

Zion's Messenger November 2018



Letter from the Pastor:

To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and listening ear, to be your heart of mercy, ever near. Alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold. Alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed. Alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice. Alleluia!

ELW Hymn # 546; Text by Delores Dufner.

Sung at Zion's Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 21st

This hymn talks about how our faith community should feel about our work together in the world. We are to be united in our mission to serve God and neighbor. As individual "priests", as the baptized serving in our daily lives and as we support and host activities and ministries in our church building, we are to do so with joyful, thankful hearts. We are called to work for "justice in the gate" as the prophets of old encouraged. We are called to humbly serve, to practice justice and mercy as Jesus encouraged.

When you receive this newsletter, we will be a few days from Tuesday, November 6th, our annual election day. As you know, both our state and our country are deeply divided politically. Rapid change continues to buffer many long-standing institutions. As old Sears and Roebuck heads to bankruptcy, as human beings without a country in a caravan approach our southern border, as people are killed in tragic car accidents on our local highways, as opioid drug use kills our young people, as "logistic centers" replace farmland, my list could go on with examples. Where is the good news? How do we find it amongst so much "fake" news? How do we keep the faith in this turbulent age that we are living in? How do we commit our words, our time and our energy in ways that build up our congregation?

Our Adult Sunday School class is currently using a book called "I am a Church Member" on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. This small book includes so insightful questions and a weekly pledge that helps us to think about our participation in the life of our congregation. Come to class or pick up a copy to read on your own. I will lead a discussion about it on Wednesday, November 14 from 6 - 7 p.m.

There will be a weekly "pledge" included in the worship bulletin each Saturday/Sunday. If you agree with the statement made, you may sign it and place it in the offering plate. (Please complete and return a Time and Talent form as well if you haven't done that yet) Watch for these weekly bulletin inserts. Talk to other members about it. Most importantly pray about your participation as we strive to be The Church alive and active in the world.

May our hearts and lives be built on the solid rock of faith in the One who came to save all. As we gather each week to worship, may God's Spirit guide and direct us "along right pathways for his namesake." PB

Volunteer Schedule for November

GREETERS

4-8:00 am Rita Decker
4-10:30 am Karen Mengel
11-8:00 am Gary & Carol Rothermel
11-10:30 am Barbara Shafer & Maylynn Wagner
18-8:00 am Lois DeTurk
18-10:30 am Mark & Janine Dreibelbis
Thanksgiving Eve
22-7:00 pm – Nelson & Ruth Ann Eyer
25-8:00 am Leone Family
25-10:30 am David & Mary Mengle

ACOLYTES

Under Construction

Please see Pastor Bruce for schedule

LECTORS

4-8:00 am Rita Decker
4-10:30 am Janine Dreibelbis
11-8:00 am Jeanette Heckman
11-10:30 am Susan Lutz
18-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti
18-10:30 am Faye Heckman
Thanksgiving Eve please call office to Volunteer
22-7:00 pm -
25-8:00 am Rita Decker
25-10:30 am Mark Price

Altar Guild: Clela Borkey and Ruth Hoppes

Bread Baker: Faye Smith

Opportunity House Meal: Friday the 16th
Wanda Hoherchak – Capt. Pat Potts, Mike Potts,
Erin Seidel

Mail Team #2: Thursday the 29th

Music and Worship is collecting empty Oatmeal Containers of any size. Please bring empty containers and place them on the shelves above the coat rack leading to the Sunday School wing.

Poinsettia sign-up sheet will be posted on the narthex bulletin board by November 25th.

Deadline to order poinsettia's
is December 13th.

Upcoming Events At Zion's

November Food Pantry Item

Once again Zion's Lutheran will be preparing food bags for Northern Berks Food Pantry in honor of the Thanksgiving Season. Items needed for the food bags:

1 Box of Potatoes or Stuffing;
1 Gravy (jar, can, or packet);
1 can of Cranberry sauce;
3- 15 oz. cans of vegetables; and a
Jiffy muffin mix or cake mix.

You may give more than one bag if you would like. If you would like to donate more items, please do so separately from the food bags. All bags are due by November 11th, 2018. Please place bags on the narthex shelves. Delivery to food pantry will be November 12, 2018. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

Zion's Lutheran Church is the November volunteer group for the Northern Berks Food Pantry. We need 10- 15 volunteers at the Hamburg Middle School cafeteria at 5:30 on Tuesday, November 13 for their Thanksgiving distribution.

