



ZION'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Members of Zion's Lutheran Church,

I have been a “practicing” grandfather for about 9 years now. It is great fun, maybe even more fun than “practicing” being a parent. After all, as a grandparent you have gained experience about what to do and what not to do, in life and in love. As a grandparent, you have likely become more mature and you are better able to keep things in perspective.

On August 16-20, Julie and I took our 5 grandchildren on a 10 hour one way car ride to Cincinnati, in order to “bring the party” to Julie's dad, **88 year old Carl Grasham**. This is the second summer that we have made this trip. Our oldest is 9 and our youngest is 4. They loved every minute of their time with Grandpa Carl. Carl is in good health, still active, and getting around well. Carl has played the drums in bands his whole life. He has played for every President of the United States since Harry Truman. He has lived in the same house for almost 54 years now, a home that he had built to raise his family in. Carl has passed on his faith in God to his 2 daughters. They have passed the faith onto their children.

Carl doesn't get to see all of his Pennsylvania grandchildren and great-children very often, thus the importance of this annual opportunity to connect them to Julie's roots and family in southwestern Ohio. Our grand-daughters got to play with the Barbie dolls that Julie played with. Carl got to introduce 5 year old Gabriel to playing the drums. They all explored the woods. They all saw the birds, squirrels and raccoons come to eat when Carl put the food out and “clicked” his can against the grill to signal them.. They got to eat ice cream at “Flub's” (in Ross, Ohio), ride the old carousel downtown by the Ohio River, meet “Mr. Kitty” (Julie's sister's cat), and eat Skyline Chili (that unique Cincinnati Greek spaghetti and chili dish with the heaping pile of shredded cheddar on top). I guess we could call this, “making memories”. You see, “passing on faith” to the next generation is a very important priority for my wife and I. Our time together provided many opportunities to talk about the world that God has made.

I tell you all of these details to make you think about how special family time is when it is shared across the generations. I tell you this in order to invite you to come to the opening of our Sunday School on **Grandparent's Day, September 11, at 9:15 a.m. Please come and share some time with your children, grandchildren, and great-children. God will be in our sharing.** Our Sunday worship schedule returns to 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on September 11 as well. Saturday worship continues at 5 p.m. each week. I hope to see you in church and your offspring with you on September 11th.

Pastor Bruce

Volunteer Responsibilities for September

GREETERS

- 4 – 9:00 am. Richard & Brenda Long
11- 8:00 am Ron & Joy Weyer
11 – 10:30 am. Nelson & Ruth Ann Eyer
18 - 8:00 am Venus Fioravanti & Rita Decker
18 – 10:30 am. Susan Kauffman
25 - 8:00 am Carol & Gary Rothermel
25 – 10:30 am Dan & Carolyn Geist

MAIL TEAM #3 Thursday, September 22nd

Michael Puglia, Mary & David Mengle

ACOLYTES

- 4 – 9:00 am. Carielle Geist
11 – 8:00 am. Alicia Gough
11– 10:30 am. Paul Engle
18– 8:00 am. Alyssa Blandford
18 – 10:30 am. Veronica Heckman
25 – 8:00 am. Jacob Fegley
25 – 10:30 am. Hailey Denatala

SERVING OPPORTUNITY HOUSE MEAL

Wanda Hoherchak – Capt. Mitch Shestok, Susan Kauffman, Brenda Hartman

LECTORS

- 4 – 9:00 am. Mark Price
11 – 8:00 am. Katie Stefan
11 – 10:30 am. Mark Dreibelbis
18 – 8:00 am. Jeanette Heckman
18 – 10:30 am. Janine Dreibelbis
25 – 8:00 am. Rita Decker
25 – 10:30 am Faye Heckman

10:30 a.m. NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 11 – Faye Heckman
18 – Lori Palubinski
25 - Eileen Puglia

Did You Know?

