



Zion's News

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



Pastor Wayne Moritz

June 2016

A Message from Pastor Wayne Moritz

The weather is warming. Lawn mowers are humming. Gardens and flower beds are springing up. Graduates are walking across the stage. Vacations at the shore or in the mountains no longer seem so far away. Summer must be getting close.

Right around Memorial Day church life takes on a new routine. A different rhythm to life and ministry sets in. Sunday School gives way to Vacation Bible School. Worship times often move to earlier in the day or get combined into a single service. Preachers and choir members shed their robes if there's no AC in the sanctuary. Mission trips set out to various parts of the country and the church picnic brings out people's favorite side-dishes and desserts.

The summer season has set in. No appointed color like the purple of Lent or white of Christmas. No set duration, just whenever we want to start things up after Labor Day. Summer changes us, shifting around how we gather and what we do.

But that's to be expected. We need our seasons. Even the first disciples did.

St. Luke tells us Jesus called His twelve friends together and told them to get away for awhile (Luke 9:1-6). They had been in His company for a long time and He felt they needed a change of pace. So He sent them out into the community. Perhaps some to the shore, some to the mountains. Galilee had both. He also directed them to travel in pairs as some company is always good. Scripture doesn't say how long they were away. It could have been a long weekend or a couple of weeks or a three month sabbatical. They all came back, though, full of excitement and stories. As St. Luke puts it, "on their return the Apostles told Jesus all they had done" (v.10).

I think the summer presents us with a similar opportunity. To do a little traveling. To enjoy some good company. To experience some new things. To fashion some interesting stories to share which, when September rolls around, I'm sure we'll have.

Yet as this new season begins to unfold and lead us forth in a variety of directions, let's live it like Peter, Matthew, John, and the rest of the disciples did - with the words of Jesus fresh in our hearts and minds.

"Proclaim the Kingdom," He said (v.2). Sure we can talk about how the yard is doing or our current home improvement project. Of course, we can discuss the latest ball scores. But make sure to share your faith when given the opportunity. And they will arise. Often unscripted. Sometimes requested, sometimes not. But you have Good News to share that can lift a person's spirit or let the Son shine through on a cloudy day. In you and your faith, God's Kingdom is near.

Make sure "to heal" people, He added (v.2). Don't worry, none of the first twelve were doctors and you don't have to be either. Yet sitting down with a neighbor on their backyard deck, sharing a burger and an ice tea, and listening as they pour out their worries about their Mom or Dad or kids can do more good than you can imagine. Staying in touch with your buddy going through hard rounds of chemo or counseling can do the same. Your simple presence and kindness can strengthen and restore people's well-being.

And "take nothing for your journey" this summer, Jesus concluded (v.4), except the really important stuff which boils down to time. Time to worship - here at Zion's or wherever you might be traveling. Time to stay fresh in Scripture - together with a friend or study group or by yourself a little each day. And time to pray - opening your heart to God in thanksgiving or concern, spontaneously or as planned. God promises you "power" (v.1) to do incredible things as you go on your way this summer. Take time everyday to let that power flow into you, renewing your faith, filling you with love.

Summer changes us, but gifts us with new occasions to experience and share the Good News. As summer rolls around at Zion's, embrace those possibilities. It might be at Vacation Bible School or Joyful Spirits worship in the park. It might be at the shore retreat or on the mission trip. It might be nestled in your pew for Sunday worship or sitting at the ballpark with your buddy. It might be with family around your kitchen table at home or with people in line for a table some Friday night at the diner.

Summer is here. Let's go with it. Jesus sends us forth with power and purpose. In Christ, Pastor Wayne

Social Ministry

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (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
Reusable Plastic Containers

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

Homebound Birthday (Cards, Calls, Visits)

Anna Sterner PH: 717-202-7079
Cedar Haven
Room 202D Birthday: June 29
590 S. 5th Ave.
Lebanon, PA 17042



Thank You so much!

