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Leola

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Lent Begins Ash Wednesday February 10

Looking for Passionate Coordinators

By Sue Orth

Do you have gifts to share and feel God is calling you to serve His purpose? Is it coordinating an event at Zion? Then maybe you are called to help coordinate the Community Egg Hunt or VBS.

The best way to do ministry is to have passionate leaders. (And lots of volunteers too!) The Egg Hunt has typically been an event for the community. Zion changed the format many years ago to include a short program to tell people about God's love and added some fellowship afterwards. This was very well received. We even got calls from people wanting to start similar events in their community. We did not hold this event in 2015.

VBS has also been a community event. Less than 30% of those that attend are members of Zion. Traditionally, this has been the first Sunday in August for 5 evenings from 6:15 to 8:30. We have had many letters and words of thanks for this event also.

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By Pastor Embley

Lent is a season of spiritual renewal. Reducing one's calorie intake even to the point of skipping one or more meals per day can be part of the Lenten discipline.

Lent is the season leading up to Easter and lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays).

Though the Bible does not mention "Lent", the practice of repentance, long associated with Lent is mentioned numerous places in the Bible. Another practice associated with Lent is the practice of giving up something you really enjoy.

The practices of fasting, abstaining, and repenting turn us away from those things that distract us and turn us back to God. Similarly service is emphasized during Lent in order to turn our hearts away from ourselves and to our neighbor.

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Christians Be Alert and Vigilant

By Pastor Embley

In Nazi Germany, the government systematically dealt with the Jewish population, the gypsies, the deformed, the mentally ill, the communists, and the socialists.

Only a few Christian voices were raised in protest against these actions. When the government clamped down on the Church, it was too late to protest.

In the United States, there has been an increasing number of attacks on Muslims in 2015.

- Pflugerville, TX-desecration of the Koran
- Philadelphia, PA-a pig's head thrown at a mosque by a passing motorist.
- Bloomington, IN-a university student attacked a Muslim woman in a cafe.
- Grand Forks, ND-a Somali restaurant was defaced with Nazi symbols.
- Coachella, CA-a 23 year old man fire-bombed a mosque just before noon prayer.

There have been 38 hate crimes against American Muslims since the most recent Paris attacks.

It seems to me that as Christians we are called to stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters against this wave of hate and to speak out on behalf of justice for them and others who are unfairly targeted by hate crimes.

Passionate Coordinator continued

Maybe God has something different in store for Zion and it is time to say goodbye to these events and begin something new and exciting. Pray and listen for what God is saying to you. In obedience we will follow His lead.

Planning needs to begin soon so let me know by Feb. 14 if this is for you!

Are You Smart Enough to Be a US Citizen?

By Pastor Embley

Applicants for US Citizenship appear before a US Citizenship and Immigration Service officer to answer 10 oral questions based on their study of 100 possible questions. Using no electronic devices, answer these questions. Write down your answers and turn them into the office to receive a prize.

1. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
2. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
3. Who is the Speaker of the House of Representatives?
4. What year was the Constitution written?
5. Name one of the writers of the Federalist Papers.
6. Name one foreign war fought by the US in the 1800s.
7. Name one of the two longest rivers in the US.
8. Name 2 US territories.
9. What is the name of the national anthem?
10. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?

(Answers will be in the March newsletter.)



Fellowship and Movie Youth Group Fundraiser

By Sue Orth

On Sunday, March 6, a Movie and Fellowship Event is being planned. Doesn't a matinee movie, dinner and conversation afterward sound like a great time for building community? Mark your calendars for some prime time entertainment.

The movie is *Risen*. The press release states, "Risen follows the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer, Clavius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide, Lucius. They are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem."

The movie is rated PG13 so it is not for children. To see the trailer for the movie go to You Tube and type in "Risen official trailer". There are several to view.

Times and location for the movie are still being worked on and will be announced when available. Dinner will be at Zion.

This is another great way to really prepare oneself for Easter. Come and join your Zion church family for this event. Watch for signup sheets in the near future.

Lenten Opportunity

By Sue Orth

Lent can be a time to add something or subtract something from your life.

Is there any interest in a breakfast meeting (6:30 AM) during Lent on Wednesdays? Or a lunch time meeting at noon on Wednesdays?

This would be for six weeks beginning Feb. 17 and ending March 23.

I have purchased a resource from Augsburg Fortress titled, *Bearing Fruit*. It is based on Colossians. The cover page says, "As our roots go deeper into the word and we soak up God's saving grace, we grow and



bear the fruit of living new lives in Christ – faith, forgiveness, healing, hope, joy and love. The fruit invites others to experience God's love and sends the peace of Christ into the world."

