

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMELSDORF, PENNSYLVANIA

THE MISSION OF ZION...

---inviting all to know and praise the Lord;
---enabling all to share the Love of God.

The Rev. June E. Bair, Pastor

The Rev. J. Robert Kehrli, Pastor Emeritus

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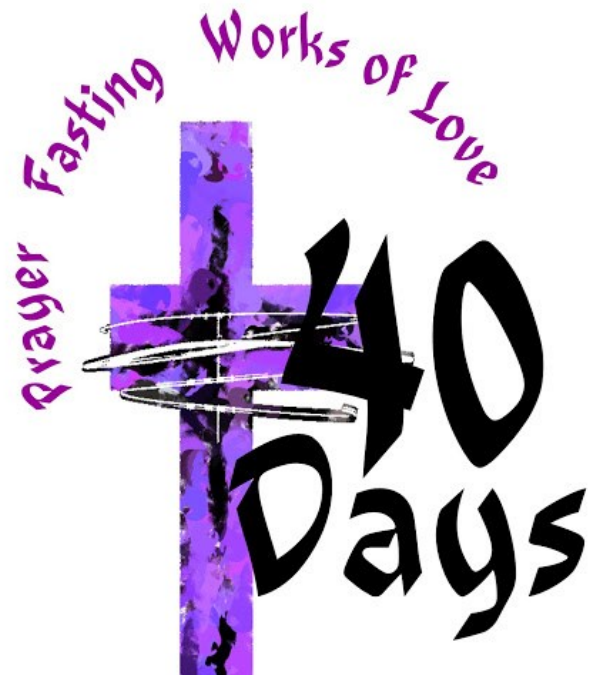
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MARCH NEWSLETTER – 2020



Upcoming Events

- March 1 - Worship with Holy Communion
- March 4 - CW Ministerium Lenten Worship
at Zion Lutheran
Evening Lenten Gathering
- March 7 - WELCA General Meeting
- March 8 - Girl Scout Sunday
Easter Candy Deadline
Confirmation with Mentors
- March 11- CW Ministerium Lenten Worship
At Trinity, Robesonia
Evening Lenten Gathering
- March 17 - Stewardship Meeting
- March 18 - CW Ministerium Lenten Worship
at Trinity, Wernersville
Evening Lenten Gathering
- March 19 - Free Community Meal
- March 21-March 24 - Candy Making
- March 22 - Congregational Meeting
Deadline for Easter Lilies
Deadline for Newsletter
- March 25 - CW Ministerium Lenten Worship
at St. Francis, Robesonia
Evening Lenten Gathering
- March 28 - March 31 - Candy Making
- March 29 - Hymn Sing Sunday



Office Information

Pastor 's Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.. 12:30 p.m.
Afternoons, evenings, and Thursdays—by appointment

Friday and Saturday the office is closed.

- Note: hours may vary due to unforeseen circumstances.
- If the office is closed, please leave messages. Calls will be returned when the office is open.
- Should an emergency arise when the office is closed, please contact Pastor June at 610-621-8982.

Ways to Keep Informed

Email Addresses:

Please be sure the church has your current email address to receive newsletters, announcements, and information about church activities. Send an email to zion_info@comcast.net. Thank you!

Zion Lutheran is on Facebook. Be sure to like our facebook page to keep updated on the activities occurring at Zion. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Zion-Lutheran-Church/376091892468503>

Zion website: www.zionlutheranwomelsdorf.com

Severe Weather

In the event that church needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather. An announcement will be available on www.wfmz.com, www.wgal.com and on a recorded message by calling the church at (610)589-4130.



APRIL NEWSLETTER ITEMS

DUE BY MARCH 22, 2020

- Calendar Events ◀
► Articles/Announcements ◀

Bulletin Announcements:

Please complete an announcement form and submit to the office or e-mail announcement to zion_info@comcast.net. Bulletins are prepared on Mondays.



When it comes to the challenge of our Christian faith, I think that Paul head the nail on the head when he said in 2 Corinthians:

"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." We often think that life would be so much easier if we were able to see all of the answers to our questions, wonders, and concerns. Maybe we wouldn't struggle so much or wrestle to find understanding. Instead, faith calls us to trust God, especially in moments of uncertainty.

I would say that most of us struggle with this, as does the church as a whole. We have entered into a difficult time for the church, where priorities are being questioned and faith is being tested. Churches are struggling to keep up with the times, and we don't have to look too far to see congregations sadly closing their doors. Times like these have challenged Zion's church leadership and our congregation as a whole in being good stewards of all that God continues to bless us with.



