

Zion Lutheran Monthly

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Ambassadors for Christ

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” Ambassadors for Christ. Sounds good. Better than being a slave, a servant, or even a disciple. An ambassador. Don't they fly first class, have Diplomatic Immunity, eat at nice restaurants and rub elbows with the elite? I can do that. Sign me up.

Great. We'd love to have you be an ambassador for Christ. But there is something you should know: Ambassadors represent the King (or country) who sent them. As an Ambassador for Christ, you will represent the one who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many, who had no place to rest his head, who was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, who made himself nothing and took the form of a slave. How does that sound? What do you mean you're having second thoughts?

You didn't think that being Christ's Ambassador would be easy, did you? Please tell me you didn't think it was going to be a part-time job. Far from it. It's not even a full-time job. It is an all-consuming identity.

But here's the thing: you don't need to choose to either be or not be an ambassador for Christ. You are an ambassador for Christ. Why? Because you heard the good news and the Holy Spirit has created faith (and a new identity) in your heart. “For our sake he made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him [you and I] might become the righteousness of God.” You are not the only ambassador Christ has; he has vast multitudes of representatives in the world. You worship with about 220 of them on Sunday (slightly less on Wednesday). And there are other, strategically placed at your school, your home, and your place of employment. Some you know, others you don't. But he has sent all of them (and you) to achieve his purpose: the salvation of all people. Working together with them, under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit, we are his ambassadors!

God bless you as you speak the name of Jesus and share with people the best news that they will ever hear: the good news of Jesus!

--Pastor Duncan McLellan



What is Going On Around Here!!

It's no secret that Zion is growing. Both in numbers on Sunday morning (and Wednesday evening), but also in the involvement of our members (and friends) in ministry activity. A number of new ministries have been kicked-off at Zion recently (often with little fanfare). So I thought it would be good to give you (the devout reader of our monthly newsletter) an update on all the ministry groups and teams we have here at Zion.

Staff. Zion employs a number of people! We've got a Pastor (Rev. Duncan McLellan), Preschool Director (Tracey Harris), Director of Youth Ministry (Joe Faini), Director of Music Ministry (Mark Killinger), Office Administrators (Megan Pasquini and Amanda Haesemeier), and Custodian (Jim Oelschlager).

Leadership. The main leadership team at Zion is the Church Council. Members of the Church Council include: President (Jay Anderson), Vice President (Vince Kimberland), Secretary (Brittany Dill), Financial Treasurer (Kim Luedeman), Financial Secretary (Nancy Klemash), Head Elder (John Gielarowski) Sunday School Superintendent (Katie Gielarowski), Chair of the Board of Education (Kim Anderson), Head Trustee (John Lemonovich), Chair of the Events Committee (Tracey Harris) and Pastor (Rev. Duncan McLellan).

Worship. Zion has the "Divine Service" on Sunday (8:00 and 10:30) with communion and a different midweek service of prayer and preaching on Wednesday (7:00pm), for those who either cannot make Sunday morning or who desire another opportunity to worship God and listen to his word! Contact Pastor Duncan if you would like to know more about worship at Zion!

Men's Bible Breakfast. On most Saturdays, you can count on breakfast being served at Zion at 8:00 for the Men's Bible Breakfast. Check out the church calendar to see if we are meeting this Saturday! The study is for men of all ages. And appetites. For more information on the Men's Bible Breakfast, contact Pastor Duncan.

Women's Bible Study. The women meet for Bible Study on most Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:45. These studies usually follow a book or video series on a given topic or book of the Bible. Women of all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Alissa McLellan.

Midweek Bible Study. For all ages, a casual Bible study is held at Zion on most Thursdays from 10-11am. A great way to get to know people from church and grow in your faith and knowledge of the Bible, this Bible study is less formal than Sunday morning. For more information, contact Pastor Duncan.

Altar Guild. Responsible for getting things ready in the sanctuary for worship, the Altar Guild offers an important service for everyone who comes to Zion on Sunday morning! If you would like to know more about the Altar Guild, please contact the Church Office.

Assimilation. Another recently formed ministry team, this group is responsible for helping our guests and visitors become familiar with what Zion has to offer, and to plug people (members and non-members) into ministry. Contact Linda Kroeger if you would like to know more about the Assimilation Ministry.

Board of Education. This is the team responsible for overseeing the ministry of the ECDP. Working closely with the Preschool Director, the ECDP ensures a Christ-centered focus, outstanding curriculum and activities, and financial health of the Preschool. Contact Kim Anderson if you would like to know more about the Board of Education.

