

Zion Lutheran Monthly

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Vicar's Corner

Who would Jesus vote for?

There have been many articles to this effect floating around on the internet. As the November election approaches, the "enlightened" voices of cyberspace love to tell you just how our Lord and Savior would've voted. I'd like to encourage you to ignore these articles. Some may mean well, some may even lay down decent principles for Christian decision making, but in order to assign a candidate to Jesus you have to ignore who he was. Jesus never elected his leader. A man from Nazareth 2000 years ago had no say whatsoever in who was governing him. Not the king, not the governor, not the Roman Emperor. Jesus didn't vote. In fact, Jesus ended up on the wrong side of the non-elected government, dying as a criminal at the hands of leaders he never had a chance to vote for.

So Jesus didn't vote... but Christians do. Our Savior never showed up at a polling location or pulled a lever, but those who bear his name will in droves. The system of government in Jesus' time offered no chance for His voice to be heard, but ours does. God has given His Word to guide our decisions, prayer to ask him for wisdom, and intellect to think through the cons and pros of each candidate. So rather than tell how Jesus would vote (because he didn't) or who you should vote for (because listening to a guy who is voting in just his second presidential election doesn't make much sense), I'd like to lay three suggestions out for you, three things a Christian can do this election cycle.

First, Pray. Pray for wisdom. Pray for guidance. Pray that the people of our country would make the right decision. Pray for the candidates, all of them. Pray for our electoral process. Pray for peace and good government after the dust of the election settles. Whatever trepidation you feel as you struggle with this election, it ought to comfort you that the ruler of all things has invited you to bring your concerns to him.

Second, Repent. You're going to have to make a decision this election. You may love it, you may hate it, but if you are voting, there is a decision to be made. It is reasonable for a Christian to ask God for forgiveness after voting. "Lord, I made the decision I thought was best. Forgive me if I was wrong. Forgive my stubborn trust in earthly authorities above Your authority."

Third, Rejoice. Our trust doesn't lie in Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, our other elected officials, or even the United States government. Psalm 146 reminds us "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation." There is no salvation to be found in any of these candidates, but we can rejoice that we have faith in the only one in whom salvation is found, Jesus Christ. Scripture shows time and time again that earthly governments, powers, and armies are of no consequence to God. He raises up powers and causes them to fall. But we are citizens of a chosen race, purchased with the blood of Jesus. And as our earthly leader changes we can rejoice that the ruler of all things remains the same.

-Vicar Joshua

Chairman's Report

Upcoming Meetings:

Remember the Voters' Meeting which will be held on Sunday October 30th between worship services at 9:30 am. The primary business of this meeting will be to elect the slate officers of ZLCB for 2017.

The November Council Meeting is scheduled on Thursday November 10th at 7:30 pm. Among the business conducted at this meeting, we will review the Audit Committee's Report.

Church, Mission & Synod (CM\$) & Plate Finances:

September Income	\$ 84,705.99
September Expenses	<u>50,689.61</u>
Favorable to Income	\$ 34,016.38

Fiscal Year Income	\$185,191.36
Fiscal Year Expenses	\$148,600.46

Prayer Reminders:

Please pray for the various boards and committees of Zion Lutheran Church asking God to endow discernment and wisdom as they meet to help determine the direction of Zion's ministries. Specifically, remember our Call Committee and the process designed to evaluate candidates for pastor to lead Zion into the future. Also, consider our Kitchen Upgrade Committee and the Board of Trustees as they guide us in matters concerning the facilities of ZLCB.

Finally, please pray for the overall spiritual health of ZLCB during the transformative days ahead. Opportunities for ministry continue during our time of vacancy. The talents and treasures of lay people are needed in even greater measure to reach out to fellow members, other Christians and those who do not know God's love and mercy. If you have questions about specific service opportunities, please speak with me or another of the officers of ZLCB.

Christ's Blessings,

Jay Anderson
Chairman of ZLCB



Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, November 13th. The "item of the month" is **canned meats and proteins** (tuna, salmon, nuts, etc.).

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.



Save the date for the...

Zion Christmas Decorating Party!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD 4:30PM

DINNER SERVED AT 5PM

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

*Bring the whole family and help us
decorate Zion for advent and Christmas!*

**WE'LL HAVE BABYSITTING,
CRAFTS, AND ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES!**

**PLEASE RSVP IN
THE NARTHEX BY
NOVEMBER 27TH**





PRESCHOOL NEWS!

Greetings from the Preschool! We have been very busy this month...and when I say busy, I mean both the students and the staff. We have nearly 150 students this year and a waiting list to boot! God has again blessed us with an abundance of little children to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Fall is an awesome time of year at the school. It's filled with field trips to pumpkin patches, the trolley museum and visits from Firefighter Phil and a Dental hygienist, and even made our own toothpaste...minty fresh! Take a walk down the hallway and notice the artwork hanging on the walls and from the ceiling, it's our own little art gallery and it's beautiful. Did I mention that we were busy?

