



## ZION'S MESSENGER OCTOBER 2017

FROM THE PASTOR... Dear Zion Friends,

**More than 70 years ago**, before the invention of the fax machine, the cell phone, and the personal computer, World War 2 era theologian and Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote these words:

“Every word is alive and is at home in a certain place. The word in the family is different from the word in the office or in public. The word that is born in the warmth of personal relationship freezes in the cold air of the public. The word of command, which comes out of public service, would cut the bonds of trust in the family. Every word is supposed to have its place and stay in it. **As a consequence of the spread of the public word in newspapers and radio, the nature and boundaries of various words are no longer felt clearly, and indeed the special character of the personal word has been destroyed.** (Bold is mine) *In place of genuine words, we now have chatter. Words no longer have any weight. There is too much talk.* (Italics are mine) When the boundaries of various words are erased, however, when words become rootless and homeless, the word loses truth, and this almost necessarily gives rise to the lie. When the various conventions of life are no longer mutually observed, then words become untrue.” Dietrich thought that there was a lot of communication using words back then? Imagine what Dietrich would say now! **We are bombarded with words all the time!** The printed word in newspapers and books has undergone and is undergoing massive transformation in our world today. Children no longer are taught to cursively write. When was the last time you “wrote” a letter with a pen and actually put it in an envelope with a stamp and mailed it? Maybe you have never sent an email or a text message. If you haven’t, just imagine a typewriter attached to a telegraph machine that sends its signal through the air!

I have been a pastor for 31 years now. When I was in seminary, way back in the dark ages of 1982-1986, I typed my term papers on a typewriter and used carbon paper. The church offices used mimeograph machines with that great smelling ink! Now I have to take cell phones away from catechism students to get them to pay attention in class. Now I have multiple communication streams to deal with. Now I carry my mobile office in my pocket. I am at church for programs and activities, but usually I have to go where the people are. I don’t keep regular office hours any more. My cell phone’s calls drop. The Internet goes down. My words are lost in cyber space. And yet, I use words more than ever. I speak, talk, and reflect on **God’s Word** all the time. I wish that Pastor Bonhoeffer had mentioned the place of **God’s Word** in the whole scheme of word “usage”. Our use of words is not to be taken lightly. Our respect for **God’s Word** and its primacy in our lives is critical to our growth in life and in faith. One thing that is still the same (and always will be) is that when we gather together for worship each week at Zion’s Lutheran Church, **God’s Word** is central, significant and saving. When we read, speak, and reflect on, **God’s Word**, God’s Holy Spirit comes to us in rich, full, life-giving, and life-saving ways. **You are mature enough in your faith to be there when we do this, right?**

At the end of this month, on Sunday October 29, we will celebrate with 75 million Lutheran Christians worldwide, the inspiring, saving grace of the **Word of God**. 500 years ago that living Word zapped a German monk named Martin as he poured over the ancient texts in Greek, Hebrew and Latin. The Holy Spirit gave him “An Idea that Changed the World”. Come and see how at The Hamburg Strand on Tuesday, October 24, at 7 p.m. The movie is free. Popcorn and soda are extra. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring this showing. I hope to see you there.

**We are Together in The Word, Faithfully Yours, Pastor Bruce**

## Volunteer Responsibilities for October

### GREETERS

1-8:00 am Gary & Carol Rothermel  
1-10:30 am Mark & Janine Dreibelbis  
8-8:00 am Lois DeTurk and Katie Stefan  
8-10:30 am Dan & Carolyn Geist  
15-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti and Rita Decker  
15-10:30 am Karen Mengel  
22-8:00 am Leone Family  
22-10:30 am Susan & Woody Lutz  
29-8:00 am Gary & Carol Rothermel  
29-10:30 am Barbara Shafer and Maylynn Wagner

### ACOLYTES

1-8:00 am Grant Doklan  
1-10:30 am Carielle Geist  
8-8:00 am Hailey Denatala  
8-10:30 am Jacob Fegley  
15-8:00 am Grant Doklan  
15-10:30am Carielle Geist  
22-8:00 am Hailey Denatala  
22-10:30 am Jacob Fegley  
29-8:00 am Grant Doklan  
29-10:30 am Carielle Geist