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Body and Soul Bootcamp. This occasional opportunity for exercise combines a total body workout with a devotion from the Bible. Open for all ages and abilities, Body and Soul Bootcamp usually happens on Sunday afternoon. For more information, contact Alissa McLellan.

Car Washes. Why does this make the list? Suds and a bucket? Really? Really! Not only do we wash and dry cars, we clean the interiors, shine the wheels and tires and provide food for our “customers” while they wait. What do we charge for this? Nothing. We don’t take a dime. In doing this, we send a strong message to our neighbors about free gifts, especially the free gift of salvation in Christ! If you’d like to know more about our Car Washes, contact Pastor Duncan.

Elders. Responsible for the spiritual life of the church and caring for the spiritual lives of the members of the church is the solemn and serious task given to the Elders. Working closely with the Pastor, the elders ensure that the Gospel is preached in its truth and purity, that worship is conducted biblically, and that the members of the church are encouraged in their faith. Contact John Gielarowski if you would like to know more about the Elders.

Events. Still in their rookie year, the Events Committee plans everything from the Oktoberfest to Art Show, New Member Luncheon to Easter Breakfast. Their job is to come up with events that bring Zion (members and guests) together for fellowship and service. Contact Tracey Harris if you would like to know more about the Events Committee.

Library. New to Zion, we have a library of Christian books and resources! Not everything is on-line. In fact, many of the best biblical commentaries and resources are not. If you are interested in learning more about our library, please contact Pastor Duncan.

Music. There are a number of opportunities for people with musical gifts and abilities! From the Adult Choir to Reverence (our newly formed music group), from the Children’s Choir to an upcoming Bell Choir, to instrumental music opportunities, there’s no shortage to the potential for the music ministry here at Zion! Contact Mark Killinger if you would like to know more about our music ministry.

Oktoberfest. In the fall, the church and school come together for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food. Kicking off the school year with German food and music, entertainment and games for all ages, our Oktoberfest is the number one fellowship event of the year, and one that you will not want to miss! For more information on the Oktoberfest, contact the church office.

Pittsburgh Lutheran. Members of Zion have recently volunteered to publish the monthly magazine, the Pittsburgh Lutheran. This publication helps the LCMS congregations in the Pittsburgh area (along with PALM and Concordia) communicate with each other, sharing what they have done and what they will be doing in the future. Contact the Church Office if you would like to know more about the Pittsburgh Lutheran.

Preschool (also known as the ECDP, or Early Childhood Development Program). During the school year, Zion is blessed to have a preschool (ages 2-5) that currently serves 140 children and their families. Around 95% of the students in the school do not call Zion their church home; the outreach potential in the ECDP is amazing! Contact Tracey Harris if you would like to know more about our Preschool.

Service Projects. For one month over the summer, Zion travels to a Christian Camp to help out for a week. Whether it is helping to run a camp program, building a nature trail, or renovating buildings, our goal is to help a camp that proclaims Christ in the name of Jesus. For all ages and abilities, these projects are a great way to serve, grow in your faith and develop friendships with people from church. Contact Pastor Duncan if you would like to know more.

Softball. Now in our 4th Season, Zion has a co-ed softball team. Still looking for our first trophy, the softball team is a great way to get to know people who have made Zion their church home in a fun environment. If you would like to know more about the softball team, please contact Pastor Duncan.

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Stephen Ministry. Everyone goes through hard times. Zion has a number of trained care-givers for people going through hard times. Joining over 500,000 trained Stephen Ministers world-wide, Zion's Stephen Ministry walks with people, providing Christ-centered care and compassion. If you would be interested in knowing more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Duncan!

Sunday School. Also during the school year, Zion offers Sunday School for children ages 3 and up. Meeting in the sanctuary at 9:15, the children enjoy a "rotational" format of learning the same lesson in different ways. Contact Katie Gielarowski if you would like to know more about Sunday School.

Technology. It's not secret that Zion's got a great website! We also have a Facebook Page and YouTube channel to help get information about what they church is doing out. If you would like to know more about our technology ministry, please contact our webmaster, or the church office!

Trustees. This long-standing committee is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the building and grounds at Zion. Mowing grass, moving mulch, patching holes in the roof, and making the bricks and mortar work for us—these are just some of what the Trustees do here at Zion! Contact John Lemonovich if you would like to know more about the Trustees.

