



# Zion's News

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



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

Oct. 2017

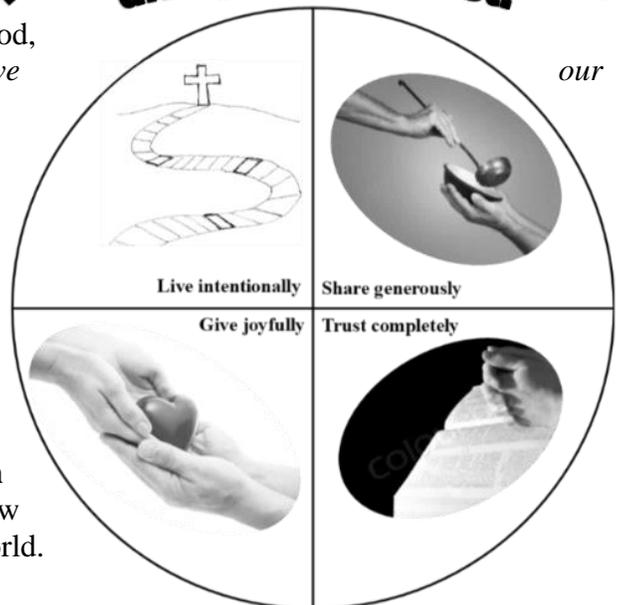
## Pastor's Pen

If you haven't yet heard, 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. This world-wide movement began in 1517 when the German monk Martin Luther collected 95 points to stoke discussion about the corruption of the medieval Church. He then nailed his famous "95 Theses" to the door of his hometown church in Wittenberg. With that small, symbolic act, Luther unleashed a storm of change, kicking off the most important religious event of the last millennium. At Zion's, we regularly remember and share the teachings of the Reformation, and have already had a few special events in honor of this big anniversary including the Martin Luther role-play back in February and the table tents featuring Luther's meal time and daily prayers. This October, we will continue to mark the anniversary with:

- a Reformation Book Fair (great selections at great prices for people of all ages—think about your Christmas lists!) on October 8 and 15
- a special, one-night showing of "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World" on Monday, October 23 at 6 PM at the Allen Theatre in Annville, sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial and Jim Gill (tickets available for purchase)
- a Reformation Fair for all ages on Sunday October 29 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall—complete with a time machine, learning stations, passports, and snacks
- Reformation worship at 10:30 AM on Sunday, October 29 at Zion's
- And a county-wide Reformation worship service on Sunday, October 29 at 4 PM at Freiden's Lutheran in Myerstown

In addition to these special events, we will spend the Sundays in October considering how disciples of Christ are called to *live* in response to God's grace. We know that one of the key discoveries that led to the Reformation movement was the importance of Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God", and we know that *all* that we have is a gift from God, intended to be shared with the world—so how do we actually *live lives* in response to the gift? To be honest, the answer is not always straightforward. There is no step-by-step guide that is appropriate for *all* people at *all* times, but, together with one another, prayer, and Scripture, we can discern what a faithful life looks and sounds like. The four principles that will primarily guide our conversations are: "In response to God's grace, disciples of Christ live intentionally, share generously, trust completely, and give joyfully." On Reformation Sunday, after prayer and conversation, you will be invited to complete a Response Card reflecting how you intend to *live in response to God's grace* in the year to come. I look forward to being with you in worship, prayer, fellowship, and study as we consider how God is re-forming our lives and our church for service in the world.

**In response to God's grace,  
disciples of Christ:**



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	Canned: meats
Instant Potatoes	white potatoes
Tomato Soup	applesauce
Chicken rice soup	peaches
Gravy	creamed corn
Juices	Spaghetti Sauce
Fruit cocktail	Baby food (1 & 3)
Pancake mix & Syrup	

### **Other:**

Children's diapers	Baby Wipes
Toothpaste	Razors
Deodorant	Twin Sheet sets
Men's Boxers all sizes	Men's T-shirts
Boy's Boxers	Girl's Underwear
Socks—All sizes	
All-purpose cleaning products	

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

## **Lebanon County Christian Ministries Annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction**

LCCM is sponsoring a dinner and silent auction on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church, 600 Shepherd St., Jonestown. Cost is \$25. Entertainment by the Naimolis and the Lebanon High School Choir. Themed Basket auction begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Go to [www.lccm.us](http://www.lccm.us) to purchase tickets.

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

Emily Hombach  
(Indiana U. of PA)  
900 Maple St.  
P.O. Box 4136  
Indiana, PA 15705



## **Memorial Fund**

In Memory of J. Frank Hauer  
By: Steve & Tracy Brajkovich



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

### **Food Bank:**

Vegetable Soup	Canned meat, stew, chicken, spam
Canned Pasta	Hamburger Helper
Pancake Mix	Canned potatoes
Pancake Syrup	Canned Fruit
Boxed Potatoes	Peanut butter & Jelly
<b>Other:</b>	Toilet Tissue
Toothpaste	Polident

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## **SPANG CREST NEWS**

The Social Ministry committee will host a birthday party on October 3, for the Spang Crest October celebrants. Entertainment will be provided by Joel Guldin and company.

