



Zion's News



July 2016

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

Pastor Wayne Moritz

A Message from Pastor Wayne Moritz

Happy summertime everyone! During the first weekend of June, along with Noel Strattan and Brian Adams, I attended the Annual Assembly of our Lower Susquehanna Synod at Messiah College. Along with hundreds of other Christians from across the Synod we joined in worship, Bible study, prayer, and advancing the ministry of our Church.

One of the topics that arose for conversation was how we, as congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, present ourselves on the Church's website. Presently anyone can go on the ELCA's website, press the "Find a Congregation" key, and locate information about any of our 10,000 plus congregations. The question before our Synod Assembly was how satisfactory or appealing, especially to prospective worshipers, is the data being presented. Since the information primarily shows financial and membership statistics and does not highlight the gifts and unique ministries of congregations, Assembly delegates voted overwhelmingly to ask our ELCA leadership to create a different, more welcoming and engaging, template for use.

How we publicize ourselves as communities of faith is important. We want to do all we can to attract people to church and the various ministries we provide. We want people to know the Good News. So making sure we put our best foot forward makes sense. And any information we place on the Internet for search and review must be finely tuned to connect people with Christ.

Websites, though, don't account for the entirety of how churches publicize themselves in the communities in which they serve. People, like you and I, are still the prime means for getting the Word of Christ out. We may not reach as many people as do our websites. We may not be able to present as many categories of information as do our websites. But we are the top choice for communicating the Good News of Christ.

To do so we don't always have to be going from door to door inviting people to worship. We don't have to be hosting revival meetings, whether in our homes or churches. We simply need to be ourselves and to let the Love of Christ show through us. In little ways and big ways. In planned activities and in random acts of kindness. We all have stories to tell and faith to share. People may respond to what they read and see on websites and signs. But, even more so, people are drawn to Christ through what they see and experience of the Life of Christ being lived out in Jesus' followers.

Websites can provide information (and that is critically important to the mission of the Church). But people, caring for people in the Name of Christ, can provide transformation, inviting people to experience first-hand the Love of God in Jesus Christ.

So as you go on your way this summer - to vacations or work or school or family outings - remember how important you are in making Christ known. The kindness you show. The patience you exhibit. The welcome you extend. The support you offer. The joy you bring. The peace and understanding you provide. They all demonstrate the Love of Christ and plant the seeds of faith.

There are lots of ways to describe a congregation. But I think you do it best in living your lives of faith. Thanks for remembering the words of St. Matthew - just "let your light shine before others" (5:16). And people will see that light. And experience that Good News. And faith will be born.

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)

Alma Paul PH: 281-202-3891
Frey Village Rm. 115B
1020 N. Union St. Birthday: July 17
Middletown, PA 17057

Paul Zimmerman PH: 272-2735
Elmcroft Rm. 103
860 Norman Dr. Birthday August 1
Lebanon, PA 17042

Address change:

Elvin Heller PH: 717-298-3203
Middletown Home Rm. 129
999 W. Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057

✠ Memorial Fund ✠

In Memory of Elva Heller, by:
Donald & Sharon Davis
Mary Ann Nelson
Harold & Grace Dennis
Michael & Donna Forgotch
Paul & Janet Bird



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

JOY no longer needs egg boxes, baby food or plastic grocery bags.

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

Thank You so much!

I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, visits, phone calls and well wishes for Elva and myself. - Elvin Heller

LCCM BOX CITY

When: Friday & Saturday, August 19 & 20

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd
1500 Quentin Rd., Lebanon

How: To register, visit www.lccm.us

Deadline for registration is Fri., Aug. 5,

All participants will enjoy live entertainment, food, games & activities, outdoor movie, and a slip-n-slide!

Be sure to check out the letter from Church Congregation Council contained in this newsletter!

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.

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)

Wise Guy's Bible Study

In July we will have our men's Bible study on Saturday **July 23 @ 8 AM.**

DATE CHANGE FOR JULY



Womens Bible Study

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

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.

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 UNATTENDED!**

Zion's Youth Update

June 3rd a small group of us went to Messiah College to participate in Hunger Jam. It was a meaningful experience! Our two hour shift packed 60,000 - 80,000 lbs. of food. 1 pouch of food contained vitamins, soy, vegetables, & rice, and provided a meal for 6 people. We packed 36 pouches in each box. The organization was called Kids Against Hunger. The project was part of the Synod Assembly, with a goal to pack 400,000 pounds of food.

