

# Zion Herald



Monthly Newsletter  
of Zion Lutheran Church,  
Leola

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## Holy Week

### By Pastor Embley

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. The Gospel appointed for Palm Sunday is the longest one of the entire year. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey to the proclamation of the crowds.

Although some Christian traditions assign activities to Jesus on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, those are speculation and not biblical.

Thursday is the day of the Last Supper where Jesus and his disciples celebrated Passover. Jesus gave this ancient celebration of the Angel of Death passing over homes smeared with the blood of slaves in Egypt a new meaning.

Jesus prayed in a garden while His disciples slept. Jesus was arrested because Judas, one of the 12 disciples, betrayed Him.

Friday, Jesus was tried and the sentence of death was imposed upon Him. Given a choice of Jesus or

Barabbas, the people chose Barabbas to be released. Simon of Cyrne carried Jesus' cross because He was too weak to carry it. Jesus' suffering and death were excruciating. He was taken down from the cross by friends who hurriedly buried Him in a borrowed tomb.

Saturday, Jesus is in the tomb. Some churches observe an Easter Vigil from sundown Saturday to Easter sunrise.

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection!

\*Palm Sunday Worship - March 20 at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

\*Maundy Thursday Worship - March 24 at 7 p.m.

\*Good Friday Worship - March 25 at Noon in the chapel and Stations of the Cross - 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\*Easter Sunday Worship - March 27 at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

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## Why Celebrate Easter?

By Pastor Embley

Jesus is no longer on the cross. The cross is empty.

Jesus is no longer wrapped in grave clothes. They are empty.

Jesus is no longer in the tomb. The tomb is empty.

God promises you a changed life here and now through Jesus! God has won victory over sin and death, therefore, death is not the final word for those who believe in Jesus.

Jesus is alive! We don't worship a dead God! Check out these eye witness accounts of the resurrection.

Mark 16:9 - Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalaan.

Matthew 28:9 - Jesus appears to other women.

Luke 24 - Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus

1 Corinthians 15:5 - Jesus appeared to Peter.

John 20:26 - Jesus appeared to the disciples without Thomas (later he appears to the disciples and Thomas).

John 21:1 - Jesus is at the Sea of Galilee

1 Corinthians 15:7 - Jesus appeared to 500 people.

1 Corinthians 15:7 - He appeared to Jews.

Luke 24:50 - Jesus appeared to 11 disciples at his Ascension.

Don't let another Easter go by - let Jesus transform your life. Remember the words of the angel "He is not here! He is risen!"



## Easter Facts

By Pastor Embley

Easter is known in Spanish as "Pascua" and in French as "Paques." Both words come from the Latin and Greek "Pascha" or "Pasch" for "Passion."

Easter is a season in the church year known as Eastertide which includes Ascension and ends with Pentecost.

The idea of an Easter bunny was brought to the U. S. by German immigrants in the 1700s.

For a thousand years, the pretzel was the food most associated with Easter. Pretzels were created around the year 610 AD. Pretzels pictured arms crossed in prayer.

Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21 so it can occur anywhere between March 22 and April 25.

Americans will spend \$14.7 billion dollars for Easter.

90 million chocolate bunnies are produced along with 700 million marshmallow peeps and 91 million eggs.

The Easter Egg Roll at the White House goes back to 1878 and President Rutherford B. Hayes.

## Holy Week Opportunity - Movie Night

Monday, March 21, 6 p.m. at Zion

*Joshua* - Rated G - 91 minutes

By Pastor Embley

A stranger arrives in Newtown. The local people are at first suspicious and then overjoyed at his presence. This movie is based on the best selling book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone.

The cast is made up of Tony Goldwyn as Joshua, Academy Award Winner, F. Murray Abraham, and Academy Award Nominee Giancarlo Giannini.

A light food menu will be available prior to the movie.

## Styrofoam Recycling

By Pastor Embley

Did you think that there may be more opportunities to recycle than we realized? It occurred to me that "to go" meals and leftovers at a restaurant are put in styrofoam containers. Often the tops are clean so why not cut them off and bring them to Zion to recycle? Often times the bottoms can be rinsed out enough to make them recyclable. Keep your eyes open to recycle styrofoam pellets and packing. Thank you to the Knox family for taking Zion's styrofoam and paper to the recycling facility.



