



ZION'S MESSENGER MARCH 2018

FROM THE PASTOR... Dear Zion Friends,

If you have never seen the 1994 movie “The Shawshank Redemption” this is the month to watch it. Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman star in this now famous movie about life (and I will add “ministry”) in an old time Southern prison called Shawshank. Tim Robbins plays the part of Andy Dufresne, a prison resident who is innocent but is serving his time (19 years) anyway. Andy’s personal discipline is amazing and hope-filled, which connects to the disciplines of Lent very nicely, in my opinion. His actions and behavior reform the whole place. One glorious event, while the inmates are re-tarring the prison roof, is proof of Andy’s transforming abilities. (Maybe I have already spoiled it, sorry!) It is a powerful movie that may, one day, make it on our list at “Faith at the Movies”.

Because of the way the calendar falls this year; Lenten March will be total preparation for the joy that will be ours come April 1. “No fooling!” God will play a big joke on the devil that day! Come to worship at 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. that day to hear about it! You can also come and begin worship “in the dark” the night before, Saturday, March 31 and hear about our coming joy by the end.

Sometimes when people ask me what my favorite time of the year is, I answer Lent. For me it has become a season unto itself. With zeal, I dive into Lent’s discipline, its’ focus, its’ routine. I enjoy the opportunity to worship weekly with our Christian partners in Northern Berks County. On Thursday, March 1, at 11:30 a.m., worship is at St. John’s Lutheran in Hamburg. In 2017-18, we have endured a long, icy, snow-scattered winter season which will make the coming of spring even more anticipated. I look forward to seeing the signs of spring, maybe you will, too.

As you continue to observe this holiest of seasons, please use the opportunities that we are providing to engage the great story of salvation. Tuesday at 2 p.m., walk the Labyrinth with me. Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. come to the Social Hall chapel. You could enjoy some soup, study a little; maybe make something, from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

While walking independently is a part of the observance of Lent, it is also important to gather regularly with others for fellowship, prayer and worship. On Thursday, March 15, the Zion’s Seniors will gather for its’ monthly fellowship time from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Almost 70 people enjoyed our February gathering which included the first Northern Berks Ministerium worship service. Come for cards, board games, enjoy some lunch, and a little St. Patrick’s Day Trivia.

The last week of March will be The Great and Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, on Sunday, March 25. Please check our Holy Week schedule of services and activities elsewhere in this newsletter. I am still in search of a baptism for Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m. First Communion classes begin on Sunday, March 4 after 10:30 a.m. worship.

I hope to see you in the pews. I am yours as we are together in Christ, Pastor Bruce

Volunteer Responsibilities for March

GREETERS

4-8:00 am Lois DeTurk
4-10:30 am Brenda Hartman and Bill Gundrum
11-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti and Rita Decker
11-10:30 am Barbara Shafer and Maylynn Wagner
18-8:00 am Leone Family
18-10:30 Paul & Linda Weidner
25-8:00 am Gary & Carol Rothermel
25-10:30 am Henry Seidel

ACOLYTES

4-8:00 am Bella Denatala
4-10:30 am Morgan Gallagher
11-8:00 am Bella Denatala
11-10:30 am Drew Koller
18-8:00 am Ty Seidel
18-10:30 Morgan Gallagher
25-8:00 am Bella Denatala
25-10:30 am Morgan Gallagher

LECTORS

4-8:00 am Jeanette Heckman
4-10:30 am Faye Heckman
11-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti
11-10:30 am Susan Lutz
18-8:00 am Jeanette Heckman
18-10:30 am Janine Dreibelbis
25-8:00 am Rita Decker
25- 10:30 am Mark Dreibelbis

*If you would like to volunteer for Easter Sunday
worships: Greeters, Lectors and Acolytes please
contact the Church Office.*

**Please contact Church Office if you would like to
be a Lector for 8 or 10:30 Sunday Worship
Services**

Altar Guild: Pat Potts and Ruth Wilhelm

Bread Baker: Ruth Wilhelm

Opportunity House Meal:

Capt.- Susan Lutz, Gary Rothermel, Erin Seidel, and
Cleta Borkey

Mail Team #4: Thursday, March .22nd

Gary & Ruth Wilhelm, Shirley Sohon

The March Food Pantry item: Tuna
Please place donations in the shopping cart in the
narthex. Thanks for helping members of our
community to be able to help ends meet!

