

Zion's Messenger - October 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Things are looking more and more like fall. The calendar has apparently informed the weather that it's time for crisp mornings and chilly nights to remind the trees to turn glorious colors and drop leaves to cover the yards...as God's blessings pour over us.

The church-year calendar reminds us that we're coming to the close of the church year, with holidays also coming closer and closer. Lots of extra planning to do!

October for us Lutherans, especially, is a time to give thanks to God for the ongoing Reformation of Christ's Church. We remember Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the chapel door of the Castle of Wittenberg in Germany on October 31, 1517...the momentous kick-off of the Protestant movement to reform the teaching and practice of the Church...a movement that was already in place before that actual date! Luther's action got the attention of the Church in a big way. We celebrate his boldness and faith on Reformation Sunday each year.

I refer to the *ongoing reforming* of the Church, for the Reformation was not a once-and-done historical event! That means that the church must be ever-changing in order to grow...which flies in the face of the notion that Lutherans are known for not liking change...

Q: How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None, because Lutherans don't like change!

(I guess we would be left in the dark, then, if we refuse to change the lightbulb... We know that plants soon die if left in the dark; how about the Church?)

So, we do need to work together (as the whole church!) to bring about the change that keeps us growing and vibrant. How we worship, how we serve, how we study God's word frankly shouldn't have to look exactly the same year after year! We will not grow if we remain stagnant.

We must always be thinking about what we can do to grow the vital ministries of the congregation. And Zion's does, indeed, have vital ministries!

The Stewardship Group is adamant about us all reflecting on God's generosity and the abundance of blessing that birthed and has grown this congregation and God's call to Zion's to plan and forge ahead.

These are exciting times...even if we cannot see, at this moment in time, the life that is emerging at the end of the "tunnel" of our vision. October brings us to focus on who God needs us to be...and who we *can* be...*IF* we trust in the Holy Spirit's guidance!

Counting on Christ,

† *Pastor Diane LaFauci*

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS IN OCTOBER

October 2 – Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 16 – Music Sunday, a special service of singing, brass, bells

October 23 – Harvest Home & Blessing of Giving Intent

October 30 – Reformation Sunday *(with Holy Communion)*

Lutheran Disaster Response General Fund

“Trust in [God] at all times, O people; pour out your heart before [God]; God is a refuge for us” (Psalm 62:8).

Dear friend,

Recently, several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones:

In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Hurricane Fiona brought torrential rainfall and devastating flooding to the islands. Almost exactly five years after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is again experiencing an island-wide blackout and damaged buildings and infrastructure. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to develop an immediate response in impacted communities.

In Alaska, the remnants of Typhoon Merbok have caused widespread flooding along the state’s western coast. This was one of the worst storms in recent decades in Alaska, with strong waves and heavy rainfall damaging homes, seawalls, roads and other infrastructure. Officials are planning a quick relief period before the water freezes. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Alaska Synod to address the needs of those impacted by the storm.

In Japan, Typhoon Nanmadol hit Kyushu, the country’s southernmost main island. At least two people were killed and dozens more injured in the storm, which moved northward over Honshu. Wind gusts of over 145 mph and heavy rainfall caused at least one landslide and damaged homes and businesses. We have been in touch with the ELCA’s global personnel in Japan.

In Papua New Guinea, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit on Sep. 11, with ensuing aftershocks. At least three people died, and many buildings and roads were impacted. There is a strong Lutheran presence in the impacted area, including a Lutheran nursing school connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) that was damaged in the earthquake. We have been in contact with the ELCPNG to discuss a possible response.

In Pakistan, the summer monsoon flooding is causing a widespread humanitarian crisis. The flooding has killed 1,500 people and up to 7 million people may be displaced. Lutheran Disaster Response is contributing to an ACT Alliance appeal that addresses the needs of flooded communities. Through the appeal, local partners will provide food, temporary shelter and bedding, rebuilding materials and psychosocial support.

These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don’t make the news. With your gifts to the **Lutheran Disaster Response General Fund**, we can respond to as many as possible – whenever and wherever they strike.

