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Zion's News



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*Zion's Mission Statement: Reflecting Christ, we are called to share God's gifts
"Celebrating our 275th anniversary"*

Home Devotions: A key way to keep Christ in Christmas

"Keep Christ in Christmas" is a great slogan. But how do we make this slogan our way of life? A key way to keep Christ in Christmas is to take time every day for a home devotion. In this month's newsletter article, I want to describe how you can do devotionals at home this Advent -- a nuts and bolts, how to guide!

I am going to put the Advent home devotional in a "Faith 5" format. The "Faith 5" format is a method of doing devotions we introduced to this church this past summer. A number of families in our congregation are finding this an easy and fruitful way to refocus their lives on God.

Talk: Begin by sharing with each other your high and your low of your day. If you live alone, consider calling someone on the phone or even writing in a journal. This gets one thinking about the day and encourages good listening to one another.

- Make it special for Advent: Begin this sharing by lighting candles on an Advent wreath.

Read: Read a Bible verse or passage. In our family we typically use a verse or two from the previous Sunday for each day of the next week. We discover the power of God's Spirit working through the Word as the same verse connects to us in a different way throughout the week.

- Make it special for Advent: The devotional book we will give to people in the congregation contains a daily Bible verse. If you use this, you can know others are reading with you. If you come to the Advent Calendar event on Nov 30, you will get to make a special calendar that has these Bible verses on them.

Share: Connect the Bible verse with your daily highs and lows. This sounds intimidating, but it is awesome to reflect (and see) how God's Word lives itself out in our lives.

- Make it special for Advent: The devotional book contains a daily reflection you can read. The calendar comes with a family activity that can really bring God's Word to life.

Pray: Pray for one another, especially considering what people already shared.

Bless: Bless one another, making the sign of the cross on the forehead, saying something as simple as , "God bless you" or "May Christ dwell in you richly this Advent."

- Make it special for Advent: Considering singing an Advent or Christmas song (suggestion: One from the bulletin the week before!)

Final tips:

- Home devotionals are not just for pastors. They are for everyone. If they are not working for your family, give me a call. Every family that has been doing Faith 5 the past couple of months has adapted it for their own family to make it work.

- We recommend doing these devotions before dinner or before bed.

- If you miss a day, that is okay.

Lastly, even if we do not do our devotions perfectly, know that Jesus will still have his grand birthday celebration on Dec 25. Christmas does not depend on us. But home devotions are a way, each day, for us to experience the wonder, mystery and joy of Christ's birth.

Blessings on your Advent preparations.

Pr. Rob

Sharing God's Gifts

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

Morning Prayer Worship

During Advent (Starting Nov 30), we will offer a morning prayer worship service starting at 8:15. The service will last 30-40 minutes.

- The service will have much less music and liturgy. The music we have will be familiar and simple; there will likely be one hymn and one or two pieces of liturgy.
- We will have Confession and Forgiveness and celebrate Holy Communion.
- We will have one Scripture lesson and a sermon but no children's message.
- We will have time for prayers.
- We will not staff the nursery during this service; our choirs will sing at the 10:30 service.

If you are interested in helping with this service, let Pastor Rob know.

Caroling to Homebound— Sunday, Dec. 21.

We will have lunch following worship at approx. 12:15, and then leave the church about 12:45. Poinsettias will be delivered to the shut-ins as well. All are welcome to come along caroling!

Cherub Choir Piano Player

The cherub choir is still looking for a piano player. Contact Steph Livingston, maslogmama@gmail.com, if interested.

Sanctuary Decorating: Dec. 13 at 9:00 am. Stop on by!

That's My Pan! Fundraiser (Christmas Gift idea!)

The Salt & Light 275th Fundraising Committee is selling 'That's My Pan!' personalized cake/pie pans. Brochures are available in the gathering area or you may check out our very own web site on line at: thatsmypan.biz/frpa10257. For questions, please see Tovie Kleinfelter, (865-5678), tovie26@gmail.com.

Youth Babysitting

Looking for a breather this Holiday Season? Let the youth from our church do some babysitting/child care for you!



Dec 13, from 12:30 to 3 PM, following the Sunday School Christmas Party (and Pageant practice). This is a free will donation that goes toward our mission trips to New York City and West Virginia.

