



ZION'S MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 2017

FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Zion Friends,

Back to School time is upon us. Our wet summer of thunderstorms is drawing to a close. School busses are rolling again. If you “work”, hopefully you managed some time off. “Disconnecting” from electronics is hard to do, as you may have discovered. If you are “retired”, then you may not notice this shift in the rhythm of life, unless you have grandchildren.

On Sunday, September 3, Labor Day Weekend, I invite you to wear work clothes to worship. If you are “retired” wear what you used to wear. Include your name badge, bring your work bag, lunch box, etc. We will be discussing God’s Gift of Work at 9 a.m. worship. It would be helpful if you participate. It will be painless, I promise. In worship, we gather each week as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of the suffering world. We “labor” for our daily bread. Please think about your work in preparation for our time together in worship. How is/was your work “ministry”?

If you are a “school student” of any age, then work is “Job One” for you. You need to do your best each day. You need to cooperate and participate fully in the activities of your school. You need to appreciate and respect your teachers.

If you are in the “school of life”, it is important to keep a perspective of learning from your mistakes and growing from them. You need to do your best each day. You need to cooperate and participate fully in the work of the community. You need to cultivate a grateful heart that is able to “count blessings.” You need to appreciate and respect those in authority as Martin Luther says in his explanation of the 4th Commandment. We all need to “love our neighbor” and work for the “common good” of all people.

Much of what we do together at 354 Zion’s Church Road has to do with loving God and loving neighbor. We forget that sometimes in the busyness of life. In this crazy, mixed up world, we are to be a place and people that thinks and acts differently. We strive to be more like God wants us to be. Studying and reflecting together on the life of Jesus is a critical part of being a believer. **Will you work to deepen your faith during this new school year? How about nurturing your children and grandchildren in the faith?** Participating in Sunday School helps you figure out life better than any video game ever could.

On Sunday, September 10, our regular Sunday morning schedule returns. Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Our Sunday School program of learning for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. Come and learn about the German Reformation as we begin to move intentionally towards the celebration of 500 years of the Lutheran faith. October 31, 2017 is the big day!

Faithfully Yours, Pastor Bruce

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Zion's Sunday School invites you, your family, and friends on a walk through Reformation History

right here at our church! Come visit Hans and Margaret Luther as they celebrate the baptism of little Martin; meet Tetzel and Martin as they discuss Indulgences; listen to the Fish merchant's tale of a very unusual delivery; visit a German Beer Garden and other stops along the way.

Sunday School for All Ages and Catechism Class (Grades 7-9) at 9:15 a.m. Start the new school year off right with the whole family learning about God together in Sunday school. On our first day back. The Adults will be learning about the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther's Life and Catechism this fall.

WELCA's next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9/21 at 6:00pm. Please join us for an informal gathering and to help with bazaar plans. Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Cooking for Crowds - Anyone who helps to prepare food for the bazaar, Opportunity House, or any other Church functions should attend the Cooking for Crowds workshop being hosted by Zion's Church of Windsor Castle on Monday, **September 11th** at 6:00pm. It is a free class, but you need to RSVP to Sandy Kunkel at 610-562-8034 or 610-413-7698. The workshop is presented by Penn State Cooperative Extension educators and provides practical food safety strategies for nonprofit organizations that prepare and serve food.

Zion's Women of the ELCA will meet on Thursday, **September 21st** at 6:00pm. Please join the group as we will be discussing plans for WELCA's upcoming bazaar to be held on 11/18/17. Zion's Happy Knotters will once again be making a quilt as a raffle item. Tickets will most likely go on sale early October. A basket raffle will also be featured at the bazaar. Items for the basket raffle must be **NEW!** Used items should be donated to the flea market area. Please consider donating a basket or two for the raffle and keep your eyes open for seasonal sale items to be included in the baskets. Additional detailed info will be included in the October newsletter.



Garden News

Bean there, done that!

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

So far this season, we have harvested and donated 3,480 pounds of produce and have donated it to local food pantries and families in need.

We would like to thank Zion's Cub Scouts that continue to volunteer with us this summer. The boys and their families have been a welcome addition to our volunteer pool, and a joy to have in the Garden on those hot or rainy evenings. Join us on a **Monday or 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 Monday or Thursday. It can be left in the shade on a picnic table near our shed.

