

Zion's Messenger May 2019



Letter from the Pastor:

Dear Zion members and friends,

When I was in college, I worked in **The Stop and Shop Grocery Store** in West Caldwell, NJ. I grew tired of working nights and weekends so I decided to begin delivering the **Newark Star-Ledger** newspaper, 4:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. each morning. It was a motor route with about 200 papers to deliver seven days a week. The pay was better than the store. The hours didn't conflict with anything but sleep. Sometimes I would come home and go back to sleep.

On more than one weekday morning, I failed to rise with my alarm clock. When my father got up for work and discovered that I was still in bed, he would come to my bedroom door and exclaim in a loud voice, **"Aren't you going to deliver the papers today?"** It felt like an electric shock had just gone through my body! I sprung out of bed and ran out the door. I'm sure that my dad enjoyed the sight! Customers didn't like it when their morning paper was late! That "electric shock" just might be how it felt to the disciples when they encountered the Risen Lord! Until Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days later, his followers had frequent encounters with him, on the road, by the sea, and in a large gathering.

Back in my early morning newspaper delivery days, when I would come home and lay back down, somewhere around 9 or 10 **on the weekends**, my dad would awaken me with the phrase **"The world awaits; you, too, can make a valuable contribution!"** Dad wasn't much for sleeping in, even on the weekends. I get my seemingly endless energy from him.

That phrase **"the world awaits; you, too, can make a valuable contribution"** is what the Risen Lord says to all of the baptized in every age. Sharing our gifts, talents, and resources with others is how we put our faith to work in the world. Each person has been given gifts that can be shared to help build up God's Kingdom here on earth. As individuals, we serve God in our daily lives. As a community of believers, we combine our gifts to do even more. Easter is not just a one-day celebration of the coming of spring, it is a seven-week season of joy. **Some would say that its' joy extends to every worship service of the year.**

I was in worship in our home congregation more often then, when I was a kid, then I am now as a pastor. I have four Sundays of vacation time now. As a young person, we rarely missed being in church four Sundays a year. My dad was not a pastor but we were faithful weekly attenders, even front row sitters in our small church building in north Jersey.

As you get out and about in the warm month of May, remember that it is the Risen Christ who bids you to do good, practice kindness and compassion toward others, and live out your days as a faithful baptized Child of God. **I hope to see you in worship. In Christ, Pastor Bruce**

P.S. Help our important community newspaper, the Reading Eagle by subscribing.

Government officials at all levels are held accountable by the reporting of the Reading Eagle staff. A digital subscription is only \$8 per month. I still have to have the hard copy on my porch every morning. Besides, I have to check the obituaries every day to make sure that my name is not in there!

May Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

5-8:00 am – Leone Family
5-10:30 am – Paul & Linda Weidner
12-8:00 am – Ron & Joy Weyer
12-10:30 am – Susan & Woody Lutz
19-8:00 am – Robert & Vernie Noecker
19-10:30 am – Barbara Shafer & Maylynn Wagner
26-8:00 am -Gary & Carol Rothermel
26-10:30 am – Karen Mengel

ACOLYTES

5-8:00 am Bella Denatala
5-10:30 am Drew Koller
12-8:00 am Brayden Heckman
12-10:30 am Ty Seidel
19-8:00 am Volunteer Please Do
19-10:30 am Drew Koller
26-8:00 am Bella Denatala
26-10:30 am Samantha Gruber

LECTORS

5-8:00 am – Venus Fioravanti
5-10:30 am – Chris Brennan
12-8:00 am – Faye Heckman
12-10:30 am – Susan Lutz
19-8:00 am – Jeanette Heckman
19-10:30 am – Susie Lutz
26-8:00 am – Venus Fioravanti
26-10:30 am – Mark Dreibelbis

Altar Guild: Paul & Linda Weidner

Bread Baker: Faye Heckman

Opportunity House Meal: Tina Blake-Capt. Pat Potts, Mike Potts, Janine Dreibelbis

Mail Team # 3: Thursday May 30th.

