

Zion's Messenger December 2019

Dear Zion Members and Friends,



November was a big food month. The agricultural bounty of our county shows forth in the amazing meals that we enjoy. Did anyone consume “too much” on our National Day of Thanksgiving? Any now all of the holiday treats are available.

Food is such a huge part of church life. In the days leading up to our annual Bazaar, the cookie bakers used the church ovens to create wonderful treats. The church building smelled great all that week. That Tuesday, some homeschool children were wide-eyed and ready when I offered them some chocolate chip cookies at the end of their day’s activities. (The Reading Eagle is running a Cookie Recipe Competition, by the way, check it out and participate) We enjoyed meal fellowship at tables during the Bazaar.

In an 8 day stretch, from November 15 – 23, we had 5 rather large “food related” events. Thank you to all of the Zion volunteers who did great work at each of these events: **Event # 1** – Zion volunteers served men, women, and children their evening meal at Opportunity House on N. 2nd Street in Reading, on Friday, November 15. **Event # 2** - 77 local families received food for their Thanksgiving celebration on Tuesday, November 19 at the Hamburg Middle School. Many Zion members had given bags of “meal trimmings”. That night, volunteers put food in carts, pushed carts to cars, and performed many other chores. Pantry Volunteer Coordinator Lori Palubinski sends a hearty “**THANK YOU**” to all who helped out. **Event # 3** – 46 people enjoyed the soup buffet in the Fellowship Hall following Ministerium worship on Thursday morning, Nov. 21. **Event # 4** - Festival of Faith participants enjoyed shepherd’s pie made by Zion WELCA volunteers and served at Bern Lutheran Church for supper on November 21. **Event # 5** – What a nice anniversary dinner we enjoyed on Saturday, November 23, provided by Dori Martin catering. What a beautiful job the Anniversary Committee did in decorating the Fellowship Hall and arranging the evening program. **Thank you to Rita Decker, Shirlene Epting, Carolyn Hollenbach, Eileen Puglia, Carol Rothermel, Barbara Seidel, and Ruth Wilhelm** for their good work in helping us celebrate and remember what happened 50 years ago and what has happened since, in this functional building that is the base of our operations as a faith community.

Our table fellowship is rooted in and finds its’ deepest meaning in the sacred meal that we share around the altar when we gather for worship. 50 years ago, member Donald Smith knew this. The marble had not arrived. Folks were anxious to “try” the room out. Donald took it upon himself to construct a temporary table for use for that first worship service in the nave.

We continue to gather around the God’s Table of Grace each week. In it, we find forgiveness of our sins and the hope of eternal life. We find strength for each day. We connect to our God who has acted to save us from ourselves. God came down to earth to check it out. God sent the Messiah to be born. This Advent season, we wait, once again, for him.

Blessings to all, Pastor Bruce

50th Anniversary of the Zion's Lutheran Church Building – November 23, 2019

Lord God of Heaven and Earth, we gather as your people tonight, to remember and celebrate the gifts of teamwork, cooperation and courage that were shared by so many to make this building that we now sit, in a reality. We remember during November in particular, that you are the Lord of the Harvest. We remember the deep agricultural roots of our congregation and we give thanks for its' bounty, year after year after year. We are grateful for the productive work of the volunteers in the Northern Berks Community Garden, the volunteers and workers at The Potato Project, and all the farmers who work hard in making and keeping the land productive.

We give thanks for all the members who have gone before us in the faith especially those who were here 50 years ago and who are not with us now. We name them in our hearts at this time. **(Pause)** For those who attend Sunday School each week and for those who serve as teachers, we pray for their growth in life and in faith. For our church musicians, organist/choir director, choir members, bell ringers and brass players and their director, for all who sing out with joy in their hearts at each worship service.

For those who work on our church staff, keeping the building and bathrooms clean, keeping our congregation organized, for volunteers who mow grass and shovel snow, cook food for others, bake cookies and pies, sponsor flowers and bulletins, donate canned goods for others, plant vegetables for others to eat, fold newsletters, set up flower stands, get out decorations and put them away, rake leaves, pull weeds and trim bushes.

