



Sept. 2012

Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Zion's Mission Statement: Reflecting Christ, we are called to share God's gifts

Is your summer "bucket" list done? Ours is...sort of!

An update on various summer projects at Zion's

In the beginning of the summer, most of us have our "bucket" list. This includes various home maintenance projects; a vacation; a call to Aunt Selma, who we've promised to visit for ages; maybe cleaning out a bin in the attic, etc. The church too had a summer bucket list. Here is a review of how God was active in our congregation this summer.

☑ **Send out 12 on a Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia:** The youth in our congregation did some awesome work with Habitat for Humanity in West Virginia. We hammered, painted, organized, demolished and ate a lot of ice cream. The youth and adults who went worked (and played!) great with the other volunteers, also members of other Lebanon County Lutheran churches. I confess a bit of pride in seeing how well the youth and adults in our church performed during the whole week. Teenagers often get criticized for being lazy...well, not that week!!

What is next: We are busy planning for next year. In the meantime, we will be much more involved with the other youth groups in Lebanon County this year. We already have a big retreat planned for October.

☑ **Try a new Summer Sunday School program: "Bible Studio."** This summer we decided to try a different format for Sunday School. We called it "Bible Studio." It gave parents a chance to have fun with the Bible and their kids, using supplies people have in their homes (crayons, the internet, ovens, construction paper, etc). Attendance varied from 6 to 20 kids and adults. Every week we tried different approaches to make the stories in the Bible come alive. The feedback from parents and children was very strong.

What is next: We will assess ways to improve the program, but I definitely see us trying this again. More broadly, we will continue to work on ways to help parents pass on the faith, not simply by bringing their children to church, but also bringing the church into their homes.

☑ **Have our biggest Vacation Bible School ever:** We had over 80 kids throughout the week, including many preschool families and children. Thanks to all the volunteers, especially coordinator Michele McQuiade. The kids went on an amazing Desert Journey with Jesus! The Bible stories and songs all came together to teach the children about Jesus. It was great seeing the kids sing and sign the Lord's Prayer at the church Picnic.

What is next: We hope some of the kids will come back for our Fall Carnival...and Sunday School!

☑ **Move location of Summer Picnic:** Last summer it became clear that we had outgrown the pavilion at Jonestown Park. So we moved the picnic to Levitz Park. Deb Reiner and crew did a fantastic job preparing and running the program. The location worked out great.

What is next: We hope to return to Levitz Park next summer!

- ☑ **Send out two missionaries:** This summer we sponsored and sent out two missionaries, Michael Soneson and Meghan Bryte. Michael heads off to England to work at a Christian Drug Rehab center. Meghan will work in Mexico; among other tasks she will teach English as a Second Language.

What is next: We look forward to reading their blogs about their experiences. This October 7 we will welcome home the two missionaries we sent out last year, Sam and Elizabeth, on our Global Mission Sunday. We rejoice in how Christ worked through them this past year.

- ☑ **Buy the adjacent property and renovate it:** The congregation approved the purchase of the property late this Spring. By July, we had signed the papers, including taking a loan from the Church’s Endowment Fund. Since then, there has been a tremendous amount of work done on the house. We thank Lynn Kleinfelter for leading this renovation crew.

What is next: Continue renovations, hopefully opening for a renter in the coming weeks. We do have renters lined up, but we want to do as much as we can while it is empty.

We do still need people to help repair and clean. See article later in newsletter.

In the long run, we remain very open to where God may lead us with this property. It may become home to a non-profit, it may house staff of our church or another church or it may simply remain a rental property. For the next few years, it will likely be a rented property to help us pay off the mortgage.

- ☑ **Offer a children’s comfort area instead of staffed nursery:** Rather than staff a nursery with volunteers for the summer (and have them in an un-air-conditioned room), we set up an area in the back of the Social Hall where parents could play with their “active” children during worship and also watch a TV broadcast of the service. (If we could just avoid getting struck by lightning the broadcast idea would work a bit better...)

What is next: In the fall, we will move back to a staffed nursery, but it will be staffed by a limited number of volunteers. It will also begin after the children’s message.

- ☑ **Get struck by lightning:** Actually, this was not on our bucket list! We were struck and this caused damage to the organ, the phone/internet devices and part of the sound system. So far the damages have been limited in their financial impact, but a headache nonetheless.

What is next: By the time you receive this newsletter, all the repairs should be done! However, when it comes to a building this big, it may be that we only discover things at a later date.

