



Zion Lutheran Monthly



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Lions and Tigers and Bears, O My!

But we're not living in the Merry Old Land of Oz and most of us are not from Kansas, and so instead of Lions, Tigers and Bears, we have ISIS, Ebola in America, \$17 Trillion in debt, falling wages, a bourgeoning police state, and the erosion of traditional values. Scary things, right? The kinds of things that keep you up at night while you also wonder if you locked all of the doors, if your kids did all their homework, and if you should set your alarm 30 minutes earlier because tomorrow looks particularly busy. If it's not these things that scare us, there are others lining up to take their place and fill our minds and souls with terror.

The question for us Christians is not: what should I be afraid of? Rather, the questions we should first ask are: is fear virtuous? Is it a fruit of the Spirit? Does fear come from, or does it stand opposed to our faith in Christ? Consider the following Bible passages:

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "'Abba," Father." (Romans 8:15)

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6)

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)

And maybe one of the questions we should ask second is: if we are to fear anything, shouldn't it be bringing shame to the one who saved us, our Lord Jesus Christ?

Dear Friends, there will always be things that want nothing more than for you to be afraid of them, but they do not have the authority to bring fear into your life. You have been called from a life that is handed mercilessly from one fearful thing to another, to a life rooted in the confidence of forgiveness and resurrection because of Christ; a life without fear—even without fear of death itself.

-Pastor Duncan

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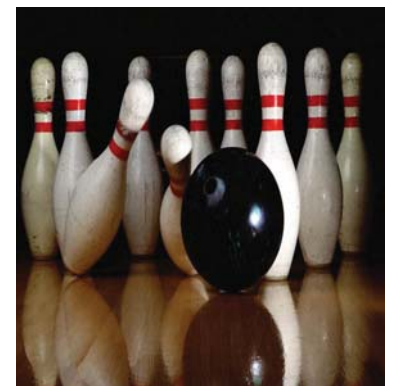
Bowling Schedule!

Week 3: Friday, Oct. 10

Week 4: Friday, Oct. 24

All games are played at
6:30pm at

AMF Mt. Lebanon Lanes



Sunday School News

October Unit on Jeremiah
Preschool - 5th Grades

Jeremiah was called to serve God while he was still a boy. Like Jesus, Jeremiah used familiar things to teach about how God wants us to live. People of all ages are called to serve God and live as God wants us to live.

In October, children will understand that they, like Jeremiah, are called to speak and live for God, learn that our actions have consequences and experience God's love for them through his Word.

Jeremiah 1: 7 - But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

6th - 8th Grades - Meet in the conference room with Robb Oelschlager for a study of the book of Genesis!

9th - 12th Grades - Meet in the school office with Mark Killinger for a discussion on important issues facing high school students!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Did you know that October is Pastor appreciation month? So on behalf of Zion congregation, I would like to publicly thank Pastor Duncan for his spiritual leadership and especially for his outstanding preaching and teaching ministry. I would also like to encourage each of you to take the time to thank Pastor Duncan for his spiritual leadership this month and throughout the rest of the year.

Bob Schmidt
Chairman





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| 1. Dale Miller | 16 Sam Jenkins |
| 2 Aidan Dibert | 16 Sara Jones |
| 3 Bill Bishop | 16 John Lemonovich |
| 3 Jodi Fitzgerald | 17 Don Jones |
| 3 Dwight Weldon | 18 Wayne Oechslein |
| 4 Stephanie Watkins | 19 Carol Wuerthele |
| 5 Rebecca Ivancza | 21 Lois Sauro |
| 7 Dottie Heslop | 22 Jennifer Elikor |
| 7 Carolyn Wible | 22 Patricia Neill |
| 9 Aaron Hunsberger | 23 Kristy Ivancza |
| 10 Daniel Jenkins | 26 John Gielarowski |
| 10 Diana Schmidt | 26 Lindsey Liberatore |
| 11 Robert Long | 27 David Miller |
| 11 Dylan Walsh | 29 George Boehme |
| 12 Sandra Bryant | 30 Laurie Coleman |
| 12 Sheryl Piper | 30 Sharon Koop |
| 13 Renee Trudel | |
| 14 LaVerne Eckles | |
| 14 Steve Gauger | |
| 14 Craig Scott | |
| 15 Nathan Boyle | |
| 15 Kim LaJeunesse | |