Ushers and Greeters. Also assisting with things on Sunday morning, the ushers pass out bulletins and help our guests navigate their way around Zion on Sunday morning. If you are interested in becoming an usher or greeter, please contact the Church Office.

VBS. Over the summer, Zion offers a Vacation Bible School for children of all ages. Steadily growing, our Vacation Bible School strives for excellence and to help the young people in our community come to know Jesus and grow in their Christ-centered faith. Contact Katie Gielarowski if you would like to know more about VBS.

Youth. 90% of people who come to know Jesus as their Savior do so before leaving High School. The importance of ministering to our youth cannot be overestimated! We have a strong and growing youth ministry. Led by Joe Faini, our ministry to the youth focuses on Christ, the Scriptures, and building relationships rooted in trust and love for our kids. Contact Joe Faini if you would like to know more about our Youth Ministry.

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Chairman's Report

Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled on Thursday May 12, 2016.

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

February Income	\$64,437.44
February Expenses	<u>64,787.64</u>
Unfavorable to Income	(\$350.20)

March Income	\$48,686.91
March Expenses	<u>51,434.47</u>
Unfavorable to Income	(\$2,747.56)

At the end of March, we have a cash position totaling \$26,722.00. The Growth Fund balance is divided among 7 designated funds (see below) and undesigned memorials as follows.

Kingdom Fund	\$	44,406.98
ECDP Fund		24,018.85
Trustee Discretionary		15,465.03
Handbell Donation		3,477.00
Kitchen Account Donation		2,156.48
Technology Fund		1,800.00
Worship Enhancement		1,724.39



Please prayerfully consider these funds. Also, continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our community outreach ministry, support local and international charities and Christian education for youth and adults. May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents for the remainder of this year.

Christ's Blessings,

Jay Anderson

Chairman

Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, May 8. The "item of the month" is picnic condiments.

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.



Greetings from the Preschool!

Well...it's hard to believe...but the year is coming to a close, but not before we fill our month with lots of activities and excitement, and field trips!



Our Small Steps classes will be going to Simmons Farm. The Preschool classes will go to the Spring House, an actual working farm! I'm not sure if we keep going back for the "farm experience" or the awesome cookies and super creamy chocolate milk that they are known for. Either way... it's a great field trip! It's off to Bedners Greenhouse and Farm for the PreK kids and our Stepping Stones class will take a tour of PNC Park. What an exciting way to see the Pirates home field up and close. The kids have been talking about it all month...go Pirates!

We will end our year with our closing programs on Tuesday the 24th and Wednesday the 25th. They will include several songs that we love to sing during Kid's Praise and a slide show including pictures from the entire school year. They will be held during class time on both days. The Kona Shaved Ice truck will be in the parking lot after the programs for a delicious cool treat. The kids and their families will actually be able to choose from 10 different flavors to pour over their ice, all while enjoying some great beach music ...are we crazy good, or what?! The kids can't wait!

After our year has "officially" ended, we will hold our highly anticipated summer camps for three weeks. This year we will have 9 camps including Dirt Camp, Baking Camp, Let go camping, Book Camp, Under the Sea Camp, Fables and Fairy Tales Camp, Fun and Games Camp, Science Camp and Beach Camp. Whew....that's a lot of fun-filled camps. Vacation Bible School follows our last camp and is equally anticipated by our preschool families. What a tremendous opportunity Zion has to spread the "good news" to so many little ears

Enrollment is currently at 141. I anticipate more registrations (although I can only take 7 more children...all Small Steps kiddos) and then we will be totally maxed out! Please keep us in your prayers that we can continue to maintain our level of excellence and order as our school continues to grow.

Have a great summer and see you in September!

Blessings,

Tracey Harris





MAY UNIT: Money and Time As children of God, we are called to practice good stewardship by giving generously of the God-given gifts of our talents, our time, and our money. Children will have the opportunity to learn that there are many ways for us to use our talents, time and money to serve God, that all we have comes to us as a gift from God, and what stewardship means to us as followers of Jesus. The Bible stories come from Mark 12: 41-44, 1 Peter 4: 8-11 and 2 Corinthians 9: 6-

15. Bible Memory verse is from 1 Peter 4: 10 *"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God."*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CAVE QUEST

June 20 - 24, 2016

Registration opens on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th. Cost is \$15 / child or a maximum of \$40 / family.

More information is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/vbs.

"Oh, Lord, you alone are my hope" ~Psalm 71: 5



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!