This past month, we were given an incredible gift by Margaret Berger and her estate. Margaret deeply loved the people of Zion and considered this congregation as her family. She wanted to take care of her family, even after her death. It is an incredible gift of love that she has given us, as well as an incredible amount of responsibility as we determine the best way to use this gift to better our ministry and future. The council is prayerfully engaging in conversations about how we will use this gift to enhance our church for the generations that follow us. While no final decisions have been made on anything, we dream of putting a significant amount on our mortgage, which will create a light at the end of the tunnel in paying it off in the next few years. We also are committed to our future, and therefore are prayerfully considering a portion going into our Endowment fund. This fund help ensures the future of the church, but it also gives yearly disbursements to fund special needs/projects/mission inside and outside of the church. And finally, a portion will prayerfully be directed at other needs in the church, especially building concerns.

While it brings us joy to dream, there are two things that the church council would like to make sure that the congregation understands.

1. This gift will not go towards our budget or any budgeted current expenses. If we use the money for short term needs, it will not benefit the future of the church. It is imperative that we do not get sidetracked by the amazing gift and ease up on our giving. Your continued support and giving is essential in keeping our doors open and doing ministry together.
2. We are extremely grateful for the continued generosity of this congregation. When there is a financial concern, this congregation always steps up. Like Margaret, you consider this place and the people in it to be your home and family. YOU are vital and important to this family. We are so grateful for every single one of you.

So, let celebrate! Let's dream! Let's work together in ministry! Let's walk by faith and not be sight!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor June Bair

Love Meals Needed!!



WOW! Thanks to your ongoing generosity, our love meal section of the freezer is well stocked! We have a wonderful assortment of entrees as well as soup. Thank you to everyone who has donated and continues to donate. Meals can be placed in the freezer in bin labeled "Love Meals". Please be sure to mark the contents and date.

Is there someone you know who could use a meal? Please feel free to deliver a meal, or let Pastor June know of the need! God calls us to help one another and a delivered meal can be a reminder of that love...in action!

Choir News

Special Music Sponsors welcome!



Would you like to remember a loved one or honor someone special during worship? Consider sponsoring special music during worship!

We welcome you to request special hymns out of the Hymnals as well!

If you would like to sponsor a new anthem or special music, the sponsorship is \$40. Please see Debbie Pyle with questions or if you would like to sign up!

Altar Flower Sign Up



Signing up for altar flowers is a great way to remember and celebrate a special occasion in your life and/or a loved one. Consider sponsoring altar flowers for Sunday Worship.

There is a sign up sheet for Altar Flowers on the bulletin board in the Wessner Room. We have several dates open throughout the year. The cost is \$40 to sponsor. You can either take the flowers with you following the worship service, or leave them behind to be delivered to a homebound member or others who need cheering up. Please see Diana Price with any questions or concerns!

Women of the ELCA



The WELCA General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wessner Room. Mary Circle will be our hostess and Naomi Circle will be in charge of devotions. We have lots of fun events coming up! All the Women of Zion are part of WELCA and are invited to attend! Join us!



Our next circle meetings will be on April 7, 2020. The Mary Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. and the Naomi Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m., both in the parish house. All women of Zion are invited to come and join us for our circle meetings which include WELCA business, devotions, and fellowship. Join us at whichever meeting fits your schedule!



Easter candy making and ordering is upon us. We will be making candy starting the week of March 21st and the week of March 28. As in other years, we will need volunteers to help roll, coat, and package these treats. It is mostly a sit down job so anyone can help! Many hands make lighter work! Candy orders must be in by March 8! Use the order form in the newsletter. Order forms are also available at each entrance to the sanctuary. Pick up for Easter Candy is April 3 between 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



Help is welcome for knotting and designing mission quilts! It is fun and easy! Time for this project will be announced each week at Sunday worship.



Peach Festival planning is ongoing. If you have ideas or concerns or want to volunteer please let Emily Mills or Cindy Doster know. You can put messages for the Peach Festival in the Peach Festival cubby in the Wessner Room. We can always use more hands. Job listing will be posted soon!



We have key tags in a basket at the end of the back pew that can be used when shopping at Boyer's. When shopping at Redner's, get a key tag at the courtesy desk and save the register tapes for Marianne Pletz. This helps us earn 1% of your spending on groceries. Thank you!



ZION WOMEN OF THE ELCA CANDY SALE

\$10.00 pound \$5.00 ½ pound

Name _____ Phone # _____

PEANUT BUTTER

Milk Chocolate _____ pound _____ ½ pound

Dark Chocolate _____ pound _____ ½ pound

COCONUT CREAM

Milk Chocolate _____ pound _____ ½ pound

Dark Chocolate _____ pound _____ ½ pound

**Please give orders to Donna Barrall (610-693-5577);
Sharon Greth (610-589-1498); Lori Brown (610-693-5584)
no later than Sunday, March 8, 2020**

Save as a reminder:

Pick up Candy Friday, April 3, 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M



Lost and Found

Did you lose something? A lost and found box is located on the table in the Wessner Room.. Items that are not claimed after several months will be donated to charity.