Again and again, you show up for our neighbors impacted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Thank you. Please join me in prayer and partnership to support all those impacted.

In Christ’s service,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

Harvest Home will be held on Sunday, October 23rd. The theme for this year will be Fall Harvest. We are encouraging donations of apples, pumpkins, cabbage and any other fall produce. If you have any fall decorations you would like to share, please bring them to the church by 9:00 am on Saturday, Oct. 22. The food donations will be given to the Northern Berks Food Pantry.



Journey in Faith Via de Cristo

*A special opportunity for better understanding of the Christian faith
in a weekend 3-day experience in our area in the month of October*

Via de Cristo is Spanish for the “Way of Christ”. It is the Lutheran expression of a renewal movement developed within the Church in the 1940s in Spain, and originally known as *Cursillo*, a Spanish word meaning “short course” in Christianity.

Originating in the Spanish Catholic Church, it is intended to be a step-by-step structured weekend with several talks given by lay persons active in their congregations and a few talks given by clergy in a progression that puts the faith and the work of the church into clearer perspective than one might otherwise have, even in weekly worship and regular Bible study. It has proven to be of great benefit to individuals who attend a weekend, and in congregations where they are members.

This renewal movement exists in many denominations besides the Lutheran Church. In the Roman Catholic Church and the Episcopal Church, it is known as *Cursillo*. In the Methodist Church it is called “Walk to Emmaus”. The movement also exists in several other denominations, including a cross-denomination experience called *Tres Dias* (Three Days).

In Berks County, members at Faith Lutheran (Mount Penn), Reformation Lutheran (Reiffton/Reading), and Christ Lutheran (Oley), have found this to be noticeably beneficial for the congregation, not to mention in their personal faith lives. There are *VdC* communities in many states across the country, as well as in countries around the world. The Journey in Faith community serves Eastern PA. drawing primarily from York, Camp Hill, and Reading areas, and from Delaware.

The fall 2022 Journey in Faith weekend begins Thursday evening October 13, and comes to a close Sunday afternoon October 16. It is held at Camp Innabah, a Methodist camp a few miles south of Coventry Mall, Pottstown, just off Route 100. There is information on the national website: *Via de Cristo* National Lutheran Secretariat, as well as on the Journey in Faith *VdC* website and FaceBook page...or simply ask Pastor Diane for more information.



Council Corner

The Church Council meeting of September 13 was opened with devotions on generosity.

The Stewardship Committee continues to meet to prepare for a fall Stewardship Drive. Watch your mailbox for letters regarding the Stewardship Drive.

Sunday School is up and running and Choir, Brass and Bell Choir are all rehearsing.

Harvest Home will be held on October 23.

The Council approved a recommendation by the Steering Committee to explore various pastoral options, including shared ministry.

The Scout troop will be retiring flags in October. If you have any flags to retire you can bring them to church by October 9 and the Scouts will retire them. There are also two new Eagle Scouts in the troop.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Heckman

Financial Report

We finished the month of August at \$953.65 in the black (monthly income over expenses).

We continue to see Capital Improvement donations for the paving of the driveway and parking lot completed a few years ago. **We are hoping to observe the payoff of the \$5,946.90 balance in the coming months. It would be great if we could pay this off before the end of the year!**

Monthly – Income for August	\$13,392.25
Monthly – Expenses for August	\$12,438.60
The General Offering	\$9,703.33
Online Giving	\$1,996.78
Loose Change	\$90.10
Other Income	<u>\$1,602.04</u>
Subtotal	\$13,392.25

Thank you for your continued support!

Consider online giving in 2022

Visit <http://zionslutheran.org/donate/>. Please feel free to call the church office for assistance.



SIGN UP FOR CHURCH EMAIL

If you are not receiving the weekly bulletin or the monthly newsletter via email and you would like to, we encourage you to go to the churches website and use the Zion's Email Sign Up Form. The email address that you provide will only be used for church communications. Thank you.