We have also been learning about creation this month and how God created the world in 6 days and rested on day seven. Each classroom has been "creating" a bulletin board adding different items for each day of creation. At the end of each creation day the children look at the bulletin board and say "it is good!" We also had our first chapel lesson of the year, "The Parable of the pumpkin". To convey the Gospel message in a visual way and in keeping the fall season, we use two carved pumpkins. The pumpkins presented to the children are side by side, one smiling with a candle lit inside, representing life with Jesus, and the other frowning and dark inside, representing life without Jesus. The lesson differentiates a life with Jesus, contrasted to what it is like to live without Jesus. I tell the children that Jesus is the Light of the World, and that He can provide a light to guide their lives if they love Him with their whole heart. "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6.

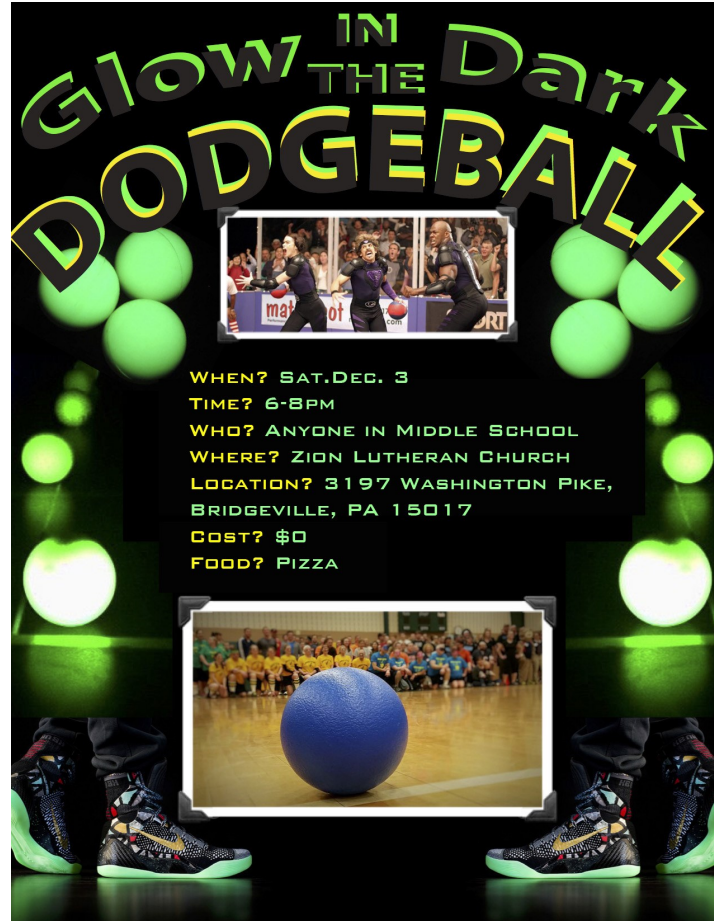
On behalf of the staff, and myself, "Thank You" for helping us with many of the items on our "Wish List". With the size of our school, we have many needs that come up, and not always the means to achieve them. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

Blessings,

Tracey



Zion Youth News and Events



GLOW IN THE Dark
DODGEBALL

WHEN? SAT. DEC. 3
TIME? 6-8PM
WHO? ANYONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
WHERE? ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
LOCATION? 3197 WASHINGTON PIKE,
BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017
COST? \$0
FOOD? PIZZA

The poster features a black background with glowing green circles. At the top, the text 'GLOW IN THE Dark' is in a stylized font, with 'DODGEBALL' in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters below it. A small photo shows people playing dodgeball. At the bottom, a blue dodgeball sits on a wooden floor between two pairs of sneakers with glowing green soles. A larger photo shows a group of people in a gymnasium.

Young Life Fall Weekend:

This year we have 2 different weekends:

November 11-13

November 18-20

High School students from all around Pittsburgh will be getting together at the YMCA Camp Kon O Kwee for a crazy weekend of high intensity fun with a chance to hear about the greatest love story of all time; God in the flesh came to earth through Jesus Christ, took our place and paid for our sins on the cross, and then proved himself by rising from the dead. There will be high school students that come from death to life over these two weekends.

If you're interested in seeing this weekend in action, what Youth Guy Joe has been up to, or are just curious about Young Life please contact Brian Pasquini who will be coordinating a trip to check things out.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Want to get involved with Sunday school? Email Katie Gielarowski at sundayschool@zlcg.org.