Also needed a volunteer to transport our thanksgiving bags.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, ALL
COMMITTEE HEADS MEETING
@ 7:00 P.M.**

Friday, November 16th, 1-3 p.m. Children of King in Social Hall

Zion's Senior Adults will meet on
Thursday, November 15th @ 11 a.m.
Lunch will be a Catered Meal from
Dori Martin please call church office to sign
up cost is \$10 per person.

Please bring fruit and desserts, as usual. All are welcome. Card games and board games begin at 11 a.m. in the Social Hall.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Wed. November 28th, Talk, Learn, Share
1:00-2:00 pm

If you have memory concerns – Talk with others in similar situations. Learn what others are doing to keep their minds sharp.


If you're a caregiver – Talk with others who have the same concerns. Learn new ways to help your loved one (from peers & professionals). Enjoy seeing your loved one enlivened by social interaction or activities, creating a sense of reconnection and closeness.

Come together or alone to share your experiences, and rediscover your hobbies, joys & interests with new & old friends in a judgment free space.

The Coffee Bar is looking for volunteers to set-up, clean-up, and supply treats. Treats may be store bought or homemade and coffee directions are posted in the kitchen. The Sunday School children love hot chocolate and the adults enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee. If you would like to volunteer, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

All Saints Sunday, November 4th

On Sunday, November 4th, we will remember in worship those who have gone before us in the faith and those who were baptized in the past year. Come and light a candle for your loved one during worship.

Salvation Army Tree, 
will be up by Tuesday, November 13th,
Angel Tree gifts are due back by
Sunday, December 2nd. Please take an
Angel off the Tree for Children or
Seniors write your name and Angel # (s)
on the table located next to the tree.

Sunday School Christmas Program
December 16th at 10:30 a.m.

“Christmas Joy”

Rehearsal dates – Sun. Dec. 9th @ noon
Sat. Dec. 15th @ 9:30 a.m.

LABYRINTH

With a heartfelt thank you to everyone that supported this new ministry, I am so grateful for your well wishes, generosity of monetary donations, buying an engraved brick, the time given by committee members to meet, brain storm, help construct and complete this project. It was a real learning experience for me in a lot of ways. We couldn't have done this without the help of the Boy Scouts, especially Trevor Fegley, Joey Dalton, their families and the expertise of Bryn Kolbe, Contracting, Inc.

As I use the labyrinth It has fed my spirit and I hope it will feed your spirit too. The neighbor, Bonnie, talked with me one day while I was walking the labyrinth She said how nice it looks and that it's being used. I asked if she ever walked the labyrinth and invited her to do so. The names of the shrubs and plants in the flower bed bring to mind “Bible” topics. Can you think of some? Here are the names of the shrubs: Wine & Roses, (Weigela), Global Arborvitae, Blue Star Juniper, Variegated Boxwood and Mums!
Ruth Ann Eyer, Committee Chairperson



Zion's Book Club

The book club will not meet in November or December.

We hope to meet again in the new year.

Thanks,
Lori

Garden news

The end is here!

October has come to a close, and so has Season #5 of the Community Garden. We ended the growing season with a harvest of 4638 pounds.

We want to thank all of our volunteers, both adults and children, who helped us in the Garden this season. You planted, pulled, picked, and weighed. You talked, laughed, listened, and learned. And now we rest, and plan for next year.

We also would like to thank our donors, who continue to support the Garden. Your support allows us to sustain our Garden from season to season. We are also able to purchase produce for local food pantries after our season ends, including apples in November and oranges for December for the Hamburg and Schuylkill Valley pantries.

The end is here, but only for Season #5. See you next year!
Submitted by:
Eileen Puglia, NBCG Secretary



SNOW SHOVELING **VOLUNTEERS**

The Property Committee is seeking volunteers to help with snow shoveling this winter. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the narthex bulletin board. If you are interested in helping, please sign the sheet for the week(s) that you are willing to cover this responsibility.

If you have any questions about the responsibilities of a shoveling volunteer, contact Gary Rothermel, or any Property Committee member. Thank you.