LECTORS AND CAMERA

Lector and Camera people are a vital part of Zion's worship ministry. The camera has been fine-tuned and is easy to manage. If you would like to be a lector or camera person for a Sunday worship service, please contact the church office at 610-562-3112 or send an email to churchoffice@zionslutheran.org. **Thank you.**

BULLETIN AND ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Sponsoring bulletins and altar flowers are a special way to honor loved ones and give glory to God. If you would like to sponsor either, you may sign on the corresponding sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Bulletins - \$13.00, Altar Flowers, \$40.00.



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

Mary Mengle



REMINDER:

The next WELCA meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 7pm. All women of Zion's are WELCA members, and are invited to all of our meetings. We would love to have you attend!

Oops!

Redner's Save-A-Tape Reminder

Just a friendly reminder. Each week, there are one or more receipts turned in without the Save-A-Tape total below the barcode. This means that you forgot to scan your Redner's Rewards card at checkout. Sadly, those receipts cannot be used, and must be thrown away.

Please remember to scan your Redner's Rewards card at every checkout OR you can enter your phone number if you don't have the card with you.

Thanks so much. Your continued support of this program benefits the ministries here at Zion's, as well as building needs.

The Women of WELCA



Favorite (Bazaar) Foods Sale Reminder

Ordered some of your favorite Bazaar foods? **Don't forget to pick up your order on Saturday, October 8th from 11am to 2pm.** Just drive thru and pick up your order. And don't forget that there will be baked goods for purchase that day.

Thanks again for your support! The women of WELCA



WELCA Celebrates National Gratitude Month

November is National Gratitude Month. WELCA will honor those who serve at Mary's Shelter by collecting items from their wish list for use with their clients (homeless teens and pregnant women).

Items for teens

Gloves, scarves and socks

General use items

Bic razors
Shaving cream
Combs and brushes
Flash lights
Laundry detergent
Double A batteries

Kitchen items

Sandwich bags
Trash bags
Aluminum foil
Paper plates and cups

WELCA will be collecting these items in November until Sunday November 21. There will be a box in the narthex for you to place your new donated items.



GARDEN NEWS

The next work day in the garden on Tuesday,
Oct 4, at 9:00 am. Please join us!

If you would like to be put on the Garden volunteer
contact list, please email us at:
communitygarden@zionslutheran.org or contact
Lori Palubinski at 610-401-1186.



LIBRARY NEWS

Fall is a time when we enjoy LOOKING at the trees
as they change color.

During October, why not LOOK through some of
our photo albums on our library table to see how
some of our members have changed. Then, take a
walk through our Library, familiarize yourself with
its contents and see if anything catches your eye. If
so, fill out the sign-out sheet located on the desk
and ENJOY!

Please come take a look!



A Sunday afternoon ride!

For our October **Zion's Family Bike Ride**, we are
trying a Sunday afternoon. **We will be meeting at
the Hamburg Bartram Trail parking lot on
Sunday, October 16th to start our ride at 2pm.**
Bring your bike, water, and also a snack to share for
some fellowship time at the end of the ride. All
ages are welcome. Hope you can join us!

KNOTTER'S NEWS

We recently had blessed 115 quilts. 60 quilts and
100 Backpacks were delivered to New Windsor,
MD and the remainder were given to places at
home.

We so appreciate donations of money to purchase
supplies that go inside of our backpacks and help to
assemble and deliver.

We are always in need of material, blankets and
bedding, some of which is used for cat & dog beds
for local kennels. The Knotters are always looking
for extra hands to help knot. We meet at the church
at 9 am on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the
month.

Please join us and lend a hand!



FOOD PANTRY: UPDATE

The holidays are approaching and our local food
pantry is always in need of donations and these are
some of the items that are needed for the upcoming
season:

Boxed Stuffing
Jarred Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Pumpkin

And of course, any shelf stable item that you
would like to donate would be appreciated.

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

**The Northern Berks Food Pantry distribution has moved
back to the Hamburg Area Middle School cafeteria location

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION:

On the 3rd Saturday, at 9:00 am at the Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, Leesport

The next Northern Berks Food Pantry distribution is currently scheduled for Tues., October 25, from 6 pm to 7 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The Northern Berks Food Pantry has moved back to the Hamburg Middle School Cafeteria. Please call 610-562-8250 for information about distribution location.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH FREE SUPPER & SERVICE PROGRAM

The Festival of Faith Free Supper and Service program for people with 'special needs', their families and friends takes place at Bern Lutheran Church, 820 West Leesport Rd., Leesport with a free supper and Worship.