September comes from the Latin word *Septem* – This means Seven. In the Roman year September was actually the 7th month



HAPPY KNOTTERS/Quilters

The Happy Knotters need people willing to sew quilt tops together; they do not have to be perfect. **Cut squares and instructions can be picked up in the church office & finished quilt tops shall be returned to the church office.** Please sign the paper in front of the quilt when you take squares.

We are in need of used flat flannel sheets, mattress pads, blankets or whatever material you would like to give. If you would like to donate any of the above items they can be placed outside the church office door. (Please mark “Knotters”). Thanks again.

Contact the office to donate or for information on this group which meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 9 – 11 a.m.

Volunteers needed to sew quilt toppers. Patches are located in Church Office

Hey Facebookers who are Happy Quilt Knotters!

Why not join [facebook.com/groups/LWRQuilters?](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LWRQuilters/)

The **September** Food Items for The Hamburg Food Pantry are: **Cereal**

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



LIBRARY

a place for people

Book Group Meetings

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

Thursday September 15th
“Walk in the Woods” By: Bill Bryson

Library volunteers will meet on

Wednesday, September 7th

Wed., September 21st at 1:30 P.M.

If you enjoy reading and want to leisurely spend some time in the church library, please join us one afternoon.

For the summer we have a display of books in the narthex, this display has some older items and newly added items from our collection. Please feel free to take items out from the table or from the library, I only ask you to please sign the items out on the information sheet. Thank you! Enjoy some summer reading and please use our updated library collection.

Library Shelves:

Listed below are items added to our church library since the last newsletter:

Biography of Jesus Christ: The World Before and After Jesus, Desire of the Everlasting Hills – by Thomas Cahill

Bible Studies:

The Illustrated Gospel of Mark, the complete text, with beautiful fine art paintings, stained glass, illustrations, and illumination. Conceived, designed, and produced by Quarto Publishing plc.

The QUEST for Character – by Charles R. Swindoll

The Life of Our Lord, expressively written for his children - by Charles Dickens

The Church’s Bible, its contemporary authority – by Darrell Jodock

The Gnostic Gospels, a collection of 52 ancient manuscripts, most of which reflect the teachings of a mystical religious movement we call Gnosticism. These manuscripts were found in an ancient earthenware jar by an Arab peasant, Nag Hammadi, in an upper Egyptian desert – by Elaine Pagels

The Secret Teachings of Jesus, four Gnostic Gospels – translated by Marvin W. Meyer

The Nag Hammadi library, the definitive new translation of the Gnostic scriptures, complete in one volume – by James M. Robinson

Adam, Eve, and The Serpent, how the Christian movement became more powerful, and the emperor Constantine reversed his policy of persecution and himself became a Christian, also how Christian teaching itself underwent a revolutionary change from a doctrine that celebrated human freedom to one that emphasized the universal bondage of original sin – by Elaine Pagels.

Christian Education, Church Resources & YA:

Let’s Hide the Word, joyful ways to build Biblical Principles into your home – by Gloria Gaither and Shirley Dobson; The Stewardship of Creation, Stewardship of Money, Stewardship of Lifestyle – by the ELCA; The Thomas Factor, the key to believing when you cannot find an answer – by Winkie Pratney; Healing the Hurt, to help teenagers whose parents are divorced – by Mildred Tickfer

Fiction: The Secret Life of Bees - by Sue Monk Kidd; The Wood’s Edge: – by Lori Benton; White (the circle trilogy – by Ted Dekker

Inspirational and Juvenile: Our Sufficiency In Christ, three deadly influences that undermine your spiritual life – by John MacArthur, Jr.; God’s Joyful

Surprise, finding yourself loved – by Sue Monk Kidd; Tell Me about Prayer – by Mary Alice Jones

Magazine and References: Christianity, the illustrated history from Life magazine; Great Events of Bible Times; Reader's Digest After Jesus, the triumph of Christianity, The Bible As History, archaeology & science delve 4,000 years into the past to document this second revised edition – by Werner Keller



LABYRINTH

Walking the Labyrinth by Travis Scholl Foreword by Walter Wangerin Jr. is a good book to help you understand what a labyrinth is and its purpose. This book is available in our church library.

