

# Zion's Messenger November 2019



Dear Zion's Members and Friends,

Our lessons today (Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>) from Jeremiah, from Romans, and from John's Gospel, were all pivotal passages in propelling Martin Luther's faith and thinking about God and about the life of faith.

It is 502 years ago now that Martin Luther decided to go public with his thinking, taking on the whole world in debate about how church life and faith should be. God's grace should be primary for the church because God's grace in Jesus Christ is what brings salvation to the world and to each human being.

Romans 3:23 says that **“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and they are now justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ.”** There is nothing to fear because God took care of it by sending Jesus to this world. No amount of good works can get it done, God's sacrifice of Jesus breaks the chains of our human bondage to sin and we are set free to love and serve our neighbor. **“We are no longer slaves to sin”** as Jesus says in John Chapter 8 today, the saving action of Jesus is the truth and the truth changes everything. We are free to love God and love our neighbor.

The hope that we find in Jeremiah 31 drives our faith life forward. Those Israelites had a memory problem. God wrote their life instructions down on stone tablets and gave it to Moses to give to them, but they were stubborn and didn't want to listen. Over and over again in the Old Testament we can read about their stubborn ways. So Jeremiah tells them that God will write the instructions right directly on their hearts and they will know God. They will know what God has done for them. They will never forget that God forgives them always, no matter what. **God promises to be their God and God sustains those whom he loves.** Noah through the flood. Abraham and Sarah in their old age with a child. Jacob as he wrestled with the angel by the ford of the Jabbok River. Joseph after his brothers abandoned him and sold him into slavery. God broke the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt. Sustained them through 40 years in their long walk to the promised land with manna from heaven and water from the rock. As they entered the Promised Land and took it to be their own. A young boy with a couple of stones defeats a large warrior. With a wise king who commands a child to be cut in half and shared with 2 supposed moms-knowing that the real mom will speak out for the child. After foreign invaders sweep their country away and only a remnant remains, God promises to send them a Savior, a Messiah, a new commander. The ways of this Christ

are spelled out for all to see, for all to study, for all to grasp, and struggle with. When gather in these pews, in this place, we try to do just that.

**When we gather in worship, we celebrate our Lutheran Christian faith. It is a faith that has Christ at its' center. The Jesus' message of loving God and loving our neighbor is at its' center, too. Ours is a faith that digs in and works hard to understand.**

**Ours is a faith that gets its' hands dirty** when others want to use gloves and keep their distance from the tough issues of sexuality, and race relations, and care for the environment, and what to do about immigrants and refugees, about how to be a church on the public square.

**Ours is a faith that engages the real problems of human life.** That is why the orphanage at Topton was founded, the college known as Muhlenberg was established, the camp at Bear Creek developed, the shelter known as Opportunity House down in Reading, the giant food pantry now known as Helping Harvest, all of those and more, in order to help young and old practice their faith in the real world.

**Ours is a faith that unites and includes rather than dividing and excluding.** It is why we are in fellowship with so many other denominations. **We collaborate by nature, all for the common good of all and not just for the good of some.**

**Ours is a faith** that provides support to those who were formerly addicted. **Ours is a faith** that grows vegetables and packs bags, and lifts boxes, and picks up potatoes off of the ground, to help feed those who are hungry. **Ours is a faith** that teaches about life and faith, and encourages all ages to keep on learning. **Ours is a faith** that splashes water on baby heads, and sometimes grown-up heads. **Ours is a faith** that knows of the mystery and power behind the simple meal of bread and wine. **Ours is a faith** that focusses on what God promises and on what God does for us, through us, in us to change the things.

It is not what we do **but what God does** that makes the ultimate difference. God loves all and so should we. **God forgives all and so should we. God loves each of us and God wants each of us to love God back.** When we do these things, we are sustained. We are strengthened. We have meaning and purpose in our lives. **Let's keep doing these things, shall we? Pastor Bruce Osterhout**

**P.S.** We welcomed Kristen Kemery as our new Administrative Assistant on October 28<sup>th</sup>. She is the wife of Mike Kemery for almost 19 years and they have a 4 year old daughter named Katie and reside in Lenhartsville.

