



# Zion's News

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



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

April 2018

Poet Ann Weems reflects on Palm Sunday in her poem "The Way" (from her book *Kneeling in Jerusalem*):

*The way to Jerusalem looks suspiciously like Highway  
27,  
and the pilgrims look suspiciously like you and  
me.*

*I expected the road to Jerusalem to be crowded with  
holy people...  
clerics and saints...  
people who have kindness wrinkled in their faces and  
comfort lingering in their voices,  
but this is more like rush hour...  
horns blowing, people pushing, voices  
cursing...  
this is not what I envisioned!*

*O God, I've only begun and already,  
I feel I've lost my way.  
Surely this is not the road  
and surely these are not the ones to travel with  
me.*

*This Lenten journey calls for holy retreat,  
for reflection,  
and repentance.*

*Instead of holiness,  
this highway is crammed  
with the cacophony of chaos.*

*Is there no back road to Jerusalem?  
No quiet path where angels tend to weary  
travelers?  
No sanctuary from the noise of the world?  
Just this?*

*Can this hectic highway be the highway to heaven?*

That last line speaks to me every year at this time: "Can this hectic highway be the highway to heaven?" Sometimes we have such high expectations for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter (akin to the high expectations we sometimes have for Advent and Christmas)—maybe *this year* will be different, we think. Maybe *this year* I'll be consistent in devotions, prayer, and spiritual practices; and, maybe if I am, I'll experience a higher spiritual high related to Jesus' death and resurrection than I have before. Maybe, just maybe...

And then life barges in with what Ann Weems describes as its "cacophony of chaos". On top of the usual tasks that call for our attention, the fact that Lent arrived so early this year (and, therefore, so does Easter!), and the fact that we had to postpone our Lent Event and then cancel 40% of our Lenten Wednesday worship services due to snow makes the Lenten season of preparation and repentance seem a bit rushed. At least to me. But like the crocuses that popped up just a few days before the latest snow storm (which is coming down as I write this), the beauty of Easter is that Easter comes whether we're ready for it or not. Whether we've had what we consider to be "a holy Lent", or not. Whether we've found moments for 'holy retreat, reflection, and repentance', or not. Whether we've spent time on quiet paths where angels tend to weary travelers, or not.

Because it was into, and for, our 'hectic highway' of a world that Jesus came, lived, died, and was resurrected. It was for pilgrims who look 'suspiciously like you and me' that God descended from God's heavenly throne to be born in flesh and blood, *in a barn*, because there was no room for Him in the inn. And it is in the midst of ordinary life, in the most unlikely and unexpected places, that Jesus still makes God's gifts of *new life* known. While there are some places we are accustomed to looking for, and seeing, God—in worship, or Bible study, or Holy Communion, for example—the season of Easter invites us to open our eyes and hearts to see God in the unlikely, *loud, chaotic*, places. For Christ has been raised (Alleluia!) just as He said, and He is alive and active in our midst: in places like the grocery store checkout aisle, in conversations with our boss, in friendships, in challenging conversations, and even in sickness and death; our God is a God of new things and new life, in all times and places. As we enter into Holy Week and the great celebration of Easter, may we trust in God's promise of everlasting presence and hope, and pay attention to the *new life* in our midst.

In Christ,

*Pastor Caitlin*

# Social Ministry

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

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

### **Food Bank:**

Peanut Butter & Jelly

### **Other:**

Twin sheets

T-shirts

Socks

Underwear

Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue)

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

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

### **Food Bank:**

Beef Stew

Pancake Mix

Peanut Butter

### **Other:**

Toilet Tissue

Canned Potatoes

Pancake Syrup

Jelly

Paper Towels

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

## **Homebound Visits**

Our homebound members will receive a visit and an Easter lily during Holy Week. Addresses are available on the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

## **College Students, Missionary, Military**

Our college students, missionary, and military will receive care packages in the spring. Addresses can be found on the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

## ✠ **MEMORIAL FUND** ✠

In memory of **William Ludwig**  
by: Grace Dennis

In Memory of **Harold Dennis**  
by: Grace Dennis and family

In memory of **Dorothy Johnston Kelley**  
by: Connie Johnston  
Ronald & Shirley Longbothum

## **Koinonia News**

**Next Meeting:** Sat., May 12 @ 6:30 pm - at the church. All are welcome!

**Service Project:** Koinonia group will provide soup for the dinner church on Maundy Thursday.

## **Hospital Admissions**

Please inform the church office and/or Pastor Caitlin when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility, or if there are changes in your health status. The federal HIPPA regulations do not permit health care providers to release personal information such as this without your expressed permission. Not all health care facilities have chaplains on staff to contact us about your admission. A phone call to the church office at 717-865-2848 and/or Pastor Caitlin at 717-347-8187, will help us to respond to you with pastoral care for a time of change in your life.



