

Zion's Messenger March 2020



I want to say thank you to all the Supply Pastors that have filled in for the month of February. Thank you everyone for making them feel welcome. Please watch for a post on Facebook on Wednesday's for the name of the Supply Pastor for the following weekend. Here is the current list of supply pastor's for March:

February 29/March 1 – The Reverend Richard Bardo

March 7/8 – Pastor Diane LaFauci

March 14/15 – The Reverend Kenneth Gould

March 21/22 – The Reverend David Kistler

March 28 – TBD

March 29 – The Reverend David Lutcher

As Zion's now begins a new pastoral leadership transition, Bishop Samuel Zeiser invites members of the congregation to meet with him for conversation at the church on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 PM.

We will not be having Wednesday evening services here at Zion's during lent this year. We invite everyone to join the Northern Berks Ministerium Lent Services on Thursday's at 11:30 AM for Prayer and Lunch. Zion's will be hosting the service on Thursday March 19th.

We are in the process of putting together a call committee as we move forward in the process to call a minister.

Thank you for your patience in this process. Please continue to keep the congregation in your prayers through this time of transition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Hoherchak
Church Council President

March Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

2-8:00am Venus Fioravanti
2-10:30am Nelson & Ruth Ann Eyer
9-8:00am Robert & Vernie Noecker
9-10:30am Paul & Linda Weidner
16-8:00am Gary & Carol Rothermel
16-10:30am Susan & Woody Lutz
23-8:00am Venus Fioravanti
23-10:30am Mark & Janine Dreibelbis

ACOLYTES

2-8:00am - Chase Denatala
2-10:30am - Samantha Gruber
9-8:00am - Brayden Heckman
9-10:30am - Kylee Koller
16-8:00am - Chase Denatala
16-10:30am - Samantha Gruber
23-8:00am - Dominic Leone
23-10:30am - Kylee Koller

LECTORS

2-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti
2-10:30 am Janine Dreibelbis
9-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti
9-10:30 am Susan Lutz
16-8:00 am Jeanette Heckman
16-10:30 am Mark Dreibelbis
23-8:00 am Venus Fioravanti
23-10:30 am Chris Brennan

Altar Guild: Ruth Hoppes & Clela Borkey

Bread Baker: Faye Smith

Mail Team 3: March 26th

Opportunity House: 3/20/20 @ 5:30pm

Captain Wanda Hoherchak , Clela Borkey, Mike Potts and Pat Potts.

+++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.

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 Senior Living: Suite 209
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

Northern Berks Food Pantry

Items we are collecting this month are:
Juice - shelf stable (grape, orange, apple)
Dry goods - paper towels, deodorant, soap, toilet paper, napkins, paper plates
Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, canned vegetables, etc.



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.

FAITH at the MOVIES SERIES continues on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm at The Hamburg Strand Theater. "King of Kings" is playing. 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

Board Meetings: March 12, April 9, May 14 and June 11 at 9 a.m. @ Zion's Windsor Castle church.

Zion's Cemetery of Perry Township Spring Clean-up is March 15-21. Please remove any items you wish to keep before March 22nd.



Coffee Bar News

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

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

On March 19th at 11:30am we will have a service of prayer and lunch in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Ned Dresher. We are looking for volunteers to provide soup, bread and drinks. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Your offerings support others in need.

Worship and Music committee has decided not to have midweek Lenten services at our church this year while we are in a time of transition. We plan to resume this next year when we have an interim or a permanent Pastor. There are many options for mid-week worship for you to participate in, and we hope you take advantage of some of these services. We are continuing with Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services.

Lent Services to Attend:

Option 1:

St. Michael's multipurpose room (Sunday school attached to church)

Covered Dish Meal 6pm. Church Fathers 6:45-7:30pm

Trial & Triumph

March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1 (No fooling)

Week 1: The Early Church – Polycarp, Monica and Augustine (Foundation Built on the Rock)

Week 2: The Middle Ages – St. Patrick, Boniface (Christian Missionaries to a Dark World)

Week 3: The Reformation – John Huss, William Tyndale (The Power of the Word)
Week 4: Great Awakening – John Bunyan, John Newton (In Christ Alone Our Hope is Found)

Week 5: Revival – George Whitfield, Charles Spurgeon (The Power of God to Transform Hearts and Whole Societies)

Option 2:

March 4: Bern Reformed

March 11: St. John's Gernant's

March 18: St. John's Gernant's

March 25: Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

April 1: Epler's UCC

April 9, Maundy Thursday: Salem Belleman's

Option 3:

Belleman's has soup suppers at 5:30 and worship at 7. This year we're doing skits and dramatic readings for worship.