**P.S.S. Remember those who have died in the past year, this Sunday-All Saints Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## November Volunteer Schedule

### **GREETERS:**

**3 8:00 am** Lois Deturk  
**3 10:30 am** Dan & Carolyn Geist  
**10 8:00 am** Leone Family  
**10 10:30 am** Nelson & Ruth Ann Eyer  
**18 8:00 am** Rita Decker  
**18 10:30 am** Paul & Linda Weidner  
**24 8:00 am** Robert & Vernie Noecker  
**24 10:30 am** Barbara Shafer & Maylynn Wagner  
**27 7:00 pm** Thanksgiving Eve – volunteer needed

**ACOLYTES TBD** (not available)

**LECTORS TBD** (not available)

**Altar Guild:** Kim Olszewski and Wanda Hoherchak

**Bread Baker:** Faye Smith

**Opportunity House Meal: Friday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>:** Captain Eileen Puglia, Mike Potts, Pat Potts, and Erin Seidel.

*+++Currently seeking a volunteer to be the captain of a team for Opportunity House meals.* Please contact the Church Office, or Council President Wanda Hoherchak for more information.

**Mail Team 2:** Date to be TBD

## Garden News

October has come to an end, and we have finished our Garden's sixth season. This season, we harvested 3,545 pounds of produce and have donated it to local food pantries and families in need.

This year also brought continued Garden updates. We had electric installed at our Garden shed. A little light in the shed was especially helpful as the days grew shorter at the end of the season. A special shout out to Russ Olszewski for all of his help with this project!

We continue to be blessed by the generous donation of time from all of our faithful Garden volunteers. Thanks again for all of your support. Please see Lori Palubinski or Eileen Puglia for ways you can help us plan for Season #7 in spring 2020. Thanks!

## Upcoming Events At Zion's

**Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>  
ALL COMMITTEE HEAD MEETING  
7:00 PM**

## November Food Pantry

### **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 P.M on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> for their Thanksgiving distribution. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can be there that night!

Once again, we 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**

**1 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 Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please place bags on the narthex shelves. Delivery to the food pantry will be Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Thank you.

## ***Harvest/Advent Community Worship***

Northern Berks Ministerium Thursday  
Worship Services begin Thursday, November 7 at St. John's, Hamburg. **Zion's will host the service on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am.** A freewill collection will be held for the NB Ministerium Community Emergency Assistance fund.

A fellowship soup buffet will follow after the worship service. **Volunteers are needed to donate soup and bread. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board.** Zion's Senior Adults begin meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Zion's WELCA Bazaar is coming**

**November 9!**



Bazaar time is almost here! It's Saturday, November 9 from 9 am -1 pm. Time to finish your preparations. Flea market items can be dropped off in the gold room the week of the Bazaar (not before). Baskets for the basket raffle can also be dropped off during the week of the Bazaar. Baked goods should be brought to the fellowship hall the morning of the Bazaar. Plants can be dropped off Friday evening. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for those who want to help bake or help the day of the Bazaar.

On Bazaar day bring your friends to shop, get a free cup of coffee while you're browsing, then have some lunch. The aroma of homemade soup and barbecue can be enough to make your mouth water. You can get it to go or sit down and enjoy it right away. The long tables filled with baked goods are enough to satisfy any sweet tooth. The basket and quilt raffle tickets can

be purchased up until noon. That's when the drawings will be held.

## **ATTENTION ALL BAKERS**

Sign-up sheets are posted for helpers to bake cookies November 5<sup>th</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup> at Church for our annual Bazaar.

Tubs are available to pickup to bake cookies at home and return before the Bazaar. Home baked pies, cakes, cupcakes, sticky buns, pumpkin rolls, etc. are also good sellers.

Lists for donations of baking supplies are also posted. Please sign up and help us make our Bazaar another great year.

Help is also needed Saturday to help sell our items.