As you can tell, it has been a very busy Summer here. Most of this newsletter is devoted to events this Fall – Rally Day, the return of the choir, Global Mission Sunday and so forth. But before we move ahead, I wanted us to look back and rejoice over all that God has done with and through us this Summer.

In Christ,
Pastor Rob Myallis



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Summer Ketchup Offering:

Most of us travel quite a bit during the summer. Vacations, family reunions and small get-a-ways. This means that often people miss church during the summer.

If you have missed church this summer, we invite you to consider a “Ketchup” offering. This is a way you can easily “ketchup” on offerings missed. We will have specially marked “Ketchup” offerings in the pews the first weeks of September. We thank those who regularly give extra when they miss a Sunday!

Sharing God's Gifts

Featured Ways you can...Reflect Christ and Share your Gifts!

In Worship: *Sound Tech (crucial need)*

We are very much looking for some more people to handle Sound Tech. This is a fun and interactive way to help with worship. We could very much use another person or two. This ministry helps people in the church hear but it also helps take our message to the internet and our shut-ins. If interested, contact the church office (zions@comcast.net)!

For Kids: *Junior and Cherub Choirs*

The Cherub and Junior Choirs start up again this fall. This is a great way for kids to have fun and grow in their faith! The rehearsal times are Sunday Mornings, 9:45 to 10:10 AM, following Sunday School.

Our directors are:

Junior Choir (2nd – 8th grade): Elaine Ludwig (865-3757; eludadv@comcast.net)
Travis Ludwig (583-2256; tludwig@pinnaclehealth.org)

Cherub Choir (age 3 to 1st grade): Deb Reiner (861-5548; adreiner74@gmail.com)
Steph Livingston (865-1676; maslogmama@gmail.com)

The Cherub Choir will begin on Sept 16. The Junior Choir will begin on Sept 2.

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Because you asked....a congregation member's question to the Pastor:

Is clapping okay in church?

Yes. As Psalm 47:1 declares: "Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy." In the book of Isaiah, the LORD declares that even the trees will clap with joy! (55:12). Many congregations, clap frequently in worship, especially during singing.

My observation is that people at this church tend not to clap during worship, except after a choir song. Some feel that this makes the choir's singing into a performance for the people instead of praise to God. Others feel their heart so stirred after a choir's song, they cannot help but clap! Some clap because they don't want to be rude.

Personally, I think clapping can be a great part of worship. While I understand concerns about performance, I think it is good to allow people to express their gratitude and thanksgiving in all variety of ways.

It is always tough to balance humility and praise. It is a sin not to acknowledge our sinfulness; it is just as much as a sin to deny God's grace and power to work through us.

Social Ministry

Meets: 1st Monday, four times per year

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsdavis11@comcast.net; 865-2781)

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

18& 32 oz. jams & jellies
5 oz. canned chicken
12 oz. Spam or Treet
Canned Potatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes

Clothing Bank:

Towels
Blankets
Boys' Pants
Boys' Jeans
Men's Jeans
Coats
Thermal Underwear

Other:

Plastic grocery bags
Cleaning Supplies
Toiletries
Fitted Sheets (all sizes)
New Boys' boxers (all sizes)

Place contributions in the container marked
"LCCM" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Once again the Social Ministry group will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits. You will find baskets in the Gathering Area during September to donate the following items:

- ❖ Light-weight bath-size towels (52"x27")
dark color recommended
- ❖ Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.), any brand in original wrapping
- ❖ Adult-size toothbrushes in original package
- ❖ Sturdy combs, remove packaging
- ❖ Metal nail clippers attached file optional,
remove packaging

(if you would rather donate with a monetary gift, put it in an envelope marked "Personal Care Kits for LWR" and place in the offering plate)

Spang Crest -Kaufmans Chicken Bar-B-Que

A fundraiser for our local Lutheran nursing home.
Friday, Sept. 7 from 2:30-6:00 p.m.

@ Spang Crest, 945 Duke St., Lebanon, PA
Cost: \$6.50 for ½ chicken, potato & applesauce
See Emily Myallis for tickets.

Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets

We will continue our ministry of knitting or crocheting prayer shawls and baby blankets. If you would like to help or provide yarn, contact Deb Pappas (dapdcp@evenlink.com) or Julia Albert (865-1560).