ADVERTISING CHURCH EVENTS

When coordinating an event for the church, there are free ways to advertise. Space may be limited to first come - first served.

Advertise your event in the Reading Eagle Weekend Edition on Thursdays. Email information to weekend@readingeagle.com at least one week prior to the date of publication. For the religious page, email information to life@readingeagle.com. For the community calendar, email to country@readingeagle.com

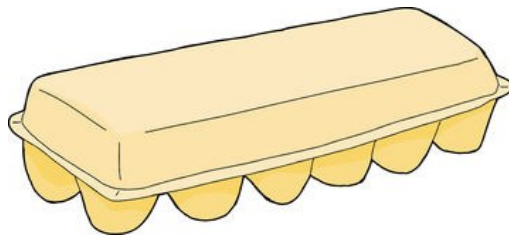
Advertise in the Merchandiser's Calendar of Events by submitting all information at least 2 weeks prior to publication date. Either email to editor@themerchandiser.com, mail to The Merchandiser, Calendar of Events, P.O. Box 840, Lebanon, PA 17042, or fax to 717-273-0420.

Of course, be sure you have notified the church office to include information in the newsletter and bulletins.

Egg Carton Update!

Uncle! Call off the chickens! ELCO Middle School's need for egg cartons has been satisfied until further notice. Thank you and your chickens for the support. We'll let you know when we run low.

- Karen Blair



SPONSORSHIPS SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR 2020



To sponsor the eternal light, baptismal floral arrangement, or coffee hour, please sign on the sheets available in the Wessner Room with commemoration or call the church office (610-589-4130). Commemorations can be presented in memory of loved ones, in honor of an individual, in celebration of special events, etc.



Please place payment in an envelope including your name, the item and date you are sponsoring; and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Bulletins: \$15.00 - give to Mary Jane Bickel or place in offering plate.

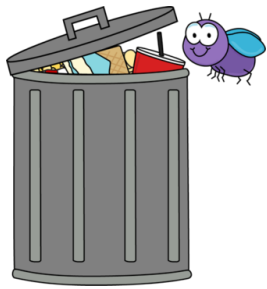
Eternal Light: \$10.00

Newsletter: \$25.00

Baptismal Floral Arrangement: \$40.00

Altar Flowers: \$40.00

Coffee Hour: Will only be held when someone has signed up to sponsor.



Trash Update

All recycling must go in the gray can with the yellow lid. Please do not put ANY plastic bags (including trash bags) or glass in the recycling cans. They will not take them!

All regular trash can go in any of the blue cans.
Please do not leave trash on the ground as it often leaks and invites animals to dig through it.
THANK YOU!



****Use of Building for Meetings and Events****

The Social Hall and Adult Sunday School Room are available for special events i.e. birthday parties, bridal/baby showers, anniversary parties, etc. Contact the church office for information and building request forms.

ALL USAGE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE LISTED ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR.

Due to many organizations using our building and the rentals of our church facilities, the church office must be aware of ALL events to avoid conflicts. This includes meetings, events, food-prep, classes, set-up for programs/activities, etc. Heating and air conditioning are only programmed for activities listed on calendar. Contact the church office at 610-589-4130 or zion_info@comcast.net to be sure your event is listed on the calendar.



Free Community Meal!!
March 19, 2020



Join us for a menu that includes
turkey tetrazzini, string beans, fruit,
and assorted desserts!

Free Meals are on the 3rd Thursday of each month
4:00 pm—6:30 pm.

Come and enjoy a free home cooked meal!
Bring your family and friends!

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300 West High Street, Womelsdorf PA 19567
610-589-4130
zion_info@comcast.net

SPRING FLING

Dinner Dance

April 25, 2020 5 - 8 PM



Music, Dancing & Buffet Dinner

\$15.00 /person. To get tickets see Emily Mills or call 610-406-3900

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Zion Lutheran's Egg—Stravaganza!

**Join us on Sunday, April 5 2020
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**



**Dinner, Fun Easter Craft, reading of an
Easter Story, and an Easter Egg Hunt!**

All are welcome!