## **Spaghetti Miracle**

The 9th Annual Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle will be held on Sunday, April 15, following worship.

Donation for the dinner is a box of pasta and a jar of spaghetti sauce. Monetary donations will also be accepted. All proceeds will be given to the Jonestown Outreach pantry.

# *Thank You*

I would like to thank very much everyone for the Valentine cards and the many birthday cards for my 90th birthday.—Ingrid Erb

## **Lebanon Lutheran Mission Trip, June 17-23**

Our home base will be Myers Lodge, Camp Kirchenwald. All meals will be provided. This year we can also accept volunteers for the week or for just a few days, who will return home at the end of the day. Cost is \$275 for those who stay, \$75 for those who return home each night. Volunteers must be 14 or older. We welcome all skill levels and experience. If interested contact Heather Buffington, 717-926-3917 or Denise McDaniels, 717-628-1461, Mission Trip co-chairs.

## Christian Education

Chair: Michele McQuaide(michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com;717-861-4719)



**Easter Sunday, April 1:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Join us for worship at 7 or 10:30 AM!

### Vacation Bible School "Factory"

July 22-26

### "Maker Fun



We are in need of Station and Group Leaders, (must have clearances). We are collecting recycles to build decorations and crafts. Coffee cans, egg cartons, small cardboard boxes, paper towel/toilet paper rolls. Bright colored wrapping paper, pool noodles, bright colored plastic tablecloths. Please place in bin in social hall, marked VBS!

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Day Camp at  
Zion's Lutheran  
in Jonestown**

July 16-20, 9-3:30 PM

For kids who have completed  
kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade

### Wednesday's At Zions

We are still in need of talents to share with our Kings Kids. Please email Monica if interested.

Meals:

- 4/4 Pasta & Meatballs
- 4/11 Hot Beef, Mashed Potatoes, & Gravy
- 4/18 Casseroles
- 4/25 Soups

- Monica Bortz [zionswednesdays@gmail.com](mailto:zionswednesdays@gmail.com)  
717-679-2583



For the month of March for Youth Group we had a Mission Trip Fundraiser Talent Show, Thanks Everyone for your support!

We also had a Youth Group Meeting, and a Join J&L event for Mt. Gretna Roller Rink.

Jr. Youth Group was held on the 21st of March.

**Calendar Change:** For April we will be wrapping up the YG year with a meeting on April 15th, not the 22nd. At that meeting we will welcome our new 7th Graders, Parent's and anybody else who has tried Youth Group before, but would like to give it a try.

**Calendar Change:** Jr. Youth Group will meet on Wednesday Night April 18th at 6:45 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

**For the entire Congregation:** Friday, April 13, Triskaidekaphobia Game Night 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., make your own Sundaes. Please bring your favorite games to play. Game Night is for all ages!!

Joy! Jim and Laurie

## Christian Education

(continued)

Chair: Michele McQuaide(michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com;717-861-4719)

**It may be cold now...but summer's coming!** It's time to start thinking about summer camp at Camps Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. There's something for people of all ages, and Zion's offers scholarships that help make camp possible *for everyone!*

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Zion's has a **Camp Scholarship Form** we need you to fill out if you want Zion's to pay for a portion of your camp costs. The form is simple and short, but your cooperation will help us keep track of who's at camp and how much we owe the Camping Corporation. Scholarship forms can be picked up alongside the Camp Brochures in the Gathering Area and are due back to Zion's by May 1.

If you register and pay in full by April 7, you save additional money!

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Caitlin. Scholarship Forms, and a link to the Camp Brochure, are also available at [www.ZionsJonestown.com](http://www.ZionsJonestown.com)

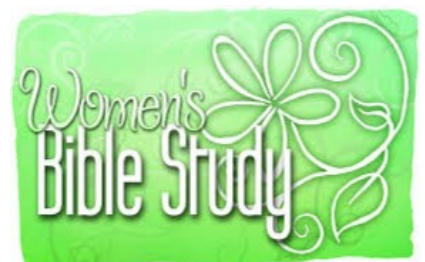


**SAVE THE DATE:** Vacation Bible School at  
Zion's Lutheran in Jonestown  
Sunday July 22 - Thursday July 26

# LUNCH BUNCH

**Lunch Bunch and Women's Bible Study** meet again on April 26. Lunch Bunch gathers at 12:30 PM at Swatara Coffee Company and Women's Bible Study meets in individual homes (announced each month) at 7 PM.

