



Zion's News

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



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

May 2017

Pastor's Pen

The church is Good Friday.

*Darkness burnt into blackness,
abysmal absence of anything good.
We acknowledge that death is real
and we tremble for a world that would kill its
God.
Our feet stand in quicksand;
our voices echo sterile silence.
We huddle together to meet the dark and the
death,
forgetting what was taught us,
forgetting that somewhere a seed is sprouting,
somewhere a child is growing.
All we see is Christ crucified.*

The church is Easter.

*Out of Death: Life.
Out of darkness:
a lush green world
flowers in the ice
sunrays in the storm
mustard seeds galore.
Our souls enter a spiritual springtime,
our bodies given over to leaping and dancing,
our very beings saturated in hosannas.
Our shouting crashes in upon the world:
the Lord lives! We live!*

***Resurrection resounds throughout our
community.***

*--Excerpted from Ann Weems' poem "The Church
Year*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia! It was a joy and privilege to share Lent, Holy Week, and Easter with you at Zion's. A special thank you to all who contributed to our Holy Week and Easter worship experiences with presence, prayers, and talent—including our altar guild, musicians, sexton, sanctuary decorators, secretaries, ushers, and Cherub, Junior, and Senior choirs!

As the poem above articulates, the rhythms of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter Sunday speak deeply into our lives as individuals and as the Church. We witness "Resurrection [resounding] throughout our community" *in acts of love and care* like the many service projects completed as part of our #Zions40in40 initiative and *in signs of hope and new life* like births, baptisms, and the reception of new members. We witness "resurrection resounding throughout our community" every time encouraging words are spoken, neighbors reach out to help neighbors, love is spoken, and forgiveness is offered. Throughout the season of Easter (that's right! Easter is an entire season unto itself—lasting seven weeks!) we will continue to celebrate "resurrection resounding throughout our community" as we complete our #Zions40in40 Action Team Projects, participate in the Spaghetti Miracle dinner (April 30), host a dance for our congregation and DDS families (May 20), and participate in Youth-Led worship and First Communion celebrations (May 21).

As we joined together in the powerful Easter proclamation: Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Let us also join in witnessing and sharing all the ways "resurrection resounds throughout our community." May God grant us courage, hope, and strength to participate in new life, wherever and however it is found. Alleluia, alleluia.

In hope,
Pastor Caitlin

Social Ministry

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Canned Soups	Canned Mixed Vegetables
Mac-n-cheese	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned Chili/Stews	

Other:

Men's Pants (28-38)	Men's Plus Size apparel
New Socks (all sizes)	Mens & Womens jeans
Mens New White Undershirts	
Reusable Plastic Containers	

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

Hoss's Day Fundraiser - Sunday May 7, all day.

Go to www.lccm.us for more info.

23rd Annual Golf Tournament - Friday, May 19 at the Lebanon Valley Golf Course, Myerstown, PA. Lunch & registration begin at noon. Proceeds assist the HOPES Emergency Shelter. Deadline to register is Friday, May 12, go to www.lccm.us.

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

Wish List:

Food Bank:

Mac & Cheese, Canned meats, stews, chicken, spam, pasta, beets, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit. Peanut butter, all soups, boxed potatoes, rice pasta, Mac&Cheese hamburger helper.

Other: Toilet tissue, soap, toothpaste, paper towels.

Requesting donations for the JOY for summer lunches for the children:

Flip top (easy open) cans of tuna fish or chicken
Peanut butter (either the to go cups or small jars)
Shelf-stable milk boxes, Individual serving cups of fruit, Single serve microwavable meals like Chef Boyardee or Mac and Cheese or Minute Rice (ready to serve packs), Granola Bars, Individual serving cups of applesauce. Note: All items must be labeled, factory sealed and in good condition.