**Please RSVP to the church at 610-589-4130 or
email at zionspastor@comcast.net by March 29, 2020**



Donations Being Sought for our Veterans

Our veterans need us! Can you help? One issue that is especially prevalent in Womelsdorf and the surrounding areas is homelessness. When Tracie finds a homeless veteran, she takes them in her home until she can find an apartment or safe place for them to stay. When they arrive at the apartments, they are mostly bare. The bathroom is completely empty and most veterans do not have the resources for the everyday items that most of us take for granted.

At Zion, we are collecting some of those items that are so greatly needed. We are in need of shower curtains and hooks, shower mats, shampoo, soap, washcloths, towels, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, and shaving cream.

A box in the Wessner room marks "Donations for Veterans". Thank you for all of the donations we have received so far! For more information, please see or call Christi Oberly at (717)949-2360.



Box Top Update!

Thank you for your continued donations of clipped box tops. The basket will still be on the table in the Wessner Room.

To redeem the new Box Tops, the receipt needs to be scanned. Either you can download the app (<https://www.boxtops4education.com>) or bring

it to Karen Blair. She has the app on her phone and can scan it immediately. Your receipt needs to be scanned in no later than 14 from the date of purchase, otherwise the purchase does not count.

See Karen Blair with any questions.



God Blesses Zion via His Servant

Margaret Berger

As we praise God for his abundant gifts we become quickly aware of our responsibility for faithful stewardship. Margaret, obviously, entrusted us with this responsibility.

We now, must process with care.

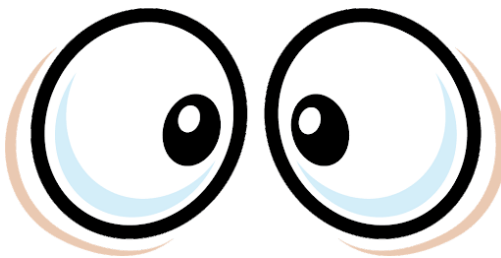


Sometimes when we are greatly blessed it is almost human nature to become complacent and comfortable and then, sadly, forgetful. It is all too easy to forget how dependent we are on God and how He is our real lifeline. It is easy to forget or “slack off” on our role as faithful stewards. An “easy street” mentality can quickly set it.

Any of us many tend to reduce our involvement in God’s work through our support and, maybe, our normal giving of treasure. As God’s faithful servants, let us all resolve to maintain our regular activities and habits. Let us not forget the spiritual uplift we experience when we give and participate. Complacency must not rob us of our passion. God’s work is our mission and our passion!

- Your committee on Stewardship

Check it out!



Be sure to check out the new Stewardship display located in the Breezeway. Our frog pond has been transformed! Keep checking back for changes as well as ways to participate!

Prayer Wall



Don’t forget to visit the prayer wall in the breezeway! Prayers are lifted up the 3rd Sunday of each month during worship! Stop by the wall and share the prayer needs of loved ones and yourself. A congregation that prays together sticks together!

Lector Schedule

March 1 - Diana Price
March 8 - Geraldine Kramer
March 15 - Debbie Pyle
March 22 - Joanna Dreibelbis
March 29 - Jan Mather



1st Sunday of the Month—Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the Month - Piano Sunday

3rd Sunday of the Month - Jesus and Me (JAM)

5th Sunday of the Month - Hymn Sing Sunday



NOISY OFFERING!!!

On December 1, 2019, we started our new challenge of raising \$1200 by the end of November 2020. The offering will go towards ELCA World Hunger and the St. Daniels Medical Clinic. So far, we have raised \$339.02 towards our new 2020 challenge!

The special offering is taken once a month, usually the first Sunday of the month.

Keep collecting those coins!!



**MAKE A
"JOYFUL
NOISE!"**



LILIES

Lilies will be used to beautify the church on Easter. The cost is \$6.75 per plant and should be ordered no later than Sunday, March 22, by contacting Donna Barrall at 610-693-5577. In addition to or in place of ordering lilies, the alternate gift recipient will be the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry.

Lilies and monetary gifts can be presented under the following headings:

To the Glory of God

To the Glory of God in memory of loved ones or someone specific

To the Glory of God in honor of loved ones or someone specific

Lilies should be taken after the service on Easter Day.



Join us for Girl Scout Sunday on March 8, 2020

Join us for worship on Sunday, March 8 as we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. We currently have three girl scouts troops of various ages meeting at our church throughout the week. Join us as we welcome the girls and their families, and celebrate the ministry we share together.

There might be cookies involved!!!



Mission Report for March 2020

The women (and gentleman) are busy knotting quilts on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come and help. We need to add the backing to quilts, place them in frames, and thread needles, as well as designing more quilts to work on.

There is work for all ages, as well as for men and women!

We are up to 40 quilts knotted and many women take them home and hem them so that we have them all ready to go to Lutheran World Relief!

Come and join us!