Questions? Contact Maggie Beuchel, mag.beuchel@t-online.de (269-7082)

Social Ministry

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Boxed Meals
Canned Pasta
Canned Soups
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit

Other:

Bath Towels
Hand Towels
Diapers
Baby Wipes
King/Qu Sheets
& Blankets

Clothing Bank:

Towels/Wash cloths

Men's pants (28-36)

Men's shoes (8-10.5)

Women's Dresses & Skirts

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

Angel Tree

Stop by the Angel tree in the gathering area.

To help:

1. Choose an angel from the tree
2. Shop for item listed on the paper angel
3. Gift-wrap the item
4. Tape the paper angel to the package
5. Place gift on designated table in the social hall

Food Donations: watch for the list on the small bulletin board in the gathering area.

Monetary Donations: Place in offering place in an envelope marked "needy families".

Food & Money will be used to purchase remaining angel gifts and/or for food for the families' Christmas dinners.



Deadline for Donations is Sunday, December 14

Congregational meeting: Sunday, December 14, following worship, for the purpose of Electing Council members and adopting the 2015 budget.

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

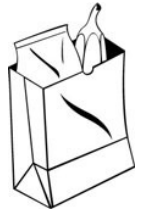
Wish List:

Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix
Chili
Spam
Stuffing Mix & Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Boxed potatoes
Canned Yams

Other:

Baby Wipes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Diapers
Dish detergent



Canned Cranberries

Boxed Cake & Cookie mix

Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn

Place contributions in the container marked

"JOY" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)

Homebound Birthday

(cards, calls, visits)



Harold Schaeffer

Elmcroft Rm. 145 Birthday - Dec. 19

860 Norman Dr. Ph: 717-272-9869

Lebanon, PA 17042

Walk of Honor

Be a part of Jonestown's Walk of Honor by recognizing your armed forces members with a personalized engraved brick.

The Jonestown American Legion and the Jonestown Lions Club have joined hands in a cooperative effort to construct a "Walk of Honor" at the memorial site located in Zion's Lutheran Cemetery on N. King St.

The walk will be constructed using bricks engraved with names recognizing those who have served in the armed forces both past and present.

If you wish to honor a spouse, relative or friend with an engraved brick, please contact Donald Davis to complete an order form. Bricks vary in price from \$55 - \$125 according to what you are ordering. Checks may be made payable to Veterans Memorial Walkway.

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Tracy Hoy (tlh328@verizon.net;272-6542)

Wednesday Night's at Zions:

5:30 pm: Community Dinner
6:15-6:45: Joyful Spirits
6:50-7:30: Bible Study
6:45-7:30: King's Kids, which will consist of Story-telling, Games, Crafts and Special Guests. It is led this fall by Magdalena Beuchel and Laurie Gill.

Nursery schedule

We have resumed staffing the nursery. We will staff the nursery for the entire worship service.

Thanks to all the nursery staff, especially coordinator Laura Bush, for working this extra time.

Women's Bible Study

Monthly "Wine down" Bible Study
Led by Emily Myallis will resume in the New Year. Questions-contact Janet Bird
bird75@comcast.net or 865-5636



Wise Guy's Bible Study

Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m., men are invited to Bible Study in the social hall, with breakfast!

Children's Sunday School Classes

Will consist of pageant practice on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 and there will be no classes on December 28.

"The Night before Jesus"

Christmas Pageant

The date for the Christmas pageant is December 14 at 7:00 pm. Children from preschool to grade 12 are invited to participate. Contact Joel Guldin, mjguldin@comcast.net or 865-3603. Refreshments will be served after the pageant. Practices are:

Dec. 6, 10 am Dec. 7, 9 am (Sunday School) Dec. 13, 10:00 Dec. 14, 9 am (Sunday School)

Cast Christmas party will be held December 13, after practice, with lunch for all!



Christmas Concert - Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Sunday, December 21 @ 5:00 pm.

