

Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

April 2016

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

During the past few weeks, I have begun reflecting back on my time at Zion's. It has been a wonderful eight years. While I have much sadness about leaving, the primary emotion I have been experiencing is thankfulness. I am supremely grateful to God for the opportunity to have served as pastor at this point in my life and the life of the congregation. I would like to share some of the reasons why I am thankful.

First, I am thankful for your embrace of my family. With great fondness, I remember the baby shower held at the 2008 church picnic. Over the years you all continued to shower my family with great affection, be it at church events, in the community or at your home. My family will always treasure the love we experienced from the congregation. I believe that the congregation fulfilled the promises made to our daughters on the day of their Baptisms to help raise them in Christian faith.

I am also thankful for the willingness of you to say "yes" to Jesus' call to serve your neighbor through this church. Time and time again you said "yes" to assuming new responsibilities for ministries in this church (cherub choir director, preschool volunteer, committee chair...the list goes on and on!). Often people were not sure if they could do it, but they gave it a try. God equips those whom God calls; it has been a great blessing to see people grow in faith, hope and love through their service to the church.

Time and time again you -- not just individuals, but the whole church -- said "yes", as we boldly stepped forward in mission. We took a number of "faith leaps" over the years: starting a midweek service and expanding it to a full meal; launching a preschool; buying the neighboring property; hosting an intern; renovating the Sunday School and Social Hall (again the list goes on and on!). I give thanks for your willingness to follow the call of God. I attribute this to the work of the Holy Spirit in your hearts. I particularly give thanks to the church council members who took the opportunity to make their time on council about growing in spiritual leadership. I have witnessed council members grow in faith and grow together as a group. The strength of our council allowed us to navigate these changes so smoothly.

I also thank the congregation for allowing me to become involved in the community. I tried to be as public of a leader as possible, showing that I and more importantly, the church cares about the community. I became aware that even if I were not wearing my clerics (pastor clothes) I still represented our congregation. My experience taught me that a pastor can make a tremendous impact on a community. My experience also taught me that this congregation cares about this community.

What I most cherish is the way in which as a pastor I was given permission to be a part of your life. I have been with you for some of the great high points of your life; I have also witnessed some of the darkest times of your lives. Through it all I saw God at work, bearing your toils and raising you up to new life. At times serving as a pastor in this capacity was overwhelming, but I profoundly cherished this role and calling as a pastor in your life. My greatest sadness about leaving is that I will no longer be your shepherd in this way. I know God will send you another faithful shepherd; the congregation has many shepherds in it already, who offer care and guidance. But I will miss deeply being your pastor. I thank you for your care and openness to the ministry God provided for me to do here.

In Peace,

Pastor Robert J Myallis

Social Ministry

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

<u>Lebanon County Christian Ministries</u> (LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Canned Soups Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit Peanut Butter

Canned Meats/Stews

Other:

Socks (all sizes) Jackets (Men/Women/Kid) Sneakers (men/women)King/Qu Sheets/Blankets

Men's Shoes (9-13) Men's Pants (28-36)

Men's Plus Size apparel

Mens & Womens sweat pants/shirts

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

Homebound

(Cards, Calls, Visits)

Changes:

Marion Smith PH: 228-0909

Elmcroft Rm. 120 Birthday: Jan. 29

860 Norman Dr. Lebanon, PA 17042

Night Shift Trail Run

LCCM's 2nd annual Night Trail 5K to 'Feed the Need' will be held on Friday, April 8 at the YMCA Camp Shand. Registration opens at 6:30pm and the Trail Run begins at 8:00pm. Awards presentation and bonfire with hotdogs and S'mores immediately following the end of the run. Entry fee is \$40. Register on-line at pretzelcitysports.com or send your registration. You will find a form on the large bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY) Wish List:

Food Bank: Other:

Pancake syrup & Mix Shampoo/Conditioner

Canned meats Kleenex

Canned potatoes Laundry detergent

Ketchup/Mustard Toilet tissue
Mixed Vegetables Dish detergent

Canned Soup & Stew

Canned Fruit, vegetables, meats, chicken

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

Care Packages

Care packages were assembled by the committee and sent to our college students and missionary in March.

