



# Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

February 2014

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

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"Let it go"

These words have been ringing, singing and bouncing off the walls in my house the past few weeks. In Disney's latest hit movie, Frozen, one of the main characters sings a great song called "Let it go." Both my daughters love it and have sung it over and over and over again.

As much as I might tire of the song, I need to hear its key words - "Let it go"- again and again in my life. In church we often use the phrase "Let go and let God." Most of know that we should let go, giving things over to God. Yet this is quite difficult, especially when life becomes uncertain. So we need to hear this word over and over, reminding us to give life over to God.

One of the big areas of uncertainty for me right now relates to the internship program at our church. I am having some trouble letting go here!

Let me start with what is certain: Things are working out. I truly enjoy working with Vicar Daniel Clark. He has blessed our congregation and Zion Grantville. I believe we have helped him hone skills that will bless him as he begins his ordained ministry. At the end of the day, we will have to say goodbye to him. In February, he will be assigned (through an NBA-like draft) to a region of the country and then ultimately a synod (a collection of 100 to 200 congregations). Hopefully in spring he will interview with congregations and then in summer, be ordained and begin his first call. We will rejoice with him, but we will certainly miss him.

What is uncertain: Who will be our intern next year? Will we get an intern next year? What gifts but also growth areas will they bring?

This week I will submit a 16 page application for an intern, just as I did last year. I know I need to let go and totally trust God. But I wish I had control over the process or at least certainty of its outcome.

Ironically, my past should preach to me. Last year, we did not get an intern through the normal process, but a mutual friend connected me with Daniel. God provided in an amazing way. So I shouldn't be nervous or worried, right? God has provided and God will continue to provide.

"Let it go"

At this point, I actually do feel pretty good about the prospects of Zion's getting a good intern; or some other situation working itself out. But this has been a three month journey for me of letting go. I've been reminded that letting go isn't a one-time event. It's a process of God teaching me to trust him. I always need to hear God's promise, reminding me of his grace, of his presence and of his providence.

As I wrote this, the Seminary called to discuss the intern interview process. They informed me that they have 26 interns for 36 spots. I began to pace when I heard this, contemplating all sorts of plans and back-up plans. But then later that night, my daughters sang "Let it go" again. Thank God for the constant reminder in my life to trust God's providence. I -- and I think all of us -- need this every day.

In Christ,

Pastor Rob

## Lebanon County Christian Ministries

### (LCCM) Wish List:

#### Food Bank:

Canned Chili  
Canned Pasta  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Soup  
Canned Vegetables  
Sandwich Bags  
Dessert Size Paper plates

#### Clothing Bank:

Bath Towels  
Hand Towels  
Wash Cloths  
Blankets  
Sheet Sets  
**Other:**  
Laundry Soap  
Diapers  
Deodorant - Mens &  
Womens

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

## Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

### Wish List:

#### Food Bank:

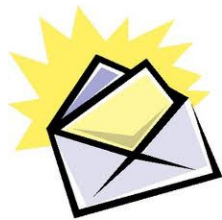
Pancake syrup & Mix  
Mac & Cheese  
Jams & Jellies  
Peanut Butter  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Meats  
Canned Stews  
Baby Food  
Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn  
Place contributions in the container marked "JOY" in social hall. **(Watch expiration dates)**

#### Other:

Tissues  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Diapers  
Dish detergent  
Toilet Tissue

## Homebound Members Birthday

Ingrid Erb                      Birthday: Feb. 26  
48 Supervisor Dr.              Ph: 865-5850  
Jonestown, PA 17038



## Spang Crest Volunteer Needs

1. Chapel pianist- one Sunday a month 2:30-3:30
2. Gift shop workers 9:30-1, 1-4 or Sat. 11-1
3. Provide entertainment
4. Sell Weavers Bologna @ PA Christmas Craft Show
5. Sell Weavers Bologna at Farm Show in Hbg. Sharon Campbell, Zion's key person, did this in 2013 and they raised \$4,000 with this project.
6. Assist with Chicken Bar-be-ques

If interested, contact Karen Kreiser @ 274-1495 or [kkreiser@luthercare.org](mailto:kkreiser@luthercare.org).

