

# Zion Lutheran Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

## VBS FEATURES ROCK CLIMBING WALL

By Jill Schnader and Jennifer Matthews

This year on Thursday night, Day 5, of Vacation Bible School, we will be featuring a rock climbing wall so we can “climb our own Everest” here at Zion.

Please join us for a picnic on Thursday from 5:30-6:20 p.m. Enjoy hot dogs and snacks as we celebrate the exciting week of VBS! Kids can explore their adventurous side by climbing an Everest-sided Rock Wall. The stations will be changed for this night so that all the kids can have fun climbing the wall. For safety reasons, parents need to stay with their children during the picnic until they are signed in at 6:15 in the sanctuary.

While the kids have fun at the stations, parents are invited into the sanctuary to view all of the pictures from the week. The picnic will replace having refreshments at the end of the evening.



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**No Preteen Events in July or August!**

**Youth Detroit  
Presentation July 26  
5 p.m. for everyone!**

**VBS Decorating - All welcome!  
Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

## Supporting Mental Health Funding

By Pastor Embley

Did you know?

- 1-5 Americans over 18 will have a diagnosable mental health disorder in any given year. Nearly half of all Americans (46.4) will have a mental health disorder in their life time.
- Neuropsychiatric disorders are the leading cause of disability in the U.S. followed by cardiovascular disease.
- 3.5 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed with schizophrenia with 75% of people developing the illness between the ages of 16 and 25 - high school and college years.
- 70% of Americans experience physical and nonphysical symptoms of stress.

When budget cuts occur to mental health providers, when hospitals have too few beds for inpatient treatment and when outpatient follow up treatment for children, youth, and adults is difficult to obtain, it is time for the people of God to speak up. Please consider writing, calling, texting, or emailing your elected officials to support and increase mental health funding.

## Flag Etiquette Update

By Pastor Embley

Zion has found a short term solution to properly displaying the outside American flag.

After no members were willing to take this job on, a member of the Boy Scout troop has agreed to take this on for one year.

We are very fortunate to have this young man step up to do this job.



## Are You Being Served

By Pastor Embley

PBS had a television series based on the daily happenings in a British department store. We all can enjoy being served or waited on but life for Christians is not about being served but serving others.

Zion is a congregation that has grown in its serving ministry during the last decade. We continue an outward focus both in our community and world.

Here are some challenges facing us:

a) There is a portion of the congregation that likes being waited on. Whether it is serving a meal, a work day, VBS, Waterslide Day, or fellowship events, we can't seem to interest some people. Don't wait and miss out!

b) Become better equipped. Take advantage of the learning opportunities for men and women that continue over the summer on Sunday morning, Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and Friday night. There are plenty of opportunities.

c) Grow in your servant hood, take small steps - serve a downtown meal, take a 2 hour shift at Waterslide Day, volunteer to take meals to people who need them, become part of VBS this August, become a mentor in the Homes of Hope or volunteer in other ways at the Homes of Hope.

So are you serving? Or are you waiting to be served?

## Potter's House to the Rescue

By Pastor Embley

After waiting several years to have the Education Wing hallways painted, Bill Matthews contacted Potter's House on Hoover Lane. Several of the residents of Potter's House took on this project when Zion did not have enough members respond.

Thanks to Bill and the men of Potter's House for helping to get the job done!

## On Vocation? Use GPS!

Adapted by Newsletternewsletter.com - Heidi Mann

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation* - following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our "calling," Frederick Buechner said, is "where [our] deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

But is there a GPS for vocation? It's not as detailed or predictive as we'd like. It doesn't name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up "recalculating" our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This "GPS" might stand for God's Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve! The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide's calm voice and continue on vocation.

## Keep In Contact with the Kids at the Gathering

Link to Social Media via the Gathering App.

Now you can connect with the Gathering via the Gathering app! Links to all of the Gathering social media pages have been added to the app.

Go check it out and send us a message telling us what you're looking forward to at the Gathering! Haven't downloaded the app yet? Go to: <https://guidebook.com/app/elcaevents>.

## Zion Library News

By Nadine Gladfelter and Patty Jackson

New items are being added to the library this month.

### Inspirational & Christian Living:

"The Comfort Queen's Guide to Life" by Jennifer Louden

This book deals with self-nurturing for women. Having the perfect home, the perfect relationships and enough quality time with your children and friends is a magazine article, not a life. This book is a delightful soul-searching exploration for any woman who wants to live and love and laugh more fully.

"When God Seems Silent" by Larry and LaVerne Kreider

Is God hiding from us? Is He angry? Is He speaking in ways we don't recognize? In this book, the authors examine those questions and many of the barriers that can block the voice of God in our lives.

"The Source of My Strength" by Charles F. Stanley

This book is a personal look at the power of Christ to comfort those who hurt and to free those who are oppressed. Sharing his journey through emotional pain, Dr. Stanley offers biblical principles that help you overcome pain, fear, and loneliness and find hope and healing in God's promises.

