



Zion Lutheran Monthly



January 2014

PRAYING FOR 2014

Three years ago, we spent a year going through the Gospel of John to gain a better understanding of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Two years ago, we spent a year reading through the Bible together to gain a better understanding of the sum total of God’s revelation to people. And last year, we spent a year memorizing Bible verses to gain a better understanding of the Christian faith. This year, we are going to spend a year focusing on prayer.

There are three things we are going to do from the start to turn our attention as a congregation to this very important Christian Discipline. First, we are turning our Wednesday Bible Study into a Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching. Not only will this give people who work on Sunday morning a time to pray together and hear the gospel, it will also give people who need (or want) another time for worship and fellowship in between Sunday services an opportunity to do so. Second, we are going to spend more time on Sunday morning in prayer together. In addition to the general Prayer of the Church, we are going to use traditional Christian prayers as well as spontaneous “from the heart” prayers. Lastly, we are going to have Stephen Ministers and Elders meet at the front of the sanctuary (by the chancel or communion rail) to pray with anyone who would like a special prayer for a personal concern, praise or thanksgiving.

God speaks to us in His Word. We have the privilege of speaking to him in prayer. This year it is my prayer that we will, together, become more comfortable taking all of our requests, praises and thanksgivings to God in prayer and that he would give us the privilege of seeing him answer those prayers in ways that go above and beyond what we believed possible.

All the best,
In Christ,
Pastor Duncan McLellan

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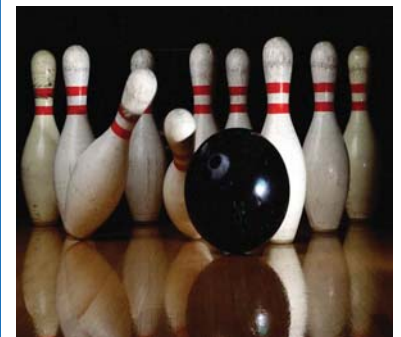
Bowling Schedule!

Week 10: Friday Jan. 10

Week 11: Friday Jan. 24

All games are played at 6:30pm at

AMF Mt. Lebanon Lanes



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

There was no Council meeting held in December, so the detail financial reports are not available. I can report that all bills through December have been paid.

May God continue to guide Zion in using our financial gifts and our talents to spread the Good News in 2014!

Just a reminder, that the next Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 9:20 AM.

I wish everyone a Blessed New Year!

Bob Schmidt
Chairman



1. Lois Klemash
1. Sharon Oechslein
3. Frank Ivancza
4. Christine Chilcott
4. John Eckels
5. Steve Dibert
5. Gloria Godfrey
6. Jay Gardner
6. Decklan Pasquini
6. Susen Radovich
6. Joseph Walsh

6. Julie Walsh
7. Thomas Bicusky
7. Luke Lemonovich
12. John Buerkle
12. Ronald Valentino
13. Debra LaJeunesse
14. Shirley Bicusky
14. Barbara Oechslein
16. Paula Gardner
16. Jacob Hartman
16. Mary Lou Neill
18. Riley Becker
18. Vickie Buzzelli
19. Diane Shuman
20. Carol Schrag
21. Shane Bryant
22. Jessica Boyle
23. Tim Sheldon

24. John Derosa
24. Will Schrag
27. Callista Chilcott
27. Molly Oelschlager
28. Alissa McLellan
29. Sara Gielarowski
31. Lillian DallaPiazza
31. Theodore Siek



8. Mark & Laurie Coleman
28. Brooks & Julie Huse
28. James & Mary Lou Neill
31. Darren & Jennifer Eliker

Sanctuary Upgrades Update

It is an exciting and transformational time for Zion as the sanctuary upgrades are scheduled to begin in mid-January. The flooring, pew refurbishment and new pew chairs are estimated to be completed four weeks after the work begins. During this time, Sunday worship services will be moved to the Fellowship Hall beneath the sanctuary. Keep an eye out for more details of the temporary changes at Zion to accommodate the work to our sanctuary.