## Hometown Woes

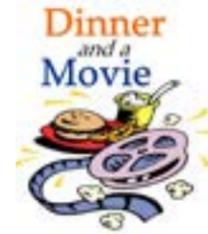
By Pastor Embley

When Jesus went back to his hometown of Nazareth, he went to worship at the synagogue. He was invited to read the Scriptures (Old Testament). Jesus read Isaiah 61:1-2 but he deliberately left part of it out. The verse read in part "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God." Jesus left out the part about vengeance (check Luke 4:14-21).

God's favor is for everyone! Jesus closed the book on vengeance! By closing the book on "vengeance," the people of Nazareth got angry enough to try to throw Jesus off the hillside the town was built on.

Until we are captivated by the radical mercy of God, we will continue to look for ways to get even. When we commit to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, Jesus will abide with us and teach us how to do it.

Too often we think we should receive mercy and the other people should be punished. This is not the way it works in God's Kingdom. Jesus remains to show us a more excellent way.



"Risen" March 6

By Sue Orth

Sign up for a night of fellowship, good food and an inspiring movie and support the youth in this fundraiser.

*Risen* is the story of a Roman tribune (commander in the Roman army) that is charged with finding the body of Jesus to disprove the resurrection. Pilate is afraid of an uprising and wants to put to rest the idea that Jesus rose from the dead. The scenery is magnificent, the music beautiful and the story inspiring. Sign up, text, email or call to be part of the conversation and enjoy a delicious dinner too! \$15.00 per person - includes movie and dinner.



## Prayer Group Starting for Open Door Youth Center (ODYC)

By Sue Orth

The director of ODYC would like to start a prayer group to have intentional praying done for the families and youth of ODYC as well as the ministry and volunteers that serve.

They are looking at the first Monday of the month in the evening.

If you are someone with a heart for reaching those that do not know Jesus, this may be your calling.

Please see Sue Orth if you can pray for this ministry.

## Want to Make a Difference in Someone's Life?

By Sue Orth

You just might be the person God has in mind to influence someone that needs your guidance. CV Homes of Hope is looking for volunteers that would like to mentor families or serve as budget coaches.

Families experiencing homelessness need encouragement and hope for the future. Volunteers have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these families. Training is provided for both mentors and budget coaches. After training you will be contacted to see if you are available to work with a family. During that time you meet weekly or biweekly (depends on the family) for 4-6 months until the family completes their time in the CV Homes of Hope. Then you can take a break or continue with a new family.

Mentor Training is on Friday, April 22 from 8AM - 4PM at Ephrata Community Church

Budget Coach Training is on Friday, May 6 from 8AM - 4PM at Grace Church, Lititz, PA

Cost for training for CV Homes of Hope volunteers is covered by the CV HOH Board.

Contact Sue Orth if you are interested in this ministry.

## Meal 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

## Don't Put That in a Landfill!!

Computer recycling at Zion

By Sue Orth

On Wednesday, March 23, Free Geek Penn will be coming to Zion to pick up and recycle/refurbish all kinds of computers and other electronic equipment. They will take cell phones, gaming systems, printers, computers - anything electronic. The only thing they will NOT take are tube TVs. This is a great opportunity to clean out your junk and put it to good use - and help preserve our earth.

Bring your items to Zion and put them in Room 7 - down by the chapel.



## U S Citizenship Test

No one won a prize for answering Pastor Embley's quiz on citizenship. Here are the answers:

1. 27 amendments
2. John Roberts is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
3. Paul Ryan is the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
4. The Constitution was written in 1787.
5. Writers of The Federalist Papers was James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and Publius.
6. Foreign wars fought in 1800s - Spanish-American, Mexican American, War of 1812.
7. Longest rivers in US - Missouri, Mississippi
8. US territories - Puerto Rico, Guam, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands.
9. National Anthem - The Star Spangled Banner
10. First Amendment right or freedom - speech, religion, assembly, press, petition the government.