- ❖ Winter Weather and Worship: If Hamburg Area High School cancels, or has early dismissal, then all church programming including meetings are suspended for the day. For large groups, or for Sunday School and worship events, cancellations will be posted on Channel 69's website: (www.wfmz.com) or tv channel. Information will also be on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ZionsChurch/> if you're not sure, call the Church at 610-562-3112

Special Thanks, Prayers, & **Thoughts**

On October 15th Maylynn Wagner had scoliosis related surgery. Maylynn attends Schuylkill Valley Elementary School and Sunday School here at Zion's Lutheran Church. Her Grandmother is Barbara Shafer. Here is an update from her parents: Maylynn's surgery went well. Physical therapy tires her out but is expected as body recovers. As she was headed to the Operating Room there was a picture of Jesus on the wall. Her comment was she couldn't imagine Jesus not being in her room. From the mouth of babes, Faith. We know everything is possible when we place our concerns before His Throne. Thank you to the Faithful for your prayers and concerns as we move forward in this journey. Heather, Rob and Maylynn Wagner. Requesting a card shower to be sent to her home address: 641 W Pine Street, Leesport, PA 19533

Update: Maylynn Wagner was discharged from the hospital on Saturday and is doing amazing. She has started her homebound school studies. Thank you for the cards, prayers and words of encouragement. They mean so much. Heather, Rob and Maylynn Wagner 10/24/18

If anyone has greeting, get well, holiday cards, etc. that they are willing to donate to WELCA, please place them in the church office or WELCA's mailbox. Cards should be marked for WELCA. Thank you!

When is your birthday?

Would you like to
have your birthday on our monthly Newsletter
Birthday Calendar?

Please contact the Church office:

Phone: 610-562-3112

email: churchoffice@zionslutheran.org

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. 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 19526

Nancy Leiby
350 Lackawanna St. Apt.320
Reading, Pa 19601

Bertha Stewart
1040 Berks Rd. Berks Heim A233
Leesport, Pa 19533

George Seidel
501 Hoch Rd
Keystone Villa
Blandon, Pa 19510

Jack & Dorothy Wertz
Maiden Creek Place
105 Dries Rd. Room 5
Reading, Pa 19605

Fern Stricker
112 Main St.
Blandon, Pa 19510

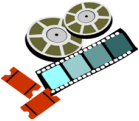
Irvin Ketner
1801 Tulpehocken Rd. Room 1
Wyomissing, Pa 19610

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

Faith Around Town

Faith at the Movies:

“Nativity Story”



Tuesday, 27th, at 7, p.m. The Hamburg Strand Theater. \$8.00 includes small popcorn and small drink. Come and watch a movie and then stay for the discussion.

**THE SALVATION ARMY HAMBURG SERVICE
CENTER NEEDS BELL RINGERS FOR THE
2018 RED KETTLE CHRISTMAS SEASON
THE RED KETTLE SEASON STARTS ON
NOVEMBER 23, 2018**

BELL RINGING LOCATIONS:

**HAMBURG - REDNER'S, CABELA'S & WALMART
LEESPORT - REDNER'S
BERNVILLE - BOYER'S**

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE KETTLE
COORDINATOR AT:**

REDKETTLEHAMBURG@GMAIL.COM

or 610-562-3576

Church Reports

Treasurers Report

1-1-17 Beginning Balance	\$18,317.44
General Offering	\$132,107.44
Special Offering	\$40,351.27
Sub-Total	\$190,776.15
Current Expenses	\$196,498.71
Balance	\$-5,722.56
7-31-18	

Council Corner

To clarify the treasurer's report. The monetary figure is 6 to 8 weeks behind the actual balance due to the newsletter deadline, etc. On that note, William Hill gave our church \$100,000.00 from his estate. What a generous gift from him. Finance committee will make recommendations to council on what we do with the money. Members can also make suggestions, since it is money given for the whole church!

Luke Mengel, son of Chris & Karen and grandson of the late Jimmy & Barbara, presented a plan to earn his Eagle Scout Award. The project proposed is a sitting area 22' by 19' with 5 benches seating about 30 people, only the double benches will have a roof. It will be located between the swing area and oil tank. It's staked off for members to have a visual of its size. Ground surface will be mulch – like the swing areas.

