



Zion Lutheran Monthly

May 2017

Pastor's Corner

One of the many things I love about our church season is that it keeps going! For example, in the secular world, Christmas is done and over with in one day. After the presents are all opened, a depressive sorrow sets in to many secular minds because the “fun” is all done. Likewise with the secular world’s view of Easter. After the eggs are all found and the chocolate is all eaten, the only thing the world is left with is a tummy-ache!

But not in the church! In the church, we get to celebrate Christmas for weeks. The same goes for Easter. We are going to celebrate Easter not just for a day or two, but for a whole SEASON! And during this season of Easter, we are able to stay fixated upon the Easter resurrection of Christ and to view it from many different angles, and from many different sides – much in the same way you would with a beautiful diamond; turning it around and around to gaze upon its beauty from so many different sides and angles.

One beautiful facet of Easter we can view is the resurrection appearances of Christ. Late in the evening on Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to two disciples who were walking on the road to the town of Emmaus. These two men saw Jesus, but didn’t realize it was Jesus. They saw Jesus walking right next to them, but they didn’t realize this was the resurrected Jesus. They were staring right into the brilliance of the Son of God’s face, but they did not realize this was the Son of God. They walked and talked with God, but didn’t even realize it.

But then all of this changed. As soon as Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them – a veil fell away from their eyes and they finally saw Jesus for who He is; the Passover lamb who is risen from the dead and whose reign will never end! I pray during this Easter season, and every season of the church year, that our eyes would never deceive us. Look upon Christ as the one who was slain, but now who lives and reigns forever and ever. Gaze upon Him as you would a many faceted diamond always seeing the different ways He loves you, comes to you, keeps His promises to you, and how He will never fail you.

The Lord be with you,
Pastor Grimenstein



Vicar's Corner

The Easter Season

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The buzz of Easter Sunday has gone away. The special flowers are gone from the altar, the brass quartet isn't playing every Sunday, church attendance has gone back to the regular pattern. Some of the fanfare of Easter has indeed vanished, but this month I'd like you to remember- we're still in the season of Easter!

The joy of the resurrection of Jesus is far too great to be contained on one day, however special our celebration of Easter may be. The glorious news that Jesus was not in the tomb, that He has risen, never to die again takes up an entire season on our church calendar. Have you noticed the colors on the altar and on pastor's stole? They're still white. Our hymns are still hymns proclaiming the resurrection. Our worship services are still services of Easter joy!

Even after the season of Easter ends and our focus shifts, we can also remember that each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection! We gather for worship on Sunday mornings because Christ rose from the dead that third day. We wake up early, just as the women did on that first Easter. We come to church to find a living Christ, just as Mary Magdalene found at the tomb! The resurrection of Jesus is the single most important event in human history. He broke the pattern that existed from the fall until his resurrection. To this day, Jesus is the only one to rise from the dead and never die again. And as glorious as that fact is, even greater is the fact that the resurrection of Jesus is your resurrection as well! The resurrection of Jesus guaranteed resurrection for you, and foreshadowed that day when all the dead will rise. Each worship service, and each day of the life of a Christian is lived in this resurrection joy and hope.

As the wonderful hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" says:

"Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's power, Lord, set us free,
new-born souls in you to be. Alleluia!"

The triumph and joy of the resurrection go with us. Because Christ has risen from the dead, because we serve a living Lord, because the resurrection of Jesus is your resurrection we can joyously say "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" throughout the entire Easter season and all year round.

Vicar Joshua Ulm

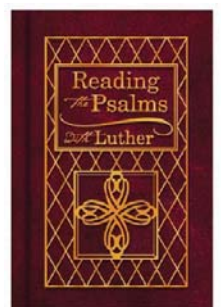
Christ is risen... and ascended!

Join us for a special Ascension day service on Thursday, May 25 at 7PM. We just celebrated the glorious resurrection of our Lord on Easter, but Jesus' story isn't over! The creed tells us "He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty!". This is an important event in salvation history that we cannot forget. We gather together to celebrate the ascension. We will hear God's Word, sing His praises, and reflect on why he ascended and what he is doing now!



