



# Zion's News

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



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

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## Pastor's Pen

God's grace and peace be with you this day! Today I want to say "thank you" for the privilege of serving as your pastor, and "thank you" for all the ways you make the ministries of Zion's possible.

Often, I get to do fun, creative, faithful ministry *with* you—for example, Vacation Bible School (which is happening this week), Release Time (a ministry wherein we get to teach Jonestown Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> graders about God's love), Day Camp, Sunday School, Joyful Spirits, Bible study, and the like. Your gifts of time, talent, and financial support help make these ministries possible, and I'm grateful. Together, we are growing as disciples of Christ as we welcome our neighbors, learn about God's Word, and serve the community.

Sometimes, though, I get to do faithful ministry behind the scenes *on your behalf*; your financial support, prayers and trust *also* make these ministries possible, and I want to say "thank you" for these opportunities, too. In addition to the pastoral conversations I regularly have with families in crisis, transition, or celebration, I have the privilege of sharing with those in need resources that you collect and entrust to me—like the boxes and boxes of Pull-ups you brought in for a family in our community! I have the privilege of offering scholarships for kids to attend Day Camp, of giving Bibles to families who don't have any, of inviting people to come for a free meal on Wednesday nights during the school year, and sharing snacks from our kitchen with people who are hungry and on long journeys. I have the privilege of inviting families with children with special needs to join us for Joyful Spirits, and of assuring these same families that we will do all that we can to meet their child's unique needs so they too can participate in VBS. When someone's recovering from surgery, I get to offer meals. When a loved one has died, I get to say "sure, we'll host a funeral luncheon at Zion's." When someone needs a ride to worship or home from some activity, I get to say with confidence "I'm sure we can figure that out". Many of these stories aren't shared, and some *can't* be shared, but I want you to know that these moments of generosity, and caring and sharing God's love, happen day in and day out through the ministries of Zion's, and our presence in the community. *Thank you* for your prayers, your trust, and your financial gifts. Without your support, fewer lives would be touched and transformed by the love of Christ.

Please know that the ministries of Zion's continue even when vacation or summer plans call you away from worship. You can give online 24/7 by visiting <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/> or using our Simply Giving program (automatic withdrawals on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis)—please call the church office for more information. Of course, postal mail works, too!

The ministry we do, we do together. The gifts you bring to the table—of time, talent, and finances—strengthen our work and further our mission. Thank you for all the ways you are a part of God's work in this place.

In hope,

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)*

## **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)*

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

Alma Paul  
Frey Village Rm. 115B  
1020 N. Union St.  
Middletown, PA 17057

PH: 281-202-3891  
Birthday: July 17



Paul Zimmerman  
Lebanon Valley Home  
550 E. Main St.  
Annville, PA 17003

PH: 717-867-4467  
Birthday: August 1

### **Address Change:**

Catherine Freeman  
Luther Acres Rm. 205  
400 Saint Luke Dr.  
Lititz, PA 17543

PH: 717-892-5306  
Birthday: June 22

## *Thank You*

Thank you for your expressions of kindness and sympathy during Bob's illness and passing.—Sundra Sweigert and family.

Thank you for all the pull-ups, wipes and other items brought in for the family in need in our community. We are happy to report that arrangements have been made to meet this need, at least for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your generous support – together, we are reflecting Christ by sharing God's gifts in Jonestown and beyond. –Pastor Caitlin

Get Well Card Request for Kathy Koons, who is in rehab at Select Specialty Hospital in Harrisburg. Please send cards to:

Kathy Koons  
826 Marcon Dr.  
Lebanon, PA 17046

## **Congratulations to Zion's 2017 Graduates**

Tyler Brandt, Northern Lebanon grad, son of James & Suzanne Brandt.

Daulton Fortna, graduate of New Covenant Christian School and Lebanon Co. VoTech, son of John and Dulcy Fortna. Daulton will pursue a career in painting and doing designs on cars.

Emily Hombach, Cedar Crest grad, daughter of Terry and Kristy Ludwig. Emily will attend Indiana University of PA to study fashion merchandising.

Daniel Sandbakken, graduate of Wyomissing Area School district, son of Joe Sandbakken, Annville, and Veronica Sandbakken, Reading. Daniel will attend PSU, Berks.