June 23rd. We had an evening event called Hot Wings and Hot Topics. We all purchased wings at the local wing place, and then came back to our house to explore bible topics/stories. We have not planned events for July as it appears to be a very busy vacation month for many.

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

Day Camp at Zions: August 8-12



Camp will be from 8:30-4:30 each day and will cost roughly \$50-75/kid. It is designed for elementary age youth.

It's time to sign up for a week of camp activities at Zion's. Two to three qualified Camp Counselors will lead the adventure. To Register, please contact Elaine Ludwig, 717-865-3757 or email her at eludadvo@comcast.net. Deadline for registration is August 1.

This is a community event so invite neighbors and friends to participate!

COUNCIL

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

Council Highlights from 6/9/16 meeting

- Pr Moritz continues to express gratitude for the dedication to ministry during this transition time
- Church picnic is July 17th @ Levitz Park at 3:30 p.m. (Details are in this newsletter)
- The evening of July 9th will be a social to meet the call candidate with a distribution of their biography
- Sunday, July 10, the congregation will vote on the council's call candidate!

**Be sure to check out the letter from Church
Congregation Council contained in this
newsletter and email!**



Calling all Ladies!!!

This year's Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity project in Lebanon is progressing well. We are fully renovating a large four-bedroom home located at 1042 Lehman Street (corner of 11th and Lehman). Thrivent is the primary financial sponsor with a grant of \$35,000. But we also need volunteers (16 or older)! A special Ladies Build Day has been scheduled for Saturday, July 16. We'll be there from 8:30 to 3:30, but any portion that you can help would be greatly appreciated. No special skills are needed, just a good attitude and willingness to help. We plan to be doing a lot of interior painting that day!

Lunch will be provided by our local Thrivent Financial representative, Jim Gill. But you must register first by contacting Habitat's volunteer coordinator, Leigh Kaliss at (717) 392-8836 or leigh@llhf.org.

Thrivent Financial is Habitat for Humanity's largest single donor. Thrivent members and volunteers have helped Habitat build over 4,000 homes since 2005. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gill at 867-1500.

Thank you for Living Generously!



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 - Koinonia will host the Lancaster Lutheran Historical Society, who will be coming to tour our church on Wednesday, July 13.

- Summer Activity: Sat., August 13 @ 6:00 pm. Enjoy dinner and a show at the Timbers. Sign-up sheet can be found on the small bulletin board in the gathering area. Contact Ken & Irene Hess for more info: 865-2884.

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.



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

NEW SPONSORED MISSIONARY FOR ZION'S

As our current missionary Ralen Robinson prepares to return home to Pennsylvania from her year in Jerusalem, we are preparing to sponsor another young person who will travel abroad as part of the Youth in Global Mission (YAGM) program. This year we have chosen Luke Swanson, who will serve in either Argentina or Uruguay (he will know which country by the end of July).

Luke has spent most of his life in eastern Pennsylvania, near Allentown. He is a lifelong Lutheran and says he is becoming more and more committed to the Church every day. He is not certain at this point where his life will take him but he believes that by the end of the YAGM year, he may well consider seminary as an option. Luke has always been interested in international studies, and when he attended Millersville University in Lancaster County, he majored in International Studies and minored in Spanish.

Luke will be visiting Zion's on Sunday, July 24th to meeting the congregation and share with us his excitement about his upcoming missionary work as well as the challenges he may face.

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 daily 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. Between Sunday June 5th and Sunday, July 31st. 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 in the gathering area. Here is a list of the items requested for each kit:



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

1 towel. It should be between 20" x 40" to 27" x 52" and be light or medium weight as recipients will have to hand wash the towels and hang them out in the elements 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 mailed, LWR will send a special barcode to be attached to track kits on PC to know the location of the refugees receiving them. Our goal is 50 kits. Thank you, Evangelism Committee!

Worship

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

Zion's Annual Church Picnic

WHEN: July 19th

WHERE: Levitz Park

NEW: Time change. - 3:30 p.m.

In order to continue our worship time on Sunday morning, we have changed the picnic time to late afternoon with evening vespers. Hopefully, this will also be the cooler part of the day for activities. The agenda for the day is as follows:

3:30 Arrival time

3:40 Children's Games & Bingo - bring a snack item(s) (chips, Doritos, Twizzlers, etc) to add to the prize table

4:30 Meal

5:15 Vespers

5:45 Family softball, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, and tennis... So bring your sports equipment (gloves/balls/bats/ racquets), and let's have some friendly competition. Other activities include creek walk/hike, and bike trails (don't forget your bikes). Also bingo, guessing jars, and just chatting with friends. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area for you to sign up to attend and also to bring your favorite side dish or dessert.