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

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Submitted by:
Eileen Puglia, NBCG Secretary

Martin Luther Says:
"It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor."

Volunteer Responsibilities for September

GREETERS

3-9:00 am Leone Family
10-8:00 am Ron & Joy Weyer
10-10:30 am David & Mary Mengle
17-8:00 am Lois DeTurk and Katie Stefan
17-10:30 Nelson & Ruth Ann Eyer
24-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti and Rita Decker
24-10:30 am Paul & Linda Weidner

ACOLYTES

3-9:00 am Jacob Fegley
10-8:00 am Grant Doklan
10-10:30 am Carielle Geist
17-8:00 am Hailey Denatala
17-10:30 am Jacob Fegley
24-8:00 am Hailey Denatala
24-10:30 am Carielle Geist

LECTORS

3-9:00 am Mark Dreibelbis
10-8:00 am Katie Stefan
10-10:30 am Susan Lutz
17-8:00 am Jeanette Heckman
17-10:30 am Janine Dreibelbis
24-8:00 am Rita Decker
24-10:30 am Faye Heckman

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE MEAL

Susan Lutz, Susan Kauffman, Mitch Shestok,
Karen Mengel

MAIL TEAM # 3 Thursday September 21th

Michael Puglia, David & Mary Mengle

The September Food item for The Hamburg Food Pantry is: **Macaroni & Cheese / Spaghetti Noodles**

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



- **Pick up a daily devotional booklet when you come to worship.**

- **Sponsors needed for Sunday Bulletins, Reading Eagle, & Hamburg Item for the month of September & October. Come on in, pick a date, and send a special message!!**
- **Zion's Recycles - Printer cartridges, old eye glasses, coupons for Troops, office paper, cardboard. Save Redner's Tapes!**

LIBRARY
a place for people

Zion's Book Group

Our monthly meeting is on Thursday, September 21st, at 7:00pm in the church library to discuss "Before the Fall" by Noah Haley.

SEPTEMBER: "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest Gaines- A novel about a condemned black man convicted of a crime he didn't commit.

OCTOBER: "The Middle Place" by Kelly Corrigan- A newspaper columnist's life experiences during her battle with breast cancer.

All books are available in our church library and through the Berks County Public Libraries.

Barbara Seide

Library Shelves

Library volunteers will meet Wednesday, September 6th & 20th at 1:30 P.M.

Library additions since the last newsletter are listed below: **Paperbacks fiction for adults:**

The Rascal by Lisa Plumley, The Magician's Nephew by C. S. Lewis

To Find You Again by Maureen McKade
Once Upon a Marriage by Tara Quinn

Her Kind of Cowboy by Charlotte Douglas

That Summer Place (three different stories by three different authors)

Odd Things by “Jill Barnett has a rare knack for humor. Her characters are joyously fresh and her style is a delight to read – a ray of summer sun.” - Publishers Weekly

Private Paradise by Debbie Macomber
“Whether she is writing lighthearted romps or more serious relationships books, her novels are always engaging stories that accurately capture the foibles of real-life men and women with warmth and humor.” - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Island Times by “Susan Wiggs writes a flawless story touched by real emotions.” - Publishers Weekly

A Short History Of Women by Kate Walbert
“Ambitious...wickedly funny...a delicately traced line of daughters and mothers finding their way, and finding their peace.” -The Seattle Times

Go Set A Watchman by Harper Lee (the author of To Kill A Mockingbird)

Women of Faith

Twelve Extraordinary Women by John Macarthur (How God shaped women of the Bible and What he can Do with You).

Your Beautiful Purpose by Susie Larson (Discovering and Enjoying What God Can Do Through You).

Juvenile Audio CD

The Incredible audio world of Wally McDoogie includes two stories: My Life as a smashed Burrito and My Life As Alien Monster Bait, which gives you two hours of listening enjoyment.

Martin Luther Says:

“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.”

Up coming Events At Zion’s

Sunday, September 3rd – Last 9 a.m. Worship for the season.

Wear work clothes/uniforms/badges etc. to worship (even if you are retired) as we celebrate God’s gift of work on Labor Day Weekend.