Homebound Birthday (Cards, Calls, Visits)

Frank Hauer	PH: 274-7400
100 Tuck Ct., #314	Birthday: May 2
Lebanon, PA 17042	



Thank You

I want to thank very much my church family for the Easter Lily and Card. - Ingrid Erb

Koinonia News:

Upcoming activities:

June 16-18 - Koinonia hosts Zion's Annual Shore weekend
July 8 @ 6:00 pm - picnic & meeting at the Bird home
August 12 - evening at the Timbers (more info to follow)
Next meeting: Sat., May 13 @ 6:30 at the church

Projects:

May 14 - Koinonia will provide Mother's Day gifts
June 18 - Koinonia will provide Father's Day gifts

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Hollyberry Bazaar - Saturday, November 4

Books - a book bin is located in the social for gently used book donations. Questions -contact Jean Fowler, 926-7793.

We're always looking for new craft ideas for the bazaar. Contact Kristin Hoffer, (jkhoffer@yahoo.com) or Heather Moyers, (info@maximcontractors.com) for more information.

Hollyberry Bazaar This & That/
Children's Table

All items are sold below retail price (5 cents to \$2). Children & adults shop at this table. Donations are welcome and do not have to be Christmas-related. Suggestions: small toys/dolls/balls, activity books, knick knacks, stationery items, children's jewelry, puzzles, games, and NEW stuffed animals (we can't sell used). Items can be placed in the bin below the coat rack in the north primary Sunday school entrance (lower level). If you have questions contact Janet Bird at (jbird75@comcast.net).

Christian Education & Youth

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

Sunday School Updates!

A special Sunday School date: May 14th Pr. Caitlin will be having a Communion class for all children and their parents/guardians. This class will include all children including those that already commune. *see below
June 4th - Pentecost Sunday will also be Confirmation Sunday - we will honor the Confirmands, Max Ludwig, Ellyse Ludwig, Joseph Beidler and Kaitlyn Boisvert with a luncheon following the worship service. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Gathering area.

The last week for classroom Sunday school for children age 3 through 5th grade will be June 4th.

***Come to the Table Communion Class on Sunday, May 14, beginning at 9:30 AM.** Communion is God's gift to God's children, a way God nourishes the baptized in living lives of service, love, and faith. The Church teaches that the only requirement for Holy Communion is baptism; while individual congregations may have age requirements for Holy Communion, those requirements are *tradition* and *practice*, not doctrine. At Zion's, baptized children of all ages are welcome to commune as soon as their parents or guardians give permission for them to do so. As a congregation, we promise to continually teach disciples of all ages about what the sacrament is and the promises it conveys to us. As with many things in life, and in faith, what one understands about the sacrament at five will be different than what they understand at fifteen, twenty-five, and ninety-five. Our responsibility is to continually teach so that disciples continually grow in their understanding of God's grace revealed in the sacraments. To this end, we will be offering an all-ages communion class on Sunday, May 14 in the Social Hall. *Parents/guardians, please plan to attend with your child. Children who are not yet communing, but wish (with their parents consent) to begin communing will celebrate First Communion on Sunday, May 21. All children who have begun communing in the past year will also be recognized that Sunday.* If you have any questions about this class, or about Zion's communion practices, please speak with Pastor Caitlin.

Zion's Youth Update

April 8th- We had a great Intergenerational Service Day. We had a large variety of ages participate, along with Tom Robinson and 4 of his Youth Group members. There were lots of "sharing" activities, including: fleece blanket tying, scratch art, coloring pictures of butterflies (representing Jesus's resurrection). We also with LOVE colored sun catchers and decorated door hangers for our shut-in's and nursing home residents. ** If there are still some left, lots of them were delivered with the Easter Lilies, you are welcome to spread the cheer and take one/a few to a shut-in, a sick, an elderly person, or someone who could use some cheering up. ** I believe I counted 20 participants. It was awesome!! Sincere Thanks Everyone!!

April 12th - We had a fun Jr. Youth Group Game Night. We have one more Game Night, on May 3rd. (not May 10th).

