

# Zion's Tidings

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## FROM THE PASTOR

"We're a welcoming church," everybody says about their congregation. Everybody, that is, except maybe the visitors who don't know where to park, which door to use, where the bathrooms are or can't follow the service. To help churches become truly welcoming, Thom Rainer, church consultant CEO of LifeWay, has prepared an attractive, easy-to-use chart that lists some of the most important steps you can take. Check out the ten items below and see how Zion is doing in the welcoming category.

1. PROVIDE CLEAR SIGNAGE IN THE **PARKING LOT**

2. PROVIDE CLEAR SIGNAGE TO THE **ENTRY POINTS** OF THE CHURCH

3. HAVE A **WELCOME CENTER** NEAR THE ENTRY POINT

4. **GREETERS** ARE KEY TO A GOOD GUEST EXPERIENCE

5. GREETERS SHOULD **ESCORT GUESTS** TO THEIR DESTINATION

6. GUESTS PREFER TO BE GREETED **CASUALLY**

7. SIMPLE **GUEST CARDS** ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE

8. EMAIL FOLLOW-UP WITHIN **24 HOURS** IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE

9. **EXPLAIN THINGS** IN THE SERVICE THE GUESTS MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND

10. **SIT** WITH GUESTS

See you in church - hopefully greeting our visitors!.



*Congregation Council*

**March 20, 2017 Meeting Highlights**

- ◆ Approved *Forrest Myers* to serve as Zion's male voting member at this year's Synod Assembly on June 2-3, 2017.
- ◆ Reported the formation of a new Technology Committee made up of members Bruce Deveney, Dennis Engle, Forrest Myers, Wayne Smith, and Richard Zerbe
- ◆ Referred to Property Committee the purchase of a fire-proof safe to house important historical documents, personnel files, membership information, etc. and to determine where it will be located

**April 17, 2017 Meeting Highlights**

- ◆ Welcomed leaders Mickey Pines and Tom Quinn from the newly-chartered Pack 89 scout troop and discussed ways that Zion and Pack 89 can work cooperatively
- ◆ Agreed to investigate requesting funds from the Enola Sportsmen's Club for purchase of a lockable filing cabinet/safe.
- ◆ Authorized the Technology Committee to submit a grant request to the Ida W. Browning Trust for the purchase of audio-visual equipment
- ◆ Approved three fundraising events, including Election Day Soup and Bake Sale (Lynn Placzek) on May 16, Yard Sale (Jill Myers) @ Mount Zion UMC on June 10, and participation in this year's Pumpkin Fest (Lynn Placzek)
- ◆ Approved *Lynn Placzek* to serve as Zion's female voting member for this year's synod assembly
- ◆ Directed that a letter of thanks be sent to John Murphy of Alpha Consulting Engineers for their in-kind contribution of professional engineering services to determine cemetery property lines

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held **Monday, May 15** at 6:30 pm.



**FILL THE TRUCK TO FEED THE CHILDREN**

This year at Synod Assembly we will feed the hungry with our *Fill The Truck to Feed the Children* initiative. In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Food Bank, we will provide much-needed food for children who rely on free or reduced-priced school breakfasts, lunches and the weekend BackPack Program. These resources are not available to children during the summer months, so this donated food will provide sustenance for these children.

Between now and Synod Assembly (June 2-3), we will be collecting the following specific food items:

- flip top (easy open) cans of tuna fish or chicken
- peanut butter (either the to-go cups or small jars)
- 100% fruit juice
- shelf-stable milk boxes
- individual serving cups of fruit
- single-serve microwavable meals like Chef Boyardee or Mac and Cheese or Minute Rice ready to serve packs
- granola bars
- individual serving cups of applesauce

All items must be labeled, factory sealed and in good condition. Wouldn't it be great if Zion could collect 500 items to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation? Let's just call it our BHAG (big hairy audacious goal)!

If you are interested in volunteering on June 2 or 3 to collect items at the truck, go to the synod's webpage at [www.lss-elca.org](http://www.lss-elca.org) or contact *Joyce Frigm*, Fill-the-Truck Coordinator, at 717-332-0316, or *Deacon Marsha Roscoe*, Assembly Manager, at 717-652-1852, Ext. 103.



**Summer  
Worship  
Schedule**

*Begins Sunday, June 4*

WORSHIP	9:15 am
EDUCATION HOUR	Following worship

**Let's Celebrate Care of God's Creation**

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it." – Genesis 2:15

God created plants, animals, seasons, sun and rain so that the Earth would be fruitful and give us everything we need, in balance and harmony. And God told Adam and Eve to take care of this beautiful, wonderful creation that God made for humanity to live in (Genesis 1:28-30, 2:15).

"Stewardship" means taking care of something on behalf of someone else. God entrusted Adam and Eve with the stewardship of creation, a trust that falls to us. We are Earth's stewards! Earth is the one and only home to everyone who has ever lived and ever will live.

Our environment faces challenges. Climate change melts glaciers, raises sea levels, shifts seasons, threatens extinction of many species and alters rainfall and growing patterns. Chemicals dumped into our environment sicken people, animals and plants. What environmental problems worry you?

"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it." (Psalm 24:1-2). As with Adam and Eve, stewardship of Earth is still a primary responsibility for us. Celebrate and continue our stewardship of God's creation at home and in church:

**Celebrate creation**, spring and the renewal of life with prayer, song, education and activities for children and adults alike.