Noah Smith, son of Nancy Smith, Fredericksburg, and Harold Smith. Noah will be attending Lebanon Valley College majoring in pre-med.

### **College Graduates:**

Ben Smith, son of Nancy Smith, Fredericksburg and Harold Smith. Ben received an Associate's Degree in diesel technology from the University of Northwestern Ohio. He is presently employed by Fisher Ave. Auto.

# Christian Education & Youth

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

## Sunday School Updates!

Classroom Sunday school is on hiatus for the Summer, see you in fall! Devotional Materials are available for all ages outside the sanctuary, on the heaters. Please help yourself to them!



### 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



### Important Dates:

August 27—Backpack Sunday,  
Blessing of the backpacks.

September 10—Rally Sunday with  
a pancake breakfast!

### 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 "Outreach" tab on the left and scroll down on the home page.

**It's time to think 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 hope the Youth are enjoying their summer. We are planning the fall/winter schedule (Sept-Dec). Please submit ideas that you would like to be considered directly to us or place a note in our church mailbox.

Upcoming: Sept. 10—Youth & Jr. Youth will help with the Rally Day breakfast, plus a meeting (time to be announced) for the Youth Group (7th-12th graders).

Friday, Oct. 13—Triskaidekaphobia Game night for EVERYONE, a fun fellowship event!

Jr. Youth Group will be back for one Wed. night a month, beginning in September for all 4-6th graders. All 7th graders are invited for one more year of Jr. Youth Group, watch for dates!

Does anyone have a good quality sofa they would like to donate to the youth room? If so, we need to see a picture before we make arrangements for it to be moved/placed in the youth room.

Thank you.

Have a great summer!

Jim & Laurie

## 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:

July 12, July 26

August 9, August 23

Summer Worship comes with . . . ICE CREAM!

If questions, contact Linda Wenrich ([Linda.wenrich@yahoo.com](mailto: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. 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](mailto:zionswednesdays@gmail.com)).

# ZIONS PICTORAL DIRECTORY

## BE INCLUDED IN OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Photos will be taken Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 and Monday, August 7.

**SIGN UP NOW TO BE A PART OF ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY!**

EACH FAMILY THAT PARTICIPATES IN OUR PHOTOGRAPHY EVENT WILL RECEIVE:



1 FREE 8 X 10!

A COPY OF THE DIRECTORY ALBUM!

\$10.00 DISCOUNT TOWARD PHOTO PACKAGE!

\$5.00 DISCOUNT FOR A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATION!

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY BY LIFETOUCH, INC.!



### HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP AND RESERVE YOUR TIME SLOT:

- GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT: [www.zionsjonestown.com](http://www.zionsjonestown.com)
- CLICK ON THE LIFETOUCH LINK AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.
- SIGN UP AFTER SERVICES AT THE **LIFETOUCH TABLE**.
- CALL **717-865-3757** AND RECEIVE PERSONAL HELP TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT.

### Worship

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

**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 June 8, 2017 meeting:

- A motion was made for the welcoming of the following new members: Nancy Ludwig, Michelle, Steve and Levi Bucks.
- Brainstorming community service ideas for this year's "God's Work, Our Hands" Rally Day in September.
- Preschool main entrance door installation began June 9. There will be some minor additions to the preschool for added safety.

### 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.



**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Which one will work for you?

September 15-17, 2017 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown

October 6-8, 2017 at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake – an hour north of Hartford, CT.

Don't miss this opportunity to create new heights of joy and vitality in your marriage! Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and paying the registration with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

### Our Missionary to Argentina will arrive home in July

Luke Swanson, our sponsored Youth in Global Mission (YAGM), who left the United States in August 2016 for missionary work in Argentina, will be returning home on July 19. Luke's quarterly newsletters that were displayed on our notice board and in-part in our newsletters, show how much he has grown in his faith and in his compassion for those he has come to know during the past year. As he leaves the people behind whom he has shared much with during the last 12 months, Luke has asked for our continued prayers during his transition time. We will invite Luke to visit us in the early fall to show photographs and tell us all about his YAGM year.