I'll try to explain my feelings and reasons for wanting a labyrinth on our church property. It's a different type of spiritual experience through meditating, praying, walking, using personal devotions and personal experiences while focusing on our relationship and commitment to Jesus our Lord and Savior. This is done with our body, our soul and our mind. I feel it could be used by anyone in the community who has a need for solitude. As we face life and everything that confronts us - the good, the bad and the ugly - walking a labyrinth can help us sort things out. Many times in my life I've taken walks or pulled weeds while thinking about life, about Jesus and my relationships. A labyrinth is taking a walk, (Just a Closer Walk With Thee) with Jesus as our Friend, (What A Friend We Have In Jesus) as we commit to him (Take My Life, that I May Be). As you walk the labyrinth, you can think about or read scripture, think of hymns, give thanks, sort out losses in one's life, ask for Jesus help when you have doubts or feel restless, when you need encouragement to do the 'right thing', when you're angry with Jesus or someone else, when you're sorry for something you've done, or something you didn't do. I truly believe walking a labyrinth with an open heart and the right mind set you can experience a sense of joy, peace and hope.

Submitted by, Ruth Ann Eyer



NORTHERN BERKS COMMUNITY GARDEN Garden News

Growing, growing, growing!

Blessed by rain, the garden continues to grow. We have finished many of our first plantings, and have started new crops of beans, squash, lettuce, cabbage, cucumbers, and beets.

So far this season, we have harvested and donated 4,315 pounds of produce.

We would like to thank the Girl Scouts that have volunteered with us in August. Join us on a **Tuesday morning at 8 am** or a **Thursday night at 6 pm** as we pick tomatoes and peppers and tend to our new crops.

If you have extra produce to donate from your home garden, please drop it off at the Garden on a Tuesday morning or on a Thursday. It can be left in the shade on the picnic table near our shed.

As always, to receive phone/email notifications of our work day schedules, or weather cancellations, please contact Lori at 610-401-1186 or email us at communitygarden@zionslutheran.org and we'll gladly put you on our volunteer list.

Note: Tues. Aug. 23, 400 pounds were picked and distributed in Hamburg.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Submitted by: Eileen Puglia, NBCG Secretary

Sponsors needed for Sunday Bulletins, Reading Eagle, & Hamburg Item for the month of August. Come on in Pick a Date and send a special message!!

Up coming Events At Zion's

- Sunday, September 11th 2016 Zion's Lutheran will resume Worship Services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will resume at 9:15 a.m. Grandparents invited. Please come with your offspring for some fun and growth in faith!
- Zion's Lutheran Church Sunday School Rally Day – Sunday September 11 at 9:15. The Christian Education Committee of Zion's Lutheran Church would like to invite you to our Rally Day for the upcoming Sunday School Year. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall and it is also Grandparent's Day. So please invite your Grandparents for some fun and fellowship. Drinks and snacks will be provided.
- **Harvest Home Mums** are requested for Sept 18. There is an order sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. **Deadline to order mums is September 12th** price for mums is \$4.00 each; colors to choose from are red, yellow, rust, and purple
- Volunteers are needed for the Nursery/Children's Church beginning in September. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

- Sunday, October 16. Joint Worship with St. John's, Hamburg and Frieden's-Shartlesville. Joint anthems, joint luncheon, joint Sunday School.

Special Prayers, Thoughts, & Thanks

New Addresses:

**Irvin & Grace Ketner
1801 Tulpehocken Rd Room 10
Wyomissing, PA 19610**

**Ellen Hartline
Wyndcliffe Apts. Apt A27
100 Chestnut St.
Hamburg, PA 1952**

Members of the Congregation are invited to send Wellesley Keal Thank You notes for her 8 years of service as Organist at Zion's. She has resigned effective September 2nd.

Please contact the Church Office for her home address

School is back in session let us send our prayers to those just beginning their journey of knowledge and life long memories. Let us pray for the victims of bullying and let us pray of those of whom are the bullies, may their fears leave them, let the love, peace, and kindness of God fill their thoughts and hearts.