Zion's Kitchen News -- Items to be picked up

- ♦ 9 x 13 cake pan with plastic lid
- ♦ 9 x 13 pyrex dish
- ♦ round pyrex dish
- large black pot with glass
 lid
- round Sango plate with design
- oround tray with design

Any not claimed will be given to charity at the end of April.

For the future, please label your dishes with your name.

Thanks

I want to thank everyone very much for the birthday and get well cards and prayers and for the continued support from my church family. - Ingrid Erb



Spaghetti Miracle

The 9th Annual Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle will be postponed until the fall. Originally set for April 10, we are moving it to accommodate Confirmation that Sunday.

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 Worship

6:45-7:30: Bible Study 6:45-7:30: King's Kids

King's Kids

Kings Kids for April it's all about NEW LIFE in Christ!

April 6 - a Petting Zoo comes to Zion's! newborn animals from the Smith's farm will make their way to the social hall for kids to see!

April 13 - a Sanctuary Tour with Deacon Emily. Bring your children to church to explore the Sanctuary. Kids will get more comfortable in our worship when they get to touch, hear and see the space up close.

April 20 - Spring Craft with Ms. Monica. Help decorate the hallway with signs of New Life.

April 27 - Butterfly fun - learn about how new life grows in Christ!

Kings Kids is a Biblical Playdate for children with an adult, Wednesdays 6:45-7:30pm in the Social Hall., Deacon Emily will be passing the leadership of Kings Kids on to Ms. Monica Bortz (monicabortz@yahoo.com)

Musician Needed

For our Joyful Spirits Worship, Wednesdays

6:15-6:45pm. Do you play guitar or piano? Our
Wednesday worship would love your leadership
with simple, camp-like songs. If you can share
your gifts this way, please contact Linda Wenrich, linda.wenrich@yahoo.com.

Wise Guy's Bible Study

In April we will have our men's Bible study on Saturday April 16 @ 8 AM. This will be our final men's Bible study with Pastor Rob.

Zion's Youth Update

⇒ The Month of March we had a combined Youth Group "Faith in Films" event. We watched Mr. Holland's Opus. With Tom Robinson's Group, we had a larger group for the evening.

We have invited them to our Youth, Family, Friends, and Congregation event on the evening of May 13th. Mark your calendars we will have a game board night for everyone!

⇒ We only had one event in March, as many of the teens were involved with helping out on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and The Easter Egg Extravaganza.

Thanks Youth Group, and everyone who helped with the Talent Show. The Thrivent Action Team allowed the opportunity to have as much variety of food and drinks to purchase, as their were a variety of acts/talents/ and displays. We raised \$578.00 towards mission trips. Thanks to everyone for your support of this important fundraiser! Awesome job!

⇒ On April 8th and 9th we will head to Washington DC. for the YSOP mission trip, more details of the experience next newsletter.

Mark the calendar:

April 24th Youth Group Meeting 5-7 Joy! -Laurie and Jim Gill

10th annual and FINAL Fall Carnival

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, October 2 4:00-Jim Rule Concert 5:00-6:30 Food, games, and prizes Questions-contact Janet Bird 865-5636 Evangelism

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

Teddy Bear Ministry

You have seen a teddy bear seated on each of the window sills in our sanctuary. These are Zion's Teddy Bear Ministry. No matter a person's age, those who are celebrating, sad, ill, grieving, or in need of love, would welcome a bear to hug. If you know someone who would appreciate the gift of a Zion's bear, they are available for purchase. All the bears have a tag that states the following: I have been living at the Zion's Lutheran Church in Jonestown, PA.

I have been loved by members, learned from sermons and scripture, and heard songs of praise. I have been soaked in God's love and come to you with blessings of hope and love from our congregation. The back of the tag gives the church's name, address, telephone number, web site address, and Facebook page, and asks the bear owner to drop us a line to let us know what receiving the bear has meant to them. The cost of a bear is \$10.00, which sustains the ministry. You're welcome to take a bear from the window sills. Please give cash, or a check payable to Zions, to Christine Techky.

