



# Zion's News

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



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

June 2017

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## Pastor's Pen

*"I will, and I ask God to help and guide me"*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, June 4, you will hear four of Zion's young men and women speak these words during worship; for this phrase is the traditional response to the Affirmation Address statement to which each confirmand is asked to respond as part of the Rite of Confirmation. Some call this worship rite "Affirmation of Baptism" (that's what our hymnal says). Others use the colloquial name "Confirmation". Still others call this rite "a ritual of adult membership", which speaks to its practical implications as "confirmed" status in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which allows one to serve on Congregational Council and vote on significant issues presented at congregational meetings. The simplest name for this rite may be "renewal".

Whatever the title, in the rite we celebrate together on June 4 these four young men and women, who have engaged in intentional faith-formative Lutheran studies for the past two years, will have the opportunity to say "Yes" to the baptismal promises that their parents made on their behalf on the day of their baptism, many years ago. While "renewal" isn't a full-fledged liturgical term for this celebration, I like how it points to the ongoing nature of what will happen for these young men and women in our congregation.

For the Rite of Confirmation, or Affirmation of Baptism, is never a once and done event. Day in and day out, through all of life's joys and difficulties, our faith is strengthened, tested, and renewed (not always in that order). Many of us can point to at least a few, specific moments in our lives when our faith was replenished and refreshed. Sometimes it is another ritual in the church's life ... perhaps a marriage, funeral, baptism, or ordination we observe. Sometimes it is a human event which "renews our faith in humanity." Sometimes it is a personal moment of crisis or opportunity in which prayer, reflection or conversation leads us to look at the world with more hopeful eyes. A few such moments for me include: my ordination, the sickness and death of my friend's daughter, sending Seth off for deployment, and, most recently, witnessing our young people lead us in worship. The truth is, our God is in the business of offering us regular moments of renewal, but we don't always have the eyes to *recognize* those moments.

As we prepare to celebrate with Elly, Max, Katie, and Joe, I invite you to consider where and how God might be offering *you* a chance to renew and refresh your faith. Maybe that opportunity will involve a person with whom you are estranged, who was a faith partner with you at a former time in your life. Maybe that opportunity will involve an activity that used to offer you the satisfaction of sharing a God-given talent or passion in a small corner of the world. Maybe that opportunity will be a re-engagement with the Spirit of God in your life, through renewed prayer, or reading, or worship. Whatever the "renewal" is that God offers to you, why not take that "leap of faith" back into a closer walk with God.

If you are with us on June 4<sup>th</sup>, maybe watching a few young adults have the courage to publicly proclaim their commitment to the God who fashioned and formed them will be enough motivation in itself. I'll look forward to sharing that moment with you when I next ... See you in church, Pastor Caitlin

# Social Ministry

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

## **Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) Wish List:**

### **Food Bank:**

Peanut Butter & Jelly

### **Other:**

Jackets—Mens & Womens

Toilet Tissue

Paper Towels

Facial Tissue

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

## **Homebound Birthday (Cards, Calls, Visits)**

Catherine Freeman PH: 717-892-5306  
Luther Acres Rm. 238 Birthday: June 22  
600 E. Main St.  
Lititz, PA 17543

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



## **Addition to Homebound List:**

Elvena Mohn PH: 865-2590  
37 N. King St. Birthday: May 27  
P.O. Box 212  
Jonestown, PA 17038

Bill Haniman PH: 717-673-6948  
114 Lakeside Dr. Birthday: April 17  
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

## **Addition to Military:**

SW2 Seth Kurtz  
P.O. Box 53  
5301 Bainbridge Ave.  
Gulfport, MS 39501

## *Thank You*

Thank you for the cards, calls, and visits during my recent hospital stay. I really appreciate keeping in touch with everyone. And thank you for the beautiful Easter Lily. - Elvin Heller

A Big Thank you to William Schaeffer for the gift of the apple tree marker in the church yard. The tree was planted in commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Stop and check it out!

