

Zion Herald

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Leola June 2017

Celebrating our 200th Anniversary!

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

June 4, 2017 Activities

Last Day of Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday - Wear RED

Town Hall Meetings

9:15 a.m. & Noon

Watch your mailbox for an important letter
from Church Council.

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Janet

Janet has graduated from the California University of PA and plans to work and get her certifications. The best advice Janet received is “What you put into life is what you get out of it.”

Janet’s favorite Bible story is Joseph and the dream coat because everyone has dreams and you just need to find that one person who believes in them too. Her favorite church memory is going camping in Gettysburg and the game nights of hide and seek all night at the church.

Janet’s dream for Zion is that we can grow and expand as a church. That we can all look past our fears and overcome our comfort zone to make everyone feel loved and appreciated. The hardest part of being a Christian for Janet is “remembering to thank God for everything he has blessed me with. Sometimes I think that it is hard for me to really slow down and stop and pray, I feel like I am always busy and always moving.”

Advice she would give a college freshman: “Don’t be afraid to change your mind about what you wanna do. I changed it three times. Realize that you are going to make and lose friends in college and it’s okay. Know that everything around you is a lesson and you can learn from it. You will change and be different by the time it’s over; you will find yourself, it just takes time. Some of the friends you do make will last a lifetime. Do the work! Do your school work! Don’t just skip because everyone else is. Your GPA will stick with you and it is very hard to bring it back up once you do bad in one class. But you can repeat the classes and that is NOT a bad thing, if you learned from your mistakes. Don’t be afraid to ask for help if you do not understand something in class! Make friends in your class. Talk to the person next to you and get their number. You will text each other with questions.”

Congratulations, Janet! May God bless your future.

Emily S.

Emily will be graduating from Lancaster Mennonite School and plans to attend Messiah College studying history with secondary in education.

The best advice Emily received is from the drama teacher and that is to incorporate God, your education, and your passions/talents into one whole being. One question she would like to ask God is how can we learn from other religions what happens to the people who were fully devoted to their faith, just like she is to her faith.

Emily’s favorite Bible story is David and Bathsheba. Her favorite church memory is being in Confirmation. The hardest part of being a Christian for Emily is being 100% devoted all the time.

Do not procrastinate! is Emily’s advice to high school freshmen.

Congratulations, Emily! May God bless your future.

Kyra W.

Kyra will be graduating from Lancaster Mennonite School and is taking some time to decide what she wants to do in the future.

Her question for God would be which course of action do you prefer: mercy or punishment?

Kyra’s favorite Bible story is of Esther and her favorite church memory is going to Chincoteague with the youth group.

Her dream is that Zion will grow in love. The hardest part of being a Christian is waking up in the morning to attend church.

Kyra’s advice to high school freshmen is “Don’t let anyone tell you what you should do with your future. Do what you want to do, not what will make others happy.”

Congratulations, Kyra! May God bless your future.

Zion’s 2016/2017 Graduates are:

Anthony S.

Allison H.

Bryce S.

Janet G.

Emily S.

Kyra W.

Sarah K.

Eric G.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



June 24 Global Aid Network (GAIN) Mission Packing Project

By Sue Orth

“The GAIN Logistics Center operates year-round to receive, process, pack, and ship humanitarian supplies to people in need around the globe. Their international ministry partners working in the toughest places on earth use these items to express the love of Jesus by relieving suffering, restoring dignity, and revealing hope. Your help makes it possible to carry out this very important ministry!

Volunteer for this family-friendly event to engage personally in world missions. Bring your family and friends to the Mission Packing Project at the GAIN Logistics Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to pack food, blankets, clothing, and other aid to be shipped to our international ministry partners.”

Let’s mobilize a group of volunteers from Zion to attend this Mission Packing Project and make a difference in the world.

Saturday, June 24 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Come for all or part of the day. Meet at Zion at 8 AM to car pool.

Sign up on the kiosk in the greeting area. Lunch and snacks are included.

All volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes (no flip flops or sandals).

Register by June 6, 2017 to receive a complimentary T-shirt!