For those who work together to keep worship organized and inspiring for all who attend, those who care for the altar area, those who pass out bulletins and collect offerings, those who gather to rehearse songs to sing, bells to ring, instruments to play, those who greet at the door, those who light candles, those who read scriptures, and help distribute the holy meal.

For our members who reside in nursing homes and for those who work at Berks Heim, Maiden Creek Place, Keystone Villa-Fleetwood, Keystone Villa-Douglassville, the Laurel Center, Kutztown Manor, Orwigsburg Center, and for those members who are hospitalized at Tower Health facilities, Penn State St. Joseph, and Lehigh Valley-Cedar Crest, University of Pennsylvania, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Penn State Hershey and for the brand new hospital St. Luke's/Geisinger in Schuylkill Haven. We pray for healing and strength, patience and hope to be with all.

We are inspired and strengthened by all of our current members who are "ministers" in their daily lives as part of the "priesthood of all believers". We pray for others to be drawn into our congregation's life and faith.

We give thanks for our local ministry partners who help make our community stronger including Opportunity House, Family Promise of Berks County, the Hamburg Food Pantry and Helping Harvest Food Bank, the Hamburg Salvation Army, Keystone Military Families, the Hamburg School District, the Our Town Foundation, Mary's Shelter, Safe Berks, and Hawk Mountain Raptor Sanctuary.

We praise God for all of our ministry partners in the world, for the Hamburg Lutheran Cluster people and congregations, for the Northern Berks Ministerium people and congregations, for the East Berks Mission District people and congregations, for the people and congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, for the people and congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and for our global Lutheran World Federation family that we are a part of.

All of these, we remember on this night of celebration. We know Lord, that we see you when water is splashed on heads, when bread and wine are shared, when prayers are said, when words of scripture are read, and in so many others times and places when we see your Holy Spirit alive and active in our midst and in our world.

Bless us this night, bless this meal and the hands that prepared it and may our fellowship include you.

And all God's people said, Amen. **Amen.**

50th Anniversary of the Building Historical Trivia Page

The questions and answers were taken from the 45th Anniversary Booklet.

1. In what year was Zion's Lutheran Church founded? _____
2. Which neighboring Lutheran church did some of Zion's founding members withdraw from, to form Zion's? _____
3. How many acres was the original grant from William Penn? _____
4. Who was commissioned and went to Philadelphia to meet with colonial authorities to ask for the land grant? _____
5. What year was the cornerstone laid at the old Zion Church, located just one mile out Zion's Church Rd. from here? June 28, _____
6. Name the one living person who was on the Congregation Council when this building was built? _____
7. Who was Treasurer at the time the building was built? _____
8. Who was the architect of this building? _____
9. Who was the contractor that built the building? _____
10. Who owned the land that the church was built on? _____
11. Who was the Pastor of Zion's Lutheran in 1969? _____
12. Name 3 items that were placed in the cornerstone of this building when it was laid on July 20, 1969. 1. _____
2. _____ 3. _____
13. At the first History Group meeting, who mentioned the need for a written history of the building process and our life together in the present church building? _____
14. Who are the current Zion's Lutheran Church members of Zion's Cemetery Board? _____
15. Name 5 local community organizations that Zion's Lutheran Church partners with to fulfill its' mission in the world? 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
16. What does E.L.C.A. stand for?

Thank you for your participation in the life of this congregation!

December Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS:

1 8:00 am Gary & Carol Rothermel
1 10:30 am Karen Mengel
8 8:00 am Venus Fioravanti
8 10:30 am Richard & Donna Long
15 8:00 am Lois DeTurk
15 10:30 am Brenda Hartman & Bill Gundrum
22 8:00 am Leone Family
22 10:30 am Carl & Carolyn Hollenbach
24 Christmas Eve-Volunteers Needed for 4, 7 &
10:00 pm Services-**Please contact church office**
29 8:00 am Robert & Vernie Noecker
29 10:30 am Cleta Borkey

ACOLYTES

1 8:00 am Chase Denatala
1 10:30 am Brayden Heckman
8 8:00 am Bella Denatala
8 10:30 am Samantha Gruber
15 8:00 am Dominic Leone
15 10:30 am Brayden Heckman
22 8:00 am Chase Denatala
22 10:30 am Kylee Koller
24 Christmas Eve Worship
4 pm Bella Denatala
7 pm Kylee Koller
Chase Denatala
10 pm Samantha Gruber
Dominic Leone
29 8:00 am Brayden Heckman
29 10:30 am Samantha Gruber

