

*Beginning November 1st
at Zion's!!!*

**worship
in the Sanctuary!!!**



Worship 10:30am

Masks required (covering both mouth & nose)

Distance seating in designated pews
(overflow seating in Fellowship Hall)

Nov. 1st – All Saints Sunday

Remembrance rite & Holy Communion

Elements pre-packaged for safety

Usher-assisted seating & dismissal to maintain distancing

See Pastor's letter for more info

Please remember – if you do not feel well, stay home and take care of yourself!!!

Adult study starting in November:

PAUL: A STUDY OF THE MAN AND THE FAITH

**Why in the world would the Risen Christ choose a Pharisee
who was persecuting Christians to become an Apostle??!!**

Almost every Sunday the 2nd reading comes from one of the letters of St. Paul. If we want to truly understand any of his letters, we need to get an understanding of the Apostle himself and why Christ chose him. Paul's letters speak to the very core of what it means to be a Christian and why faith makes the difference that comforts our terrified souls!

Wednesdays on ZOOM 10:30am & 7pm Links & session guide emailed weekly

Nov. 4 – Introduction to Paul's life and mission (video)

Nov. 11 – Once a Pharisee, always a Pharisee??... Paul's training and the call from Christ

Nov. 18 – The Journeys – what drives Paul and what he accomplishes

Dec. 2 – Problems in the Early Church – Letters of encouragement and guidance (then & now)

Dec. 9 – Justified by Grace: the impact of Paul's letters on Christianity & our Liturgy

Zion's Messenger November 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Fall weather is upon us, with shorter days, frost in the morning, and gorgeous colored leaves beginning to fall from the trees and cover lawns...and wet roadways. Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away, although many big family gatherings aren't going to be possible this year, especially with the spike in COVID cases coinciding with flu season! "COVID fatigue" has potential to make it harder to keep us safe and healthy, as the data already shows. At Zion's we are striving to meet that challenge to provide for worship in the warmth of the building.

We thank members for responding to the October survey in which we asked specifically for the number in each household who would be comfortable gathering inside. The numbers were the critical piece of information we needed to determine how to plan for worship in the coming weeks and months.

Based on the count received in October, the numbers indicate one service, and we believe that we can accommodate folks for a 10:30AM service in the sanctuary, with overflow seating in the fellowship hall, when necessary. We will be using special technology for viewing in the fellowship hall. Sunday School at 9:15 will use only the Sunday School wing. More than one service on a weekend would mean extra sanitizing, and we will try to keep that burden low, as, in addition to cost of materials, it does involve time and member service.

Several months ago, Worship & Music began to plan for in-building worship, counting and measuring the pews to allow for recommended distancing. **Seating will be possible along the center and side aisles of every other pew, and the pews will be clearly marked.** It is not at all likely that folks will be able to sit where they sat before the pandemic. Ushers will be on hand to help us with safe distancing, including distancing for dismissal at the close of worship. As during the outside worship, **masks covering mouth & nose are required**, and if you should forget yours, we have disposable masks on hand, in addition to some that have been made for anyone who would like a new, reusable mask. Because we know that the virus is airborne, movement in the sanctuary and verbal responses will be at a minimum. Communion elements will be pre-packaged. Surfaces need sanitizing.

Coming into an enclosed space like the sanctuary presents its own set of challenges—it's not like going to the grocery store or Walmart or Boscov's where we're in a very large space, and where we are not likely to be spending a whole lot of time and not in close proximity to others for extended time. We have been blessed with outside space that many neighboring congregations do not have, and that space has served us well. Some congregations continue with on-line worship only. Ventilation and sanitizing factor into how we must plan. Now we must be extra careful inside!

Incidentally, it is apparent that a summer storm "fried" the light panel in the Narthex, which controls all lighting in the sanctuary! Availability of replacement parts for that panel continues to challenge, as that panel is outdated, and restoration will be costly. We will have to bypass the panel until such time as we can have all the lighting restored. The Narthex/hall light has been restored for use now. Needless to say, the Property Committee and the Safety Team continue to be quite busy!

We begin indoor worship on All Saints Sunday (1st Sunday in November) with a special remembrance rite. And when we celebrate the feast, we may envision ourselves seated at the table with those seated at the table in God's eternal dominion! By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are connected to Jesus Christ and to those who were part of our lives in this life!

Thanks be to God!

Peace in Christ,
† *Pr Diane LaFauci*



November Birthdays



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

Shut in Mailing List

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 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

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

Church Reports

Treasurer's Report

Finished September 2020 in the Red \$29642.18

Monthly

Income: \$ 8916.85

Expenses: \$ 9257.39
\$ - 340.54

Total General Offering \$ 6770.00

Online giving \$ 1805.85

Loose Change \$ 341.00
\$ 8916.85



Angel Tree

We will be doing the Angel Tree for the Salvation Army in Hamburg. Due to Covid, they do not want any gift items. They are asking for Walmart gift cards. WELCA is going to organize the gift card purchases. If you would like to donate toward the gift cards, please put a donation in an envelope marked "Angel Tree". Thank you for your support.