Hope to see you there!!

Wednesday Nights

Joyful Spirits has moved to the Jonestown Park Pavilion on the following dates:

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. 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.



July 2016



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	1 FRI	2 SAT
3 10:30 Worship	4 4TH OF JULY	5	6 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS Followed by Kings Kids in the park	7 Committee Night	8	9 5:00 pm Koinonia picnic @ Birds' home 6:00 pm MEET OUR NEW PASTORAL CANDIDATE IN SOCIAL HALL!
10 10:30 Worship with VOTE ON NEW PASTORAL CANDIDATE!	11	12	13	14 7:00 pm Church Council	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16
17 10:30 Worship 3:30 Church Picnic @ Levitz Park	18	19	20 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS Followed by Kings Kids in the park	21	22	23 8:00 Men's Bible study
24 10:30 Worship	25	26	27	28 8:30 pm Women's Bible study @ Janet Bird's home	29	30
31 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time					Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday	

Saturday, July 9 - (6-8 pm) Meet & Greet our new Pastoral Candidate at an ice cream social in the social hall.

Sunday, July 10 - (following worship) Vote on our new Pastoral Candidate

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

Worship Participants for July

	Lector	Crucifer	Acolytes	Counters	Prayers of the People	Children's sermon
3	Stephanie Livingston	Brian Adams	Mason Livingston Xander McQuaide	Larry & Sharon Houser	Anita Frey	Laurie Gill
10	Hess	Daryl Hess	Becca & Joey Hoffer	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Sharon Houser	Stephanie Livingston
17	Nathaniel Finkin	Michael Johnsen	Julia & Miranda Steffy	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Larry Houser	John Mohn Jr.
24	Darryl Bush	TBD	Kaitlyn Boisvert Grace Ludwig	Deb Long	Betty Kleinfelter	Sharon Houser
31	Charity Finkin	Jim Adams	Mason Livingston Xander McQuaide	Noel Strattan	Carly High	Linda Toth

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
3, Jen/Noel 10,17 Dawn/Pam 24,31 Karen/Noel	Mike Long, John Mohn Jr., Linda Toth, Jim Cascarino	3,10,17 Burton Williams & Karen Brown 24,31 Tovie Kleinfelter, Deb Long	Social Ministry Committee



Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jonestown, Pennsylvania

June 30, 2016

Dear Members of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

After much prayerful consideration and sincere diligent effort, your Call Committee/ Congregation Council has agreed unanimously on a candidate for your consideration to be the pastor of our congregation. We agree that the candidate has been duly called and would be a "good fit" for this congregational family. The next step in this process requires your participation.

We have planned an ice cream social in our fellowship hall on **Saturday, July 9th** from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., for you to come and meet the candidate. On **Sunday, July 10th**, the candidate will conduct our regular 10:30 A.M. worship service and preach the sermon. ***Your attendance is needed to pray with us, worship together, and then vote your opinion on extending the call of Zion's congregation to the candidate to be our Shepherd. Your involvement at this phase of the call process is so very important for the future of Zion.***

The candidate was ordained in 2012 and holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Gettysburg Seminary. A full biography will be available at the meet and greet on the 9th. We have read the candidate's qualifications; probed the candidate's mind and heart; read the very positive references from the Bishops and contemporaries. We have observed the candidate conduct worship and listened to recordings and watched video presentations of the candidate's teaching and preaching skills and style. We have probed and quizzed the candidate to determine if the candidate is what we all need as our leader and we have answered the candidate's questions to see if we fit into the candidate's call and commitment to parish ministry.

We find the candidate to be enthusiastic, well educated, warm and engaging. We feel the candidate's call to parish ministry here at Zion is a definite call of the Holy Spirit. Above all, we find that the candidate is sincere and genuine.

Our congregation is blessed to have the opportunity to consider this candidate. The Church Council feels fortunate to be able to present this candidate to our congregation. We know you will be more than satisfied to come, listen, vote and be part of this process. The future for Zion looks bright and exciting!

We are sincerely looking forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, July 9th, and Sunday, July 10th.

Your Congregation Council,
Ed Ludwig, Pres.