Chairperson - Gerry Kramer



Our Lenten Worship Schedule

Ministerium Lenten Worship and Lunches

The Conrad Weiser Ministerium will once again sponsor midweek Lenten worship service and a light lunch. These Wednesday noon-time services and lunches have been well attended and give us a great chance to interact with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The service and meal will last about one hour, so if you need to return to work you may do so, or stay and enjoy added fellowship. This year we will enjoy a fireside dramas, with different biblical characters. A free-will offering is taken for the Conrad Weiser Area Ministerium. This is a great time to get out and be with others in the midst of this winter season. Come and share in Christ's grace!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Site</u>
Mar. 4	Zion Lutheran, Womelsdorf
Mar 11	Trinity Lutheran, Robesonia
Mar 18	Trinity Lutheran, Wernersville
Mar 25 -	St. Francis Catholic, Robesonia
Apr. 1	St. Daniels Lutheran, Robesonia

Lenten Soup Supper and Study



Lent is a time when we are called to step away from the business of our lives and to focus on our relationship with God. It is a time to identify the things that get in the way. Join us for our Wednesday Evening Soup Supper and Study beginning on Wednesday March 4.

We will begin with a simple supper together of soup and bread at 6:30 p.m. in the Wessner Room. We will together watch a Nooma video that relates to our relationship with God, and join together in a bible study and conversation. The evening will conclude with a purposeful time of prayer and Holy Communion.

Come and Join us as we travel through Lent together!



Do you need to update your Background Checks?

If you completed your background checks in 2015 or earlier, it is time for you to redo them! According to the state law, we must have background checks on file for every member 14 years and older who has contact with children in our ministry. This includes those helping with VBS, etc. Below you will find the links to complete both necessary background checks!

www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/>

Please speak with Pastor June should you have any questions or concerns!



2020 Lenten Sacrifice

There are many words and images that come to mind when we think about the season of Lent. A traditional word that might come to mind would be “sacrifice”. During the season of Lent, we are called to look at our lives and the things that get in the way of our relationship with God. Have you decided to give something up for Lent? Add something that helps your faith journey? What about giving something up like coffee, chocolate, etc. and donating that money back to the church? This year, your church council has designated the Lenten Sacrifice to go towards our building fund which will help us address building concerns in the church and parish house. Please label your special offerings, “Lenten Sacrifice”. Thank you for your continued generosity!

CONRAD WEISER FOOD PANTRY

The Conrad Weiser Food Pantry item for the month of March are canned vegetables including baked beans and potatoes as well as peanut butter and jelly.



Conrad Weiser Food Pantry Day is March 26, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Robesonia.

To make an appointment for the Food Pantry call 610-693-8313.

Please remember to check the expiration dates on the food items that you donate. Items that are past their expiration date cannot be accepted. The Food Pantry is again accepting plastic bags. **They are no longer in need of egg cartons.**

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 457



Troop Meetings are held Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

PLCA Meeting

Committee Meeting

CUB SCOUTS PACK 457



Pack /Den meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Parent Committee Meeting .

The weblink to the new pack site is www.packmasterweb.com/cubpack457



JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYERS, AND THANK YOU



Sympathy and the prayers of the church are extended to:

Jennifer Leshner and family upon the death of her grandmother, Mary Louise Keppley on January 21, 2020. Services were held in the Clauser Funeral Home, Schaefferstown on January 24, 2020 with the Rev. June E. Bair officiating.

Michael, Karen, and Christiana Wagner and family upon the death of his father, Forrest G. Wagner, Jr. on February 22, 2020. Services will be held on March 2, 2020 at St. Thomas Church, Bernville with the Rev. Dr. Daniel D. Lute officiating.



Congratulations to Derek and Dominique (Nikki) Alspaugh on the birth of their son, Nolan Chase Alspaugh on February 4, 2020. Grandparents are Carmen and Karen Fantozzi.



Dear Zion Congregation,
A sincere thank you to everyone who honored me on my 90th birthday with the many meaningful cards and the sentiments. Thanks to the choir and others for the delicious luncheon and the cake that was so tasty. I am so grateful for your generosity including the floral arrangement that was at the Font. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. My thanks to everybody who contributed in any way to make my birthday celebration special.
Peace and blessings,
Mary Jane Bickel



Dear Pastor June (and Zion),
...We will be joining another church as we needed a church closer to where we live. We treasure our time at Zion. Zion truly felt like family for us. We will miss our friendships and many memories from our wonderful time at Zion. All of you will remain in our thoughts and prayers.
Fondly, Kathy and George Hetrick