On December 11th, the Sunday school will present "S is for Savior". Help us support the children in our congregation by coming to hear the story of Jesus' birth being told and sung in a very unique and interactive way. The program begins at 1:00 pm after a Pizza and Sub luncheon following the 10:30 am service.

S is for Savior



Mark your calendars for November 13th for our Fall Trustee Work Day! Join us after late service for a pizza lunch before the work begins. We will be doing leaf clean up, trimming, and other general gardening work to prepare for winter. See you there!



Please plan on joining us for our upcoming Advent services. This is a time to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season.

- ◆ *Services are on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.*
- ◆ *Dinner will be served at 6:00pm*
- ◆ *Starting Wednesday November 30th*

We were unable to gather enough men to fill our spots for the retreat at Camp Pioneer, but don't be dismayed! In lieu of our retreat (it will move to the spring), we will be having a guys hangout day at the parsonage on Saturday, November 5. We will start with Men's Bible Breakfast, but if you can't make it that early, show up when you can! We will be here all day. We'll watch football, eat unhealthy food, and shoot potatoes out of guns during the day. We'll head out to eat in the evening and then head back to the parsonage to watch more football, eat more unhealthy food, and enjoy some beverages. And we might even talk about Jesus too! Contact Vicar Joshua at vicar@zlcg for more information.





On November 12, a group from Zion will pray and offer assistance outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Pittsburgh. As God's people we will ask for Him to act on behalf of the unborn and shine His light into the darkness. We will meet at Zion at 9am to pray, eat, and prepare ourselves. At 10 we will carpool downtown to pray and offer help to those who need it. If this is your first time doing something like this, a group will go back to Zion after about an hour. A group will also stay until 1 and return to the church for lunch and a debrief. If you can't make it to the church for the preparation time, there will be a video you can watch online and then you can meet us downtown at 10. This is an important opportunity to act on our convictions and spread the Gospel in a difficult situation. Contact Vicar Joshua for more information.



Dress the Vicar

We are well on our way to funding our Bell Choir! Help us get the rest of the way there and turn our Vicar into a Steeler's fan at the same time! Vicar Joshua will already be wearing Steelers socks, beads, and waving a Terrible Towel during our watch party on November 20th here at Zion. Join us for pizza and football as the Pittsburgh Steelers take on the Vicar's beloved Cleveland Browns. There is a poster in the back of the Narthex tracking our progress. All donations made to the Bell Choir Fund by November 20th count towards our Dress the Vicar goals!

Starting November 13th you will have the opportunity to participate in purchasing a gift of clothing or toy for a child registered with the Bridgeville Area Food Bank. If you wish to participate, choose an angel gift tag from the tree set up in the back of the church. Each red gift tag marked with a size is to be for clothing. If the tag has child's age and gender only, it is to be for a toy. Your wrapped or unwrapped gift costing around twenty dollars will need to be returned with the gift tag attached no later than Sunday, **DECEMBER 11**.

Zion Lutheran Church is a part of the area ministerial. The ministerial is formed by many local churches in the surrounding Bridgeville area. Volunteers representing the area churches come together to serve the people in need who live in the South Fayette and Chartiers Valley School districts. Our ministry is ongoing throughout the year and serves around ninety families each month.

There are many ways in which you are able to support the food bank throughout the year. You may bring non-perishable food and place it in the Narthex. Financially, you may give a cash donation or write a check to the Bridgeville Area Food Bank. The third Saturday of the month between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM is when we distribute food at the Bethany Presbyterian Church on Washington Pike. We would welcome your help.

If you have any questions about the food bank please don't hesitate to ask.

In Christ's Service,
Barb Oechslein
Bridgeville Area Food Bank Representative



November Reading Plan

Read the Bible in a Year!

1: Hosea 8-10	11: Zephaniah	21: Matthew 9-10
2: Hosea 11-14	12: Haggai	22: Matthew 11-12
3: Joel	13: Zechariah 1-5	23: Matthew 13-14
4: Amos 1-5	14: Zechariah 6-10	24: Matthew 15-16
5: Amos 6-9	15: Zechariah 11-14	25: Matthew 17-18
6: Obadiah; Jonah	16: Malachi	26: Matthew 19-20
7: Micah 1-3	17: Matthew 1-2	27: Matthew 21-22
8: Micah 4-7	18: Matthew 3-4	28: Matthew 23-24
9: Nahum	19: Matthew 5-6	29: Matthew 25-26
10: Habakkuk	20: Matthew 7-8	30: Matthew 27-28



Fifth Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"

During this holiday season, our local group of Mary Kay independent consultants is adopting nursing home residents of Allegheny County. Many of these people have few, if any, visitors and receive little, if anything, during the holidays. Last year, through the generosity of local businesses and customers, we delivered over 700 gifts to residents of John J Kane Regional Hospital, Scott Twp and Concordia of South Hills., and Baptist Home, and Marion Manor. This year we hope to deliver 1,000 gifts and spread cheer to even more men and women who now live in assisted care facilities! By partnering with me, your \$15 donation will sponsor a very special gift for the residents and enable them to have a very Merry Christmas. Your kind donation will purchase two of our Satin Hands lotions. These items are specifically requested by caregivers for the benefits the residents receive. The lotions will soothe their hands and feet and bring joy as well by the simple "touch therapy" of applying them.