Remember our homebound Birthdays with Cards, Calls, & Visits

Margaret Gerberich Birthday: Sept. 30
Hearthstone Manor Rm. 205 Phone: 228-2358
1125 Birch Rd.
Lebanon, PA 17042

John Sebastian Birthday: Sept. 11
205 W. Market St. Phone: 865-3336
Jonestown, PA 17038

College Student Addresses

Remember students as they begin another year...

Jena Fortna (Millersville Univ.),
469 S. Lancaster St., P.O. Box 132
Lebanon, PA 17046

Becky Guldin (Penn State Univ.)
3 Miller, University Park, PA 16802

Jamie Hess (Kutztown Univ.)
2245 Quarry Rd., Lebanon, PA 17046

Janelle Hess (HACC)
205 Rose Lane, Jonestown, PA 17038

Katelyn Luch (HACC)
37 E. Market St., P.O. Box 578, Jonestown, PA 17038

Jonathan Northridge HUB 1446 (Dickinson College)
28 N. College St., P.O. Box 1773, Carlisle, PA 17013-2896

Lukas Quanbeck (Delaware Valley College)
700 E. Butler, P.O. Box 6087, Doylestown, PA 18901

Erik Sandbakken (BTI Reading)
1517 Delaware Ave., Wyomissing, PA 19610

Valerie Yohn (Shippensburg Univ.)
1204 Bard Dr., Shippensburg, PA 17257

Thank you notes –

Many thanks to our Zion's family for providing us with meals, cards, gifts and prayers for the birth of our son, Coltin. – the Bush Family

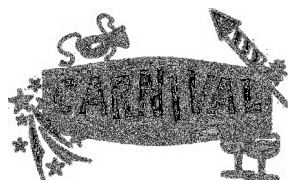
I want to thank all my friends from Zion's for remembering me with all the beautiful cards on my birthday. I really appreciate it. Most Sincerely –
Alma Paul

Rally Day/Promotion Sunday - Sept. 9

A pancake and sausage breakfast will be held from 9:00-9:30, followed by a presentation by Pastor Rob. Classroom assignments for children in levels 1-3 will be announced. Regular Sunday School classes will begin September 16 at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Zion's Fall Carnival

Sunday, September 9 4-6:15 pm



- 4:00-4:45 Jim Rule Concert - fun for all ages (FREE)**
- 4:45-6:15 FREE hotdogs, drinks, snacks, and desserts**
- 5:15-6:15 FREE Games**
- 6:15-6:30 FREE Prize distribution**

The carnival will begin in the social hall at 4:00 pm with the Jim Rule concert. Food will be served immediately after the concert from the kitchen serving windows. Games will not begin until 5:15 to allow the game participants a chance to eat first. Bingo will be held in the social hall. In the event of rain, all activities will take place inside.

We will again hold a penny toss for all ages, we even provide the pennies. Anyone who would like to make a donation of glasses, mugs, cups, or vases, may do so by placing them in the kitchen marked "carnival".



Please pass this invitation on to everyone to make the Fall Carnival and concert a well-attended event. All food, activities, and the concert are **FREE!**

<p>Wednesday Night's Return: Starting Sept 5</p>	<p>What is King's Kids?</p>
<p>5:30-6:15: Community Dinner</p> <p>6:15-6:45: Joyful Spirits</p>	<p>King's Kids is a biblical playdate for toddlers, elementary schoolers and their parents</p> <p><i>Note: Previously this was called "Little Ones"; however, we now have enough "big" kids we wanted to change the name!</i></p>
<p>6:45 - 7:30: Bible Study or King's Kids</p> <p>7:30 - 8:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>Do I need to be an expert for Bible Study?</p> <p>No! Even if you have never been to a Bible Study before, come and join us. This fall we will look at Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Some of the passages in this letter are very familiar: "Love is patient, love is kind" but there is a lot more to it!</p>

Upcoming Youth Events: Fall 2012



Sat, Sept 8, 11 AM - 2 PM:

Youth boating at Memorial Lake

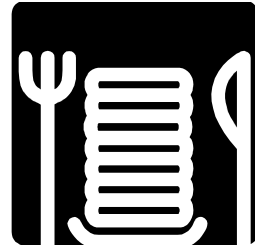
Meet us at the park for a fun day of boating and a cookout.

Cost is \$3/kid or \$5/family.