## **November Birthdays**



- 1<sup>st</sup> Vernie Noecker, Elaine Schroeder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Reitenauer, Brett Stefan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanette Heckman
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jade Heckman, Donna Miller & Janelle Kramer
- 6<sup>th</sup> Paul Weidner, Sherry Reppert
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tiffany Gruber, Bradley Clark & Rylee Strunk
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kai Hawk
- 9<sup>th</sup> William Heckman, Jr.  
Kevin Koehn
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lea Moyer, Kelly Troutman
- 11<sup>th</sup> Morgan Delong
- 12<sup>th</sup> Karen Mengel
- 15<sup>th</sup> Allen Daub
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nancy Dusko, Dorothy Heckman
- 17<sup>th</sup> Paul Heckman, Dean Sunday
- 18<sup>th</sup> Faye Heckman
- 19<sup>th</sup> Tracy Pond, Faye Smith
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Kim Olszewski
- 24<sup>th</sup> Karen Blandford  
Bradley Wessner
- 25<sup>th</sup> Linda Youse
- 26<sup>th</sup> Janelle Kerr
- 27<sup>th</sup> Brody Dreisbach
- 28<sup>th</sup> Cleta Borkey
- 30<sup>th</sup> William Bensinger, Jr.

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

## Shut in Mailing List

*Mrs. Jane Francis*  
Kutztown Manor – Room 146-D  
120 Trexler Ave.  
Kutztown Pa, 19530

*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*  
Sacred Heart: Suite 202  
4851 Saucon Creek Rd.  
Center Valley, Pa 18034

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

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

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

*Fern Stricker*  
112 Main St.  
Blandon, Pa 19510

Phares & Mabel Fry

65 Fry Lane  
Auburn, Pa 17922

## Church Reports

### Treasurers Report

<b>1-1-19 Beginning Balance</b>	<b>-\$8,497.13</b>
General Offering YTD	141,001.84
Transfers	-21,623.00
Special offering YTD	12,894.77
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>123,776.48</b>
Current Expenses YTD	162,668.44
<b>Balance</b>	<b>- 38,891.96</b>

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD 2019</u>
Monthly Income	\$13,695.55	\$15,019.63	\$141,002.14
Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our Annual budget of \$189,750.00	\$15,812.50	\$15,812.50	\$142,312.50
<b>Surplus/Shortfall</b>	\$-2,116.95	\$-792.87	\$-1,310.36
Total income to all Budget line items	\$14,667.02	\$16,602.42	\$153,896.61
Expenses for all Budget line items	\$17,252.60	\$16,136.83	\$162,668.44
Prior Month Balance	\$-36,781.97	\$-39,357.55	\$-8,497.13
<b>Surplus/shortfall Per budget</b>			\$-21,623.00
Transfers to Correct fund Bal. For Capt. Expenses	\$-39,357.55	\$-38,891.96	\$-38,891.96
<b>We budgeted to be</b>	<b>\$-32,258.00</b>	<b>at 12-13-19</b>	

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## *Volunteer Child Safety Clearance*

Please make sure to get your updated clearances to the Church Office, for updating records and file folders.

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# COUNCIL CORNER

Council met with Ty Seidel, who read his report on “Why I am a Christian”. Drew Koller and Bella Denatala had previous commitments that evening. Council voted to accept all three confirmands as they affirmed their baptisms on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Dreibelbis, Janine Dreibelbis and Tina Blake will be meeting to set guidelines for financial requests for the Bill Hill funds.

Council met with Deacon Marlane Druckenmiller to begin the process of completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) for Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. This form defines what Zion’s is looking for in a new minister. Pastor Bruce continues to seek a new call. We are working with Marlane to complete the MSP so when he does receive a calling, we are ready to move forward with our search for a new pastor.

**We would like to welcome our new Administrative Assistant Kristen Kemery. She started on October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

We continue to send out the newsletter by email. If you are willing to accept an email vs printed paper, please go onto the church’s website, and add your email address. With the price of postage going up again, we would like to cut down on the number of newsletters mailed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanda Hoherchak  
Council President



## **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.

**Salvation Army Angel Tree,** 

will be up by Tuesday, **November 8<sup>th</sup>**,  
Angel Tree gifts are due back by Sunday,  
**December 9th.** 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.



**Quilt KNOTTERS:** The Knotters will  
meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in 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.



### **Youth Group Event**

The Youth Group will be baking cut-out cookies for  
the Bazaar on Sunday, November 3 from 6-8pm in  
the church kitchen. Please let Faye Heckman  
([fayeheckman@gmail.com](mailto:fayeheckman@gmail.com) or 484-256-7513) know if  
you can attend.