Youth Group had a total of 6 or 7 youth at different events. They recently painted the outside oil tank at the church. A "Puppet Stage" has been ordered for one of the more recent ministries added by Harley Ludy. His ministry will be lifted up in skits during Sunday School and worship in Oct., Nov., the Dec. Sunday school Christmas program and will include some surprises!

The fire protection company will be installing an outside antenna to help alleviate some problems.

Personnel committee will implement yearly evaluations of paid staff. Home schoolers using the church will be asked to make a donation as members do. If you enjoy working on the computer, please consider and pray about taking over our Website and Facebook page (Pastor does

some Facebook). The late Mike Puglia faithfully did this job in the past. It's a very important job because prospective members and visitors often access these sites before attending a worship service. If you are interested, please talk to John Smith, Pastor or call the church office. We've had at least 10 visitors at worship during the summer months.

Sharon Doklan will be the coordinator for Family Promise. She is so good with the families, which I witnessed last year. Sharon, thank you for serving!

Please take the time to fill out a "Time and Talent" sheet. Our church is the strongest when each member helps and shares their time, talents and treasures to accomplish this mission of spreading the "Good News" of the "Gospel and Grace of Jesus Christ"!

At this time, there is no update from the Bishop's Advisory Committee. Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Eyer

Youth Group News

*November 8, 6:00-8:00 - cooking baking for the bazaar

*November 10, 9:00-1:00 church bazaar- volunteers are needed and can count for your community service hours

*November 11, 4:00-8:00-Sky Zone, Bethlehem, Cost is \$13(this includes the socks, slice of pizza and drink). You need to sign up for this event by Oct. 14 and pay the \$13 to reserve your spot.

If you have any questions regarding any of the youth group events, please contact Tiffany Gruber or Brian Moroney.

Don't forget...Please fill out a communion card at least once a year. Doing so helps us to keep updated membership records. Thanks so much!



The annual bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 10th, from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Help is needed to make the bazaar a success. Sign-up sheets are posted for volunteers to help the day of the bazaar, baking, and basket donations, etc. Posters are also available in the narthex please take a few to place in various locations.

Baskets for the raffle should be brought to the church no later than 8:00pm on Friday, 11/9. Please add your name to the list and include the type of basket to be donated i.e. coffee, candles, children activities, movie theme, etc. The baskets must be filled with "NEW" items. Used items should be donated to the flea market department.

Flea market donations can be brought to the church on 11/7, 11/8, and 11/9 between 6:00 - 8:00pm. Volunteers will be available to accept the items during those times. Anyone wishing to donate plants for the bazaar should bring them to the church throughout the week prior to the bazaar which will be held on 11/10. Thank you!

Quilt raffle tickets will be on sale in October. Please contact WELCA to purchase a ticket(s). Also, please let WELCA know if you would be able to sell tickets to people outside of our church family.

Volunteers are needed to bake cookies and pies at our church. Please check your calendar for these dates and times and sign our sheets posted at church.

*Mon. Nov. 5th 1-4 pm – Drop cookies, cutouts

*Tues. Nov. 6th 9am – 12pm – Drop cookies

*Wed. Nov. 7th 1-4 pm – Cutouts, drop cookies

*Thurs. Nov. 8th 9 am – 12 pm Pies, drop cookies

You can also take home a tub to fill with your favorite cookies or bake other items and bring to church by Sat. 11/10 by 8:00 a.m. your help is needed to make this another successful year.



Adult Sunday School

In last month's newsletter, I announced the Bible Study that Pastor and I were doing titled "I Am A Church Member" by Thom S. Rainer. Pastor will lead the study on a Wed. Nov. 14th at 6:15 – 7 pm, and I will lead the Adult Sunday school class on Sunday mornings. Class will start Sunday, Oct. 28 at 9:15 A.M. in the Adult Sunday school room.

I stated previously that each family will receive a copy of the book, but what I wanted to say is one per family member that "attends the Bible study" will receive a book. This book will be a gift to you from the Eyer family. I've had members suggest other ways of paying for the book, but my initial intent was to give it as a gift - and I'm sticking to that. I give gifts to my biological family and this is my gift to my church family. One book will be added to the library collection too.

