

Zion Lutheran Monthly

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I am your Pastor and I want you to read the whole Bible in 2016.

I guess I should have tried to come up with a catchy Church Newsletter Title, or an eye-catching story or some kind of bring-you-along-with-me prose. But really what I am asking you to do is simple. Many of you have done it before. Many of you have put it off. Until now. Hopefully.

Read the Bible (the whole Bible) in 2016.

I know. I know. It's not short and you're not going to understand everything you read. But you'll understand more after you've read it and it's less than 15 minutes each day.

Still not convinced? We've got audio files on our website (zclb.org) of the Bible being read you can download and listen to on the way to work, at the gym, or when you're out walking the dog. We'll also have reading lists available on our website, in the monthly church newsletter (what you're reading now) and in the weekly church bulletin. To help you understand more of what's in the Bible, we'll have "Q n A" (like we've done with Back to Basics) for you to ask questions from what you've read.

The Scriptures are where we find Jesus. It is here that we know we have a God who loves us and a Savior who died for us. It is in the Scriptures that we know who we are, whose we are, and what the purpose of our life is. It is in the Scriptures that we know what will become of us and the ones we love. And it is in the Scriptures where we come to know that, in the end, God will reign over his perfect creation with his saints forever and ever. The Scriptures place our feet firmly on the solid ground of reality. They were meant to be talked about. They were meant to be taught and proclaimed. But more than that, they were meant to be read.

Yours, in Christ,

Pastor Duncan McLellan



Chairman's Report

Dear Zion Congregation,

This past year a small group of individuals reviewed, modified, added and removed text from the Constitution and Bylaw's of Zion. These changes are being made to ensure that the Constitution and Bylaw's align with the existing church practices, processes and to clean up some typing errors.

The revised document is available to those individuals who have access to the Internet by typing www.zlcb.org/constitution. We have password protected the document, since this page is intended solely for the use of members of Zion Lutheran Church. You will be asked to type in a password. The password was sent to Email addresses that the church has on record. If you did not receive the password, please contact one of the following individuals:

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Note the text that has a line through the center of it (Strikethrough or Strikeout) is text that will be removed. Text that is highlighted in grey is text that has been added.

In order to change the Constitution and Bylaws we must adhere the: **Power to amend this Constitution and establish Bylaws.**

1. **The voters may adopt such Bylaws as may be required for the accomplishment of its purpose.**
2. **Article III (Doctrinal Standard) of the Constitution shall be unalterable and irrevocable. The remainder of the Constitution may be amended at a regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly, provided:**
 - a. **They do not conflict with the provisions laid down in Article III.**
 - b. **The proposed amendment(s) have been submitted in writing at the previous meeting of the Voters.**
 - c. **An affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the voting members present is received.**

We plan to discuss the changes at the January 24 voters meeting. Please take the time to review the document prior to the meeting. If you have any suggestions or corrections, please email bobschmidt47@gmail.com or contact me.

Paper copies are available in the narthex for those who don't have Internet access.

Bob Schmidt
Chairman

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A very special Thank you to all who helped with the Adopt a Grandparent program to provide hand creams to seniors. They collected enough for almost 700 gifts!

-Ginny Kimberland

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Christ Lutheran church (LCMS) of forest hills would like to thank the members of Zion who have brought in their used portals of prayer and other prayer booklets. They are being sent to a state correctional facility in PA and are gratefully received. Through these used portals of prayer God's saving word continues to be proclaimed! With thanks to God and you and hope you can continue to gather the prayer booklets.

-Gerry Hildenbrand



Calling All Zion Artists



Zion will be having an artists' exhibit in the Fellowship Hall January 16th 2016. Paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography, ceramics, fiber art, art-form jewelry, and more may be submitted. It may be current or past original works of art. Art show entries will be accepted from members of Zion.

To further enjoy this event, there will be a reception cocktail party Saturday, Jan. 16th from 7pm - 10pm.

We know Zion's got talent, now lets see it!