Gulf Coast Flooding

"Be merciful to me, O God; be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by." – Psalm 57:1

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Historic floodwaters have required tens of thousands of people to be rescued and even more have been evacuated as rain sweeps across southern Louisiana. Floodwaters have affected communication, overwhelmed streets and highways, and damaged or destroyed more than 40,000 homes. This flood comes on the heels of several other floods that have hit the Gulf Coast region, starting earlier this spring. Entire neighborhoods and communities still remain under water, and the full extent of the damage has yet to be realized. *cont.*

We know that it will be a long road to recovery, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to assist through every phase of this disaster recovery process.

Your gifts are needed to help respond to the Gulf Coast flooding

Your gifts through Lutheran Disaster Response will bring God's hope, healing and refuge to those who are affected by these devastating floods.

Lutheran Disaster Response coordinators are actively present, collaborating with local community leaders and officials to begin planning the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. We will respond and walk with survivors in the days, weeks, months and years ahead, for as long as we are needed.

Gifts designated for Gulf Coast Flooding will be used (100 percent) until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild their lives.

Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help address the many needs, especially the long-term recovery efforts of those affected.

Join me in prayer and partnership

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

DONATE, LEARN MORE, SHARE/PRAY

Ways to Give: Checks or money orders should be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Gulf Coast Flooding" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online

<https://community.elca.org>



How important is Sunday school to you? I can remember as if it was yesterday why I became a Sunday school teacher. After our first child was born, I thought a lot about what in my life helped me the most in making choices. I knew being born to a couple that loved each other and showed it was a great start. Also having loving siblings was a plus. But the main influence was my mother, May, who took her promises she made at my baptism seriously. She faithfully took me to Sunday school and church. In fact, in addition to the wise sayings of my mother, I would often think of something I learned in Sunday school, worship or at Good News Club, when I had a choice to make. So, as a young mother, I wanted that for my children too.

I prayed to God to help me be faithful to the baptism promises I made for my children. I even asked God to have me "fall out of bed" on a Sunday morning so I'd get up to take them to Sunday school - back then I liked to sleep in. And do you know what God did instead? A Sunday school teaching position became available for the 4th grade. Knowing myself, I knew if I volunteered to teach Sunday school - I'd be at Sunday school. Back then we had Sunday school all year round and VBS for, yes, two weeks. So for 10 years straight I taught Sunday school, only missing when on vacation. It was a great experience, because as my children grew in their faith, I also continued to grow in my faith. You all know the saying "the teacher learns the most"!

My husband helped to keep the promises too by making Sunday breakfast every week for the whole family, while I got the children ready for Sunday school and church. Husband, Nelson, was also in the adult Sunday school. *cont.*

Another thing we both did during those years, we did our socializing on Friday nights that way if we were up late the children could sleep in on Sat. morning.

That made it possible to get them in bed at a reasonable time on Saturday night and it wasn't a hassle for wake up Sunday morning!

Now, the reason I was inspired to write this article is to encourage young parents to faithfully bring their children to Sunday school. I know it makes a difference in their lives and in society. *cont.*

I pray often for young parents to make the necessary and lasting right choices for their children. Don't let the children decide if they want to attend Sunday school, as a parent you decide. I know there are a lot more distractions now than when I raised my children, but somethings never change. And the one thing that never changes is the need for some moral direction in a person's life. Moral direction is something you learn as you grow in your Christian faith. Hope to have a good attendance this year in Sunday school.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Eyer

Happening Around Town

A New Grief Share Support Group

will be starting Wednesday,

September 7th, 2016 at Zion's

Church, 770 Zion Church Road,

Hamburg beginning at 6:30 pm.

Please call 610-562-2300 for more

information and to register.