**VOTE on Tues. November 5**

## **Faith Around Town**

### **Faith at the Movies: "Courageous"**

Tuesday, November 26th, at 7 pm at 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 Family Store in Hamburg is  
looking for retired men to volunteer in the Family  
Store. The store needs male volunteers to help 2 to  
3 hours in the morning Tuesday through Saturday.  
If interested in volunteering a few hours a week,  
contact Peggy @ 484-660-3851. Thank you, Cathy  
Correll, Office Coordinator, Salvation Army  
Service Center

### *WELCA – All Women of the Church*

WELCA will be preparing the evening meal at  
Berks Festival of Faith at Bern Lutheran Church  
on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Meet at Bern  
Lutheran at 4:00 to help with this project.

On Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, WELCA will  
meet in our kitchen at 6 P.M. to do some meal  
preparation for the Thursday meal at  
the Festival of Faith. There will also be a wrap  
up discussion of the Bazaar.

**Northern Berks Ministerium**  
**Harvest/Advent Thursday**  
**11:30 a.m. Worship Services**  
**With Soup Buffet**

Thurs. Nov. 7 - @ St. John's, Hamburg  
Thurs. Nov. 14 - @ First Reformed UCC,

**Hamburg**

**Thurs. Nov. 19 - @ ZION's LUTHERAN**

**Thurs. Dec. 5 - @ St. Mary's, Tilden**

**Township**

**Fall Back Clocks- 1 hour**

**THIS Saturday night,**

**November 2**





### ***The People were Faithful***

Sometimes it's hard to remember what you did yesterday. Not for Ernie Heckman. Ernie is able to recall the building project as if it was yesterday, not 50 years ago. For our new church building, he served as Chairman of the Study Committee, General Chairman of the Planning Council, as well as Chairman of the Building Commission.

Sitting down with Ernie to discuss the construction project, from the idea, the first stake in the ground, and through the construction, he recalls Zion's journey. What is also evident is his recollection of the feelings of himself, the leadership, and the congregation as they entered into this uncharted territory. There was no land and there was no money. These problems were both rectified. There was vision. The accessible design was ahead of its time.

Throughout our talk, a message of faith was most evident. The mortgage was paid in 16 years. A drop in membership, to be expected with any change, was met with a growth in members when the new building opened its doors. Ernie summed it up beautifully when he stated, "We were blessed. The people were faithful."


Submitted by Eileen Puglia, Anniversary Committee

Information also provided by "A Church for All Generations, Commemorating the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our New Church: 1969-2014."

## **Coffee Bar News**

Coffee Bar is up and running again! We are asking for people to sign up to set up the coffee bar, to clean up the coffee bar, and to supply snacks for the Coffee Bar. The Sunday School children enjoy hot chocolate and the adults enjoy having a cup of coffee. Please consider assisting with this fellowship activity. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the office.

We are also looking for donations of hot chocolate packets for the Coffee Bar.

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***We continue to collect donations for the Zion's Parking lot project. Please use the Capital Funds Donation envelopes in the narthex.***



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN OF THE ELCA

# ***ANNUAL BAZAAR***

**SAT. NOVEMBER 9, 2019**

**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**



**50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF OUR BUILDING  
ZION'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
RESERVATION FORM**

We cordially invite you to join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our building. Your RSVP is required as seats are limited!

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 5:30PM

**WHERE:** ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL, 354 ZIONS CHURCH ROAD  
SHOEMAKERSVILLE, PA 19555

**COST:** ADULTS - \$17, CHILDREN AGES 5 to 10 - \$8, CHILDREN UNDER 5 - FREE

**RSVP DEADLINE:** SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2019

**BUFFET:** BAKED HAM WITH PINEAPPLE AND MARINATED CHICKEN BREAST SERVED WITH TOSSED SALAD, POTATO FILLING WITH GRAVY, BROCCOLI/CAULIFLOWER, MACARONI AND CHEESE, ROLLS AND BUTTER, CAKE, COFFEE AND ICED TEA.

RSVP by returning the form below along with payment. Checks should be made payable to Zion's Lutheran Church and mailed to: 50th Anniversary Dinner, Zion's Lutheran Church, 354 Zions Church Rd, Shoemakersville, PA 19555 or put in an envelope marked 50th Anniversary Dinner and placed in the offering basket. Include the name of each attendee with your payment.