Option 4:

2020 WEDNESDAY LENT SCHEDULE

The Parables of Jesus

Sponsored by a group of 5 area churches in Northern Berks

All Wednesday evening services begin at 7:00

p.m. Soup and bread will be served at 6:00 p.m.

March 4 - St. Luke's Union Church, 431 Franklin St., Shoemakersville

March 11 - Bethany United Methodist Church, Hamburg

March 18 - St. Luke's Union Church, 431 Franklin St., Shoemakersville

March 25 - Salem-Berne Methodist Church, 292 Salem Church Rd, Hamburg, PA 19526

April 1 - Salem Methodist Church, Shoemakersville

April 9 - Holy Thursday - St. Luke's Union Church, Shoemakersville



GAME DAY



Bring your favorite game to play and enjoy some time of fun and fellowship!

WHEN: Sunday, March 22, 2020

2:00-4:00 PM

WHERE: Church fellowship hall

SPONSORED BY: Zion's Youth Group

The youth group will be providing snacks, drinks, ice cream and toppings to create your own ice cream sundaes.



Volunteer Child Safety Clearance

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

Bear Creek Camp Representative at Zion's on Sunday March 8

Sunday school on March 8 will be highlighted with a visit from a Bear Creek Camp representative. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our Synod's camp on 3000 acres at Bear Creek. WELCA is offering large scholarships as a special for this year. (Camp will cost less than \$100 for Zion's members this year) Camp is for those who have completed grades 1-12. There are registration forms on the tack board in the Sunday school wing as well as in the church office. Go to bearcreekcamp.org for lots more info and pictures. See Carol Rothermel for more info. and to register with a deposit.

Attention: Thrivent Action Members

Choice dollars need to be designated by March 31st. Zion's Lutheran Church, Shoemakersville, PA is an eligible organization for your donation.

Special Thanks

Mary Mengle would like to thank everyone for the cards and best wishes as she recuperated from surgery.

Bill Gundrum thanks everyone for good wishes, cards and prayers. He is getting better.

Consider online giving in 2020

Visit <http://zionslutheran.org/donate/>. Please call the church office if you need assistance.

Please pick up your 2020 offering envelopes. If you do not see yours please call the church office to get a set.

Treasurers Report

1-1-20 Beginning Balance	-\$22,495.02
General Offering YTD	\$11,761.46
Transfers	\$0
Special offering YTD	\$1,836.37
Subtotal	\$8,897.19
Current Expenses YTD	\$17,766.67
Balance	-\$26,663.86

Council Corner

Church Council met on February 11. Marlane Druckenmiller, assistant to the Bishop, attended the meeting, and will continue to do so until we have either an interim or a permanent Pastor.

The budget/treasurer's report was discussed. We continue to watch the budget closely. In January, our expenses were \$6000 more than our monthly offerings. Some cost cutting measures we are currently looking at include: alternate bulletin sizes, decreasing the frequency of mailings from quarterly to annually for greeters, lectors, and acolytes, and partnering with other churches for Lenten services.

The church secretary attended part of the meeting to discuss procedures in running the office. We will be looking to update the prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, or if you would like to become a prayer partner, please contact the church office, either by phone or email, churchoffice@zionslutheran.org. As the secretary has been organizing the church office, we are finding information from our early years as a congregation. We have quite a rich history and would benefit from an archives committee to help organize and preserve our records. If you have an interest in this please contact any council member.

New officers were elected. Wanda Hoherchak will continue as president, and Lucille Gough will continue as vice president. Tiffany Gruber was elected as secretary. We thank Donna Long for her service as secretary in 2019.

We will continue to have substitute Pastors in March. Worship and Music will be discussing whether we want to have mid-week Lenten services this year. Watch for updates.

It was reported that Mark Dreibelbis is currently leading Catechetical Classes until we have a regular Pastor.