Mary & David Mengle

May Food Pantry item is: **Peanut Butter.** 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

May 6th 7:00 p.m. Committee Heads Mtg.

Zions Cemetery Meeting

May 9th, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. Cemetery board meeting at Zion, Windsor Castle church.

May 8th, 1:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary Committee Mtg.

May 13th Welcome & Outreach Mtg.

Zions Senior Adults will be meeting on Thursday, May 16th, beginning at 11:00 am. In the Gold Room

Please note Amanda will be out of the Church Office from: May 30th – June 4th. Returning June 5th

A volunteer is need to change the information on the church sign at the road. If you are interested, please contact the church office, Pastor Bruce or Wanda Hoherchak.

Youth Group News

Sunday, May 26th, 2019 – Hike to the Pinnacle 2 - 4 p.m. Please email youthgroup@zionsluthern.org to RSVP for this event by May 23rd, 2019

June 2nd, 2019 – Vacation Bible School Decoration Prep. 6 – 8 p.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall to start creating the decorations for the VBS.

Shoe Collection! The Christian Education Committee wants your unwanted shoes! Please drop any unwanted shoes in the collection boxes by the coat racks. We will sort through the shoes and find new homes or uses for them. **Collection dates April 28th thru June 2nd.**



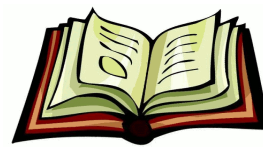


May Birthdays



- May 2nd – Jason Dewald
 May 3rd – Loralee Laventura
 Dorothy Wertz
 May 4th - Edmund Adam
 May 5th – Grace Murray
 May 7th – Taylor Gruber
 Jara Heckman
 May 9th Roxanne LaFaver
 May 10th Mabel Fry
 Taryn Seidel
 Ty Seidel
 May 11th Malcom Justice
 Zachary Onulack
 Christina Seidel
 May 14th Tyler Seidel
 May 15th Howard Hoppes
 Marc Schroeder
 May 16th Bryce Brennan
 May 17 Jaimie Heckman
 May 20th Patricia Potts
 May 21st Dylan Gough
 Kathryn Reinhart
 May 23rd Matthew Clark
 Jean Daub
 Carrie Price
 Leslie Seidel
 May 25th Heather Noecker
 May 26th Sandra Masters
 Brandi Seidel
 May 28th Latham Mazaika
 Sandra Moroney
 Bradley Reinhart
 May 29th Mae Berger
 Tammy Eyer
 May 30th Amanda Grow
 May 31st Tara Bachman

Would you like your birthday listed in the newsletter? Please contact the Church Office today. 610-562-3112



Zion's Book Club

The book club will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in the church library.

May 16 "Twain and Stanley Enter Paradise" by Oscar Hijuelos- this book explores the friendship between Mark Twain and the explorer Henry Morton Stanley

June 20 Stranded in Paradise by Lori Copeland- A trip to paradise turns out to be a nightmarish vacation



Volunteer to take over church library duties

Needed; a volunteer to take over church library duties. Ruth Ann Eyer will show you how it's been done in the past, if you want. However, you can do it your way. Don't give any donations until a volunteer comes forward, because we don't want the library to become a room of clutter!

Library Shelves: "Prayer is very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails." Martin Luther

Items added to your library collection recently:
Board Book: Bible Adventures with 5 cutaway stories. Easy books: The Life of Martin Luther – a pop-up – by Agostino Traini, Little Shepherd adapted by Dandi D. Mackall, Clopper and the Night Travelers written by Emily King, Maybe God Is Like

That Too written by Jennifer Grant. Juvenile book: Children's Book of Prayers.

Reformation books: Martin Luther's Table Talk edited by Henry F. French, The Roots of Reform – the annotated Luther – Volume 1 edited by Timothy J. Wengert, The Wit of Martin Luther by Eric W. Gritsch, Martin Luther's 95 Theses – with introduction, commentary, & study guide, Martin Luther's Christmas Book edited by Roland H. Bainton, The Freedom of a Christian 1520 – the annotated Luther study edition – by Timothy J. Wengert, Papa Luther by Daniel D. Maurer, Luther's Prayer edited by Herbert F. Brokering, Luther the Reformer – the story of the man and his career, second edition, by James M. Kittelson.

