

# Zion's Tidings

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## All Are Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are finally seeing signs of Spring here in our neck of the woods. With all the new growth springing up, this time of year always reminds me how many different shades of green there are. I love it!

You may have noticed that in the weeks preceding Easter, our church sign included words of welcome for various groups of people: single, married, divorced, gay, straight, young, old, etc. By doing so, we wanted to let our neighbors know that, here at Zion, **All Are Welcome**.

This seems to have become Zion's "tag" as we begin our evangelism push, and it reminded me of the text of a wonderful hymn new to the ELW (Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Text © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. [www.giamusic.com](http://www.giamusic.com). 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

This stanza reminds us that we are called to love (and forgive) one another - even our enemies, even those who differ from us. Despite our varied backgrounds and beliefs, the one thing that unites us as members of Zion is Jesus Christ.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

At least 25% of our current US population identifies themselves as "nones" - having no religious affiliation. Is there a place for them here at Zion?

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Each week as we gather, we hear God's word proclaimed and gather around Christ's table for a morsel of bread and thimble-full of wine. Yet it is enough to remind us that Christ has promised to be present with us each time we gather, regardless of time or space.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

1 John challenges us, "*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?*" As God's people, we are called to be Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world, to go beyond our church's walls to serve, teach, help, heal and strengthen those in need - sometimes in words, sometimes just by our actions..

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**Congregation Council  
Meeting Highlights**

**March 19, 2018 Meeting Highlights**

- ◆ Approved Rachel Johnson and Sandra Olley as voting members at the 2018 Synod Assembly
- ◆ Approved a budget of \$500 for the Social Ministry Committee for 2018 from the Arlene Shutt donations
- ◆ Approved the dates of May 12 and November 3 (food preparation) and May 15 (Primary Election) and November 6 (General Election) to hold Election Day Soup and Bake Sales

**April 16, 2018 Meeting Highlights**

- ◆ Approved recommendation for Evangelism Committee to spend approximately \$725 on door hangers and outside banners with the final artwork being approved by Council
- ◆ Approved paying taxes for the cemetery house out of the Property Committee's budget, being aware that the Property Committee may exceed its budget because of this
- ◆ Established a Seminarian Support fund and agreed to put 20% of the profits from the 2018 Soup and Bake Sales in the fund.
- ◆ Approved Zion's participation in the 2018 Pumpkin Fest with a commercial vendor

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be **Monday, May 21** at 6:30 pm.



**FIND A CONGREGATION**

Do you have plans to travel this summer? Congregations all over the ELCA are ready to welcome you any Sunday of the year. Visit [www.ELCA.org/FindaCongregation](http://www.ELCA.org/FindaCongregation) to search for a congregation near your destination. Share this link with friends near and far who may be looking for a church home.

**2018 NOISY OFFERINGS**

Thank you for your contributions to our Noisy Offerings! To date the following has been collected and sent to the respective agencies:

- January** - Lutheran Disaster Response (where most needed) (\$110.50)
- February** - *Souper Bowl of Caring*, recipient New Hope Ministries (\$186.50)
- March** - Jews for Jesus (special offering to be received for presentation of *Christ in the Passover*) (\$170.00)
- April** - Lower Susquehanna Synod food packing event at Synod Assembly (\$153.00)

Following are the remaining 2018 beneficiaries determined so far:

- May** - Lutheran Camping Corporation (for camperships)
- June** - Frederickson Library, Enola Branch
- July** - Lukasi Lutheran Church
- August** - She's Somebody's Daughter
- September** - SpiritTrust
- October** - Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties
- November** - Northeast Fire and Rescue
- December** - Ronald McDonald House

As you can see, a little bit of change goes a long way. So "save your pennies" each month and remember to bring them to worship on the first Sunday of each month! And, as always, thank you for your contributions.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**

**WORSHIP** 9:15 am  
**EDUCATION HOUR** Following worship

 FROM THE PASTOR (cont.)