In order to complete the fund raising efforts, we still need to raise approximately \$15,000 by the middle of February when we estimate the work will be completed. If you have been contemplating a pledge to support this project but have yet to do so and your financial situation permits, please consider participating in a “matching pledge” program. This is a simple way to let others in the congregation know that we have someone who is willing to match all donations up to a certain value. In this way, you can make your contribution go even farther toward achieving our fundraising goal. If you would like to discuss a matching pledge, please feel free to speak to one of the Sanctuary Upgrade Committee Members about the details.

As a reminder, if you elect to fill out a pledge card for a matching donation or regular donation please write on the pledge card your family-specific envelope number and print your name.

As we draw closer to the fundraising goal and the start of the sanctuary projects, we ask for your continued prayers and consideration of this project. May God bless us in our collective efforts as the Body of Christ at Zion Lutheran Church Bridgeville!

Christ’s Blessings to You,

The Sanctuary Upgrade Committee:

Jay & Kim Anderson
Bill & Susie Bishop
Gene & Sharon Koop
Duncan & Alyssa McLellan

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

JANUARY

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
January 5	8:00 AM	Joan Kovach	Chris Yellig
	10:30 AM	Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Lara Luedemon
January 12	8:00 AM	Wayne & Barb Oechslein	Grant Geregach
	10:30 AM	Jim & Marylou Neill	Jennifer Fitzgerald
January 19	8:00 AM	Joyce Wood	Augie Bishop
	10:30 AM	Elsie DallaPiazza	Josiah Ackerman
January 26	8:00 AM	George, Jane & Michael Kozak	TBA
	10:30 AM	Vince & Ginny Kimberland	Lara Luedeman
February 2	8:00 AM	Frank & Dione Vallelunga & family	Chris Yellig
	10:30 AM	Janet & Marion Oelschlager	Sydney Harris
February 9	8:00 AM	Bill & Melanie Becker	TBA
	10:30 AM	Dan & Tracy Harris & family	Jennifer Fitzgerald

ELDERS	John Gielarowski David Hutula
ALTAR GUILD	Elsie DallaPiazza Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet Zreliak, Larry Zreliak
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Steve Gauer, Dan Harris, Chuck LaJeunesse, Richard Quinlan

FEBRUARY

ELDERS	Paul Klemash John Gielarowski
ALTAR GUILD	Sara Ali
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Bill Becker, Shane Bryant, Barb and Wayne Oechslein
USHERS @ 10:30 am	John Buerkle, Vince Kimberland, Loren Ludeman, Jim Oelschlager

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zxcb.org of the change.

Email Addresses Needed! Parents, please e-mail Mary Hutula at mary.hutula@verizon.net with an e-mail address for your acolyte. This will help when scheduling changes need to be made. Thank you!



Best of 2013

2013 was a busy year for our little Zion. The following is an incomplete list of what we were blessed to do together in Jesus' name as the body of Christ:

- The Women's Bible study had three sessions: women of the Bible, Calm My Anxious Heart, Bless These Lips.
- We went on the CALM Mission Trip to Camp Pioneer (23 people) and to do some hiking in the Adirondack mountains of New York.
- We had a year-long focus on Weekly Bible Memorization.
- Two midweek Bible studies (Wednesday evening and Thursday morning).
- Beginning of Stephen Ministry and the start of a second training class!
- Our Sunday Bible Studies of: Creation, Q&A, and 2 Corinthians,
- Operation Stars and Stripes with our Sunday School.
- We did a Congregational Self-Study to help the Long-Term Planning Committee identify our priorities as a congregation.
- We became part of the Vicarage Program.
- We helped with the Tee-Up for Mites for the LWML (Golf Outing)
- We bought the wine for the LWML convention
- For the first time in a long time we sent a delegation to the LWML convention!
- We supported the Baby Bottle Coin Drive for the Pregnancy Resource Center.
- We had a net gain for the year of over two dozen new members.
- A new Voice Mail and Phone system for the church and school was installed.
- Another year of bowling!
- Kingdom Rock VBS (even with a Flood Day!)
- Men's Bible Breakfast moved to Saturday @ 8!
- Lutheran High School of Indianapolis sang for us at Lenten Service on March 6th
- Zion's Facebook Page was created!
- Zion Lions first season of slow-pitch softball.
- We continued to support (with food and money) the Bridgeville Food Bank.
- Crazy Bridge Night!
- Preschool enrollment exceeded 100 for the first time, capping out at 115.