Feeding the
Community

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is accepting monetary donations to help with their increased expenses. Checks can be made out to Northern Berks Food Pantry and mailed to Sherry Strausser, Treasurer 207 Beechwood Drive, Hamburg, PA 19526.

**Thanks for helping members of our community to
make ends meet!**



UPDATE: The Greater Food Bank will be supplying the Thanksgiving bags to the Northern Berks Food Pantry this year. Any bags that have been donated thus far will be taken to the pantry. If you have donated any bags and would like them back, you can certainly take them. Thank you for your continued support of the food bank.

Due to Covid, volunteers WILL NOT be needed in November to distribute food. Thank you.



Keep on Collecting!

Redner's Save-A-Tape Reminders

Thank you to those who mailed their Redner's receipts with their offering envelopes while services were only offered online. Now that we have started outdoor services, you are reminded to bring your Redner's receipts with you on Sundays. If you don't feel comfortable coming to services yet, keep mailing those receipts, or keep saving them for when you join us in person. We continue to use the funds from the Redner's tapes to benefit Zion's projects and programs. Thanks again and keep collecting!

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

November volunteers:

Team Captain: Eileen Puglia
Richard and Donna Long
Brenda Hartman



Sunday School will continue on Sundays at 9:15 AM. We will be meeting in the Sunday School wing and practicing social distancing and Covid precautions.

TEACHERS NEEDED:

The Christian Education Committee is looking for two people who would be interested in teaching the nursery class on a Sunday morning. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Vernie Noecker.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Adult Sunday School met for the first time on October 25. We are beginning a study on the Book of Exodus. We will look at why this could be considered the most important book of the Old Testament and how its impact is felt throughout the entire Bible. Please feel free to join us Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Please bring your own Bible. Face masks are required. Due to Covid concerns, we are suspending the Nursery class for the time being. We are in need of teachers for the Nursery class. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact a member of the Christian Education Committee.

Thank You!

Thank you, dear members of WELCA for your gift to me on Pastor Appreciation Sunday! What a nice surprise! It is a blessing for me to be serving the Lord as Transition Pastor at Zion's and you make me feel especially welcome. I know we all hope for the day when we can gather without concern for the virus that we are dealing with now. You continue to do God's work here and it is helping the congregation and community. May you always feel God's blessing!

Peace and thanks in Christ,

Pastor Diane

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LECTORS: If you would like to be a lector for the month of November and December, please contact Janine Dreibelbis at 610-488-7896. Thank you.



Council Corner

Congregational Church council met on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm in the Gold room.

Pastor Diane will be meeting with our new confirmands starting in October during Sunday School. We had the pleasure of having our two current confirmands, Samantha Gruber and Brayden Heckman, join us during our meeting. Samantha and Brayden will be confirmed on October 25, 2020, Reformation Sunday. They spoke to us about how they plan to serve the Lord and the Church once confirmed. They both plan to share their gift for music with the church and play an active role in church activities. Congregational Council approved both Samantha and Brayden to be members of Zion's Lutheran Church.

For Pastor Appreciation day, WELCA gave a card to Pastor Diane.

We will continue to meet outdoors for the foreseeable future. Worship and Music has conducted a survey with regards to meeting indoors and will be meeting to determine when and how we can worship indoors safely. Their decisions and plan will be announced soon.

The Logistics Park (warehouses) have given us an unsolicited one-time donation of \$500.00.

We will continue to do Opportunity House every other month for 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

John Smith

ATTENTION ZION'S ORCHEBAND MEMBERS AND ASPIRING MUSICIANS!!

To be prepared for whatever Christmas Eve may look like this year, I would like to make a live recording of the Orcheband playing as we normally would at the 7 pm Christmas Eve service. Would you be interested in playing for this recording? We could rehearse on the same day, with a break in between to make it easier and more convenient for everyone.

The rehearsal and recording would take place sometime in December and social distancing and adherence to the most current Covid guidelines at that time will be enforced for everyone's safety. If you have any questions or are interested in participating, you can email the director – Steve Turner – at STurner324@gmail.com. This is just to help determine if there is enough interest to plan this out, it does not commit you to anything yet.

SENIORS GROUP

The Senior Group will meet Nov. 19 from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. We will have pizza brought in and no one shall bring other food yet. All are welcome with masks. See you then!

