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**New Year's Day
Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
11 a.m. until sold out**

*Dine in - \$10 Adults, \$7 children 7-12, \$5 children 3-6, Free for ages 2 and under. Take out dinners for \$10 each.

Happy and Healthy New Year

By Pastor Embley

How easy it is to say those words and how quickly things can change! I am glad to turn the calendar to 2016. Little did I know that I would have 2 major surgeries last year.

My second surgery hit some rough patches - instead of a 5-7 day stay it was a 10 day stay. Robotic surgery only went so far, so I ended up partially with surgery the "old fashioned way." I had a medication reaction that had me experiencing extreme anxiety at night for several nights.

Thank you for your cards, prayers, and comments on Caring Bridge. Thank you to Sue, Forest, and Paula who helped things run smoothly.

Sister Phyllis Enck used her gifts of visitation to comfort many people. Thank you to all the folks who were visitors and filled in doing various tasks, who welcomed guest speakers, and who were assisting ministers. Thank you to the Stewardship Committee for leading and completing the pledge drive. To the Church Council who provides leadership, thank you.

The church was nicely decorated for the Hanging of the Greens in the absence of all the staff.

Truly, as we look forward to a new year, none of us know what lies ahead. What we do know is that God will be in the midst of whatever happens.

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*Zion's Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 31
1:15 p.m.*

The meeting will be held at 1:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Enjoy a noon time lunch at Zion hosted by the youth group.



Visit us on the web:
www.zionleola.org

Happy Epiphany!

By Pastor Embley

Lesson from Titus 2:11-15

The lesson from Titus is a summary of how to live based on our experience of meeting Christ!

As author Bill Shiell puts it, we are students “following a new curriculum of grace, reflecting the difference Christ’s presence makes in the world.”

Epiphany is a season that celebrates “light.” Epiphany begins January 6, the day the magi (kings) arrived with their gifts to see the new born King. We travel through the season to finish on top of the Mount of Transfiguration, where Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus, James, Peter and John.

Titus’ community gathered around the Lord and allowed themselves to be shaped by Jesus. May we use this Epiphany season to be shaped by Jesus, to be His real and transforming presence in our community.

The hymn writer, William Dix, compares our discipleship with following the narrow way:

“As with Gladness” (vs. 1 and 4)

“As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright, so, most glorious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.”

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds they glory hide.”

William C. dix (1860), Tune: DIX



One Nation Under God

By Alan Ruby

We continue our narrative down the hazardous road of the American Revolution focusing our thoughts on some of the Founding Fathers and their Christian faith.

Thus it was that on June 28, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was deadlocked and embroiled in bitter controversy. And so it was that Benjamin Franklin rose and made the following plea to his fellow delegates:

“In the beginning of the Contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending providence in our favor.”

“To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance?”

Next month we continue this powerful, dramatic speech of Ben Franklin.

Always Doing a New Thing

Adapted by Newsletternewsletter

In 2015, scientists discovered more than 18,000 new species - some ancient and extinct, others contemporary. They include a cartwheeling spider; fossils of a “feathered dinosaur”; a beautiful sea slug that photographs in brilliant blues, reds and golds; a Christmas-colored plant that grows in near isolation in Mexico; and a pufferfish whose males make intricate seafloor “crop circles” as spawning nests.

Such discoveries - regardless of how old or new the species are - demonstrate the ongoing creativity of God, who both does new things and gives people new abilities to discover them.

Recently, we began a new church year with Advent. At Christmas, God did a new thing by becoming human. Now we launch into a new calendar year, in which scientists will surely discover *more* new creatures. The newness all around us reminds us that God is always doing a new thing in *our* lives, too!



A Rib Tickler

Adapted by Newsletternewsletter

After her husband was out late for a few nights, Eve was upset. “Are you out with other women?” she asked.

“Don’t be unreasonable,” replied Adam. “You’re the only woman on earth.”

The quarrel ended when Adam fell asleep.

When he awakened with pokes to the chest, he asked, “What are you doing?”

“Counting your ribs!” Eve said.

Thank You Zion

Dear Sister Sue Orth and Pastor Newell Embley,

We are very glad to bring you greetings from Mpata congregation. We thank you very much for your aid you sent us and are continuing to send another aid. God bless you.

On 16 October 2015, we have received USD 20 through our Konde’s Diocese office. 10% USD 29 for Diocese Office 90% USD 261 for our congregation. This is equivalent to 548,900 Tanzanian Shillings (Tsh).

With this money we have bought two windows (500,000 Tsh) and we have bought two boxes of floor tiles (40 Tsh) and office papers (8,900 Tsh).