Financial Cost for this Event:
None

Early Lutheranism In America

By Alan Ruby

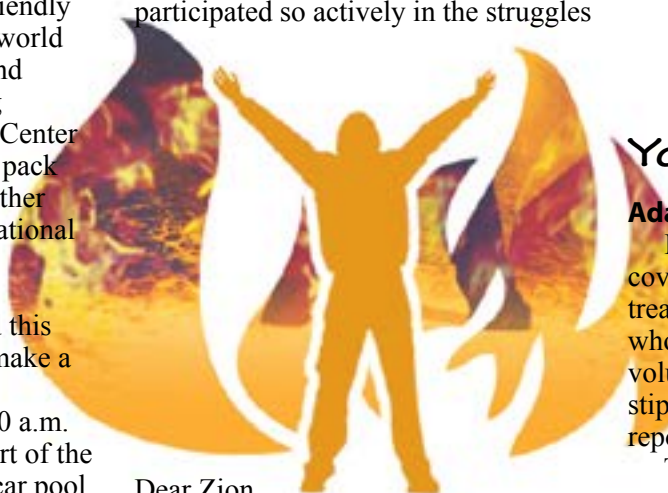
In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation (October 31, 1517), I offer the following commentary of the Lutheran influence in the founding of the United States of America.

The work, *Lutherans In Colonial Days*, begins with an essay by Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz who was a Professor of History at the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary in the early 20th century. In his essay entitled “Spiritual Freedom Produces Civil Liberty,” Dr. Wentz relates how the religion of Lutheran Colonists led to the achievement of American Independence.

I quote Dr. Wentz, “It was no mere coincidence that Lutherans participated so actively in the struggles

for American Freedom. Their political idealism was born in them with their religious faith and coursed through their hearts with their life blood. The Lutheran movement of the sixteenth century was first, last and always a religious movement. But it had implications and by-products along many lines. In the sphere of politics it meant inevitably the enfranchisement (the right to vote) of the individual and the separation of Church and State. These two principles are the very pillars on which rests the arch of American Freedom.”

Next month we shall continue with the insights by Dr. Wentz into the influence of the Lutheran Reformation in Colonial America and our budding democracy. Stay tuned.



You’ll Never Miss It

Adapted by newsletternewsletter

Frustrated that income never covered expenses, a longtime church treasurer resigned. Another member, who owned the town’s grain elevator, volunteered to take over with one stipulation: he wouldn’t submit a report for the first year.

The puzzled board members agreed because they knew he was an honest man. After all, they trusted him to process their grain.

By year’s end, the new treasurer gave a glowing report. The church’s building debt had been erased. Staff salaries had increased 15 percent. And the budget showed a healthy balance.

When the shocked but delighted congregation asked for an explanation, the treasurer said, “Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. When I paid you, I simply with held 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it!”

Imagine what we could do for God if we willingly returned the first tenth of his gifts back to him.

Dear Zion,

Thank you for your congregation’s generous gifts to support the Friends of Luther Acres 2017 Project - Duet Wheelchair Bicycle Tandem.

Your donation of \$433 will help enhance the lives of Luther Acres residents.

With gratitude,
William C. Snyder
Vice President - Philanthropy & Community Engagement

2017 GENERAL FINANCES

General Fund Income

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
February	\$31,092	\$61,863	14.6%

General Fund Expenses

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
February	\$33,016	\$70,049	15.7%

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 23 at the

10:30 a.m. service -

Friendship Community Worship Team will provide special music throughout the service.

Sunday, September 10

Bishop Dunlop will preside at both services and a special lunch to follow.

September - Zion's 200th Anniversary Month

Sunday, November 12

at both services - Ric Zimmerman will provide special music during the services.

Downtown Meals 2017 Schedule

*Carpool leaves at 4:15 p.m. from Zion.

*Please sign up to donate food and your time.

*Sign-up sheet is located on the Mission & Service bulletin board.

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

July 20

Grace Lutheran Church (5th Wednesday of the month)

August 30



Mark Your Calendar!