Groups are needed to provide the main course for future free suppers on October 27th and November 22nd.

We are thankful that your congregation, or a group in your congregation, has provided the main course for the supper in the past. The program has funds to provide all the tableware, beverages, side dishes and dessert if needed.

So, we are needing your help again to provide the main course, or more if you wish, for our suppers. For further information, please contact Pastor Dave Kistler at 717-933-8802, or by email at: davedeek@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your participation and best blessings. Pastor Dave Kistler.

GIVE NOW FOR U.S. FLOODING RELIEF

The survivors of the flooding need your support. Your gifts to "U.S. Flooding" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the record-setting rainfall.

Checks or money orders can be sent to:
Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809

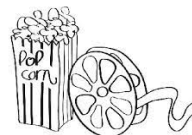
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Write "U.S. Flooding" on your check memo line.
Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm CT)

ZION'S CEMETERY COMPANY INC.

The October board meeting will be held Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Meetings are held at Zion's Church (formerly Zion's UCC Church) in Meeting Room 201.



FAITH NIGHT AT THE MOVIES HAMBURG STRAND THEATER

October 11, 2022 – Mask
November 8, 2022 – Unplanned
December 13, 2022 – The Christmas Candle

Tickets are \$8.00 at the door and include a complimentary popcorn & soda.



Come meet Mama & Papa Berenstain Bear LIVE at the Christian Education Resource Library, 328 Apple Lane, Shoemakersville, PA on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10am – 1pm.

Celebrating our 30th anniversary of Ministry. For more information contact Vernie Noecker at 610-562-7271

2022 KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP

Oct. 17-21, 2022

On this upcoming Mission trip, we will be volunteering with Crossroads Mission, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. We will be working on whole house rebuilds in an area of Kentucky that has had extensive tornado damage.

This is an ecumenical church initiative with Pastor Julie Osterhout. The cost to go is free and accommodations will be provided by First Christian Church in Princeton, KY.

All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Pastor Julie Osterhout at Trinity Lutheran in Wernersville, PA, 610-678-1782 or 610-678-1791.



VISIT TO ISRAEL & THE HOLY LAND

St Mark's Lutheran Church in Birdsboro will be organizing a trip to Israel and the Holy Land January 17-26, 2023. We will be visiting many sites of the Old and New Testament including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the wilderness, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Dead Sea, Masada, and many more locations.

The tour price will include all hotels, breakfast and dinner every day, one lunch in the wilderness, all admission fees, a luxury air condition bus, and tips. The price for the tour will be \$2200 plus airfare. Once we have a list of those going, we will look at getting a missionary fee airfare from Newark to Tel Aviv direct. **For more information, contact Pastor Jim at St Mark's Lutheran Church in Birdsboro at 610-246-4278.**

GRIEFSHARE

A new Griefshare Support Group started on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 at Zion's Church, 770 Zion's Church Rd., Hamburg, PA 19526.

Griefshare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. This group is sponsored by people who understand what they are experiencing and want to offer comfort and encouragement during a difficult time.

Each session includes a DVD seminar and group discussion. A GriefShare workbook assists with note-taking, journaling and grief study. The DVDs feature top experts on grief recovery, dramatic reenactments about living with grief and real-life stories of people who have experienced losses. During the small group discussion time, they will have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss, learn about their experiences and share their own experiences.

Persons can join at any time.

Please call 610-562-2300 to register or for more information. There is a \$20.00 charge for the workbook and other materials.



October Birthdays

3rd Amanda Gallagher
 4th Nancy Seidel
 6th Shelley Strunk
 7th Jennifer Neuin
 9th Wasyl Onulack, Jr.