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
 their songs and visions heard  
 and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
 as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
 prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
 let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
 all are welcome in this place.

Each Sunday we gather to worship, to praise God  
 in word and song. Community, public singing rarely  
 occurs anywhere anymore - except in church (and  
 maybe at the ball field)! We join our voices,  
 however strong or weak, with our brothers and  
 sisters in Christ in songs of joy and lament,  
 hopefulness and faith. We sing for those unable to  
 sing, and we sing and pray for those who do not  
 have the words to speak or sing on their own.

They, too, are welcome in this place. **All are welcome in this place.**

See you in church!



**ELECTION DAY SOUP & BAKE SALE**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

7:00 am - ?

Eat in or Take Out vegetable beef and ham and  
 bean soups, barbecue, hot dogs & desserts.

**Help is needed** on Saturday, May 12 to prepare  
 the soups and to serve on Election Day.

**Donations of baked goods and candy**  
 are also appreciated.

To volunteer, **sign up** at the Fellowship table,  
 or see Lynn Placzek.



ZION'S *Graduates*

Our graduates will be recognized during worship on  
**Sunday, June 3.** If you know of a student from our  
 congregation graduating from high school, college,  
 or technical school this spring, please contact the  
 church office at 717-732-9652 or at  
[zionenola@verizon.net](mailto:zionenola@verizon.net) with their names so that we  
 can recognize them.



**WALKING THROUGH THE WEST SHORE**

This summer, the churches of the West Shore  
 Lutheran Cooperative invite you to walk your way  
 through the West Shore! On the fourth Sunday of  
 the month beginning in May, we will meet at  
 6:00pm to walk, run, stroll, exercise, share  
 conversation or play with children, grandchildren  
 and/or pets. Each site is different (i.e. some allow  
 pets, some do not), so we encourage you to check  
 them out before arrival. Refreshments will be  
 served, and attendees are encouraged to bring  
 toilet paper, paper towels, laundry and/or dish  
 detergent for participants in Trinity's Table at Trinity  
 Lutheran, Lemoyne. Here is the tentative schedule,  
 with more information to follow:

Sunday, May 27 @ Vibrant Church

Sunday, June 24 @ Adams-Ricci Park

Sunday, July 29 @ New Cumberland Borough Park

Sunday, August 26 @ Kentland

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**

The next week Zion will be hosting Family Promise  
 families in 2018 will be September 23-30. *Denise  
 Hoffman* is our new Family Promise coordinator,  
 and she will be gathering volunteers for our host  
 week. Contact Denise by e-mail at  
[dhoffman@afusa.org](mailto:dhoffman@afusa.org) or phone at 717-433-5667.

# Stewardship CORNER

## Stewardship of the Future

All of us are looking forward. Perhaps an upcoming graduation from high school or college will be followed by employment. Perhaps not. Perhaps an upcoming wedding will be followed by an expected family. Perhaps not. Installment loans for a car or mortgage payments on a house bring closer expectations of full ownership, titles and deeds.

Our secular, scientific culture promises a transformed world of expected gifts and benefits. Medical miracles will bring liberation from bodily suffering, as well as prolonged years of physical enjoyment of life in this world. Magically electronic houses will have all walls alive with scenery from anywhere on our planet. Self-directed cars, buses, and trucks will be able to transport passengers and freight without any need of human drivers. Fantastically powerful supercomputers will give us weather forecasts weeks in advance. Already, an American corporation has solid intentions for a vacation resort in orbit around the Earth.

*The Jetsons* is an old-fashioned 1960's cartoon. *2001: A Space Odyssey* came and went in 1968. In the real 2001, on September 11, the twin towers of the World Trade Center came crashing down with the vicious acts of terrorists.

For the church, our expectations of the future focus on the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Advent leads us to Christmas, and Lent leads us to Holy Week and Easter. In a larger sense, as the Apostles Creed states, we await expectantly for "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

How can we be stewards of the future? How can we express a greater expectation of God's future over the world's lavish promises? Weekly offering is a start, and the church's need of financial support is a constant call. In our daily lives, the future asks for stewards who simply say, "I attend worship." And "I am active in my faith community." We can witness by expressing our own life activity.

