



Zion Lutheran Monthly



September 2012

Stephen Ministry

Over the last several weeks, our Bible in a Year readings have had us walk through the book of Job. A book unlike any other, Job hits on a topic we are all familiar with: suffering. Questions are raised when God is all-powerful and all-good, and evil and suffering are all too real.

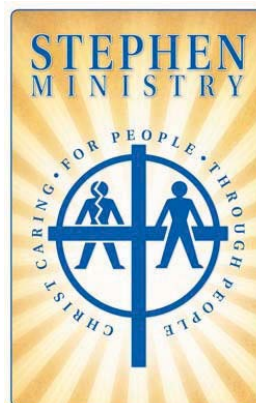
Without getting into the subtleties of this area of theology, known as Theodicy, I want to point to something Zion Lutheran Church is going to do to give Christ's peace and comfort to those who are going through events and periods of time horrifyingly reminiscent of Job. Early last month, I attended a Stephen Ministry Leadership Training Conference in downtown Pittsburgh. For fifty hours, I learned how to train and lead a Stephen Ministry at our church. Long story short, Stephen Ministers (which are different from Stephen Leaders) meet with people who are going through difficult times to provide Christ-centered care in a formal "caring relationship." Some examples of people who might benefit from a Stephen Minister are a surviving spouse, someone with a long-term illness, a parent whose last child has gone off to college, the unemployed, a new parent, a person who has experienced spiritual, physical, mental, financial or relational hardship. (Stephen Leaders link "care receivers" with "care givers" and oversee continuing education classes and routine meetings of the Stephen Ministers.)

The training to become a Stephen Minister is extensive (50 hours total), but, having gone through the training seven years ago, I can tell you that it is worth every minute! Not only does Stephen Ministry training prepare you for being a Stephen Minister, it equips you to be a better listener and care-giver in your existing relationships.

We are going to be having a couple of informal Informational Meetings for those who would either like to know more about Stephen Ministry or who are considering going through Stephen Ministry Training. The first of these Informational Meetings will be on September 2nd following Bible Study (11:15) in the Undercroft of the Church. The second meeting will be at 7:30pm on Monday, September 10th in the Conference Room in the Church basement.

Please prayerfully consider if this ministry is something you would like to do, or is something you believe God is calling you to do.

Grace and Peace,
In Christ,
Pastor Duncan McLellan



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Stephen Ministry Training Schedule

Interested in Stephen Ministry? Here's the tentative training schedule:

- 12-5:00pm 9/22
- 12-5:00pm 9/29
- 12-5:00pm 10/6
- 12-5:00pm 10/13
- 6:30-9pm 10/18
- 12-5:00pm 10/20
- 12-5:00pm 10/27
- 12-5:00pm 11/3
- 12-5:00pm 11/10
- 6:30-9pm 11/15
- 12-5:00pm 11/17

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances



There was no meeting in August, so the detail financial reports are not available. All bills through August have been paid

Bob Schmidt
Chairman



What's Happening At Zion?

It's that time of year again to begin filling the open Officer and Board positions. The Elders will be looking for a few good men and women. So if you are interested in one of these positions listed below, contact one of the Elders. Or, if an Elder asks you to serve, please prayerfully consider this unique opportunity to serve our Lord

The church needs many people to be involved. One of the ways is to share your time and talents to drive the church and school mission of preaching and teaching the Word of God and to bring the lost to faith in Christ.

Open positions:

- Chairman
- Financial Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Elders
- Trustee
- Board of Education

We established two new committees. The first committee is focused on long-term planning with an eye on how the facilities

can support the various ministries at Zion-- church, school, community, missions, and

- John Lemonovich
- Jay Anderson
- Tracey Harris
- Pastor McLellan
- Bob Schmidt

The second committee is focused on the sanctuary carpet replacement. As I'm sure you have noticed, the sanctuary carpet has seen better days. So, this committee's objective is to determine what the best replacement product(s) are--whether that be carpet, tile, hardwood, or a combination. The members of this committee are:

- Gene and Sharon Koop
- Bill and Susie Bishop
- Jay and Kim Anderson
- Pastor and Alissa McLellan

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the committees above, please let any one of the members know.

Bob Schmidt
Chairman



Oktoberfest!

2012

The 4th annual Zion Lutheran Church **Oktoberfest** is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 4:30 pm. The event will be an outdoor festival setting with German food, drinks, children's games, a DJ and more. Money raised through this event will go toward a project for new playground equipment at Zion Lutheran School.

This year, the venue will include concession stand sales of various German-style food and beverages, such as:

- Brats
- Pretzels
- German potato salad
- Pierogies
- Sauerkraut balls
- Desserts
- Root beer
- Etc.



We would like to continue to open this to as many community members as possible, so please help spread the word!

How can you help?

We are looking for volunteers on the day of the event to help set up before the festival and clean up after, as well as working the concession stands. The responsibility for leading the concession stands has already been assigned. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex, so please volunteer if you are able to assist

What is required for each concession stand operator?

- All food purchases and preparation of individual item(s). Committee will reimburse expenses, if individuals prefer not to donate.
- Develop pricing points for items, based on festival tickets. Average festival ticket value is \$.80.
- Responsible for manning the concession or assigning crew.
- Festival ticket collection for record keeping
- All serving supplies: to-go containers, plates, napkins, silverware, glasses, condiments, etc.