Vicar's Book of the Month: Reading the Psalms with Luther

Last month we prayed with Luther. This month we will read through the Psalms with Luther! The Psalms are an inexhaustible treasure given to God's church, speaking of Christ in an incredible, unique way. If you love the Psalms, or if you've never quite understood why people think they're so special, this book is for you! Luther connects each Psalm to one of the 10 commandments and focuses on how each Psalm points to Jesus. This is one of the finest devotional resources I have ever used, and I pray it will be a blessing to you! Look for "Reading the Psalms with Luther" in Zion's Library this May!



Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

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| March Income | \$61,231.81 |
| March Expenses | <u>\$55,523.90</u> |
| Favorable to Income | \$ 5,707.91 |

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| Fiscal Year Income | \$520,120.30 |
| Fiscal Year Expenses | <u>\$488,976.72</u> |
| Income Less Expense | \$ 31,205.58 |



We continue to transfer money into the Pastor vacancy fund to cover moving and miscellaneous expenses for Pastor Grimenstein and family. The various growth funds continue to have a strong cash position. Overall Zion's financial situation continues to be solid with income ahead of budget year to date.

Please continue to pray for Zion and support our ministries with your time, talents and treasures. May God continue to bless our ministries.

Church and Parsonage Repairs & Renovation Projects

The Church Council reviewed and approved the Trustees recommendation to renovate the parsonage. The project will include modifying one side of the garage into two bedrooms as well as refreshing the basement family room and powder room. We are pleased that Tevia and Pastor are willing to move into the parsonage. This is a real advantage for both the Grimenstein family and Zion.

You might have also noticed that the front yard of the parsonage was dug up to repair a gas leak at a cost of \$5,445 to replace cast iron pipe with plastic pipe from the school to the parsonage. The gas company passed the work and the Trustees completed the re-planting of grass.



Bob Schmidt
Chairman



Happy Mother's day to all of our Zion Moms!
Thank you for everything you do everyday throughout the year. From all the little things that often go unnoticed to the big things that require you to work extra hard, we appreciate everything you do and that is why we celebrate you on Mother's Day!

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NOBLE CLOTHED WITH DIGNITY LOVING
WORTH FAR MORE THAN RUBIES
CREATIVE STRONG NURTURING
PRODUCTIVE
GODLY DILIGENT WISE
JOYFUL BLESSED PRAISED
Proverbs 31

ALL-CHURCH SPRING COOKOUT

SUNDAY, MAY 21



Join us right after second service on Sunday, May 21st for our All-Church Spring Cookout! Friends and guests are welcome for good food, fun, and fellowship! See you there!

More details coming soon!

Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, May 14. 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.



Hand Bell Choir is Happening!

Great news! Our fundraising efforts this past year were very successful and we are now able to start up a hand bell choir this fall! Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising efforts for this ensemble. The music ministry is blessed to have such a supportive and talented congregation here at Zion Lutheran Church.

The bells will arrive here at church sometime in July. In August, we will provide training on how to play/care for the hand bells as well as basic education on how to read music. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the back of the church for anyone who is interested in playing hand bells. No music experience is required to be a part of this ensemble! Contact Mark Killinger if you have any questions.



Attention all Spring Cleaning fans! It is time to purge and organize the yellow barn shed. If this sounds like your kind fun, please contact Linda at linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com!

Baby Bottle Campaign



Zion is participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign once again this year! When you fill a bottle with your checks, dollars, or loose change, you are helping rescue children and serve families! Grab your bottle from the Narthex and support Human Coalition, which operates CURO Women's Care Clinic of Pittsburgh, (formerly known as the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills), in the work of saving lives! (Please make checks payable to "**Human Coalition.**" All proceeds support the local activity in Pittsburgh.) Baby Bottles are due on May 7th!



Unfortunately, we only get to keep Vicar Joshua for a year and our time with him is almost over. **Save the date for July 14th** as we celebrate the time we got to share with the Ulm family! More information coming soon.