Both groups are finishing our discussion of Liturgy of the Ordinary, focusing on Chapter 11 "Sleeping: Sabbath, Rest, and the Work of God". This will be our final gathering for the Spring.



## COUNCIL

President: Tom Mohn (tommohn@verizon.net; 717-865-3341)

### Council Highlights from March 8, 2018 meeting

- Council this year is exploring what it means to practice making disciples in a "high invitation, high challenge" fashion. In March, the council reviewed God's gifts of grace and corresponding roles in the church as outlined in Ephesians 4: 7, 11-13.
- Did you notice the new addition in the Gathering Area? It's a new monitor! Thanks to Tom Mohn, Matt Wolfe and Al Reiner for installing! Not only will church goings-on be displayed on that monitor before and after worship, but the worship service will be broadcast live for anyone who needs to leave the sanctuary for any reason (perhaps due to a fussy child, or a coughing fit!)
- The Kurtz' will soon be celebrating the arrival of a mini-Kurtz! With the help of Pr. Caitlin, Council has identified a supply pastor who will minister to Zion's on Sunday mornings and for emergencies while Pr. Caitlin and Seth take parental leave. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Pr. Caitlin or any of the Council members.

### Pastor Caitlin's Upcoming Maternity Leave

Baby Kurtz is due to arrive sometime near the end of this month. After his/her arrival, Pastor Caitlin will be taking ten weeks of family leave, which is intended to be a time of recovery and bonding. During this time, Pastor Caitlin will not be working or checking email, but will continue to hold the ministries and people of Zion's in her prayers. Pastor, Seth, and the Baby also hope to worship with us from time to time, and look forward to returning to regular ministry sometime in July.

Our Council is excited to share that Pastor Linda Trout will be with us almost every Sunday that Pastor Caitlin is away. Pastor Linda lives in Etters, PA, was a seminary classmate of Pastor Caitlin, and previously served a three-point parish in the York area. Pastor Linda will also be available for emergency pastoral care visits, and any funerals that may arise during Pastor Caitlin's leave.

**If you or a loved one are in need of emergency pastoral care while Pastor Caitlin is away, please call Ed Ludwig (717-507-4758) who is serving as "coverage coordinator".** There are a few weeks when local colleagues will be assisting with emergency coverage, due to Pastor Linda's weekday schedule, and Ed will know the best person to contact to provide you with care. Ed's service as 'coverage coordinator' ensures that you only need to keep track of one phone number!

*Your continued participation at worship, learning, and service events, as well as your continued financial contributions and prayers, will help make this time go smoothly and well. If you have any questions or concerns prior to her departure, please be in touch with Pastor, or Tom Mohn, our Council President.*



### Zion's Preschool Expansion!

Zion's Preschool is excited to announce that we are adding an afternoon session for children who are 4 years old by September 1. Classes will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3:00. Registration is now open. Contact us at [zi-onspreschool@verizon.net](mailto:zi-onspreschool@verizon.net) or call [717-861-4416](tel:717-861-4416).

If you are interested in volunteering at this new session or the morning sessions, contact us at the above number or email address. State mandated clearances must be obtained but we will gladly assist you with this.



## Worship

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

### Holy Week at Zion's



**Palm Sunday, March 25: All Ages "Passport to Holy Week" at 9:30 in Social Hall** (Junior and Cherub Choirs will meet for rehearsal at 9:15 in their usual location)

**Worship at 10:30 AM** *As you are able, meet in the Jonestown square for our Palm Sunday processional. If you're unable to meet there, find your place in the sanctuary and we'll meet up with you soon!*

**Rejoicing Spirits, Wednesday March 28 at 6:15 PM** This service will offer children a chance to experience the mystery and even sadness of Holy Week. We know that the events of the week can be complex for children; this service puts things in a way that everyone can understand. There will be **NO** Holden Evening Prayer this night.



**Maundy Thursday Dinner Church, March 29 at 6:30 PM** We will gather in the Social Hall for worship around a meal. We will celebrate Holy Communion, share a simple supper of soup and bread, confess our sins and receive God's Word of forgiveness. We will remember how Judas betrayed Jesus for a few silver coins by gathering the coin jars you have collected throughout the season of Lent, and giving the contributions to Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County, to support those who have likewise been betrayed. Please help us prepare for this meal by signing up in the Gathering Area.