On 6 November 2015 a heavy rain fell down and many houses of people damaged and many cows and goats died. On 27 December 2015 we shall have the baptism for children and young boys, many Christians will come to this.

Lastly, we welcome you again next year to our congregation.

Well Christmas Day and New Year. Andimile Mwalukosya Secretary of partnership



Zion donated \$1,519.50 to the Mpata congregation so they can buy concrete blocks for their parsonage.



Newest Disciples at Zion



By Sue Orth

On Sunday, December 20, George and Marilyn Sorensen were welcomed into the Body of Christ at Zion Lutheran Church. They were born, raised and lived in Montana with visits to Lancaster County but moved here in 2015 to be closer to family – especially their grandson!

Before retirement George was a Social Worker and Marilyn worked as a Lab Assistant for the American Red Cross. They have two grown sons and one grandson. In Montana, they were busy volunteering in many areas of the church – VBS, Council, Bible Study groups, Sunday School, worship volunteers and work teams.

Since they have been at Zion, they have been busy with serving meals downtown, Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study, Women’s and Men’s Groups, CVCCS Clothing Bank and Food Bank. In their spare time they both enjoy reading, walking, traveling and volunteering.

We welcome George and Marilyn.



Overflow Shelter

Volunteer the week of Feb. 1 – 7, 2016

By Sue Orth

For the homeless people, the warmer weather has been great. But winter is coming! (That’s a quote from Game of Thrones for all you fans.) And that is true. Once winter settles in the temperatures drop and people that are homeless will be seeking shelter.

We are blessed in Lancaster to have places available to assist and help families in need – but volunteers are needed at those shelters. Again women and children will be housed at the YWCA on Lime St. in Lancaster. Chestnut St. Mennonite and Zion will partner together to serve the week of February 1.



There are several new things this year. One is that the people will be allowed to stay later in the morning until 8 AM. That way they can go right away to breakfast and not be forced into the cold at 7 AM. Another change is that everyone will need to have their Child Abuse Clearance. You can do this easily by following the links on our website and it is free. If you need help doing this, please just ask and we would be glad to assist you.



B I N G O Saturday, January 23rd, 2016				
6	23	39		62
1	LOTS OF FABULOUS PRIZES	4	DOORS OPEN @ 6pm	71
11	19		GAMES BEGIN @ 7pm	75
5	SNACKS	31	48	63
DOOR PRIZES	27	34	55	COFFEE BAR
Zion Lutheran Church 18 Quarry Road, Leola				

FRIENDS OF THE SHETTERS
along with the Zion Lutheran family
INVITE YOU

Keith Shetter, our friend who has wholeheartedly served our community over the last 25 years, became partially paralyzed in a hiking incident in August 2015.

After months of courageous recovery and rehab, the Shetter family is ready to overcome the challenges ahead. It is with great joy and gratitude that we support them with the proceeds of this event!



FOLLOW THEIR JOURNEY
www.caringbridge.org/visit/keithshetter

CONTACT INFO
Shawna Ciamparelli
shetterbingo@gmail.com

GOOD TO KNOW
Doors open @ 6:00pm
Games begin @ 7:00pm

TICKET SALES
\$20 if purchased by Jan. 15th
\$25 at the door (space permitting)

Send this order form & payment to:
Attn: Shawna Ciamparelli
Leola Elementary School
11 School Drive, Leola, PA 17540

Make checks payable to ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Check this box if you would like to receive an e-newsletter.

Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Total # of Players: _____

Must be 18 years old to play, unless accompanied by an adult. Please list the name(s) and age(s) of minor players on the back of this form. In the event of inclement weather, please tune in to WDMB for event updates.

Youth Events (grades 7-12)

Jan. 2-3 Winterfest for High School

Jan. 10 – CYR Youth Meeting - 5-7 p.m. for all youth

Jan. 15-17 Quake for Middle School

Jan. 22-23 – Laser Quest Overnight – meet at Zion at 9PM and return to Zion at 8AM



Jan. 24 – CYR Youth Meeting 5-7 p.m. for all youth

Jan. 31 – Youth Group Fund-raiser Lunch at Annual Meeting

Golden Zionees 2016 Activities

By Nadine Gladfelter

The Golden Zionees (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. Hope to see you at our next meeting!!

January 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
“Polar Bears of Manitoba, Canada”
Join us at Zion for a visual trip to Churchill to watch the polar bears on the tundra.



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 at SMA at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy a lunch with great food, fun, and fellowship with other seniors.

April 6 at 11 a.m.
Dutch Apple Dinner Theater matinee: “Menopause, the Musical”.