## Spang Crest Bingo Prize Donations

Donations of the following prizes would be appreciated. Please give all donations to Sharon Campbell, Spang Crest key person. Thank you.

- Kleenex
- Candy (individually wrapped)
- Snack Foods
- Toothpaste
- Jewelry (long necklaces)
- Perfume/Cologne/After Shave
- Quarters (to spend in the gift shop)
- Large print word find books
- Hair items (scrunchies, barettes, etc.)



# Thanks

Heartfelt thanks for the many Christmas Greetings I received and also for the beautiful poinsettia. I appreciate them very much. - Ingrid Erb



### King's Kids

King's kids is a "Biblical Playdate" designed for little ones ages 0-3 but is welcoming of siblings and children of older ages too! We ask that a parent/adult join their child (ren). We meet weekly for play and monthly for special events. For more info contact Emily Myallis, at [emily.myallis@yahoo.com](mailto:emily.myallis@yahoo.com).

#### Upcoming Events:

Feb. 5 - Valentine Craft

Feb. 12 - fun with Vicar Daniel

Feb. 19 - a kid-friendly Tour of the Sanctuary

Feb. 26 - Hawaiian Tea Party

(Thanks to our special guests in February for leading our sessions: Vicar Daniel, Noel Strattan and Christine Techky)

### Women's Bible Study

You are invited to attend a new Bible Study led by Emily Myallis. We are currently using the study called: "Bad Girls of the Bible". This study meets Monthly on a Thursday 9pm-10pm. Contact Emily Myallis if interested @ [emily.myallis@yahoo.com](mailto:emily.myallis@yahoo.com), 865-0834.

### Talent Show!

This summer our youth are taking a Mission Trip to West Virginia. Along with 60 people from Lebanon County, they will work on Habitat for Humanity homes for some of the poorest people in the country. To help cover the costs of the trip, we will have a fundraiser Talent Show at 7 PM on March 23. People of all ages and gifts are welcome to share their talents. Thrivent Financial for Lutheran will partially match gifts given this night, so if you are thinking about sponsoring the youth, please consider giving it this night.

### Wednesday Night's at Zions:

5:30-6:15: Community Dinner

6:15-6:45: Joyful Spirits

6:45 - 7:30: Bible Study or  
King's Kids

### Mission Trip Update

Blitz Build

June 15-21, 2013

Meeting after church

on Feb 9.



### Serving as Acolyte

Max Ludwig has agreed to be the head acolyte. Posted on the large bulletin board in the gathering area, you will find an acolyte schedule. If you cannot make your scheduled time, please try to find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, please contact Max at (717) 583-2256 or [hip.heads@verizon.net](mailto:hip.heads@verizon.net). If you know anyone who is interested in being an acolyte, please direct them to Max. Feel free to contact him with any questions, concerns or information changes as needed. Thanks to Kenny Redinger for serving in this position for the last five years.

## Highlights from January 9, 2014 Council Meeting:

1. Reorganization: The following people were elected to the Executive Council:

President – Deb Reiner                      Vice President – Tom Mohn                      Treasurer – Cathy Houser

Secretary – Church Secretary              Financial Secretary – Deb Long

Committee chairs and council liaisons were also approved. A complete list of these may be found outside of the church office.

2. Goals for 2014: Pastor proposed the following goals for 2014:

- Lead 275th anniversary celebration as a way to tell God’s amazing work in our congregation.
- Develop outreach ministries by bolstering support for existing ones and experimenting with new ones.
- Support intern transition.
- Strive toward financial and legal health of much larger church than existed five years ago, including a revising policy and procedures for various committees.
- Develop long-range building plan, not for immediate implementation, but to organize efforts after Social Hall project.