DDS Dance – A Thrivent Financial Action Team Event

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2016 Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zion's Lutheran Social Hall

Theme: Let's Disco – Music of the 70's & 80's
Entertainment – Dan Allen DJ Show Cost: \$2.00 per person

This is the second Thrivent Action Team Dance Zion's has hosted for the Developmental & Disability Services agency. They are very appreciative and it's a fun time. All members of Zion's are also invited to attend. It's a great opportunity to mingle with the folks at DDS.

There will be lots of food and decorations of the 70's and 80's and you are encouraged to dress in appropriate attire. A sign up sheet will be posted in the gathering area.

Job Fair April 21, 2016

We are hosting a job fair Thursday April, 21, 2016. Our aim is to host between 25-30



employers and 2-3 social service agencies dealing with employment. See Christine Techky with questions, interested employers or if you are interest in helping with publicity. Contact:

christinetech@juno.com or 933-5298.

News from our Missionary in Jerusalem

The March newsletter from our missionary Ralen Robinson is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Area for everyone to read about her year teaching at a kindergarten she describes as "nestled on top of the Mt. of Olives." Ralen also corresponds by email with some of our church members and in a recent communication she wanted us to know how grateful she is for our prayers.

"This journey has been filled with a lot of ups and downs but through those twist and turns it has been so extremely rewarding, I wouldn't change anything. Reading your email and hearing you guys pray for me reinforces that I'm not alone and that I have such an amazing support system behind me and walking along with me on this road. Hearing that you pray for me every Sunday, I'm so beyond grateful, it truly means the world to me. Sending thanks, prayer and hugs to the congregation of Zion's Lutheran Church."

Christian Education & Youth

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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.

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)
Pastor Rob and Emily will be serving as chaplains at Family Camp July 17-23. This is a great week
for families to connect with nature,

each other and God!

Day Camp at Zions: August 8-12

We have invited camp counselors from the local Lutheran camps to lead a Summer Camp at Zion's this year. It will be from 8:30-4:30 each day and will cost roughly \$50-75/kid. It is designed for elementary age youth. More details coming in the next few months!

Confirmation: April 10

Two eighth graders, Noah Bender and Rebecca Hoffer, will be confirmed on Sunday, April 10. You are invited to attend the Confirmation Luncheon for them. The luncheon will be held in the Social Hall on April 10th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. Please consider attending this luncheon to support Becca and Noah on their spiritual journey.

Relay for Life

Dear Zion's Family,

For the past 2 years I have participated in Lebanon County's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This event is a life changing experience that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to Celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, Remember loved ones lost, and Fight back against the disease. Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

This year I'm walking the entire 24 hours during the Relay for Life event on May 13 and 14 at Cedar Crest High School - because cancer never stops. I am walking in honor of my grandma, who is currently fighting cancer. I will be selling Bruno's hoagie tickets for \$8.00 each to help raise the funds I need to walk. I'm also asking for sponsors to sponsor me per lap and/or to come out and walk with me at the event. I will be in the Social Hall before church on Sunday April 3 and April 10 if you would like to buy sub tickets or sponsor me. Thank you in advance and I appreciate your support!

Blessings, --Tori Moyers

Worship

Chair: Noel Strattan (dns@telecommute.net; 865-7747)

Wednesday Nights Meal and Worship Continues!



Joyful Spirits, our weekly Wednesday evening worship service, continues in the Social Hall, 6:15-6:45pm. Please join us - when you can't worship on a Sunday, when your children want a wiggley worship, when you need a mid-week uplift! Questions about Joyful Spirits Worship can be asked to Linda Wenrich (linda.wenrich@yahoo.com)

Zion's weekly Wednesdays meals continue in April, 5:30-6:00pm. Tacos, Pasta, Subs - oh my! and always delicious desserts:)

All are welcome to this free-will donation dinner. Signup to help cook on the bulletin board in the kitchen hallway. Contact: Janet Bird (jbird75@comcast.net)

Worship Help Needed

Cherub Choir Co-Director: Our current director, Steph Livingston, has stepped down as of the end of 2015. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Pastor Rob. We would like to make this a co-director position.