The words of Revelation 21:1-2 promise: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from

God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

John 3:17 assures us: "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Legal documents promise a future of physical security and emotional reassurance in this present world. God's promise can be read in 1 Peter 1:3-4: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."

While we live in this world of wonders, we hope for God's greater wonders to come.



## LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION Spring Events

For more information, check out the flyers on the bulletin board, call 717-677-8211, or visit [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org)

**Sunday, May 20 - Summer Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Nawakwa, 3:30 pm.** Join friends, volunteers, and staff of Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm to celebrate the opening of the 2018 Summer Camping Season with worship, fellowship, and fabulous food. Free

**Friday, June 8, 1:30pm shotgun start. Golf Tournament at Honey Run Golf Club, York.** Enjoy golf dinner, silent auction, and fellowship. All proceeds benefit the Campership Fund.



The next Bonfire/Game Night being held at Zion will be on **Saturday, May 5** at 6:30 pm. Weather permitting, we will hold the bonfire in the courtyard; if weather is inclement, we will move inside for game night. Bring a drink/snack to share and your chair to the bonfire. See you there!





This summer, members of the Lower Susquehanna Synod will once again gather at Messiah College for our

annual assembly. With gratitude for the feeding ministries throughout our synod, we recognize there is another call, a deeper call, a harder call – to tear out the roots of and to confront the causes of hunger. To live into this year’s theme, ‘Eradicating Hunger One Relationship at a Time,’ we have organized a synod-wide public day of feeding and service for Saturday, June 2. Called to feed others as we have been fed by Christ, we invite you to participate in one or more of these hunger-related mission encounters:

- Our main service opportunity includes a meal-packing event on site at Messiah College. With a goal of packing 300,000 meals, nutritious food will be provided to our friends in the Philippines. To make this happen, we need 600 volunteers and financial donations.
- On site at assembly, we will collect much-needed canned fruits and vegetables for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.
- We are providing several different opportunities for the public to participate in hunger-related mission and service throughout the region. Volunteers are needed to support hunger ministries such as the Wittel Farm Growing Project, the Community Breakfast at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, and Central Pennsylvania Food Bank elderly care packages. For more information, or to register, go to the synod's web page at [www.lss-elca.org](http://www.lss-elca.org) and click on the link for synod assembly.

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER  
BORN & BAPTIZED**

*Katya Lynn Johnson*

Daughter of Rachel and Erik Johnson

Sister of Stelle Rose Johnson

(Granddaughter of Michael & Lynn Placzek)

Born at Hershey Medical Center on March 7, 2018

Baptized at Zion on March 31, 2018

**NOTE:** Please remember to inform the church office of any changes in your contact information so you may continue to receive mailings in a timely manner.



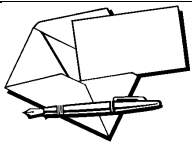
**OUR PRAYERS** and the comfort of the Christian faith are extended to *Theresa Brennan* and family on the death of her mother, Kathryn Brennan, on Friday, February 23. Services were conducted by Pastor Gwenn on Friday, March 2 at Myers-Harner Funeral Home, Camp Hill with internment at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Palmyra.

**OUR PRAYERS** and the comfort of the Christian faith are extended to *Gloria Hostetler* and family on the tragic death of her daughter, Shakima Rosata, on Friday, March 30. A memorial service was held at Christman's Funeral Home in Lebanon on Saturday, April 7. The family sincerely appreciates those members of Zion who contributed toward funeral expenses.



