



# Zion's News

*Reflecting Christ, we share God's gifts in  
Jonestown and beyond.*



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

Sept. 2017

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## Pastor's Pen

The other day, I saw a car in the grocery store parking lot with a bumper sticker that declared “Grace Happens”. My first thought was to say Amen to that! (Especially in comparison to some of the other bumper stickers in that same parking lot...) But upon further reflection, the statement seems inadequate for Christian disciples. For grace does not just randomly *happen*; grace happens for a *purpose*. *God is grace*, and God works *intentionally* and *persistently* in our lives all the time so that we might *know* God’s love, and *share* God’s love. *Because God is grace* and God is constantly at work in our lives and in our world, *we are a people* of promise, possibility, and potentiality all day, every day!

As disciples of Christ, it is vitally important that we *identify* God’s grace in our lives, and then *live our lives* in response to this magnificent gift. I say it’s “vitally important” not because we need to somehow *earn* or *deserve* this gift (we can’t and we don’t) but because this is the work to which we are called in baptism, and this is the response God asks of us. While God’s grace is freely given—no if’s, and’s, or but’s—a gift this amazing isn’t meant to be hoarded; God’s grace is meant to be shared, and we share it by living the entirety of our lives in response to its power.

In his book, The Cost of Discipleship, Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer describes the difference between merely receiving grace and not being changed by it (what he calls ‘cheap grace’) and living one’s life in proper response to this gift (what he calls ‘costly’ grace) this way:

“...**Cheap grace** is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate...**Costly grace** is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: “ye were bought at a price,” and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.”

Beginning on September 24, Zion’s will embark on a five-week sermon series “In response to God’s Grace” Throughout these weeks, we will consider what it means to live our entire lives mindful of, and seeking to honor and share, God’s gift of grace. Specifically, we will focus on how, “In response to God’s grace, disciples live intentionally, share generously, trust completely, and give joyfully”. I look forward to sharing this time of learning, growth, and prayer with you.

God’s peace,  
Pastor Caitlin

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

**Food Bank:**

Peanut Butter & Jelly

**Other:**

Mens & Womens Jackets Toilet Tissue  
Paper Towels Facial Tissue

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

**Prayers for Zion's College Students  
as they begin a new year.**

Rebecca Boisvert (Bloomsburg U.)

Rm. 501 Soltz Hall

525 E. 2nd St.

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Jena Fortna (Millersville U.)

469 S. Lancaster St.

P.O. Box 132

Lebanon, PA 17046

Emily Hombach (Indiana U. of PA)

Lucas Keefer (Parsons New School of Art &  
Design)

170 Delancey St.

Apt. 16

New York, NY 10002

Kylee Moyers (Penn State, Harrisburg)

10387 Jonestown Rd.

Annville, PA 17003

Kenny Redinger (HACC)

1765 Quarry Rd.

Lebanon, PA 17046

Daniel Sandbakken (PSU Berks)

1517 Delaware Ave.

Wyomissing, PA 19610

Eric Schulden (Kutztown U.)

Katie Smith (Penn State)

0306A Grubb Hall

University Park, PA 16802

Noah Smith (Lebanon Valley College)

Vickroy 115

101 N. College Ave.

Annville, PA 17003

(We will publish additional addresses as  
they are received)



**Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)  
Wish List:**

**Food Bank:**

Vegetable Soup

Canned Pasta

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Boxed Potatoes

**Other:**

Toothpaste

*Place contributions in the container marked*

*"JOY" in social hall. (Watch expiration dates)*

Canned meat, stew, chicken, spam

Hamburger Helper

Canned beets, carrots, potatoes

Canned Fruit

Toilet Tissue

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

Elvin Heller

PH: 717-298-3190

Country Meadows Apt. 225

451 Sand Hill Rd. Birthday: Sept. 8

Hershey, PA 17033

**Change of address for Military:**

Kurtz, Seth

WRMKU

APO AE 09855

**Please continue prayers**, cards, visits for Kathy Koons,  
who is in rehab at Stoneridge Towne Centre, Rm. 301, 7  
E. Park St., Myerstown, PA 17067.



