



Zion Lutheran Monthly



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What Is Internet?

“What is internet anyway?” a confused Bryant Gumbel asked an always-perky Katie Couric.

“A massive computer network, the one that’s becoming really big,” she replied.

“What do you mean? What do you... write to it?”

“No. A lot of people use it to communicate with NBC writers and producers,” replies Couric, looking off-stage for a producer for help explaining a topic she clearly knows little about. “Allison, can you explain what internet is?”

From offstage, a man’s voice says, “It’s a giant computer network... it’s... it’s a computer billboard... it’s... several universities all joined together.”

“And others can access it?” a confused Gumbel asks.

“It’s getting bigger every day,” the voice from offstage replies.

“That’s great,” Gumbel says sarcastically.

This exchange took place on the Today Show less than 20 years ago. They would never have imagined then that elementary school children would be using the (high speed) internet in their classrooms, and many of us would have unlimited access to it... on our cell phones. Just for irony’s sake, here’s the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUs7iG1mNjI&feature=share>.

A lot can change in 19 years; how we live our lives can be revolutionized by things like the internet, or brought to an unwanted halt by disease or injury. The birth of children and the death of loved ones constantly changes the playing field. A promotion, job loss, scam or windfall can change our daily routine. Things beyond our control change our lives in powerful ways, and without warning.

In Malachi 3:6, God says this to his people: “For I the LORD do not change.”

In Colossians 1:15 and 2:9, we read: “[Christ] is the image of the invisible God.... For in [Christ] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.”

And Hebrews 13:8 puts the two together: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

In our lives saturated with wanted, unwanted, planned and unplanned change, it’s good to have the unchangeable gospel of Jesus as the solid ground under our feet. With the assurance of the forgiveness of sins, the indwelling Holy Spirit, the promise of the resurrection like his, Jesus’ promise to listen to and answer all of our prayers, and his promise that he will never leave us nor forsake us, we can navigate the “changes and chances” of this world. And more than that, we can speak his name to people whose lives have been ravaged by the relentlessly changing world around them, giving them hope, purpose and destiny.

God be with you all as you continue to make the solid rock of our Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel the foundation and cornerstone of your life!

In Christ,
Pastor Duncan McLellan

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Time is Running

Out...

...for you to sign-up for a spot in Zion’s Fantasy Football League. 20 teams competing for the right to donate money raised through the optional “Franchise Fee” to the charity of the winning team’s choice. You don’t have to be experienced or good at Fantasy Football to have a shot at the title. Contact Pastor Duncan RIGHT NOW if you are interested; the Draft is scheduled for 9/1 @ 4:00pm.



Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances



Chairman's Report

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July Income	\$27,858.00
July Expenses	<u>23,453.00</u>
Favorable to Income	\$ 4,405.00



All bills through August have been paid.

Please pray for Zion as we begin our new financial fiscal year that we will be good stewards in using our time, talents, and gifts. The new year begins with several new community outreach programs, continued support for local charities, and Christian education for youth and adults. May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Bob Schmidt

Chairman

Julie Huse - New Office Administrator

As many of you know Elizabeth Mubarek, the Church Office Administrator, will be relocating to Boston to be closer to her family at the end of August. We wish Elizabeth and her family God's blessing as they undertake a new chapter in their lives. Let me take this opportunity on behalf of Zion to thank Elizabeth for her year of service at Zion.

We are also pleased to announce that Julie Huse, a member of Zion, will replace Elizabeth. Julie was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She received her BA degree in English from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK in 2008. After college, she attended the University of Tulsa, College of Law where she received a JD in 2011. While attending law school, Julie met her husband, Brooks. In January 2012, Julie and Brooks were united in marriage at Grace Lutheran Church in Tulsa, OK. In May 2012, Julie and her husband moved to Pittsburgh. In the summer of 2012, Julie sat for and passed the Pennsylvania Bar Exam. We are excited that Julie has accepted this Office Administrator position at Zion.

Bob Schmidt
Chairman

MEN'S RETREAT

Zion Men—mark your calendars for April 10-13. We are going to spend a weekend (starting Thursday (4/10), for those of you with more flexible schedules) together at Camp Pioneer, experiencing all that camp has to offer, enjoy times of fellowship, and times in Scripture together. We've got the deluxe cabins at Camp Pioneer reserved. We'll have more details in the coming months, but you won't want to miss it!



- 1 Evelyn Green
- 1 Mileah Rose
- 3 Leah Quinlan
- 3 Rita Trudel
- 4 Jean Blanco
- 7 Judith Dames
- 7 Elaine Ivancza
- 8 Andrew Klemash
- 10 Wayne Conn
- 10 Matthew Oelschlager
- 10 Ken Schrag
- 11 James Eckels
- 11 Grant Geregach
- 13 Carl Bauer
- 13 Karyssa Larson
- 13 Hannah Quinlan
- 14 Nancy Klemash
- 14 Rachael Quinlan
- 15 Sophia Gielarowski



- 17 Catherine Watters
- 18 Nancy Koester
- 18 Jim Neill
- 18 Lawrence Zreliak
- 19 Max Gresh
- 19 James Neill
- 22 Gene Koop
- 25 Bernice DeBoe

- 13 Jonathan and Andrea Vogel 2003
- 16 Craig and Deborah Scott 1989
- 18 Robert and Jennifer Liberatore 1999
- 22 Nathan and Hailey Smidt 2001
- 26 Tom and Kim Erbrecht 1981
- 30 Robert and Shelly James 2000

- 25 Nathan Morgan
- 26 Melissa James
- 25 Marianne Miller
- 30 Deborah Scott



Stephen Ministry Corner

Have you ever had someone come to you and share a part of their life with you and you have no idea what to do, or what to say? Have you ever seen someone hurting and didn't know what, if anything, to do?