Upcoming Events At Zion's.

March 25th, Palm Sunday,
Worship at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

March 29th, Maundy Thursday,
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

March 30th, Good Friday
10:00 a.m. Youth dying Easter Eggs
Worship 11:00 a.m. Cross Walk at Victory Chapel
parking lot in Hamburg, ending at
First Reformed UCC
Regular Worship at Zions at 7:00 p.m.

March 31st, Holy Saturday,
9:30 a.m. Annual Egg Hunt
Worship at 5:00 p.m.
Invite someone to be baptized on this night

April 1st, Easter Sunday,
Worships at 6:30 am with Breakfast to follow.
Breakfast will include the following: Ham slices,
potatoes, scrambled eggs, cream chipped beef, toast &
jelly, muffins, fruit cups, apple juice, oj, milk, coffee
reg. or decaf and tea
Worship at 10:30 a.m.



Easter Flower s:

Sign-up sheets will be available
Sunday, March 4th on the narthex
bulletin board. Flowers available are
Lilies \$7.00 ea., Tulips \$5.00 ea.,
Daffodils \$6.50 ea. Deadline to order is Thursday,
March 22nd. Flowers will be ordered through Penny
Hill Nursery.

Photo Session Sign Ups: You may sign up 2 ways. Through March 18th, someone will be available in the Library after the 8 am service and from 10-10:30 to sign you up. Or sign up online at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9bcly34/>. The link will be posted on Zion's website.



When signing up online, first click Log In (upper right hand corner), then Create Account (make up your own Login and Password), Select Number in Group, Select a date from the Calendar, and Book It to select the time. Review and finalize, and an email confirmation will be sent to you. See Eileen Puglia or Faye Heckman for online sign up questions.

Photo directory pictures will be taken on these dates:

Monday, April 9th, 2 – 9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10th, 2 – 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 19th, 1 – 9 p.m.
Friday, April 20th, 2 – 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 21st 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Zion's Senior Adults will meet on Thursday,
March 15th, 10:30 a.m.!**
Come join for cards, games, and fellowship!

Cemetery Spring Cleaning

Zion's Cemetery Company, Inc. of Perry Township has set the week of March 11-17, 2018 for spring cleaning. All decorations not planted in the ground will be removed unless claimed before this week by lot owners. The cemetery board is not responsible for decorations remaining on graves when spring cleaning begins. New and existing decorations may be placed effective March 18, 2018.

Zion's Cemetery Co. is known for its fine perpetual care of loved ones. Single or multiple graves are available. Please contact the caretaker at 610-562-2359

Board meetings are scheduled for April 12th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and May 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.



Our annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31 beginning at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. There are hunts for children from toddlers to 5th grade, and a separate adult hunt. Bring your baskets for a fun time!

We need volunteers to hard boil eggs for the egg hunt. Eggs will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday and need to be returned by 10:00am on Good Friday, March 30.

Youth, 6th grade and above, are needed to help dye the eggs on Good Friday, March 30 beginning at 10:30am. We will enjoy pizza after we finish dyeing the eggs. Youth are again needed to help hide the eggs on Saturday, March 31 at 8:45am.



Zion's Book Club

This month's meeting is on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00pm in the church library.