3. 275th update: Discussed organization of celebration dinner for 275th. In addition to a handful of fundraising projects (T-shirts, eg), the elements of the 275th celebration will be

- Celebration on Pentecost Sunday, including Confirmation of youth
- Easter Season worship that features historical liturgical elements
- Possible repair and renewal of our Baptismal Font
- Videos of our historical and present ministry
- Displays in congregation of historical elements

**The 275th Renovations Fundraising Committee is excited to announce fundraiser results–*****What is it?***

Rada Cutlery  
 Vendor Faire in April  
 Car Wash Tickets in spring  
 Yard Sale in June  
 Basket Bash in September  
 Bon Ton Community Day books  
 Food Sales at Fundraisers  
 Total raised in 2013

***How much was raised?***

\$140.85  
 738.16  
 150.00  
 846.50  
 2,287.29  
 50.00  
98.02  
 4,310.82

The fundraising committee would like to thank everyone who helped, donated, and attended our fundraisers through this past year. The efforts of Zion’s for these events truly show what can be accomplished when we work in God’s name. Not only did these efforts display the many “hidden” talents of various members of the congregation, it also served to shine the light of Zion’s to the community. All of the proceeds were used to defray the cost of the social hall renovations.

“The Salt & Light Fundraising Committee will once again be collecting items for a Basket Bash to be held this coming fall. While you are putting away Christmas décor, reorganizing and cleaning things out, please consider donating some items to this worthy and very profitable sale! The bin will be available in the gathering area for your donations. Questions about what to donate? Please see Deb Reiner. Thank you!”

**Note:** In the Annual Report, two names were accidentally omitted from the cemetery committee list. They are Tom Keefer and Dick Hitz. Thank you to both of them and the whole committee for their time and service.

## Christian Summer Camp



There are two Lutheran Bible Camps in the area: Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa. Programs begin for kindergarten students through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There are even family camps.

The camps have great facilities. Children can make new friends and try lots of activities in a safe environment. For decades members of this church (and countless other churches) have grown emotionally, socially and spiritually through these camps.

Zion's has made a commitment to the ministry and will pay for half of the cost of one week for children of members. Combined with a few other available discounts (one due to Lynn Kleinfelter; thanks!), a week of camp costs between \$150 and \$200. Should there be a financial need, Lutheran Church Camping in Central Pennsylvania offers camperships that will help you pay your 50% fee.

Visit the Camping Website [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org) to learn more! Brochures/registration forms are on the counter at the small bulletin board in the gathering area or on the bulletin board in the lower level foyer. If you have any questions, contact Janet Bird ([jbird75@comcast.net](mailto:jbird75@comcast.net) or 865-5636) or Lynn Kleinfelter ([lynnk@verizon.net](mailto:lynnk@verizon.net) or 865-5678)

The Youth Group has done various retreats through Camp Kirchenwald (Lebanon County) the past few years.



## Youth Calendar for February and March

### **Sunday, Feb 2: Super Bowl Party, 6 PM**

We will host the youth from the United Methodist church. Video games and food also part of the evenings festivities.

### **Sunday, Feb 9: Brief meeting after church about Mission Trip**

### **Friday, Feb 28: 30 hour Famine**

This lock-in with other Lutheran groups in Lebanon County will be based out of Paramount in Annville. If you have questions about this, you can contact Penny Boltz from St. James Lutheran, [mrsp3b@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsp3b@yahoo.com). It will begin on Friday night and go through Saturday night.

### **Sunday, March 9: Youth Group Night**

We will head over to the United Methodist church as they host us.

### **Sunday, March 23: Youth Talent Show**

Everyone showcases their God-given talents! This is an awesome night and a great fundraiser for the youth mission trip.

