



Oct. 2012

Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Zion's Mission Statement: Reflecting Christ, we are called to share God's gifts

Bible Studio and Acts 15

When we read the Bible, we often wonder: Does this stuff still happen today? I would like to share a story of how Scripture came to life this summer at our congregation.

First, here is the Bible story: In the early church, a very large conflict arose over how non-Jewish people could become Christians. Some argued you needed to be Jewish first in order to become a Christian second. The book of Acts, chapter 15 records a grand council meeting with all the leaders in the early Church. They debated intensely – how could they hold to the tradition while embracing the work of the Spirit? In the end, they decided that non-Jews did not need to first become Jewish, but that non-Jewish Christians still had certain ethical requirements. Tradition and culture clashed, but the Spirit provided a faithful way forward for the Church.

I saw Acts 15 play itself out in our congregation this summer. In the Spring, the Christian Education leadership asked council if they could stop Sunday School for the Summer. Culture has shifted; Summer Sunday School attendance was extremely low. Council then began a three month long discussion that involved listening to many congregation members.

We had reached an Acts 15 moment. We had a serious conflict on Council and in the Congregation about how to proceed. The strong tradition was not bearing fruit. Yet the congregation was not ready to give up what it viewed as a core ministry: education to children on Sunday mornings.

These discussions forced us to reevaluate our core needs. We realized we had a few goals in mind: minimizing of volunteer time; presenting a hospitable environment for visitors; and offering something on Sunday mornings.

Lastly, and most importantly, our discussions revealed that Sunday School functions less as it has in the past. Kids come less frequently to Sunday School; and when they do come, they know less than previous generations. The public school system has stopped teaching the faith and the church has not yet figured out how to make up the difference.

We realized that the gap between what kids know and what they should know about faith must be made up in the home. This is quite a challenge, but we wanted to try something that would give parents a chance to work with their kids and the Bible. We wanted to give parents the sense that they could, with very little preparation, have fun with basic Bible stories.

Our solution was Bible Studio. All summer long we met as parents (grandparents too!) and children. We opened up the Bible and then tried lots of creative ways to explore and learn the story, everything from simply acting out the story, to playing Pictionary, to watching a YouTube Video to even doing a bit of baking. Each activity we asked: Could a parent do this at home? It proved to be a very relaxing and enjoying way for families to gather around the Word of God and realize it is not so difficult after all!

Bible Studio fulfilled our sense of tradition and mission, but did it in a new way. Acts 15 happened at our church: culture and tradition clashed, but God's Spirit provided a way forward that was faithful and fruitful.

In Christ,
Pastor Rob Myallis

Sharing God's Gifts

Featured Ways you can...Reflect Christ and Share your Gifts!

In Worship: *Children's Sermons*

Children's Message: This is one of the most fun ways to help out during worship. We are looking for some new recruits to add to our list. Currently, the rotation is about once every 3 months. I will provide you with a message (or you may choose your own) and you "tweak" it as you wish. If interested, contact Deb Reiner, 861-5548, adreiner74@gmail.com.

Acting locally, thinking globally: *Operation Christmas Child*

Operation Christmas Child is simple. You fill a shoe box, with small gifts, school supplies and hygiene items. We collect them and combine them with boxes from other congregations. They are given out at Christmas to a needy child in over 100 countries! That's quite an operation!

Questions? See the article about it in the Christian Education section!

Acting locally, thinking globally II: *Crop Walk*

Crop Walk is an international event where people all around the world walk to raise money. Because we walk, families can place fences around their gardens to prevent animals from eating their crops in places like Cambodia; CROP monies also go to support local food banks. You can help by walking and getting sponsors (or sponsoring others!)

Questions? See the article about it in the Evangelism section!

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Because you asked...a congregation member's question to the Pastor:

What does a missionary do these days anyway?

A missionary is a person who, out of a great love for Jesus, travels from his or her home community to another to spread the Gospel. They often travel to new countries, learn new languages and have many adventures!

Sadly, over the 20th century, missionaries become associated with European colonization. They became viewed as people who spread Western languages, culture and business and not as much the Gospel of Jesus.

Today missionaries have a vastly different experience than generations past. Most countries in the world, due to the work of previous missionaries, have an existing church. Missionaries normally come to provide a specific skill (such as English as a Second Language or medical services). Furthermore, missionaries come to strengthen the ties between churches around the world. Being a missionary in 2012 is less about exporting the Gospel and more about partnering with people across the world to share the news of Jesus Christ in every land and culture!