March 15 *Mean Streak* by Sandra Browne

April 19 *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders

May 17 *Sing Unburied Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

June 21 *Winter's Tale* by Mark Helprin

Library Shelves

The 5 Book Club reads for 2018 have been added to the library and are listed below:

“Big Little Lies” by Liane Moriarty – Sometimes it’s the little lies that turn out to be the most lethal. This book is about Madeline, who is a force to be reckoned with. Celeste is the kind of beautiful woman who makes the world stop and stare. A single mom Jane is so young that another mother mistakes her for a nanny. But a murder...A tragic accident...Or just parents behaving badly? What’s indisputable is that someone is dead.

“Mean Streak” by Sandra Brown from #1 New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown comes a heart-pounding story of survival that takes the age-old question “Does the end justify the means?” and turns it on its head. To be discussed on March, 15th @ 7 p.m.

“Lincoln in the Bardo” by George Saunders February 1862. With the Civil War less than a year old. President Lincoln’s 11 year-old son, Willie, lies gravely ill. In a matter of days, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. Newspapers report that a grief stricken Lincoln returns, alone, to the crypt several times to hold his boy’s body. George Saunders spins an unforgettable story that breaks free of its realistic framework into a thrilling, supernatural realm, deploying a kaleidoscopic, theatrical panorama of voices-living and dead, historical and invented-to ask a timeless question: How do we live and love when we know that everything we love must end? To be discussed on April, 19th @ 7 p.m.

“Sing, unburied, Sing” by Jesmyn Ward This book is many things: a road novel, a slender epic of three generations and the ghosts that haunt them, and a portrait of what ordinary folk in dire circumstances cleave to as well as what they – and perhaps we all – are trying to outrun.-The New York Times Book Review. To be discussed May 17th @ 7pm

“Winter’s Tale” by Mark Helprin Mark’s masterpiece will transport you to New York of the Belle Epoque, to a city clarified by a siege of unprecedented snows. One winter night, Peter Lake – master mechanic and second-story man – attempts to rob a fortress-like mansion on the Upper West Side.

Though he thinks it is empty, the daughter of the house is home. Thus begins the affair between a middle-aged Irish burglar and Beverly Penn, a young girl dying of consumption. It is a love so powerful that Peter Lake, a simple and uneducated man, will be driven to stop time and bring back the dead. His great struggle is one of the most beautiful and extraordinary stories of American literature. This book is 748 pages long!

Labyrinth

There are 20 engraved bricks on display on a table in the narthex. So, if you want to see what other have included on their bricks, please take a look.

If you want to purchase a brick, you need to return your engraved brick form by Sunday, April 15, 2018. The deadline for purchasing a brick is Sunday, April 15, 2018 - the same as "tax day"!

The next Labyrinth committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the church library.

Progress always involves risk. You cannot steal second base and keep your foot on first.

Property Income Envelopes

As suggested at the Annual Meeting, we have placed Property Income envelopes as a new special offering envelope in the pews. Along with the March and August Capital Improvements envelopes included with your yearly giving envelopes, please use these for donations to help us cover costs for the approved 2018 expenses for a centrally monitored fire detection system and parking lot maintenance. Thanks for your support of the care and maintenance of our property.

Special Thanks, Prayers, & Thoughts

Please help the Hurricane Harvey-Irma and Marias Victims. Visit www.LDR.org or use a pew envelope.

Shut In Mailing List

Mrs. Jane Francis
Grand View Manor
129 Houck Rd.
Fleetwood, PA 19522

Mrs. Mary Ellen Fraunfelter
1421 Philadelphia Ave. #242
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Mrs. Dorothy Kline
Passed on Feb. 16th in the Laurel Center; our
condolences to her family.
Dorothy used to live next to Herman Sader's Garage

Mrs. Gloria Fisher
Laurel Center
125 Holly Rd.
Hamburg, PA 19526

Joann Himmelberger
1152 Main St.
Shoemakersville, Pa 19555

David Seidel
Grand View Manor
129 Houck Rd
Fleetwood, Pa 19522

Peggy Marquette
210 Constitution Dr.
Hamburg, Pa 19562

Nancy Leiby
1237 Perry St.
Reading, Pa 19604

Bertha Stewart
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Leesport, Pa 19533

