



Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Apr. 2015

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

Holy Week: Generosity in the extreme

This Lent we have focused on generosity as spiritual discipline. The parables of Jesus have challenged us to consider what generosity looks like in our life; the Seeds of Faith project has provided a means to practice generosity. During Holy Week, we take a break from reflection on our generosity; instead we turn to contemplate and experience the generosity of God. We recall how God withheld nothing from us, even giving his Son to suffer, die and rise. We hope and pray this Holy Week that the Good -- the generous! -- News of Jesus Christ will come to you.

We begin on **Palm Sunday** (March 29, 10:30 AM) celebrating Jesus entry into Jerusalem. We will have a procession of Palm branches and shout, "Hosanna," just like the people in Jerusalem did 2,000 years ago to welcome Jesus as their King.

We will gather again for **Joyful Spirits on Wednesday** (April 1, 6:15 PM). This service will, as it did last year, offer children a chance to experience the mystery and even sadness of Holy Week. We know that the events of the week can be complex for children; this service puts things in a way that they (and everyone) can understand.

Next we will gather on **Maundy Thursday** (April 2, 7:00 PM). Our confirmation students will lead us in this worship service. This night we recall the Last Supper, betrayal and arrest of Jesus. In spite of all this tragedy, Jesus still offers them a new *mandate* (hence the word Maundy), that they celebrate this meal, this wine and bread, in remembrance of him. We obey Jesus' commandment and celebrate communion this night. We also remember his betrayal and strip the altar, visually reminding us of the suffering to come.

On **Good Friday** we remember the trial, suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. The community service is at the UCC church at Noon; we will also gather for worship at our church in the evening (April 3, 7:00 PM). This is the darkest day of the Christian year, yet we call it good because we know that on this day, Jesus did what none of us could do, namely, bear the sins and suffering of the world.

Finally we arrive at **Easter Morning**, ready to sing Alleluia! We arrive at the empty tomb and hear the amazing news that death has lost its sting! God has such a passion for us that he came back from the dead so that we could be reunited with him and all the saints forever. On Easter (April 5), we will have two services. The first is an early morning service at 7:00 AM. At 8:00 AM you can join us for breakfast; Sunday School at 9 AM will feature an Easter craft for children. At 10:30 AM, we will have a festive service of brass, organ and choirs.

Our Lenten fasting and discipline of generosity gives way to praising God for his abundant generosity. May Christ dwell richly in your hearts these days.

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Social Hall and Christian Education Wing

Phase II Renovations

To celebrate our congregation's 275th anniversary in 2014, we prayerfully embarked on a series of renovations to our social hall and Christian education wing. The result has been a significantly improved social hall and kitchen area. From funeral luncheons, to Wednesday worship, to VBS, to job fairs, this renovated space has become a hub of fellowship, worship, learning and service. We rejoice at the ministry that happens each week in our Social Hall.

The financial support for these renovations has been overwhelming. The total cost to our church for these was about \$150,000. Through some estate gifts, grants from our church's endowment and each of your gifts, we have already raised roughly \$130,000! We are well ahead on our loan repayment. Thank you for your generosity.

Council is proposing a second phase of these renovations, aimed primarily at the Sunday School area. Council formed a committee last year to explore renovations to this area once we realized that our asbestos tile had become weakened. Council believed that if we needed to move all of our supplies and furnishings to replace the tile, we should explore what else needed repair. At this point, Council has identified three other projects that need attention and should be considered while we replace the tile.

- **Replacement of windows:** The insulation and seams around the downstairs windows need repair. The current windows are old and we would like to replace them with new and more efficient windows. We are proposing 16 double hung replacement windows, vinyl clad, low E-glass, and ½ screens. The replacement will include redoing the seams.
- **Air Conditioning:** The Sunday School, Preschool and Nursery areas become uncomfortably hot in the summer months. The reality is that to do ministry with young families today requires AC. Young families consider a non-air-conditioned facility not child friendly. We have spent a great deal of time and energy making this wing of the building attractive for ministry; it would be a shame to leave it virtually useless each summer. In addition, the AC. units have a heat pump, meaning we can have an alternative to the boiler room. This is especially valuable for times we do not want to use the entire boiler. Having the AC. will also help reduce mold, a previous problem in our basement.
- **Roof:** We have tried various repairs to the roof this winter to deal with the leaks. This Spring we have been fortunate not to have any further leaks. Council is looking into options to repair and seal the roof.

The total cost of these repairs will be between \$40-56K, depending on the roof. To pay for this we have three current sources of funding: A grant from the Endowment, a gift from the preschool, and cash which has been dedicated for the Social Hall Renovations. Based on these amounts, we will need to borrow funds to complete these projects. However, we are able to re-borrow from Thrivent Financial Bank what we have already paid back. This avoids many fees and keeps our beneficial terms. To put it another way, after these repairs are done, the church will still face the same loan costs. Currently our annual loan payments have been covered by a grant from the Endowment fund, allowing us to put surplus toward the principal. This has helped tremendously in chipping away at our debt.