Sound Tech: We are going to train people on the new sound system. Interested? Contact Lynn Kleinfelter (lynnk@verizon.net).

Electronic Giving

Interested in simplifying how you give to the church? You can now sign up for Electronic Giving through the internet. You can also go to our website and click on the "Giving" link.

COUNCIL

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

Council Highlights from 3/10/16 meeting

- Council completed a 16 point checklist of tasks that Pastor Rob or Emily have been doing and divided up the duties. Other items that may arise should be directed to Ed Ludwig during the transition phase.
- Tom Keefer will be organizing a Health Fair the week following the Job Fair.
- Kelly Rittle gained council approval for the creation of a Facebook group outreach called "Women of Zions" for the purpose of connecting new members and longer standing members through the transition period.

Koinonia News

Upcoming Activities

Next Meeting – Sat. May 14 12 at 6:00pm at the church. We welcome you to join us.

Projects ---- Health Fair

A Health Fair will be coming to Zion's on Thurs. April 28 from 8:00am – 2:00pm. There will be a variety of booths, such as a Wellness & Nutrition Booth, Diabetes Screening, Blood Pressure, Hospice Pet Therapy, and a Blood Mobile from the Central PA Blood Bank, just to name a few. Plan to come and get valuable information to improve your health. Contact Tom Keefer for additional information.

Purchases

Koinonia will purchase additional roasters and teaspoons for the church kitchen. We also are giving \$150 toward the purchase of new table covers.

Hollyberry Bazaar

We are always looking for new craft ideas for the 2016 Bazaar. Contact Kristin Hoffer (jkhoffer@yahoo.com) or Heather Moyers (info@maximcontractors.com) for more information.

Godspeed Myallis Family

Saturday, April 16 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Zion's Social Hall, 103 E. Market St., Jonestown.



Please join us as we honor and thank Pastor Rob and his family as they continue their journey in Christ. Come when you can,

Best of luck!

leave when you must! Pastor Myallis' last day will be Sunday, April 17. Hors D'oeuvres will be served.



YOUR CAR.....YOUR MARRIAGE BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!

Attention Married Couples:

Thousands of couples have learned that taking some time to "tune-up" their marriages pays huge dividends. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to strengthen and revitalize marriages whether you have been married a year or 60 years. There is, howev-

er, currently still room for you at the April 22-24 Weekend at State College's premier conference center, the Penn Stater. All costs for 2 nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and supplies are covered by a \$100.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish that you are given the opportunity to make toward the end of the weekend. To register online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, or for further information, contact Fred & Julie Schamber, PA Directors, at: fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



THRIVENT

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers Needed for the 2016 Build Located at 1042 Lehman Street, Lebanon. Construction on the latest Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Hu-

manity began March 13, and will continue until November. We invite members of your congregation to come help us build! No experience is necessary! This is Habitat's most ambitious project to date, completely renovating a four-bedroom house and providing a much needed home for a Lebanon family. As Habitat's largest donor, Thrivent is contributing \$35,000 -- half the funding – to the Builds project. Members of your congregation can register to volunteer for Saturday Build dates by visiting: www.habitatlebanon.org. The volunteer calendar is located at the bottom left of the page, and also contains a link to the volunteer form. No experience required! The local Habitat office can be reached at 717-867-1044. Youth ages 16 and up with adult supervision are welcome volunteers at the construction site. For additional information on the project, contact Jim Gill, Thrivent Financial Representative in Annville, PA at 717-867-1500 or via email at jim.gill@thrivent.com.

Thrivent Member Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, April 17, at 1:00 p.m.

Learn how Thrivent's "ABC's of Generosity" Make an Impact in our Community! The Lebanon Chapter of Thrivent Financial is hosting a Member Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, April 17, at 1:00 p.m. at Hebron Catering & Events, 701 E Walnut St, in Lebanon. We encourage all Thrivent members to attend to learn how Thrivent Action Teams, Thrivent Builds and Thrivent Choice can impact your church and your community outreach efforts. It promises to be an informative luncheon full of fellowship and fun. To RSVP, contact Financial Representative Jim Gill at 717-867-1500 or via email at jim.gill@thrivent.com.