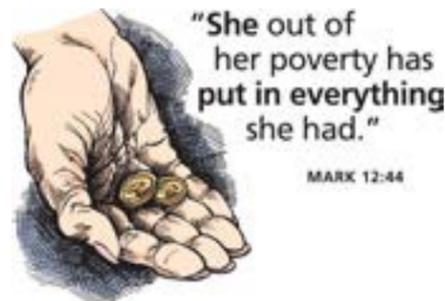
## “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry . . .?”

By Alan Ruby

It was a dark, bitterly cold wintery night. The date was Thursday, January 21, 2016. Members of Zion Church and I had just served a hot meal to about ninety-some low income persons in this downtown Lutheran Church (Redeemer). The meal consisted of a tasty shepherd's pie full course meal. The plates were soon empty. Seconds were dished out to most of those in the “seconds” line and then we ran out of food.

Afterwards while loading the SUV with the empty pots and pans, I was approached by a young woman and her husband with their young child. In an anguished voice she cried out to me, “Sir, is there any more food?” Her cry was one of deep desperation . . . I was struck to my heart. Sorrowfully, I told her we had given out all the food we had. I then approached the young mother, opened my wallet and asked if I might give her some money. “Oh, yes” was the quick pleading reply. And when I gave her a \$10 bill she broke into tears, stretched out her arms and gave me a big bear hug.

On reflecting upon this incident while traveling home, I scolded myself “Why didn't I empty my entire wallet in the face of such great need?” I shall never forget that thankful, tear-stained face of this young mother. Oh how I wish I could have that opportunity again. To follow the example of the widow in the temple giving all she had - a mite-from a loving heart. What lessons we modern Christians could learn from that ancient widow! Truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive.



## One Nation Under God

By Alan Ruby

Our journey continues through early American Revolutionary history. First we pause to quote one of Abraham Lincoln's famous sayings “History is not history, unless it is the truth.”

With that said let us delve into some significant early American history that doesn't always capture the public's attention. It was immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence that the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of Scripture for the people of this nation. Patrick Henry who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is remembered for his words, “Give me liberty or give me death.” However, in many current textbooks, the context of these words is omitted.

Here is what Henry actually said: “An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death.”

These sentences have been erased from our textbooks. The following year, 1776, he wrote this: “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here.” Jesus is an all inclusive Savior loving the lonely, the lost and the least of those on the margins of life. This is also revealed in Jesus making a Samaritan the hero of this parable and a Syro-Phoenician woman the center of His attention. Christ offered an all-inclusive love in His Gospel of Forgiveness and Grace.



## CTIM Congegations Together in Missions) 2016: Hungry for Justice & Mercy with Shane Claiborne

Saturday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

CTIM is open to all. Congregational leaders, especially are encouraged to come for this enriching event.

The cost is \$65 per person (funds available) and a portion of the registration fees will be donated to The Simple Way, founded by Shane Claiborne, a faith community in inner city Philadelphia conspiring to spread the vision of loving God, loving people and following Jesus.

If you would like to know more about the event or would like to attend, see Sue Orth. Don't delay - space is limited and fills up fast.

## 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 looking for a place to rent. She must vacate the 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.

## Amazing Story of Forgiveness in the CV Community

Submitted by Pastor Joel Kime

The CV community recently experienced an example of the kind of forgiveness Jesus talks about so often. Remember a year or so ago when Brownstown Elementary school teacher Nicole Mathewson was murdered? The trial of her killer, Thomas Moore, was a couple weeks ago. Some people in my congregation were in a Bible study with Nicole, and some of their friends were at the courthouse for sentencing and shared this story. I want you to hear what happened in that courtroom:

“The expectation going into the day was that the defendant, Thomas Moore, was going to accept the plea deal from the district attorney and plead guilty. As the Judge tediously went through each aspect of the case with Moore, assuring that Moore understood his rights and what he was accepting, the whole court was brought to an unexpected and torturous halt as Moore declared he was unsatisfied with his defense.