Social Ministry

Meets: 1st Monday, four times per year

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

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

18 & 32 oz. jams & jellies
5 oz. canned chicken
12 oz. Spam or Treet
Canned Potatoes
Instant Mashed Potatoes

Clothing Bank:

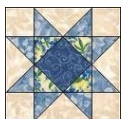
Towels
Blankets
Boys' Pants
Boys' Jeans
Men's Jeans
Coats
Thermal Underwear

Other:

Plastic grocery bags
Cleaning Supplies
Toiletries
Fitted Sheets (all sizes)
New Boys' boxers (all sizes)

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

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering



The LWR Ingathering will be held on Sun. Oct. 7. Personal Care Kits and quilts made by the Sewing Group will be on display in the sanctuary. Items for the personal care kits were collected in the Gathering Area during August and September. We thank everyone who contributed in some way, whether it be shopping for items or giving monetary donations. We are grateful to Thrivent for giving us \$200 to complete additional personal care kits. We will also be sending quilts and blankets that were donated. Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits give families throughout the world a helping hand, a sign of comfort and hope for the future.

Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets

We will continue our ministry of knitting or crocheting prayer shawls for people with long term illnesses and baby blankets for our newborns. If you would like to help with this ministry or provide yarn, please contact Deb Pappas (dapdcp@evenlink.com) or Julia Albert (865-1560).

Spang Crest Key Person

Thank-you to Emily Myallis for serving as our key person to Spang Crest during this past year. We welcome Christine Techky as our new key person.

Harvest Home Fill – a – Sill

Fill – a – Sill will be held during the month of October. Canned or boxed items of food may be placed on the window sills of the sanctuary to benefit the Jonestown Outreach Pantry. We are grateful for all donations.

Remember our homebound Birthdays with Cards, Calls, & Visits

Ruth Adams
Cedar Haven Rm. 208F
590 S. 5th Ave.
Lebanon, PA 17042
Birthday: Oct. 11
Phone: 274-0421

Josephine Lash
118 E. Queen St.
Jonestown, PA 17038
Birthday: Oct. 23
Phone: 865-4896

Zion's Sewing Group

The sewing group made 60 child-size quilts during the past year. The quilts were donated to the Ronald McDonald House and Lebanon Family Health. We thank these ladies for their valuable ministry.

Thank you notes –

Your thoughtfulness, kind words, cards, hugs, and prayers during this difficult time of Lee Ann's illness and passing meant very much to us. Thank you all. – Betty Kleinfelter family
Marine Lance Corp. Tanner Leed wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers from his recent burn accident. He is currently home on a 30 day leave. – Keefer family
Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and acts of kindness shown during John Schaeffer's illness. –Schaeffer family

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Janet Bird (jbird75@comcast.net; 865-5636)

Meets: 1st Tuesday, "odd" months

Operation Christmas Child

A Sunday School and Zion's outreach!

Why is that called Operation Christmas Child? Because each box, full of small gifts, school supplies and hygiene items, is given at Christmas to a needy child... in over 100 countries! That's quite an operation!

How can you help? First, by prayer. Second, by filling a box! A list of possible items and instructions will be given out in Sunday School and posted on the large bulletin board. You can also go to their website: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

When are the boxes collected? November 11, is the final day.

Is there a cost? The boxes cost \$7.00 to ship. If you cannot cover this cost, don't let this stop you from making a box. We will cover the cost!

Questions? Contact coordinators Jill and Walt Bugdanavage; 867-4346, wow_mom18@yahoo.com.

Who runs this ministry? A group called Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. This year the goal is to reach the 100 millionth child with news of God's love.

Rally Day and the Fall Carnival were each attended by at least 100 people. Thanks to the many hands that made these events possible and everyone's attendance was greatly appreciated.

Sunday School news: We welcome the following new people to our staff: Michele McQuaide, Rachel Bashore, Kylee Moyers, and Nancy Ludwig. Thank you Georgetta Wolfe, Angela Watson, and Jenn Ebersole for teaching in the Primary department during the last several years.

Wednesday Night's at Zions	What is King's Kids?
5:30-6:15: Community Dinner	King's Kids is a biblical playdate for toddlers, elementary schoolers and their parents. <i>Note: Previously this was called "Little Ones"; however, we now have enough "big" kids we wanted to change the name!</i>
6:15-6:45: Joyful Spirits	
6:45 - 7:30: Bible Study or King's Kids	Do I need to be an expert for Bible Study?
7:30 - 8:30 Senior Choir	No! Even if you have never been to a Bible Study before, come and join us. This fall we will look at Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Some of the passages in this letter are very familiar: "Love is patient, love is kind" but there is a lot more to it!