### LECTORS

1-8:00 am Jeanette Heckman  
1-10:30 am Mark Dreibelbis  
8-8:00 am Katie Stefan  
8-10:30 am Janine Dreibelbis  
15-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti  
15-10:30 am Faye Heckman  
22-8:00 am Rita Decker  
22-10:30 am Susan Lutz  
29-8:00 am Jeanette Heckman  
29-10:30 Mark Price

**Altar Guild:** Clea Borkey and Ruth Hoppes

**Bread Baker:** Chris Brennan

**OPPORTUNITY HOUSE MEAL:** Wanda Hoherchak, Mike Potts, Pat Potts, Janine Dreibelbis

**MAIL TEAM # 4 Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Gary & Ruth Wilhelm

The October Food items for The Hamburg Food Pantry are: **Cereal / Peanut Butter**

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 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter when you come to worship.**
- **Sponsors needed for Sunday Bulletins, Reading Eagle, & Hamburg Item for the month of October & November. Come on in, pick a date, and send a special message!!**

### *Upcoming Events At Zion's*

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Boy/Cub of Scouts Supper 6:00 p.m. @ Zions Lutheran Church. The Church is providing this meal for you to say thanks for all the good you do! Come share supper at the Church.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Secretaries Seminar. Office will be closed.
- **Congregational Care Team Training Retreat – October 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>.** Want to learn about the possible reactivation of the Pastoral Care team? See Eileen Puglia or Pastor Bruce
- **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. Festive Joint Reformation Worship Service @ St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church in Whitfield (across from Wilson High School. Sing in a massive joint choir; get info at [www.westberksmissiondistrict.org](http://www.westberksmissiondistrict.org)**
- **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Confirmation, and receiving of New Members.**



# LIBRARY

*a place for people*

## Zion's Book Group

Our monthly meeting is on Thursday, <sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm in the church library to discuss

**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.

## Library Shelves

Items purchased and added to the library collection since the last newsletter:

### Fiction Novels:

"Her Brother's Keeper" by Beth Wiseman and "Someday Home" by Lauraine Snelling

### Historical Fiction Novels:

"Where Treasure Hides" by Johnnie Alexander, "Keepers of the Covenant" by Lynn Austin and "Return To Me" by Lynn Austin

### Fiction Romance Novels:

"The Quaker And The Rebel" and also "The Lady And The Officer" by Mary Ellis, "Fifteen Minutes" by Karen Kingsbury, and "Escape to Paradise" by MaryLu Tyndall. This last title is a Trilogy (three stories in one book). Their titles are: Forsaken Dreams, Elusive Hope and Abandoned Memories. In the future, the library volunteers decided not to purchase any more books, except the Book Club Reads and requests" until more of the collection is being read. We think the money in the library fund could better be used for other purchases and ministry. A friendly reminder to please make a note on the clipboard when you take a book out and use your full name. Thank you!

Throughout the next year, we'll display and give a short review of some excellent items already in our collection for you to enjoy. These items will be for different age groups, so stay tuned.



Meetings for library volunteers are Wednesdays Oct. 4 and 18 at 1:30 P.M.

## Garden News



### 123 ... 4567 and counting

It's mid-September, and we have already harvested 4567 pounds to donate to local food pantries. Our second crops are almost ready to be picked. The cabbage, beans, and squash are just about ready to go, and before we know it, we will be clearing out for the end of the Garden season.

We'd like to thank Zion's members who have dropped off produce donations at the Garden. Please put any extra produce on the picnic table by the shed on Monday or Thursday.

Haven't had a chance to help out this season? There's still lots of work to be done. Listen to Sunday announcements, check the bulletins, or check Zion's Facebook page for work night updates.

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](mailto:communitygarden@zionslutheran.org) and we'll gladly put you on our volunteer email or phone list.

Thanks for your prayers and support!

Submitted by:

Eileen Puglia, NBCG Secretary

## Special Thank You, Thoughts & Prayers

Compassion is language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

~Mark Twain~



Kindness is in our power even when fondness is not.

~Henry James~

Being defeated is often only a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent!