During the ensuing recess, it became apparent to those familiar with the legal process, the case that Moore was now likely to reject the plea deal as he had showed no signs of remorse to anyone up to this point. Once the hearing reconvened the prosecution explained that there would be no further deals unless the defendant accepted the current one. There was a tangible sense of relief when Moore accepted that he had a fair defense, even if his arrogant manor was undiminished. Eventually, the judge finished and Nicole's family and friends were given an opportunity

to speak and the power of God was made known in the court room.

Our friends had been informed that during this portion of the hearing, the defendant is usually braced by their defense attorneys to expect scathing attacks from those who have lost their loved ones. But on this particular day not a single person who got up to speak attacked Moore. There were



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strong words of forgiveness and truth spoken, but as one person after another got up the atmosphere of the courtroom changed and it was visible on everyone, from the prosecuting attorneys to the countenance on the judge's face. The words that have resonated with them most strongly were spoken by a friend of Nicole's who got up to speak. While she was speaking she stopped and looked directly at Moore and spoke to what might have happened had the two of them met under other circumstances “Nicole would have loved you Thomas”. People spent a great deal of time focused on Nicole's personality and how she lived her life. She is one of the rare persons that, without hyperbole, you can say she was one of the most Godly people you have ever

met. She truly lived her life to glorify God and it reflected clearly in the lives of the people she touched and in the courtroom that day through the words of those who knew her.

After the hearing was over and they were talking with the family, they were approached by the prosecution and some of the court workers who informed them that in a combined 50 years of hearings they had never experienced anything like what happened in the courtroom that day. One prosecutor said that he had been Catholic his whole life; attended Catholic schools and generally felt confident in his faith. He understood God and understood Jesus Christ but felt he never really understood the Holy Spirit. After his experience in the room that day he said he believed he finally understood the purpose and power of the Spirit. Even Thomas Moore, the defendant who had shown no signs of remorse, and had displayed nothing but arrogance, made the surprise and rare move to respond to those who had spoken and had their words entered into public record. To a courtroom that was dead silent he said that he was sorry for the pain that he had caused and that he appreciated the forgiveness offered so freely. The prosecution believed that he was truly shaken by the unexpected and emphatic expression of love shown to him.”

I thought this is a great reminder to us that we disciples of Jesus need to be able to forgive. Also, it shows how forgiveness can unleash the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

## Golden Zioneers Upcoming Events

By Nadine Gladfelter

The Golden Zioneers (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.

**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.

**April 6 at 11 a.m.**  
Dutch Apple Dinner Theater matinee: “Menopause, the Musical”. Tickets are still available. Sign up on the bulletin board by the water fountain.

# Preteen Events

Saturday, March 19, 1-3  
Wise Sage Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 16 – Heifer Global Village  
all day trip - Leave Zion at 7:30 AM  
and return to Zion at 4:30 PM  
Experience life in a village in “Guatemala”

Friday, May 20, 6-10 PM - Movie Night

# Youth Events

**\*Sunday, March 6**

Risen Movie & Dinner Fundraiser

Time – TBD (depends on movie, show time yet to be released)

**\*March 13 5-7 PM**

“March Madness”

**\*March 27 Easter Sunday**

Serve dinner at Crispus Attucks

Meet at Zion at 4:30

Return at 7 PM

**\*April 10 - 5-7 PM CYR Meeting**

**\*April 24 - 5-7 PM CYR Meeting**



## Needs of the CVCCS

### Clothing Needs:

Boys clothing ALL sizes  
Men’s jeans ALL sizes  
Underwear and socks

### Food Needs:

Canned fruits  
Cereals

## Science and Christian Life

**By Martha Zepp**

What is the place of science in Christian life? This is the topic of the Spring Academy at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg to be presented April 18-23. Spring Academy is open to both ordained and lay people. Presenters include both Seminary professors and guest professors from other seminaries. Included are Dr. Frederick Ware from Howard University School of Divinity on “Theological Exploration of Human Identity, Community, and Purpose”; Dr. Lea Schweitz from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago on “God the Creator and the City: A Theology of Urban Nature”; Dr. Ann Milliken Pederson from Augustana University on “Science for Christian Life”; and several more speakers.