At its April meeting Council will vote on a final proposal to bring before the congregation. This letter first, is to let you know what is being considered and second, to invite you to a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 26, following the 10:30 AM worship service.

Questions? We encourage you to speak to Pastor Rob or Council President Ed Ludwig.

Social Ministry

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Boxed potatoes/stuffing
Canned Pasta
Canned Soups
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit

Other:

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

Clothing Bank:

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)

"Eat to Feed the Hungry" Fundraiser

April 17-19, at Ruby Tuesday, 20% of the proceeds will go to LCCM to provide food to those in need. Give Ruby Tuesday a coupon at the time you pay your bill. You may find this coupon at www.lccm.us.

LCCM "Night Shift Trail Run"

This is a fun event for the whole family to enjoy! This is a 3.4 mile race through the woods at night during the Springtime. Friday, April 17 - Registration: 6:30pm (Go to www.lccm.us to download registration form to mail in to LCCM). Race to start at 8:00pm. YMCA Camp Shand located at 20 Pennryn Lane (Rte. 322 East) Cornwall, PA

Pennsylvania Dutch church service

Will be held at Zoar Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 12, 2015. The address is 560 Freeport Road, (near Mt. Zion), Lebanon, PA 17046 Time is 2:30 p.m. Donald Breininger will give the sermon in PA Dutch; light refreshments following the service.

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

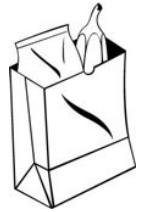
Wish List:

Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix
Chili, Spam, Rice
Boxed potatoes
Stuffing Mix
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Soup & Stew
Boxed Cake & Cookie mix
Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn

Other:

Baby Wipes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Diapers
Dish detergent



Place contributions in the container marked

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

Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle

Sunday April 19, following worship, the Social Ministry committee will host the Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle. Bring a jar of sauce and a box of pasta. At that meal, the Evangelism committee will ask members to share with the group how they used their "seed money" which was given at the beginning of Lent, to



Game Dinner — Update

We are still looking for a suitable time for the Game Dinner Event.

Care Packages for College Students and Missionary

College students and our missionary, received care packages during the month of March. Enjoy!

Easter Lilies

Will be delivered to our homebound during Holy Week, March 29-April 5.

Thank you

Zion's office staff would like to extend a huge, heartfelt "Thank you" to Les Gilbert for assisting with set up of their new computer! Thanks Again!

Beer and Hymns

On Monday night, April 27, we will once again have a Beer and Hymns event. Snitz Creek Brewery will open at 6:30, with music starting at 7. The first event, with people from a couple of local Lutheran churches, was a grand success!

English as a Second Language

Zion's Ministry of teaching English as a Second Language to Adults has two upcoming sessions. If you know of anyone who could help with conversational English, please have them contact Emily Myallis: emily.myallis@yahoo.com, 865-0834.

We meet in the Social Hall on Mondays from 6:30 -8pm. Childcare is available for school-aged kids. Session: April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

German Language Class

Maggie Beuchel is teaching a German language class here at Zions. It is held Thursday nights from 7-8 pm. If interested, contact her at 717-269-7082. Auf Wiedersehen.

Seeds of Faith Update

#SeedsOfFaithZions2015

An update

- On April 19, immediately following worship, everyone will be invited to our Annual Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle. This is where we each bring a jar of sauce and a box of pasta.



Some of the donations will be used to make the meal and the remainder will be given to JOY. After lunch, we will ask the members to share with the group how they used their "seed money".

- People have started sharing! A few examples of this are found on our Facebook page; you can also search for them on #SeedsOfFaithZions2015
- If you need ideas, you can check out our video here: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/seeds-of-faith/>

Job Fair: April 9, 9 AM — 3 PM

Zion's Lutheran will again host a job fair. The last two have been a great success at connecting local employers and employees together. Interested in helping out? Contact Christine Techky (christinetech2@gmail.com). Firms currently coming include:

Aerotek

Debbie's Staffing

Gage Personnel

GF Bowman

JBT

Legal Shield

National Guard

Sherwin Williams

TE Connectivity/Kellys

ASK Foods

Dollar General

George Junior Republic

Griswold Home Care

Just Like Family

MSC Industrial

Securitas

Supreme

TransForce...and UPS

We still have more employers registering. Encourage folks to come!!

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 (New Time)
- 6:45-7:30: King's Kids, which is led by Magdalena Beuchel and Laurie Gill.

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!