A little history about this book. My sister, Jane, bought the book at the Book Bonanza sale this year and loaned it to me to read. After reading it, I felt it would be an excellent book for a Bible study. I also wanted to give our dedicated, faithful adult Sunday school class teacher, Janine Dreibelbis, a break from teaching. So, now you know the rest of the story. I hope we break a record total of members at the two Bible studies offered. I've attended Bible studies led by every Pastor we ever called here at Zion's and treasure the knowledge I've gained by doing so. Hope to see you at one or both studies. I'll be there! In Christian Love to My Church Family, Ruth Ann Eyer

KNOTTERS

We are looking for a few Good Women; to sew and knot. You can sew from home or come knot with us at the church. We meet Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month. 9 – 11 a.m.



Join us!

On Tues, December 6th the Knotters have planned a trip to New Windsor, Maryland to tour and have lunch. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and would like to return by 5:00 p.m. If you would like join us on the trip please contact a member of the Knotters.

Currently Knotters will meet every Tuesday in until Nov.13th. 9-11 am in the Gold Room. Volunteers welcome to join.



November Birthday Calendar 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Vernie Noecker Elaine Schroeder	2 April Reitenauer Brett Stefan	3 Jeanette Heckman
4	5 Jade Heckman Donna Miller Janelle Kramer	6 Paul Weidner Sherry Reppert	7 Tiffany Gruber Bradley Clark Rylee Strunk	8 Kai Hawk	9 William Heckman, Jr. Kevin Koehn	10 Lea Moyer Kelly Troutman
11 Morgan Delong	12 Karen Mengel	13	14	15 Allen Daub	16 Nancy Dusko Dorothy Heckman	17 Paul Heckman Dean Sunday
18 Faye Heckman	19 Tracy Pond Faye Smith	20	21	22 Kimberly Olszewski	23	24 Karen Blanford Bradley Wessner
25 Linda Youse	26 Janelle Kerr	27 Brody Driesbach	28 Cleta Borkey	29	30 William Bensinger, Jr.	

November Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31 Office Closed	1 7:00pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	2	3 5:00 pm Worship 7:00pm A.A
4 All Saints Sunday 8:00 am Worship S.School 9:15 am Adult S.School 9:15am 10:30 am Worship	5 Office Closed 7:00 pm All Committee Head Mtg. 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	6 9-11am Knotters 9-11:30 am Home School 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed.Mtg. 7:00pm A.A.-Al-Anon	7 7:15pm Choir	8 9:00am Cemetery Mtg. 11:30 am Ministerium- First Reformed UCC Hamburg 7:00pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	9	10 Annual Bazaar 9 am – 1pm 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A
11 8:00 am Worship S.School 9:15 am Adult S.School 9:15am 10:30 am Worship Blessing of Quilts Family Promise	12 Office Closed 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts Family Promise	13 9-11 Knotters 9-11:30 am Home School 6:30 pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7:00 pm Council Mtg. 7:00pm A.A.-Al-Anon Angel Tree Angels available 5:30 pm Food Pantry Family Promise	14 7:15pm Choir Family Promise	15 11:30 am Ministerium-St. Johns Hamburg 11:00am Zion's Senior Adults 6:00pm WELCA mtg. 6:00pm Worship & Music 7:00pm Property Mtg. 7:00pm Bells/ 8:00pm Brass Family Promise	16 Opportunity House Meal 1-3 pm Children of King in Social Hall Family Promise	17 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A Family Promise
18 Aaron Decker 8:00 am Worship S.School 9:15 am Adult S.School 9:15am 10:30 am Worship Family Promise	19 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	20 9-11:30 am Home School 7:00pm A.A.-Al-Anon	21 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship	22 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	23 Office Closed	24 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A
25 Advent Begins 8:00 am Worship S.School 9:15 am Adult S.School 9:15am 10:30 am Worship Poinsettia sign-up sheet available	26 Office Closed 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	27 9-11:30 am Home School 7:00pm Faith at the Movies “Nativity Story” 7:00pm A.A.-Al-Anon	28 1:00pm Memory Café 7:15pm Choir	29 11:30 am Ministerium- Blue Mt. UCC Strausstown Mail Team #2 7:00pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	30	



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN OF THE ELCA

ANNUAL BAZAAR

SAT. NOVEMBER 10, 2018

9:00am - 1:00pm

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
354 ZIONS CHURCH ROAD
SHOEMAKERSVILLE
PERRY TWP

LUNCH
BBQ - SOUP
FREE COFFEE

BAKED GOODS - COOKIES
BASKET RAFFLES - QUILT RAFFLE
FLEA MARKET - CRAFTS
PLANTS



10/12/2018

Hello,

The Northern Berks Food Pantry wants to thank everyone for their continued support of our Pantry. We are very grateful for the donations we receive throughout the year. Because of our location in the Middle School, we are required to follow certain policies to ensure the safety of the students is not compromised. The following policies will be strictly enforced from today forward:

All food donations are to be delivered **only** when Food Pantry personnel are present at the school.