**Hamburg Cluster event
Potato Picking September 25th from
1-4 pm @ Kutztown Heritage Center,
22 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown, PA
19530 at The Farm**

***Hamburg Ministerium's first "Faith at the Movies" event Tuesday, September 27th Movie at the Strand 7:00PM "War Room" Admission is \$8.00 a person includes a small popcorn and small soda. For more info please visit**

www.hamburgstrand.com

***Volunteer Reading Tutors are needed at Perry Elementary Center for the Ready.Set.Read! This program will begin again in late September. Help make a difference in a child's life. Volunteers to tutor 2nd graders who are struggling with reading are needed from 3:30 -4:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. No previous experience is necessary. Training is available. Current background clearances are required prior to the assignment. Check out readyssetreadberks.org. Call Darby Wiekrykas at United Way at 610-685-4574 or speak with Pastor Bruce who did it this past year.**



***The Oley Valley Community Fair September 15,16,17,2016. Held at the Oley Fire Company Fairgrounds, Oley PA. Celebrating 70 years!!!**

***Hamburg Public Library is Hosting a New York City bus trip November 12th 2016 \$42 a person. Leaving Hamburg Middle School at 8 am returning that evening at 8:30 pm. Please call the Library for more information and to sign up 610-562-2843. Registration & Money due by October 15th 2016 no refunds unless we can fill the seat.**

SAVE A TAPE

Zion's collects Redner's receipts 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. If you shop without your card, you can take your receipt to Customer Service within two weeks of purchase to submit the eligible receipt for the program. January to August we have received a check in the amount of \$329.19. Keep those receipts coming!!!! Thanks!

Redners Save A Tape program will continue. **However, a new card will need to be obtained to qualify for the program.** The current blue card will not be valid after September 3. The tapes will be honored for the program until that date. Please turn in your receipts using the blue card until September 3 and sign up for the new card to qualify for the program.

CHURCH REPORTS



1-1-16	Beginning Balance	-\$8,842.42
	General Offering	\$126,056.74
	Special Offering	\$14,849.22
	Sub Total	\$132,063.54
	Current Expenses	\$118,705.26
5-30-16	Balance	\$13,358.28

Council Corner

The August 23 Council Meeting was called to order by President Jim Hirko. Devotions were given by the Associate of the Bishop, Pastor Mary Gade.

A discussion on where we are as a congregation was facilitated by President Jim Hirko and Pastor Gade.

The treasurer's report as of the end of July 2016 has Zion's being in the black with a balance of \$13,358.28. On-line giving has remained consistent and the hope is for that to grow with more member participation.

In September, all committees will receive a year to date treasurer's report to assist them in preparing their 2017 budget. All 2017 budgets are to be forwarded to the Finance Committee by October 1, 2016. It was reported that the health insurance provided by PORTICO benefit services for Pastor Bruce will be increasing in 2017.

On October 16, 2016, there will be a joint service at Zion's with congregations from Friedens, Shartlesville and St. John's in Hamburg. Details on this event will be forthcoming over the next several weeks.

Monthly water testing is on-going per state regulations and Zion's maintains being within acceptable levels.

The Fellowship Committee will review the recent repairs to the kitchen refrigerator along with a quote for future maintenance. They will determine the cost/benefit of the future maintenance.

The resignation of our organist, Wellesley Keal was accepted by council. In the interim, until the end of the calendar year, Mr. Don Ryan was hired by Council to be Zion's organist.

Currently both the manual and electronic roll of members are being reviewed. Recommendations were forwarded to council by the task force doing this effort. Council approved the following:

- Those members with a mailing address who have not communed or gave an offering within 5 years will receive a letter stating this. They will be informed that they will be removed from the roll of members unless corrective action is taken.
- Members who have not completed a Communion card within 5 years but have an offering record will be maintained as an active member.
- Members who are between the ages of 7 to 12 years and have not communed will be retained as active members.
- Members who have been baptized within 5 years will be retained as active members.
- Members who have transferred to Zion's within 5 years will be retained as active members.
- New members who have joined Zion's thru Affirmation of Baptism or Confirmation within 5 years will be retained as active members.