BOWLING!

The 2012 Zion Bowling League Schedule has been finalized! All bowling sessions take place at 6:30 and are held at AMF Bowling in Mt. Lebanon.

Sessions:

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2, 16, & 30

December 14 & 28

January 11 & 25

February 8 & 22

March 8 & 22

April 5 & 19

May 3 (Final Session)

May 17 (Proposed Bowling Banquet)



Send Us Your Photos!

One of the most popular pages on the www.zlcb.org website is the Photo Gallery. That being said, we're soliciting photos from the JONAH trip, the Car Wash and the Golf Outing or any other recent event. We're looking for photos that capture these events and highlight members of the congregation. Please send an e-mail to webmaster@zlcb.org if you have any photos you would like to share.



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| 1 Evelyn Green | 17 Catherine Watters |
| 3 Leah Quinlan | 18 Jim Neill |
| 3 Rita Trudel | 18 Lawrence Zreliaak |
| 4 Jean Blanco | 19 James Neill |
| 7 Judith Dames | 22 Gene Koop |
| 7 Elaine Ivancza | 25 Bernice DeBoe |
| 8 Andrew Klemash | 26 Melissa James |
| 10 Wayne Conn | 27 Marianne Miller |
| 10 Matthew Oelschlager | 30 Deborah Scott |
| 10 Ken Schrag | |
| 11 James Eckels | |
| 11 Grant Geregach | |
| 13 Carl Bauer | |
| 13 Karyssa Larson | |
| 13 Hannah Quinlan | |
| 14 Nancy Klemash | |
| 14 Rachael Quinlan | |
| 15 Sophia Gielarowski | |



BIRTHDAYS

Anniversary Wishes



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| 16 | Craig and Deborah Scott | 1989 |
| 18 | Robert and Jennifer Liberatore | 1999 |
| 26 | Tom and Kim Erbrecht | 1981 |
| 30 | Robert and Shelly James | 2000 |

Service Participants

September

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
September 2	9:00 AM	Lois Sauro	Anthony Vallelunga
September 9	8:00 AM	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	Grant Geregach
	10:30 AM	Rose Steranko	Mitchell Fitzgerald
September 16	8:00 AM	Carl & Karen Bauer	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 AM	Bill & Susie Bishop	Ryan Harris
September 23	8:00 AM	Wayne & Kathleen Conn	Missy Radovich
	10:30 AM	Eric & Michelle Hunsberger	Sydney Harris
September 30	8:00 AM	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 AM	Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Josiah Ackerman
October 7	8:00 AM	Dawn Geregach & family	Grant Geregach
	10:30 AM	Brian & Megan Pasquini & family	Jennifer Fitzgerald
October 14	8:00 AM	Bill & Melanie Becker	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 AM	Ken & Carol Wuerthele	Mitchell Fitzgerald

ELDERS	Michael Sterba, Ken Wuerthele
ALTAR GUILD	Paula Jones, Pam Larson, Rose Steranko
USHERS @ 9:00 am	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Ross Chilcott, Susan 'Sam' Dragan, Robert Oelschlager, Richard Quinlan

October

ELDERS	Rob Oelschlager
ALTAR GUILD	Marianne Miller, Judy Meier
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Neil Ackerman, Chuck LaJeunesse, Brian Pasquini, Lois Sauro

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secrete-

~LutherHostel~

LutherHostel 2012 will be held October 6-90 on the campus of Concordia Seminary. It is an event designed to provide growth in biblical knowledge and understanding, fun, and fellowship, and a chance to gain helpful insights for daily living. It is offered to adults age 55 and above. The theme for the event will be "One King, Two Kingdoms: Living as a Christian American." The main presenter will be Joel Biermann of Concordia Seminary.

The LutherHostel Fee is \$325 per person, which includes all meals and refreshments for the event. Housing is available on campus (on a limited basis for an additional cost) or in nearby hotels. The registration deadline is September 7.

For more information about LutherHostel, contact the Seminary's office of continuing education and parish services at 314-505-7486 or ce@csl.edu.



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The Rev. Duncan McLellan

Youth News



**Youth
Ministry**

Due to the generosity of both Camp Cilca and an anonymous donor, we collected \$2000 more for the SUMMIT than we spent. What does this mean? We are going to be refunding half of the \$200 cost of the trip for those who went! A big THANK YOU to those who went on the SUMMIT, for those who prayed for the SUMMIT and for those who supported the SUMMIT through other means.

Look for our 2013 Mission Trip to be announced in this newsletter in a couple of months.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday, September 9**. The "item of the month" is personal hygiene products. You are also welcome to help at the Food Bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 and 12:00 at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

We have summer Sunday School going on now. Rally Day will be on **September 9**, kicking off a new school year and a new year of Sunday School!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BOOT CAMP

Body & Soul Boot Camp will continue throughout the fall! Weather permitting, it will be held outdoors! If it's raining, we will meet at Tribe Fitness. Contact Alissa McLellan for any questions: 412-295-5452.

Your Strong Suit will be kicking off on **September 10** and **September 12**. It's an 8-week study on Ephesians written by Donna Pyle. The study will be offered at two separate times: Monday mornings (time TBA) and Wednesday nights (8:00-9:15 pm). If you're interested, sign up with Alissa McLellan via alissamclellan@yahoo.com or 412-295-5452, as books need to be purchased in advance.

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