Religion books: Declaration on the Way - Church, Ministry, and Eucharist by Augsburg Fortress, 1000 Faces of God by Rebecca Hind, Self-Guided Tour of the Bible by Christopher D. Hudson – maps, charts, time lines, simple overviews.

DVD: Joseph Rosendo's Travel Scope of Switzerland & Germany. Bio: On Fire by John O'Leary. Inspiration: The Family Book of Advent by Carol Garborg. Wellness: Overwhelming Odds, by Susan & Denny O'Leary (their 9-year-old son's miraculous & triumphant fight to survive from burns of 98% of his body). Fiction: The Lady in the Attic by Tara Randel, Christian Life: THEVOW, the true events that inspired the movie written by Kim & Krickitt Carpenter with Dana Wilkerson. Reference: Armchair Reader is a trademark of Publications International, Ltd. – Fascinating BIBLE Facts.

I'm trying to clear the donation shelf of items that were previously donated. I'm adding them to the library shelves for YOU to enjoy. Don't start bringing more donations to the library unless you want to learn how to add them to the shelves! The shelves are full. Thanks! Ruth Ann Eyer

Last Day of Sunday School, June 2nd.
Join us for the picnic after 10:30 worship.

9:00 a.m. Sunday, Worship begins June, 9th.

Garden News



"The best place to find God is in a garden. You can dig for him there."

George Bernard Shaw

Spring is here and so is the start of our 6th Garden season. The soil is tilled and we will soon start one of our busiest times – spring planting. Please listen for Sunday announcements or check Zion's Facebook page for news of our work nights. Previous volunteers will be called/emailed work night information. If you want to be put on the Garden volunteer contact list, please email us at communitygarden@zionslutheran.org or contact Lori at 610-401-1186.

American Heart Adult/Pediatric/Infant CPR & AED training classes

New Certification class: Saturday, May 11th

9 am – 12:30 pm (approx.) **FULL – class closed**

***NEW Certification class:** Saturday, May 18th

9 am – 12:30 am (approx.)

This class is now changed to a New Certification class. Spaces still available

Zion's Lutheran Church, Gold Room. No cost to Zion's staff or current members. Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or call the church office. American Heart Certification will be good for 2 years.

Special Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped with Zion's Annual Egg Hunt; egg boilers, egg dyers, egg hidiers.

Thank you to the Choir for special music during Lenten / Holy week.

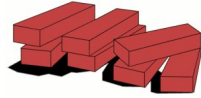
Thank you to those who sponsored Easter Flowers

Capital Fund offerings on Easter Sunday \$2,360.

Thank you.

Celebrating 50 years!

The Bricks



Where did the bricks come from for our building? If you said Glen-Gery, you'd be correct. If you said Glen-Gery Shoemakersville, you'd be incorrect. Our bricks came from the Reading plant in Wyomissing. Carl Hepner, Zion's member, was Plant Manager/Superintendent of Glen-Gery Reading division at that time. The bricks were extruded, cut by wire with a machine, and then burned in a kiln for at least 2 days. The kiln looked like a beehive. Local shale, dug up close by, was ground up fine to manufacture the brick, and the face of the brick was most likely blasted with sand to obtain the desired look and color. It was a labor-intensive process. According to Reading Eagle's Business Weekly (April 16, 2019), at nearly 130 years in business, Glen-Gery continues as one of the nation's largest brick manufacturers.

Thanks to Irwin Levan for his contribution to this article.

Shut in Mailing List

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

Mrs. Gloria Fisher
Laurel Center
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Hamburg, PA 19526

Joann Himmelberger
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Shoemakersville, Pa 19555

David Seidel
Grand View Manor

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Fleetwood, Pa 19522

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Blandon, Pa 19510

Church Reports

There are several projects that are in progress or have been completed at the church. The floors have been replaced in the three bathrooms. The men's room floor was paid for out of the capital budget at approximately \$2,400. The women's room floors were paid for by WELCA. The women donated approximately \$5,000 to complete the project. Thank you WELCA for your contributions.