Women's Bible Study

Monthly Bible Study led by Emily Myallis. Each last Thursday of the month (Apr. 30) from 8:30-9:30 PM. Studying a Bad Girl of the Bible each month! Bring bible, invite a friend, and share a glass of wine from church member, Steve Wolfe's, own vintage. For questions-contact Janet Bird: jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636.



NYC Mission Trip: Mark your calendars: April 24-25. See Pastor Rob for details.

Zion's Youth Update

March was a great month of meetings and service

- At one meeting, we shared what we've done for our Seeds of Faith project.
- The talent show was amazing. We are a blessed congregation with a lot of gifts! We raised over \$600 for youth trips!
- Lastly, the youth helped with Gavin's Lego Fundraiser in many ways, and in lieu of a youth group meeting they had a "You Tube" sharing time.

Looking ahead to April

- Holy Week has a lot going on for the youth:
 - Confirmation Youth are helping with Maundy Thursday Service (7 PM, Thursday, April 2)
 - Good Friday Youth Community Event (Fri., April 3)
 - Resurrection Egg Hunt (Sat, April 4)
 - Easter Morning breakfast (8 AM, Sunday, April 5)
- There will be only one Youth Group meeting in April, it will be April 12th 5-7 P.M.
- New York City Mission Trip: April 24-25, we still have a few openings left!



~Jim and Laurie Gill

PS Thanks to all the movie attendees for "God's not Dead", last month. We had 100 attendees! Skip, the owner of the theatre, told us the most they have had for a similar event was 75. Wahoo!

Easter Breakfast

The youth in the congregation will be helping to make breakfast on Easter Morning. This will be between the two worship services at 8 AM.

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

Christian Education Happenings:

April 4: Easter Egg Extravaganza will be Saturday April 4th at 10am at the field adjacent to the cemetery.

April 5: Sunday School for Level 1, 2 & 3 on Easter Sunday will be a family activity!

April 19: 1st Graders will lead the Lord's Prayer at our worship service.

May 31: Will be the last week for classroom Sunday School for Level 1, 2 & 3

May 31: The Confirmation Class will be Confirmed

June 7: There will be a Faith 5 presentation for all families with Pastor Rob during Sunday School time.

This year **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 14th - 18th. Please note this is earlier than usual and VBS will be Sunday - Thursday. This is due to the likely renovations in our Sunday School wing.

**Christian Summer Camp**

There are two Lutheran Bible Camps in the area: Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa. Programs begin for kindergarten students through 12th grade. There are even family camps. (Pastor Rob and his family are giving Family Camp a try this year!)

The camps have great facilities. Children can make new friends and try lots of activities in a safe environment. For decades members of this church (and countless other churches) have grown emotionally, socially and spiritually through these camps.

Zion's has made a commitment to the ministry and will pay for half of the cost of one week for children of members. Combined with a few other available discounts (one due to Lynn Kleinfelter; thanks!), a week of camp costs between \$150 and \$200. Should there be a financial need, Lutheran Church Camping in Central Pennsylvania offers camperships that will help you pay your 50% fee.

Visit the Camping Website www.lutherancamping.org to learn more! Brochures/registration forms are on the counter at the small bulletin board in the gathering area or on the bulletin board in the lower level foyer. If you have any questions, contact Janet Bird (jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636) or Lynn Kleinfelter (lynnk@verizon.net or 865-5678).

Resurrection Egg Hunt**Saturday, April 4****10 AM Cemetery Lawn**

If there is rain,

come to the church Social Hall

Rally Day and Fall Carnival Sept. 13

4:00 Jim Rule concert, followed by a hot dogs, etc., and games. (There will no longer be a penny toss game, so we no longer need donations of glass.

COUNCIL

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

Highlights from March 12, 2015 Council Meeting:

- Throughout this year, Pastor will continue to devote some of his report to hallmarks of thriving congregations. This month, he spoke of “faith formation”. Our congregation has many ways—Bible studies, home devotionals, and online resources — for people of all age to grow in their faith.
- Mike Johnsen has proven a blessing to our church in his new position.
- A motion was made to nominate Noel Strattan and Brian Adams as the delegates to attend the Annual Synod Assembly in June.
- “Phase II” of Sunday School wing renovations are being discussed. *(This will be discussed in detail in this newsletter).*

Koinonia News:

Upcoming Activities: Sat., April 11 @ 6:00 pm—Dinner & Fellowship at Kauffman’s Bar-be-que.

Projects: Koinonia has gifted back to the church in the amount of \$1500 to the general fund.



Connecting Faith and Finances for Good

Helping you to be wise with money and live generously

In March and April, our congregation received over \$1,000 from Thrivent Financial through the Action Teams program. These helped fund a variety of outreach activities, including the Lego Club and the Job Fair.