Preschool News

December was a very busy month for us. We had two Christmas Programs, two Christmas shopping days (which is an extra- long lunch bunch) with pizza and a movie, Chapel , a scavenger hunt looking for Christmas symbols and class Christmas parties! Whew....I'm still tired! I hope some of you had a chance to see our Christmas Programs....the children did an amazing job lifting their little voices up to God. Their favorite song was "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and their voices weren't so "little" as they blasted out those words. Feliz Navidad....Prospero ano y felicidad! How about that? Our oldest students sang this classic in Spanish...and added a little dancing too...what a blast!

I think one of my favorite aspects of this job is hearing the parents feedback to what we are doing here at Zion. The last week of school before Christmas break is so busy...all the parties and activities, cookies and candy... it's kind of crazy. The great thing about it is that so many parents are here to help with all of these festivities. One mom came up to me to tell me what her daughter had said to her. They were discussing what kind of pies to make for Christmas day. Her daughter said "Why are we having pie, we need to have cake...a birthday cake." Mom's reply was "It's not your birthday" to which she quickly replied "no, mom, it's Jesus' birthday!" She then told her mom all she had learned about the birth of Jesus in school. Mom was so impressed that a 4 year old was able to put "the whole thing together" to quote mom. Mom also told me that this will now be a part of their family's new tradition. God clearly is at work here!

We'll start the new year getting the children back into a routine which can sometimes be difficult after a long break. During Chapel we will continue with the Christmas story as we learn about Epiphany (visit from the Magi, or the Wisemen). We're also looking forward to visits from the Zoo and celebrating Lutheran School Week during the last week of January. Lutheran Schools Week will include PJ day (which the staff loves) Beach day, Crazy Sock day and lots of fun-filled activities to go along with these themes.

Crazy as it sounds, we will start registration for the 2016/2017 school year at the end of the month. Our current enrollment is 140, our biggest so far, and we anticipate a similar enrollment for next year. With classroom sizes increasing, we now face the issue of not having enough room for all who want to attend. We have been so blessed at Zion so please pray that God will continue to guide families to our school, and that as a school we can accommodate all of the "little" souls who walk through our doors. It is an honor to be a part of these children's lives and to be able to teach them the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to watch them "teach" their families. AMEN!

Tracey Harris
Director



Sunday School News

REBEKAH: In January, the children will be focusing on Rebekah, who was a strong and determined woman chosen by God. We can show hospitality and kindness to others, just as Rebekah did. God gives us opportunities to serve, and we can recognize opportunities that we have been given, too.

Bible verse focus is from Isaiah 43: 10 ~ "My people, you are my witnesses and my chosen servant. I want you to know me, to trust me, and understand that I alone am God. I have always been God; there can be no others."

FEBRUARY MISSION MONTH

Sunday school is dedicating the whole month of February to missions: local, global and even right here at Zion! Here is what we will be doing:

Sunday, January 31st - Homemade cards for Zion's shut-in and sick

Sunday, February 7th - Operation Stars and Stripes assembly

Sunday, February 14th - Field trip to Broadmore in Bridgeville

Sunday, February 21st - Welcome bag assembly



If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact the church secretary.

Visit our website for more information and details about Mission Month!

Zion Youth News

What's Next?

Zion Youth Present
Duck Tape Paddle Ball



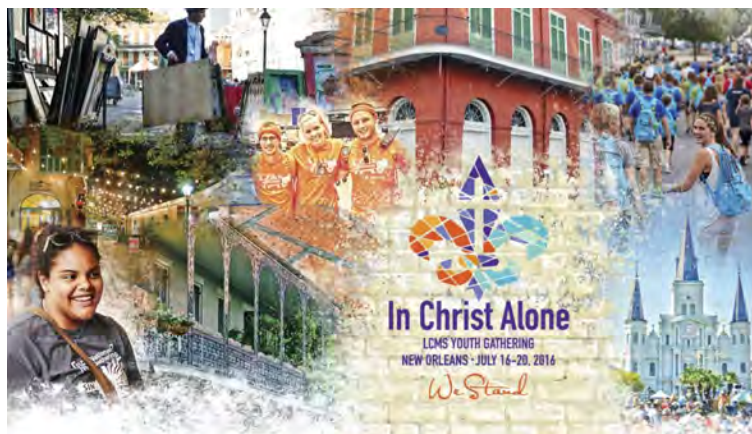
When?