► May, along with Jr. Youth Group Game Night on May 3rd (during King's Kid's time), we currently have a Youth Group meeting scheduled for May 7th.

Please stay posted via church bulletins, feel free to call us or text us at any time.

****May 21st- We have our Youth Service ** We can't wait!! The service will be quite meaningful and a great way to serve!!**

With more teens getting jobs, vacations etc. We've decided that Youth Ministry will have the summer off. We will resume again in September, where we welcome all our new seventh graders, and any other Junior or Senior High students who would like to try Youth Ministry . Yeah!!

Thanks Everyone for your support! -Jim and Laurie

Christian Education & Youth - continued

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

Kings Kids:

April 29 - Autism walk at NLHS. 11am-2pm - Ms. Monica will have games and fun.

May 3 - Crafting for Father's Day

May 10 - Crafting for Memorial Day

May 17 - Making & Baking Bread for Sunday Communion

May 24 - Summer Fun Preview

May 31 - Annual Wednesday Night Cookout

Party fun! - May 27,
visit our booth at the
Jonestown Block Party

Wednesday notes:

May 3 - no Bible Study

May meals will be casseroles, until . . . wait for it . . . ****May 31**** Cookout, burgers & dogs!



Zion's 2017 Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 25-Thursday June 29.

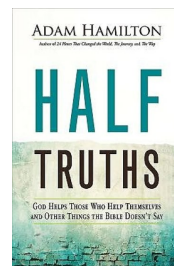
Children ages 3-5th grade are invited to participate; older youth and adults are more than welcome to help lead! Pick up invitation postcards in the Gathering Space to share with your friends and neighbors. The more, the merrier!

Two Opportunities to Read and Continue Discussing Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths: God helps those who help themselves, and other things the Bible doesn't say*:

"Lunch Bunch" Book and Bible Study on Thursday, May 25 at 1 PM at Tony's on Market Street in Jonestown. You're welcome to purchase lunch or coffee if you want, but it's not required. Open to all, and your friends!

Women's Bible study on Thursday, May 25 at 7 PM at Michele McQuaide's House. If you need directions, call the church office.

At both of these gatherings, we'll look at the fourth chapter: "God said it, I believe it, that settles it". What do you think? Is this true? Is it helpful? Are there things God says in scripture that you *don't* believe, or think are a little more complicated than first meets the eye? You are welcome to order the book off Amazon and read the chapter before we gather, but that is not required.



Calling all young adults!

We will be gathering for dinner and game night at Pastor

Caitlin's on Monday May 15 at 6 PM. Hope you can make it! (with your games!) Friends are more than welcome.



Memorial Fund

In Memory of Raymond Kulp:

Robert Gilbert

Julia Albert

Nancy Winklebleck

Richard & Karen Hitz



COUNCIL

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

Council Highlights from April 20, 2017 meeting:

- Council voted to replace the entrance doors to the pre-school, pending warranty provisions.
- Property committee will monitor sidewalk repairs to areas affected by heaving joints.
- Travis Hess and Nikki Brossman have volunteered to manage the Zion booth at the Jonestown Block Party on May 27.

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.



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"40 ACTION TEAMS IN 40 DAYS"

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! for supporting Zion's "40 Action Teams in 40 Days". Our collective efforts have generated such an abundance and variety of generosity – for both our local neighbors in need and for the families seeking safety and security in a fallen world.