"Speak Lord, I'm Listening" by Larry Kreider

This book presents more than 50 ways to hear the voice of God and recognize His activity in and through your life. It will broaden your perception of how God speaks and enable you to be more confident in hearing him.

### Devotionals:

"A Woman's Joy" by Charles R. Swindoll

This book is subtitled "Loving the life God gave you" and is a devotional from the Bible teaching ministry of Charles R. Swindoll. It was written by women for women and on its pages, you will meet godly women, hear their stories, and uncover new ways to help you know God more closely.

### Biography:

"Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther" by Roland Bainton

This is an unforgettable biography of Martin Luther who entered a monastery as a youth and who, as a man, shattered the structure of the medieval church. In his crusade to eliminate religious abuses, he did more than any other man to establish the Protestant faith.

### Youth Fiction:

"The Indian Bones' Revenge" by Ken Munro

Ken Munro is the author of the Sammy and Brian mysteries and has

written 20 books in the series. He is a retired school teacher living in Lancaster, PA. This is an interesting mystery dealing with the after effects of finding Indian bones in Lancaster County.

Reading level: ages 9-13  
Interest level: ages 9-adult

### Adult Fiction:

"Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good" by Jan Karon

With this book you are invited to rejoin author Jan Karon as she revisits the village of Mitford. After 5 years of retirement from Lord's Chapel, Father Tim Kavanaugh and his wife, Cynthia, return to Mitford from a trip to Ireland. Join Father Tim as he reconnects with Mitford and spend a few hours with the often comic and utterly human characters in this book.

### Biblical Study:

"Willmington's Guide to the Bible" by Dr.H.L. Willmington

For more than 30 years, thousands of people from all walks of life have turned to this guide to help them navigate God's Word. The author provides a concise and exhaustive summary of basic Bible information in one volume. It provides a complete Bible education in one book.

## One Nation Under God

By Alan Ruby

Our narrative continues of what constitutes the greatness of America. Again I quote the French traveler, Alex De Tocqueville:

*"I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her labors . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests, in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution.*

*Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.*

*America is great because America is good and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.*

*The safeguard of morality is religion, and morality is the security of law as well as the surest pledge of freedom.*

*The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other.*

*Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts - the cradle of its infancy and the divine source of its claims."*

The great Reformer Martin Luther and the Apostle Paul himself

could not have said it better. In the course of our American history, we Americans owe much to the French nation and her people.



## Leola Community Meal

Friday, July 17  
Served at 5:55 p.m.  
\*Held here at Zion.  
\*Hosted by Salem Hellers

## Downtown Meals 2015 Schedule

\*Carpool leaves at 4:30 p.m. from Zion.  
\*Please sign up to donate food and your time.  
\*Sign-up sheet is located on the Mission & Service bulletin board.

### Grace Lutheran Church (5th Wednesday of the month)

July 29  
September 30  
December 30

### Christ Lutheran Church

July 19

### Redeemer Church,

500 Pearl Street, Lancaster  
September 17

## Clothing Bank Work Days for Seniors

### Upcoming Dates for the Clothing Bank work days for seniors:

July 8 & 22  
August 5 & 19



"You're supposed to be on vacation, Ed."

## Thank You Notes

Dear Members of Zion,

Thank you so much for your very special gift to the Water Street Mission! It means so much that you would remember the homeless and hungry. Your kindness speaks volumes of your love for God and others. As a Water Street guest recently shared, "Water Street changed my life."

Gratefully,  
Maria Schaszberger  
Water Street Ministries

Dear Zion Lutheran,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$250 to Nepal Area Earthquake. Gifts like yours make it possible for our church to continue its effective and efficient response to disasters.

Your support helps families and communities get back on their feet again after they have been harmed. Your gifts also provide resources for preparedness and risk reduction programs.

At Lutheran Disaster Response, we support and pray for the well-being of people all over the world who are recovering from a disaster, and for our partners and volunteers who assist them in their journey to renewal.

Thank you for providing help, hope, and healing.

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift to Conestoga Valley Homes of Hope Transitional Housing. There are many families facing homelessness in our community, and your gift will make a real difference, helping to bless those in need with a place to live and connecting them to the Church, so that their hope is renewed.

Thank you, too, for your prayers for and commitment to this ministry. It is a privilege to serve on your behalf.

In His service,  
Kim Y. Wittel  
Executive Director, Love INC



## Everest VBS August 2 to August 6

### Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

Saturday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Alliance Church, 210 Pitney Road, Lancaster

Friday, August 7 at 7 p.m. at Lititz Moravian Church, 8 Church Square, Lititz

Sunday, August 9 at 3 p.m. at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting, 475 Clearfield Road, Holtwood

## Communing with God

Adapted by newsletternewsletter.com

After Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, pilot Buzz Aldrin requested via radio that people pause to give thanks for the achievement in their own way. When his broadcast ended, Aldrin read a verse from the Gospel of John and took communion, which his church had sent to space with him.

"It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements," the astronaut said. "At the time, I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God."