Sun, Oct 7 - Mon, Oct 8: Youth Retreat at Camp

We will depart after church to head to Camp Kirchenwald for an overnight. We will join with youth from other Lebanon County Lutheran Churches. Cost is \$10/youth (6th graders eligible)

Upcoming: Saturday, October 13 @ 7:30 p.m. - Youth Hayride with Koinonia class: hotdogs and smores at Sycamore Spring Orchard. Cost \$6.00 per person.

Evangelism

Meets: As needed

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

English as a Second Language classes resume

ESL classes have resumed. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, contact Emily Myallis (emilymyallis@yahoo.com; 865-0834)

Northern Lebanon CROP Hunger Walk



What is it? Crop Walk is an international event where people all around the world walk to raise money. Because we walk, families can place fences around their gardens to prevent animals from eating their crops in places like Cambodia; CROP monies also go to support local food banks.

How can I help? Walk or sponsor someone who walks. Invite your friends to come and walk.

When and where does this happen?

October 21, 2012, 1:30 PM (Registration opens at 1) at Memorial Lake.

What if I want more info? Contact Monica Bortz - 679-2621 or monicabortz@yahoo.com

Global Mission Sunday

On October 7, we will hear from our returning missionaries, Sam Harclode and Elizabeth Frey about their ministry (and adventures!) in South Africa and Malaysia. They will give a presentation during the Sunday School hour, 9 to 10 AM. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate God's work across the globe. We rejoice at how we can, as a global church, spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Jonestown Outreach pantrY - JOY

Wish list:

Canned fruit & juice	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned meats	Toilet paper
Shampoo	Deodorant
Dish detergent	Diapers, sizes 2 & 4

The JOY pantry will move at the end of Sept. They will relocate to 48 W. Market St.

October Hours: 2nd & 4th Weeks of the month

Thursdays, Oct. 11 & 25 @ 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Fridays, Oct. 12 & 26 @ 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Joy sorting schedule:

Tuesdays, Oct. 9 & 23 @ 9:30 – 11:30 am

Mondays, Oct. 15 & 29, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

The JOY Pantry will be having a bake sale on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00AM – 2:00PM in front of the Shear Elegance Hair Salon, Jonestown. Donations of baked goods, cookies, cupcakes, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please consider baking and supporting this fundraiser. Baked goods can be dropped off at our new location, during our distribution times on Thursday, Oct. 11, 5:30 – 7:00 pm and Friday, October 12, 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Thank you.

Welcome to our New Members

We welcomed people from three families this Rally Day. You can see their photos on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Steph Harmon: Steph has been a part of the Zion's family off and on since she was married here in 1998. Her husband Ed grew up attending Sunday school at Zions and now we get to "officially" welcome Steph and their children. She, her husband Ed, and their two children Reilly (age 7) and Hunter (age 5) live in Jonestown. Steph works as the Watershed Specialist for the Lebanon County Conservation District (If you want to know about rain barrels, she is the person to go to) and Ed is the Assistant Program Director for Youth Advocates, Inc. Her mentor and friend is Elaine Ludwig. The Harmons are long time Phillies (all) sports and Alabama football fans!

Heather, Kylee and Tori Moyers: If the name Kylee Moyers sounds familiar, it is because she was confirmed at Zion's this past Spring. Kylee is very artistic and enjoys crafts. Tori, the other Moyers daughter, has been singing in our junior choir and this past summer

enjoyed Camp Kirchenwald for the first time. Heather and her husband Jes were married at Holy Trinity in Lebanon, but now live in the Jonestown area. They own and operate Maxim Contractors. The family is glad to have found a home at Zion's. Mentor family: the Travis and Nancy Ludwig.