Many Thanks for the gift boxes you gave me. -
Jena Fortna

Thank you so much for supporting me with your financial donations, your encouraging words, and your prayers as I walked in Relay for Life. I walked 16 of the 24 hour goal that I had set for myself. With your donations our team raised over \$7,500 for the American Cancer Society. Thank you! --Tori Moyers

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix
Canned meats
Canned potatoes
Canned Soup & Stew
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Fruit, vegetables, meats, chicken

Other:

Shampoo/Conditioner
Kleenex
Laundry detergent
Toilet tissue

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



Zion's Graduates

Congratulations!

Graduating from Northern Lebanon High School:

Rebecca Boisvert, daughter of Joshua and Jennifer Boisvert. Rebecca will be going to Bloomsburg University to study nursing.

Kylee Moyers, daughter of Jes and Heather Moyers

Kylee will be attending Penn State Harrisburg to study psychology.

College graduates:

Jonathan Northridge, son of Sharon Northridge and the late Jim Northridge graduated from Dickinson College with a degree in Economics.

Erik Sandbakken, son of Joseph Sandbakken and Veronica Sandbakken graduated from Alvernia University.

Christian Education & Youth

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

King's Kids

Kings Kids immediately following Joyful Spirits Worship at Jonestown Park. In case of rain, we will meet in the social hall. Join us the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:45-7:30pm.

June 1 - Life size Candy Land! Treats aplenty!

June 15 - Playdoh! Bring yours or use mine!

July 6 - Wear old clothes - we'll be painting fireworks style! (WILL get messy & FUN)

July 20 - Water Balloon battle

August 3 - No Kings Kids

August 17 - Campfire, hotdogs & Smores, details and location to follow.

Kings Kids questions, please contact Ms. Monica Bortz (monicabortz@yahoo.com)

Kings Kids will have a play date in the park after Joyful Spirits Worship at the Jonestown Park Pavilion this summer on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:45-7:30pm.

NURSERY

During the summer, the nursery will not be staffed by Zions. However, if your child's fussiness prohibits others from worshipping, the nursery will be available for you to use with your child. You can view and hear the worship service in the nursery. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THE NURSERY UN-ATTENDED!**

Wise Guy's Bible Study

In June we will have our men's Bible study on Saturday June 11 @ 8 AM.



Womens Bible Study

Entitled "Before Amen" focuses on Prayer. 7pm-8pm.

Thursday June 23rd at the home of Elaine Ludwig

Thursday July 28th at the home of Janet Bird
Thursday Aug 25 - to be determined

Bring your Bible, favorite glass and comfy clothes for relaxing hour together! Contact info: Janet Bird, 865-5636.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School: June 26 (Sunday) - 30 (Thursday). 9:00 am - 11:00 am. You are invited to "Barnyard Roundup", where Jesus gathers us together, picks us out, calls us by name, and loves us now and forever, no matter what! To volunteer to help or for questions-contact Michele McQuaide, michel-emcquaide@rocketmail.com; 861-4719.

We are in dire need of helpers to staff Bible School this year. Please contact Michele McQuaide if you can help in any way!

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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. 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 camper-ships 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!

Zion's Youth Update

The Congregational Triskaidekaphobia Board Game Night on May 13th was a lot of fun! Thanks to all those who came! Youth, those were some great sundae toppings!

Another Thrivent Action Team was used for the YSOP trip in April. It paid for the parking garage, vehicle gas, and dinner for everyone.

Coming soon: Our Summer Youth Group Calendar of activities.

We are focusing on the Fun!

All ideas are considered. Please place Fall/Winter ideas in our church mailbox.

Joy! Laurie and Jim Gill (We are now only available by e-mail or our cell numbers)



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!

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 (eludadv@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. When a bear is purchased, another takes its place in the sanctuary. Please give cash, or a check payable to Zions, to Christine Techky.

Koinonia News

Upcoming Activities

Next Meeting – Saturday, July 9, at 6:00 pm, at the home of Paul & Janet Bird. This will be a picnic meeting on the patio. The Congregation is welcome to join us!! Bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet can be found on the small bulletin board in the gathering area.

Projects - Fathers will receive a gift from the Koinonia Class for Father's day.