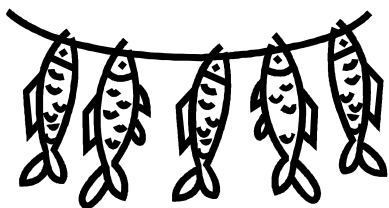
## Missionary Update

The latest newsletter from Hannah Wolfe, our sponsored youth missionary in South Africa, is posted on the notice board. We want to share with you how Hannah opens this newsletter:

*This second installment of my YAGM Newsletter about my year in South Africa is dedicated to Zion's Lutheran Church in Jonestown, PA, who chose to support me before they knew me, and have continued to make me feel as though I am loved and cared for by people at home, even people I've only met in person once. Their deep interest in my journey and hunger for a truly global church has inspired me this year. (I am also especially thankful for the lovely Christmas cards from home!)*

So thank you to everyone who sent Christmas cards and good wishes to this remarkable young woman. It is inspiring to think that our congregation's ministry is impacting (and impacted!) by Hannah's ministry in South Africa. You can read more here:

<http://searchingforlogos.wordpress.com/>



Date: Sunday February 16

Time: Dinner starts at 5 pm. Discussion will follow

What is it: A potluck where you will bring your favorite meal prepared with game you have got. If you are not a hunter or fisherman but would like to attend you can bring a side dish.

What we will do: Following dinner we will reflect on the joy of hunting/ fishing and on a God who provides for us. We will hear from a local celebrity hunter.

What to bring: food, an appetite, a hunting story, pictures on a flash drive, deer mount.

Questions: Vicar Daniel Clark, [zvicar@comcast.net](mailto:zvicar@comcast.net)

## New Members

The last Sunday of January we welcomed new members. We will publish brief bios for them in the March newsletter.

### Creating Invitational Materials

We are working on creating invitational materials for people to hand out to friends/coworkers/family or neighbors. If you have an eye for graphic design, let Elaine Ludwig or Pastor Rob know.

### Job Fair April 3, 2014

We are planning on hosting a job fair Thursday, April 3, 2014. Our aim is to host between 10-15 employers and 2-3 social service agencies dealing with employment.

- **Do you know an HR/hiring manager for your company?** If so, ask them about coming by. We will have materials ready by mid February to distribute to employers.
- **Would you like to help with publicity?** We want to reach out to employers, but also employees. We will need help with signs. See Pastor Rob if interested.

## Game Dinner



### Message from Brian Miller

"We are doing well and have settled into our new home. Maria has been busy making our house a home and Nathaniel has adjusted well to Manchester High School. The teachers have all been very helpful by spending time with Nathaniel after school to help him get caught up on his studies.

He was pretty upset when he learned you got a nice snowfall recently...we just got rain. Last Saturday it reached into the mid-70's. Maria and I have no problem with that, but Nathaniel wants snow.

I have been enjoying my new job...it's been 5 months already! The employees are great and I'm much happier in an environment where I can make a positive difference. I'm so grateful to be given this opportunity and now can see how God was at work in our lives.

Please let everyone know we miss Zion's and have such wonderful memories. We were so blessed during our time with you all. We will never forget your love and generosity."

### Memorial Fund in memory of Dorothy Mohn

Marlin & Marilyn Boyer  
Glen & Joan Cousins  
Donald & Sharon Davis  
Elaine Blouch Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Snyder Jr.

Harold & Grace Dennis  
MaryAnn Nelson  
Ed & Elaine Ludwig  
Leone & Charlotte Gerberich  
Dr. Harvey & Margeret Smith

## In Memoriam

Blessed are those  
who mourn,  
for they will be  
comforted.

Matthew 5:4

### In memory of Catherine Schaeffer

Harold & Grace Dennis

### In memory of Donald Winklebleck

Harold & Grace Dennis

Recently we purchased liquid wax candles through the memorial fund. These will make it easier for acolytes to light, will create much less mess and will save us money in the long run. Thank you everyone for your generosity. A beautiful reminder that the light of the saints who have gone before us still shines.