Sunday, September 10th – Regular Sunday Schedule Returns. Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

RALLY DAY REFORMATION WALK

Sunday, September 10th



Zion’s Sunday School is kicking off the new Sunday School year with a Reformation Walk. You will travel through time to Martin Luther’s Germany and meet his parents, Hans and Margaret Luther, as they celebrate his baptism, Tetzal the indulgence seller, the fish merchant who shares the story of a very interesting delivery, and stop at a German Beer Garden.

There will be 3 tours, beginning at 9:00, 9:10 and 9:20. Bring your children, family, and friends for this interesting lesson in Reformation history! There will be photo opportunities along the way, so don’t forget your camera!

Please bring your Flat Luther photos along to Sunday School and Worship on Sunday, September 17th.

Martin Luther Says:

“Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.”

Newsletter deadlines

Keep the news coming! The following newsletter deadlines are scheduled for the remainder of 2017:

October deadline: Monday, September 11th
November deadline: Monday, October 16th
December deadline: Monday, November 13th

Special Thank You, Thoughts & Prayers

Learn from the mistakes of others. You don't have time to make them yourself.

Your mind is a whole lot like a parachute – it only works when it is open.

The Browns invited their pastor for dinner. As he took his seat, he asked the family if he might say a prayer before the meal was served.

Before his parents could answer, little Jonny piped up, "No need to pray, Pastor Thomas-Mom's a great cook!" (Laugh and the Whole Church Laughs with You, pg. 17)

Martin Luther Says:

"We need to hear the Gospel every day, because we forget it every day."

Martin Luther Says:

"Show me where a man spends his time and money and I'll show you his god."



Pease check with Church Office.
We may just have your lost item. (Ring found)

Faith Around Town

Faith at the Movies

"Faith at the Movies – "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone" Tuesday, September 26th, 7 p.m. at the Hamburg Strand Theater. Come and watch a movie and then stay for the discussion. Admission is \$8.00 and includes a small popcorn and small soda. Attendees are invited to stay following the movie, to discuss what they learned about God and faith. Movie attendees are invited to shop and eat in downtown Hamburg before the show.

St. John's Gernant's Church would like to invite you and your congregation to our upcoming fundraiser September 10th it is a Vera Bradley/Gift Basket Bingo. Doors opening at 12:30pm. Early bird specials begin at 1:15pm and Program bingo begins at 1:30pm Cost is \$20 per ticket in advance/\$25 at the door. (ticket includes a hot dog & drink.) Additional food will be available for purchase. Any Questions please contact Barb at St. John's Gernant Church

Volunteer 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 Wednesdays from 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Tilden Elementary Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 PM and Schuylkill Valley Elementary Thursdays from 8:00 – 9:00 AM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly during the 2017-2018 school year. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org

More Information: Pastor Bruce and
Chris Brennan volunteer at Perry;
Lori Smith volunteers at Tilden



Support the Oley Fair – September 21-23

Church Reports

September 2017 Council Corner

Brian Moroney was elected to fill the open Council seat. Pastor Gade will be attending our September Council meeting. Treasurer Sandra Moroney reported that we ended July \$23,144.60 in the black.

The procedure for processing Memorial Funds was clarified and reviewed. We will be purchasing a new playground bench with money from the Lester Fink Fund. We will be purchasing new oil-filled advent candles with money from the William Gough Fund, the Harry Sohon Fund and from the Charles Hoppes Fund. A portable carpet cleaner will be purchased using money from the Carl Hepner Fund.

President Eileen Puglia reported that a larger projection screen is being considered for the Social Hall. Council discussed our need for long range planning for our technology needs. An updated wedding policy was discussed. We discussed our Prayer List, Prayer Chain and related privacy issues, deciding that using only names and not personal situations was the proper way to proceed unless the member specifies otherwise. A letter from Perry Township concerning upgrades to the township park and asking for tax-deductible donations was discussed.

Committee reports: Sandra Moroney stated that we got \$1,000 and \$500 donations for the Labyrinth Fund. Mitch Shestok submitted a letter resigning as Family Promise Coordinator for Zion's and we thanked him for his service. In 2018 we are assigned to host families three separate weeks.