Each day there is a reading from Colossians, a quote to ponder on for the day, reflections and prayer. There are also images to wonder about.

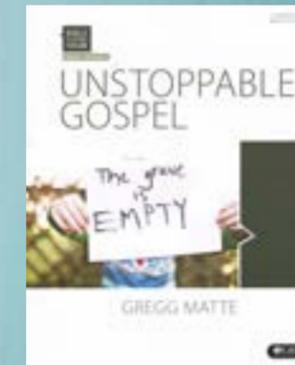
At each meeting we would share from these devotions how God is present and changing our lives.

Please let me (Sue Orth) know if you are interested in a Lenten Discipline.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

The Unstoppable Gospel!

Sundays 6:30 am



Love All You Do

Adapted by newsletternewsletter

Blogger Rachel Macy Stafford gained a following by admitting she'd acquired the "disease of distraction." Her children and family paid the price for her dependence on technology and a super-packed schedule.

In *Hands Free Mama* (Zondervan), Stafford describes how she made room to live, breathe and appreciate each day. One step involved changing the slogan on the front of her planner from "Do It All" to "Love All I Do."

Now Stafford encourages others to take a Hands Free Pledge, "letting go of distraction, disconnection and perfection to live a life that simply, so very simply, consists of what really matters."

By Tom Richards

The book of Acts is the story of the early church, and the hope for the church today. The Wake Up Call men's group will be studying Acts, using a study series called, "Unstoppable Gospel." All men are invited to the study, beginning Sunday January 24th at 6:30 AM. Coffee and fellowship will be provided.

Looking for Housing

By Sue Orth

If you have a basement or space that you would like to rent out, there is a Leola woman and her adult son looking for a place to rent. They must vacate their house by April 1 due to the death of the owner of the house. Good opportunity if you need a little extra income and have extra space not being used. Please see Sue Orth if interested.

Grateful of Faith

Adapted by newsletternewsletter

John Newton, a slave-ship captain who became a minister and abolitionist, had a special affinity for grace. In fact, he wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace" to celebrate the freedom that God gives to Christians.

"I am not what I ought to be," Newton said. "I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am."

Pork and Kraut a HUGE Success

By Sue Orth

Thank you to everyone for their part in the New Year's Day Dinner. 552 meals were served. There were 297 takeout meals and 255 dine in meals. The success was due to volunteers serving to pull pork, peel potatoes (no chemical peels for this meal!), bake or donate desserts and giving of their time. Also thanks to all those who came to eat in or purchase takeout. All is important.

380 pounds of pork loin were roasted and pulled, over 300 pounds of potatoes peeled, much sauerkraut was roasted for 3 hours to make it savory and delicious and over 350 hot dogs were eaten. Everyone that came said the food was wonderful and the people serving were fabulous. Mark your calendars for next year.

We are also very blessed to have such great community support. Many people come to support this meal and Zion.

The gross was \$5,891.00 and after expenses \$4,354.77 profit. What a great time of fellowship and support for the Shelters and Youth of Zion.



Photo: (left to right) Chalton Brown, Matthew McQuate, Alan Ruby, Kevin Perreault



Thursday Downtown Meals Moves Again

By Patty Williams

The Thursday night meals are moving from Redeemer Lutheran Church to Kingdom Life Assembly Church (previous St. John's Lutheran Church).

On Tuesday, January 12, 2016, a meeting was held in Lancaster at the request of Pastor Dave Kreider from Redeemer Lutheran Church. The meeting was to discuss serving the Thursday night meal at another church closer to the area of Christ Lutheran Church. Our meeting was held at what had been St. John's Lutheran Church at the corner of W. Orange St. and Arch St. The meeting was at 7 p.m. and 10 of the 11 serving churches for Thursdays were present.

We met Pastor Kevin Brown and he explained to us that Kingdom Life Church purchased the building, but St. John's Lutheran still uses it along with Kingdom Life. There may be a pregnancy center opening there in the future. The official name of the church is the Ecclesiastical Center of Lancaster. Their mission is one of collaboration with the idea that we all share in the serving, if a church needs help with volunteers then it is hoped and encouraged that volunteers from the other serving churches will step up and help serve. The same with food; if a church is in rotation to serve, but is having problems getting food, it is hoped that the other serving churches will assist in providing food.