Jan. 3 @ Zion
5-7:00pm

Zion Youth Group Schedule

	Event:	Where:	Time:
1/3	Duck Tape Paddle Ball	Zion	5-7:00pm
1/24	Blow Dart Battle	Zion	5-7:00pm
2/7	Flight Trampoline Park	Bridgeville	5-7:00pm
2/21	Minute to Win it Night	Zion	5-7:00pm
2/6	Hungry Hungry Hippos	Faini's	5-7:00pm
2/20	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball	Zion	5-7:00pm
3/3	Youth Group	Zion	5-7:00pm
3/17	Faini Family Dinner Night	Zion	5-7:00pm
4/1	Movie Night	Zion	5-7:00pm
4/15	Slip n Slide Kickball	Zion	5-7:00pm
4/29	Ultimate Frisbee	Zion	5-7:00pm
5/12	Flag Football	Zion	5-7:00pm
5/26	Night Games	Zion	5-7:00pm

LCMS Youth Gathering!!!
July 16-20 in New Orleans!



WE ARE GOING!

WHO? ANYONE AGE 14-19 [At the time of the event]

WHEN? JULY 16-20, 2016

WHERE? NEW ORLEANS, LA

WHAT? EVERY 3 YEARS: ALMOST 30,000 YOUTH GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP, SERVE, AND LEARN ABOUT JESUS!

Check Out

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xJrnbIjMP8
More info to come!

****If you're interested in going****

Please contact Joe Faini:
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BLAY 16

It's not too early to begin making resolutions for 2016. May I suggest you resolve to read the Bible in a year? As a congregation, we did this once before, back in 2012, but it's been four years and it's time to do it again! Like we did last time, we will have the readings (and audio recordings of the readings) available on-line. The reading list will be available on-line, in the weekly worship bulletin and in the monthly newsletter. The sermons for the year will be based on the readings from the previous week. We are going all-in on reading the Bible in a Year for 2016!



Many of you read the Bible in a Year back in 2012, and it changed your life. It gave you a greater understanding of the Gospel, gave you a better picture of what exactly is in Scripture (and what is not), and strengthened your faith in Christ. If you read the Bible in a Year back in 2012, please consider encouraging someone else to read the Bible with you in 2016. It changed your life; it will change theirs too.

15 minutes a day. 1 year. The Bible. Let's do this, church!

The Bible in 10 Hours



10-hours

To accompany our 2016 theme of reading the Bible in a Year, we are going to go through the Bible in 10 hours! 6-9pm on 1/8 and 10-5 on 1/9, we are going to work our way from Genesis to Revelation. This program will help you understand the Big Picture themes that are found in the Bible, helping you understand what you are reading as you do the Bible in a Year.

Look for sign-ups for the Bible in 10 Hours in the entry way area to the church!

Help the Sunday school children collect donations for
Operation: Bags of Love!

Our troops need our donations and prayers!

What our troops desperately desire are snack items and words of encouragement from us. So, our mission will be to collect specific snack items, putting them into bags, adding God's love with letters and cards, and shipping them off...**Operation: Bags of Love!**

Please help us collect the following items:

Ramen Noodles

Drink Mix Singles (Propel, Coffee, etc.)

Snack sized packages of **Granola Bars**

Snack sized packages of **Jerky** or **Slim Jims**

Chewing **Gum**

Monetary donations to help with shipping costs (*make checks payable to Zion Lutheran church and label "OSS"*)

Write a **Letter of Encouragement** to a soldier. Must be written on provided letterhead.

Draw a **Picture** on our Operation: Bags of Love drawing page.

Pray for our troops.

