Zion's Messenger June 2019



Letter from the Pastor:

Don't you just love this time of year? Good weather busting out all over if you don't count the hail/thunderstorms. Graduations to celebrate. Flowers blooming, gardens rising from the mud (and weeds too), baseball games everywhere. And for us, maybe even best of all, Sunday scripture readings from the very exciting Book of Acts. God's Spirit does wild and crazy things to people as the organization founded by the Carpenter from Nazareth begins to stretch out from its' Jerusalem base. Dr. Luke shifts his story's main character from Simon Peter to Paul as the story moves along. Both get out of jail free!

Paul schools the intellectual Athenians in the famous Greek Areopagus on the difference between a "stone" god and a "living" god. **You can read about it in Acts Chapter 17.** "When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and other with them."

Ah, the joy that is ours during this Easter season! This newsletter gets mailed on Ascension Day, May 30! All of creation sings the praise of God as prayers ascend with him to God's right hand. Remember that he will be back!

In the meantime, praise Him regularly with us. On Sunday, June 2, we celebrate the end of another school year and Sunday School year. Come and enjoy some worship outdoors and a potluck picnic fellowship.

On Pentecost Day, June 9, we begin our summer worship at 9 a.m. Wear "red" to worship. See our quilts. Give a geranium.

June 17-21, our Morning Bible School "Roar" will be held for children age 3 to Grade 5. (We need volunteers to help out) They visit the Lehigh Zoo that Thursday afternoon, June 20.

On Sunday, June 30, we will sing our favorite hymns. Tell us yours.

On Sunday, July 7 at 10 a.m., we will worship in Shoemakersville Park with the rest of the Shoey Community. Bring some picnic food and visit with your neighbors.

Spread the news. Join in the growth in our lives and in our faith. PB

June Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

2-8:00 am - Ron & Joy Weyer

2-10:30 am -Richard & Donna Long

9-9:00 am - Brenda Hartman & Bill Gundrum

16-9:00 am - Carl & Carolyn Hollenbach

23-9:00 am - Cleta Borkey

30-9:00 am – Rita Decker

ACOLYTES

2-8:00 am Brayden Heckman

2-10:30 am Ty Seidel

9-9:00 am Bella Denatala

16-9:00 am Drew Koller

23-9:00 am Brayden Heckman

30-9:00 am Ty Seidel

LECTORS

2-8:00 am - Jeanette Heckman

2-10:30 am – Janine Dreibelbis

9-9:00 am - Susan Lutz

16-9:00 am - Chris Brennan

23-9:00 am - Faye Heckman

30-9:00 am - Rita Decker

Altar Guild: Cleta Borkey and Ruth Hoppes

Bread Baker: Chris Brennan

<u>Opportunity House Meal:</u> Rita Decker – Capt. Venus Fioravanti, Mel Fioravanti, Paul Weidner

Mail Team # 3: Thursday June 27th.

June Food Pantry item is: raisins, trail mix, dried fruit, freeze pops and fruit roll ups. 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

Last Day of Sunday School, June 2nd.



Mark your Calendar - Annual Picnic June 2nd.

There will be an 8:00 a.m. indoor service, and

weather permitting a 10:30 a.m. outdoor service. This will be the last day of Sunday School for the summer, and we encourage all families to join us for the picnic following 10:30 a.m. worship. The fellowship committee will provide Hamburger BBQ, Hot dogs, Strawberries, and Ice Cream. Please bring a covered dish to share. We will be having the annual cake walk along with fun and games for all ages. Hope to see you there! Congregational picnic will be family friendly with activities for all ages! Our worship location will be sunnier as we will dedicate the new outdoor classroom. Please bring your own shade, either an umbrella or a pop-up tent if you are sun sensitive.

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

Zions Cemetery Meeting

June 13th, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. Cemetery board meeting at Zion, Windsor Castle church.

June 5^{th} , 1:00 p.m. 50^{th} Anniv. Committee Mtg.

Zion's Senior Adults will meet on their regularly scheduled day, Thursday, June 20 at 11 a.m. even though Bible School will be going on. It will be a picnic lunch so please bring picnic items including salads and desserts. Hot dogs will be served.

Please note Amanda will be out of the Church Office from: May 30th – June 4^{th.} 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

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.

June 17-21st Week of Service. These activities will be held directly after Vacation Bible School. Please pack a lunch.

Monday- volunteer for Shoemakersville Lion's Club

Tuesday- Keystone Military Families

Wednesday- Christian Resource Library

Thursday- VBS field trip to Lehigh Valley Zoo

Friday- Property work day at the church-finish painting the oil tank, please wear old clothing.

To RSVP please email <u>youthgroup@zionslutheran.org</u> by June 10th.

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 date thru June 2nd.



Check the lost and found basket in the narthex. A ring was found and turned into the office.