Akoustikos Guitar Orchestra will present their Christmas Show in the social hall. The Akoustikos Guitar Orchestra is a group of young students, conducted by Paul Zer-man. Comprised of acoustic guitars, Akoustikos performs in the traditional orchestra fashion. The Guitar Orchestra has performed at numerous locations, including the Harrisburg Forum for the "Celebration of Children" event and Legends Café in Lebanon. Donny Redinger, who provides guitar music for Joyful Spirits worship on Wednesday nights is a member of the group. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the youth group mission trip to "Habitat for Humanity" next June.

This is a one of a kind Concert, you will surely enjoy!



COUNCIL

President: Deb Reiner (adreiner74@gmail.com; 861-5548)

Highlights from November 13, 2014 Council Meeting:

- Pastor Rob has been amazed this Fall by the willingness of the people to serve in every aspect of our ministries. This is especially the case with our youth ministry. Jim and Laurie Gill as well as a number of other parents have stepped forward to assume leadership of our youth ministry.
- Job Descriptions for the Sexton and the newly proposed Facilities & Grounds Coordinator position were distributed. The job descriptions will be finalized and approved at the December council meeting
- A host of Christmas activities are scheduled, including Pageant (Dec 14) and Advent Calendar Event (Nov 30).
- Budget was approved. Significant changes include: New Facilities & Grounds Coordinator position; changes in Pastor Rob's compensation and approval of Asbestos removal. *See Budget attachment for details.*
- Council endorsed Kelly Rittle (returning), Ed Ludwig, Noel Strattan and Brian Adams for Council.
- Linda Toth and Leah Wolfe were approved for the Preschool board.

Koinonia News:

Upcoming Activities:

Sat. Dec. 13 – Christmas Banquet

Place: Creative Creations

Time: 6:00 pm Cost: \$18.00 per person

Sign-up on the sheet on the small bulletin board in the Gathering Area.



Sat., Jan. 10 - Meeting in Sunday School room by the mailboxes

Hollyberry Bazaar Wrap-up

Thank-you so much for your support of our bazaar which occurred at the time our dear friend and Koinonia member, Priscilla Ott, passed away. Priscilla was instrumental in beginning our bazaar 10 years ago, and along with Karen Hitz, chaired the bazaar committee. Many thanks to Karen and the rest of the group who made the bazaar happen this year. Zion's once again was a great help in providing cookies, candies, baskets, handmade items, etc. This can happen when we all work together! Through the money raised at the bazaar, we were able to give \$2700 to the General Fund, with \$1200 earmarked for an expensive elevette inspection coming up in December.

Election of Officers for 2015:

President - Sharon Davis

Vice President - Judy Soondar

Secretary - Pat Keefer

Treasurer - Ken Hess

Won't you consider joining us in the new year? Looking forward to seeing new faces!

Mark your Calendar: Zion's Annual Shore Trip: Father's Day weekend, June 19-21, 2015!!!

✠ Memorial Donations made to the Koinonia Class in memory of Priscilla Ott:

Judith & George Trump

Ed & Elaine Ludwig

Dorothy & George Nagle

Maryann Nelson

James & Brenda Bomberger

Donald & Sharon Davis

Julia Albert

Deb Pappas

Beatrice Wolferd

Judith & Mike Soondar

Tom & Pat Keefer

Thomas Mesarick

Elizabeth Fetterman

John Fioravanti

Ken & Irene Hess

David & Kathy Fitchett

Matthew & Jeniva Unger

Bob & Barbara Trump

Ronald & Kathleen Hetrick & family

Richard & Karen Hitz in memory of Harold & Priscilla Ott

Evangelism

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

Inspirational Book Exchange

A member of our congregation has kindly offered to share some of her religious material with us by donating a wealth of Christian-related books to our Inspirational Book Exchange. Now taking up the bottom two shelves of the bookshelves in the Gathering Area, these shelves contain books for adults and for children. This is the perfect time to browse and borrow a book to help pass the long winter evenings. You may return the book when you have read it or pass it along to someone else you know would enjoy reading it. Also, if you have inspirational books at home that you would like to share, please place them on one of the bookshelves.

Volunteers



Needed

Emergency Shelter Volunteers Needed

Salem Lutheran and Zion's in Lebanon will be hosting HOPES Emergency Shelter

and volunteers are needed to assist in providing this essential resource to those in need within our community. Salem will host from Dec. 22 thru Jan. 5, Zion's will host from Jan. 5 thru Jan 19.