CPR & AED training will be on Saturday, June 17 beginning at 9 a.m. led by certified instructor, Jimmy Woomer. The cost of the class is \$40

A sign up sheet is on the kiosk with a few spots open. If those spots get filled, we will start a waiting list in case there are last minute cancellations. If we have enough interested people, a second class may be offered.

Clothing Bank Work Days for Seniors

June 7 July 5
June 21 July 19

Leola Community Meal

Friday, June 16
Served at 5:55 p.m.
*Held here at Zion
*Hosted by Zion



THANK YOU!

By Paul Barnhart & the Property Committee

We want to again thank everyone that came out to help at the second Spring Work day! We had Church members and Church youth as well as the boy scouts and some cub scouts helping out. It turned out to be a nice morning for working outdoors.

Some of the jobs that we were working on were weeding and mulching, pressure washing sections of the building, pressure washing the fence around the dumpster, pressure washing some of the windows, removing old mulched areas and turning back into grass, tree trimming, planting flowers, helping up in the community Garden, and trash clean up around the property. It was a very productive morning!

Once again thank you to all that participated, we truly appreciate it. And we couldn't have gotten this accomplished without you!

Restoring the Balance

Adapted by newsletternewsletter

In *Springs in the Valley* (Zondervan), pioneer missionary Lettie Cowman tells of a traveler making a trek through an African jungle. Native tribesmen who helped carry loads walked rapidly on day one, covering a great distance. Yet the next morning they refused to move. When the frustrated traveler asked the tribesmen why they were just sitting, they said they'd gone too fast on the first day and "were now waiting for their souls to catch up to their bodies."

Cowman writes, "This whirling rushing life which so many of us live does for us what that march did for those tribesmen. The difference: They knew they needed to restore life's balance; too often we do not."

God promises rest for our soul and body, so don't overlook the importance of physical restoration. Only by taking time to recharge can you be an effective laborer in God's kingdom.





- 1 Pat Book
- 1 Isabella Potoczny
- 2 LeighAnn McQuate
- 3 Phyllis Hutchison
- 3 Dylan Schnader
- 3 Julia Schnader

- 5 Betsy MacDonald
- 6 Robert Stewart
- 7 Morgan Almodovar
- 11 London Smoker
- 13 Karen Brunken
- 13 David Eaton
- 15 Anthony Strohm
- 19 Daniel Good
- 20 Dorothy Brooks
- 20 Tara Fausnaught
- 20 Meriam Hershberger
- 22 Patricia Cooper

- 22 Dianne Good
- 22 Salome Sieber
- 23 Melissa Gates
- 24 Tony Calderone
- 24 Shae McGarvey
- 24 Hannah Michael
- 26 Tyler Heinaman
- 29 Tonya Ries
- 30 Jen Bixler
- 30 Alex Sieber



- 1 George & Martha Lefever - 49 years
- 3 Rafe & Lisa Knox
- 3 Harold & Arlene Walter - 61 years
- 4 Bill & Deb Matthews

- 8 Ken & Betsy MacDonald - 43 years
- 10 Greg & Diane Lemke - 45 years
- 12 Bob & Pam Wilson - 46 years
- 15 Steven & Laura Wasilewski
- 16 Nelson & Del Bard - 43 years
- 18 Gary & Joyce Brooks - 34 years
- 18 Ed & Pat Bunker - 62 years
- 18 Ryan & Melinda Stevens
- 20 Keith & Dori Shetter

- 21 Jack & Tonya Ries - 37 years
- 22 Gary & Kris Gutshall - 26 years
- 22 Jason & Jill Schnader - 15 years
- 23 Keith & Paula McQuate - 27 years
- 25 Mel & Dawn Ressler - 62 years
- 26 Mike & Dori Brown
- 26 Mark & Mary Giuranna
- 29 Phil & Heather Furman

Do you have a concern you want lifted to the Lord in prayer? Zion's email prayer partners can be reached through Keri Bloom at bloomkg@lancastermennonite.org. If you do not have email and would like to pray for concerns, please inform Pastor Wayne at 717-656-9200.