WELCA will once again do a reverse Advent calendar. The Garden produced over 3,400 pounds of food so far! Our need for a fire detection system in place by June 2018 is of great concern to the Property Committee. The Treasurer's Job Description was approved.

The Congregational Care Team is forming! Along with Pastor Bruce we have five members willing to join and two others strongly considering it. We have a volunteer to assist the effort to do a new Congregation Directory booklet. Our 2016 Membership Roster is considered finished as per our Constitution requirement, but it will need constant updates as members join, leave, and pass away. A volunteer is needed to maintain our church sign along Zions Church Road. The Labyrinth location is close to a right-of-way adjoining our property and we have to check to make sure we can place it where we intended. The Labyrinth Committee is not yet ready to present their plan to Council.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted, Jerry O'Brien

Treasures Report

1-1-17 Beginning Balance	\$20,301.89
General Offering	\$112,657.38
Special Offering	\$15,579.56
Sub-Total	\$148,538.83
Current Expenses	\$125,394.23
Balance	\$23,144.60
7-31-17	

“Many hands make light work”

John Heywood said it best in this quote. Many hands do make the work lighter (and more enjoyable, for sure!).

We currently have 2 members interested in coordinating a new Church Photo Directory. Several more are needed. Please watch our Sunday bulletins. We will be scheduling an organizational session for all interested Directory volunteers.

In the meantime, please contact Eileen Puglia if you are interested in helping with this effort. Let's get many hands working on this project!

LifeTouch

Sign Volunteer(s) needed

A volunteer is needed to post weekly messages on Zion's roadside sign. Messages can be provided, but a volunteer is needed that can change the lettering on a weekly basis. This can be done by one person, or several people that take turns. If you would like to see what's involved, please contact Michael Puglia at 610-562-9512, and he can walk you through the process.



Please support the first ever Potato Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 30th!

The Potato Project is currently in its 9th growing season, raising potatoes and other vegetables to help feed hungry neighbors through the Greater Berks Food Bank network.

Property is donated to grow crops on. Some time and equipment is donated. The harvest is plentiful. Come September volunteers will help harvest using 5 gallon buckets and walking in the fields! Zion members Bob/Vernie Noecker and Henry Seidel have land being used this growing season.

Google ihartharvest to find out more.

Email ihartharvest@gmail.com with questions and inquiries.

Save a Saturday/Sunday afternoon in September to help with the harvest!

Some things that you can volunteer to help with on September 30th are:

+ Participate on a Potato Palooza team and compete against others all for fun and the glory of potatoes! Ask PB about forming a team.

+ Make potato salad and potato soup and donate it to be sold that day.

+ Help with the Becky Rinehart catered meal from 5-7 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. Someone is needed to manage the seating chart for the 150 plate celebration meal.

+ Volunteer in the kitchen to help manage things.

+ Help with setup on Friday, Sept. 29, and with Cleanup on Saturday night Sept.30, at 8 p.m.

+ Help with the 7 p.m. Harvest Celebration worship service that evening.

+ Fundraising goal is \$10,000.
Any new ideas?

See Pastor Bruce who is coordinating the whole effort for the East Berks Mission District congregations.

We Hope to show some old movies about Martin Luther this fall. The schedule is not yet firm at the time of this newsletter printing. Stay tuned.

Tuesday, September 26 – Faith at the Movies – “The Resurrection of Gavin Stone”

Congregational Care Team Training Retreat – October 6-7 Want to learn about the possible reactivation of the Pastoral Care team? See Eileen Puglia

The Northern Berks Ministerium's "Faith at the Movies" Series
@ The Hamburg Strand Theater

\$8 per person includes a small popcorn/soda

Tuesday, September 26

@ 7 p.m.

**“The Resurrection of
Gavin Stone”**

“A fresh and thoroughly modern approach to evangelical Christianity. It’s a sunny, positive portrayal that skirts any of the negative issues that could be associated with religion, positioning it as a welcoming, forgiving community for anyone and everyone. (Christianity Today review)”

Tuesday, October 24 @ 7 p.m.— A Free Event!

