesday Morning by Karen Kingsbury

Prophecy

The Three Heavens by John Hagee

Autobiography

Why I Risked Everything to Leave Islam and Follow Jesus Hiding in the Light by Rifqa Bary

Spiritual Growth

Breaking Free by Beth Moore
How to be Rich by Andy Stanley

Garden News

Thanks again for your support in 2015, for volunteers, and for financial support, supplies, encouragement, and prayers.

Planning ahead...

We are looking forward to our first planting in March or April. In order to continue the Garden's success, we continue to be in need of volunteers. We continue to need weekly volunteers to help in the Garden. But we are also in need of committee volunteers, as we start new terms for our Garden committee. See David Ketner, Lori Palubinski, or Eileen Puglia if you are interested in serving on the Garden committee this year or email us at communitygarden@zionslutheran.org.

The family of Samuel Stewart would like to thank Pastor Bruce and all of the members of Zion's for all of the cards, prayers and support that we received at this difficult time.

Steve & Stephanie Schumaker & Family

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE AT ZIONS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Our church has now partnered with VANCO payment solutions to provide all members and visitors the ability to donate online. There is now a link on the church website at www.zionslutheran.org. Once on the Church homepage, there is a link labeled "DONATE". This will bring you to another page that you can click a button called "online giving". This will take you to the Vanco site and will allow you to set up a profile. It is as easy as signing up for online bill pay with a bank. You can set up recurring donations and never have to use an envelope again! Joe Leone plans to have a presentation on how to enroll in VANCO and donate online at the congregational meeting on January 17th. Please join us at the annual meeting and consider setting up a profile and donate to sustain the church and support our churches mission.

Helping in Hamburg

Ask anyone what goes into a Salvation Army Red Kettle, and they will likely know the answer. It's what comes out of the iconic image that might be a surprise. Change goes in and transformational change for people in need comes out.

For those who don't already know about the breadth and scope of the Red Kettle's reach, and the depth and commitment of the leadership and volunteers who report to serve others each day, The Salvation Army is like a treasure hiding in plain sight, right in their own backyard. The Salvation Army reaches every zip code within the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware territory serving communities in a multitude of ways, all of which are focused on bringing about change by meeting the emergency needs of people who are most in need.

"Together, our staff, volunteers, local churches, businesses, agencies and organizations are making a difference in the lives of those in need."

The Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center (HSC) is a member of the Northern Berks Ministerium, an ecumenical organization that collaborates to help families in need of emergency assistance which includes rent, utilities, food and/or clothing. When a local church identified a young man living in his car, HSC staff contacted a local property manager in Hamburg and made arrangements to secure a lease on an apartment and cover the first month's rent. One year later, the man is still living in his apartment, working multiple jobs, and successfully paying the rent each month.

Last Thanksgiving, with a major snowstorm looming, HSC staff learned of a homeless couple who lost everything after the husband became ill and was unable to work. Again, the HSC staff utilized local resources and contacted a hotel manager in the area who generously agreed to provide the couple with one month of temporary shelter. HSC also referred the family to a local church that offered to help them get back on their feet and live in the church's mission house rent-free for six months.

According to Central Regional Manager Jean Yurkonis, whose region includes Berks County, the majority of the



Deb Faust, Cathy Correll and Jean Yurkonis

money raised by The Salvation Army directly supports the communities served. The emergency services and programs are made possible through funding from the Red Kettles at Christmas, the United Way of Berks County, grants, and private donations.

"Change goes in and transformational change for people in need comes out."

"People are always surprised when they learn The Salvation Army is present in the community," said Jean. "Together, our staff, volunteers, local churches, businesses, agencies and organizations are making a difference in the lives of those in need. In sharing these stories, we hope others will join us as we continue to 'Do the most good, for the most people.'"

Hamburg Area Item and writer Karen Chandler contributed to this article.

Tentative 2016 Dates to be included in the January Newsletter

Fourth Revision 12/15/15

Sun. Jan. 3 – 3 Kings Celebration

Sun. Jan. 10 – Celebrate Your Passion displays and lunch

Sun. January 17 - Annual Congregational Meeting (snowdate
Jan. 24)

Mon. Feb. 1 – (Scouts will be bumped to the Gold Room)
Council Members/ Committees/Choir/Brass/Bells/Sunday
School Teachers/Bible School teachers and All Volunteer
Celebration Dinner for those who help out. Deadline to RSVP
will be Sunday Jan. 24.

Sun. February 7 - Souper Bowl Party after Worship. Youth skit
“Heavenly Hotel” during the sermon at both worship services

**Feb. 10 - Ash Wednesday services. Zion’s hosting the first
Ministerium Lenten Worship service on Thurs. Feb. 11
at 11:30 a.m.**

**5 Lenten Wednesdays Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 2, 9, 16 with
worship times the same as 2015.**

March 10-12 – Youth Catechism Retreat at Bear Creek

First Communion Instruction – Sundays, March 6, 13, 20 until 2 p.m. each Sunday. First Communion on Maundy Thursday

March 20 – Palm Sunday followed by Holy Week services

Good Friday, March 25 – 10:30 a.m. Youth Egg Coloring ---Cross Walk 11:30 a.m. in Hamburg is a potential conflict with program rehearsal?

Holy Saturday, March 26 – “Real” Egg Hunt – 9:30 a.m.

Vigil of Easter service with Baptisms at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Program on the Life of Jesus with Plastic Egg Hunt/Prize Eggs following

In April ? - A Ringgold Band fundraiser is needed here. Pot Pie?