Prayer Requests

Members of Zion

- Chuck Rathey
- Deb Matthews
- Evelyn Brown
- Jeff Hurst
- Jennie Roland
- Joan Wagner
- Judy Bomberger
- Judy Greiner
- Keith Shetter
- Kurt Engel
- Mel & Mary Eby
- Pat Bunker
- Patty Jackson
- Paul Naffin
- Russ Wagner
- Sharon Perreault
- Sister Sandy Lehr

Friends of Zion

- Abilgail Critchfield
- Adam Mahler
- Alexandria Scharadin
- Amy Stump
- Art Moyer
- Barbara Byne
- Bill Mowery
- Bobby Jo Williams

- Brendan Holbriiter
- Charlie Delp
- Cocona Serras
- Coy McCuiston
- Danny O'Shae
- Dave Meneely
- Debbie Gerber
- Ella Lochonic
- Elliot Helsman
- Gaylon Geiman
- Isaac Orth
- Jack Kehler
- Jack Redcay
- Janet Tomko
- Jeff Groff
- John Denlinger
- Kathy Pradon
- Kim Atkins
- Kristin Petrosky
- Kyle Esh
- Lamonet Dombach
- Linda Armstrong
- Linda Geiman
- Linda Stevens
- Mark Rinier
- Marvin High
- Nathanael Cassel
- Nisha

- Noam
- Nuria Brenes
- Pat Brady
- Randy Walker
- Shannon Horst
- Sherry Parker Overman
- Tom Garrouite
- Virginia Mosebach

Service Personnel

- *Brad Strickler (stateside)
- *Steven Wasilewski
- *Davey Engel (Italy)
- *Rob Devlin (stateside)
- *Nick Chubb (stateside)
- *Matthew Green (stateside)
- *Brandon Devlin (Korea)



Zion Happenings For June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am Last day of Sunday School 9:15 am Zion Town Hall Meeting 10:30 am Worship Noon Zion Town Hall Meeting	5 6:30 pm 200th Anniversary Meeting	6 6:30 pm Praise Practice	7 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	8	9	10
11 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 80+ Birthday Celebration	12 6:30 pm Council Meeting	13 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group Meeting	14 TBD Golden Zionees at Rainbow Dinner Theater 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	15	16 5:55 pm Leola Community Dinner hosted by Zion	17 9 am CPR & AED Training
18 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	19	20 6:30 pm Praise Practice	21 9 am Clothing Bank work day for seniors 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	22	23	24 8:30am to 4:30pm GAIN Service Opportunity
25 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	26 6:30 pm Worship Planning Meeting	27 6:30 pm Praise Practice 7 pm Prayer Group Meeting	28 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	29	30	

Zion's now on Facebook. Follow us at Zion Lutheran Leola
 Not able to be with your Zion family on a Sunday? Don't want to miss
 the sermon series? You can now watch the sermons on Facebook Live
 during the service or at a later time.



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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.
Wine and grape juice are offered as well as a
bread and gluten free wafers.

We gather to grow; we live to serve!

Staff

Pastor Robert Lowden, Interim Pastor

Sue Orth, Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry
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Paula McQuate, Secretary
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Carol Chilcoat, Coordinator of Volunteers
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Forest Troyer, Custodian

Becky Rairigh, 8 a.m. Organist

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

Council

Bob Gates Council President
Ryan Stevens Council Vice President
Jeff Wasilewski Council Secretary

Taylor Moyer, Luke Harris, Bob Gates,
Martha Lefever, Jackie Heise, Jimmy Woomer

Leadership

Luke Harris	Church Treasurer
Norman Weaver	Assistant Treasurer
Bob Wilson	Payroll
Paul Barnhart	Property
Mike Proch	Cemetery
Luke Harris	Stewardship Committee
Sue Orth	Christian Education
Lorraine Smoker	Social Ministry
Patty Jackson, Nadine Gladfelter	Library
Cathy Wasilewski	Mutual Ministry
Rod Smith	Financial Secretary
Kelly Beitzel	Altar Guild
Paula McQuate	Worship Planning
Bob Gates & Del Bard	Building Coordinators
Kathy Raffensperger	Zion Archivist

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