June Birthdays



2nd Wanda Hoherchak

3rd Avery Gruber

6th Pamela Seidel

Carl Hollenbach

7th Robin Epting

8th Jaxon Seidel

10th Huck Costenbader

11th Crystal Koehn

Jane Seidel

12th Matthew Hoffert Jennifer Mazaika Devin Pond Matthew Noecker

20th Carol Smith

21st Tracie Heckman Dennis Reinhart Carolyn Hollenbach

John Williamson

24th Hannah Hix

25th Karen Heckman Brandon Noecker

27th Mckenzie Clark

28th Dennis Heckman Carmen Long Ryan Wilhelm

29th William Deibler

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



Attention Class of 2019:

Are graduating from high school or college this year? Please contact the Church Office with your information. Let us know the name of the high school you are graduating from. If you are graduating from college, what your degree.



The book club will meet on Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 pm in the church library.

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

July 18 "Sweet Salt Air" by Barbara Delinsky Hannah- the story of two childhood friends who reconnect at their summer house in Maine.



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!

Zion's is in need of a Family Promise Coordinator/Family Promise Committee. Out next host week is July 28 through August 4. Training and information is available to help your efforts. please contact Wanda Hoherchak (570-778-8403) or Pastor Bruce if you are interested in working with us or if you want more information.

Garden News



Can you dig it?

Or can you help plant it? Our 6th Garden season has gotten off to a late start, and we are planting as fast as we can. We are in great need of volunteers this time of the year to get everything planted.

Work nights are tentatively Monday and Thursday nights at 5:30 pm. This time of year, we go week by week to determine our work nights, depending what needs to be done until we get everything planted. We will continue to send out notices via email/phone each week, post the schedule on Zion's Facebook page, and announcements will continue to be made at weekly worship services.

To receive notifications of our work day schedules, please contact Lori at 610–401-1186 to be put on our phone/email list, or email us at communitygarden@zionslutheran.org.

Submitted by: Eileen Puglia, NBCG Secretary

Special Thoughts & Thank You Notes



Thank you!

A big thanks to Roy Sousley, Sam Olszewski, and Nancy & Jason Dusko for their work to prepare the Garden for planting this season. We are truly blessed to have such faithful supporters each season. Now we're ready to get planting!

The Knotters would like to thank everyone for their many donations of supplies used to put the quilts together.

Shut in Mailing List

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

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

Joann Himmelberger 1152 Main St. Shoemakersville, Pa 19555

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

> Peggy Marquette Sacred Heart: Suite 202 4851 Saucon Creek Rd. Center Valley, Pa 18034

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

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

> Fern Stricker 112 Main St. Blandon, Pa 19510

Joanne Busch 616 N.2nd St. 1st fl. Apt. Reading, Pa 19601

Church Reports

COUNCIL CORNER

Church Council met May 14, 2019.

In April we received \$31, 702.31 in offerings. Our expenses were \$37,429.97. This means we spent \$5727.66 more than what we brought in. Our expenses have exceeded our offerings each month.

We are making progress on our capital expenses. We have collected \$8471.50 for the parking lot project. A little over \$1000 of this came from the Donald Reinhart Memorial Fund. We continue to need approximately \$31,000 to pay this off. The bathroom upgrades are paid for.

The church picnic is scheduled for June 2 after 10:30 worship. Committees are working to make this a family -friendly event with games for all ages.

Our water is now safe to drink. We are looking to install an ultraviolet light to replace our current costly and obsolete system.

The smoke alarms are now functioning properly.

The annual Synod Convention is June 1. Mark and Janine Dreibelbis will be our church's representatives this year.

It has been 50 years since our congregation moved into the current church building. Our 50th anniversary celebration is scheduled for Nov. 23.

Council president has been in contact with the Synod office for an update regarding our Pastoral situation. The Synod continues to actively work on obtaining a call for Pastor Bruce. At the present time, there are no full-time openings in Berks County. Synod reports that this is a priority, and they continue to work towards resolving this.

We are in need of a coordinator for Family Promise. Our next rotation is July 28-Aug 4.

There continue to be open spots on Church Council. We have 10 filled positions and 2 open positions. If you are interested in serving in this area, please contact President, Wanda Hoherchak or any other Council Member.

Treasurers Report

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

Balance	Ş-2	25,062.49	
	March	April	YTD 2019
Monthly Income	\$15,266.50	\$24,515.14	\$62,451.56
Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our Annual budget of \$189,750.00	\$15,812.50	\$15.812.50	\$63,250.00
Surplus/Shortfall	-\$546.00	\$8,702.64	-\$798.44



Quilt KNOTTERS: The Knotters will meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 9 a.m. -11 a.m. Volunteers are

welcome. Squares are available in the Church Office to take along home and sew together.

Knotters News: We are going to bless the quilts on June 9th @ 1030 a.m. service. Also, on the same day there will be an auction of 3 quilts, the money raised will go toward transportation of the guilts.