George Seidel
Grand View Manor Rm 7
129 Houck Rd.
Fleetwood, Pa 19522

Jack & Dorothy Wertz
Maiden Creek Place
105 Dries Rd. Room 7
Reading, Pa 19605

Joanne Busch
616 N.2nd St
Reading, Pa 19601

Sandra Masters
228-A Lutheran Home
1 South Home Ave
Topton, Pa 19562

Fern Stricker
112 Main St.
Blandon, Pa 19510

Faith Around Town

Faith at the Movies

Faith at the Movies – “The Son of God” Tuesday,
March 27th at 7, p.m. At The Hamburg Strand
Theater. \$8.00 includes small popcorn and small
drink. Come and watch a movie and then stay for the
discussion.

Hamburg Strand Classics Night series

See “Grease” on Tues. March 13 at 7 p.m.
See “Singing in the Rain” on Tues, April 10 at 7 p.m.

West Berks Mission District Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast. Wed. March 21st at 8 a.m. at the Inn At Reading, cost is \$17 for breakfast buffet. More info coming soon.

➤ **Sponsors needed for Sunday Bulletins, Reading Eagle, & Hamburg Item for the coming Months. Come on in, pick a date, and send a special message!**

Trip to Nashville

April 23 to 28th, 2018. Cost is \$749.00 per person double occupancy single is 249.00 more. Deposit of \$200.00 per person needed to put your name on the bus list. Package includes 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners including Nashville nightlife dinner and show. You will also have a Guided tour of Nashville, see the Country Music Hall of Fame, see a show at Grand Ole Opry and walk around the Opryland Hotel, tour RCA Studio B Tour, and the Johnny Cash Museum. Bus stops every 2 to 3 hours. We will be seeing 3 shows. Contact Susan Lutz for more information. Flyers on bulletin board. Take one off if interested in trip.

Farm Family Appreciation Celebration- Hamburg Field House

Sat. March 17 Doors open at 6:15 p.m., Dinner Buffet from 7-8 p.m. Hoedown and Country Music by The Outlaws 8-11 p.m. **Registration due by March 2, limited to 900 people.** Visit nepasynod.org to register for the event. open to farm families and those who support them.

Church Reports

Treasurers Report

1-1-17 Beginning Balance	\$18,317.44
General Offering	\$12,751.16
Special Offering	\$2,354.19
Sub-Total	\$33,422.79
Current Expenses	\$23,329.95
Balance	\$10,092.84
1-1-18	

Council Corner

Council accepted the resignation of Mitch Shestok, acknowledging his years of service to Council.

We were pleased to appoint Donna Long to a one year term on Council, and to welcome Tina Blake and Mike Potts as new Council Members. There continue to be 3 available Council vacancies.

The following officers were elected for the 2018 term: Eileen Puglia, President; Lucille Gough, Vice President, and Wanda Hoherchak, Secretary.

It was decided to print special offering envelopes for Property Income to place in the pews, to help us cover the cost of the centrally monitored fire detection system, parking lot maintenance, and future property maintenance needs. We were elated to have received the \$20,000 bequest from the estate of Marguerite Hepner. It was decided to use it toward the fire detection system, whose updated cost is \$29,661.91. A deposit has been made, and we are waiting for the work to be scheduled. We are also waiting for the stained glass window repair to begin, hopefully this month.

It was approved to use Ernest Frederick Memorial Funds, restricted for Technology/Sound System, for office computer online backup.

Concerns continue to be expressed by some members, committees, and Council members regarding the ministry of Pastor Bruce at Zion's. Due to the ongoing nature of concerns and the desire for assistance in reviewing the concerns and doing what is best for our congregation, Council voted, per our Constitution, to request the Bishop to convene a committee to review the issues and make any appropriate recommendations.

Pastor's Report. New members will be received in March. Please see Pastor if you are interested in joining Zion's as a member. The Wedding Policy is now with Worship & Music for review.