Sun, May 1 – Rogation Sunday: Blessing of the Seeds

Note to Schedule in May sometime – A Child Protection workshop

Sat. May 7 – Kayak/Canoe the Schuylkill River – Hamburg to Leesport. This will be a Synod Care for Creation event led by the Hamburg Cluster. All Congregational Kayakers/Canoeists are needed that day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to assist with leading the event.

Sun. May 8 - Mother's Day – Men Make and Serve Breakfast?

Family Promise Hosting Week – May 8-15

Sun. May 15 – Pentecost Day- Church Music Sunday. Meal after worship leading up to The Ringgold Band playing at 2 p.m. in the Nave!

Sun. May 22 – Holy Trinity Sunday....Car Show?

May 28-30 Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, June 4 – Shoey Children's Parade

Sun. June 5 – Joint Worship in Shoey playground at 10 a.m.
Possible Lion's Fundraising Meal for Shoey Summer Programs?

Last Days of School – June 3 Hamburg, June 6 SV???????

**Youth Group Camping Trip to the Poconos during this time:
First Choice currently is Week of June 12-18. Second Choice is
Week of July 10-16. Third Choice is Week of July 17-23.**

Sun. June 19 – 10:30 a.m. Father's Day Worship in the Grove
followed by the picnic

June 20-24 Morning Bible School – Youth Activities in
afternoon?

Sunday, June 26 – First 9 a.m. Worship Service

Fri. night, July 22 – Shoey Lion’s Carnival Day 1

Sat. July 23 – Epting Breakfast # 2, Shoey Lion’s Carnival Day 2

Sat. Aug. 27 – Back to School Backyard Bash with Drive Through Peaches and Ice Cream, and with possible Kauffman’s Chicken BBQ being investigated?

Labor Day Weekend – Sept. 3-5

Sat. September 3 – Taste of Hamburger event/church stand

Sunday, September 4 – 9 a.m. Worship ends

September 11 – (9/11 Commemoration) First day of Sunday School year. Lunch together followed by ELCA Day of Service. God’s Work. Our Hands Service Projects: 1. Trail Cleanup 2. River Cleanup 3. Look for a Service Project at an elderly persons home?

Sun. Sept. 18 - Grandparent’s/ Great-Grandparent’s Day event

Sunday, September 25 – Installation of Teachers/Staff

Saturday, October 15 Adult Education Day # 2?

October 30 – Reformation Sunday – Confirmations

November 6 – All Saint’s Sunday

Sat. November 19 – Bazaar (staying on same weekend as this year-profit was up in 2015 by \$800+)

Wed. Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Sun. Nov. 27 – Advent 1

Sun. Dec. 4 – Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal

Sat. Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Program Rehearsal

Sun. Dec. 11 – Sunday School Christmas Program

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day schedule likely 9 a.m. 30 minute Communion Service and a 3:30 afternoon worship with 45 minute Lessons/Carols/Communion)

Sunday, January 1, 2017 – New Year’s Day schedule likely 9 a.m. 30 minute Communion Service and a 3:30 p.m. New Year’s Day afternoon worship only with 45 minute Lessons/Carols/Communion

Bible Word Search:

MOUNTAINS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY	NEW	YEAR!!			1	2 A.A. 7:00 pm.
3 Holy Com. 8:00 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Holy Com. 10:30 am.	4 Cubs Scouts 6:30 pm. Boy Scouts 7:30 pm.	5 A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm. Christian Education Com. mtg. 7:00 pm. Feed the Teachers 6:30 pm.	6 Senior Choir 7:15 pm.	7 LifeLine Health Screenings Undecorating 6 pm. Bells 6:45 pm. Brass 8:00 pm..	8	9 A.A. 7:00 pm.
10 Worship 8:00 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Fellowship Com. Mtg. 9:15 am. Holy Com. 10:30 am. Celebrate Your Passion Youth Group 4-6 pm.	11 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm. Boy Scouts 7:30 pm.	12 Quilt Knotting 9:00 am. A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm. Cong. Council 7 pm.	13 Worship & Music Com. Mtg. 6 pm. Senior Choir 7:15pm.	14 Bells 6:45 pm. Brass 8:00 pm..	15 Opportunity House Meal 5:30 pm.	16 A.A. 7:00 pm.
17 Cont. Service 8:00 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Holy Com. 10:30 am. After worship—Annual meeting/Covered Dish Youth Group 4-6 pm.	18 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm. Boy Scouts 7:30 pm.	19 A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.	20 NEWSLETTER DEAD- LINE Senior Choir 7:15 pm.	21 Senior Adults 11am. Bells 6:45 pm. Brass 8:00 pm.. Property Com. mtg. 7pm. Book Club 7 pm.	22	23 Scouts Pine Wood Derby A.A. 7:00 pm.
24. Holy Com. 8:00 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Prayer Shawl 9:15 am. Worship 10:30 am. Youth Group 4-6 pm.	25 Cubs Scouts 6:30 pm. Boy Scouts 7:30 pm.	26 Quilt Knotting 9:00 am. A.A. 7:00 pm. Al-Anon 7:00 pm.	27 Senior Choir 7:15 pm.	28 Bells 6:45 pm. Brass 8:00 pm.. Mail Team #3 7 pm.	29	30 A.A. 7:00 pm. Fellowship Hall rented
31 Worship 8:00 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Prayer Shawl 9:15 am. Holy Com. 10:30 am. Youth Group 4-6 pm.	Monday February 1—Volunteer Celebration Meal at 6 pm. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10 Zion's hosts Ministerium Lenten Service, Thursday, February 11 at 11:30 am.					

ZION'S MESSENGER

Saturday worship ---- 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Church School - 9:15 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services ---- 8 & 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. †