Church Council and Congregation,
Thank you very much for the Christmas card and gift. I was totally surprised and appreciate your kindness. It has been a pleasure to help the handbell choir to restart and fun to work with this group of ringers. Thank you for your support of the handbell choir.
Sincerely,
Miriam Borkert



Love,
Betty Wessner

Dear Pastor June and Congregation,
Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, and altar flowers I received during my trying time
God Bless each and Everyone,



A belated thank you to Kindall Wann for filling in for me on the Sunday following my grandmother's death. I am so appreciative and grateful.
Blessings,
Pastor June



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January 24, 2020

Rev. June E. Bair
Zion Lutheran Church
300 West High Street
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

Dear Rev. Bair and Congregation,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$700.00. Your contribution helps Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central PA carry out our mission of keeping families together, inspiring strength, and giving comfort and support to families whose children are receiving essential medical care.

Our house is built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. Thank you for being our champion. Through your generosity, we are able to keep families with sick children together and near the care and resources they need.

On behalf of the families who depend on our services during a very difficult time, thank you!

Sincerely,

Amy E. Leonard
Development Director

Thank you for your support!

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Payment Method or Check Number: 7238

Payment Date: 12/12/2019

***No goods or services were received as a result of this gift;
Nor does this donation satisfy a personal financial obligation.***



#KeepingFamiliesClose

The official registration and financial information of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania 1.800.732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Prayer Requests

Members: Donna Becker * Donald McCole Jr. * Ann Nischalke * MaryAnn and George Ruth* Pauline Shepler * Raymond Weinhold * Loretta Long * Jan Mather * Alice and John Kissling * Karen Stump * Lillian Berger * Shirley Sechrist * Russell Good * Caroline Long * Betty Wessner * Cathy Marchese

Friends of Zion: Mike Eckert and Family * Lindsay and Brian * Shira and Roy Long * Jeffery Malsburg * Joyce Phillips * Julian Schaeffer * Beverly Schrack * John Trexler * Gail Wells * Richard Wrede * Don * Amy * Sara * Amanda Valentine * Lindsay * Terry Williams * Jeff * David Remaley * Jeffrey Labe * Andy * Philip Sheetz * Sarah Webber * Ann Mills * Karen McClearen * Robert Seifrit * Kristine Brown * Megan Conlon and family * Tom Platt * Andy * Burt Wessner * Daniel Bryant * Neal Showalter * Haley Detman * Glenn Druce * Jen Mauritzen * June and Robert Bair

Grieving Families: Please remember the following families in your prayers: June Breithaupt * Janet Smith * Shirley Remaley * Mary Lou Keppley * Gloria Ernst * Mark Chamberlin * Olivia Gingrich * Forrest Wagner

Remember our members and others who are serving in the military: Kevin Borkert * Lawrence Bortner * Dylan Moyer * Christopher Roth * Chris Long * Adam Swope * Hunter Hedgepeth

Prayer is important and central to our lives and our relationships with God. It is important that we remember to pray for one another. If you would like a name added to our prayer list, you may write it into the prayer book, or call the church office!





March 1 - Megan Rothermel, Pauline Shepler
March 2 - Alice Kissling, Brittney Miller
March 4 - Kyle Dietrich,
March 5 - Devin Maderness
March 6 - Lindsay Oberly, Brennan Rocker
March 7 - Karen Blair, Donna Hickernell
March 9 - Carmen Fantozzi
March 10 - Linda Morris, Gregory Yeingst, Robert Fidler
March 12 - Michelle Grumbling, Michael Kiphorn
March 16 - Glenn Seidel
March 18 - Donna Auman
March 19 - Maddie McLain
March 20 - Kathy Karris
March 21 - Christopher Kehrli, Shannon Katona
March 24 - Isabella Rothermel
March 25 - Alicia Lykens
March 26 - Alan Auman, Glenn R. Seidel
March 28 - Kathy Tag
March 29 - Rebecca Hickernell, Brianna Light, Piper Light
March 30 - Shirley Sechrist, Carol Zellman
March 31 - Steven Hickernell, Peter Lengel



Oops! Did we forget to add your birthday? Please let the church office know so that we can include it in the future!

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly 2020 “We Are Church Together”



INFORMATION SESSION LIVESTREAM via YouTube

With Bishop Samuel Zeiser

- Live from The Kalahari Resort -

Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 AM

Join Bishop Zeiser and others on the 2020 Synod Assembly Planning Team, LIVE via YouTube Livestream from the Kalahari Resort. This Information Session will give you the latest details on:

- The election of a new Bishop
- Ministry table displays
- What will happen when
- The speakers, presenters and special guests
- Who should attend and why
- How to download and use the Guidebook app

This YouTube video stream will be available live at the date and time listed above; or you can view it anytime later, as a recording.