- We had a couple of free car washes at the start and end of the summer season.
- The Sanctuary Improvement Project started (including air conditioning!)
- The Secretary Work Station project was also started (to be completed 1/14)
- 6 Students were confirmed.
- Recognition of Barb Oechslein and Paula Gardner for 20 and 25+ years of service.
- Operation Kid-to-Kid through the VBS children's offerings.
- We gave our support for Wyatt William Wansor, infant of a friend of Lauren Becker.
- 4th Annual Oktoberfest.
- Men's Monday Night Football entered its 4th season.
- South Fayette Chili Cook-Off repeat champs!
- Julie Huse became the Office Administrator.
- No Shave November raised money for charity.
- 3rd Annual Fantasy Football (also for charity).
- We had an increase in Youth Group Events (movie night, bowling...)
- A new rotational Sunday School for kids was started.
- Harvestfest II—around the bonfire!
- Christmas Caroling for the shut-ins.
- Confirmation Retreat and Lock-In replaced the traditional weekly model.
- Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the preschool.
- A "Fishy" Sunday School Christmas Program.
- The Beginning of the E3 Outreach Conference.

We also supported the ministry of Camp Pioneer, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, the Eastern District of the LC-MS, Young Life and the Lohmeyers' mission to the Dominican Republic.

In the coming year, it appears as though the Lord has opened doors for us to complete our Sanctuary Improvement Project (including air conditioning) and the secretary workstation. We very possibly will continue in the vicarage program. Lord willing, we will complete the planning of the E3 Conference and take another Mission Trip to Camp Pioneer. Our Confirmation Program will include retreats, seminars, and lock-ins. We will continue our support of the Pregnancy Resource Center, LWML, and other Christ-centered ministries. We are planning on having a Creation Science Conference at our church, host another youth choir (this one is from Nebraska), serve the community with more car washes, more bonfires and another Oktoberfest. And who knows, maybe there will be a winning season for the Zion Lions. We look to add a midweek service, focus on prayer, and continue to keep Christ at the center of our life and work together.

Bridgeville Area Food Bank

It is a great joy to have such an outpouring of generosity from the members of Zion congregation for the area children of families in need. On behalf of the Bridgeville Area Food Bank (BAFB) thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Angel Tree project. May those who gave and those who received be blessed with knowing that Jesus is the best gift of all.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in giving food throughout this past year. It has helped many families within our community.

If you wish to help out we accept all non-perishable items each month. You may place these items in the church narthex. In addition an "item of the month" will be suggested to collect what the BAFB calls extras. These items normally are not purchased on a regular basis by the BAFB but are much needed supplies for individuals and families.

The following is a list of the upcoming, "item of the month";

January – Packaged meals
(Hamburger helper, Rice-a-Roni, etc.)

February – Cereal and Breakfast food

March – Fruit (canned and dried)

April – Rice, noodles, and beans

May – Picnic condiments

June – Paper products

July – Fruit juices and drinks

August – Crackers

September – Personal Hygiene products

October – Baking supplies

November – Canned meats and proteins
(tuna, salmon, nuts, etc.)

December – Hot drinks



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you!

The staff here at Zion would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who generously gave Christmas donations. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. We love being a part of Zion and your generosity made our Christmas even Merrier. Thank you!

Pastor, Vicar and Zion Staff

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, January 12. The "item of the month" is Packaged Meals (Hamburger Helper, Rice-a-Roni, etc). You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45am and 12:00pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church

FOOD BANK