Batter Up!

Softball season is underway and our Zion Lions would love for you to cheer them on at their games! All games are played at McLaughlin Run Park (820 McLaughlin Run Rd, Bridgeville, PA 15017). Games are subject to change due to weather. For up to date game time information, check out the Chartiers Valley Church Softball League's website: leaguelineup.com. See you there!

May Softball Games:

5/4: 7:00 pm - Zion vs. Holy Child

5/4: 8:30 pm - Zion vs. Peters Creek

5/10: 8:30 pm - Zion vs. St. Anne's

5/16: 7:00 pm - Zion vs. Westminster

5/23: 8:30 pm - Zion vs. C.U.M.C.

5/31: 8:30 pm - Zion vs. St. Val's



Feel like you are missing out on news from Zion?

Members can sign up for our weekly eBlast at:
www.zlcb.org/join-email-list

And for daily website, like our Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranBridgeville



Thank You

The outpouring of prayers, love, and support we received during Joe's stay in the hospital was nothing short of incredible. We were uplifted every single day by texts and emails from Zion members, and Pastor Grimenstein even drove two hours to visit us! This is what the body of Christ is supposed to do- bear one another's burdens, encourage one another, live together in kindness, share the hope that is in you! We are so blessed by all of you.

Love, The Ulms

A heartfelt thank you to all of the dear Zion members who sent me well wishes following my recent hospital stay, and on Easter. You are a blessing to me!

Dorothy Smelko



PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's about that time.....time to wrap up the school year. Every year I say that I can't believe the year is over, but it's true, it flies by so quickly, but what an awesome year we had!

We took field trips to Bednar's green house, the Trolley Museum, the Children's Museum, Simmons Farm, Springhouse Farm, PNC Park, Giant Eagle and Chick-fil-A, just to name a few. We had parties and parades, Chapel and Kids Praise; visits from Fire Fighter Phil, the Queen of Hearts, the Chick-fil-A cow, Happy the penguin and Martin Luther...did you see him in the hallway? We had donuts with dads and muffins with moms and serenaded our families with beautiful Christmas songs! Oh....and did I mention that we learned our ABC's, 123's, the days of the week, the months of the year, practiced our handwriting (without tears), learned our addresses, phone numbers, letter sounds, sight words, beginning math skills, how to write our names, how not to eat glue (haha), manners, how to forgive and a whole lot about Jesus! Yes...what a great year indeed!

Please continue to keep our school in your prayers. It is a huge mission for our church and we are so blessed to have the opportunity to reach so many children and their families. This year we were able to teach 150 little souls all about Jesus and the sacrifice He made for us. Our enrollment is currently over 130 and we still have the summer for families to register...what a blessing!

Have a great summer and we see you in September.

Blessings,

Tracey Harris
Director

Preschool Registration NOW OPEN



Classes are filling up fast! If you are interested in attending Zion Lutheran's Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year, call 412-221-4776 or email tharris@zlcg.org for more information.

Faith and Family Workshop

Do you feel helpless when it comes to talking to your children about faith? Do you find talking to your children about Jesus difficult? Do you love teaching your children about Christ but are looking for resources? Parents of children from 0-college are invited to a "Faith and Family" workshop. We will meet **after church on June 4 until 1:30**. We'll talk about the Biblical basis for Christian parenting, share our struggles, and learn some simple, biblical, strategies for faith formation. You will walk away encouraged with a full belly and a personalized resource packet for you and your child! Lunch is provided. There will be crafts and a movie for the younger children and an activity for middle and high school as well!



Zion Youth News and Events

WASHINGTON, PA **Wild Things**

**FREE T-SHIRT
FRIDAY!**

FIREWORKS!

Date? Friday, June 2
Time? 7:05pm Game Time
Location? 1 Washington Federal Way, Wash., PA
Cost? \$10 + any food at the game
Who? Anyone in Middle School

Details:

We will be Meeting at Zion Lutheran Church (3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville) at **6:15pm** and driving together to Washington. Every Student **MUST** have a driving waiver signed!