## **Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)**

### **Wish List:**

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

**Other:** Toilet tissue, toothpaste, polident, mens razors.

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

### **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)

**You can pick up a take-a-long list on the window sill in the gathering area.**

## **Spaghetti Miracle 2017**

Thank-you to everyone for supporting our Spaghetti Miracle, which was held April 30. Approximately 75 people attended the dinner. Through this Thrivent Action Team, we were able to donate 45 jars of sauce and 49 boxes of pasta, totaling 156 lbs., to the Jonestown Outreach pantry. Also, many thanks to Nancy Ludwig, head chef, and our Social Ministry Committee for preparing and serving the dinner.

### **Items to be Claimed in the kitchen:**

Mr. Coffee coffeemaker      Steelers kitchen mitt  
Disney parks cup              Sango plate  
2 Christmas trays  
Large Corning ware casserole dish  
Bag of cups & napkins

## **Caring for our neighbor's feet**

Through a 40 in 40 Thriven Action Team we were able to donate 62 pairs of diabetic socks to the American House. Thank you to everyone who joined in this effort.—Ann Kulp

# Christian Education & Youth

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

## Sunday School Updates!

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



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

Children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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! You can register on Zion's homepage: [zionsjonestown.com](http://zionsjonestown.com)



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](mailto:bucksmichelle@gmail.com) or 610-823-7682

Registration forms are available at Zion's or by visiting [www.ZionsJonestown.com](http://www.ZionsJonestown.com)



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

It's time to start thinking about summer camp at Camps Kirchenwald 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.



## Zion's Youth Update

We had a wonderful Jr. Youth Group night on May 3rd.

Our Youth Group meeting on May 7 welcomed new 7th graders for fall, and others who hadn't joined Youth Group previously. We had 4 seventh graders in attendance, 3 youth group members, plus a new youth group member. There were also 4 parents and Pastor Caitlin in attendance. It was a good meeting! Jim and I are already looking forward to the fall year.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Youth Service on May 21. You did a great job!!!

For June: due to vacations, new jobs, family activities, etc., Youth group and Jr. Youth group are taking the summer off.

We are starting to think about the fall calendar. Now is the time to submit ideas for the group. Please place ideas in our church mailbox, email us at the gmail address, or contact us in person. All ideas are considered!

**\*\*There is a new e-mail address for the Youth group\*\* Please start using this email to contact us immediately: [zionsyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:zionsyouthgroup@gmail.com). Thank you.**

## Christian Education & Youth - continued

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

### Wednesday Nights!

Joyful Spirits will move our worship to the Jonestown Park Pavilion on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July, and August.

Those dates are:

June 14

July 12

August 9

June 28

July 26

August 23

Summer Worship comes with . . . . ICE CREAM!

If questions, contact Linda Wenrich (Linda.wenrich@yahoo.com). HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

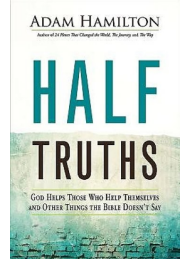
### King's Kids

King's kids will immediately follow each of the Joyful Spirits worship services at the Jonestown Park. In case of rain, we will meet in the social hall. Like during the school year, King's Kids will run from 6:45 - 7:30 pm. If you have questions about King's Kids, please contact Ms. Monica Bortz (zionswednesdays@gmail.com).

**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, June 22 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, June 22 at 7 PM, location to be determined.** You can call the church office for directions.



You are welcome to order the book off Amazon and read it before we gather, but that is not required.

## Worship

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

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNCIL

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

### Council Highlights from May 11, 2017 meeting:

- Pastor noted that she was recently accepted into the Lewis Fellows program at Wesley Seminary for the 2017-2018 academic year as part of her continuing education.
- Presentations were made by this year's confirmation class, Kaitlyn Boisvert, Max Ludwig, Elly Ludwig, and Joseph Beidler. Their confirmation was approved.
- Thank you notes were received from Lutheran World Relief and JOY Pantry for donations made to them.