### Pastor Rob and Emily recommend: Lutheran Marriage Encounter

We encourage you to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend. They are awesome. The Pennsylvania Spring Weekends are:

- **March 28-30, 2014** at Park Inn Radisson, West Middlesex, PA, where each couple has a king bed and their own hot tub -- an hour north of Pittsburgh, just off of Interstate 80
- **April 25-27, 2014** at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel in State College—Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of the Nittany Mountains

We are also accepting registrations for the fall Weekends: **September 12-14, 2014** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA in the heart of the Poconos and **September 26-28, 2014** at Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA, an hour north of DuBois. Weekends are for married couples whether you have been married only a few months or upwards of 50 years, and they run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Speak with Pastor Rob about the \$45 registration fee.

Simply go to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and sign up using a credit card to pay the \$45 registration fee, or mark the option to pay by check, and you will be notified where to send your check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

# Zion's Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend

June 20-22, 2014



We are again staying at the Roman Holiday. It is a beachfront property in North Wildwood, 6 (short) blocks north of the Boardwalk. Some arrive Thursday, June 19 and leave Monday, June 23, and others will spend just the weekend. We will have our 9 A.M. church service Sunday.

## Rooms and Cost:

- 1- Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6) \$110 -or- 2-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 8) \$165
- All units are suites located on floors one, two, or three; they have elevators!
  - Sales & occupancy taxes are 14%
  - There are no extra charges for additional persons.
  - 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

Reservations may be made by

- Mailing the form
- Calling the Roman Holiday directly at (609)522-3111 (winter months Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9 AM-3PM)
- E-mailing [stay@romanholidayresort.com](mailto:stay@romanholidayresort.com).
- Do not reserve through the hotel website, since it is not set up to handle the group discount.

To keep in mind:

- Checks or credit cards are accepted. (3% surcharge for credit card) If you have questions, contact Janet Bird at 865-5636 or the Roman Holiday Motel.
- This special group rate is only guaranteed available until May 31.

If you have questions, call Janet Bird 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## What is the Koinonia Class?

Koinonia means "fellowship" in Greek. Bible writers like Paul use the word to describe the spiritual, emotional, and even financial bonds within the Christian community. The Koinonia class at Zion's provides service for the church, by gifting all monies raised, back to the church in the form of various projects. We also gather together for social events, which we open to the entire congregation.

## Upcoming Social Events

Feb. 16– group will attend the Jonestown Male Chorus concert at Zion's  
April 12– dinner buffet at the Dutchway Restaurant in Myerstown (watch for a sign-up sheet on the small bulletin board in the Gathering Area)  
June 20 – 22 – hosting the annual shore trip  
If you would like to come to one of our meetings to help plan events and fundraisers, we meet the 2nd Sat of the odd months (March is the next meeting)

## Planning ahead!

Sat. Nov. 1 – Hollyberry Bazaar  
During the cold winter months, it's a good time to work on crafts that you might like to donate to the bazaar. We have appreciated all of the additional help we received at past bazaars and your generosity in providing cookies, jellies, crafts, books, gift baskets, etc.

## Officers for 2014

President – Sharon Davis  
Vice Pres. – Judy Soondar  
Secretary – Pat Keefer  
Treasurer – Ken Hess





# February 2014



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3:00 Women's Exercise 6:00 pm Youth Super Bowl party	3 6:30 ESL	4 6:30 pm Christian Ed mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music mtg.	5 5:30 Meal 6:15 <b>JOYFUL SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Bible Study/King's kids	6	7	1 8 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Mission trip mtg after worship <b>NO Women's Exercise</b>	10 6:30 ESL	11 7:00 pm Finance mtg.	12 5:30 Meal 6:15 <b>JOYFUL SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Bible Study/King's kids	13 7:00 pm Council	14	15 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
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23 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3:00 Women's Exercise Getting to know you time	24 6:30 ESL	25	26 9:00 am sewing 5:30 Meal 6:15 <b>JOYFUL SPIRITS</b> 6:45 Bible Study/King's kids	27 9:00 pm Women's Bible Study	28 30-Hour Youth famine	

Upcoming:

- March 5 - Ash Wednesday
- March 23 - Youth Talent Show - see Pastor to sign up!
- April 3 - Job Fair
- June 15 - Youth Mission Trip
- June 20 - Koinonia Shore Weekend
- Sept. 7 - Rally Sunday, Fall Carnival



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Concert:**

Presented by the Jonestown Male Chorus will be held Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 pm here at Zions. This is a free concert, followed by a social.