See Joe Faini for details:
Joe Faini
681-945-5655
josephfaini@gmail.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May Unit

While the disciples were celebrating Pentecost, the Holy Spirit arrived. The Holy Spirit's arrival in Jerusalem is a fulfillment of prophecy and an answer to the community's expectant prayers. That same Spirit that empowered God's people to spread the good news of Jesus is still active and alive today.

"They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone." ~Acts 2: 47

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

April Station Leaders

Opening Devotions: Katie Gielarowski

Storytelling Station: Lynn Carthy

Art: Christine Chilcott

Cooking Station: Jennifer Liberatore (Megan Pasquini)

Missions Station: Katie Gielarowski

SPRING PROJECT - April 30th during the Sunday school hour. Stay tuned for details!!



Pentecost



Vacation Bible School

June 19-24

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Cost is \$15 / child or a maximum of \$40 / family.

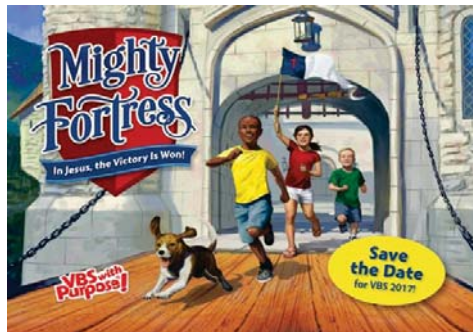
CALLING VBS VOLUNTEERS!!!

CREW LEADERS — accompany a group of children to and from stations

CREW HELPERS — assist crew leaders

(CREW VOLUNTEER MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 30TH AT 6:30PM)

Interested in leading one of the above stations? Fill out a volunteer form or contact Katie Gielarowski: sundayschool@zlcg.org or (724) 713-6523



Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2017 – 9:00-12:00

Ages -- 4 years old (before 9/1/17) through 12 years old

Register by Wednesday 6/14 on the registration form found at the end of the Newsletter.

Join us at Zion Lutheran Church for *Mighty Fortress* Vacation Bible School and discover that God is our refuge and strength! No matter what challenge we face, God promises to be our rock and salvation—a fortress and sure defense. In Jesus, the victory is won!

Zion's VBS will be organized in a "crew" format, in which children of different ages enjoy VBS activities in small "crews". Please complete the attached registration form for each child, and attach the registration fee of \$15 per child (maximum of \$40 per family w/ multiple children enrolled). Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School. Return the completed registration form(s) and fee no later than Wednesday, June 14th to the box labeled "VBS Registration" located in the church narthex and the school lobby, or mail to Zion Lutheran Church, 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville PA 15017.

In order to ensure the best VBS experience for all children, the number of "crews" is limited, so please be sure to register early to reserve your spot. There is no guarantee we'll be able to accommodate registrants on the first day of VBS!

Visit Zion's website at www.zlcg.org/VBS for important information on this year's Vacation Bible School. Questions??? Contact Katie Gielarowski, VBS Director, at 724-713-6523 or sundayschool@zlcg.org, or Susie Bishop, Registration Coordinator, at 412-257-5089 or Susie.c.bishop@gmail.com.

Service Participants

| Date | Time | Greeters | Acolytes | Nursery |
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| May 7 | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Ron & Judy Meier Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse | Matt Liberatore John Garrubba | Megan Meyer, Carly & Darla Rockovich |
| May 14 | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Brian & Megan Pasquini John & Katie Gielarowski | Ava Pasquini Lara Luedeman | Brittany Dill, Sydney Janusey & Leah Luedeman |
| May 21 | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Bill & Carol Schrag Jim & Mary Lou Neill | Joey Ackerman Augie Bishop | Adele Goodge, Sharon Bogden & Christine Chilcott |
| May 28 | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Shane & Sandy Bryant Norm & Brittnay Dill & Family | Matt Liberatore Anna Gresh | Nell Wilson, Tess Carter & Susie Bishop |
| June 4 | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Wayne & Kathleen Conn Kristen Neill | Ava Pasquini Carley Rockovich | Jenny & Jodi Fitzgerald & Barb Oechslein |
| June 11 | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Robert & Diana Schmidt Robb & Alaina Oelschlager | Joey Ackerman John Garrubba | Carrie Lemonovich, Jenna & Stephanie Eckels |