Prayers to victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

Prayers to victims of an 7.1 Earthquake in Mexico City, Mexico



**Please check with Church Office.**

**We may just have your lost item.** Missing a ring?

### Newsletter deadlines

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

**November deadline: Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**December deadline: Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

## A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW

One of the concepts that was emphasized during V.B.S. and the REFORMATION WALK was that God has a distinct purpose for each person's life, just as He did for that of Martin Luther!

Martin agonized over his unworthiness and sinfulness to the extent that he spent large amounts of time depriving his physical needs, flogging himself, and crying out to God for mercy and forgiveness. He deeply searched and studied the Scriptures for every detail he could find related to sin, punishment, and forgiveness. While the Bible clearly said that man must confess and repent, he also learned that Jesus paid the punishment due us in FULL!

The Roman Catholic Church taught and still teaches that when one dies their soul goes to **PURGATORY**. This is a place of fire and extreme punishment for our repented sins; to cleanse and prepare us for God's holy presence in Heaven. It is based on the Old Testament book of **MACABEES 12:41-46**. (If you don't recognize this book, it is because it is not part of the Protestant Canon!)

The Pope and the church expounded on Purgatory and the value of **INDULGENCES** in the Council of Florence-1439 and again in the Council of Trent-1563. Indulgences are the purchase by a living person of time off / completed for a person in Purgatory. It can be prayers for the dead, masses said dedicated to a deceased person, or the **Spiritual Merits** purchased for the dead.

**Luther's 95 THESES, posted October 31, 1517,** were a challenge to debate these concepts with the prayer to impugn and debunk the un-scriptural ideas of indulgences. He wanted to reform the church, not to start a new church.

Today, the Protestant churches, namely our Lutheran church, measure our faith and ritual by Scripture alone. We do not believe in certain books of the Catholic Bible, Purgatory, Spiritual Merits, praying for the dead, nor Indulgences.

**Happy 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Day – October 31!**





## ZION'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

WELCA will hold their annual bazaar on Saturday, 11/18/17, from 9:00am-1:00pm. Each year WELCA provides 1/2 camperships for Zion's youth to attend Bear Creek Camp and provide assistance with church property needs with proceeds from the bazaar. In order to make the bazaar a success, the congregation's support is essential.

Ways for the congregation to support this event are; food preparation (pre-bazaar and day of event), baking, flea market, volunteering to help the day of the event, etc.

This year WELCA will be providing containers to bakers who are willing to make cookies to sell at the bazaar. A schedule to bake at the church and how you can help will be posted on the bulletin board.

We are also in need of baskets to be included as part of the basket raffle. **ITEMS MUST BE NEW!** Some suggestions for baskets are: candles, children's activities, coffee/tea, etc. The possibilities are endless! A sign-up sheet will be posted so that type of basket may be listed.

Vendor space will be available once again as part of the event. The charge is \$10.00 per table, payable to Zion's Women of The ELCA at time of reservation. Each vendor will be asked to donate an item to be included in the basket raffle. **NO BAKED GOODS!** Vendors should contact Wanda at 570-778-8403 to reserve a table. Please share this info with anyone who you think might be interested.

Zion's Happy Knotters will be making a quilt to be raffled at the bazaar. Tickets for the quilt will be available in October. Thank you ladies for your kind donation!

Please look for sign-up sheets which will be placed in the narthex in October and consider volunteering your time!



October 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Workshop for Happy Knotters and friends, to sew quilt squares together. Come in and stay as long as you wish. Bring lunch, sewing machine, pins and scissors. Thank you, Happy Knotters.



## "REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR"

WELCA will once again be distributing containers to be filled with basic necessities during the Advent season. Items will be donated to "Safe Berks". A sign-up sheet will be posted on the narthex bulletin board. A list of items needed will be available in November.

The containers will be available mid-November with a return date of 01/07/18. A total of 36 containers were donated and delivered last year. Let's work towards increasing this number! This is a wonderful way to provide community support to those in need, especially during the holiday season. Additional information will be published in upcoming bulletins and the November newsletter.

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!

*Life touch*

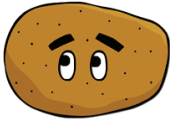


Just a friendly reminder...

Please **DON'T CUT** your Redner's tapes.

Redner's requires us to submit the entire register tape. Each receipt is good for 3 years, if you need to hang onto them for the Redner Rewards information at the bottom.