Matt, Leah and Derek Wolfe: Some of you might recognize Matt, a Northern Lebanon High School grad or Leah, who is an autistic support

teacher at Fredericksburg Elementary. They recently moved to the area with their son, Derek (whom we hope will go to our preschool when he gets big enough!). They began attending a Lutheran church after their marriage; they found it a nice mixture of their own religious upbringings. And yes, count Matt as one more big Penn State fan in our congregation. Their mentor family is the McQuaides.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER

CHAIR: NOEL STRATTAN (DNS@TELECOMMUTE.NET; 865-7747)

Free Test Drive - Senior Choir

Would you like to sing in the choir but don't have the time in your busy schedule for an hour of rehearsal every Wednesday night? Maybe you've sat in church and thought, "What is it like to stand in the front of the church surrounded by 20 harmonious voices singing praises to God?" Here's your chance to find out. October 28, Reformation Sunday, will be Zion's first "try the choir" Sunday. That day, the choir will be open to anyone who would like to try the choir experience – no strings (or robes) attached. You'll be placed aside one of our experienced members who will walk you through the song. Interested? First, contact Joel Guldin, choir director (mjguldin@comcast.net), then attend a 15 minute rehearsal on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Can't make it Oct. 24? Stay for 15 minutes after church on October 21. Try us, you'll like us!

Worship for October

Oct 7: Global Mission Sunday
Heb 2:5-12 & Mark 10:17-31

Oct 14: Jesus and Marriage
Heb 4:12-16 & Mark 10:2-16

Oct 21: Greatness
Junior and Cherub choir to sing!
Heb 5:1-10 & Mark 10:35-45

Oct 28: Reformation Sunday
Heb 7:23-28 & Mark 10:46-52

Nursery for Fall

The nursery has moved back from the social hall to the Sunday School wing for the Fall. The nursery will open after the children's message. *Note: Children in kindergarten are expected to remain in worship and we have a very limited number of nursery volunteers; it may be that some weeks the nursery is unstaffed; a note will be posted on the nursery door in this case.*

A note about our choirs!

Our choirs are always looking for new voices!



Senior Choir

For: High school or older
Director: Joel Guldin (865-3603;
mjguldin@comcast.net)

Junior Choir

For: children and youth, 2nd – 8th grade
Directors:
Elaine Ludwig (865-3757;
eludadvo@comcast.net)
Travis Ludwig (583-2256;
tludwig@pinnaclehealth.org)
Practices: Sunday mornings 9:45-10:10

Cherub Choir

For: children ages 3 to 1st grade
Directors:
Deb Reiner (861-5548; adreiner74@gmail.com)
Steph Livingston (865-1676;
maslogmama@gmail.com)
Practices: Sunday mornings 9:45-10:10

Activities: 14 members and friends attended the meeting and following devotions, made plans for the upcoming Hayride to be held October 13 in coordination with the Youth group. All hands on deck - - we can use all the help we can get; on November 3 is the Hollyberry Bazaar. This event has been very successful in the past. Bring your crafts, baked good and more. Direct questions to Janet Bird, jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636.

Upcoming events:

- ❖ Hayride
- ❖ HollyBerry Bazaar

Start to prepare your jellies & jams, crafts & treats!

Next meeting is November 10 @ 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome!

Hollyberry Bazaar: Saturday, November 3rd, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Crafts, Christmas decorations, Themed baskets, Baked goods, Christmas cookies, Assorted Jellies, Chow Chow, Chicken corn noodle soup, Candy, Plants, Children's table. Come for Lunch: Koinonia's famous BBQ sandwiches, soup, hot dogs, beverages.

New this year: A table of used books. Donations of all genres of books are welcome. Please place them in the box in the rear of the social hall from now until the week of the bazaar. Donations of handmade crafts, items for the children's table, plants, theme baskets, and homemade cookies, candies, and jellies are also welcome and may be brought to church the week of the bazaar. If you have any questions, contact Pris Ott or Karen Hitz.



Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Barbara Brandt:

Given by Joanne & Fred Brassart, Christa Brassart, Shirley Longbothum, and Gregory Trautman.

In Memory of Donald Winklebleck:

Given by John & Irene Fortna.

COUNCIL

Meets: 2nd Thursday of EACH Month

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

Highlights from September 13, 2012 Council Meeting

- 1) PASTOR'S REPORT: A brief picture presentation of Christ's hand at work through Zion's was given, including: Bible Studio & WV Mission trip. Received positive feedback on The Bible Studio and hope to grow on summer's success. Pastor emphasized continued need to offer ministries that give people of different generations opportunities to be together in faith and fellowship; he thanked the Christian Education committee for their willingness to try the Bible Studio this summer. Pastor also mentioned that various Lutheran churches in Lebanon County are working toward forming a multi-congregation parish that would share pastors and ministries.
- 2) WORSHIP & MUSIC: Pleased with the new seating arrangement by the church choirs, it proved to be very effective. Due to new singers, additional Jr. Choir gowns are needed! Council approved the purchase of these gowns from the Memorial Fund. Mention was also made of the 'find' by the organ repairman. The bellows from the original Bachman organ has been found in the attic. Dating back to the 1700's! Thanks to the Jonestown Male Chorus for contributing the tuning of the sanctuary piano.
- 3) EVANGELISM: We welcomed new members on Rally Sunday. In October the big events are the Crop Walk and Trick-or-Treating at Zion's.
- 4) JONESTOWN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Jonestown area Thanksgiving dinner set for Nov 10.
- 5) RENOVATIONS: Council has received estimated costs on organ, elevator and roof repairs/renovations. Still seeking balcony improvement estimates and final social hall numbers.
- 6) RENTAL PROPERTY: Rental move in date has been revised to November 1.