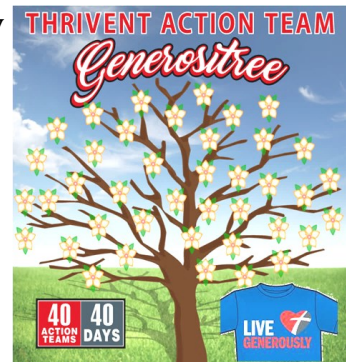
Did you count the blossoms on the Generositree? Thirty-two!!! We not only came close to our original goal of 40, but we were able to connect with and engage fellow Zion's members, friends and family in living generously. Here is just some of the good works your efforts resulted in:

• Prepared care packages for those battling addiction • Raised funds and providing games for the Children's Hospital at Hershey Medical Center • Sewed quilt blankets for Lutheran World Relief • Hosted a Service Day of Caring to benefit our shut-ins and families taking refuge at the Agape Family Shelter • Helped to save our adolescents from prostitution by donating soap kits to local motels • Hosted a DDS dance to help our disabled neighbors live independently • Planted an apple tree to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation • Donated diabetic socks to our neighbors living with chronic illness • Led a cleanup day on a nearby section of the Appalachian Trail • And so much more!!

Of course, the generosity doesn't need to stop now – especially since we've gotten pretty good at it!! Each Thrivent member has the opportunity to lead two Action Teams every year, so let's keep those ideas coming.

SAVE THE DATE!! Want to hear some wonderful stories about these Action Teams? Want to meet representatives from the organizations they benefitted? Then plan to join us on Sunday, June 11, for a thank you luncheon after worship. More details will be provided in the June newsletter. This will be a great bring-a-friend event!!!

A special thank you goes out to the Council, Pastor Caitlin, Michael Johnsen, and everyone who stepped up to lead an Action Team. Your support has been an inspiration to us all!



Itineraries for Zion's 2018 Trip to Israel are now available! Pick up your copy on the bulletin board near the church office, or click the "Israel 2018" tab on the left side of our homepage www.ZionsJonestown.com. Registration forms are located inside the itineraries, and by following the links. (Photo taken at the Jordan River)

Evangelism

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

DDS Dance "Take me out to the Ballgame"

Saturday, May 20; 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment: Allen, DJ Show

Cost: \$2 per person

Includes: Food and games and lots of dancing. Wear your favorite baseball jersey or hat.

Enjoy time with the folks from Lebanon County's Developmental and Disabilities Services.



Teddy Bear Ministry

Teddy bears seated on the window sills in our sanctuary are for Zion's Teddy Bear Ministry. If you know someone who would appreciate a Zion's bear, they are available for purchase. Bears have a tag saying: *"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 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.

Bears cost \$10.00, which sustains the ministry. Take a bear from the window sills, please give cash, or a check payable to Zions, to Christine Techky.



Worship

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

Youth-Led Worship on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 AM Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" At Zion's, we regularly seek to involve children in worship leadership because we believe they have gifts to share in glorifying God. On Sunday, May 21, we will celebrate these gifts even more fully as our children and youth lead as many aspects of worship as possible. Be sure to join us that day to offer praise and thanks to God, and to encourage our young people in their lives of faith.

New Members will be received into the Zion's family on Sunday June 4. If you are interested in becoming a new member, please speak with Pastor Caitlin this month.

Can you hear me now?

We understand that some folks sitting near the back occasionally have trouble hearing during worship. We are exploring the possibility of purchasing individual hearing assistance devices. If you would find this helpful *please* let Pastor Caitlin, Tom Mohn, or Ed Ludwig know. We are happy to make these available, but will only do so if they will be used. We also invite you to sit closer to the front where there are more speakers.

Help us Plan a Hymn Sing! Worship and Music is collecting your favorite hymns to plan for a special worship service this summer. Please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or return to Pastor Caitlin or Noel Stratton. Stay tuned for more information about when the Hymn Sing will be!

Hymn: _____

Where can we find the music? _____

Your name: _____

News You Can Use!



Please join us for **SUMMER DAY CAMP!**

Monday July 17 – Friday July 21, 2017

9 AM – 3:30 PM

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church Jonestown, PA

Open to school age children entering grades 1-6

Cost: \$65 per child



This year's camp theme is "The Water of Life"

Experienced counselors from the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania will lead campers in crafts, songs, outdoor activities and the study of bible stories as they discover that water is also the source of Christian spiritual life.