And thanks again for collecting them. We recently received another \$218.59. That makes \$727.27 so far in 2017.



## Please support the first ever Potato Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>!

The Potato Project is currently in its 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Labyrinth Update

The really great news is church council approved the project to build the labyrinth at Zion's Lutheran church. Joey Dalton, his project to earn his Eagle Scout status, presented the drawing of the labyrinth with a proposed budget and specific details about the building supplies, etc.

He is fortunate to have a retired Scout Master, with expertise in hardscaping (the laying of the bricks in a nice pattern), that has the necessary equipment, skid-steer (to remove the top soil), dump trucks (to haul top soil away), a compactor (to compact the stone) and he will provide his labor to help direct the building of the labyrinth.

The labyrinth will be moved several feet toward the garden to provide more privacy for the neighbor and the walkers of the labyrinth. Joey will stake that area out in the near future. Construction is scheduled to begin on Sat., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and continue the next weekend of Sat., Oct., 7<sup>th</sup> through Mon., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. So, please everyone "pray" for clear, sunny skies!

By the time you read this article, the fundraiser of purchasing engraved bricks will begin. We'll have a sample of an engraved brick for you to view in 4 to 6 weeks. Bricks will cost \$100.00 each and can be in honor of or in memory of loved ones, including pets, special times in your life, a favorite author, a famous person, or just your name to show your support of this project. Enclosed is the "Brick Engraving Order Form". Please consider sponsoring a brick and walking the labyrinth when it's completed!

Ruth Ann Eyer



## Church Reports

### Treasures Report

1-1-17 Beginning Balance	\$20,301.89
General Offering	\$127,376.31
Special Offering	\$16,286.31
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$163,964.51</b>
Current Expenses	\$142,951.97
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$21,012.54</b>
8-31-17	

### **Council Corner September 2017**

A presentation was made by Joey Dalton, a member of Zion's Boy Scout Troop 163 who is working on his service project for his Eagle rank. Joey is planning and constructing phase 1 of the labyrinth which will be located west of the parking lot. After a presentation on estimated costs, materials, and location, Council approved moving into the construction phase set for October.

The meeting was attended by Pastor Mary Gade, assistant to our Synod's bishop, to check in with how our ministry is doing at Zion's. Council members listed positive aspects of our ministry including: the forming of the Congregational Care Team, the Sunday School Luther Walk, the Labyrinth, an active seniors group, the flood bucket project, and the faith at the movies program. Areas for growth included developing strategies to increase youth involvement and the establishment of a mutual ministry committee to act as a liaison between the pastor and the congregation.

This would improve communication and help the church's ministry progress.

Council discussed using some memorial fund money to upgrade the Church's use of technology – media in our ministry. This could include items like the sound system, projection TV, large screens, audio-visual equipment for Sunday School, etc. A request for people interested in this topic will be put to the congregation, and a committee will be formed to assess the needs and make recommendations for equipment and funding options.

Council also approved having the stained-glass window repaired, including the broken window vent. The wedding policy is being reviewed and updated. Council agreed to conduct a retreat to focus on goal setting for our congregational ministry. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Dreibelbis

### **Faith Around Town**

#### **Faith at the Movies**

#### **"An Idea that Changed the World."**

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. At the [Hamburg Strand Theater](#). Come and watch a movie and then stay for the discussion. **Admission is Free.** Soda and popcorn are extra. 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. *This movie is sponsored by Thrivent.*

#### **Faith at the Movies**

#### **"The Resurrection of Gavin Stone"**

Tuesday, September, 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Hamburg Strand. Admission is \$8.00 includes small popcorn and small soda. Please stay after for discussion about the movies.



**Wednesday, October 16, from 5 - 8 p.m. A Giant County Wide Lutheran Potluck Dinner** at the

Leesport Market Banquet Hall is in the works! Bishop Zeiser will share “Why I am Glad that I am a Lutheran” Lutheran Bingo – Lutheran Trivia – Lutheran Door Prizes. RSVP – Sign Up and Bring your Best Dish – Invite Your Friends and Neighbors – 500 people together is the Goal! More details will be in Zion’s September newsletter. Save the date/bring your date to celebrate all things Lutheran! Want to help out? See Pastor Bruce about it.