The water did not pass inspection. It was tested at the well, and is clean, but when it comes thru the pipes, it is testing positive for bacteria. Property has received an estimate to add a UV light to the

system. The paperwork has been started, and a plumber has been contacted. This could be approximately \$3,500 to fix the issues. The parking lot needs to be replaced. Property received several estimates, and made a recommendation to council to go with Ronnie Folk Paving. They have a milling machine, so they can recycle the product. The entire parking lot, both front and back will be replaced for \$60,230.00. To secure the estimate, a deposit was made of 1/3 down in the amount of \$20,276.66. The down payment was taken from the Capital fund \$8,204.66 and \$11,872.00 was used from the Bill Hill memorial fund.

There are envelopes available for CAPITAL FUND. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating toward the projects. There is a balance for the parking lot of \$40,153.34 that will be due within 30 days of the project completion.

Please see any member of council if you have any questions. Thank you to everyone for all that you do for Zion's Lutheran Church.

Paving was complete on April 22-23, 2019

Treasurers Report

1-1-19

Beginning Balance	\$ - 8,497.13
General Offering	\$37,936.42
Special Offering	\$4,797.70
Sub- Total	\$34,236.99
Current Expense YTD	\$59,299.48
Balance	\$-25,062.49

	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>
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Monthly Income	\$11,809.98	\$15,266.50	\$37,936.42
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Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our Annual budget

of \$189,750.00	\$15,812.50	\$15,812.50	\$47,437.50
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Surplus/Shortfall	\$-4,002.52	\$-546.00	\$9,501.08
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COUNCIL CORNER

Our Church Congregation Council met on April 9, 2019, called to order by President Hoherchak.

Treasurer Sandra Moroney reported that we finished March with a deficit of \$905.25, making our total deficit for the year - \$25,062.49.

Council reviewed plans for Easter service coverage, the egg hunt, and the Easter breakfast.

A letter, drafted by Property Committee and signed by President Hoherchak on behalf of Council has been sent to Kistler O'Brien requesting that our warranty for the fire detection system be extended since there have been ongoing issues with the system since installation. To date there has been no response.

Worship & Music Committee reported that the request to soften the volume of the organ at the 8AM service has been implemented.

WELCA reported that after hearing a presentation about the Nurse Family Partnership, the group has decided that our Christmas in July drive will be collecting items needed by the group. A list of needed items and details on the project will be coming soon.

Luke Mengel's Eagle Scout project is underway and should be completed in time for our church picnic on June 2, 2019.

Personnel Committee presented a Paid Staff Supervisory Flow Chart which was approved by Council.

Media Planning reported that to provide coverage throughout the entire church, a second Wi-Fi network has been added for the Sunday School area.

Council approved entering into a contract with Ronnie Folk to repave our entire parking lot, at a total cost of \$62,200. A down payment of \$20,067 will be made from whatever Capital Funds are available, with the remainder from Bill Hill funds. The balance will be due 30 days after completion of

the project and will be made with any available Capital Funds and a loan from our Van Guard account which will be repaid. Respectfully submitted, Lucille D. Gough



Quilt KNOTTERS: The Knotters will c
meet every Tuesday in the month of
April, 9 a.m. -11 a.m. Volunteers are
welcome. Squares are available in the Church
Office to take along home and sew together.

Faith Around Town

Faith at the Movies:

"Chariots of Fire"

Tuesday, May 21st, 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



Shoemakersville Area Lions Club is hosting
Kauffman's Chicken Barbecue. Sunday, May 5th, 10
a.m.- 2 p.m. in Shoemakersville Park. Tickets are
\$9.00 each. Meal includes: ½ chicken, baked
potato, apple sauce, beverage, roll & butter. Please
see Pastor Bruce for tickets.