We had a tour of the building and they have a large area to serve. They will be able to accommodate the 160+ guests that Christ Lutheran had on Thursday evenings. There are a few

issues: 1) they are not handicapped accessible to the main downstairs serving area and the restrooms are not handicapped accessible. However, they do have a ramp that enters from Arch St. directly into an upstairs kitchen and dining area which will be used for handicapped individuals and their families or friends while all others will use the downstairs facility. 2) parking - there is parking in the Charles Groff Funeral Home parking lot, some parking on the Arch Street side of Robert Fulton School, and of course, parking along West Orange St. 3) vehicles unloading and loading will do so from the rear of the church. There is a short driveway; it is NOT a thruway. Vehicles must be backed in, unloaded and then moved to the parking spaces at Robert Fulton School. 4) the church does not have any serving carts so when meals are served, they are hand carried to the guests. 5) there were no large trash cans.

After taking the tour, we were asked what we thought about using this facility. We felt that there are many who are not making the walk out to Redeemer for the meal and that the facility at W. Orange and Arch is much better suited to reach more who need the food.

As a side note, we had an instance at Redeemer on a rainy Thursday night. We were packing up and two men came in for food and told us that they thought there was a family coming with some small children. Sure enough, a family of five - a mother, father and three small children - came in, wet, cold and hungry. They had

walked out to Redeemer from the area around Christ Lutheran which is approximately a mile in distance. That is a long walk on a nice day when you are by yourself, but imagine doing it with three little ones in the rain.

We are dedicated to serving these meals and are willing and ready to go wherever a host church can be found. Since our mission is to serve these meals, we need to have a host church that is more centrally located in Lancaster City.

There will be a transition period meaning the serving churches will complete the first rotation of the new year. March 12 will mark the beginning of the second rotation of churches beginning with Kingdom Life; Zion Lutheran Leola will be up on March 17. Prior to serving a meal on March 17, we will plan a trip into Kingdom Life Church to get an indepth tour of the facility so transporters, setup crew and servers can see the facility.

Kingdom Life has about 9 people on their committee and in the beginning they will have several of these individuals onsite when we come to serve.

After serving meals in March, there will be a meeting scheduled in April to review how the meals are going at the new location.

When meals are served, doors will open to guests at 5:15 and serving begins at 5:30.

Golden Zioners Upcoming Events

By Nadine Gladfelter

The Golden Zioners (55+) activities for 2016 are listed. These are open to all seniors at Zion and their friends or relatives. Please try to join us for some of these activities. We always have some fun, some food, some service and lots of fellowship. Please keep your eyes open for sign-up sheets for activities as we like to know how many people to expect.

February 19 at 5 p.m.

Senior Service Night at Zion's Community Meal
Come and help set up, serve, and clean up after the meal.

March 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasboard.
Meet in the lobby of the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy a lunch with great food, fun, and fellowship with other seniors.



One Nation Under God

By Alan Ruby

With the observation of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday on January 18, we would do well to recount his remarkable career. King and another Montgomery (Alabama) minister, Ralph David Abernathy, organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957. This active group attracted such civil rights activists as Ella Baker, T. J. Jemison, Stanley Levison, Bayard Rustin, Fred Shuttlesworth, and others. The organization drew its strength from leaders of the black church in the South. As president of the conference, King focused on the goal of black voting rights.

Dr. King pursued his dream of a color-blind society through lectures, nonviolent marches and protests. He suffered harassment, threats, beatings, incarceration - even his house being bombed - but he kept marching for justice, equality, and peace. In 1963, during the March on Washinton, D.C. at the Lincoln Memorial, King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech before 200,000 to 300,000 marchers, saying, "I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

The speech beautifully and forcefully articulated the hopes and aspirations of the civil rights movement as rooted in two cherished national treasures - the Bible and the promise of true equality in the American Constitution.

Subsequent years have seen many visible triumphs for equality at the highest levels: Thurgood Marshall as Supreme court justice, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice as Secretary of State, Barack Obama as President of the United States are just a few examples of how Dr. King's dream of equal opportunity for all Americans has become more of a reality.