**SPANG CREST NEWS**

Jean Fowler, Zion's Representative to Spang Crest, will be  
selling chicken bar-be-que tickets in the gathering area fol-  
lowing worship. The bar-be-que will be held Sept. 8. Pro-  
ceeds benefit the residents of Spang Crest.



**Prayer Chain**

An e-mail prayer chain has been set up, so that if  
someone is hospitalized or has other needs dur-  
ing the week, we can e-mail you to begin prayers.  
Contact Sharon Davis, ([dsdavis11@comcast.net](mailto:dsdavis11@comcast.net)) if  
you would like to be part of this valuable ministry.

**The Sewing Group**

The Sewing group meets at 9 AM on the last Wednesday  
of each month in the east Sunday School room on the low-  
er level. In the past year, they made child-size quilts for  
our pre-school and the children at the Hershey Medical  
Center. A full-size quilt will be finished during Rally Day for  
Lutheran World Relief. Contact Anna Houser (717-865-  
2872) if you are interested in joining this group.

## Christian Education & Youth

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



### **Rally Day - Sunday, September 10**

**8:45 AM - 9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast** in the Social Hall - this is a fundraiser for our Youth Group's Terrific Toy Ministry. Breakfast will be available for all, with a suggested donation of \$2/person or \$10/family.

**9:30 AM Sunday School Kick-Off** - we will all meet in the Social Hall. Children ages 3 - 5th grade will be dismissed to their classrooms, everyone else will stay in the Social Hall for a Bible study with Pastor Caitlin. Bring your Family! Bring a Friend!

**10:30 AM Worship**

**Noon Lunch** followed by an **afternoon of service** There will be something for everyone! People of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend.

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### **Zion's Youth Update**

Well, the Summer break worked well for everyone, and now we are ready to start another Youth Group year. We are calling all Youth Group Members and Jr. Youth Group Members to help start our Youth Group year off with a strong day of service on September 10<sup>th</sup>- Rally Day. Please help us serve the Rally Day Breakfast- this year the **monetary donations** will be utilized for a special **Terrific Toy Ministry** in November in support of Joy Food Pantry children. More details will be provided at Rally Day Breakfast. We appreciate your participation in helping make this event a **FIRST YEAR SUCCESS**. After lunch, we will drive the youth a short distance to a much needed/valuable indoor service project (bring old clothes and shoes). It's possible we might need to have other adult drivers join us. Please stay posted via the bulletin and the bulletin board, texts, etc.



**\*\* All new completed forms for this Youth Group year need to be filled out and returned by September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you bring your insurance card on Rally Day you can make this process more convenient. \*\***

October 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Group Meeting- lunch will be provided- **Parent's Meeting first** and then Youth Group meeting will end at 2:30 P.M. (note the time change for this meeting).

**\*\* Invite your friends, neighbors, everyone for Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Triskaidokaphobia Game Night. 6:30 P.M. start time until ?\***

And there's more..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, during King's Kids we will have **Jr. Youth Group**- Fun and Fellowship while we play games together. All 4th-6th graders are welcome, plus 7<sup>th</sup> graders may also join us for one more year. Also at dinner we will have a special Jr. Youth Group. table for chatting and more sharing.

Those eligible for regular Youth Group are all 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders.

Joy! Jim and Laurie



## Christian Education (continued)

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**Rally Sunday September 10** - Start your morning with a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:45 until 9:30. At 9:30 children age 3 (by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will go downstairs with their teachers and children grade 6 though adult will stay in the Social Hall for a lesson with Pr. Caitlin.

September 17 - Cherub and Junior choir practice will begin Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 followed by Sunday school at 9:30 - 10:10.

**Parents of Level 1 (age 3- 1<sup>st</sup> grade) we will need you to pick up your children after Sunday school.**

*Please help us prepare for the new Sunday school year by registering your child aged 18 and younger. You can register online [www.ZionsJonestown.com](http://www.ZionsJonestown.com) or by picking up a registration form in the Gathering Space.*

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### **Adult Sunday School—the learning never stops!**

Zion's offers three (2) adult classes.