Help Sunday school kids assemble items on February 7th at 9:15am.

(Letterhead and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school lobby and on the Sunday school tab at www.zlcb.org.)

Thank you for your donations!

~Zion Lutheran Sunday school

For more information about Operation: Stars and Stripes, Inc., please visit their website at

www.operationstarsandstripes.com.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
December 31 New Year's Eve	7:00 PM		Elder	
January 3	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Carl & Karen Bauer Eric & Michelle Hunsberger & Family	Augie Bishop Leah Luedeman	Brittany Dill & Sharon Bogden
January 10	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	George, Jane & Michael Kozak Jay & Kim Anderson	Matt Liberatore Lara Luedeman	Megan Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager
January 17	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager Norm & Brittany Dill & family	Josiah Ackerman Carley Rockovich	Kristen Neil & Debbie Sterba
January 24	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Peter & Barbara Fisher Steve & Lori Gauger & Megan	Chris Yellig Anna Gresh	Megan Glasser & Lara Luedeman
January 31	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Frank & Sandy Hervert John & Katie Gielarowski & family	Augie Bishop Leah Luedeman	Jodi & Jenny Fitzgerald
February 7	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Wayne & Barb Oechslein Eric & Michelle Hunsberger & family	Matthew Liberatore Lara Luedeman	Alissa McLellan & Carley Rockovich
February 14	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dale & Alice Miller Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Josiah Ackerman Carley Rockovich	Susie Bishop & Sydney Harris

Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
January	Mike Sterba, Neil Ackerman	Janet Oelschlager, Marian Oelschlager, Molly Oelschlager	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet & Larry Zreliak	Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger, Kari Gresh & John Gresh
February	Neil Ackermann, Mike Sterba	Elsie DallaPiazza Mary Hutula	Melanie Becker, Bill Becker, Shane Bryant, Michael Kozak	Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimberland, Jim Oelschlager, Richard Quinlan

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@zlc.org of the change.



Visit our website for past sermons, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, pictures from recent church events, and updated information about upcoming events. Check it out: zlc.org

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Lois Klemash	12 John Buerkle	23 Tim Sheldon
3 Frank Ivancza	12 Ronald Valentino	24 John Derosa
4 Christine Chilcott	13 Debra LaJeunesse	24 Will Schrag
4 John Eckles	14 Brooke Glasser	25 Thomas McLellan
5 Steve Dibert	14 Barb Oechslein	27 Callista Chilcott
5 Gloria Godfrey	16 Jacob Hartman	27 Molly Oelschlager
6 Douglas Krantz	16 Mary Lou Neill	28 Linda Kroeger
6 Decklan Pasquini	17 Rochelle Thompson	28 Alissa McLellan
6 Steve Radovich	18 Riley Becker	29 Sara Gielarowski
6 Joseph Walsh	18 Vickie Buzzelli	31 Lillian DallaPiazza
6 Julie Walsh	19 Diane Shuman	31 Theodore Siek
7 Thomas Bicusky	20 Carol Schrag	
7 Luke Lemonovich	21 Shane Bryant	
10 Lexi Meyer	22 Jessica Boyle	



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

7 Mark & Laurie Coleman
26 John & Susan Stone
28 James & Mary Lou Neill
31 Darren & Jennifer Elikor



Online Giving Available

Just a reminder, that Zion now offers electronic online giving on our web site:

To set up your electronic donation on our web site:

- Go to www.zlcb.org
- Click on the **News** tab the top of the page
 - Then click on the **Online Giving for Zion** text
 - Click on the **Online Giving** button
 - Click on the **Create Profile button**
 - Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile



Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, January 10. The "item of the month" is hot drinks. You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



Bridgeville Food Bank News

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.)	July – Cookies
February – Cereal and Breakfast food	August – Crackers
March – Fruit (canned and dried)	September – Personal Hygiene products
April – Rice, noodles, and beans	October – Baking supplies
May – Picnic condiments	November – Canned meats and proteins (tuna, salmon, nuts, etc.)
June – Paper products	December – Hot drinks