

Social Ministry

Chair: Sharon Davis (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

Spam

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Other:

Toilet Tissue

Paper Towels

Dish detergent

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

Homebound Birthdays (cards, calls, visits)

Elvena Mohn ph: 717-856-2590
37 N. King St. Birthday: May 27
P.O. Box 212
Jonestown, PA 17038

Koinonia News

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

May Project: Flowering plants will be given to the Mothers on Mother's Day, May 13.

June Activity: Hosting the Annual Shore Weekend on June 15-17, at the Roman Holiday in North Wildwood, NJ.

✠ **MEMORIAL FUND** ✠

In memory of **William & Maria Haniman**
by: Cheryl Furmanski

In Memory of **Harold Dennis**
by: Mary Ann Nelson

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

In memory of **Steven Smith**
by: Donald and Sharon Davis

In memory of **Anna Sterner**
by: Mary Ann Nelson



Spaghetti Miracle

The 9th Annual Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle was held on Sunday, April 15. Thank you to all who supported this event. We were able to raise 136 pounds of Spaghetti sauce and pasta, 50 boxes of pasta and 50 jars of sauce, as well as \$45 in cash donations. All proceeds were given to JOY. Thank you to Nancy Ludwig, our chef, and everyone who helped in the kitchen, set-up, and clean-up!

Hospital Admissions

Please inform the church office 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, will help us to respond to you with pastoral care for a time of change in your life.

Golf Tournament

Lebanon County Christian Ministries is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Fri. May 18 at 1:00pm at the Lebanon Valley Golf Course in Myerstown, PA. Proceeds will benefit the Fresh Start Resource Center and Emergency Shelter. Register online at www.lccm.us. Deadline to register is Fri. May 11.

Christian Education

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

Intergenerational Sunday School Event! May 20,2018:

Come Celebrate the Fruit of the Spirit with us!

All are welcome to join us at 9:30am in the Social Hall. We will have fun, interactive stations, a craft and fruit salad! This is our last intergenerational Sunday School event for the year. We hoped you will join us for this event!

May 20 is our last Sunday School before summer. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

Vacation Bible School July 22-26 "Maker Fun Factory"

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-5th grade

Wednesday's At Zions

Our year end COOKOUT will be held May 16.

After this, Wednesdays at Zion's will move to the Jonestown Park.

During the summer, we'll meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, at the park!

Our first Wednesday will be June 13 and the last one is August 22.

Oh, that's right, we'll have Ice Cream!



For the month of April, we held one Youth Group Meeting about the concept of praying about the distant future. If we all think about it, Zion's has been here for a LONG time. It's possible that others prayed about that concept of Zion's Church to be thriving in their future, which is now our present. We also played some favorite games/and some new games. This meeting is the last for the Youth Group School Year.

We also have planned one Jr. Youth Group Game Night in April, since we write this Newsletter before some events/ideas are held, we are really hoping for no snow for this one!! This is our last game night of this School Year also.

Everybody had lots of fun and fellowship at Triskaidekaphobia Game Night!! The "make your own sundaes" as always, were delicious!! Thanks to all of you who participated!

This Youth Group school year is wrapped-up. Ditto for Jr. Youth Group.

****Please stay posted for some possible events for the Summer.****

Peace and 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 have any questions or concerns, please see Tom Mohn. Scholarship Forms, and a link to the Camp Brochure, are also available at www.ZionsJonestown.com



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

Volunteers Needed for the Synod Assembly Food Packing

The Food Packing Event will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 7:30 am until all meals are packed in Brubaker Auditorium on the Messiah College campus, Grantham, PA. For more details, contact: Michele McQuaide, michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com or 330-958-3399. Sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering area.



BLOCK PARTY

Jonestown Block Party

Zion's will have a booth at the Jonestown Block Party - May 26, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will be looking for folks to volunteer for 2 hour shifts. Please contact Elaine Ludwig at 717-507-4751 if you or your family are interested in having fun socializing with our community.