The schedule for Tuesday and Wednesday seems as if it might be of the most interest for lay people with two break-out sessions on Wednesday. The program on Saturday is for High School Youth. See the brochure for the Spring Academy posted on the kiosk for more information on how to register or see Martha Zepp.

## Thank You Notes

Dear Zion,

Thank you for your January donation for the homeless at the Water Street Mission. It’s a gift to walk with men, women, and families on their journey of restoration, but it’s truly a treasure to not go it alone. We appreciate your partnership!

Gratefully,  
Maria Schaszberger  
Church Relations, Water Street Mission

Dear Zion,

Thank you for your gift of \$275.00 to Water Street Mission. Because of your gift, our ministry is able to serve the homeless and hungry each day. You are helping restore lives through rescue and renewal.

Sincerely,  
Jack Crowley, President of Water Street Mission

Dear Zion,

Thank you for your generous support of Lancaster County Council of Churches. LCCC has seen the number of people coming to its food bank more than double in the past five months. On the average, we are now serving 100 clients on a daily basis. Currently, over 18% of children in Lancaster do not know where their next meal will be coming from. In 2014, LCCC served over 30,000 clients and provided food to over 45 community meal sites resulting in 130,000 community meals being served.

Your generous contribution provides the resources so that we have fresh healthy food ready, so the women and children in the winter shelter are warm, safe and dry, so business attire is available when the job opportunity comes, so cars are affordable and safe and that funds are provided when emergencies arise.

With many thanks,  
Matt Weaver  
Director of Development & Finance, Lancaster County Council of Churches



**By Tom Richards**

On Good Friday, March 25, we will follow the Stations of the Cross at Zion. Jesus’s journey from the garden of Gethsemane to the tomb will be described in a series of fourteen scriptures, and we will follow that journey with Him from station to station around the sanctuary. At each station we will read one of the scriptures, take some time to meditate and pray, then move to the next station. At 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. we will have a leader to guide the group. From 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., individuals will be provided a booklet to guide them. For questions, contact Tom Richards at 475-4912.

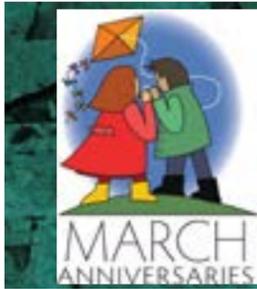
## Happy to Help

**Adapted by newsletternewsletter**

The International Day of Happiness is observed on March 20 (also the first day of spring this year; coincidence?). Jesus said we’ll be happy (or “blessed”) when we’re meek, merciful, pure and so on (see his Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12). In other words, happiness results from putting others’ needs above our own.

Research confirms that helping others boosts people’s self-esteem, forges strong friendships, offers a sense of belonging and purpose, decreases stress, increases gratitude and sparks others to “pay it forward.” In fact, University of Texas researchers found that the “activism cure” is a great way to overcome bouts of sadness. So get helping - and get happy!





- 6 Scott & Amy High
- 7 Bryan & Linda Reed - 46 years
- 10 Royce & Mary Lou Imhoff - 60 years
- 14 Russ & Judy Bomberger - 57 years
- 14 Craig & Angie Sieber - 29 years
- 19 Tony & Kim Almodovar
- 19 Mel & Estrella Huyard
- 24 Adam & Tiffany Gehman



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dori Brown
- 2 Alyssa Matheus
- 6 Russ Wagner
- 7 Angelia Reed
- 8 Mary Giuranna
- 8 Lois Lantzy
- 8 Owen Shetter
- 9 Pete Caci
- 9 Ashley Gerz
- 12 Grant Hockenberry
- 12 Marian Oster
- 12 Emily Stevens
- 12 Kyra Washington
- 12 Martha Zepp
- 13 Jennifer Matthews
- 13 Tony Rampulla
- 14 Sister Sandy Lehr

- 16 Michelle Moyer
- 17 Mel Huyard
- 18 Brian Gehman
- 19 Pat Clemens
- 19 Jeanne Fackler
- 19 Janet Gates
- 21 Kira Smoker
- 25 Jeanne Hoffman
- 25 Forest Troyer

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 19 at 1 PM  
For Toddlers to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Help Fill our Easter Eggs by Sunday, March 13 with:

- Individually wrapped candy
- Coins
- Small prizes, chalk eggs, bubbles, etc.