Second Monday at 9:00 am 4th Tuesday at 5:00 pm (changes only for the holidays)

If you need special consideration - contact Wanda Bechtel 610-562-7122

Perishable items/fresh produce are **ONLY** to be delivered on distribution night –unfortunately we have no place to store them to keep them fresh.

Please leave a note identifying you organization with your food donations.

Please do NOT take food to the school during school hours EVER - it is not their responsibility to store or relocate our food.

Thanks again for your continued support of the food pantry.

Best regards,

Wanda Bechtel, Food pantry coordinator

Northern Berks Food Pantry

711 Windsor Street
Hamburg, PA 19526
610-562-7122
Lori1p@verizon.net

Announcing the 2018 Harvest/Advent
Northern Berks
Ministerium Thursday
Worship Services
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

**A Fellowship Soup Buffet to Follow Each Brief Worship
Freewill Offering to benefit the
Hamburg Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Fund**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, November 8	First Reformed UCC – Hamburg
Thursday, November 15	St. John’s Lutheran, Hamburg
Thursday, November 22 – Happy Thanksgiving!	No Worship Service.
Thursday, November 29	Blue Mountain UCC Strausstown
Thursday, December 6	St. Mary’s, Tilden Township
Thursday, December 13	Zion’s Lutheran Perry Township
Thursday, December 20	Friedens Church, Shartlesville

Red Kettle Concert to benefit the Hamburg Salvation Army on Sunday, Dec. 9
at 4 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Hamburg

Monthly “Faith at the Movies” At The Hamburg Strand

\$8 per person includes small drink/small popcorn

Tuesday, November 27 “The Nativity Story (2006)

Tuesday, December 11 – “The Fourth Wise Man” (1985)

Stay for the discussion following the movie

Like us on Facebook “Northern Berks Ministerium”

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Monthly Mailing to Be Sent Using Email

In an effort to be more faithful stewards both of the synod's financial resources and of the earth God has entrusted to our care, the synod "Monthly Mailing" will no longer be reproduced on paper and mailed through the post office.

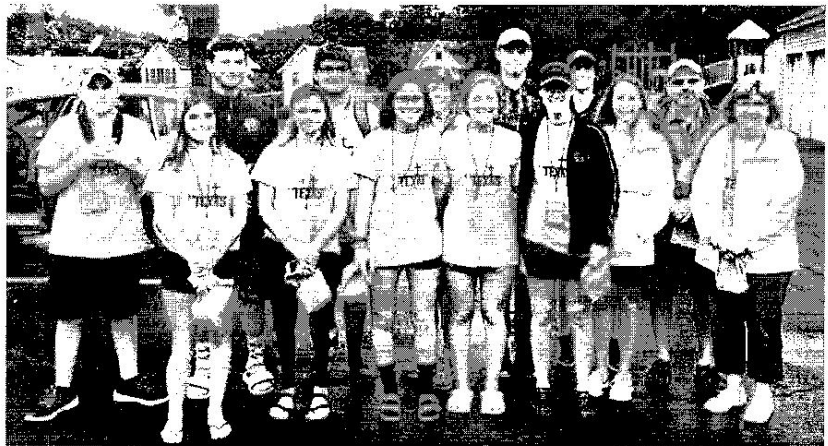
Beginning with the January 2019 mailing, materials will be emailed to each congregation and also posted for download on the synod website.

For this to work, it is important that each congregation have a current email on file with the synod office. If your congregation is not receiving the weekly E-News (sent out on Tuesday mornings), it is probably best if you contact the synod at nepsinfo1988@gmail.com with the email you wish to use for the monthly materials.

If your congregation does not use email, please recruit a member who does have an email address to receive your materials, and forward that address to the synod.