## Worship Participants for February

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Acolytes	Counters	Nursery	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
2	Linda Wenrich	Lynn Kleinfelter	Lynn Kleinfelter	Paige Sebastian Riley Houser	Larry & Sharon Houser	Rikki Weimer Carly High	Jim Adams	Stephanie Livingston
9	Donald Davis	Brian Adams	Noel Strattan	Jacob & Joseph Beidler	Ken Nelson Jr. Kelly Rittle	Cathy & Riley Houser	Terry Ludwig	Kristin Hoffer
16	Tovie Kleinfelter	Daryl Hess	Joe Sandbakken	Tori Moyers Elly Ludwig	Darryl Bush Deb Reiner	Monica Bortz Ms. Moyers	Brian Adams	Sharon Davis
23	Leah Wolfe	Michael Johnsen	Lukas Quanbeck	Dylan Houser Noah Bender	Deb Long	Darryl & Laura Bush	Pastor Rob	Noel Strattan

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants
Dawn Wolfe Pam Bixler	Mike Long, Philip Mohn, James Cascarino, Linda Toth	2,9 - Pam Bixler, Linda Wenrich 16,23 - Ken Hess, Dean Hess



**Angel Tree:** The Angel tree was decorated with Angels. On each Angel was a gift request for a child from a needy family in our area. As you can see from the picture to the right, many gifts were purchased and delivered to those families.

Christmas Dinner fixins' were also provided by monetary donations from the congregation.

(not pictured) Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child was also supported this Christmas season with gift boxes sent to countries all over the world to spread the word and joy of Christmas!



These YUMMY nativity scenes were made by King's Kids group. They meet on Wednesday nights at 6:45. King's kids is a "Biblical Playdate" designed for little ones ages 0-3 but is welcoming of siblings and children of older ages too! We ask that a parent/adult join their child(ren). We meet weekly for play and monthly for special events.



Each year our Lego Nativity scene continues to grow. This year it was highlighted in the January 2014 Lutheran Magazine. See it online at: [http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=11800](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11800)



**Zion's Christmas Tree** - You may notice the abundance of stars adorning our tree this year. These stars represent God's light to the world, Jesus Christ. Stars on our tree represent designs used around the world, such as the Polish Star with its many spikes and the Finnish star which appears woven and lacy. The German Star, also called the Froebel star (German: Fröbelstern) dates back to at least the 19th century and has been used for many years to decorate our tree, reflecting our German heritage. The Moravian Star tops the tree with its many points, symbolic of Christ's concern for all people. The Scandinavian-inspired star has eight points. The eight point star is the Star of Redemption or Regeneration and represents baptism. Eight is traditionally the number of regeneration, and thus many baptismal fonts have an octagonal base. And, if you spent December in India, you'd see hundreds of glowing stars swinging merrily from the rooftops. In the south of India, Christians make star-shaped paper lanterns called puntis (pronounced "PUN-thees") for Christmas. Like the five pointed stars on our Christmas tree, puntis represent the star of Bethlehem. The first Christmas, people followed the light of the star to Christ, and we still follow his light today. For Jesus said, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."** (John 8:12)



Sunday School Christmas Pageant:  
WSTR Eyewitness News -  
Brought us live reporting from  
Bethlehem on that blessed night.

A Big THANK YOU to all who  
participated and to Joel Guldin for  
producing this pageant.

We'll stay tuned for more news in  
the new year!