Spring health fair

Zion's Evan. Lutheran Church

103 E. Market Street, Jonestown, PA



Thursday, April 28, 2016 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



FREE -Public Welcome -FREE

Learn about:

Blood Pressure Dental health Cancer

Diabetes Nutrition Balance

Strength training Chiropractics Stroke

Sleep disorders Ultra Violet Glaucoma

Body mass index Exercise Fitness

Home med care Pet therapy Hiking



The Central Pennsylvania Blood Mobile + over 20 more vendors Handicap Accessible

Questions: Contact Tom Keefer 865-4559



Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend

June 17-19, 2016

We are again staying at the Roman Holiday. It is a beachfront property in North Wildwood, 6 (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 16 and leave Monday, June 20, and others will spend just the weekend. We will have our 9 A.M. church service Sunday. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

GROUP RATES

\$118: 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6)

\$176: 2-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 8)

when HERSHEYPARK closes at 11 PM.)

Sales & occupancy taxes are is 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 January 11 by mailing the form, calling the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or emailing the office at Stay@RomanHolidayResort.com.
- This special group rate is only guaranteed available until May 20.
- 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:

Phone number

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

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Address				State	
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Phone		Nights requ	ested		
Type of room		Adults		Children	
Discount Hersheypark tickets order ceived. The group discount prices order form and give to Janet Bird, pe-mail the order to jbird75@comca day of the 2016 park season. If you	are less than offere place in her church ast.net so that it is re	ough April 4 . P ed by Giant or A mailbox, mail t eceived by Sunc	ayment is not nee AA. Plan ahead o her at P.O. Box lay, April 4. The	and save money. Fill out the 75, Jonestown, PA 17038, or	
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April 2016



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9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship			5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 6:45 Bible Study Pastor's last Wednesday Night	Committee Night	8 Youth N	9 7:00 pm Koinonia
10 Confirmation 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11	12	13 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids 6:45 Bible Study Deacon Emily's last Wednesday Night	14 7:00 pm Church Council	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 8:00 am Pastor's last Men's Bible study 5:30-7:30 pm Drop-in to wish Pastor well!
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Upcoming:

May 14, 4-7pm - DDS dance

June 19-25 - County Lutheran Mission Trip

June 26-30 - Vacation Bible School

Oct. 2 - Final Fall Carnival

Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend will be June 17-19, 2016! Everyone is Welcome!

Reservation forms are on the large bulletin board in the gathering area!



Worship Participants for April

	Lector	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Counters	Prayers of the People
3	Karen	Lynn	Lynn	Gavin Bush	Laura Bush	Larry & Sharon	Laurie Gill
	Hitz	Kleinfelter	Kleinfelter	Tanner Feagley	Kelly Rittle	Houser	
10	Sharon	Brian	Lynn	Mason Livingston	Cathy & Riley	Ken Nelson Jr.	Nancy
10	Davis	Adams	Kleinfelter	Xander McQuaide	Houser	Kelly Rittle	Winklebleck
171	Laurie	Dand Hoss	Lynn	Becca Hoffer	Darryl Bush,	Darryl Bush	Ed Ludwig
	Gill	Daryl Hess	Kleinfelter	Grace Ludwig	Ellie L, Katie B	Deb Reiner	Ed Ludwig
24	Brian	Michael	Lynn	Max Ludwig	Gizelle	Deb Long	Elaine Ludwig
	Adams	Johnsen	Kleinfelter	Mason Livingston	McFarland		Liairie Luuwig

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you
			time
3 Jen/Noel	Al Reiner, Steve Wolfe,	3,10 Burton Williams & Karen Brown	Evangelism
10 Jen/Dawn	Darryl Bush, Richard Hitz	17,24 Lynn & Tovie Kleinfelter	Committee
17,24 Pam/Dawn			