Time and Talent sheets should be completed and either placed in the offering basket or mailed to the church by the end of February. This will help us to keep all programs running in this time of transition.

The WIFI is now up and running in the Sunday School wing.

WELCA reported they will be paying for bathroom renovations in the fellowship hall and new curtains at the back of the stage.

Youth Ministries reported there will be a game night March 22.

There was continued discussion about the current Pastoral vacancy and the time of transition. A full report will be printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted by Janine Dreibelbis

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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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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.

Jesus was taken before Pilate to be judged. Pilate knew Jesus had done nothing wrong, but the crowd shouted, "Crucify Him!" Soldiers took Jesus away and put something on His head. What was it?

Color in the spaces with dots to see the picture.



“Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township”

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

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

Check out www.livinglutheran.org and subscribe

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Zion’s Lutheran Church Staff

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

2020 Congregation Council Members:

President: Wanda Hoherchak, Vice President: Lucille Gough, Secretary: Tiffany Gruber, Donna Long, Tina Blake, Mark Dreibelbis, Janine Dreibelbis, Susan Lutz, John Smith, Michael Potts, Brian Moroney and Jeanette Heckman.

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

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday
Quilt-Knotters: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 9 – 11am (You also can work at home!)
Zion’s Senior Adult Fellowship every 3rd Thursday. March 19th at 11:00am.
Serve the Opportunity House Meal every other 3rd 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 the 4th Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm. volunteers are always welcome at the Hamburg Middle School Pantry Distribution. Next distribution is on March 24th. **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**
- **Visit readyssetreadberks.org to tutor a second grader @ Perry or Tilden Elementary Schools**

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	2 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Christian Education Meeting 7:30pm Boy Scouts	3 9:30am Homeschoolers	4 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	5 11:30am N. Berks Ministerium Lent Series @ St John's, Hamburg 6:30pm Bells Rehearsal 8:00pm Brass Rehearsal	6	7 5:00pm Worship 7:00 A.A. Meeting
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March Birthdays

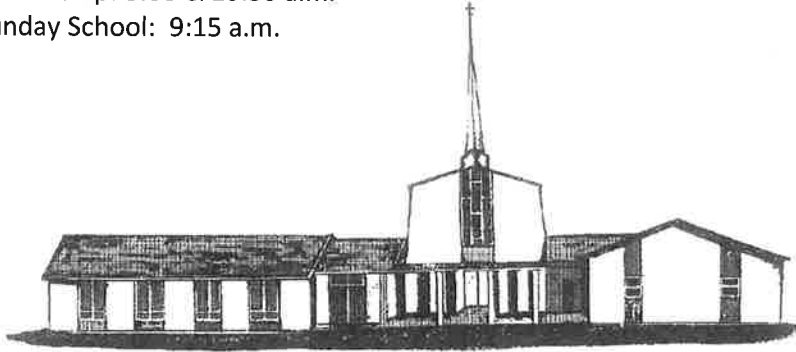
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Anthony Grugan Erica Mish Robert Wagner	2 Cheryl Hertzog Valerie Hancik Lana Leone	3 Melinda Morello	4	5 Janine Dreibelbis	6 Glenn Epting Timothy Pursell Tia Adam
7 Emma Brennan	8 Dillon Kuzan	9 Michael Coleman Robert Macheimer Terry Reinhart Ozzie Reitnauer	10 Derick Clark Robert Noecker Sasha Denatala Carrie Heckman	11	12 Steven Moyer Caleb Smith Zachary Mazaika	13
14 Brett Daub Susan Heckman Raeya Mazaika	15 Christopher Mazaika	16 Traci Heffner	17	18 Sharon Doklan	19	20 Linda Sousley Ella Weachter
21 Elsie Frymoyer Russell Reinhart Steve Seidel Nathan Karasek	22 Courtney Zimmerman Paul Reidenhour, Jr.	23	24 Suzanne Hensel Carissa Miller	25 Debora Heckman	26 Betty Angstadt Mary Clark	27 Tricia Boyer Kevin Nester
28 Crystal Reinhart	29 Linda Reinhart Leann Wheeland	30 Victoria Long Sharon Strauss	31 Kylee Koller			

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

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