May 11 at 2 p.m.
Alan Ruby speaking at Zion about John Adams. Learn more about the life of our 2nd president and 1st vice-president

June 8 at Noon
Lunch at John Wright’s Restaurant in Wrightsville. Join us for lunch at a lovely riverside restaurant. All are welcome.

In July (date to be announced)
Lunch and an afternoon show at Timber’s, Mount Gretna
Please note some dates and/or times may change and will be announced as soon as possible.



**Clothing Bank
Work Days for Seniors**

January 6 & 20
February 3 & 17

Preteen Event (grades 4-6)

Jan. 22-23 – Laser Quest Overnight – Meet at Zion at 9 PM and return to Zion at 8 AM



Leola Community Meal

Friday, January 15
Served at 5:55 p.m.
*Held here at Zion
*Hosted by Salem Hellers

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

Redeemer Church (3rd Thursday of the odd months)

500 Pearl Street, Lancaster
January 21
March 17
May 19
July 21
September 15
November 17

Open Door Youth Center's Annual Chili Bowl

February 6, 2016 at Groffdale Mennonite Church
Time to be announced

The ODYC will be selling chili, chicken corn soup, hot dogs, drinks and sides. Eat in (by the bowl) or take out (by the quart). More information to follow - see you there!



Pray for our Members, Friends, Military Personnel

Friends of Zion
Delena Walker
Donna Haines
Dorothy Bomberger
Jerry Berkheimer
Mary Ellen

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

Members of Zion
Adam Brown
Alex Knox
Chuck Rathey
Evelyn Brown
Faye Kipp
Greg Lemke
Harry Wiker
Helen Brackbill
Jennie Roland
Joan Wagner
Josephine Miller
Judy Greiner
Keith Shetter
Marilyn Nettles
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.


2015 GENERAL FINANCES

General Fund Income

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
November	\$36,293	\$383,877	88.2%

General Fund Expenses

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
November	\$34,788	\$422,823	87.2%



Zion's Annual Meeting

Sunday January 31

1:15 p.m.



1	Florence Benner	14	Linda Reed	27	Jim Patterson
3	Norm Weaver	16	Donna Ruth	28	Tammy Engel
5	Ira Groff	18	Gary Brook	28	Diane Caci
5	Jake Heikkinen	18	Jim Greiner	29	Tyler Shetter
8	Elaine Jackson	22	Bryce Shetter	30	Karen Glaser
8	Justin Waltz	23	Lloyd Smucker	30	Donna Richards
10	Piper Eberly	25	Shelby Potoczny	31	Tony Almodovar
10	Regan Smucker	26	Jane Hurst		
11	Richard Chronister	26	Bob Wilson		

Congratulations on 65 years of marriage on January 20 Adam & Evelyn Brown



Before All Else Fails

Adapted by newsletternewsletter

In *Too Busy Not to Pray* (InterVarsity Press), Bill Hybels cites reasons that prayers may seem to go unanswered (unconfessed sin, selfishness, and so on). The most common cause, though, is prayerlessness:

"People often tell me how they have attempted to address a pressing need," Hybels writes. "They have gone to counselors, read self-help books, claimed biblical promises, practiced self-discipline, confided in Christian friends, practiced assertiveness or submission or self-denial or positive thinking, even read books about prayer - and their need is still not met." But when asked if they've prayed "fervently and regularly" about the matter, the answer is usually no.

James 4:2 says, "You do not have because you do not ask God." So instead of thinking "When all else fails, pray," try this: "Pray before all else fails."



Above: The Youth and Preteens at Cripus Attucks. Bottom left and right: FAITH TANKK fun.



Zion Happenings For January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11 am until sold out Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner Office Closed	2 TBD Youth leave for Winterfest
3 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am FAITH TANKK 10:30 am Worship TBD Youth return from Winterfest	4	5 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group	6 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	7	8 7 pm Women's Book Study Group	9
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17 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am FAITH TANKK 10:30 am Worship 1 pm Youth return from Quake	18	19 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group Meeting 7 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	20 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	21 4:30 pm Carpool leaves to serve meal at Redeemer Church 7 pm Worship Planning Meeting	22 7 pm Women's Book Study Group TBD Laser Tag Lock in	23
24 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am FAITH TANKK 10:30 am Worship 5-7 pm Youth Group Meeting (grades 7-12)	25	26 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group Meeting	27 9 am Women's Book Study Group 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	28	29	30
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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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Martha Lefever
Council President
Council Vice President
Council Secretary

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David Bruce	Church Treasurer
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