COUNCIL

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

Council Highlights from April 2018 meeting

- Due to member absences, the June Council meeting has been moved to the 21st of June.
- Signage of the church is being reviewed. This includes both inside and outside signs.
- Council is in the process of developing a fire evacuation plan for the sanctuary.
- Discussion was held on the maternity leave of Pastor Caitlin which had begun earlier than expected. She will now return to work early also, June 17. Procedures are in place for coverage. Ed Ludwig (717 507 4758) who is coordinating pastoral care and will get you in contact with the right pastor.

Pastor Caitlin's Maternity Leave

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.

Pastor Caitlin and Seth are thrilled to share the news that Madelyn Michelle Kurtz has arrived! She was born on Saturday at 3:11 pm, weighing 5 pounds and 7 ounces and measuring 18 inches long. Everyone is doing well, and they say "thank you" for all your prayers, love, and support as they begin this new journey as a family of three. Pastor Caitlin will return to work on Sunday, June 17.



Will Pastor Caitlin answer church messages, emails, texts, and Facebook messages? No, this is a true leave of absence intended to give Pastor time and space to recover from the baby's birth, and to settle into life as a family of three. All foreseen responsibilities have been covered (or put on hiatus for a few weeks), and we have worked hard with Pastor Caitlin to plan and prepare for these next weeks of congregational life. Please join us in honoring the true purpose of this professional leave by affording the Kurtz family time and space to bond and enjoy these special weeks.

Who is the substitute pastor? Pr. Linda Trout will be with us on Sunday mornings, beginning Sunday, April 15. Because Pr. Linda is commuting from Etters, she is also available for urgent, emergency pastoral care and funerals, but local pastors (Pr. Gretchen Ierien from Holy Trinity in Lebanon and Pr. Robert Wallace from Freiden's Lutheran in Myerstown) are available for other pastoral care, as needed.

Ok, so who do I call if I, or a loved one, need pastoral care? Please call Ed Ludwig (717 507 4758) who is coordinating pastoral care and will get you in contact with the right pastor. This arrangement allows you to make one phone call, to someone you know, rather than trying to balance three different numbers.

Who do I contact if I have a question or concern about something else? Any non-pastoral needs can be directed to Tom Mohn, our Council President, or any member of Council (listed on the bulletin board downstairs). Calling the church office is also a great source of information!

What can I do to help make these weeks go smoothly for our congregation? Participate! Don't miss a beat in worship, Sunday School, special groups or events. Look out for others and let the office, Ed, Tom, or any member of Council know when there is a special need or concern of any type. Look out for each other and support one another, as we always do!

When can I visit Pastor Caitlin, Seth, and the baby? They will visit us! When the Kurtz family is ready, they will join us for worship so we can meet and welcome Baby Kurtz.

Worship

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

Join us for a Very Special POLKA MASS Worship Service

Mother's Day, May 13 at 10:30 AM.

The Heidelberg Brass Band will lead us in a beautiful liturgy featuring popular polka tunes and brass instrumentation.

How the Polka Mass came to be...

Since the time he was a seminarian at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, the Rev. Glenn Beard, Jr. dreamed of having his band perform a Polka Mass. After moving back to his native Lancaster County in the mid-1990s, he began to do some research and put together ideas for the Mass.

Pastor Beard learned about Father Frank Perkovich, a Roman Catholic priest who served several congregations in Minnesota. Fr. Perkovich developed a Polka Mass that quickly became quite popular and he was inducted into the National Polka Hall of Fame because of his work! Fr. Perkovich granted Pr. Beard personal permission to use any or all of his work and inspired Pr. Beard to pursue this work.

Others have had an influence on this Polka Mass as well. The Hymn of Praise, "Glory to God" is from the work of Pastor Edward Battiste who was serving at St. John Lutheran Church, Greenville, Ohio, when Pastor Beard first reached out to him in 1996. The Hymn of Praise, "Glory to God," is based on the popular German tune, the *Liechtensteiner Polka*.

It wasn't until late in the year, in 2014, when movement really took off on putting together the "Polka Mass with the Heidelberg Brass Band."