Questions? Contact Brian Miller 865-2810 / briansmiller3@comcast.net

Sun, Sept 9, 8:30-10:00 AM: Youth help with Rally Day Pancake Breakfast

We will cook food for the congregation's Rally Day breakfast. We ask people for donations, which fund our Youth Ministry.



Sun, Sept 23, 7 PM: Youth Wave (Youth Group time)



Sun, Oct 7 - Mon, Oct 8: Youth Retreat at Camp

We will depart after church to head to Camp Kirchenwald for an overnight. We will join with youth from other Lebanon County Lutheran Churches. Cost is \$10/youth (6th graders eligible)

Upcoming:

October: Hay Ride

November: Service project

Evangelism

Meets: As needed

Chair: Elaine Ludwig (eludadvo@comcast.net; 865-3757)

English as a Second Language classes resume

Monday, Sept 10 ESL classes will resume. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, contact Emily Myallis (emilymyallis@yahoo.com; 865-0834)

Global Mission Sunday

On October 7, we will hear from our returning missionaries, Sam Harclode and Elizabeth Frey about their ministry (and adventures!) in South Africa and Malaysia. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate God's work across the globe. We rejoice at how we can, as a global church, spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER

CHAIR: NOEL STRATTAN (DNS@TELECOMMUTE.NET; 865-7747)

Did you miss worship this summer?

Check it out online

- Our website (www.zionsjonestown.com) has audio copies of sermons.
- We have CDs of the whole service, available upon request
- We have a live video and audio broadcast of the service online (at ustream.tv; probably easiest to get through our website).
Note: We apologize for the poor broadcasts and even CDs in August; it took us a few weeks to recover from the lightning strike.

Nursery for Fall

The nursery is moving back from the social hall to the Sunday School wing for the Fall. However, a few changes:

- The nursery will open after the children's message.
- Children in kindergarten are expected to remain in worship
- We have a very limited number of nursery volunteers; it may be that some weeks the nursery is unstaffed; a note will be posted on the nursery door in this case.

Koinonia Class News

President: Ken Hess, 865-2884

Activities: 18 members and friends attended the dinner & show at Gretna Timbers, good food and great music. Thank you to Tom & Pat Keefer for all the leg work!

Upcoming events:

- ❖ Octoberfest
- ❖ HollyBerry Bazaar

Start to prepare your jellies & jams, crafts & treats!

Next meeting is September 8 @ 7:00 pm. New members are welcome!

HollyberryBazaar Update:

Saturday, November 3rd, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Crafts, Christmas decorations, Themed baskets, Baked goods, Christmas cookies, Assorted Jellies, Chow Chow, Chicken corn noodle soup, Candy, Plants, Children's table. Come for Lunch: Koinonia's famous BBQ sandwiches, soup, hot dogs, beverages.

New this year: A table of used books. Donations of all genres of books are welcome. Please place them in the box in the rear of the social hall from now until the week of the bazaar. Donations of handmade crafts, items for the children's table, plants, theme baskets, and homemade cookies, candies, and jellies are also welcome and may be brought to church the week of the bazaar. If you have any questions, contact PrisOtt or Karen Hitz.



COUNCIL

Meets: 2nd Thursday of EACH Month

President: Ed Ludwig (eludadvo@comcast.net; 865-3757)

Highlights from August 9, 2012 Council Meeting

- 1) PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor highlighted the immensity of the commitment made by council members, noting the contributions of members past and present. He also noted the smooth transition of leadership for VBS and the annual picnic, thanks to the assistance of Janet Bird who lead these events in the past. Pastor has received preliminary information concerning storm-water run off fees the church and cemetery will have to pay. He will attend borough meetings to learn more.
- 2) FINANCE: Approval was given to open a separate checking account for the "Mohn" rental property as maintenance is done and future rents will be collected.
- 3) EVANGELISM: A request from Jonestown Outreach pantrY for a donation of 4 tables & chairs was approved. The next new member class will be on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 9. A missionary that Zion's sponsored will visit us on October 7.
- 4) PRE-SCHOOL: Has hired Ashley Rose as an aide and Karen Brown Pautz as aide/substitute.
- 5) COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Tom Mohn and Michael Johnsen have been appointed to council to complete the remaining terms of Angela Watson and Angela Evans who resigned their positions. Both terms will expire in December of this year.
- 6) SOCIAL HALL/KITCHEN: A layout plan was approved; the next phase is determining various projects within this layout, hopefully at September or October meeting.