LECTORS-Please contact office to volunteer for missing slots

1 8:00 am Rita Decker
1 10:30 am
8 8:00 am Jeanette Heckman
8 10:30 am Mark Dreibelbis
15 8:00 am Venus Fioravanti
15 10:30 am Janine Dreibelbis
22 8:00 am Rita Decker
22 10:30 am Faye Heckman
24 Christmas Eve Schedule please call the office to
Volunteer for 1 of the services.
4:00 pm
7:00 pm Chris Brennan
10:00 pm
29 8:00 am Jeanette Heckman
29 10:30 am

Altar Guild: Linda & Paul Weidner

Bread Baker: Ruth Wilhelm

Mail Team 5

Opportunity House Meal: Friday, Dec. 20th:

Captain Wanda Hoherchak, Mike Potts, Pat Potts,
Richard Long, Donna Long, Janine Dreibelbis 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.



December Birthdays



1st Jeffrey Deidel
3rd Bruce Troutman
Zoey Adam
4th Mary Ann Adam
5th Brad Doklan
Cameron Queenan
6th Leonardo La Ventura
7th Richard Reinhart
Allen Rausch
9th Tyler Gough
Chase Denatala
10th Nathan Price
Owen Shroeder
11th Susan Lutz
Paul Strauss
14th Landon Werley-Wolf
15th Noah Neuin
18th Lisa Deibler
Roger Heckman
19th Ronald Seaman
20th Samuel Olszewski
21st Daniel Mazaika
Sharon Seaman
23rd Amber Noecker
24th Daniel Brennan
Logan Heffner
25th The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day
26th Gabrielle Leone
Joan Rodeffer
Melinda Ruth
David Strunk
28th Bailey Koehn
Julianne Kohler
29th Melanie Epting
31st New Year's Eve

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
120 Trexler Ave
Room 146-D
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

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

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

Bertha Stewart
1040 Berks Rd A233
Leesport, Pa 19533

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

Fern Stricker
112 Main St
Blandon, Pa 19510

Phares & Mabel Fry
65 Fry Lane
Auburn, Pa 17922

Myrle Werley
Keystone Villa: Apt 305
1180 Ben Franklin Hwy East
Douglassville PA 19518

Garden News

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!

December Food Pantry

A big thank you to Zion's for their generous donation of 65 Thanksgiving bags. Also thank you to the Zion's volunteers that assisted with our Thanksgiving distribution. We supplied Thanksgiving dinners for 77 families. We appreciate your continued support of our pantry

Bazaar Thanks

Many thanks to all the those who baked, those who made baskets, those who brought flea market items and plants, and those who helped in all kinds of ways to make the WELCA Bazaar a big success. A total of \$3,677. was raised which is definitely more than last year.

Special Thanks

The family of the late George Seidel wishes to thank all our friends at Zion's for the prayers, cards and kindnesses received during our recent bereavement. A special thank you to Pastor Bruce for his visits, cares and concerns and to Pastor Ned Dresler for officiating the service and for all their words of comfort and spiritual guidance.

In Christian 
Steven, David, Pat and Families

Sincere thanks for the many cards, speedy healing wishes, and prayers as I recuperate from total hip replacement.

David Mengle

Church Reports

Treasurers Report

1-1-19 Beginning Balance	-\$8,497.13
General Offering YTD	153,951.67
Transfers	-21,623.00
Special offering YTD	15,269.61
Subtotal	139,101.15
Current Expenses YTD	180,355.64
Balance	- 41,254.49

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly Income	\$15,019.63	\$12,949.83	\$153,951.97
Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our Annual budget of \$189,750.00	\$15,812.50	\$15,812.50	\$158,125.00
Surplus/Shortfall	-\$792.87	-\$2,862.67	-\$4,173.03
Total income to all Budget line items	\$16,602.42	\$15,324.67	\$169,221.28
Expenses for all Budget line items	\$16,136.83	\$17,687.20	\$180,355.64
Prior Month Balance	\$-39,357.55	-\$38,891.96	-\$8,497.13
Surplus/shortfall Per budget	-\$38,891.96	-\$41,254.49	-\$41,254.49
Transfers to Correct fund Bal. For Capt. Expenses			- \$21,623.00

We budgeted to be \$-32,258.00 at 12-31-19

Volunteer Child Safety Clearance

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

COUNCIL CORNER

Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Council reviewed the 2020 proposed budget.