As a reminder the Communion cards in the pews are Zion's only way of knowing that you have communed. Per the church Constitution an active member must commune within 5 years or they will be removed from the rolls.

Respectfully submitted

Mitch Shestok

Some things that Pastor Bruce Learned About the ELCA While He was in New Orleans, August 8-15, 2016:

(A full version of this report was shared in the worship bulletin on Sunday, August 21)

- I was honored to attend as a clergy representative elected by the East Berks Mission District at its 2015 Spring Assembly.

- Our Northeast Pennsylvania delegation included about 35 people and about 10 spouses.
- We are **a big church (9,400 congregations organized into 65 synods)** that is very large and doing many good things in our country and in our world. Cooperation and teamwork make all of this work happen.
- **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is an amazing and capable woman with a great sense of humor.** We sang the old camp song "Announcements, announcements, announcements at the end of each of the 9 Plenary Sessions except one when we didn't have enough time!
- Diversity is a blessing and enriches our collective witness across the world. There are 72 million Lutherans in 121 countries. The Lutheran World Federation will gather in Windhoek, Namibia in 2017 to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
- My assembly celebration "**began**" in the Baltimore-Washington Airport as we met other Lutherans from the upstate New York and Lower Susquehanna synods while waiting for our direct Southwest Airlines flight. **Thankfully, we did not fly Delta on Monday, August 8 because of its' computer problems. More on the next page...**
- We had very joyful and very inspirational worship each day, which included great music, famous artwork as backdrop, a prominent baptismal font, and the involvement of many people.
- Generous offerings **totaled more than \$48,000** for the 6 worship services.
- Technology was helpful but not always the fastest method of voting. At one point, we switched to the old fashion method of holding up red and green cards because it was faster than inserting our chip cards into little blackberry type senders.
- **Inspiring videos informed us of church activities and ministries around the world.** We watched the Lutheran Disaster Response video on Saturday morning in the midst of the flooding in the Baton Rouge area in the previous days. The stats of people effected continue to rise. As the Convention Center sits right beside the Mississippi River (the Big Muddy and it was...) this provided

reason for us to worry in the Crescent City where the levees had broken just 11 years ago after Hurricane Katrina.

- **It took 50 years of conversation to bring about the historic agreement (Declaration on the Way)** between Lutherans and Roman Catholics, no small feat!
- Our church wants to take care of immigrant children from the Central America Northern Triangle of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. The Bishop of El Salvador was with us through the Assembly and talked to us about the problems his country is facing. **The AMMPARO Strategy** will guide our church in the 3 years ahead. Our social ministry organizations and educational institutions are encouraged to help house Syrian refugees in their empty spaces. Yes, they are seriously “vetted” and we need not fear the processes already in place.
- Our church re-committed itself to work on the issues of racism. **The surprise visit of the Rev. Jesse Jackson provided quite a stir in the over-flowing workshop that I attended.**
- We increased our work on **supporting, caring for, and reaching out to veterans** and all military personnel. The need for new, full-time military and federal prison chaplains is great.
- **The Convention Center provided good food and served it efficiently.** Some meals were provided and some meals were on our own. Each delegate received a \$125 VISA Gift Card to cover the meals on your own
- **Delegates worked hard** on church business and our days and our heads were full at the end of each day. We were involved 12 hours a day, each day. The Assembly ran from Monday at 1 p.m. until Saturday at noon..