### Memorial Fund



In Memory of Kathryn Gerhart

By: William Ludwig

Joel & Maryann Guldin

Julia Albert

American Legion Aux. Post 915

In Memory of Robert Sweigert

By: The Wolferd Family

Donald & Connie Krause

Keith & Joan Gerhart

Donald & Sharon Davis

Mary Ann Nelson

Robert & Carol Frantz

# News You Can Use!

## Koinonia News:

### Upcoming activities:

July 8 @ 6:00 pm - picnic & meeting at the Bird home. Sign-up on the small bulletin board in the gathering area.

August 12 @ 5:30 pm - Join us for a night at the Timbers for dinner and a show. Sign-up on the small bulletin board in the gathering area. For questions, contact Tom Keefer, 865-4559.

### Projects:

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 Annual Church Picnic

WHEN: July 16<sup>th</sup>

WHERE: Levitz Park

TIME: 3:30 - ?



**Time change.** 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 and Bingo – reminder to bring a snack item(s) (chips, Doritos, Twizzlers, etc) to add to the prize table
- 4:30 Eat
- 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!!





# July 2017



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2 10:30 Worship	3	4 	5	6	7	1 8 6:00 Koinonia Picnic
9 10:30 Worship	10	11	12 In the park: 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 King's Kids	13 7 PM Council	14 <b>Picture Days!</b>	15
16 10:30 Worship 3:30 Picnic @ Levitz Park	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>July 17-21 Zion's Day Camp</b>						
23 10:30 Worship	24	25	26 9:00 am sewing In the park: 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 King's Kids	27 Lunch Bunch & Bible Study will resume in September!	28	29 Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday
30 10:00 Getting to know you time 10:30 Worship	31	Watch for the August Calendar at a later date!				

## Worship Participants for July

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Children's Sermons	Counters	Prayers of the People
2	Laurie Gill	Jim Adams	Madison & MacKenzie Hess	Nursery is Unstaffed during Summer but you May use it <b>WITH</b> Your child(ren).	Ed Ludwig	Larry & Sharon Houser	Laurie Gill
9	Charity Finkin	Brian Adams	Mason & Logan Livingston		Christine Techky	Ken Nelson Jr.	Kelly Rittle
16	Brian Adams	Daryl Hess	Lily Harris Zoe Menzel		Tracy Hoy	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Linda Toth
23	Darryl Bush	Mike Johnsen	Cassie & Ella Bortz		Kris Hoffer	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Ann Kulp
30	Tovie Kleinfelter	Jim Adams	Xander McQuaide Gavin Bush		Pastor Caitlin	Noel Strattan	Betty Kleinfelter
<b>Altar Guild</b>		<b>Communion Assistants</b>		<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Getting to know you time</b>	
2, Monica, 9, Jen/Noel 16,23 Noel 30, Pam/Dawn		2 Burton Williams, Deb Long 9, John & Joanna Guldin Noll 16,23,30 Linda Wenrich & Pam Bixler		Al Reiner, Steve Wolfe, Tom Frey, Philip Mohn		Social Ministry Committee	

## Worship Participants for August

	Lectors	Crucifer	Counters	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild	Children's sermon	Prayers of the People
6	Heather Moyers	Brian Adams	Larry & Sharon Houser	Nick & Caden McFarland	Tovie Kleinfelter Noel Strattan	Pam/Dawn	Nancy Ludwig	Tovie Kleinfelter
13	Al Reiner	Daryl Hess	Ken Nelson Jr.	Madison & Mackenzie Hess	Kelly Rittle Noel Strattan	Jen/Noel	Noel Strattan	Tracy Hoy
20	Stephanie Livingston	Mike Johnsen	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Katherine Sipe Lily Harris	Terry Ludwig Linda Toth	Jen/Noel	Elaine Ludwig	Sharon Houser
27	Nancy Winklebleck	Jim Adams	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Ella & Cassie Bortz	Terry Ludwig Linda Toth	Noel	Pastor Caitlin	Elaine Ludwig
<b>NURSERY</b>					<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Getting to know you time</b>	
Nursery is unattended in the summer, but you may use it <b>WITH</b> your child(ren). Please don't leave children unattended!					Tom Keefer, Georgetta Wolfe, Daryl Hess, Linda Wenrich		Property Committee	