Date of annual congregational meeting is Sunday, Jan. 19th after worship & meal. Snow date is Jan. 26th.

Thank you from Lutheran Disaster Relief for the donation of \$181.84.

Opportunity House meals will be made by members in the odd months only for the year 2020, starting in Jan. continuing for Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

A committee was formed to come up with criteria for spending the monetary donation from William Hill's Estate.

A motion was made to purchase a used Baby Grand piano by possibly using money from the Endowment Fund.

There is 1 opening on the Nominating committee. Committee is: Carmen Long, Brian Moroney & Eileen Puglia. If you are interested in serving on the committee or Congregation council, please contact one of them.

There is 1 opening on the Audit committee and 6 openings on Congregation council.

Music will be played before the announcements as requested by members.

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, Dec. 15th, snow date Dec. 22, during the 10:30 A.M. worship service. **Note:** only 1 rehearsal this year on Sunday, Dec. 8th after worship & lunch.

If you happen to be at church during office hours, please pop in the office and say Hi and introduce yourself to the new Administrative Assistant: Kristen Kemery.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Eyer



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:

We cannot predict, but we can prepare.

Weekday bad weather cancellation of programs, rehearsals, and meetings will be tied to what the Hamburg Area School District is doing for the day. If HASD cancels, has early dismissal or lets out early, then all church programming including meetings are suspended for the day. This eliminates the need for multiple phone calls, and hopefully everyone will understand. Sunday morning complete cancellations will be a decision made between the Pastor and the Council President.

It is more likely that the Sunday morning schedule would be abbreviated: No 8 a.m. service and no Sunday School, which would give time for the parking lot to be cleared in the event of a Saturday evening snowstorm.

For large groups, or for Sunday School and worship events, cancellations will be posted on Channel 69's website: www.wfmz.com (click on "Weather", then "School & Business Closings", then "Z" in the list index. On TV, it should be on the scrolling bar on the bottom of the TV screen. Information will also be on

Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ZionsChurch/> If you're not sure about a scheduled meeting, simply call the Church at 610-562-3112.



Salvation Army Angel Tree,
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.

- ❖ 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

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING



Mark your calendars: Thursday, December 12 - 6:00 P.M. we will gather to decorate the tree and church windows.

Monday, December 23rd - 6:00 P.M. place aisle candle holders, add decorations, and place Christmas swags, etc.

Come and be part of this fun, many hands simplify the work. Thank you, Mary Mengle



Poinsettias



Order forms are posted on the bulletin board. Orders are due NO LATER than Sunday, December 12th. The flowers may be picked up after Christmas Eve Worship Services.

A Note From Your New Secretary

Thank you so much for allowing me to join your community. I am grateful to everyone who has taken the time to come in and welcome me and to those who have helped so far. I realize change can be hard for some people and ask for your patience and understanding as I learn the roles of my new position. I look forward to serving you in the future. Have a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season.

Kristen

Quilt KNOTTERS

The Knotters will meet the 2nd and 4th 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.

Blessing of the Quilts will be held on Sunday, December 1st. At that time 3 knotted quilts will also be up for auction to benefit the Lutheran World Relief Shipping Fund. These would make good Christmas gifts. They will be displayed soon. On Tuesday, December 3rd, the Quilt Knotters plan to travel to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland to work in the relief warehouse processing quilts and school kits. It is a long, but rewarding day of service. Meet at Church at 7:00 a.m. Returning to church around 8:00 p.m. See Eleanor D or Pastor Bruce if interested in going.

WELCA – All Women of the Church

First-rate Redner's collection!

In 2019, we received \$1137.56 from the Redner's Save A Tape program, from register tapes turned in every week at Zion's. Each year, the amount generated from this program has continued to grow. You are doing a first-rate job at turning in Redner's receipts!