Financial Update: July Revenue: \$12,835.32; Expenses: \$17,983.46. YTD Income (Loss): (-\$7,238.68)
Note: Our July expenses greatly exceeded our July revenues in large part because of our closing and transaction costs on the property purchase.

RENTAL (Mohn) PROPERTY UPDATE:

The figurative heavy lifting, purchasing the property, has been completed. Now the literal heavy lifting has begun. The property management team headed by Lynn Kleinfelter has begun the demolition/reconstruction phase of preparing the property for a renter by Sept. 1, 2012. That may be an ambitious deadline, but we're aiming high.

The clean & paint crew headed by Ed Ludwig will follow the 'skilled' laborers for the final prep. Two items of note for the congregation:

1- If you are interested in volunteering for the clean & paint team, contact Ed(865-3757, eludadvo@comcast.net

2- Although we're advertising the unit as 'unfurnished' we will consider slightly used items of furnishings and appliances. Again, contact Ed, please don't just 'donate' them unannounced.

Ed Ludwig,

Council liaison for rental property



Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Barbara Brandt

Given by Donald and Sharon
Davis

Helping out those in need: Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County helps families escape abusive situations through counseling and shelter. One in three women are in an abusive relationship. Please see Becky Guldin (rebecca.guldin@gmail.com) to purchase a 25% off shopping pass for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day. This pass is \$5 and is valid on Tuesday, October 16 and entitles you to free refreshments and an entrance into a raffle for prizes like a flat screen TV, diamond pendant, and \$500 shopping spree. All of your donation goes directly to DVI. Thank you

September 2012

SUNDAY



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	3	4 1:00 pm WELCA 7:15 pm Christian Ed Mtg.	5 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	6	7	1 8 Youth Picnic @ Memorial Lake 11am-2pm 7:00pm Koinonia
9 RALLY DAY 9:00 Pancake Breakfast followed by a presentation by Pastor Rob 10:30 Worship 4:00 Jim Rule followed by free FALL CARNIVAL	10 6:30pm ESL	11	12 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	13 7:00 pm Council	14	15 15th Newsletter Deadline
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	17 6:30pm ESL	18	19 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	20	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 pm Youth WAVE	24 6:30pm ESL	25	26 9:00 am sewing 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	27	28	29 Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time						

Lebanon County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Oct. 13 -Pork and sauerkraut dinner to benefit the Lebanon Rescue Mission Free Clinic, 4:00-7:00 PM at Salem Lutheran Church, Lebanon. Tickets are \$7.00 and will be sold at the door, but advanced tickets may be purchased from Janet Bird. Contact her at jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend the dinner.

The Lebanon County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has given Zion's \$800 for the mission trip, almost \$575 for our Vacation Bible School, and \$200 for the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. If you have a Thrivent policy or Thrivent investments, you are a Thrivent member. The local chapter's executive board is in need of more members. It meets monthly at Palm Lutheran Church in Palmyra. If you would like to serve on the board, contact Janet Bird at jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636.

Worship Participants for September

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Counters	Nursery	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
2	Daniel Sandbakken	Brian Adams	Jim Adams	Riley Houser Dylan Houser	Larry & Sharon Houser	Rikki & Tim Weimer	Pastor Rob	Elaine Ludwig
9	Eric Sandbakken	Daryl Hess	Joe Sandbakken	Paige Sebastian Daulton Fortna	Kelly Rittle & Ashley Schade	Ashley & Andy Schade	Noel Strattan	Stephanie Livingston
16	Amanda Sandbakken	Michael Johnsen	Lynn Kleinfelter	New Acolyte Eric Schulden	Darryl Bush & Deb Reiner	Laura & Darryl Bush	Sharon Davis	Priscilla Ott
23	Jesse Northridge	Jim Adams	Noel Strattan	New Acolyte Donny Redinger	Fran Phillips & Deb Long	Pam & Kyle Brightbill	Kristen Hoffer	Kristin Hoffer
30	Dean Hess	Lynn Kleinfelter	Lukas Quanbeck	New Acolyte Kenny Redinger	Deb Long & Noel Strattan	Janelle & Brett Kiscaddin	Jim Adams	Sharon Davis

Altar Guild	Ushers	Getting to know you time	Communion Assistants
Nancy Kleinfelter Lois Schaeffer	Mike Long, William Ludwig, Jim Cascarino, Linda Toth	Christian Education Committee	Emily Myallis & Deb Long