One of the adult Sunday school classes will discuss Lutherans around the world and give participants an opportunity to discuss their day-to-day faith issues. This class meets in the classroom nearest to the mailboxes, outside the Church Office. It is led by Ann Kulp (717)304-0601.

Our second adult class uses Ausburg's Adult Bible Studies curriculum, and meets in the classroom off of the "Gathering Area", next to the choir robing room. This is taught by Gloria Bender, (church secretary) 717-865-2848. This class starts on Sept. 17.

The third class is specifically geared towards parents, and meets in the Nursery so that children too young for Sunday School can play while the parents converse. This class is led by Matt and Leah Wolfe.

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### **Women's Bible study will meet:**

7:00 pm, Thursday, September 28 at Deb Reiner's house

7:00 pm, Thursday October 26 at Michele McQuaide's house

7:00 pm, Thursday, November 16 at Deb Long's house

**Lunch Bunch** will meet at 12:30 on Thursday, September 28 at 12:30 and on Thursday, October 26 at a Jonestown location to be announced. November Lunch Bunch date will be determined soon.

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## Evangelism

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



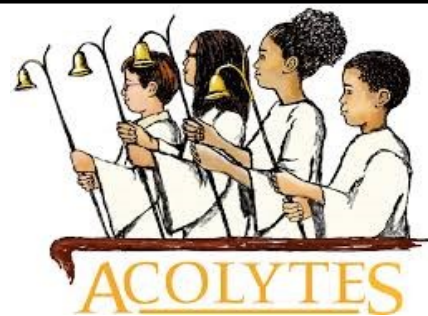
### Teddy Bear Ministry

Teddy bears seated on the window sills in our sanctuary are for 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 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. 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.

## Worship

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

We are having another Acolyte Training for all students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade *and their parents* on Sunday, October 1, beginning at 9:30 AM. We will review the nuts and bolts of how to serve in this role, and make robe assignments so everyone can quickly and easily find an appropriately sized robe when it's your turn to serve. Parents are asked to attend so that you can remind your child of the responsibilities on their days of service.



### HELP for HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Hurricane Harvey threatens the lives and livelihood of millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time. Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with Disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to

recovery will be long, and LDR will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

**On Sunday, September 10, Zion's will collect a special offering for LDR's Hurricane Fund.** 100% of contributions will be used for this disaster until the response is complete. We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come. Thank you.

Please note, if you're unable to be here on September 10, or want to give more than once, you can always give in Sunday morning offerings by marking your contribution accordingly. You can also give online: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>

## COUNCIL

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

### Council Highlights from July 13, 2017 meetings

- SAVE THE DATE: A County-wide Reformation Celebration will be held at Friedens Lutheran in Myerstown on October 29 @ 4 pm
- Discussion began on “God’s Work Our Hands” Rally Day activities for September 10.
- No meeting in August.

### 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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### Koinonia News

Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 9 @ 7:00 pm at the church (note the change of time)

Hollyberry Bazaar—Saturday, November 4, 8:00 am—2:00 pm)

We are looking for volunteers to help with this major project. Donations, helping at a table, setting up and cleaning up are all needed. All proceeds benefit our church.

Schedule: Thurs., Nov. 2: 9:00 am—noon, prepare soup, boxing candy and cookies.

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Fri., Nov. 3: 9:00 am—noon, preparing soup, boxing candy and cookies.

Kitchen: Karen Hitz (717-272-9520) Looking for some new breakfast items.

Cookies: Sharon Davis (717-865-2781) We are asking for donations of 2 dozen homebaked cookies. We appreciated your generous support in the past. This is one of our BIG sellers.