WELCA continues to use the funds to support capital projects / property needs, as well as Zion's program needs and Bear Creek camperships. This year we were able to put the money towards new tile and a toilet in the women's Fellowship Hall bathroom.

Keep saving and submitting your Redner's tapes. Don't forget to use your Save A Tape card at the store, keep your entire receipt, and put it in the basket in the narthex.

Thank you for a great year! The Women of WELCA

Welcome and Outreach

Members needed ...

Welcome & Outreach has become active again in 2019, and we need new members to help. The purpose of our committee is to reach out to make connections with those outside of our community of faith and those who are visiting, as well as to strengthen relationships within the existing membership. We try to make visitors feel welcome and keep in touch with members by sending cards. For example, we mail bulletins to our shut-ins every month, send cards to our shut-ins, and send notes to thank visitors for worshiping with us. We provide promotional items for our visitors (chip clips), and are looking into other personalized promotional ideas.

For questions, or to join the Welcome & Outreach Committee, please see Wanda Hoherchak, Eileen Puglia, or Lois DeTurk. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 7 pm. Thank you

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

- Thurs. Dec. 5 - @ St Mary's Catholic, Tilden Township
- Sun. Dec. 8 - @ St John's, Hamburg at 4 p.m. Red Kettle Benefit Concert to benefit the Hamburg Salvation Army
- Thurs. Dec. 12 - @ Friedens Church, Lenhartsville (on Old 22)
- Sunday Dec. 15 St Mary's Catholic Church at 4 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols by the Blue Mtn Heritage Chorus to benefit the Northern Berks Ministerium Emergency Assistance Fund. Scripture Readings from area pastors.
- Thurs. Dec. 19 - @ Friedens Church, 28 Wolf Creek Rd, Shartlesville-Blue Christmas Service

Attention All Bakers



Did you see the article in the Reading Eagle about the Christmas Cookie Baking Contest?

Drop a sealed disposable container or sealed plastic bag containing six samples of your favorite home-made cookies, along with the recipe at Reading Eagle, 345 Penn St., Reading, PA 19601 before 10am Tues. Dec. 3rd. The winner will receive a prize package and 2nd and 3rd place will also be awarded prizes. Winning recipes will be published in the Dec. 11th edition of Berks County.

FAITH at the MOVIES SERIES continues on Tuesday, Dec., 17th at 7pm at The Hamburg Strand Theater. Tickets are \$8 per person and includes a small popcorn/soda. Portions of the proceeds benefits the Northern Berks Ministerium's Emergency Assistance Fund and the Reading Berks Conference of Churches.

Zions Cemetery Meeting Schedule

Dec. 9th at 9 a.m. Cemetery board meeting at Zion, Windsor Castle church.

Jan. 9th 2020 at 9 a.m. Annual Board Meeting at Zion, Windsor Castle church

Feb. 13th 2020 at 9 a.m. Cemetery board meeting at Zion, Windsor Castle church.

March 12th 2020 at 9 a.m. Cemetery board meeting at Zion, Windsor Castle church.

Answers to the History Trivia Questions: 1. 1759 2. Zion Moselem Lutheran Church dates to 1737. Their pipe organ is the oldest surviving David Tannenbergs Organ (1770). 3. 40 acres 4. Conrad Kershner 5. 1908 6. Roy Sausley 7. Bill Hill 8. Dana Gangawere 9. Howard F. Ernst of Hamburg 10. Elmer Smith. The congregational vote to approve the site was 131-16. 11. Thomas Keener 12. See list below. 13. Ernest Heckman, who also was the Building Committee Chairperson when the building was built. 14. David Geschwindt, Nelson Eyer 15. There are at least 10: Opportunity House, Family Promise of Berks County, Hamburg Salvation Army, Keystone Military Families, Mary's Shelter, Helping Harvest Food Bank, Alcoholics Anonymous, Boy Scouts of America, Shoemakersville Area Lion's Club, Hamburg Strand for "Faith at the Movies" 16. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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.