Financial Update: August Revenue: \$14,215.63; Expenses: \$16,785.67. YTD Income (Loss): (-\$9,808.72)

Note: Over half our YTD deficit consists of down payment on Mohn property.

RENTAL (Mohn) PROPERTY UPDATE:

The property management team headed by Lynn Kleinfelter has begun the demolition/reconstruction phase of preparing the property. If you've ever done remodeling, you know more issues crop up as you go. This is also true for us. Work is continuing and if you have re-modeling 'skills' and are willing to donate some of your time, please contact Lynn, 821-2586, lynnk@verizon.net. Many hands make light work!

The clean & paint crew headed by Ed Ludwig will follow the 'skilled' laborers for the final prep. Two items of note for the congregation:

1- If you are interested in volunteering for the clean & paint team, contact Ed (865-3757, eludadvo@comcast.net)

2- Although we're advertising the unit as 'unfurnished' we will consider slightly used items of furnishings and appliances. Again, contact Ed, please don't just 'donate' them unannounced.

Ed Ludwig, Council liaison for rental property



SUNDAY



October 2012



	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday</div>	1 6:30pm ESL	2 1:00 pm WELCA	3 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	4	5	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8 NO ESL	9	10 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	11 7:00 pm Council	12	13 7:30 pm Hayride Koinonia & Youth Joint event
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	15 6:30pm ESL	16 15th Newsletter Deadline	17 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	18	19	20
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	22 6:30pm ESL	23	24 5:30 Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/King's kids 7:35 Sr. Choir	25	26	27
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	29 6:30pm ESL	30	31 9:00 am sewing HALLOWEEN			

Lebanon County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Oct. 13 -**Pork and sauerkraut dinner** to benefit the Lebanon Rescue Mission Free Clinic, 4:00-7:00 PM at Salem Lutheran Church, Lebanon. Tickets are \$7.00 and will be sold at the door, but advanced tickets may be purchased from Janet Bird. Contact her at jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend the dinner.

The annual **free Thrivent movie** will be Mon., Oct.22 at 6:00 at the Allen Theater. This year there will be a short Davy and Goliath movie followed by a movie about Johann Sebastian Bach. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend, and there will be a drawing for door prizes. No advanced tickets are needed, just come and enjoy. If you have questions, contact Janet Bird.

UPCOMING: The annual Thrivent Financial for Lutherans **member dinner** and election will be held Sunday, Nov. 4 at 1:00 in the new fellowship hall of Palm Lutheran, Palmyra. The buffet style meal will be catered by Lisa's Café. Thrivent members will receive a mailing with further details.

Worship Participants for October

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Counters	Nursery	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
7	Janelle Hess	Brian Adams	Jim Adams	Becca Hoffer Donny Redinger	Larry & Sharon Houser	Rikki & Tim Weimer	Global Mission	Emily Myallis
14	Doug Watson	Daryl Hess	Joe Sandbakken	Joseph Beidler Riley Houser	Kelly Rittle & Ashley Schade	Ashley & Andy Schade	Pastor Rob	Angela Evans
21	Rita Meneses	Michael Johnsen	Noel Strattan	Ellie Ludwig Eric Schulden	Darryl Bush & Deb Reiner	Laura & Darryl Bush	Ed Ludwig	Tovie Kleinfelter
28	Doug Watson	Jim Adams	Lynn Kleinfelter	Jacob Beidler Dylan Houser	Fran Phillips & Deb Long	Pam & Kyle Brightbill	Pastor Rob	Noel Strattan

Altar Guild	Ushers	Getting to know you time	Communion Assistants
Pam Bixler Dawn Wolfe	Al Reiner, Cathy Houser, Angela Evans, John Mohn Jr.	Worship & Music Committee	7,14 Noel Strattan, Angela Evans 21,28 Cathy Houser, Sharon Houser