“An Idea that Changed the World”

**Come at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy refreshments and
fellowship in the Meeting Room.**

The Hamburg Strand is open for movies each weekend on Thursday and Monday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday and Sundays at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Like The Hamburg Strand on Facebook. **Sign up for the EBLAST weekly email of www.readingberkschurches.org to receive information about our movies.** \$1 from each ticket benefits the Northern Berks Ministerium's Emergency Assistance Fund managed by the Hamburg Salvation A. \$1 benefits the Reading Berks Conference of Churches for its help with publicity.

Celebrating 500 Years of Lutheran Faith!

Potluck Dinner

Join
Us!



Monday, October 16, 2017

5:00-8:30 p.m.

Leesport Market Banquet Hall

(www.leesportmarket.com, 312 Gernants Church Rd., Leesport, PA 19533)

\$3.00 per person + Food Pantry donation

(to cover costs and help our neighbors in need)

**Bring your best Potluck side dish or dessert to share –
main course of sausage and kraut will be provided!**

Enjoy plenty of fellowship along with hymn-singing,
Lutheran Bingo, Lutheran Trivia, Lutheran door prizes,
a combined Lutheran Choir and Orchestra, and a
Reformation-themed table decorating contest!
A Love Offering for The Potato Project will be received.

Special remarks shared by

Bishop Samuel Zeiser on

"Why I Love Being a Lutheran!"

**Bringing together 50 Congregations & 500 People
For Fellowship and Fun in Celebration of the
500th Anniversary of the Reformation!**

Advance R.S.V.P. Required!

See details on back...

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R.S.V.P. to by Oct. 8 to our
Congregation Coordinator

Our goal is to bring together 50 congregations and 500 people for fellowship and fun

on a day close to the actual 500th Anniversary celebration on October 31, 2017. Food is such an important part of the fellowship life of the body of Christ...and Lutherans are so good at preparing and providing food, we just had to come together in Fellowship and Celebration! ***Thank you for participating -- the more the merrier!***



Advance RSVP a must! Recruit a Church Coordinator to manage your church RSVPs and side dishes, & to assemble a team of table decorators. **Your Church Coordinator is to send one email by October 9 to pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org containing: 1) church name; 2) congregation coordinator name & contact info; 3) total attending & list names along with 4) list of side dishes to be provided.**

Event Logistics: Church Coordinator & volunteers may arrive between 4:00-5:15 p.m. to locate & decorate your table(s) & deliver side dishes. Upon arrival, the Church Coordinator will be given table tent card(s), and those cards will be used to identify, and reserve, church table locations. The Leesport Market has typical 8 ft. banquet tables, accommodating 4 chairs on each side of the table. Please decorate your table(s) with a Lutheran Church/Reformation theme –bring your own table coverings, centerpieces, etc. Paper plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided, however, you may bring/use real china if you wish (*you are responsible*). Along with the table tent cards, a packet containing Lutheran Bingo cards, Lutheran Trivia sheets, and raffle tickets (for the door prizes) will be distributed to your Congregational Coordinator, based on RSVPs. Recruit additional volunteers to help with clean up.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for general attendance. The \$3 dinner fee is to be paid at the door upon arrival. *Walk-in attendees are possible, but seats are not guaranteed!* Food bank donations will be collected inside the banquet hall.

The banquet hall has limited electrical outlets, refrigerator & stove space. Please plan your Potluck side dish & dessert offerings accordingly! There will be long tables along the side walls of the Banquet Hall to place Potluck side dishes – we will supply cards at the door to identify dishes. You are responsible for pick-up of all side dish containers at the close of the event! *Because it is a Potluck, we cannot be responsible for identification of food allergy ingredients!*

The Leesport Market is handicap accessible.

Music: Combined choir music is available from Don Ryan (donryan715@gmail.com)

Combined orchestra music is available from Steven Turner (sturner324@gmail.com).

The chosen music is well-suited for congregational use. Individual musicians can practice within their congregations, then come together as the event nears. **Advance choir rehearsals** will be held on Thursday, October 5 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, October 12 @ 7 p.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church, 354 Zion's Church Rd. Shoemakersville (www.zionslutheran.org). **Advance instrumental rehearsals** will be held on Thursday, October 5 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, October 12 @ 8 p.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church.