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**We're Coming to the 50TH Anniversary Dinner in celebration of our building!**

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ at \$17/each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children 5-10 \_\_\_\_\_ at \$8/each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children under 5 \_\_\_\_\_      **Total Cost** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Zion's Monthly Calendar for November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
<b>3</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sun.School 10:30 a.m. Worship  6-8 pm Youth Cookie baking for Bazaar	<b>4 Office Closed</b>  7:00 Committee Head meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 9-1 Flea Market Drop off  9:30 -11:30 a.m. Home School Group  7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon	<b>6</b> 9-1 Flea Market Drop off  7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>7</b> 9-1 Flea Market Drop off 6-8 pm flea Market Drop off  7:00 Worship & Music 7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	<b>8</b> 9-1 Flea Market Drop off 6-8 pm flea Market Drop off	<b>9</b> 9-1 WELCA BAZAAR  5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
<b>10</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sun.School 10:30 a.m. Worship RSVP deadline – Anniversary dinner	<b>11 Office Closed</b>  <b>Veterans Day</b>  6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Home School Group 9-11 a.m. Knotters  7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon	<b>13</b> 1:00 Anniversary Com Meeting  7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>14</b>  7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	<b>15</b>  5:30 p.m. Opp. House Meal.	<b>16</b>  5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
<b>17</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sun.School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>18 Office Closed</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Home School Group  5:30 Hamburg Food Pantry -Zion's vol. 7:00 p.m. AA. Al-Anon 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>20</b>  7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>21</b> 4:00 PM WELCA Festival of Faith 11:00 a.m. Zion's Seniors 11:30 Ministerium Advent Service & Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Bells 8:00 p.m. Brass	<b>22</b> 9 am Anniversary dinner set up	<b>23</b>  5:30 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner 5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A
<b>24</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sun.School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>25 Office Closed</b>  6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> 9-11 a.m. Knotters 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Home School Group 9-11 a.m. Knotters	<b>27</b>  7:00 p.m Thanksgiving Eve Worship followed by Choir	<b>28 Office Closed</b>  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  5:00p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. A-A

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

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

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

Church Office Email is churchoffice@zionslutheran.org

**The Church Office is open Tuesdays - Fridays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Worship Services:** Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 am

**Check out [www.livinglutheran.org](http://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, Kristen Kemery; 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**

Pack/Troop 163. Meets on Mondays. CUBS 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m.  
A.A. and Al-Anon meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. A.A. meets on Saturdays at 7 p.m.

### **Regular Weekly Activities - Please Join in**

Hand Bells: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.; Brass: Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir Rehearsal Most Wednesdays 7:15 p.m./Some Tuesdays

### **Regular Monthly Activities – Please Join in**

Quilt-Knotters: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9 - 11 a.m. (You also can work at home!)  
Zion’s Senior Adult Fellowship every third Thursday  
Serve the Opportunity House Meal every third Friday

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

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

On Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 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](http://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.**

**Catechism Retreat (Grades 7-8) at Bear Creek Camp – March 13-15, 2020**

# Zion's Messenger

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

## November 2019

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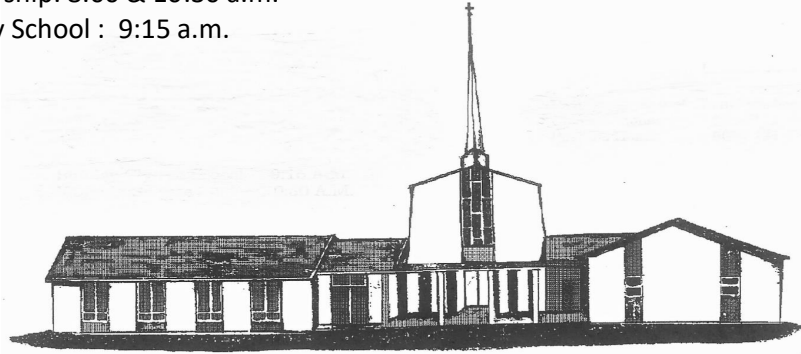
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### **Purpose Statement:**

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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