For more information please contact Michelle at
bucksmichelle@gmail.com or 610-823-7682

Registration forms are available at Zion's or by visiting
www.ZionsJonestown.com



It's time to start thinking about summer camp at Camps Kirchenswald and Nawakwa. There's something for everyone! Brochures are on the shelf in the Gathering Space. Remember, Zion's offers a 50% scholarship for everyone who wants to attend camp. Questions?

See Pastor

Caitlin.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania

Registration forms are available on our webpage, click on the Day Camp photo on the home page.

Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend

June 16-18, 2017

We are again staying at the Roman Holiday. It is a beachfront property in North Wildwood, 6 (short) blocks north of the Boardwalk, and off Exit 6 of the Parkway. All units there are suites.

A block of rooms is not set aside for our group, so you must book early to guarantee a room. Some families will arrive Thursday, June 15 and leave Monday, June 19, and others will spend just the weekend.

**Note that the 2017 rate for nights past June 18 will be set after February 1. We will have our church service at 9 AM Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

GROUP RATES

\$123: 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6/limit 6)

\$175: 2-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 8/limit 8)

Sales & occupancy taxes are 14%.

There are no extra charges for additional persons –within the occupancy limit.

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 until May 1.

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 _____

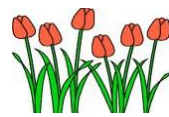
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Adults _____ Children _____

Amount enclosed _____



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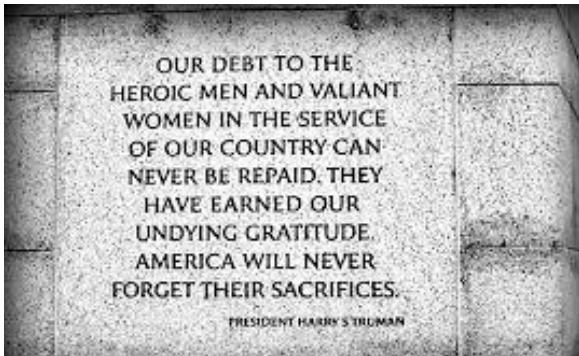
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7 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Youth group meeting	8 15th Newsletter Deadline	9	10 5:30 Family meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/Kings Kids	11 7:00 pm Council	12	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	15 6:00 pm Young adults group	16	17 5:30 Family meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/Kings Kids	18	19	20 4-7pm. DDS Dance
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship led by our Youth	22	23	24 5:30 Family meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/Kings Kids	25 1:00 Lunch Bunch 7:00 Women's Bible Study	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	29 	30	31 5:30 Family meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/Kings Kids	Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		



Summer Fun!

June 15 – Koinonia Shore Weekend
June 25 – Vacation Bible School
July 8 – Koinonia Picnic
July 17 – Summer Day Camp
Aug. 12 – Koinonia Evening @ Timbers

Worship Participants for May

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Counters	Nursery	Prayers of the People	Children's Sermons
7	Michelle Bucks	Brian Adams	Mason Livingston Logan Livingston	Larry & Sharon Houser	Stella & Grace Ludwig	Stephanie Livingston	Laurie Gill
14	Michael Johnsen	Daryl Hess	Lilly Harris Katherine Sipe	Ken Nelson Jr.	TBD	Anita Frey	Terry Ludwig
21	Youth	Mike Johnsen	Nick McFarland Caden McFarland	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Darryl Bush Katie & Elly	Kristin Hoffer	Sharon Houser
28	Allen Schell	Jim Adams	Madison & MacKenzie Hess	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Gizelle McFarland Greta Kauffman	Sharon Davis	Pastor Caitlin

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
7, Pam/Dawn 14, 21, McQuaides 28, Noel/Karen	Mike Long, Jim Cascarino, Linda Toth, John Mohn Jr.	7,14 Cathy & Sharon Houser 21,28 Dean & Ken Hess	Worship & Music Committee