Tentative Schedule of Events:

5:00 p.m. Banquet Hall opens for General Admission, Potluck dish delivery.

5:30 p.m. Judging begins for Table Decorating Contest

5:45 p.m. Table Grace is sung, then Opening Prayer by host pastor, The Rev. Dennis Ritter, Interim Pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Leesport.

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner – self-served, called by tables

7:00 p.m. Table Decoration winner(s) are announced. Lutheran Bingo, Lutheran Trivia, Door Prizes, Hymn Sing.

7:30 p.m. Combined Choir/Orchestra Performance, Remarks by Bishop Sam Zeiser, & the Potato Project Love Offering (Google ihartharvest for more information on this amazing ministry feeding the hungry in our communities)

8:20 p.m. Closing Benediction by host pastor, The Rev. Fran Merkel, St. John's-Gernants Church, Leesport.

All Faiths and All Friends from Everywhere are Welcome at this Celebration Supper!

The Thrivent Financial Representatives of Berks, Schuylkill, Lebanon, & Montgomery Counties are pleased to help sponsor this Celebration. For more than 100 years, Thrivent has been helping our Christian members to be wise with their money and to live generously!

Spaghetti Dinner

along with musical performances



**All Proceeds Go To Dr. Ryan
Music Teacher at Hamburg**

*To help ease the expenses of an
elongated recovery from her surgery*

Adults \$10.00

Kids (up to 13yrs) \$5.00

3 yrs and under FREE

**Tuesday, September 19th 5-8 PM
Hamburg High School
Cafeteria**

Meal Includes:

AYCE Spaghetti (your choice of meatballs or sausage)

Salad, Bread & Drink

To Go Packages Available

Event Hosted By Fresh Life Outreach

For more information please contact Ashley 610-914-1336

Smokey Bear BBQ

Proceeds Benefit the Community Assistance Fund
of the Northern Berks Ministerium

Sunday ~ September 24, 2017

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

1/3 lb. Pulled Pork or Beef Brisket w/BBQ Sauce, Roll, Baked Potato,
Applesauce & Drink (Baked goods will be available for purchase)

Advanced Price: \$9.00 Day of Sale: \$9.50

Pick up location: The Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center
700 South 4th Street, Hamburg, PA 19526 (Next to the Dollar General)

Purchase tickets at the following locations:

The Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center – 700 S 4th Street
Tuesday thru Thursday – 9 am to 4 pm

The Salvation Army Family Store Hamburg– 700 S 4th Street
Wednesday - 9:30 am – 6 pm Thursday thru Saturday - 9:30 am – 4 pm

Kay Greenawalt State Farm Ins. Agency - 124 S 3rd St, Hamburg - 610-562-4329
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 9 am to 5 pm Monday & Thursday - 9 am to 7 pm

Fulton Bank – 100 S 3rd St, Hamburg
Monday thru Friday- 9 am to 4 pm

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

***The Northern Berks Ministerium and The Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center partner
together to assist low-income families and senior citizens with:***

Food Utilities Rent Heating Clothing Prescriptions Transportation



Hamburg Service Center - Partnering Agency

“Giving A Helping Hand To Those Needing A Hand Up”

September Birthday Calendar 2017

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 William Miller*	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 Maderia 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	30 Allen Merkel Craig Reinhart

September Calendar of Events 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						5:00 pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.
3	4 Office Closed Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am Worship		7:00pm AA.- AL-Anon	1:30pm Library Volunteer 7:15pm Choir	6:00pm Worship & Music 8:00pm Brass		5:00 pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.
10	11 Office Closed <i>October Newsletter Deadline</i>	12	13	14	15	16
8:00am Worship 9:15am S.School 10:30am Worship Rally Day	6:00pm Labyrinth Mtg. 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	9-11 Knotters 7:00pm Church Council 7:00pm AA.- AL-Anon	7:15pm Choir	9:00 am Cemetery Mtg. @ Windsor Castle 7:00 p.m. Book Club 7:00pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	Opportunity House Meal	5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.
17	18 Office Open	19	20	21	22 Office Closed	23
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24	25 office closed	26	27	28	29	30
8:00am Worship 9:15am S.School 10:30am Worship	6:00pm Labyrinth Mtg. 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	9-11am Knotters 7:00pm AA.-AL-Anon	7:15pm Choir	7:00pm Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass		Potato Fest 7:00pm Worship 7:00pm AA-AL-Anon

Q AND A

Why walk the Labyrinth?