Since the backpacks were such a success in 2018, Knotters will be making them again in August. Any help in making and assembling the backpacks is welcomed. Information on school supply donations will be available soon.

Faith Around Town

Faith at the Movies:

"Paul, Apostle of Christ"

Tuesday, June 25th, 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

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

♣ There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board for Vacation Bible School snack donations.

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

Celebrating 50 years!



The Land

How was our new location chosen? After the Union Church was being dissolved, it was decided the new church be built no closer than one mile from the original church. The membership was taken into account, and several sites were looked at, including a field belonging to Earl Epting; the Rohrbach farm area on Onyx Cave Road; land along Route 662 near the present Perry Municipal Building; and the property of church member Elmer Smith, which was the site that was chosen. This location was felt to be centrally located for the membership, and was approved for purchase at the annual congregational meeting on January 15, 1967 at a purchase price of \$9,000.

Thanks to Faye Smith for her contribution to this article. Information also provided by "A Church for All Generations, Commemorating the 45th Anniversary of Our New Church: 1969-2014."

Zion's Monthly Calendar for June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Open			Office Closed	Office Closed	1
				8:00 p.m. Brass		5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. S. School 10:30 a.m. Worship Zions Annual	3 Office Closed	4 Office Closed 7:00p.m. Christian Ed.	5 Office Open 1:00 p.m. 50 th Anniversary Mtg.	8:00 p.m. Brass	7	8 Synod Assembly in Hazelton, PA 5:00p.m. Worship
Picnic/Brass 6:00 p.m. Youth-VBS Decorating		Mtg 7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon		8.00 p.m. brass		7:00 p.m. A-A
9 Pentecost Day Wear Red to Church	10 Office Closed	11 9-11 a.m. Knotters	12	9:00 a.m. Cemetery Mtg.	14	15
9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship &		7:00 p.m. Council Mtg.		Newsletter Deadline		5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
Music Mtg.		7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon		8:00 p.m. Brass last rehearsal till Aug.		
Father's Day 9:00 a.m. Worship	Office Open 11:30 a.m. Youth	18 VBS 11:30 a.m. Youth Group Keystone Military Families	19 VBS 11:30 a.m. Youth Group - Christian	20 VBS 11:30 a.m. Youth Group - VBS Lehigh Valley Zoo	21 VBS 11:30 a.m. Youth Group - property work day at Church	22
	Group Vol. Shoey Lion's Club	7:00 p.m. Faith @ Movies	Resource Library	11:00 a.m. Zions Seniors	5:30 p.m. Opp. House Meal.	5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
		7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon		7:00p.m. Book Club	Printing Newsletter	
9:00 a.m. Worship	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed 9-11 a.m. Knotters	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed Mail Team	28 Office Closed	29
30 9:00 a.m. Worship		7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon				5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A

21st ANNUAL AUGUSTANION AUGUST

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #163

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

(Rain Date August 18, 2019)



"PERRY TWP. REGREATION AREA"

Onyx Cave Road, Shoemakersville, PA

DIRECTIONS (Look for Signs)... From 222 & 662 in Moselem Spring

FEATURING!

Boy Scouts' Choice

"Best In

Show"

Award

DOORPHZES

At light go North on 662 (Moselem Spring Rd.), right onto Ontelaunee Trail Rd., left onto Onyx Cave Rd. (*Parking on left*)

From 61 & 662 in Shoemakersville

At light go South on 662 (Moselem Spring Rd.), left onto Windsor Castle Rd., right onto Onyx Cave Rd. (Parking on right)

SMOKEY BEAR Pulled Pork BBQ

(August 11, 2019 Only - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., rain or shine)

Includes Pulled Pork, Roll, BBQ Sauce, Baked Potato and Beverage

For Information Call: Christie 610-562-0324 or Dave 610-562-3823

BBQ Aug. 11 only No Alcoholic Beverages, Pets or Bicycles - Thank You!

Perry Twp. Recreation Area Park or Affiliates and Boy Scout Troop 163

are not responsible for Accidents, Damages or Theft

BBQ AUG. 11 ONLY

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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 9:00 a.m. Summer Schedule

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. No Homeschool Group for the Summer

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 No Rehearsal, and Brass Last rehearsal for summer June 13th 8 p.m. No Adult Choir Rehearsal for the Summer

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

Zion's Senior Adult Fellowship: Thurs. June 20th at 11 a.m.

Zion's Book Group: Thurs. June 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Serve the Opportunity House Meal every third Friday of the month, Fri. June 21st

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.

Family Promise Coordinator needed July 28th – August 4th 2019

Zion's Messenger

Saturday Worship: 5:00 p.m. Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.

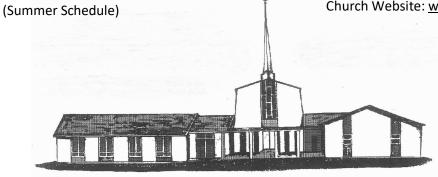
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