Photo sessions are now being scheduled for our new Photo Directory. Volunteers will be available every Sunday through the middle of March to help with sign ups, or you can sign up online. See the church website or Facebook for the link.

Our winter weather policy was clarified. If HASD is closed, or closes early, our Church activities for that day/evening are then closed. The business that plows our parking lot is aware of this policy and plows accordingly. For liability reasons, Council again restates this policy.

Submitted by Eileen Puglia, Council President



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.

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

Hey Facebookers who are Happy Quilt Knotters!

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



Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus June 18-22 from 9:00-11:30am

I will be looking for adults and youth to help make this week a success! Please consider volunteering your time and talents.

Faye Heckman
VBS Director



WINTER WEATHER AND WORSHIP: We cannot predict, but we can prepare. Weekday bad weather cancellation of programs, rehearsals, and meetings will be tied to what the Hamburg Area School District is doing for the day. If HASD cancels, or has early dismissal, then all church programming including meetings are suspended for the day. This eliminates the need for multiple phone calls, and hopefully everyone will understand. Sunday morning complete cancellations will be a decision made between the Pastor and the Council President. It is more likely that the Sunday morning schedule would be abbreviated: No 8 a.m. service and no Sunday School, which would give time for the parking lot to be cleared in the event of a Saturday evening snowstorm. For large groups, or for Sunday school and worship events, cancellations will be posted on Channel 69's website: www.wfmz.com (click on "Weather", then "School & Business Closings", then "Z" in the list index. On TV, it should be on the scrolling bar on the bottom of the TV screen. Information will also be on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ZionsChurch/> if you're not sure about a scheduled meeting, simply call the Church at 610-562-3112

(10:30 worship only, a modified Sunday schedule sometimes occurs, like on Sunday, Feb. 18th. In the event of a Saturday evening snow, the early service and Sunday School might be cancelled in order to give time for the lot to be plowed and weather to clear.)

March Birthday Calendar 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Anthony Grugan Erica Mish Rob Wagner	2 Cheryl Hertzong Valerie (Kohler) Hancik Lana Leone	3
4	5 Janine Dreibelbis	6 Glenn Epting Timothy Prusell	7	8	9 Michael Coleman Robert Machemer Terry Reinhart Ozzie Reitnauer	10 Derick Clark Robert Noecker
11	12 Steven Moyer Caleb Smith	13 Corrine Dietrich	14 Brett Fisher Susan Heckman	15 Christopher Mazaika	16 Traci Heffner	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18	19	20 Linda Sousley	21 Elsie Frymoyer Russel Reinhart Steve Seidel	22 Courtney Brennan Paul Reidenhour, Jr.	23 George Seidel	24 Suzanne Hensel Carissa Miller
25 Debora Heckman	26 Betty Angstadt Mary Clark	27 Tricia Boyer	28 Ruth Hill Crystal Reinhart	29 Linda Reinhart	30 Victoria Long Sharon Strauss	31 Kylee Koller *Shut in