- 1 George & Florence Boehme
- 3 Don & Sara Jones
- 11 Wayne & Kathleen Conn
- 13 Ross & Christine Chilcott
- 18 Wayne & Barb Oechslein
- 19 Jim & Stephanie Eckels
- 19 Greg & Salina Howcroft
- 20 James & Norma Lynch
- 22 Eric & Michelle Hunsberger
- 23 John & Carrie Lemonovich
- 30 John & Kathleen Derosa

Chairman's Report

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

August Income	\$52,004.00
August Expenses	<u>35,995.00</u>
Favorable to Income	\$16,008.00

We did require a temporary transfer of funds from the growth fund account to cover July and August bills. As of October, 2014, we are estimating \$610.00 cash on hand.

May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Bob Schmidt
Chairman

New Office Administrator's

As many of you know Julie Huse is expecting a baby in October. Julie is planning to become a stay at home mom once the baby is born. We wish Julie and Brooks God's blessing as they enjoy this special gift from God. Let me take this opportunity on behalf of Zion to thank Julie for her service at Zion.

We are also pleased to announce that Megan Pasquini and Amanda Conway will job share the Office Administrator and Secretary position.

Megan was born in Pittsburgh and has been a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church. Megan went to John Carroll University and graduated with a BA Degree in Marketing. Shortly after graduating from college she moved back to Pittsburgh and met her husband, Brian Pasquini. They have two children, Ava and Decklan. Megan was District Manager for a global grocery chain and worked in real estate until 2 years ago. She now stays home with her two children.

Amanda grew up in Springfield, Missouri. She earned a BS in Biology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2013. She moved to Pittsburgh in July, 2013 to help plant a church with the campus church ministry she was involved with in college. She met her fiance Jeremy Haesemeier while at Mizzou and they are getting married August 1, 2015. Amanda is currently working with the Small Steps class at the Zion preschool.

We are excited that Megan and Amanda have accepted this position at Zion.

Bob Schmidt
Chairman

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

October

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
October 5	8:00 AM	Gene & Sharon Koop	Josiah Ackerman
	10:30 AM	Bob & Jennifer Liberatore	Lara Luedeman
October 12	8:00 AM	Peter & Barbara Fisher	Jennifer Fitzgerald
	10:30 AM	Michael & Deborah Sterba	Augie Bishop
October 19	8:00 AM	Bernie & Jean Blanco	Josiah Ackerman
	10:30 AM	Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Carley Rockovich
October 26	8:00 AM	George, Jane & Michael Kozak	TBD
	10:30 AM	Lauren & Kim Luedeman & family	Lara Luedeman
November 2	8:00 AM	Rob Oelschlager	Nathan Morgan
	10:30 AM	Vince & Ginny Kimberland	Chris Yellig
November 9	8:00 AM	Joyce Wood	Augie Bishop
	10:30 AM	Lois Klemash	Jennifer Fitzgerald

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.

ELDERS	Rob Oelschlager
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Meier Marianne Miller Millie Thielet
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Kathleen Conn Bill Schrag Janet & Larry Zre-
Ushers @ 10:30 am	Neil Ackerman Ross Chilcott Kari & John Gresh

November

ELDERS	John Gielarowski Jim Neill
ALTAR GUILD	Kathleen Conn Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Bill Becker Shane Bryant Barb & Wayne Oechslein
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Sam Dragan Dan Harris Vince Kimberland Richard Quinlan

Third Annual “Adopt a Grandparent”

During this holiday season, our local group of Mary Kay 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 200 gifts to residents of John J Kane Regional Hospital, Scott Twp. This year we hope to deliver 400 gifts and spread cheer to those who now live in assisted care facilities.