The synod recognizes that it may be inconvenient for a few congregations, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation with this transition. If you have any questions about what you need to do, please contact the synod at nepsinfo1988@gmail.com or 610-266-5101.

Living into Common Mission



St. John Lutheran Church and Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) in Sayre enjoyed the fruits of its partnership this summer in at least two ways: sending 10 youth from both parishes to the Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston, and worshipping together for the summer months. Both experiences have enriched the relationships between the two parishes.

Some years ago, the two parishes began discussions about sharing clergy with the Synod and Diocese. Early in 2017 an Episcopal priest was called to serve both parishes, bringing a full time presence to each at a part-time cost. Building on a successful youth program at Redeemer, the youth of both parishes combined to form a single youth group.

In December, the group decided to attend the LYG; and in less than six months they raised sufficient funds to send to Houston all ten eligible youth and four adult companions, including the pastor. As far as it is known, this was the only interdenominational youth group in attendance! And the youth found that for them, the Youth Event motto "this changes everything" was in fact true.

Because of construction projects at each site, the two parishes worshipped together during the summer months, alternating between Lutheran Worship and the Book of Common Prayer from week to week. Majorities of both congregations attended services, regardless of where the service was held. Both memberships remarked on how nice it was to worship in a full church and how much they appreciated the opportunity to get to know one another better.

A Year Long Celebration of Serving

For we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works. (Ephesian 2:10)



At St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg, Rally Day is more than the kick-off to Sunday School. It is an introduction to a year-long focus not only for Sunday School, but for the entire congregation. The ELCA theme, "God's Work Our Hands" was selected by the Parish Education Committee to celebrate the talents which we have been given by God to serve our community and the world.

To introduce the theme, the children were asked to bring cans of food to donate to a local food pantry, make first aid kits, and sing songs about being a helping hand.



Hand prints listing community service ideas were hung on the church walls to encourage young and old to offer their gifts to others. Located around the church are specific "God's Work Our Hands" crosses. St. John's members place a "hand" sticker on one of the crosses when they have used their hands to do God's work. As the crosses fill up with hands this year, they will serve as a way to celebrate all the good work being done by one church in Berks County, collectively using unique God-given gifts to make a difference in the world.

More Stories from God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday



Faith, Mount Penn

Several other stories about God's Work. Our Hands. community outreach projects are posted on the synod website (<http://nepasynod.org/events/stories-gwoh-sunday>). If your congregation participated in one, send a short story with one or more photos to georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com.

As you can see from the article above, these projects can take place throughout the year!



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Community Ministries @ Zion’s

Mon nights: Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. – Pack/Troop 163.

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

Hand bells 7 p.m., and Brass 8 p.m. Thursdays

Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

www.readysetreaddberks.org Read to a 2nd grader at Tilden School Wednesday s (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.Nov.15th at 11 a.m.

Zion’s Book Group: No Meeting for Nov. or Dec.

Memory Café: Wednesday, November 28th 1 p.m.

Serve the Opportunity House Meal every third Friday of the month, Fri. Nov.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.

Suicide Prevention- Text- ruOK to 484-816-7865, secure, anonymous communication.

Zion's Messenger

Saturday Worship: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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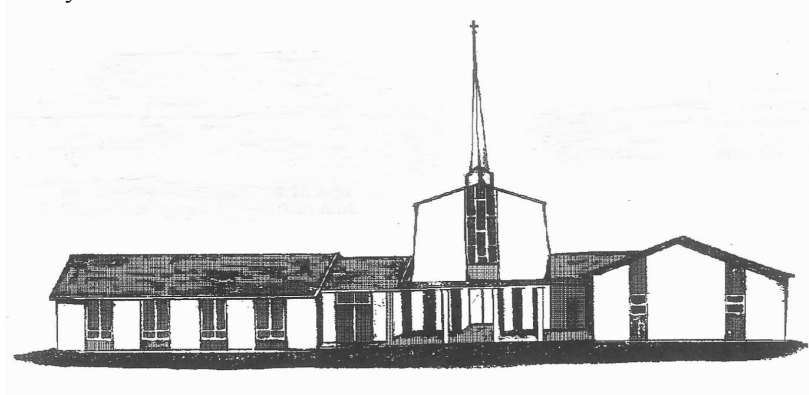
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