To watch it, either live or later: simply search this name on Google: “NEPS Assembly 2020 Info Session”, or type this into your internet browser: <https://youtu.be/RwZFsLahD34>.

For event details about Synod Assembly 2020, including to register and to book a room at Kalahari, you can visit the Assembly 2020 Event page at <http://nepasynod.org/event/assembly-2020>.

For all information needed for the Assembly itself (nomination forms, resolution forms, agenda, etc.), you can visit the Assembly 2020 Information page at <http://nepasynod.org/assembly2020-info>.

Festival Worship at the Assembly

On Friday morning there will be a Eucharist with Bishop Zeiser preaching and music led by Bobby Siegfried. The offering will be for the World Hunger Appeal.

On Saturday morning there will be a Eucharist in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women. Dr. Catherine Ziel will preach, and music will be led by Deacon Tom Yenser and a brass quintet.

Pianist becomes Organist at Trinity, Bangor



Before Easter our organist/music director resigned at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor, PA. We let it be known to the community through FB, emails and the synod newsletter that we needed an organist/music director. For a few weeks we had substitute organists with no choir director. The choir continued to practice, and we managed to do some *a capella* pieces for a few weeks. The choir improved dramatically, feeling determined to sing with much more focus and dedication.

Within weeks we had some inquiries from pianists and organists. We interviewed Ms. Bethann Kratzer. She is an excellent pianist, but she admitted that she didn't play the organ. She does play 8-10 other instruments. We hired her for the summer on a trial basis, since we do worship services during the summer in our air-conditioned fellowship hall and only use the piano for that worship.

In addition, we asked her if she was willing to take organ lessons from Dr. Michael Krentz over the summer. We offered to pay for 10 lessons and to continue paying for 1 lesson a quarter over the next year. She agreed to try. By the end of the summer she had "fallen in love" with the organ and is becoming an accomplished organist. She now plays the organ for worship in our sanctuary, works with our Sunday School children, leads the choir, and plays the piano when needed. We are thrilled with her willingness to try and learn the organ, her ability to work with the choir, and her outstanding piano playing. We have hired her as our full-time music director. She continues to take organ lessons on her own and learn the instrument.

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ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2020

All you people enrolled in Catechetical Classes as well as youth in 5th and 6th grade are required to serve as acolyte, crucifer, communion assistant and bell ringer.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO SERVE ON THE APPOINTED DAY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, 610-589-4130 or Mary Jane Bickel, 610-589-2694 at least one week prior to your assigned date with your SUBSTITUTE. At other times leave a message in the church office.

<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>BELL RINGER</u>
2-26 – Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion – Zion United Church of Christ – 7:30 P.M.		

3-1 – Holy Communion		
Madelyn McLain	Ayden McLain	Aydan McLain
Deacon – Susan Dice	Only Communion Assistant	

3-8		
Rylie Moore		Chad Klick

3-15		
Aydan McLain		Joshua Blair

3-22		
Samantha Moore		Adam Swope

3-29		
Adam Swope		Chad Klick

4-5 – Palm Sunday – Holy Communion		
Joshua Blair	Madelyn McLain	Aydan McLain
Deacon - Donna Barrall	Only Communion Assistant	

4-9 – Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion
At Zion Lutheran Church – Meal 6:30 P.M. – Worship – 7:30 P.M.

4-10 Good Friday - At Zion United Church of Christ – 7:30 P.M.

4-12 – Easter – Holy Communion		
Matthew Blair	Adam Swope	Adam Swope
Deacon – Chad Klick		

4-19		
Jacob Baum	Joshua Blair	Joshua Blair

4-26		
Madelyn McLain	Rylie Moore	Matthew Blair

ALL SERVICES BEGAIN AT 10:30 A.M. EXCEPT AS NOTED ABOVE, MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. NO CRUCIFERS NEEDED DURING THE LENTEN SEASON WHICH BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 26 AND ENDS ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020.