## **Prayer Chain**



An e-mail prayer chain has been set up, so that if someone is hospitalized or has other needs during 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.

## **Fill—A—Sill**

The month of October has been designated as "Fill-a-sill" month. WE are asking for canned or boxed food items to be placed on the window sills of the sanctuary. All items will be given to the Jonestown Outreach pantry. Thank you for supporting this local project!



## **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 lower 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.

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."*** 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. This ministry will be ending soon, so get your bear quickly!

### TRICK OR TREAT

Zion's will provide Hot Chocolate on the front steps for Trick-or-Treaters on Tuesday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. You are welcome to join us!



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### Zion's Youth Update

September we started Youth Group with a day of service. The Youth Group and even some of the Jr. Youth Group helped with serving the Rally Day Breakfast. Some of the Youth Group Members joined Jim and I on the Thrivent Action Team project to clean a warehouse. They did an awesome job! A special thanks to Larry Houser and Ann Kulp for joining us! Some of the 6th-8th Graders went to the Synod Event Alive in September.

Our first Jr. Youth Group event on September 13th was a lot of fun! We had a good turnout with even an extra friend invited to join us!

Upcoming events for October:

**October 1st**- Parent's Meeting 12:00 -12:30 (for Youth Group Parent's/Guardians) First Youth Group Meeting 12:30 -2:30 P.M. Lunch will be provided.

Jr. Youth Group 6:45 - 7:30 on October 11th.

Friday, **October 13th** Triskaidekaphobia Game Night - "bring your favorite games" 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. **THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION IS INVITED!** Make your own sundaes.

Youth Group, Sunday, **October 29th** Faith in Films "Luther Movie".

Youth Group and Parents please send any e-mail to stillkids@comcast.net — not the previous Gmail address. Joy! Jim and Laurie



## Christian Education

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



**WELCOME BACK to Sunday School!** Cherub and Junior choir practice is back in full swing, beginning Sundays 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.**

Students and parents are encouraged to participate together in our **Reformation Fair** on Sunday, October 29, beginning at 9:30 (after choirs practice) in the Social Hall. There will be a time machine, learning stations, and snacks! Hope to see you there!

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

Zion's offers three (2) adult classes.

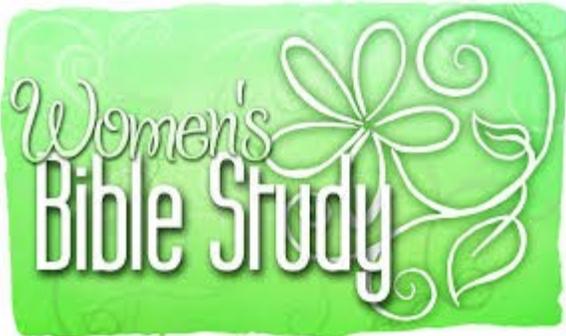
One of the adult Sunday school classes will discuss Lutherans around the world and give participants an opportunity to discuss their day-to-day faith issues. This class meets in the classroom nearest to the mailboxes, outside the Church Office. It is led by Ann Kulp (717)304-0601.

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 currently 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, and may be moving to a new location...so, if you can't find them, ask Pastor Caitlin where to look! (You can find HER at the back of the Social Hall during the Sunday School hour).

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**Do you long to experience God's presence in your daily life? Do you wonder how to connect with God's peace and joy in the midst of your busy life? Join us for Women's Bible Study or Lunch Bunch this fall as we explore these questions and opportunities through our discussion of Tish Warren's book *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. Both groups will meet on **Thursday, October 26**. Lunch**



Bunch begins at 12:30 PM at an exciting Jonestown location to be announced, and Women's Bible Study meets at 7 PM at Michele McQuaide's. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

## Worship

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

Have you ever noticed that list of names in your bulletin titled "**Serving at Zion's Today**" and wondered how you could become one of them? Any time is a good time to consider how you can become involved in worship at Zion's for the coming year. We have opportunities for all ages. All participation is on a rotating basis, so the frequency of service depends upon the number of people doing each job. The following are brief descriptions of the various ways to serve during service.

### **Choir – Cherub**

Children in pre-school through grade 1 are welcome to sing in the cherub choir. The choir sings during service one Sunday per month. If you are interested in your child singing in the cherub choir, please bring them to Sunday School at 9:15 for rehearsal.

### **Choir – Junior**

Students in grades 2 through confirmation are welcome to sing in the junior choir. Children are taught songs during the Sunday School hour and then perform during one service per month. Choir members only need a love for singing and spreading God's word through song to be able to join. If you, or your child, is interested in joining, they simply need to attend Sunday School (9:15AM) and talk with Elaine Ludwig (717) 865-3757.

### **Choir – Adult**

The adult choir leads the church in song during the service. Two times per month they sing in front of the congregation. Practices occur after the service for about an hour weekly. To sing in the choir adult you need to be a confirmed youth or adult in the church. If you find this interesting and would like to join, please contact Joel Guldin (717) 865-3603.