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### 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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**Thank you from Seth Kurtz:** *Dear Friends in Christ, I hope that this letter finds you all well. I have arrived safely in Mississippi and am preparing to begin my training. I would like to personally thank each of you at Zion's for your kind out pouring of care for me and Pastor Caitlin.*

*Upon learning about Zion's Lutheran Church, it's ministries, and sense of community throughout the congregation, I was excited for Pastor Caitlin to be called and share her gifts of ministry with you. I knew that God was at work guiding two wonderful parties together. Little did I know that God was also bringing me to a place where you would minister to me. From our first meeting, Zion's has welcomed us warmly and generously and it has touched my life in ways that I can't put into words. Every Sunday and Wednesday evening I have enjoyed worshiping with you with a personal sense of spiritual renewal.*

*It has been a pleasure and a gift to meet and begin to grow in fellowship with each of you. Thank you for sharing in our joy as Pastor Caitlin and I were married. I am truly humbled and thankful for your support, prayers, and well wishes, especially as I departed for deployment. I feel blessed that God has brought me into your congregation. I hope that I may share and support you in your joys and sorrows as a community of faith in Christ. I look forward to continuing to serve and minister with you in the years ahead at Zion Lutheran Church. God's peace and blessings!*

*Sincerely, Seth                      A.K.A "Mr. Pastor Caitlin"*

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### APPLE TREE AND MARKERS COMMEMORATES LUTHER ANNIVERSARY

Through the "40 Action Teams in 40 Days" program, a young apple tree was planted in April by Seth Kurtz with the help of King's Kids, in the grassy area at the side of the church, facing E. Market Street. The tree is part of the 500th Reformation Anniversary commemoration. A Vermont granite marker has been placed at the foot of the tree, and it displays Martin Luther's words, "If I knew the world would perish tomorrow, I would still plant my apple tree today." The granite marker was made and generously donated by Mr. William Schaeffer of Jonestown. He is a Navy veteran who made and supplied grave markers in the local community for many years, and he is a retired member of the Jonestown Male Chorus. Mr. Schaeffer also made and donated the marker for our Wittenberg October Glory maple tree that stands by the side entrance door to the church. A thank-you card has been sent to Mr. Schaeffer on behalf of the congregation in appreciation of his gift to Zion's.



Keith and Joan Gerhart and family  
Robert and Sandra Freed  
Samuel and Anne Miller  
Harold and Grace Dennis  
Claire Earle  
Richard and Karen Hitz and family  
Suzanne Arnold

### Memorial Fund In Memory of Kathryn Gerhart

Patricia Boltz  
Donald and Sharon Davis  
Robert and Sundra Sweigert  
Cheryl Gerhart French and Family  
Beatrice Wolferd  
Eleanor Wasson  
Lorraine Slike



Robert and Barbara Trump  
Paul and Janet Bird  
Mary Ann Nelson  
Dorothy Gerhart  
Blanche Sebastian  
Elvin Heller

# News You Can Use!

## 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)

### Projects:

June 18 - Koinonia will provide Father's Day gifts

Nov. 4-Saturday, Hollyberry Bazaar

Books: A book bin is located in the social hall for gently used book donations for the bazaar.

Contact Jean Fowler (926-7793) with questions.

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

This and That/Children's Table: All items are sold below retail price (5 cents - \$2) Children and 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, NEW stuffed animals. Items can be placed in the red bin below the coat rack in the north primary Sunday School entrance (lower level). If you have questions, contact Janet Bird, (jbird75@comcast.net).

## 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 is 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](http://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 (10<sup>th</sup>) JFK Boulevard

North Wildwood, NJ 08260



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Nights requested** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of room** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adults** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

# Registration for the January 29-February 7 Trip to the Holy

**Lands is now OPEN!** Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office, or by visiting <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/category/special-events/israel-2018/> The itinerary is as follows:

**Day 1: Monday -- Departure** from USA Charlotte, NC or Harrisburg, PA or Philadelphia PA

**Day 2: Tuesday -- Arrival** Hotel Transfer Arrival at Tel Aviv Airport meet your guide at the Airport, drive to your Hotel in Galilee for dinner and Overnight Tiberius.

**Day 3: Wednesday -- Nazareth/ Cana/Mount Tabor** Start our visit to the church of Annunciation and Cana of Galilee. Then drive towards the Sea of Galilee, visit Mount of Beatitudes, church of Multiplications of Fish & Loaves, Capernaum, Dinner and Overnight in Tiberius.

**Day 4: Thursday -- Golan Heights/ Sea of Galilee** After breakfast we will start our day by taking a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, a visit to Meggido, then drive to Golan Heights to visit Caesarea Philippi, Dinner and overnight in in Tiberius.