Stephen Ministry provides Christ-centered care for people going through hard times. We are going to be starting a Stephen Ministry Training Class on the 22nd of September at 2:00pm in the Conference Room. If you are interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister and learning how to care for hurting people with the love of Christ, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office.



Chili Cook-Off

Mark your calendars for September 15th! Zion is going to try to repeat last year's success of winning the South Fayette Chili Cook-Off and we need your support! We were able to donate \$500 to the Bridgeville Food Bank last year and want to be able to do the same again this year. Tickets to the Cook-Off are available at church. Contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office if you'd like to help out—we need volunteers to cook and serve our award-winning Dakota Chili.



DATE CHANGE!

Please note that the Council meeting is date is changing for September.

The new date is Thursday, September 19 at 7:30 pm.



Service Participants

September

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
September 1	9:00 AM	Carl & Karen Bauer, and Elsie DallaPiazza	Christopher Yellig & Sydney Harris
September 8	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Kovach Lois Klemash	Nobody available Josiah Ackerman
September 15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	George, Jane & Michael Kozak Brian & Megan Pasquini & family	Nobody available Ryan Harris
September 22	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Gene & Sharon Koop Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Grant Geregach Christopher Yellig
September 29	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill & Nancy Koester Jim & Marylou Neill	Josiah Ackerman Sydney Harris
October 6	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bob & Shelly James Vince & Ginny Kimberland	Grant Geregach Jennifer Fitzgerald
October 13	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Clara Hayes John & Kari Gresh & family	Nobody Available Ryan Harris

ELDERS	Ken Wuerthele, Michael Sterba
ALTAR GUILD	Paula Jones, Pam Larson, Rose Steranko
USHERS @ 9:00 am	Carl Bauer, Joe Gielarowski, Gene Koop, Ron Meier
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Neil Ackerman, Sam Dragan, Kari Gresh, John Gresh

October

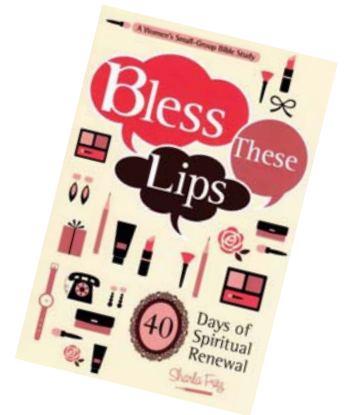
ELDERS	Robert Oelschlager, Brian Pasquini
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller, Millie Thielet
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet Zreliak, Larry Zreliak
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Ross Chilcott, Steve Gauer, Dan Harris, Chuck LaJeunesse

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@zlc.org of the change.

Women's Bible Study Fall Kick-Off!

We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings this fall from 7:45-9:00 PM. Our kick-off on Tuesday, September 10 will be an evening of fun and fellowship getting started with our 8-week study written by Sharla Fritz, *Bless These Lips*.

Please watch for more information in the coming weeks! Feel free to bring a friend! This will be a great study for all women, whether you are seasoned in studying God's Word or brand new to digging into the Bible, please consider making this study part of your week! You won't regret it! Contact Alissa McLellan at 412-295-5452 or by email at alissamclellan@yahoo.com if you have any questions!





Oktoberfest!

The 5th annual Zion Lutheran Church **Oktoberfest** is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 4:00 pm. The event will be an outdoor festival setting with German food, drinks, children's games, a DJ and more. Money raised through this event will go toward a secretary work station in the school lobby..

This year, the venue will include concession stand sales of various German-style food and beverages, such as:

- Brats
- Pretzels
- German potato salad
- Sauerkraut Balls
- Pierogies
- Desserts
- Root beer

We would like to continue to open this to as many community members as possible, so please help spread the word!



How can you help?

We are looking for volunteers on the day of the event to help set up before the festival and clean up after as well as working the concession stands. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex, so please volunteer if you are able to assist. We would like to fulfill all concession responsibilities by the week of August 18.

What is required for each concession stand operator?

- All food purchases and preparation of individual item(s). Committee will reimburse expenses, if individuals prefer not to donate.
- Responsible for manning the concession or assigning crew.
- Festival ticket collection for record keeping
- All serving supplies: to-go containers, plates, napkins, silverware, glasses, condiments, etc.



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throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan

Youth News

This year Zion is making some big changes when it comes to how we are teaching the material that makes-up our Confirmation curriculum. The substance of the teaching is the same; how we teach it will be different. No more will we be meeting every Monday evening during the school year for an hour. Instead, we will be meeting for five “modules” over the course of the school year. The modules will range in length (as well as location) and provide the Confirmation students with a better environment in which to learn the Christian faith, develop friendships with their classmates, and avoid conflicts with other commitments the students might have.

If you have a child who you think is ready for Confirmation Instruction (typically incoming 7th graders), we will be having our first Confirmation meeting (for parents and children) September 9th at 6:00pm in the Conference Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month’s Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday September 15**. The “item of the month” is Personal Hygiene Products. You are also welcome to help at the Food Bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 and 12:00 at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

The start of the NFL season means the men of Zion are going to be getting together on Monday night. We’ll be meeting at Bubba’s (between the church and Bridgeville on Washington Pike) at 8:00 on Monday, starting 9/9. Are you ready for some football? ...and fellowship? ...and food?

Monday Night Football

BOWLING

The Zion Lutheran Bowling League would like to thank Brooks Huse and Chuck LaJeunesse for signing-up for President, Treasurer and Secretary duties. We look forward to another great year of bowling! If you would like to be on the team, please contact the Church Office. The season starts in September and includes games every-other Friday through the beginning of May and an end-of-the-year banquet.