Serving Opportunities

By Patty Williams

- March 17, 2016 – Kingdom Life Assembly Church, 225 W Orange St, Lancaster
- EASTER Sunday, March 27, 2016 – Crispus Attucks
- March 30, 2016 – Grace Lutheran Church

Needs of the CVCCS

Clothing Needs:

Boys clothing sizes 5-12
Men's jeans size 36 and up
Underwear and socks
Coats of all sizes
Blankets
Personal care items
Laundry detergent

Food Needs:

Canned fruits
Canned meals
Cereals

Thank You Notes

Dear Zion,

The Upper Leacock Township Board of Supervisors would like to take this opportunity to thank your congregation for the generous donation of \$250.00. The Supervisors and staff constantly strive to provide the best services available to our constituents. Your support and gracious gift are most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Beth Hinkle
Assistant Township Manager
Upper Leacock Township

Thank you to all who took part in the 11:30 a.m. communion service on December 24, and also for those who served the delicious lunch following the service. It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Greiner

February Birthdays

- 2 Janet Lefever
- 2 Matt Matthews
- 5 Royce Imhoff
- 7 Ken MacDonald
- 7 Keith Shetter
- 8 Pat Bunker
- 9 Abby Blake
- 9 Sheree Cessna
- 9 Donna Snader
- 10 Megan Bixler
- 12 Diane Lemke
- 13 Ruth Ruby
- 13 Myles Smoker
- 14 Roger Good
- 14 Olivia Yoder
- 15 Angie Schaum
- 16 Bob Klinger
- 16 Jeff Orth
- 21 Troy Cessna
- 22 Ed Bunker
- 22 George Lefever
- 24 Paige Harris
- 24 Sydney Harris
- 26 Ray Bair
- 26 Barb Baker
- 28 Isabella Calderone
- 28 Jimmy Woomer



February Anniversaries

- 14 Chuck & Janet Rathey-37 years
- 16 Bob & Sharon Perreault-26 years
- 26 Gregg & Jenn Michael
- 26 Ed & Salome Sieber-51 years



Preteen Events

Watch for Mailings

Sat. Feb. 13 – 4-6 PM Wacky Indoor Olympics

Sat. March 19 – 1-3 PM Wise Sage Hunt

Sat. April 23 – Guatemala Experience at Heifer Global Village



Photo by heifer.org



Photo above: Cindy McCombs as a wise sage.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Youth Events

Watch for Mailings

Feb 14 – CYR 5-7 PM

Feb 28 – CYR 5-7 PM

March 6 – movie and dinner fundraiser (the movie *Risen* followed by dinner)

March 13 – CYR “March Madness”

March 27 (Easter) – CYR – serve at Crispus Attucks



Laser Tag
Watch for information regarding the new date!



Leola Community Meal

Friday, February 19
Served at 5:55 p.m.
*Held here at Zion
*Hosted by Golden Zioners

Downtown Meals 2016 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)

March 30
June 29
August 31
November 30

Kingdom Life Assembly (3rd Thursday of the odd months)

225 West Orange St., Lancaster
March 17
May 19
July 21
September 15
November 17

Clothing Bank Work Days for Seniors

February 3 & 17
March 2, 16, & 30



Pray for our Members, Friends, Military Personnel

Friends of Zion

Beth Howell
Crystal Bausher
Delena Walker
Donna Haines
Dorothy Bomberger
Jasper Hart
Jerry Berkheimer
Jerry Scheidegg
Mary Ellen
Millie Bomberger
Verna Shaeffer

Service Personnel

*Jacob Heikkinen (stateside)
*Steven Wasilewski (stateside)
*Davey Engel (stateside)
*Rob Devlin (stateside)
*Nick Chubb
*Matthew Green (stateside)

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Adam Brown
Chuck Rathey
Evelyn Brown
Faye Kipp
George Sorensen
Greg Lemke
Harry Wiker
Helen Brackbill
Jennie Roland
Joan Wagner
Josephine Miller
Judy Greiner
Keith Shetter
Marilyn Nettles
Pastor Embley
Pat Bunker
Russ Bomberger
Russ Wagner
Sharon Perreault



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.



Let the Light of Christ shine in you. Take a moment to write a word of encouragement, a positive scripture, or a happy thought on a smiley face and place it on the bulletin board by the restrooms in the greeting area.



2015 GENERAL FINANCES

General Fund Income

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
December	\$50,015	\$433,892	99.7%

General Fund Expenses

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
December	\$34,589	\$457,292	94.3%

Zion Happenings For February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Council Meeting	2 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group	3 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	4	5	6
7 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am FAITH TANKK 10:30 am Worship Boy Scout Sunday	8	9 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group 7 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	10 9:30 am Women's Book Study Group 7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship in Sanctuary	11	12 7 pm Women's Book Study Group	13 4-6 pm Preteen Wacky Indoor Olympics
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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!

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Tracy Lash, 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Music Leader

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Mike Proch
Luke Harris
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Kelly Beitzel
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Bob Gates & Del Bard
Kathy Raffensperger

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