March Calendar of Events 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>4 8:00am Worship 9:15am S.School 10:30am Worship First Comm. Class Easter Flower signup sheets available</p>				<p>1 11:30 am Lent Worship St. Johns 7:00pm Bells/8:00pm Brass</p>	<p>2 Ham/SV Retirees Luncheon</p>	<p>3 5:00 pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.</p>
<p>11 8:00am Worship 9:15am S. School 10:30 am Worship First Comm. Class</p>	<p>5 Office Closed 2pm Fellowship in Hall or at Labyrinth 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 2pm Lent/Labyrinth 7:00pm AA.- AL-Anon</p>	<p>7 11:00am Lent/Labyrinth 5:45pm Meal/Craft/ Study 7:00pm worship 7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>8 Lent @ Friedens Shartlesville 9:00am Cemetery mtg. @ Zions Cemetery 7:00pm Bells/8:00pm Brass</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.</p>
<p>18 8:00am Worship 9:15am S. School 10:30 am Worship First Comm. Class</p>	<p>12 Office Closed 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13 9-11 Knotters 2pm Lent/Labyrinth 7:00pm Council Mtg. 7:00pm AA.-AL-Anon</p>	<p>14 April Newsletter Deadline 11:00am Lent/Labyrinth 5:45pm Meal/Craft/ Study 6:45-7:15pm worship 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>15 Lent @ St. Paul Smoke 11:00am Zions Seniors (wear green) 7:00pm Bells/8:00pm Brass 7:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Property Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>16 Opportunity House Meal served</p>	<p>17 Happy St. Patrick's Day  5:00 pm Worship 7:00pm A.A.</p>
<p>25 Palm Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am S. School 10:30 am Worship First Comm. Class Eggs available for pick up to boil for egg dying and egg hunt</p>	<p>19 Office Closed Council Corner Deadline 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20 2pm Lent/Labyrinth 7:00pm AA.-AL-Anon</p>	<p>21 11:00am Lent/Labyrinth 1-3pm Children of King 5:45pm Meal/Craft/ Study 6:45-7:15pm worship 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>22 Lent @ Zion Blue Mt. Easter Flower sign-up deadline 7:00pm Bells/8:00 p.m. Brass Mail Team#3</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm AA-AL-Anon</p>
	<p>26 Office Closed 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27 9-11 am Knotters 2:00 pm Lent/Labyrinth 7:00pm AA.-AL-Anon</p>	<p>28 11:00am Lent/Labyrinth 5:45pm Meal/Craft/ Study 6:45-7:15pm worship 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>29 Maundy Thursday First Communion 11:00 a.m. Cross Walk @ Victory Chapel Worship at Zions at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>30 Good Friday Egg Dying at 10:30 am</p>	<p>31 Holy Saturday 9:30am Annual Egg Hunt 5:00 p.m. Vigil of Easter Invite someone to be baptized</p>

HOW DOES YOUR CAMPER GROW AT BEAR CREEK CAMP?

Bear Creek Camp strives to provide a fun and educational experience to all campers. Here is a glimpse of the intended outcomes our program provides. You will see the progression of growth your camper experiences over the years from just one week each summer.

Our goal is to provide experiential learning for campers to incorporate into their daily lives. This helps them grow into a well-rounded follower of Christ.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

bearcreekcamp.org



GROWING in SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

Real-Life
Faith Discussions

Real-World
Application of Themes

Stimulating Small Group Bible Study

Fun All-Camp Chapel Time

TRY CAMPERS JUNIORS MIDLERS JR HIGH SENIORS



GROWING the INDIVIDUAL and the COMMUNITY

Leadership Opportunities

Learning Communication
through Low Ropes

Problem Solving-Focused Field Games

Team Building Activities & Processing

Life-Long Friends & Memories

TRY CAMPERS JUNIORS MIDLERS JR HIGH SENIORS



GROWING an ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

Canoe
Trip

Rafting Trip

Confidence-Building
High Ropes

Skill-Building Outdoor
Overnight Camping

Hands-On Environmental Education
through our Nature Center

TRY CAMPERS JUNIORS MIDLERS JR HIGH SENIORS



GROWING a LOVE OF NATURE

Explorative Hikes
on 30 Miles of Trails

Emphasis on Caring For
& Learning About God's Creation

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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!**

Check out www.livinglutheran.org and subscribe.

**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: 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/Retiring and New:

President: Eileen Puglia; Vice President: Wanda Hoherchak; Ruth Ann Eyer, Lucille Gough,
Mark Dreibelbis, Susan Lutz, Mike Potts, and Tina Blake, and Donna Long.

3 members need to step up and volunteer to be appointed to a one year term so that the Council
will have full leadership. Please contact Eileen or Wanda if you are willing to serve for one year.