- 112 Memorials from Synods were received and acted on. Some of these Memorials were grouped together by topic and voted on, some were individually considered. This took much cooperative work and attention to Robert’s Rules of Order.
- **Delegates could use their own I-Pads or use a borrowed one** during the Assembly. As the printed reports were more than 8 inches thick, this saved a lot of paper! Delegates checked out individual I-Pads and then returned them following the assembly.
- **Each delegate and visitor** wore a black Convention Identification badge around their necks. Buttons and stickers decorated these badges more and more. I called it “Convention Bling”. I saved mine as keepsake and it hangs in my office, if you want to see it.
- **The process and election of a new Vice President, Mr. Bill Horne, Clearwater,** Florida City Manager, was inspiring. This is the highest lay office in the ELCA. Our church is blessed with very strong lay leadership.
- **Julie and I stayed at the large Marriott Hotel on Canal Street Preservation Hall, located on Bourbon Street,** provides a very small, intimate setting to hear some great jazz musicians. It is cash only. You wait in line for a one hour show. About 85 people get in at a time. Some of these musicians played during our worship services.
- Julie and I stayed 2 extra days and toured the **Whitney Plantation** (the only one that gives its tour from a slave perspective), took the **Natchez Steamboat River cruise** with supper, and a **Swamp/Bayou Tour** with Airboat Adventures. *Submitted by Pastor Osterhout*



September Calendar of Events 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6-8pm Garden	2 <i>Hamburg/SV Retired Employees</i>	3 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. AL-Non
4 9:00am Worship	5 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	6 8-10am Garden 7:00pm AA.-AL-Non	7 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Resumes	8 9:00 am Cemetery Mtg. @ Windsor Castle 6-8pm Garden & Garden Mtg. 7:00 Bells 8:00pm Brass	9	10 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. AL-Non
11 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship 9:15 S. School resume Rally Day 8am-12pm Christian Ed.	12 Last Day to Order Mums For Harvest Home 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Committee. Heads Mtg.	13 8-10am Garden 9:00 am Knotters 7:00 pm Council Mtg. 7:00pm AA.-AL-Non	14 7:15 pm Choir	15 10:30 am Seniors Isaac's Chop Fundraiser 6-8pm Garden 6:30pm Book Club 7:00 Bells 8:00pm Brass	16 <i>Opp. House Meal</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	17 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. AL-Non
18 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship 9:15 S. School Harvest Home 5:00pm First Youth Group Parents with Brian Moroney	19 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	20 8-10am Garden 7:00pm AA.-AL-Non	21 7:15 pm Choir	22 Mail Team # 3 6-8pm Garden 7:00 Bells 8:00pm Brass	23 Office Closed	24 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. AL-Non
25 8:00am Worship 10:30 am Worship 9:15 S. School 1-4 pm Potato Picking Fellowship Mtg.	26 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	27 8-10am Garden 9:00 am Knotters 7:00pm AA.-AL-Non 7:00pm Movie Night at the Strand "War Room"	28 7:15 pm Choir	29 6:00pm Music & Worship Mtg 6-8pm Garden 7:00 Bells 8:00pm Brass	30	

September 2016 Birthday Calendar

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Donna Long Dwight Heckman	2 Jay Wheeland	3
4 Rebecca Heffner Kris Dimovitz	5 Mark Price	6 Darrell Kohler Owen Neuin	7 Angela Gough Doris Gough Venus Fioravanti Korey Onulack Linda Stewart	8	9 Cynthia Dimovitz	10 Brenda Ramich
11 Lisa Ruth Andrea Heckman	12 Bertha Stewart	13 Myrle Werley Nathan Bender	14 Connie Reinhart	15 Dennis Madeira Lorraine Snyder Lisa Fegley	16 Thomas Scheidt Jennifer Hoshauer	17
18 Karen Himmelberger	19	20 Grace Ketner Chris Mengel	21	22 David Long Nancy Pursell Layne Schroeder	23 Russel Reeser Toni Herr Jason Seidel Kyle Pursell Brittany Noecker Maylynn Wagner	24
25 Marvin Adam	26	27 Ruth Ann Eyer	28 Samantha Gruber	29 Barbara Gehringer Woodrow Lutz *shut ins	30 Allen Merkel Graig Reinhart.	September Birth Flower: Aster of Morning Glory September Birthstone: Sapphire

“Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township”

Like us on Facebook www.zionslutheran.org

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Church Office Email is churchoffice@zionslutheran.org

The Church Office is open for business Tuesdays- Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Worship Services: Saturdays at 5 p.m. Sunday September 4th Worship 9:00 am, **On Sunday September 11th**
Worship will be back to regular schedule 8:00am and 10:30am