Wildflower Nature Walk: On Saturday, May 4,
2019 at 2:00 p.m., the Dreibelbis Farm Historical
Society will host a Spring Wildflower Walk at the
Historic Dreibelbis Farm in Virginville. The Historic
Dreibelbis Farm is located on Route 143 south of
the village of Virginville. GPS Address: 356 Hard
Hill Road, Hamburg, PA. For more information
visit www.Dreibelbisfarm.org, "Historic Dreibelbis
Farm" on Facebook or contact Mark Dreibelbis
at (610) 488-7896.

Join hundreds of caring people like you who have a
heart to serve the poor, the widow, and the orphan
as Jesus commanded. Volunteers will prepare tons
of humanitarian supplies to be shipped to GAIN's
international partners who help relieve the
suffering of people they serve and offer them the
hope of Jesus. The June Mission Packing Project
occurs daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 18

- 22, 2019, with an evening session June 19 from
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come for one, several, or all
sessions! GAIN Logistics Center 1506 Quarry Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552 phone: 717-285-4220

A special newsletter "Faith in Daily Life"
Quiz for all of you puzzle-lovers out there.
Submit your answers to the church office
via email (churchoffice@zionslutheran.org)
or in writing in the offering plate with your
name and you will receive a prize from
Pastor Bruce if you answer all 8 questions
correctly.

1. Name the country in Africa that has
the most Lutherans in the world living
in it.
2. Who was quoted, in the 1770's as
worrying about "the German people
taking over Penn's Woods"?
3. What did Millard Fuller and Clarence
Jordan create together?
4. What year was Pastor Bruce ordained
in?
5. What years did Pastor Lyn Langhamer
serve at Zion's Lutheran Church?
6. Name the shortest verse in the Bible.
7. Where is Dr. Bodo Otto buried? (Hint:
He was the Surgeon General of the
Continental Army at Valley Forge)
8. What was Martin Luther's wife's
name?

Have fun with this. The first 3 to respond
get a "double" prize. PB

Vacation Bible School!

June 17-21 from 9:00-11:30am

Please consider volunteering your time and
talents. We need station leaders, crew
leaders and helpers, and people to help

create safari theme decorations. Sign-up
form with media form in the newsletter.
Faye Heckman - VBS Director: 484-256-7513
fayeheckman@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School
June 17-21, 2019
9:00am to 11:30am

Zion's Lutheran Church
354 Zions Church Road
Shoemakersville, PA 19555



REGISTRATION FORM

(Please fill out one form for each child)
Ages 3 through 5th grade
Please return by June 9

Child's name _____

Child's age _____ Date of birth _____

Child's gender _____ Last school grade completed _____

Address _____

Name of parent(s) _____

Phone # _____

Allergies or other medical conditions:

In case of emergency, contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to child _____

If you would like a **CD** or **digital download** of the VBS songs,
please indicate which one by circling above. 1 per family

Zion's Lutheran Church Perry Township Media Policy

Throughout the course of the year, Zion's Lutheran Church of Perry Township may initiate coverage of church activities through various forms of print or electronic media such as newsletter, local newspapers, articles, flyers, web pages, television broadcasts, and social media. The coverage may include photographs, video/audio of church events, as well as identifying information. Participants involved in activities at Zion's Lutheran of Perry Township are considered to be giving consent to the possibility of the described media coverage.

All parents/guardians of participants in these activities under the age of 18 are encouraged to review this media policy. Those parents/guardians that **do not** give consent to include their child's photograph/work of church activities should sign the parental media restriction form below and return it with this registration.

Parental Media Restriction Form

Name of child _____

I **DO NOT** give permission to include my child's
photograph/work in coverage of church activities.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Save the Date