Dr. Hertzog received considerable assistance from a fellow Lutheran who had originally observed a Polka Mass celebrated at Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, CA. Pastor Carl Witt, Jr., at Hope Church, first began celebrating a Polka Mass, using familiar tunes, while serving a congregation in Las Vegas, NV. He indicated that it was always one of the most popular worship services of the year.



Thank You

Thanks for the Easter Lily and the Easter Cards I received. I really appreciate Zion's thinking of me. - Elvin Heller

Zion's Family, There really are not enough words to properly express our gratitude to everyone at Zion's who has supported us through this most sorrowful time. We are truly blessed. Thank you. - Nancy, Allan, Katie, Ben, Jenna & Noah (Smiths)

Many Heartfelt thanks for the Easter lily and to Mrs. Fortna for bringing it to me. - Ingrid Erb

I would like to thank Zion's for the Easter lily I received for Easter. It was beautiful. - Grace Dennis

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 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.



Evangelism

Chair: Elaine Ludwig (eludadv@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.



Here it is!

Did you know? Zion's gives support to ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission. This year we are helping to support Jacob Shelor as our missionary in Swaziland. Swaziland is a sovereign state in Southern Africa. It is neighbored by Mozambique to its northeast and by South Africa to its north, west and south; it is a landlocked country. Each month, Jacob sends us a copy of his newsletter. You can read his newsletter on the large bulletin board in the gathering area. You can also visit his blog (foolhardyplans.wordpress.com) to hear some more detailed accounts of what Jacob's been up to. You can also write to Jacob with your words of encouragement at:

Jacob R. Shelor
P.O. Box 278
Manzini
Swaziland

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. We will have our church service at 9 AM Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

*****GROUP RATES***** only guaranteed until May 1.

\$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. To make reservations call the Roman Holiday directly (609) 522-3111, or logging on to www.romanholidayresort.com.

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 (10th) JFK Boulevard
North Wildwood, NJ 08260



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Nights requested _____ Type of room _____

Adults _____ Children _____ Amount enclosed _____





May 2018



Happy Mother's Day

SUNDAY

MON

TUE

WED

THUR

FRI

SAT

Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1	2 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids	3	4	5
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	7	8	9 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids	10 7:00 pm Council	11	12 6:30 Koinonia
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 POLKA MASS worship 	14	15	16 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids	17	18	19 4-7pm DDS Dance 
20 9:30 Intergenerational Sunday School Event 10:30 Worship	21	22	23 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids	24 Lunch Bunch & Bible Study will resume in September!	25	26
27 No Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	28	29	30 5:30 Family meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Kings Kids	31		



Rejoicing Spirits in the Park
June 13 + 27 August
July 11 + 25 8 + 22

Koinonia Beach Weekend
June 15-17

Zion's Day Camp
July 16-20

Vacation Bible School
July 22-26

Worship Participants for May

	Lectors	Crucifer	Nursery	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild	Children's sermon	Prayers of the People
6	Sharon Houser	Daryl Hess	Laura Bush	Mason & Logan Livingston	Dean & Ken Hess	Bortz family	Elaine Ludwig	Brian Adams
13		Joanna Guldin-Noll	Gizelle McFarland Greta Kauffman	Cassie & Ella Bortz	Burton Williams Kelly Rittle	Pam/ Dawn	Brian Adams	Grace Bucks
20	Michelle Bucks	Mike Johnsen	Darryl Bush	Xander McQuaide Zoe Brossman	Kelly Rittle Noel Strattan	Jen/Noel	Terry Ludwig	Michelle Bucks
27	Cathy Houser	Galen Kleinfelter	Nursery is unattended in the summer, but you may use it WITH your child(ren). Please don't leave children unattended!	Kathryn Sipe Lily Harris	Linda Wenrich Noel Strattan	Jen/Noel	Laurie Gill	Sharon Davis

Counters

6-Larry & Sharon Houser, 13-TBD
20-Darryl Bush & Deb Reiner, 27-Deb Long, Kelly Rittle

Ushers

Al Reiner, Steve Wolfe,
Tom Frey

Getting to know you time

Worship & Music
Committee

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Friends and Family Hiking and more!