It is an active way of praying. It uses our whole selves – our mind, our bodies and our spirits. The path of the labyrinth imitates the journey of our lives, brings us to the center of our being, to the heart of God. Walking the labyrinth may bring you peace, comfort, clarity, relief from stress, a sense of closeness to God, new insights, and perspectives on problems or questions in your life.

How was it started?

Trevor Fegley explored the possibility of a labyrinth as a graduation project.

Joey Dalton will take on the construction as an Eagle Scout project.

Where will it be located?



How will the labyrinth be funded?

The labyrinth will be funded through private individual donations, as well as using funds from endowments and Thrivent Action Teams. Bricks can be purchased and engraved memorializing or honoring loved ones, even pets.

How Can I make a financial contribution?

Checks can be made to “Zion’s Lutheran Church” and indicate in the memo section of the check that the contribution is for the “labyrinth” and send to the church.

August 2017

Labyrinth



To be constructed at:

Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
354 Zions Church Road
Shoemakersville PA 19555

(610) 562-3112

Email: labyrinth@zionslutheran.org

PURPOSE

The Labyrinth is an ancient tool for reflection on one's life and one's spiritual journey enhancing prayer, contemplation, and/or personal growth. The Labyrinth introduces us to the idea of a gracious path to God, one that is horizontal instead of vertical where there is room for error and forgiveness.

HISTORY

The earliest labyrinth still in existence is on the island of Crete, and is believed to have been built around 2500 B.C. Labyrinths were a feature of many medieval cathedrals most famously in Chartres Cathedral in France dating from 1220. The labyrinth is not a maze, as it has one defined path leading to the center and back out again with no choice of paths, entrances and exits. Medieval Christians walked the labyrinth instead of taking a hazardous pilgrimage to Jerusalem to walk in the "foot steps of Christ."

HOW TO WALK THE LABYRINTH

÷ Take time to relax a little and become quiet and calm. Try to give your mind a rest. Just put one foot in front of the other!

÷ Walk slowly and in silence.

÷ Spend as much time as you would like in the center.

÷ If someone ahead of you is moving more slowly than you are, you may respectfully pass him/her by briefly moving off the path. If you would like to stop at any time, just be aware of those behind you and allow them to pass.

Focus:

÷ Take time to think about what you are doing and why you are doing it. Reflect on where you are in your life.

÷ There are several ways to think about your time in the labyrinth:

- Before you start you may want to remove your watch to remove the temptation to measure your progress.
- You may want to focus on a problem or question in your life, then let it go....or
- You may imagine the path to the center as a time of letting go of things that are separating you from God, the center as a time of illumination or special closeness with God, and the path outward as a time of enjoying union with God as God accompanies you back into the world...or
- Ask God for what you need from this time of prayer.

÷ There are three stages to walking the labyrinth:

- Purgation = the first part of the path where the details of everyday life are shed, and the mind is made open.
- Illumination = the time spent in the center of the labyrinth, quietly praying and receiving whatever wisdom is forthcoming.
- Union = occurs as the path is reworked, preparing to reenter the world and actualize the new sense of self, or knowledge gained in the labyrinth.

Reflecting on your Labyrinth experience:

÷ It is important to reflect on what has happened in you as you walked the labyrinth. Take some time to ask yourself the following questions:

- Why did I come here today?
- What did I learn about myself?
- What did I learn about what's going on in my life right now?
- Did I "find God" in the labyrinth? What was that like?