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

of Life and Ministry at Zion's Lutheran Church, Shoemakersville

Saturday, November 23, 2019 | 4:00PM

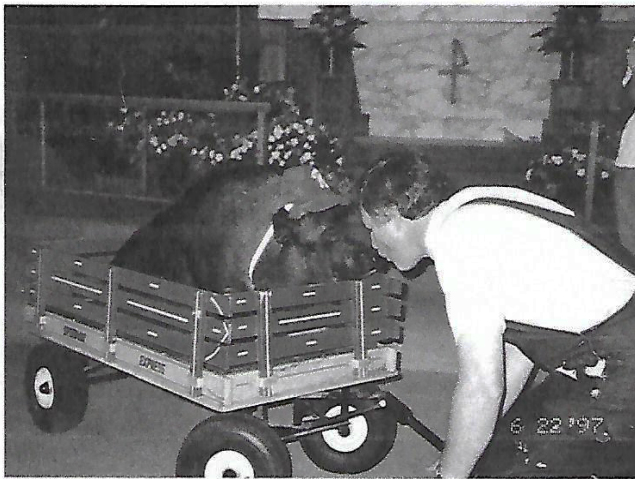
Remember when...



Boy Scout Sunday - 1988



Girl Scout Collection - 1988



Kiss a Pig Campaign - 1997



Picnic in the Park - 1999



Volley Ball - 2003



Seder Meal - 1980

Zion's Monthly Calendar for May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Open		1 7:15 p.m. Choir	2 7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	3 Office Closed	4 7-12 Scouts Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall 5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
5 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. S. School 10:30 a.m. Worship	6 Office Closed 7:00 p.m. All Comm. Head Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	7 7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon	8 1:00 p.m. 50 th Anniv. Mtg. 7:15 p.m. Choir	9 9:00 a.m. Cemetery Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	10	11 9-12:30 CPR & AED training classes New Certification 5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
12 Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. S. School 10:30 a.m. Worship	13 Office Open Welcome & Outreach Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	14 9-11 a.m. Knotters 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Home School 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16 Office Closed 11:00 a.m. Zion's Seniors 7:00p.m. Book Club 7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	17 5:30 p.m. Opp. House Meal.	18 Armed Forces Day 9-11:30 CPR & AED training classes, New Certification 5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
19 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. S. School 10:30 a.m. Worship	20 Office Open Newsletter Deadline 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 p.m. Faith @ Movies 7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon	22 7:15 p.m. Choir	23 Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	24	25 5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
26 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. S. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 2-4 p.m. Youth Hike to Pinnacle	27 Office Open Memorial Day 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	28 9-11 a.m. Knotters 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Home School 7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon	29 7:15 p.m. Choir	30 Office Closed Mail Team 7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	31 Office Closed	5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A

Looking Ahead at Activities at Zion's Lutheran Church

Learn about cutting seed potatoes. Help out The Potato Project entering its' 11th year. (You sit at tables and cut up potatoes and socialize with lots of friends.) **Saturday, April 27 from 1 - 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 from 1 - 4 p.m. at Beckers-St. Peter's Social Hall/Pavilion, 265 Maiden creek Road Fleetwood (up on the hill).**

Our AED/CPR Class Still Open – Sat. May 18 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Call the Church Office to reserve your spot in the class.

Sunday, June 2 – Picnic after 10:30 a.m. worship service. Celebrating the end of the school year, this is the last day of Sunday School classes. Bring a dish to share.

One Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m. beginning on Sunday, June 9. Pentecost Day – Wear Red to Church. Give a geranium in honor or in memory of a loved one. It will be planted in the churchyard.

Any volunteers?

No outdoor worship/picnic on Father's Day, June 16th this year.

“Roar!” – Life is wild. God is good!

Morning Bible School – June 17-21 9-11:30 a.m. Many helpers are needed to support our excellent program for children Age 3 to Grade 5. Contact Faye Heckman to volunteer 484-256-7513 or at faye.heckman@gmail.com.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN NOW. Forms available.

Sunday, July 7 at 10 a.m. – Shoemakersville Community Worship Service in Shoey Park with members of Zion's, Salem United Methodist and St. Luke's Union Churches. A volunteer to coordinate the potluck picnic afterward/make hamburger BBQ is needed. Please speak with Pastor Bruce if you can help out.

Please use a Capital Fund envelope to help pay for all of the upgrade projects that have occurred on our church property. You will find these envelopes in the pews and in the racks in the Narthex.