Thrivent Financial has again been named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute – for the fourth year in a row. Thrivent is one of only four Financial Services companies honored this year. Learn more about the Thrivent difference and how we can help you to connect your faith and your finances for good. Visit Thrivent.com/joinus or contact Jim Gill, Zion’s local Thrivent Representative (867-1500, Jim.Gill@Thrivent.com).

Discount Hersheypark tickets orders will be taken through **April 5**. Payment is not needed until the tickets are received. The group discount prices are less than offered by Giant or AAA. Plan ahead and save money. Fill out the order form and give to Janet Bird, place in her church mailbox, mail to her at P.O. Box 75, Jonestown, PA 17038, or e-mail the order to jbird75@comcast.net so that it is received by Sunday, April 5. The tickets are good for any one day of the 2015 park season. If you have questions, contact Janet Bird at 865-5636.

\$33.50 (ages 9-54) saving \$30.15 _____ tickets= \$_____

\$28.50 (ages 3-8 and 55-69) saving \$12.15 _____ tickets=\$_____

\$21.95 (ages 70+) saving \$4.70 _____ tickets = \$_____

Total tickets _____ TOTAL\$_____

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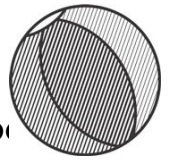
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Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend

June 19-21, 2015



We are again staying at the Roman Holiday. It is a beachfront property in North Wildwood (short) blocks north of the Boardwalk. All units there are suites and our units are floors one, two, or three. There is an elevator!

Some families will arrive Thursday, June 18 and leave Monday, June 22, and others will spend just the weekend. We will have our 9 A.M. church service Sunday.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

GROUP RATES

\$113: 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6) —(only \$3 more than last year)

\$170: 2-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 8) —(only \$5 more than last year)

Sales & occupancy taxes are 14%.

There are no extra charges for additional persons.

Any families staying Thursday or Sunday Nights receive a \$15.00 discount for each night (does not include Friday or Saturday night). The discounts will be given upon check in when paying the balance.

Roman Holiday is located off Exit 6 of the Parkway.

- Reservations may be made after February 1 by mailing the form, calling the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or logging on to www.romanholidayresort.com
- This special group rate is only guaranteed available until May 27.
- If you have questions, call Janet Bird 865-5636 or contact the Roman Holiday directly

Mail the reservation form and a one-night deposit to:

Roman Holiday Motel
1000 (10th) JFK Boulevard
North Wildwood, NJ 08260



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Nights requested _____

Type of room _____

Adults _____ Children _____

Amount enclosed _____

During the off season, the Roman Holiday office is staffed only Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Members of Zion's group need only provide a one night deposit. When you receive your receipt and it states you owe an additional night deposit, ignore that. The balance is only due upon check in. The only forms of payment at check-in are cash, Travelers Checks, certified checks, and credit cards. Note that there is a 3% surcharge if using a credit card when making a reservation or upon check-in. Personal checks (deposit and/or full payment) are permitted only if sent to them far enough in advance to clear the bank. Personal checks are not permitted to pay the balance at check-in.



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday			1 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS Holy Week for Kids 6:50 Bible Study	2 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Worship	3 Good Friday 12:00 (noon) Community worship 7:00 Worship at Zion's	4 10:00 Resurrection Egg Hunt
5 EASTER 7:00 Early Service 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	6 NO ESL	7	8 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 6:50 Bible Study	9 7:00 pm Council	10	11 8:00 am Men's Bible study
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15th Newsletter Deadline



Upcoming:
May 31 – Confirmation with luncheon following worship service

The Jonestown Male Chorus

will hold its "Spring Concert" on Sunday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's UCC, 120 W. Market St., in Jonestown. It is a free concert so come and enjoy!



Worship Participants for April

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Counters	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
5	Terry Ludwig	Brian Adams	Ben Smith	Stella & Grace Ludwig	Gizelle McFarland	Sharon & Larry Houser	Emily Myallis	Lucas Keefer
12	Sharon Davis	Daryl Hess	Lynn Kleinfelter	Becca Hoffer Riley Houser	Cathy & Riley Houser	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Terry Ludwig	Laurie Gill
19	Tom Keefer	Michael Johnsen	Noel Strattan	Paige Sebastian Tori Moyers	Monica Bortz Ms. Moyers	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Brian Adams	Tovie Kleinfelter
26	Karen Hitz	Kevin Feagley	Lukas Quanbeck	Max Ludwig Daulton Fortna	Darryl & Laura Bush	Deb Long Jim Gill	Pastor Rob	Betty Kleinfelter

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
	Cathy Houser, Larry Houser, Linda Toth, Jim Cascarino	5, 12 Tom & Pat Keefer 19,26 Lynn & Tovie Kleinfelter	Evangelism Committee