Answers to the Crossword on the 50th Anniversary Celebration Placemats:

- 1a) grace
- 2a) prayershawl
- 4a) labyrinth
- 6a) WELCA
- 7a) orchaband
- 10a) quilt
- 10a) quiet
- 13a) library
- 14a) candlelight
- 15a) logs
- 16a) eagle
- 17a) angeltree
- 19a) stone
- 20a) scouts
- 21a) familypromise
- 23a) acolyte
- 25a) altar

- 1d) garden
- 3d) bazaar
- 5d) nave
- 8d) choir
- 9d) bellchoir
- 11d) hymnal
- 12d) bible school
- 18d) GlenGery
- 22d) marble
- 24d) organ

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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.

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“Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township”

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

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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 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm
A.A. and Al-Anon meets on Tuesdays at 7pm A.A. meets on Saturdays at 7pm

Regular Weekly Activities - Please Join in

Hand Bells: Thursdays at 6:30pm; Brass: Thursdays at 8:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal Most Wednesdays 7:15pm/Some Tuesdays

Regular Monthly Activities – Please Join in

Quilt-Knotters: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 9 – 11am (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 3rd Saturday, from 7:30am to 11:30am at the Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, Leesport.

On Tuesday November 19th 5:30-7:30pm. 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 10:00am to 2:00pm

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.

December 2019

Pastor: Rev. Bruce Osterhout

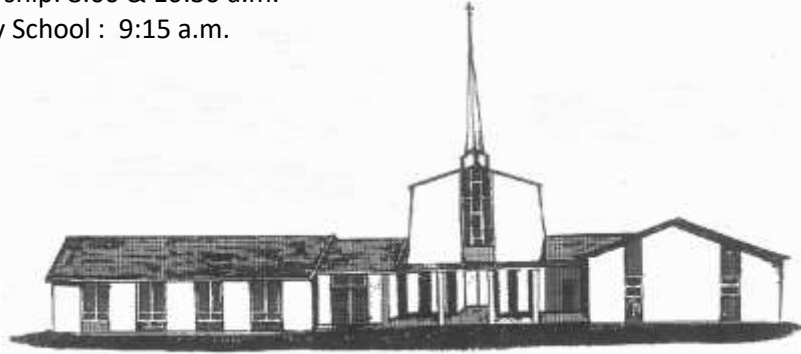
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Purpose Statement:

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Zion's Monthly Calendar December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BLESSING OF THE QUILTS 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	2 Office Closed	3 7:00am Quilters Trip to New Windsor 9:30am Homeschoolers 7 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	4 7:15 pm Choir	5 11:30am Ministerium @ St Mary's Catholic Church 6:30 pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	6 11:00 am SV/Hamburg Retiree Lunch	7 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. Meeting
8 LAST DAY TO DROP OFF ANGEL TREE GIFTS 8:00am Worship 09:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Practice for Christmas Program 4:00pm Red Kettle Benefit Concert @ St John's	9 Office Closed 6:30pm Cub Scouts	10 9-11:00am Happy Knotters 9:30am Homeschoolers 3:30-7:00pm Blood Drive 7 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	11 7:15 pm Choir	12 LAST DAY TO PLACE POINTSETTIA ORDERS 11:30am Ministerium @ Friedens-Lenhartsville 6:00pm Decorate Tree & Church Windows 6:30 pm Bells 8:00pm Brass	13	14 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. Meeting
15 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship with Christmas Program 4:00pm Christmas Lessons & Carols at St Mary's	16 Office Closed January Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Cub Scouts	17 7:00pm A.A. & Al-Anon 7:15pm Choir	18	19 11:00am Zion's Seniors 11:30am Ministerium @Friedens-Shartlesville 6:30 pm Bells 7:00pm Property Committee 8:00pm Brass	20 5:30pm Opportunity House Meal	21 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. Meeting
22 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 10:30am **SNOW DATE** for Christmas Program 2:00pm Christmas Caroling @ Cabela's	23 7:00PM Christmas Eve Set Up	24 4pm Christmas Eve Service 7pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm A.A. & Al-Anon Meetings 10pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Office Closed Merry Christmas!	26	27	28 5:00pm Worship 7:00pm A.A. Meeting
29 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	30	31 7:00pm A.A. & Al-Anon				