**Saturday, October 28** – Reading Berks Conference of Churches 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet at Crowne Plaza, Wyomissing. You may visit [www.readingberkschurches.org](http://www.readingberkschurches.org) for more info

**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](mailto:darbyw@uwberks.org)

**“ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**  
-Romans 8:38-39

**Please help the Hurricane Victims. Visit [www.LDR.org](http://www.LDR.org) or use a pew envelope. Thank you.**

**Zion’s Lutheran Church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!**

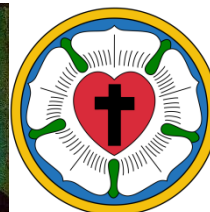
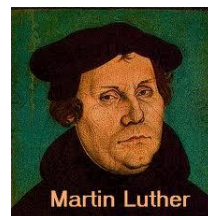
The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the table in the Zion’s Lutheran Church Hallway, on Sundays or anytime you come to church for activities to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

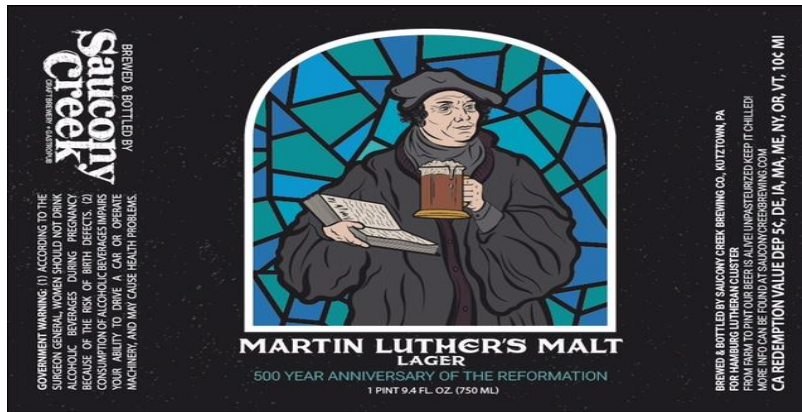
Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Our church library is gifted with more than \$350 in books. Please place orders and support our 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Education efforts. These books make great gifts!

We will place our order by Sunday, October 22 so that we will receive the books here at the church just in time for the October 29<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Reformation!







The Hamburg Lutheran Cluster has partnered with Saucony Creek Brewery ([www.sauconybeer.com](http://www.sauconybeer.com)) in Kutztown to produce a smooth drinking lager that eastern Pennsylvanians are sure to appreciate. On the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, Martin Luther’s Malt recalls the Table Talk tradition that the professor and his students shared in the “Lutherhaus”, in Wittenberg discussing theology and church life. Students wrote down what Martin Luther said during these after supper sessions.

Proceeds from the sale of this brew will benefit 1. Lutheran Disaster Response (Hurricane Harvey/Irma) ([www.ldr.org](http://www.ldr.org)) 2. The 2018 Potato Project (Google [IHartHarvest](http://IHartHarvest)) and 3. Bear Creek Camp’s Capital Campaign ([www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org)) to build new cabins.

Your pre-ordered Martin Luther’s Malt will be available for pickup at Saucony Creek on 3 Saturdays: October 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and October 21 from 10 to 4 p.m. **The bottled beer will be available for walk-up purchase at the brewery on these days with cash or a check only.** The beer goes on draft Friday night, October 6 with a toast to Martin Luther and the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 6:15 p.m. The pre-release event party continues after that, including a tour with Master Brewer Nick at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by the Hop Heads of Trinity, Wernersville. **Preorder Discounts** (received by October 11) are as follows: Pre-order 3 bottles and get a \$2.50 Saucony Creek food coupon voucher. Pre-order 6-11 bottles and get a \$6 food coupon voucher **and an invitation** to this pre-event party when you can also pickup your beer order. Pre-order a 12 bottle case and receive a \$20 food coupon voucher at the brewery for **each case** ordered.

**Checks should be made payable to the “Hamburg Lutheran Cluster”** and be mailed to Martin Luther’s Malt Preorder, Zion’s Lutheran Church, 354 Zion’s Church Rd. Shoemakersville PA 19555. Your check will be cashed on the day that you pick up your beer. **Only 975 bottles are being produced so order early!** (Remember, we sold all 975 bottles of Katie Luther’s Brew in May/June so don’t wait!)