- Koinonia will host the Lancaster Lutheran Historical Society, who will be coming to tour our church on Wednesday, July 13.
- Summer Activity: Sat., Aug. 13, Dinner/show at the Timbers in Mt. Gretna. More detail to come..

Hollyberry Bazaar - Saturday, November 5th

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.



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! Roman Holiday is located off Exit 6 of the Parkway.

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 rate guarantee has ended, but reservations may still be made by calling the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or emailing the office at Stay@RomanHolidayResort.com.

Worship

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

Wednesday Nights

Joyful Spirits will move our worship to the Jonestown Park Pavilion on the following dates:

June 1 June 15

July 6 July 20

August 3 August 17

Our Summer park worship comes with . . .

ICE CREAM!

Contact: Linda Wenrich

Linda.wenrich@yahoo.com



Summer Music

During the Summer, our choirs take a break and give us all a time to share our talents individually or in small groups. We welcome instrumental or vocal offerings. There is a sign up sheet on the board in the Gathering Area. Just pick your date and let us know what you would like to sing or play.

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 Noel Strattan, dns@telecommute.net. 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 5/12/16 meeting

-Pastor Wayne Moritz expressed his gratitude towards the church's warm welcome during this transition time. He expressed that he is enjoying the Wednesday evening activities as well as other activities he has attended in the recent weeks.

-We are in the process of negotiations with the call candidate

Rob McQuaide is our new facilities manager. If you find a building problem he needs to address, please write it in the log book located in the "Property" mailbox, just outside the social hall steps, he'll take care of it! He can also be reached at:

michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com, or 330-571-1441.



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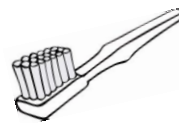


SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday			1 6:45 pm Joyful Spirits in the park w/ Kings Kids	2 Committee Night	3	4
5 10:30 Worship	6	7	8	9 7:00 pm Council	10	11 8:00 am Men's Bible study
12 10:30 Worship	13	14	15 6:45 pm Joyful Spirits in the park w/ Kings Kids	16	17	18 Beach Weekend
19 10:30 Worship Happy Father's Day	20-25 County Lutheran Mission Trip June 19-25			23 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	24	25
26 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	27	28	29 9:00 am sewing	30	31	
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE OUTREACH - TLC FOR REFUGEES—PERSONAL-CARE KITS NEEDED

It's in the news almost every day--terrified families fleeing their homelands because of violence or natural disasters. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is helping these refugees as they struggle to survive in makeshift camps in foreign lands. Zion's would like to aid in this worthy cause by providing TLC (The Love of Christ) Refugee Personal-Care Kits. We are asking members of the congregation if they will prepare a Refugee Kit, put it in a plastic bag, and place the bag in one of the baskets. Here is a list of the items requested for each kit:

- 1 towel. It should be between 20" x 40" to 27" x 52" and be light/medium weight as recipients hand wash the towels and hang to dry.
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of individually wrapped soaps to total 9 ounces.
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- 1 sturdy comb.
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional).



Before we mail the kits, LWR will send us a special barcode so that we can track the kits on the computer and know the location of the refugees who will be receiving them. Place in basket in gathering area by July 31!

Please help us to reach our goal of 50 kits.

Worship Participants for June

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Counters	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
5	Linda Myers	Michael Johnsen	Joey Hoffer Xander McQuaide	Larry & Sharon Houser	Elaine Ludwig	Kristen Hoffer
12	Sharon Houser	Kevin Feagley	Kaitlyn Boisvert Becca Hoffer	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Brian Adams	Sharon Davis
19	Cathy Houser	Jim Adams	Jacob & Joseph Beidler	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Terry Ludwig	Brian Adams
26	Tracy Hoy	TBD	Gavin Bush Tanner Feagley	Deb Long	Jim Adams	Noel Strattan

Altar Guild 5 -Pam/Dawn, 26 -Jen/Noel 12,19 -Noel/Karen	Ushers Jack Beidler, Gavin Bender, Linda Wenrich, Philip Mohn	Communion Assistants 5,12 Ann Kulp & John Mohn 19,26 Sharon & Cathy Houser	Getting to know you time Mutual Ministry
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