Egg stuffing get-togethers:

Tuesday, March 8, 1-3 pm  
Thursday, March 10, 6-7:30 pm  
Monday, March 14, 10-12 pm

Please sign up the kiosk to help the day of the Egg Hunt or use this form.

*Thank you!*

### March 19 Egg Hunt Help Needed

The Community Egg Hunt begins at 1 pm and winds down with snacks in the Multipurpose room. It is one of Zion's largest outreach events and it takes many helping hands to make it a fun event. Where are you able to serve? Please indicate how you will help and hand it into the office.

- \_\_\_ Cemetery "Dog doo doo shovelers"
- \_\_\_ Egg "Hiders" (10:30 am-Noon)
- \_\_\_ Parking Lot Egg "Guards" (Noon-1 pm)
- \_\_\_ Greeters (12:30-1:15 pm)
- \_\_\_ Registration & Prize Drawers (12:30-1:45 pm)
- \_\_\_ Kitchen (prepare & serve snacks)
- \_\_\_ Provide snacks-sign up at kiosk in Narthex
- \_\_\_ Cleanup, put eggs back up in closet (2 pm-3 pm)
- \_\_\_ M & M's leadership (1-1:30 pm)
- \_\_\_ Puppet Show Performer
- \_\_\_ Sound System Operator (12:30-1:30 pm)
- \_\_\_ Power Point Operator (12:30-1:30 pm)
- \_\_\_ Wise Sage (special egg hunt for preteens)
- \_\_\_ Roman Guard (protects the Sage)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Leola Community Meal

Friday, March 18  
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

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

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

### Crispus Attucks March 27, Easter Sunday

### Clothing Bank Work Days for Seniors

March 2, 16, & 30  
April 13 & 27

### 2016 GENERAL FINANCES

#### General Fund Income

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
January	\$36,505	\$36,505	8.5%

#### General Fund Expenses

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
January	\$31,835	\$31,835	6.7%

### Pray for our Members, Friends, Military Personnel

#### Friends of Zion

- Bob Patterson
- Diane Swager
- Donna Haines
- Donnie Richardson
- Dorothy Bomberger
- Fannie Beiler
- Jake Beiler
- Janet Greene
- Jasper Hart
- Jim Diem
- John Curran
- Kim Atkins
- Margaret Kuester
- Marie Aukamp
- Savanah
- Tony Sakellaris

#### Service Personnel

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

#### Members of Zion

- Adam Brown
- Carol Chilcoat
- Chuck Rathey
- Evelyn Brown
- Faye Kipp
- George Sorensen

- Gloria Wiker
- Greg Lemke
- Harry Wiker
- Helen Brackbill
- Jennie Roland
- Joan Wagner
- Josephine Miller
- Judy Greiner
- Keith Shetter
- Marilyn Nettles
- Mel Snader
- Pastor Embley
- Pat Bunker
- Russ Bomberger
- Russ Wagner
- Sharon Perreault
- Sister Sandy Lehr
- Tracy Lash
- Virginia Bowers

### 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.

### Congratulations! Easter Possibilities

Thrivent choice participants have thousands of options . . . but they chose Zion. **Based on their recommendations, Zion Lutheran Church received \$3,326 in 2015** [from Thrivent Choice Dollars]. The Thrivent Choice program helps Thrivent members make a positive impact in their communities.

**Adapted by newsletternewsletter, The Rev. James Martin, S. J.**

The message of Easter is not only that Christ is risen, not only that suffering is not the last word, not only that God gives new life, but this: Nothing is impossible with God.



# Zion Happenings For March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group	2 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel 7-8:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am FAITH TANKK 10:30 am Worship TBD Dinner & Movie Youth Fundraiser	7 6:30 pm Council Meeting	8 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group 7 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	9 9:30 am Women's Book Study Group 11:30 am Golden Zionees at Shady Maple 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel 7-8:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 7 pm Women's Book Study Group	12
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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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