With your help, we look forward to sharing these gifts of joy. The gifts will be hand delivered by consultants and their children to nursing homes in December.

Please consider what a blessing this is for the men and women in these facilities who once lived and worked in our local communities. Let them know they are remembered! THANK YOU!!

Make your check payable to Ginny Granke or if you have questions about how you, your school, or your business can become a sponsor.

Please contact:

Ginny Granke-Kimberland

1610 Glenn St, McDonald, PA 15057

412-427-9013 or 724-926-2670,



Service Participants

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
November 6	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Robert & Diana Schmidt Lemonovich Family	Augie Bishop Anna Gresh	Deb Sterba Lara Luedeman
November 13	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Brian & Megan Pasquini Max Ma & Jean Kuo	Ava Pasquini Leah Luedeman	Carley Rockovich Darla Rockovich
November 20	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Gene & Sharon Koop Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse	Josiah Ackerman Lara Luedeman	Jessica Boyle Sydney Janusey
November 27	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Bill & Carol Schrag Robb & Alaina Oelschlager	Matt Liberatore Carley Rockovich	Jenny Fitzgerald Barb Oechslein
December 4	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron & Judy Meier Elsie DallaPiazza	Augie Bishop Anna Gresh	Nell Wilson Tess Carter
December 11	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Bernie & Jean Blanco Megan & Lee Glasser	Ava Pasquini Leah Luedeman	Susie Bishop Adele Godge



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
November	James Neill	Kathleen Conn Mary Hutula	Debbie Ford, Dale Miller, Barbara & Wayne Oechslein	Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester, Mike Wallace, & Chuck LaJeunesse
December	John Gielarowski Neil Ackerman	Janet Oelschlager Marian Oelschlager	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Jack Oelschlager & Ron Meier	Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris, Chuck LaJeunesse & Rich 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@zxcb.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: zxcb.org

November Birthdays

1 Sam Bishop

1 Duncan McLellan

2 Nikolas Derosa

2 Salina Howcroft

3 Roland Chilcott

4 Carol Karmann

6 Loren Luedeman

8 Julie Huse

9 Vince Kimberland

10 Rose Steranko

12 Jane Kozak

13 Sydney Harris

13 Ed Malachosky

14 Dustin Geregach

14 Ruth Trudel

15 Joan Kovach

18 Shelly James

21 Shannon Mance

22 Marian Oelschlager

23 William Becker

24 Jacque Oelschlager

26 Jennifer Lewis

27 Marian Siek

28 Laura Berkebile

28 Brent Miller

29 Brian Pasquini

29 Missy Radovich

30 Adele Goodge



November Anniversaries

1 Bob & Nancy Spotti

11 Bernie & Jean Blanco

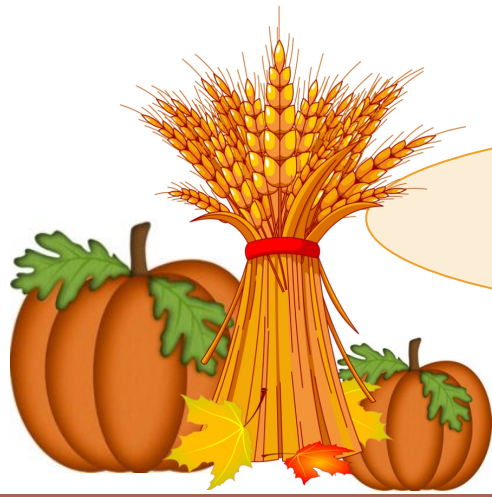
20 Dan & Tracey Harris

23 Gene & Sharon Koop

30 Loren & Kim Luedeman



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm Choir Practice	2 7:00 pm Service of Prayer and Preaching & Small Group Bible Study	3 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Elders Meeting 7:15 pm Women's Bible Study	4	5 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 10:00 am Men's Choir Practice Men's Hang Out Day
	6 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:45 am Board of Education Meeting	7 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Confirmation	8 7:00 pm Choir Practice	9 7:00 pm Service of Prayer and Preaching & Small Group Bible Study	10 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Council Meeting 7:15 pm Women's Bible Study	11
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