- MAY**
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|----|---------------------|----|----------------|
| 1  | Forrest Myers       | 14 | Alyssa Meisel  |
| 4  | Derrick McQuay      | 15 | Xaria Patno    |
| 4  | Allen Miller, Jr.   | 20 | Rachel Johnson |
| 6  | Gail Bretz          | 21 | Carolyn Gross  |
| 9  | Linda Frymire       | 28 | Dennis Meisel  |
| 12 | Barbara Barry       | 29 | Anthony Patno  |
| 12 | Alicia Rovin-Madera | 29 | George Patno   |
| 13 | Alyssa Patno        |    |                |

- JUNE**
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| 7  | Allen Manigault  | 20 | Barbara Hardy     |
| 7  | Larry Staaby     | 23 | Frances Shuler    |
| 12 | Brittany Kyler   | 26 | Robert Enders     |
| 12 | Matthew Smith    | 27 | Mark Engle        |
| 13 | Dennis Engle     | 29 | Jeffery Patno     |
| 18 | Rose-Anna Behr   | 29 | Martina Wolfinger |
| 19 | Thomas Stambaugh | 30 | Edwin Rickenbach  |



IN THE MAILBAG

Dear Pastor and members of Zion:

Thank you for your gift of \$186.50 from your Souper Bowl Sunday Noisy Offering. Thank you for sharing your gifts with your neighbors in need. Your support is critical to us meeting the needs of those in our communities who reach out for help. We are thankful each and every day for those who remember us in their charitable giving. Because of you, we are able to feed the hungry, teach people how to budget, provide job training to the unemployed and offer meaningful and effective youth programs. Thank you for joining with us as we continue to provide help and hope to close to 20,000 people every year. Your prayers and support change the lives of those we serve.

Gratefully,  
Eric Saunders  
Executive Director  
New Hope Ministries



Dear Pastor and members of Zion:

Thank you for your donation (\$297) to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American through ELCA Good Gifts (Christmas ornaments you sponsored). Your generous gifts are making a difference in the world - responding to hunger and poverty, sharing the gospel, equipping leaders, and growing the church. Thank you for all that you have graciously given so that others may experience God's love. Your donation included the purchase of 4 chicks, 1 goat, 2 honeybees, 1 microloan for a woman, 3 school supplies for a child, and 1 Bible.

Thank you!  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$110.50 (Noisy Offering) to Lutheran Disaster Response. Having come through a year of wind and fire, earthquake and flood - a year of astounding generosity to care for the neighbor in distress through Lutheran Disaster Response - we are blessed to thank you for

continuing your support in 2018. As you know, our church continues to work in communities of need long after the media and others have moved on. We are reminded of the promises God makes in love to all God's people, and we are grateful that you are living so faithfully into God's promises, in this case, hope, healing and renewal for people and communities whose lives have been disrupted by disaster.

With gratitude for your partnership in this ministry,  
*The Rev. Daniel Rift*  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



Dear friends at Zion Lutheran Church:

The Meisel family and all the volunteers of Angels for Alyssa would like to thank the Zion Lutheran family for your generosity and ongoing support for our recent fundraising event. This year's 11<sup>th</sup> annual spaghetti dinner and concert event raised more than \$48,000 for medical research at the National Institutes of Health, thanks to your continued support. We are thankful to have remained good friends with so many of the Zion family over the years.

Bonnie, Denny, Alyssa and Clay Meisel



P R A Y E R C H A I N

*Micki Priar* oversees Zion's very active Prayer Chain. These Zion members have agreed to pray for those persons and concerns on our prayer chain. We are seeking additional members to be a part of this important ministry. The power of prayer is wonderful! If you feel called to help, or if you would like to add a name to the prayer list, contact *Micki Priar* at 717-732-1669. If you would like persons to be included on the prayer list for worship, please contact *Pastor Gwenn* or *Durene Archer*. Names are not automatically placed on both lists.



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Please remember these faithful members of Zion who are unable to attend worship with cards of encouragement throughout the year. It would mean so much to them.

“The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.” —Julia Alvarez



The following organizations have expressed a need for volunteers and/or donations. To learn more, please contact the organization at the address or number listed.