Above: View from Sibebe hiking trail in Mbabane, Swaziland

Introduction

Hello all! Wow, it has already been two months? It seems like just the other week I send out my last newsletter. I cannot wait to share all that has been happening since the year and Lent began. I got to start 2018 with the SAYAGM, celebrate my host sister's 21st birthday, experience Ash Wednesday and have my family visit for some time. And, on top of all that, school restarted, with new students to get to know.

January visting Johannesburg

At the beginning of January, the South Africa YAGM gathered together for a week to learn more about each other, Johannesburg, and South Africa. We spent some time discussing what our sites were like, what we have been up to, and all. We walked through the Museum of Africa, which had a lot of information about Africa. I



Anna, taking a photo of everyone walking through the Botanical Gardens.

know, sounds vague, but really it had everything. Geology, cultural history, some basic Apartheid information, photography, everything. It was nice to have all the information together to see the whole understanding in one building. We also had a wonderful walk through the Botanical Gardens, which was huge.

February Visiting Family

In the beginning of February, I was lucky to have my family visit me at my site. They had the chance to meet my host family and have a meal, as well as get some travel in around Northern South Africa, in Johannesburg and Krueger National Park. It was great to have the chance to share what I do with my family, and show them just what I am up to for this year.



Pastors Wayne Shelor and Zwanene Shabalala (My dad and host dad respectively) during the blessing of the children post-Communion.

21st Birthday and all that entails

After arriving back in Manzini, I talked with my host family about the upcoming celebration. My sister, Lulu, was turning 21 and apparently that is a huge deal. The celebration was extravagant, with live music, lots of food, fun talking about how wonderful a person Lulu has become over the last number of years. The experience was also filled with family, friends, and everyone important to her success as a person. The ceremony lasted almost all day, and well into the evening. I was lucky enough to have the other four YAGM in Swaziland to come and celebrate with us on such a special day.

Ash Wednesday

“From dust you came, and to dust you shall return.” These words are said around the world in many different tongues on Ash Wednesday, yet we all seem to be focusing on the same stories. This year, while in Swaziland, I had the chance to walk over to services and receive my ashen cross, not so differently than I do every year. The service was a little smaller, and a little less upbeat than what I have become accustomed to, and yet even with all that it took me until the middle of the service to remind myself, “I am receiving the literacy, the ashes and the cross, IN AFRICA!” The service had brought me in so completely that I needed to remind myself to step back for a moment and remember where I am. This has begun to happen in the little things, but I am proud to share that story of forgetting and remembering.

Thank you for the Support!

I wanted to thank you (SIABONGA) for your support of this ministry, and especially of my YAGM year! As Lent continues on and we head towards Easter, I want to especially thank my friends, too numerous to count. The support I have had through friends over the years, both in scholastic and religious settings have been astounding. Thank you to Korin Freeman, Levi Heath, Tabitha Chasse, Daniel Cohan, Samuel Felsenthal, Michael Hall, Owen Tiedeken, Josh Kohnstam, Dassi Lipnick, Kathleen Getez, Annie Bradford, Sarah McPherson, Zach Watson, and Nick Hodges. The list is much, much longer than this, but (honestly) I went through who I had touched base with recently. Thank you so much for your continued support, I love having the chance to hear how life is going in the states as well as answering the odd questions you may have about my time here. Please (everyone) feel free to send me a message, I will likely not respond quickly, but I will respond.

Books I have read recently:

Between the World and Me by Ta Nehisi Coates

How can you stay connected?

You can visit my blog (foolhardyplans.wordpress.com) to hear some more detailed accounts of what I am up to. You can also support the ministry through my online page (http://support.elca.org/site/TR?px=1047381&pg=personal&fr_id=1181&et=chRHVdmBCycdE7Z73qXm2g&s_tafld=2206) or you can send a check made out to ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission with either my name or my access code (GCS3386) in the memo line to:

ELCA

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, Va 22116

Thank you to all of you for your help and support in my Year of Service!