**Zion is going to the
Pirate Game on
Sunday July 24th
after church. Game
starts at 1:35pm.**

**Mark your calendar
and be on the look out
for more information!**



Zion Youth News and Events

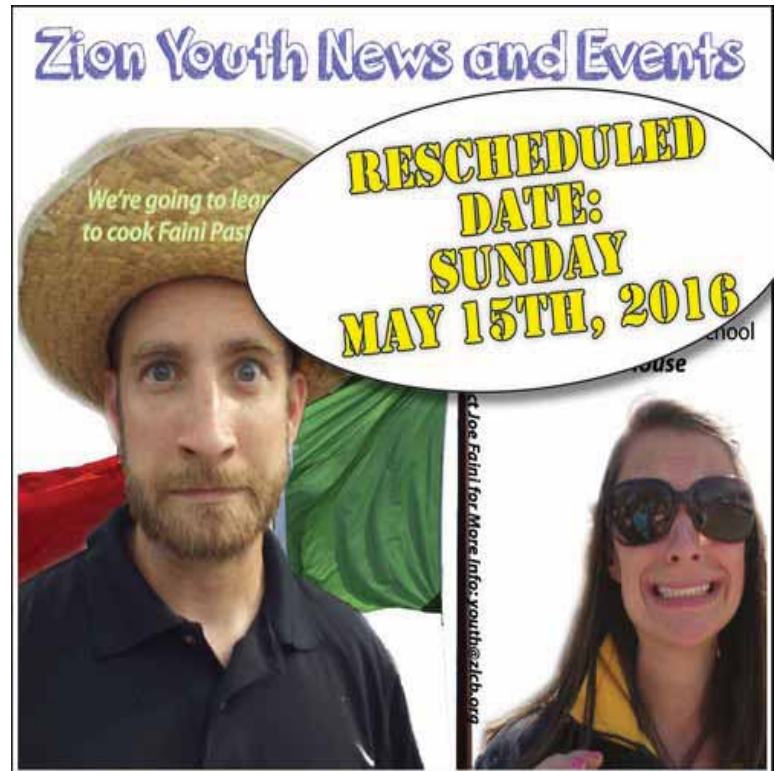


MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN? MAY 1
MOVIE? The Jungle Book
TIME? 5:00ish (Exact time to come)
WHO? Anyone in Middle or High School
WHERE? Chartiers Valley Stadium 18 -
1025 Washington Pike,
Bridgeville

DETAILS:
Bring money for a movie and
ICE CREAM! We will go to the
matinee around 5:00 and then
walk over to Sincerely Yogurt
for some ice cream. Please
drop off at the movie theater
and pick up at
Sincerely Yogurt.





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We're going to learn
to cook Faini Past

**RESCHEDULED
DATE:
SUNDAY
MAY 15TH, 2016**

ct Joe Faini for More Info: youth@zfnb.org



Be on the look out for some upcoming events!

- ~Parent meeting for our upcoming confirmation class!
- ~Car wash is scheduled for June 4th!
- ~2.10.66 is happening again!

May Reading Plan

Read the Bible in a Year!

1: Titus; Philemon; Psalm 121

2: Hebrews 1-4; Psalm 122

3: Hebrews 5-7; Psalm 123

4: Hebrews 8-10; Psalm 124

5: Hebrews 11-13; Psalm 125

6: James 1-3; Psalm 126

7: James 4-5; Psalm 127

8: 1 Peter 1-2; Psalm 128

9: 1 Peter 3-5; Psalm 129

10: 2 Peter; Psalm 130

11: 1 John 1-3; Psalm 131

12: 1 John 4-5; Psalm 132

13: 2 John; 3 John; Jude; Psalm 133

14: John 1-2; Psalm 134

15: John 3-4; Psalm 135

16: John 5-6; Psalm 136

17: John 7-8; Psalm 137

18: John 9-10; Psalm 138

19: John 11-12; Psalm 139

20: John 13-14; Psalm 140

21: John 15-16; Psalm 141

22: John 17-18; Psalm 142

23: John 19; Psalm 143

24: John 20-21; Psalm 144

25: Acts 1-2; Psalm 145

26: Acts 3-4; Psalm 146

27: Acts 5-6; Psalm 147

28: Acts 7-8; Psalm 148

29: Acts 9-10; Psalm 149

30: Acts 11-12; Psalm 150

31: Acts 13-14



ZION MUSIC NOTES

The music ministry at Zion Lutheran Church has big plans for 2016! We hope that you enjoy listening to the Adult Choir, Children’s Choir, Reverence (a.k.a M@ZE), and the various solo/duet performances by many of our talented church members. The goal for this year is to create another performing group that is accessible for just about anyone....Bell Choir! Musical talent/experience is not required to participate in this group. However, we need to purchase the bells before we start recruiting “ringers”. The approximate cost for a standard 3 octave set of bells is \$12,000 which includes not only the bells themselves, but protective cases, performance tables, foam mats, music stands, gloves, polishing materials, and music. Whew!