Candies: Blanche Sebastian (717-865-3336)

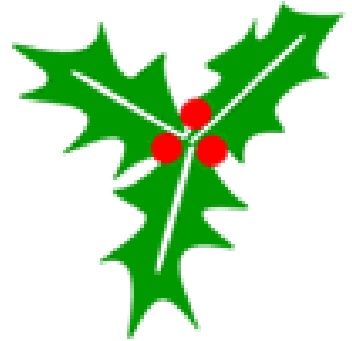
Plants: Linda Toth (717-865-6333)

Books: Jean Fowler (717-926-7793). A book bin is located in the Social Hall for gently used book donations for the bazaar.

Gift Baskets: Georgetta Wolfe (717-865-3884). If you want to donate a basket, but don’t want to wrap it, contact Georgetta.

This ‘n That: Janet Bird (717-865-5636)

Raffles: Cathy Houser



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 information.

### Hollyberry Bazaar This and That/Children’s Table

- ♦ All items are sold below retail price. (5 cents to \$2.00)
- ♦ Children and adults shop at this table.
- ♦ Donations are welcome and do not have to be just 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 at the north primary Sunday school entrance. If you have questions contact Janet Bird at jbird75@comcast.net.

# NEWS YOU CAN USE



## Join Us for a Celebration!!

On Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be recognizing and celebrating both the Five-Year anniversary of Pastor Caitlin's Ordination and, the One-Year anniversary of her becoming the shepherd of the Zion's church family. After the service that day we will be hosting a reception in the social hall. Please sign the sheet in the gathering area if you plan to attend.

## Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.



Stop by the Gathering Area on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. A table will be set up to take order before and after worship. Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from *The Annotated Luther* series.

## Memorial Fund

### In Memory of Robert Sweigert

by: Elvena Schneider  
Richard and Karen Hitz

### In Memory of Frank Hauer

by: Mary Ann Nelson  
Wayne Anspach  
Ed and Elaine Ludwig  
Richard and Karen Hitz

### In Memory of Cora Poorman

by: Richard and Karen Hitz

Special Event!!  
One Night Only!!



***“Martin Luther  
The Idea that Changed the  
World”***

Monday, October 23, 2017 @  
6:00 pm at the Allen Theatre,  
36 E. Main St., Annville, PA.

Sponsored in part by: Thrivent Financial and Jim Gill,  
Financial Associate.





# September 2017



**Basket Bash!**

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
3 10:30 Worship Followed by a celebration of Pastor Caitlin's 5 and 1 year anniversaries	4 <b>Labor Day</b>	5	6	7	1 8	2 9 7:00 pm Koinonia
10 <b>RALLY DAY</b> 8:45 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 6:30 Social Ministry	12 7 pm Christian Ed	13 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>JOYFUL SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Kings Kids 6:45 Bible Study	14	15 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	16
17 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	18	19	20 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>JOYFUL SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Kings Kids 6:45 Bible Study	21 7 PM Church Council – note, moved!	22 23 ALIVE Middle School Retreat Thru Sunday	
24 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time Noon <b>BASKET BASH</b>	25	26	27 9:00 sewing 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>JOYFUL SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Kings Kids 6:45 Bible Study	28 12:30 Lunch Bunch 7 pm Women's Bible Study	29 Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday	30

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## **Worship Participants for April**

	Lector	Crucifer	Children's sermons	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Counters	Prayers of the People
3	Leah Wolfe	Brian Adams	Brian Adams	Mason & Logan Livingston	Nursery Staffing will resume on Sept. 17, see bulletins for info	Sharon & Larry Houser	Ed Ludwig
10	Becca Hoffer	Daryl Hess	Terry Ludwig	Xander McQuaide Gavin Bush		Ken Nelson Jr.	Kerri Price
17	Christine Techky	Mike Johnsen	Laurie Gill	Zoe Brossman Lilly Harris		Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Deb Reiner
24	Casey Votodian	Jim Adams	Pastor Caitlin	Ella & Cassie Bortz		Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Kelly Rittle

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
3, 10 Dawn/Pam 17, 24 Bortz Family	Jack Beidler, Gavin Bender, Dick Hitz	3,10 Deb Long, John Mohn Jr. 12, Linda Wenrich, Cathy Houser 24, John Noll, Joanna Guldin Noll	Mutual Ministry Committee