Knotter's News

We have had a great year getting our donations done. We delivered to New Windsor, MD: 100 backpacks filled with school supplies, 40 quilts and 10 fleece blankets. We would like to thank the Boy Scouts who assembled the backpacks for us.

Jane R. made Health Kits delivered in September. I would like to thank all the people who have helped so faithfully every year. We couldn't do it without you!

Also, to all the people who have given us the wonderful fabric to assemble our Knotted

Quilts, we have around 175 to be blessed and to be given to people in need.

The Knotters will be meeting in November on 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.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Share Support Group continues at Zion's Church, 770 Zion Church Rd, Hamburg beginning at 6:30 PM. If interested, please call 610-562-2300 or email zionssecretary7@comcast.net to register or for more information and a brochure. There is a \$20.00 charge for the workbook and other materials. The Sessions will continue on Wednesday Evening thru December 12, 2020.

WELCA

WELCA continues to send Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You cards, etc. to members and friends of Zion's.

Should you have any extra cards, printed or blank, please have any extra cards, printed or blank, please consider donating them to WELCA. Please place them in the church office labeled for WELCA, Attn: Virginia. Your kindness is greatly appreciated! Thank You!!

St. Michael's Bazaar, Basket Raffle and Food Sale

Friday, November 13th from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday, November 14th from 8 am to 12 pm.

Masks must be worn. We will draw tickets for the raffle at the close of the event and will contact all winners. All food is to-go only and should be pre-ordered.

For further information and pre-order, call the church office at 610-488-1783 or email stmichaels529@gmail.com



Zion's Media Committee continues to keep you informed via postings on the church's website, email notices, and Facebook postings. We will continue to share community resources to aid our members.

Remember, if you don't receive Zion's email notices, please sign up for our email list. This will help keep you informed of what's happening at our church. The Zion's Email Sign Up Form is located on the homepage of our website at zionslutheran.org.

You are welcome to let us know of any member news to share on our Facebook page. This includes good news to share! Send the information with optional photo through Facebook Messenger or send to Eileen @ epuglia@comcast.net.

Continue to check our Facebook page and website. Let's stay informed. Let's stay connected.

Consider online giving in 2020

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

“Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry Township”

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Pastor Diane LaFauci 484-794-5503

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Sunday School: Sunday 9:15 AM

Worship Services: Outside services Sunday 10:30 AM

Check out www.livinglutheran.org and subscribe

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Zion’s Lutheran Church Staff

Administrative Assistant, Kathryn Willoretta; Director of Music Ministry, Don Ryan; Hand Bells/Brass, Steven Turner; Custodians, Ruth Hoppes, Brian Moroney; 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

A.A. meets on Tuesdays at 7pm A.A. meets on Saturdays at 7pm
Cub Scouts meet on Mondays at 6:30 pm and Boy Scouts meet at 7:30 pm

Regular Monthly Activities – Please Join in

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday
Quilt-Knotters: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 9 – 11am (You also can work at home!)

Food Pantry Distribution :

On the 3rd Saturday, from 7:30am to 11:30am at the Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, Leesport.
Northern Berks Food Pantry distribution will be Tuesday November 17 at 6:00 pm

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.**

Zion's Messenger

Sunday School: 9:15 am

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am Outside service

Service will be recorded and available on Facebook
and the church's website later in the morning.

November 2020

Pastor: Pastor Diane LaFauci

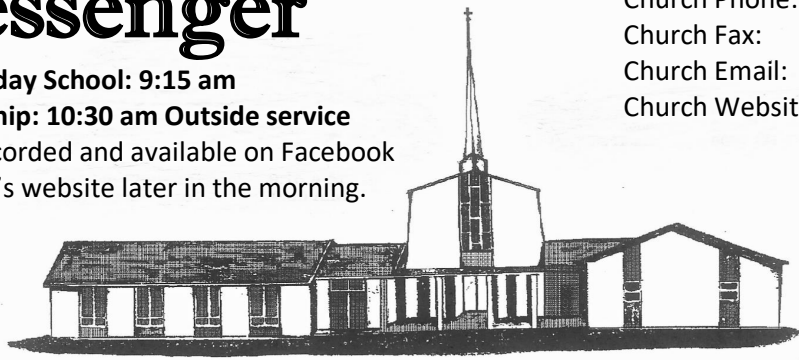
Pastor's Cell: 484-794-5503

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Zion's Monthly Calendar November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship The service will be recorded and posted on the church's website and Facebook. Daylight Savings time ends</p>	2	<p>3 <i>ELECTION DAY</i></p>	<p>4 10:30 am Zoom Adult Bible Study – online</p> <p>7:00 pm Zoom Adult Bible Study – online</p>	5	6	<p>7 7:00pm A.A Meeting</p>
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