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The First Sunday of Lent Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00 Adult Sunday School - WR 9:00 Confirmation Class - PH 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion - C	2 6:30 Cub Scouts - SH 7:00 Boy Scouts - WR 7:00 Mutual Ministry - PH	3 9:00 Bible Study - PH 6:15 Daisy Scouts - SH 6:30 Girl Scouts - WR	4 12:00 CW Ministerium Community Lenten Worship at Zion Lutheran 6:30 Girl Scouts - SH 6:30 Evening Lenten Gathering - WR 7:30 Bells	5 11:30 Excec Council - Ozgoods	6	7 9:30 WELCA General Meeting - WR
The Second Sunday of Lent Girl Scout Sunday 9:00 Adult Sunday School - WR 9:00 Confirmation Class with Mentors - PH 10:30 Piano Sunday Worship - C Church Council following worship <i>Candy Order Deadline</i>	9 2:00 West Berks Shepherding - Haines 6:30 Cub Scouts - SH 7:00 Boy Scouts - WR	10 9:00 Bible Study - PH 6:15 Daisy Scouts - SH 6:30 Girl Scouts - WR	11 12:00 CW Ministerium Community Lenten Worship at Trinity, Robesonia 6:30 Girl Scouts - SH 6:30 Evening Lenten Gathering - WR 7:30 Bells	12 <i>Pastor June at</i> <i>Continuing</i> <i>Education Event</i> 7:00 Choir - C	13	14 <i>Pastor June at</i> <i>Synod Council</i> 3:00-5:00 Girl Scout Event - SH
The Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 Adult Sunday School - WR 9:00 Confirmation Class- PH 10:30 Worship - C Worship and Music Meeting following worship	16 6:30 Cub Scouts - SH 7:00 Boy Scouts - WR	17 9:00 Bible Study - PH 6:15 Daisy Scouts - SH 6:30 Girl Scouts - WR 7:00 Stewardship - PH	18 12:00 CW Ministerium Community Lenten Worship at Trinity, Wernersville 6:30 Girl Scouts - SH 6:30 Evening Lenten Gathering - WR 7:30 Bells	19 4:00 Free Community Meal - SH, K 7:00 Choir - C	20	21 <div>WELCA Candy Making Begins</div>
The Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 Adult Sunday School - WR 9:00 Confirmation Class - PH 10:30 Worship - C Congregational Meeting following Worship <i>Easter Lily Order Deadline</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 6:30 Cub Scouts - SH 7:00 Boy Scouts - WR	24 9:00 Bible Study - PH 6:15 Daisy Scouts - SH 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Pastor June at Mission District Meeting	25 12:00 CW Ministerium Community Lenten Worship at St. Francis, Robesonia 6:30 Girl Scouts - SH 6:30 Evening Lenten Gathering - WR 7:30 Bells	26 7:00 Choir - C	27	28 <div>WELCA Candy Making</div>
The Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 Adult Sunday School - WR 9:00 Confirmation Class - PH 10:30 Hymn Sing Sunday- C	30 6:30 Cub Scouts - SH 7:00 Boy Scouts - WR	31 9:00 Bible Study - PH 6:15 Daisy Scouts - SH 6:30 Girl Scouts				
WELCA EASTER CANDY MAKING						



Sunday, March 1 - 10:30 A.M. - Holy Communion

Bread/Wine Holy Communion

Cindy Doster

Deacon Susan Dice

Altar Flower Sponsors Kindall Wann

Ushers Melodie, and Brook Darkes,
Karen Wagner, Bonnie Oberly

Greeters Front Door Chris and Don Smith
Side Door: Alan and Joan Schaetzle

Lay Reader Diana Price

Acolyte Maddie McLain

Communion Assistant Aydan McLain

Bell Ringer Aydan McLain

Wednesday, March 4 - 12:00 P.M.

Greeter Mary Jane Bickel

Sunday, March 8- 10:30 A.M.

Altar Flower Sponsors Linda Morris

Ushers Girl Scouts

Greeters Front Door: Girl Scouts
Side Door: Girl Scouts

Lay Reader Geraldine Kramer

Acolyte Rylie Moore

Bell Ringer Chad Klick

Sunday, March 15 - 10:30 A.M.

Altar Flower Donna Auman

Ushers Cathy Rossini, Diana Price,
Betty Wessner, Kathy Harris

Greeters Front Door. Kindall Wann
Side Door. Irv Tyson

Lay Reader Debbie Pyle

Acolyte Aydan McLain

Bell Ringer Joshua Blair

Sunday, March 22 - 10:30 A.M.

Altar Flower

Ushers Matthew Blair, Doug Blair,
Karen Blair, Josh Blair

Greeters Front Door. Sally Trump
Side Door. Dave and Donna Becker

Lay Reader Joanna Dreibelbis

Acolyte Samantha Moore

Bell Ringer Adam Swope

Sunday, March 29 - 10:30 A.M.

Altar Flower Geraldine and Willie Kramer

Ushers Dave and Donna Becker,
Suellen Hahn, Irv Tyson

Greeters Front Door. Emily Mills
Side Door. Christi Oberly

Lay Reader Jan Mather

Acolyte Adam Swope

Bell Ringer Chad Klick

USHERS/GREETERS

If you are unable to usher or greet, please find a
SUBSTITUTE and inform Kelly Hauck at
717-949-2511 or the church office at 610-589-4130.