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+ 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

Amanda Grow, Administrative Assistant

Interim Organist and Choir Director: Don Ryan Hand Bells/Brass: Steven Turner

Custodians: Ruth Hoppes, Brian Moroney, and Karen Mengel Payroll: Sandra Moroney

2016 Congregation Council Members:

Jim Hirko, President; Brian Moroney, Vice President; Jerry O’Brien, Secretary; Sandra Moroney, Treasurer; Susan Lutz, Joe Leone, Bill Deibler, Dawn O’Brien, Cleta Borkey, Brad Doklan, Eileen Puglia, Mitch Shestok
One position remains vacant. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Community Ministries @ Zion’s

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

Regular Weekly Activities - Please Join In

Bells Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Brass Rehearsal: Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Regular Monthly Activities – Please join In

Quilt-Knotters: Second/Fourth Tuesdays 9 - 11 a.m. in the Gold Room

Zion’s Senior Adult Fellowship: Thurs. 9/15 10:30 am in the Gold Room

Zion’s Book Group: Thurs.9/15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library

Food Distribution Volunteers are always welcome each month:

On the 3rd Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, Leesport.

On the 4th Tuesdays from 5 -8 p.m., volunteers are always welcome at the

Hamburg Middle School Pantry Distribution.

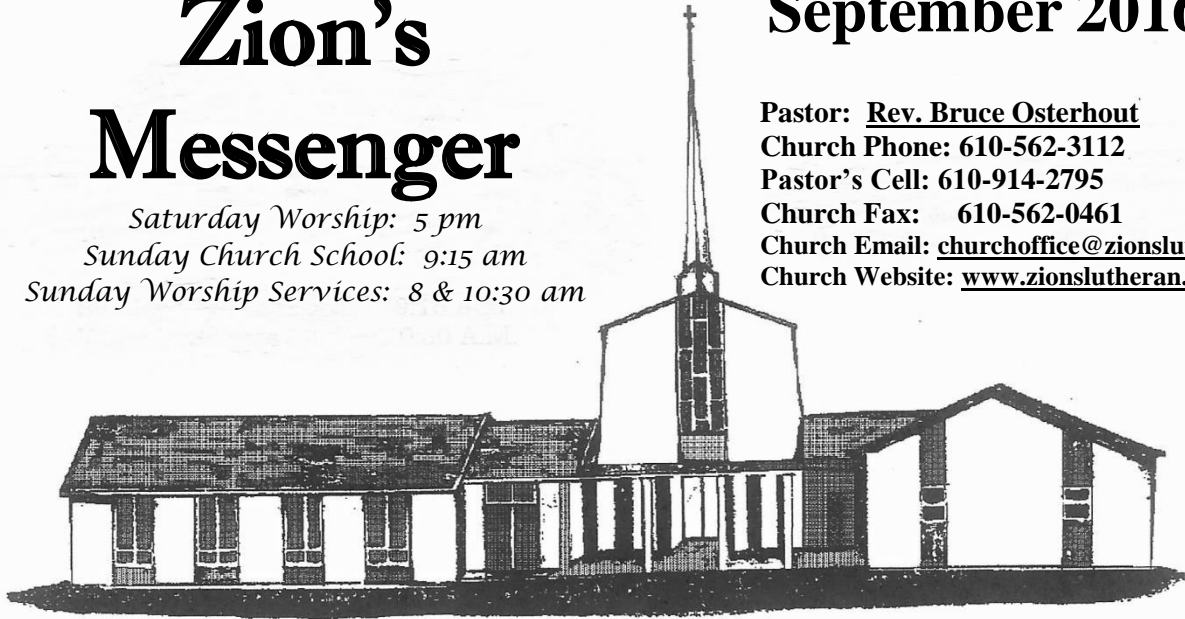
These are 2 great places to get some community service hours.

Zion's Messenger

Saturday Worship: 5 pm
Sunday Church School: 9:15 am
Sunday Worship Services: 8 & 10:30 am

September 2016

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