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Church Office Email is churchoffice@zionslutheran.org

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

Worship Services: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Summer Schedule for Sunday Worship 9 a.m. June 4th through September 10th. **Requests – prayerlist@zionslutheran.org**

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+ Share our faith through our daily life + Recognize and encourage people’s spiritual gifts. + Perseverance

Zion’s Lutheran Church Staff

**The Rev. Bruce G. Osterhout, Pastor (Cell: 610-914-2795) Email at pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org,
Administrative Assistant, Amanda Grow; Director of Music Ministry, Don Ryan; Hand Bells/Brass, Steven
Turner; Custodians, Ruth Hoppes, Brian Moroney, and Karen Mengel; Treasurer, Sandra Moroney**

2017 Congregation Council Members:

President: Eileen Puglia; Vice President: Wanda Hoherchak; Secretary: Gerald O’Brien;
Ruth Ann Eyer, Lucille Gough, Mark Dreibelbis, Susan Lutz, Joe Leone, Bill Deibler,
Dawn O’Brien, Mitch Shestok

Community Ministries @ Zion’s

Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts – Pack/Troop 163 – Will begin on September 11th @ 6:30p.m.
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

Community Garden volunteers will be needed, Mondays & Thursdays at 6 p.m. Check bulletin.
Bells Rehearsal: Will begin on September 14th at 7 p.m. Brass Rehearsal: Thursdays at 8 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: Will begin on September 6th at 7:15 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: Thursday, September 21st, at Zion’s Lutheran – Bring fruit/desserts.
Zion’s Book Group: Meeting on Thursday, at 7:00 pm
Opportunity House Meal every third Friday September 15th, see Susan Lutz

Food Distribution Volunteers are always welcome each month:

On the 3rd Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, Leesport.
On the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5 - 8 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome at the
Hamburg Middle School Pantry Distribution. **You can get community service hours!**

**Visit the Hamburg Salvation Army Family Store – Take Clothing Donations there – Volunteer - Shop
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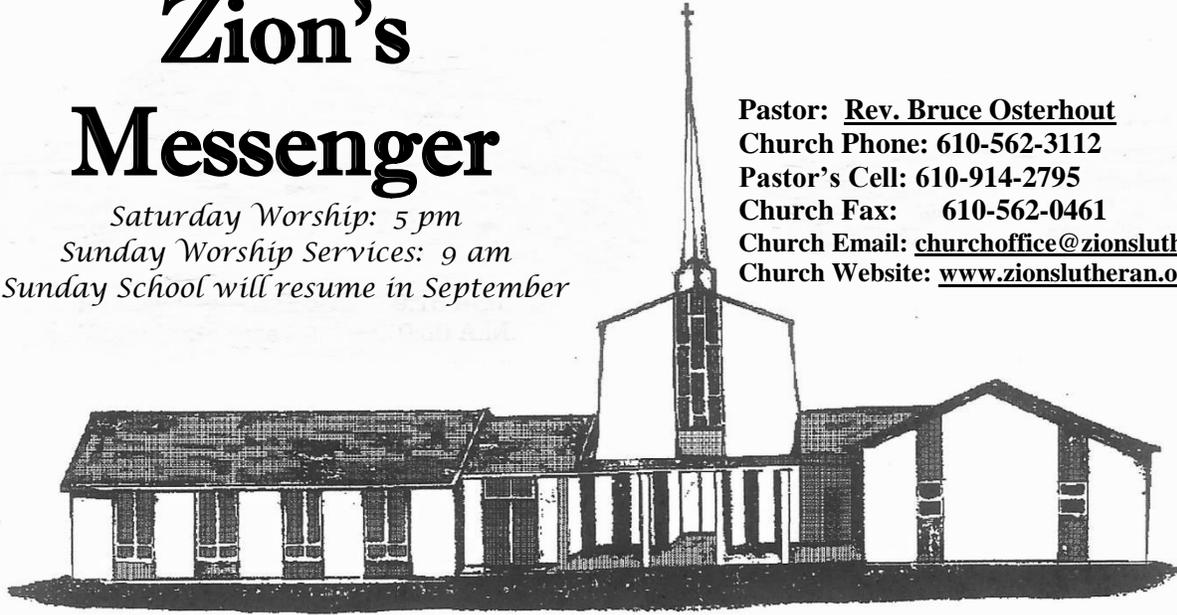
Recent Veterans can get help at **Keystone Military Families** 331 Main St. Shoemakersville.
More info on Facebook.

September 2017

Zion's Messenger

Saturday Worship: 5 pm
Sunday Worship Services: 9 am
Sunday School will resume in September

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