-----Cut Here and Return)-----

# of Martin Luther’s Malt Bottles (750 ml.) X Cost/Bottle = Total  
 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/Location \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Clearly) Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my beer on : ( ) Sat. Oct. 7 ( ) Sat. Oct. 14 ( ) Sat. Oct. 21 (if not sold out)


**Thank you for supporting these Lutheran ministries!**

# October Birthday Calendar 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Teresa Schaeffer	4 Nancy Seidel	5	6 Shelley Strunk	7 Jennifer Neuin
8	9 Wasył Onulack, Jr.	10 Timothy Olszewski	11	12 Eleanor Dietrich Heather Wagner	13 Neil Schaeffer Conner Troutman	14 Eileen Puglia
15 Matthew Deibler	16 Joanne Reidenhour Isabella Denatala	17	18	19 Linda Deibler Tanner Mish	20 Ruth Ann Adam Aryton Miller Barbara Reinhart	21 Alannah Fisher
22 Reece Heckman Autumn Moyer Carl Sechler	23	24 Heather Gring	25 Abby Smith	26 Carissa Lallo Arlene Mengel Brianna Ulrich	27 Carl Dietrich Steven Mengel	28 Nelson Eyer
29	30 Michael Heckman Dorothy Kline* Dawn O'Brien Lori Smith	31 Linda Weidner	*Shut In			



# October Calendar of Events 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00am Worship 9:15am S.School 10:30am Worship  Harvest Home – Potatoes!	2 <b>Office Closed</b>  6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts/ Boy Scouts Dinner @ Zion’s Lutheran 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	3 Office Closed Parish Secretaries Seminar  7:00pm AA.- AL-Anon	4 Office Closed Parish Secretaries Seminar  1:30pm Library Vol. Mtg.  6:15 pm Adult Bible Stud  7:15pm Choir	5  Office Open    7:00pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	6  Office Open    Care Team Retreat starts a 8pm	7  Labyrinth Construction  5:00 pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.  Care Team Retreat until 8pm
8  8:00am Worship 9:15am S.School 10:30am Worship  <b>Hunger Walk at Grings Mill</b>  Labyrinth Construction	9 <b>Office Closed</b>  6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	10  9-11 Knotters  7:00pm Church Council  7:00pm AA.- AL-Anon	11  6:15 pm Adult Bible Study  7:15pm Choir	12 9:00 am Cemetery Mtg. @ Windsor Castle  Altar Guild Mtg.  7:00pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	13          Opportunity House Meal served	14  5:00 pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.
15 8:00am Worship 9:15am S.School 10:30am Worship	16 <b>Office Closed</b>  <i>November Newsletter Deadline</i>  6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts  <b>5-8pm Pot Luck Dinner Leesport Market</b>	17  7:00pm AA.- AL-Anon	18  1:30pm Library Vol. Mtg  6:15 pm Adult Bible Study  7:15pm Choir	19 11:00am Adult Seniors  6:00pm Worship & Music  7:00pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	20 <b>Office Closed</b>	21  5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.
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Google [ihartharvest](http://ihartharvest) or read the Reading Eagle or watch Facebook to find out more about this amazing local ministry that raises nutritional food for needy families in our community using lots of donations.

**Zion's Lutheran Church** was instrumental in helping the program get started more than 9 years ago. Our continuing support is needed. Hosting this **FIRST EVER** fall festival at our church was a big step for us!

## **How You Can Support**

### **The Potato Project Harvest Festival**

**next Saturday, September 30**

- + **Come and buy some food** during the day between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and see what is going on.
- + **Becky Rinehart** is preparing **funnel cakes, roasting a pig** and catering the evening meal. A portion of her sales will benefit The Potato Project. Thank you, Becky and Dennis!
- + **Come for a nice sit-down catered meal (for a \$16 donation)** at 5:15 p.m. and hear more about who the local donors are. Some of your gift will benefit the project. Please RSVP.

**+ COME FOR SATURDAY WORSHIP**  
**AT 7 P.M.** as we sing a few songs together and  
give thanks for the harvest.

**+ Come and try out the Potato Palooza**  
**course** either as an individual (1-3 pm) or as a  
part of a team (3-5 pm). It is all for fun!