By partnering with me, your \$15 donation will sponsor one special gift for a resident 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!*

Make your check payable to Ginny Granke-Kimberland, or if you have questions about how you, your school, or your business can become a sponsor, please contact:

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Our school year is off to another great start. We have the highest number of students enrolled in the history of the school...119! Our classes include 1 Stepping Stones class, 2 PreKindergarten classes, 3 PreSchool classes and 2 Small Steps classes. To accommodate all of these wonderful children, we had to add some new staff members: Amy Kissinger is working in the PreKindergarten class with Mrs. Barb, Karen Vinoverski is working with Mrs. Stacy in the PreKindergarten class, Tera Peluso is working in the Stepping Stones class with Mrs. Peggy and Amamda Conway, who has been attending our church, is helping out in the Small Steps room. We now have a staff of 17, including me.

September was a month filled with a lot of excitement. We were excited to start a new year, excited to watch the transformation of the classrooms as some were painted and redecorated, excited to get to know our new staff members, excited to meet the new children and their families and excited to start sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to these young souls.

We jumped right in with circle time, craft time, playground time, story time, snack time, Kids Praise and Jesus time. We keep our days filled with activities where the children are learning while having fun. We also had a few tears, especially in the Small Steps and PreSchool classes. For most of these children it is their first time away from mommy or daddy, which can be scary. Our loving staff steps right in and calms their anxious little hearts! I'm proud to say that we are almost a "tear free" school.

We will have our first Chapel in October...The Parable of the Pumpkin. **"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," make 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.** This lesson uses two jack-o-lanterns, one happy with a lit candle inside and one unhappy, dark pumpkin. The carved pumpkins help to explain the Gospel story in a very "visual" way. The lesson explains the differences between living life with Jesus and living life without Jesus. We will also read "The Pumpkin Patch Parable." It is our prayer that these two activities help to make the Gospel message more clear and meaningful to the children. **"When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**
John 8:12

Spaghetti anyone? The date for this year's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Art Show is Friday, November 7th. We will do a buffet style dinner including spaghetti with marinara and meatballs and Fettuccini Alfredo. And, of course, we will have our delicious bake sale. If you would like to donate some "goodies" to the bake sale, please drop them off either Thursday the 6th, or Friday the 7th before 1:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale soon.

We will finish the month with field trips to local pumpkin farms for some pumpkin picking, apple tasting and just plain good ol' fun!

Blessings,
Tracey Harris

Health Care Information Seminar

Sunday, November 2nd 2014

Immediately following the second service in the fellowship hall.

Sue Houy

Medicare/Retirement Specialist

Success Financial Solutions

Sue will be available for information on the Annual Open Enrollment for Medicare which will start Oct 15th through Dec 7th.

Changes in coverage and deductibles will be a few items discussed during this Seminar.

The different Hospitalization Plans and their costs will also be available.

She will also have information concerning Prescription Drug Coverage.

Health Care is a very important concern for everyone so please attend!

THANK YOU!

I'd like to thank you all so much for making my time as the secretary here at Zion such a wonderful experience. I have truly enjoyed working for Zion and will miss working here very much. Working here has allowed me to really get to know the members of this wonderful Congregation and for that I am so grateful. I will of course continue to see you all at church - you can't get rid of me that easily! :) Thanks again and God's blessings to you all!

- Julie Huse

GALLERIA FALL ART SHOW

Come enjoy the Galleria Fall Art Show! The Galleria Of Mt. Lebanon will host the 2014 Fall Art Show Friday October 10th through Sunday October 19th sponsored by Painting With A Twist. During this 10 day event, local art leagues will display their art work and provide demonstrations. Painting With A Twist will also hold classes for you to create your masterpiece! Zion member Barb Fisher, will have original art work in the show!



VOTER'S MEETING!

Mark your calendars! There will be a voter's meeting Sunday, October 26 between services. The key agenda item for this meeting is the election of officers.



Monday Night Football

Join us at Pizzaz (Rt. 19 in McMurray) Monday nights at 8:00pm to watch the game, check our Fantasy Football Scores, and enjoy an evening of fellowship.



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, October 12. The "item of the month" is baking supplies. 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.