| Month | Elders | Altar Guild | 8:00 AM Ushers | 10:00 AM Ushers |
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| May | Mike Kroeger James Neill | Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, Diane Schmidt | Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet & Larry Zreliak | Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris, Lois Sauro, & Ted Siek |
| June | Peter Fisher Robb Oelschlager | Elsie Dalla Piazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula | Melanie & Bill Becker, Mike Kozak & Ed Malachosky | Kari & John Gresh, Vince Kimberland, & Bill Koester |

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

May Birthdays

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| 3 Dominic Derosa | 22 Carly Seibel |
| 3 Janet Hickey | 24 Kenneth Wuerthele |
| 9 Rita Sheldon | 25 Nadine Carswell |
| 10 Bethany Seibel | 25 Sarah Lynch |
| 12 Ross Chilcott | 26 Mary Hutula |
| 14 Jack Oelschlager | 29 Nicholas Coyle |
| 15 Cody Conner | 30 Christa Coyle |
| 17 Timothy Fitzgerald | 30 Bill Schrag |
| 17 Kari Gresh | 31 Melanie Becker |
| 20 Frank Vallelunga | |
| 21 Irene Bourg | |
| 21 Stephanie Eckels | |
| 22 Dan Harris | |

Happy
Birthday



May Anniversaries

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| 15 Shane & Sandy Bryant |
| 22 George & Jane Kozak |
| 28 Michael & Deborah Sterba |
| 30 Brad & Jessica Boyle |
| 30 Lawrence & Janet Zreliak |
| 31 Steve & Janet Dibert |



May 2017



Sunday

Monday

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Wednesday

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Saturday



Zion Lutheran Church

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| | 1 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting | 2 7:15 pm Women's Bible Study | 3 7:00 pm Midweek Service | 4 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 & 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Double Header 7:30 pm Elders Meeting | 5 | 6 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Men's Choir Practice |
| 7 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 | 8 7:00 pm Confirmation | 9 7:15 pm Women's Bible Study | 10 7:00 pm Midweek Service (Communion) 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game | 11 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Council Meeting | 12 | 13 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast |
| 14 Happy Mother's Day! 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Food Bank Collection | 15 7:00 pm Confirmation | 16 7:00 pm Zion Lions Softball Game 7:15 pm Women's Bible Study | 17 7:00 pm Midweek Service | 18 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice | 19 | 20 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Men's Choir |
| 21 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Church Picnic 5:00 pm Stephen Ministry | 22 7:00 pm Confirmation | 23 6:30 pm Sunday School/VBS Meeting 7:15 pm Women's Bible Study 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game | 24 7:00 pm Midweek Service | 25 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Ascension Day Service | 26 | 27 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast |
| 28 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship | 29 7:00 pm Confirmation | 30 6:30 pm VBS Crew Leader & Helper Meeting 7:15 pm Women's Bible Study | 31 7:00 pm Midweek Service 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game | <p>charm is deceptive & beauty is fleeting BUT A WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD is to be praised</p> <p>proverbs 31:30</p> | | |



Additional registration forms can be found on our website (zlcb.org) or in the Church Narthex.

For Office Use:

Check No. _____

Cash _____

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, 6/14

ONE FORM PER CHILD PLEASE!

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions*: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Would you like to purchase the Mighty Fortress Majestic Music CD? If so, please indicate below and include \$10 with your VBS registration fee.

_____ Yes, I would like a Majestic Music CD.

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

*Please note that if your child has any food allergies, we request that you bring a snack from home for him/her to enjoy each day. The snack should be clearly labeled with the child's full name and brought to the kitchen in the church's lower level.

Sunday morning worship at 8:00am and 10:30am



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