**Good Friday, March 30: Worship at 7 PM "Faces at the Cross"** Members of our community will offer reflections on what it would have been like to be one of the many men and women who walked with Jesus during His final days. As we listen to their stories we will be encouraged to consider anew what Jesus' death means for our lives and our world.



**Easter Sunday, April 1: Festival Worship at 7 and 10:30 AM. No Sunday School**  
Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Invite your family and friends to join us for worship!

We are need of new items for busy bags. Please donate if able to the bin in the social hall.

**Needed:**

Pads of paper  
Crayons  
Activity books  
Board books

**Prohibited:**

stickers  
markers  
chalk  
anything messy

### Help us Plan another Hymn Sing!

Worship and Music is collecting your favorite hymns to plan for a special worship service this spring. Please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or return to Pastor Caitlin or Noel Strattan before Easter.

Stay tuned for more information about when the Hymn Sing will be!

Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Where can we find the music? \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_



Evangelism

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

### DDS DANCE

**Saturday, May 19, 4-7 pm.**



The 4th Annual DDS Dance will be held on Saturday, May 19, 4-7 p.m. This year it will be a Country Western theme so dig out your cowboy boots and cowboy hats and plan to have a hootin good time. The cost is \$2.00



and the proceeds will go to Developmental and Disability Services for the wonderful services they provide in our county. Entertainment is once again provided by the Dan Allen Show. Country food will also be served. Everyone is invited!! Please sign up in the gathering area.



### **Save the date! For a POLKA MASS**

on Mother's Day, May 13 at 10:30 AM. Special musicians will lead us in a beautiful liturgy featuring popular polka tunes and brass instrumentation.

### **Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend**

**June 15-17, 2018**

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 14 and leave Monday, June 18, and others will spend just the weekend.

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.**

Any families staying Thursday or Sunday Nights receive a \$15.00 discount for each night (does not include Friday or Saturday night). The discounts will be given upon check in when paying the balance. Reservations may be made after January 14 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 717-865-5636 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 \_\_\_\_\_





April 2018

*Alleluia!*

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 <b>EASTER</b> 7:00 Easter Dawn Worship 10:30 Worship (NO Sunday school)	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	9	10	11 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>Rejoicing Spirits</b> 6:45 Bible Study/Kings kids	12 7:00 pm Council	13 6:30 pm Youth Group hosts FAMILY GAME night!	14
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by: Spaghetti Miracle <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Youth Group	16	17	18 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>Rejoicing Spirits</b> 6:45 Bible Study/Kings kids/Jr. Youth Group	19	20	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23	24	25 9:00 Sewing 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 <b>Rejoicing Spirits</b> 6:45 Bible Study/ Kings kids	26 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch 7 PM Women's Bible Study	27	28
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Getting to know you time 10:30 Worship	30				Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday	



**Holy Week Services:**

**Wednesday, March 28:** 6:15 PM: Rejoicing Spirits Holy Week Worship featuring foot washing and Holy Communion. No Holden Evening Prayer.

**Thursday March 29:** 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Dinner Church Worship.

**Friday March 30:** 7:00 PM: Good Friday Worship.

**Sunday, April 1:** 7:00 AM and 10:30 AM: Easter Sunday Festival Worship.

**Worship Participants for April 2018**

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Counters	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
1	Noel Strattan		Xander McQuaide Gavin Bush	Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Larry & Sharon Houser	Pastor Caitlin	Christine Techky
1	Linda Toth	Daryl Hess	Mason & Logan Livingston	John & Joanna Noll	Larry & Sharon Houser	Pastor Caitlin	Matt Wolfe
8	Deb Reiner	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Katherine Sipe Lily Harris	John Noll Burton Williams		Tracy Hoy	Leah Wolfe
15	Amber Wolford	Mike Johnsen	Cassie & Ella Bortz	Noel Strattan Joanna Guldin Noll	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Michelle Bucks	Nancy Winklebleck
22	Karen Hitz	Jim Adams	MacKenzie & Madison Hess	Tovie & Lynn Kleinfelter	Deb Long Kelly Rittle	Noel Strattan	Mason Livingston
29	Michael Johnsen	Mike Johnsen	Zoe Brossman Katherine Sipe	Dean & Ken Hess	Noel Strattan	Nancy Ludwig	Larry Houser

Altar Guild	Nursery Assistants	Ushers	Getting to know you time
1-Jen/Noel/ Bortzs 8-Pam/Dawn 15 – Bortzs 22-Jen/Noel 29-Pam/Dawn	1 – NO ATTENDANTS 8 – Gizelle & Greta 15 – Darryl Bush	Cathy Houser, Larry Houser, Dylan Houser, Dick Hitz	Evangelism Committee