## Pray for our Members, Friends, Military Personnel

### Friends of Zion

Bruce Bomberger  
Cathy Heisey  
David Ashby  
Delana Walker  
Faye Martin  
Madeleine Glaser  
Norma Lumbelick  
Steve Studholm

### Members of Zion

Angie Schaum  
Bob Fackler  
Evelyn Brown  
Greg Lemke  
Helen Brackbill  
Jennie Roland  
Jo An Eby  
Joan Wagner  
Judy Greiner  
Marian Oster  
Mary Ann Greiner  
Mel Eby  
Pat Bunker  
Rosa Troians  
Royce Imhoff  
Russ Wagner  
Sharon Perreault  
Sister Sandy Lehr  
Thelma Brazill  
Viola Eby

### Service Personnel

\*Steven Wasilewski (South Carolina)  
\*Mike Baffa (stateside)  
\*Robert Zigent  
\*Matt Zigent  
\*Matt Poole (Iraq)  
\*Andy White (stateside)  
\*Bob Pavlovec (overseas)  
\*Dan Thompson  
\*Davey Engel (Madagascar)  
\*Jeff Berry (Iraq)  
\*Rob Devlin (stateside)  
\*Nick Chubb  
\*Mitch Burkhardt (overseas)  
\*Steve Sylvain  
\*Matthew Green (stateside)

## Prayer Requests

Do you have a concern you want lifted to the Lord in prayer? Zion's email prayer partners can be reached through Russ Bomberger at ellie17540@gmail.com. If you do not have email and would like to pray for concerns, please inform Pastor Embley.

## Essential Prayer

Adapted by newsletter.newsletter.com

Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life; and to say a man lives a life of faith and yet lives a prayer-less life is every whit as inconsistent and incredible as to say that a man lives without breathing. He that lives a prayer-less life lives without God in the world.

How can you expect to dwell with God forever if you so neglect and forsake him here?

## 2015 GENERAL FINANCES

### General Fund Income

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
May	\$41,879	\$179,547	41.2%

### General Fund Expenses

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
May	\$39,889	\$186,444	38.4%

## CVCCS Program Stats 2014-2015

Submitted by the CVCCS

### Food Bank

- Served on average 150 families a month
- YTD families 1,495, a 28% increase over last year
- Served 320,000 lbs. of food per year at wholesale value of \$550,300

### Clothing Bank

- Served 80 families per month
- YTD families 840, a 33% increase over last year

### Weekend Blessings

- Served 160 students during school year each weekend

### Student Backpack Program

- We provide school supplies at the start of the new school year for 125 students.

### Thanksgiving Box

- Provided 150 complete meals for the holiday

### Christmas Give Away

- Provided 150 complete meals for the holiday and presents for the children.

### Summer Lunch Club

- Provided approximately 120 students ages 2-18 three days a week over summer.



## Food Bank Needs

- \*Peanut Butter & Jelly
- \*Pancake mix & syrup

## Clothing Bank Needs

- \*New Underwear - children and adults
- \*Children's shoes - especially sneakers
- \*School clothes for all ages

# Zion Happenings For July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel Cancelled VBS Decorating	2	3 Office Closed Happy 4th of July	4 Orth/Wile Wedding off-site
5 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am M and M Practice 10:30 am Worship	6 6:30 pm Council Meeting	7 9am-2pm Clothing Bank open 7 pm Prayer Group Meeting	8 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 9:30 am Women's Book Study Group 6:30-8:30 pm VBS Decorating 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	9	10 7 pm Women's Book Study Group	11
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19 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am M and M Practice 10:30 am Worship  Youth return from Detroit National Gathering	20 4 pm Finance Committee Meeting	21 9am-2pm Clothing Bank open 7 pm Prayer Group Meeting	22 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 9:30 am Women's Book Study Group 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel 6:30-8:30 pm VBS Decorating	23 7 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	24 7 pm Women's Book Study Group	25
26 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am M and M Practice 10:30 am Worship 5 pm Youth Gathering Presentations for everyone	27 6:30-8:30 pm VBS Decorating	28 9am-2pm Clothing Bank open 6:30-8:30 pm VBS Decorating 7 pm Prayer Group Meeting	29 4:30 pm Carpool leaves to serve meal at Grace Lutheran Church 6:30-8:30 pm VBS Decorating 7 pm VBS Crew Leader Training	30 6:30-8:30 pm VBS Decorating	31 6:30-8:30 pm VBS Decorating	

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### Worship Services

Traditional Service, Sundays at 8 a.m.  
Contemporary Service, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
Traditional Service, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Communion is offered at each service.

**We gather to grow; we live to serve!**

### Staff

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### Leadership

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Cathy Wasilewski  
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Church Treasurer  
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Cemetery  
Stewardship Committee  
Christian Education  
Social Ministry  
Library  
Mutual Ministry  
Financial Secretary  
Altar Guild  
Worship Planning  
Building Coordinators  
Zion Archivist

### Council

Bill Matthew  
Jeff Wasilewski  
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