► **Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region;** contact *Lisette Gonzalez* at 717-737-1100, or email [lgonzalez@familypromisehcr.org](mailto:lgonzalez@familypromisehcr.org).

► **Enola Meals on Wheels;** contact *Terry Magaro* at 717-350-6285 to volunteer; to order meals, call *Karen Stine* at 717-697-5011.

► **Homeland Hospice** is seeking volunteers to support patients in Enola and surrounding areas to help meet the needs of those at end of life and their families. For more information, call *Leanne Porterfield* at 717-409-8882 or email her at [lporterfield@homelandhospice.org](mailto:lporterfield@homelandhospice.org).

► **New Hope Ministries;** Go to [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org) or call 717-766-7333. *Joanne Fortney* is Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteers are especially needed at the Enola Mobile Food Pantry hosted by River of God Church on the third Saturday of each month, and at the center in Lemoyne.

► **Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg** - Seeking dedicated volunteers to work with staff to coordinate product needs and pickup between its outreach warehouse in Mechanicsburg and ministry locations in Harrisburg. Volunteers should be comfortable lifting up to 50 pounds and driving a cargo van. Contact *Deb King* at 717-257-4442, ext. 222 or e-mail [dking@bethesdamission.org](mailto:dking@bethesdamission.org).

► **Hospice of Central PA** has volunteer opportunities in patient care/family support and their new Vet-to-Vet visitation program. See the flyer on the narthex bulletin board. For a volunteer application or more information, visit their website at [www.hospiceofcentralpa.org](http://www.hospiceofcentralpa.org) or call the office at 717-732-1000 or 866-779-7374.

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS**

Please inform the church office and/or Pastor Gwenn when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility, or if there are changes in your health status. The federal HIPAA regulations do not permit health care providers to release personal information such as this without your expressed permission. Not all health care facilities have chaplains on staff to contact us about your admission. A phone call to the church office at 717-732-9652 and/or Pastor Gwenn's home (717-564-1034) or cell phone (717-602-9913), will help us respond to you with pastoral care for a time of change in your life.

**SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER**



Check out Zion's **website** at [www.ZionELCA.org](http://www.ZionELCA.org). Send your comments or suggestions to webmaster *Donna Jacobs* at [djacobs517@verizon.net](mailto:djacobs517@verizon.net).


Sign up to receive the Lower Susquehanna Synod's e-newsletter, **W.E. Are Synod**, at [www.lss-elca.org/](http://www.lss-elca.org/). Scroll to the bottom and click on "sign up for e-communications." Learn about events and news throughout the synod.

The **ELCA website** at [www.ELCA.org](http://www.ELCA.org) offers a wealth of information on what's happening around our church, as well as resources for congregations and individuals alike. Also, check out [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans) to find news, stories and photos from the ministries of the ELCA.

**Do we have your e-mail address?** Both *Pastor Gwenn* and our secretary, *Durene Archer*, maintain a list of email addresses that are used to send out mass announcements. They are useful if we need to notify folks of closures, requests for help with special functions, and news of upcoming events. If you would like to be placed on these lists, please contact the church office at [zionenola@verizon.net](mailto:zionenola@verizon.net).

**IT'S HERE!**

Zion's own **QR Code!** To make on-line donations to Zion:



Or download the **Give + Church mobile app** and search for Zion Lutheran Church, Enola PA. Set up an account for recurring gifts, or make a one-time donation.

**FINANCIAL \$ CORNER**

**ZION'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION** - Check the Sunday bulletin for the most up-to-date financial information from our treasurer. Please remember to keep up with your offerings even if you are traveling or working and unable to attend worship. To help with that, see below.

**GIVING MADE SIMPLE** - Electronic giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year round. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today through our *Simply Giving* program. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. And when travel, illness, inclement weather or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis, and changes can be made at any time. Get started today! Visit our church website at [www.zionelca.org](http://www.zionelca.org) for more information, or pick up a *Simply Giving Users Guide* on the Fellowship table.





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