Volunteers are welcome to sign-up for any shifts that fit their schedule:

Check-out 6-7:15 am - 2 volunteers needed

Check-in 8-10 pm - 4 volunteers needed

Overnight, 10pm - 6 am - 2 volunteers needed

(at least one male and one female needed for each shift)

For questions or to sign-up, contact Lebanon Lutheran Cooperative Ministry's office at 717-273-3001.

Canine Volunteers Needed at Spang Crest



If you have a dog and two hours to spare one afternoon a month, please consider taking your pooch to visit the residents at Spang Crest. You don't have to own a trained therapy dog; all you need is a dog with a gentle nature, and provide proof of its up-to-date vaccinations. The residents love to talk about the animals they had at home and they enjoy the opportunity to see and interact with a canine visitor. If interested, please contact Christine Techky at christinetech@juno.com.

Missionary: Becky Guldin

Anyone who has lived away from home knows how uplifting it is to receive correspondence from friends, and family, especially during the holidays. If you would like to send Becky a Christmas card, her address is: Becky Guldin

19 Oatlands Drive

Harrogate

North Yorkshire HG2 8JT

England

The recommended deadline date for cards to be delivered to England in time for Christmas is December 10, so please send them off soon!




English as a Second Language

Zion's offers weekly conversation practice for adults in our community who need help with English. Can you offer your time on a Monday evening to converse with another adult to help them learn English? We need more help! Please contact Emily Myallis to discuss which Mondays you're available. We meet in the Social Hall from 6:30-8pm. Tell your friends about tutoring - you don't need to be a Zion's member to be a conversation partner. And spread the word to those you know who could use some English help too. This is a rewarding and enriching ministry to join!



December 2014



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30 ESL	2	3 5:30 Community Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 6:50 Bible Study	4	5	6 10:00 am Practice for Children's program
7 8:15 Prayer Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8 6:30 ESL	9	10 5:30 Community Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 6:50 Bible Study	11 7:00 pm Council	12	13 8:00 Men's Bible study 10:00 am Practice for Children's program followed by Party followed by Youth Group Babysitting fundraiser til 3 pm
14 8:15 Prayer Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Congregational meeting following worship 7:00 pm Children's Christmas Program	15 6:30 ESL <div>15th Newsletter Deadline</div>	16	17 5:30 Community Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 6:50 Bible Study	18	19	20
21 8:15 Prayer Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Caroling to Shut-ins following worship 4:00 pm Blue Christmas Svc. 5:00 pm Akoustikos Concert	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 Family Service 10:00 Candlelight Service 	25	26	27
28 No Sunday School for children 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	29	30	31	<div>Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday</div>		

Worship Participants for December

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Counters	Childrens Sermon	Prayers of the People	Nursery
7	McFarland Family	Darryl Hess	Noel Strattan	Max Ludwig Dylan Houser	Larry & Sharon Houser	Myallis	Carly High	Gizelle McFarland
14	Kiscadden Family	Michael Johnsen	Joe Sandbakken	Jacob & Joseph Beidler	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Elaine Ludwig	Ed Ludwig	Cathy & Riley Houser
21	McQuaide Family	Kevin Feagley	Eric Schulden	Riley Houser Paige Sebastian	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Noel Strattan	Maggie Buechel	Monica Bortz Ms. Moyers
28	n/a	Jim Adams	Lynn Kleinfelter	Kaitlyn Boisvert Tori Moyers	Debbie Long	n/a	Ann Kulp	Darryl & Laura Bush

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
Full Staff	Mike Long, Linda Toth, Jim Cascarino, Philip Mohn	12/7,12/14 - Linda Toth & Terry Ludwig 12/21,12/24,12/28 - Lynn & Tovie Kleinfelter	Koinonia Class

Zion's will be decorating with white poinsettias for Christmas this year. If you would like to sponsor any of these plants, please fill out the form below and place it and \$6.50 per plant in the offering plate any Sunday between now and December 14. Plants may be claimed by sponsors after church, December 28.

_____ Poinsettias were placed by _____
in honor/memory of _____.

****return this form with your payment to the church, or place in the offering plate****