**+ Our Boy Scouts** will set up their big tents to  
be used for the festival (either the Monday or  
the Friday before, weather permitting) at no  
cost to anyone. Thank you Troop 163.

**+ You can give a special offering** using a Pew  
Envelope and marking it “Potato Project” if you  
can’t be present that day.

**+ Give thanks for a bountiful harvest** for  
sweet corn, field corn, carrots and potatoes!

The last Peach Festival was held in August, 2014. This will likely be the  
biggest public event since that day. Please add your support.

# **“Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township”**

## **Like us on Facebook      [www.zionslutheran.org](http://www.zionslutheran.org)**

354 Zions Church Rd, Shoemakersville, PA 19555 Church Office: 610-562-3112

Church Office Email is [churchoffice@zionslutheran.org](mailto: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., Sundays 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m. **Come and Grow in Your Faith!**

**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

### **Zion’s Lutheran Church Staff**

**The Rev. Bruce G. Osterhout, Pastor (Cell: 610-914-2795) Email at [pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org](mailto: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 – @ 6:30p.m. / 7:30 a.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: Thursdays 7 p.m. Brass Rehearsal: Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:15 p.m.

Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays 6:15 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, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at Zion’s Lutheran

Zion’s Book Group: Meeting on Thursday at 7:00 pm

Opportunity House Meal every third Friday of the month

### **Food Distribution Volunteers are always welcome each month:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, Leesport.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
Like us on Facebook**

**Recent Veterans** can get help at **Keystone Military Families** 331 Main St. Shoemakersville.

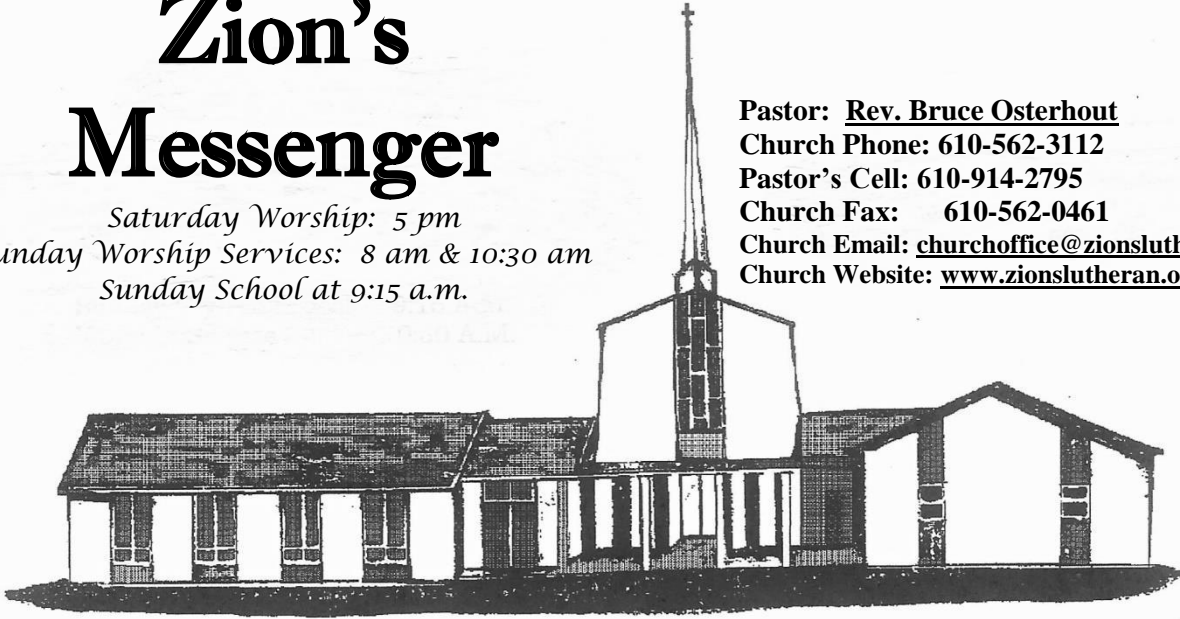
More info on Facebook. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m

October 2017

# Zion's Messenger

*Saturday Worship: 5 pm*  
*Sunday Worship Services: 8 am & 10:30 am*  
*Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.*

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