10th Timothy Olszewski
 12th Eleanor Dietrich
 Heather Wagner
 13th Neil Schaeffer
 Connor Troutman
 14th Eileen Puglia
 Lucille Gough
 15th Matthew Deibler
 16th Joanne Reidenhour
 Isabella Dentala

17th Norman Dresher
 19th Tanner Mish
 20th Ruth Ann Adam
 Aryton Miller
 Barbara Reinhart
 21st Alannah Daub
 22nd Reece Heckman
 Carl Sechler

24th Heather Gring
 25th Abbie Smith
 26th Arlene Mengel
 Brianna Ulrich
 Lillian Dusko

27th Steven Mengel
 Nancy Pursell

28th Nelson Eyer
 30th Michael Heckman
 Dawn O'Brien
 Lori Smith

31st Linda Weidner

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



Shut in Mailing List

Mabel Fry
 65 Fry Lane
 Auburn, Pa 17922

Grace Ketner
 1801 Tulpehocken Rd
 Apt. 1
 Wyomissing, PA 19610

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

David Peters
 Wyomissing Nursing & Rehab
 1000 E Wyomissing Blvd.
 Reading, PA 19611

Christine Ryan
 Laurel Center
 125 Holly Rd.
 Hamburg, PA 19526

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

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

If there is anyone you know who is unable to get out and would like to be added to our list, please contact the church office.



Zion's Messenger

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am, Holy Communion,
Indoor recorded service

October 2022

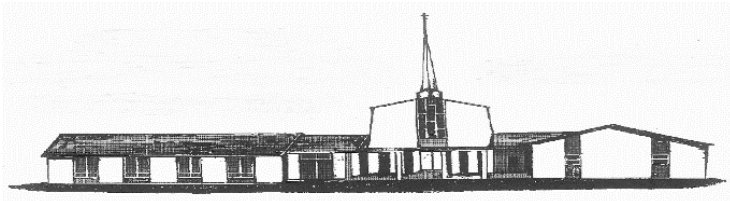
Pastor: Pastor Diane LaFauci

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Church Phone: 610-562-3112

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Church Website: www.zionslutheran.org



Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church **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 †

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
354 Zions Church Road
Shoemakersville, PA 19555

Zion's Monthly Calendar – October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**WATCH FOR SERVICE INFO IN BULLETINS, CALENDARS & ONLINE	** Service will be recorded and posted on the church's website and Facebook EVERY SUNDAY					1
2 WORLD COMMUNION DAY 9:15 am Sunday Sch. 10:30 am Holy Communion	3 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	4 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm A.A. Meeting	5 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 pm Book Study @ Church 7:00 pm Book Study on ZOOM 7:15 PM - CHOIR	6 6:00 pm Worship & Music meeting 7:00 pm Christian Ed. FH RENTAL	7 FH RENTAL	8 Favorite "Bazaar" Food Drive-Thru pick-up FH RENTAL
9 9:15 am Sunday Sch. 10:30 am Holy Communion	10 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	11 9:00-11:30 am Knotters 7:00 Council Meeting 7:00 pm A.A. Meeting	12 10:30 pm Book Study @ Church 7:00 pm Book Study on ZOOM 7:15 PM - CHOIR	13 9:00 am Zion's Cemetery Monthly Board meeting – Zion's Church Fellowship Hall 6:30 Brass rehearsal 7:00 pm Handbell rehearsal	14	15
16 9:15 AM Sunday Sch. 10:30 am Special Service – Music Sunday	17 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM – WELCA MTG. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	18 7:00 pm A.A. Meeting 7:15 PM - CHOIR	19 10:30 pm Book Study @ Church 7:00 pm Book Study on ZOOM	20 7:00 pm Property Meeting	21	22 FH RENTAL
23 HARVEST HOME 9:15 AM Sunday Sch. 10:30 am Holy Communion 6:00 pm Confirmation @Friedens	24 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	25 9:00-11:30 am Knotters 7:00 pm A.A. Meeting	26 10:30 pm Book Study @ Church 7:00 pm Book Study on ZOOM 7:15 PM - CHOIR	27	28	29
30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:15 AM Sunday Sch. 10:30 am Holy Communion						