Last October church council established a bell choir account for anyone that would like to contribute to this area of the music ministry. If you would like to give to this ministry, please make a note on your check or offering envelope that you wish to give to the bell choir account. We are also providing an opportunity for members to “buy a bell” in honor or memory of loved ones or your family. The price for the “buy a bell program” is \$325 per bell. If you would like to participate in this program, please include the information below with your contribution.

Thank you again for all of your support of the music ministry here at Zion Lutheran Church!

Mark Killinger

Buy a Bell Program

Person making the contribution: _____

Person(s) or family for whom the bell is in honor/ memory: _____

*Please make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and make a note that the gift is for the bell choir account.



Service Participants

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
May 1	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Brent & Marianne Miller, Millie Thielet Lee & Megan Glasser	Matt Liberatore Leah Luedeman	Alissa McLellan Jessica Boyle
May 8	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager Brian & Megan Pasquini & Family	Joey Ackerman Anna Gresh	Carley Rockovich Darla Rockovich
May 15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Carl & Karen Bauer Steve, Lori & Megan Gauger	Matt Liberatore Lara Luedeman	Tess Carter Linda Kroeger
May 22	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Peter & Barbara Fisher David, Penny & Opal Miller	Joey Ackerman Carley Rockovich	Susie Bishop Megan Pasquini
May 29	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Frank & Sandy Hervert Lauren & Kim Luedeman & Family	Matt Liberatore Leah Luedeman	Carrie Lemonovich Jenna & Stephanie Eckels
June 5	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	George, Jane & Michael Kozak Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Joey Ackerman Carley Rockovich	Brittany Dill Sharon Bogden
June 12	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Bob & Jennifer Liberatore & Family Ken & Carol Wuerthele	Matt Liberatore Lara Luedeman	Megan Glasser Kristen Neill



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
May	Mike Kroeger, James Neill	Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, Diane Schmidt	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet & Larry Zreliak	Debbie Ford, Bill Koester, Lois Sauro, Ted Siek
June	Peter Fisher, Robert Oelschlager	Elsie Dalla Piazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula	Melanie & Bill Becker, Michael Kozak, Larry Zreliak	Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris, Richard Quinlan, Chuck LaJeunesse

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@zlcb.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: zlcb.org

May Birthdays

3 Dominic Derosa

21 Stephanie Eckles

26 Mary Hutula

3 Janet Hickey

22 Dan Harris

27 Dorothy Vogel

9 Rita Sheldon

22 Carly Seibel

29 Nicholas Coyle

10 Bethany Seibel

23 Brooks Huse

29 Curt Watters

12 Ross Chilcott

24 Amy Morgan

30 Christa Coyle

14 Jack Oelschlager

24 Kenneth Wuerthele

30 Bill Schrag

17 Timothy Fitzgerald

25 Nadine Carswell

31 Melanie Becker

17 Kari Gresh

20 Frank Vallelunga

21 Irene Bourg



May ANNiverSaries

15 Shane & Sandra Bryant

28 Michael & Deborah Sterba

22 George & Jane Kozak

29 Duncan & Alissa McLellan

27 Harry & Paula Jones

30 Brad & Jessica Boyle

30 Matthew & Megan Monaghan

30 Lawrence & Janet Zreliak

31 Steve Dibert & Janet Walleck



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:45 am Children's Choir 5:00 pm Youth Event - Movie Night	2 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	3 6:45 pm Adult Choir	4 7:00 pm Mid Week Service	5 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Elders Meeting	6	7 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
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29 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 5:00 pm Youth Event - Ultimate Frisbee	30	31 6:45 pm Adult Choir	<p>HER CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED; HER HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE PRAISES HER: "MANY WOMEN HAVE DONE EXCELLENTLY, BUT YOU SURPASS THEM ALL."</p> <p>PROVERBS 31:28-29</p>			

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