## **All Saints Sunday—November 5**

**We invite you to bring with you pictures of loved ones, past and present, to worship on All Saints Sunday, November 5.** On this day the Church remembers and honors those who have become saints of God through baptism, as well as those who have died and joined the Church Triumphant. On this day, we celebrate the witness of these persons who touch our lives, and hold fast to God's promises made in baptism. *To mark this festival day at Zion's, we will fill our window sills with photos of the saints in our lives.* So, please, bring as many pictures as you'd like—in frames or out—and help us remember that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses!



**Because of you...we collected \$2603.50** for victims of Hurricane Harvey last weekend! Through Thrivent's dollar-for-dollar match, \$5207.00 will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid those whose lives have been flipped upside down through this devastation. We continue to hold the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in our thoughts and prayers as we also respond to their physical needs. Didn't get to give? Want to give more? Visit <https://www.livegenerously.com/> to give through the dollar for dollar match, or <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/> to give directly to Lutheran Disaster Response.

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone for the 88th Birthday Cards, calls and well wishes. Thank you also for attending my party, hope you all enjoyed it.—Elvin Heller

To Zion's Ev. Lutheran Church family, Thanks to everyone for sending cards to my grandfather, J. Frank Hauer. Thanks for the visits around the holidays and for pastoral visits as he lived at Linden Village. It warmed his heart as it did mine. Respectfully—Tracy Brajkovich (Special thanks to Cora Poorman, Don & Sharon Davis, and Pastor Caitlin.

## 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, Nov. 11 @ 6:30 pm at the church

Oktober Fest—Sunday, Oct. 8, Koinonia will provide the refreshments for this event.

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.

Thurs., Nov. 2: 6:30 pm— set up and decorate.

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 home-baked 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

## The 14th Annual Jonestown Community Thanksgiving Celebration

Saturday, November 11 at the Jonestown Elementary School, Noon to 2:00 pm.

**Admission is FREE**, but tickets are required, see Ed Ludwig or Linda Wenrich for Tickets or obtain from: BG's Market, JBT Bank, Sheer Elegance, or Krall's General Store.

Menu: Ham, Filling & gravy, bread, green beans, applesauce, beverages, and desserts.

This event is sponsored by the churches of the Jonestown Community.

*Come and spend time with friends and neighbors. Celebrate and give thanks for all that is good in life.*

*Enjoy the entertainment!*

*Find out what is happening in your community.*



## 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.

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.



# October 2017



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Noon- Youth Parent's meeting 12:30 Youth Group	2	3	4 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>Rejoicing Spirits</b> 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	5	6	7
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Reformation 500 Bookstore (before & after worship)	9 7pm Worship and Music	10 7pm Evangelism	11 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>Rejoicing Spirits</b> 6:45 Bible Study/Kings kids/Jr. Youth Group	12 7:00 pm Council	13 6:30 pm Youth Group hosts FAMILY GAME night!	14 8 AM Men's Bible Study
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Reformation 500 Bookstore (before & after worship)	16	17	18 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>Rejoicing Spirits</b> 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	19	20	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23 6 pm Luther Movie @ Allen Theater	24 7 pm Jonestown Council of Churches	25 9:00 Sewing 5:30 HALL OF TREATS 6:15 <b>Rejoicing Spirits</b> No Bible Study or King's Kids	26 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch 7 PM Women's Bible Study @ Reiners' home	27	28
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 Reformation Fair 10 Getting to know you time 10:30 Worship Noon- Youth Group film event	30	31 6 PM Trick or Treat			Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday	

## Hall of Treats

Wednesday, October 25

5:30-6:15 pm

**YOU'RE INVITED: +Join us in the social hall for Tricks & Treats**

**+Pizza available (suggested donation \$2/person or \$10/family)**

**+Bring your camera for the Photo Area**

**+Join us in Joyful Spirits Worship - 6:15-6:45 pm**



### Worship Participants for October 2017

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Counters	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
1	Jim Gill	Brian Adams	Caden McFarland Mason Livingston	Laura Bush	Larry & Sharon Houser	John Mohn Jr.	Noel Strattan
8	Betty Kleinfelter	Daryl Hess	Katherine Sipe Nick McFarland	Gizelle McFarland Greta Kauffman		Sharon Houser	Larry Houser
15	Nancy Ludwig	Mike Johnsen	McKenzie & Madison Hess	Darryl Bush	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Stephanie Livingston	Nancy Winklebleck
22	Dylan Houser	Jim Adams	Logan Livingston Lilly Harris	TBD	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Linda Toth	Matt Wolfe
29	Galen Kleinfelter	Brian Adams	Xander McQuaide Gavin Bush	Gizelle McFarland Greta Kauffman	Noel Strattan	Pastor Caitlin	Leah Wolfe

Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Getting to know you time
1, Jen/Noel 8, Dawn/Pam 15,22, Jen/Noel 29, Bortz Family	1,8,15 Cathy & Sharon Houser 22,29 Dean & Ken Hess	Mike Long, Jim Cascarino Linda Toth, John Mohn Jr.	Stewardship & Finance Committees