30 days after the completion of the parking lot paving, the balance is due to the Ronnie C. Folk Paving Company, approximately \$40,000 at the end of May. **Your generous gifts are invited and welcome at this time.**

Additionally, the water system problems have been figured out and fixed. The cracked-up floors were replaced in three bathrooms.

The church's AED device was upgraded and volunteers are being trained on how to use it, if needed. Thank you to Reading Hospital's Heart Health program.

We have been blessed to have Salem-Belleman's Troop member and future Eagle Scout Luke Mengel construct an outdoor meeting area adjacent to our swing sets. The whole area was mulched as a part of this project. We anticipate dedicating this new gathering area soon. Luke, your grandparents would be proud of you for doing this! When the weather is nice, Saturday 5 p.m. worship will be held there.

A sign will be posted directing worshippers back there.

New grass mowing volunteers are welcome. Please sign up on the chart. Some weekly push-mowing and weed-wacking is needed. Training is available.

Talk to Gary Rothermel.

We are still looking for a weekly roadside sign changer. See PB or Wand H.

Zion's Lutheran Church 354 Zions Church Rd. Shoemakersville, PA 19555	
CAPITAL FUND	
Date: _____	Envelope Number: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____

“Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township”

Like us on Facebook www.zionslutheran.org

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Church Office Email is churchoffice@zionslutheran.org

The Church Office is open 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 9:15 a.m., Adult Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

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

2019 Congregation Council Members:

President: Wanda Hoherchak, Vice President: Lucille Gough, Secretary: Donna Long; Tina Blake, Mark Dreibelbis, Janine Dreibelbis, Ruth Ann Eyer
Susan Lutz, John Smith and Michael Potts. 2 positions remain open.

Community Ministries @ Zion’s

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

Many Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. Homeschool Group

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.

Regular Monthly Activities – Please Join in

Quilt-Knotters: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 9 - 11 a.m. in May (You also can work at home!)

Zion’s Senior Adult Fellowship: Thurs. May 16th at 11 a.m.

Zion’s Book Group: May 16th

Serve the Opportunity House Meal every third Friday of the month, Fri. May 17th

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: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

May 2019

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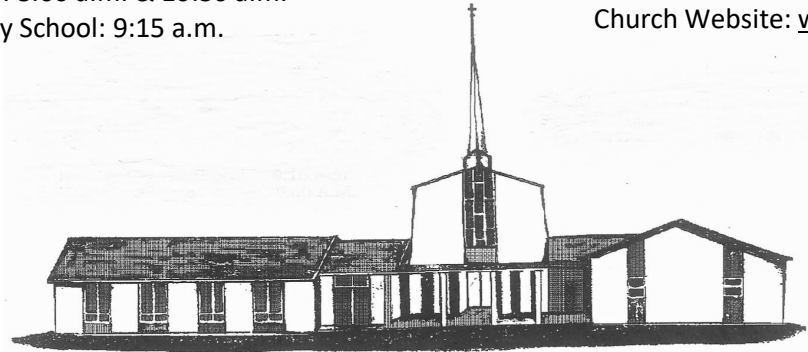
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Purpose Statement:

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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Museum of the Bible — Bus Trip

Saturday June 1, 2019

We, the members of the First UCC church in Hamburg, invite you to join us on a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC.



Details:

- **Depart Walmart parking lot — Tilden at 6:30am**
- **Arrive at Museum 10:00am**
- **10:00 — 5:00 Free time**
 - **There is a subway station close to the museum for people wishing to see more of the city**
- **5:00pm bus departs DC; 6:30 quick fast food stop**
- **9:00pm return to Walmart**
- **Cost: \$55.00 each — includes admission to the museum**
- **For reservations call Sue Leiby 610 562-7637 to see if space remains**
- **Send check payable to "First UCC Steering Committee" to Sue at 705 Hillside Drive, Hamburg, Pa. 19526**
- **Non-refundable**
- **Bus cannot wait for people; if late need find & pay own way home**

Remember when...



Passion Sunday - 2019



Drum Circle - 2009



Progressive Dinner - 1999



Halloween - 1980



Our Refugee Family - 1978



Christmas Caroling - 2011