**Day 5: Friday -- Haifa/ Caesarea** Depart Galilee area via coastal plains, visit the city of Haifa, then we drive to Stella Marris at Mount Carmel to visit the church of Prophet Elijah, after lunch we continue south to visit Caesarea Maritima, from there we continue our way to Jerusalem, in the way we visit Emmaus. Continue to Bethlehem through Jerusalem, Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.



**Day 6: Saturday -- Dead Sea area** Full Day Tour in the Dead Sea area, River Jordan and We will visit Massada, Ein Gedi, Qumran and float in the Dead Sea, view the Good Samaritan Inn , St. George in the Judean Wilderness. Visit the old city of Jericho Elisha Spring & view Mount Temptation Monastery Dinner and Overnight in Bethlehem

**Day 7: Sunday -- Shepherd's Field/ Bethlehem** Start the day with worship with the locals in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. Visit the shepherds fields, church of Nativity, old city of Bethlehem, and Mount Herodian, Dinner and Overnight in Bethlehem.

**Day 8: Monday -- Old city of Jerusalem Ein Karem** Visit the Wailing Wall, Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock & Al Aqsa Mosque, then visit the church of St. Anne & pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa and Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit the Garden Tomb & have communion, Ein Karem where St. John was born. Dinner at a Tent restaurant and enjoy a traditional Palestinian folklore music and dance, overnight in Bethlehem.



**Day 9: Tuesday -- Mount of Olives/ Mount Zion** Drive to the Mount of Olives, Walk the Palm Sunday Path, church of Gethsemane and the Kedron Valley. Visit the last Supper room, Mount Zion & City of David & Hezekiah's tunnel. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem

**Day 10: Wednesday -- Arrival** Arrive to USA.

Questions? See Pastor Caitlin



# June 2017



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1	2	3
4 PENTECOST 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	5	6	7	8 7:00 Council meeting	9	10
11 10:30 Worship Thrivent 40/40 Luncheon	12	13	14 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS at Jonestown Park 6:45 Kings kids	15 Newsletter deadline	16 ← Koinonia Beach weekend → 17	
18 <b>Father's Day</b> 10:30 Worship	19	20	21	22 1:00 Lunch bunch 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	23	24
25 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	26	27	28 9:00 am sewing 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS at Jonestown Park 6:45 Kings kids	29	30	

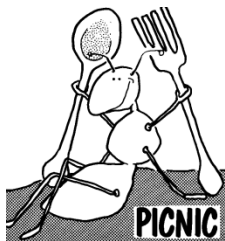
Deadline for July/August Newsletter is June 25 !!!

Vacation Bible School- Sunday - Thursday

July and August Newsletters will be combined! Please submit information by **June 25!!!**

**Giving this season:** The arrival of summer often brings welcomed changes in routine that coincide with warmer weather. Even if vacation and recreational activities sometimes keep you from worshipping at Zion's this summer, please remember that our call to share our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure never changes. Your continued financial support of Zion's ministries throughout the summer months is greatly appreciated, and vital to our work together. You can always give online at [www.ZionsJonestown.com](http://www.ZionsJonestown.com) or by dropping a check in the mail. Thank you and have a great summer!

Save the Date:  
July 16  
Church  
Picnic



## Worship Participants for June

	Lectors	Crucifer	Childrens sermon	Acolytes	Nursery	Counters	Prayers of the People
4	Sharon Houser	Brian Adams	Stephanie Livingston	Ella & Cassie Bortz	Nursery will not be staffed in summer, but you may use it with your child. Please don't leave your child unattended!	Larry & Sharon Houser	Christine Techky
11	Nat Finkin	Daryl Hess	John Mohn Jr.	Zoe Menzel Lily Harris		Ken Nelson Jr.	Michelle Bucks
18	Cathy Houser	Mike Johnsen	Linda Toth	Nick & Caden McFarland		Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Brian Adams
25	Lynda Myers	Jim Adams	Pastor Caitlin	Gavin Bush Xander McQuaide		Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Tom Frey

Communion Assistants	Altar Guild	Ushers	Getting to know you time
4,11 Lynn & Tovie Kleinfelter 18,25 Ed & Elaine Ludwig	4, Noel/Karen	Cathy Houser, Larry Houser Dylan Houser, Tom Mohn	Christian Ed Committee