Community Ministries @ Zion's

Mon nights: Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm – Pack/Troop 163 Labyrinth Dedication Apr. 9

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

Handbell Rehearsal: Thursdays 7 p.m. Brass Rehearsal: Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.

www.readysettreadberks.org Read to a 2nd grader a Perry School (8:30-9:15) Tilden School (3:30-4:30)

Regular Monthly Activities – Please Join in

Quilt-Knotters: Second/Fourth Tuesdays 9 - 11 a.m. in the Gold Room (You also can work at home!)

Zion's Senior Adult Fellowship: Thurs. March 15th at 11 a.m. **Wear Green!**

Zion's Book Group: Next Meeting is Thurs. March 15th at 7 p.m. “Mean Streak”

Serve the Opportunity House Meal every third Friday of the month, Fri. March 16th,

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 Thrift Store – Take Clothing Donations there – Volunteer - Shop

Recent Veterans can get help at keystonemilitaryfamilies.com 331 Main St. Shoemakersville.

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

2018 Mission Trips to consider

April 8-15 to Eastern Kentucky \$100 per person

July 29-Aug.3 to Puerto Rico

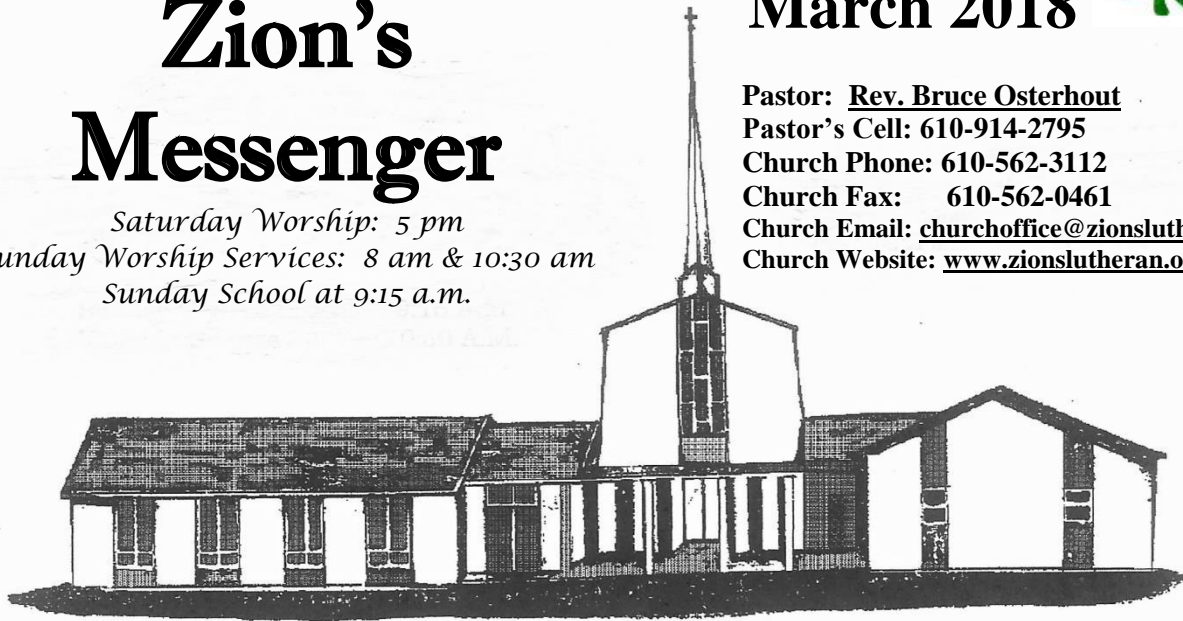
Zion's Messenger

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

March 2018



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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 & Savior ✝ ✝ Honest & open communication ✝ ✝ Create and sustain healthy relationships ✝
✝ Share your faith through our daily life ✝ ✝ Recognize and encourage people's spiritual gifts ✝ ✝ Perseverance ✝

✝ A congregation united in Christ making Zion's a destination, not an obligation ✝



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