**Study!** Explore what the Bible says about creation. Check out Christian environmental authors, such as *Wendell Barry*, *Bill McKibben*, *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin* or *Joseph Sittler*. Examine Laudato Si', *Pope Francis'* 2015 statement on creation care. Watch a YouTube presentation by *Katherine Hayhoe* or *Bill McKibben*.

**Bless the fields and orchards.** Farmers are praying for sun and rain for the growing season in good balance. Join their prayers and support them.

**Plant a produce garden** at home or on your church property and participate in God's miracle of life! Share the produce with the needy.

**Recycle and cut out plastic!** Recycle paper, plastics, glass and metal at church and at home. If we use foam cups, foam plates, and plastic

flatware, it ends up in landfills for many years. Switch to biodegradables. Reusable cups, plates and cutlery are even better.

**Advocate!** As public policies change, ask elected officials to keep working for a cleaner environment.

**Educate!** Learn how to better care for God's creation. Share this in small groups, temple talks, classes, and with one another.

Adam and Eve were the first stewards of God's creation. Let us renew ourselves to our responsibility.

Adapted from an original text by Rev. Rob Blezard, assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and content editor for [www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org).

NOISY OFFERINGS	
Collection dates and beneficiaries for our upcoming Noisy Offerings include:	
May 7	Lukasi Lutheran
June 4	Lutheran Camping Corporation (for camperships)
July 2	Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg
August 6	Family Promise of the Harrisburg Capital Region
September 3	New Hope Ministries
October 1	Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland/Perry Counties
November 5	Central PA Food Bank
December 3	Heifer International



**MAY 14, 2017**



Campers will make a big splash this summer at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 117 W. Keller Street, Mechanicsburg! Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade as of June are invited to a day camp sponsored by Mechanicsburg area Lutheran churches and staffed by members of the Camp Nawakwa team. This year, we'll spend a week exploring that all-important element, water. We all need water to live our physical lives, and at camp we'll discover that water is also a source of Christian spiritual life.

Our week of camp will kick off at 4:30 on **Sunday, June 18** with a potluck dinner and celebration for campers and their families. Our regular camp will run 8:45am to 4:30pm from **Monday, June 19** through **Friday, June 23**. Childcare is available before camp beginning at 8:00 am and after camp ending at 5:15pm.

Our day will be filled with singing, crafts, indoor and outdoor recreation, large group worship, and small group Bible study that will help campers dive into Bible stories that shower them with a new awareness of how water and life are gifts from God. Lunch will be provided daily. Cost per camper is \$150. Multi-child discounts are available. For additional information or to register contact *Katie Swartz* at [growinfaithmburg@gmail.com](mailto:growinfaithmburg@gmail.com) or call 766-4482.



Our graduates will be recognized during worship on **Sunday, June 11**. 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 732-9652 or at [zionenola@verizon.net](mailto:zionenola@verizon.net) with their names so that we can recognize them.



**ELECTION DAY SOUP & BAKE SALE**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

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 13 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*.



Join us for this year's **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Sunday, July 16 through**  
**Wednesday, July 19**  
**6:00-8:15pm**

with closing picnic on Thursday, July 20.  
 To be held at St. Paul Lutheran, Enola.  
**Volunteers needed! See *Marlene Engle***

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

◆ **First We Give of Ourselves: Stewardship Workshop** will be held on **Thursday, May 4** at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary from 9:00am to 4:00 pm. The workshop will teach innovative approaches to leading your church in generosity. The workshop is led by the Rev. Kurt Nordby, author of *First, We Give of Ourselves*, a three-year stewardship response program for congregations to help members grow in stewardship, a spiritual and discipleship practice. Zion's Stewardship Team is already registered for this event, and others are welcome to join us. Contact *Pastor Gwenn* if you are interested in attending.

◆ **The Commonwealth Interfaith Service: Prayers for Justice and Peace** - An interfaith service of prayer will be held **Monday, May 8**, 6:00 pm at the Hadee Mosque, 245 Division Street, Harrisburg. The service, representing many of the faith traditions in Pennsylvania, will bring together a shared belief that prayer is a powerful force for good in our families, our communities, our state, nation, and the world. For more details, check out the website at <http://bit.ly/2mtHJPC>.

◆ **Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA (LAMPa) Lutheran Day** will be held on **Monday, May 22** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2300 Chestnut St., Camp Hill. The rancor of this campaign season has uncovered ongoing divisions in our society. It is critical that our voice, as the people of God, be heard. How do we model mutual respect and attend to the issues confronting us and our neighbors near and far? How is the Holy Spirit reforming us as the Word of God continues to change and renew the world? How can we be Church Together, for the sake of the world, in Pennsylvania? Bring a friend - or a team - and join Lutheran advocates from across the Commonwealth for a day of worship, learning and inspiration to ground and deepen your call to faith-rooted advocacy. Registration will open in early 2017. For more information visit the LAMPa at [www.lutheranadvocacy.org](http://www.lutheranadvocacy.org).

◆ **Frey Village Strawberry Festival** will be held **Saturday, June 3**, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown. In addition to chocolate covered strawberries and baked goods, there will be a silent auction, vendors, jewelry, used books, pork barbecue lunch and live entertainment. All proceeds benefit residents' activity programs. See the flyer on the bulletin board for additional details.

◆ **Bible Study on the book of Acts and the early church** will be held from 8:00-10:00am on the **Saturdays in July and August** at Yankee Doodle Diner in Wormleysburg.

◆ **57th Summer Institute for Church Leaders: Renewal in our Congregations through Spirituality Grounded Change to be Re-Rooted in our Communities** at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg Campus (formerly Gettysburg Seminary) **July 10-13** - The heart of congregational renewal is about nurturing deepening relationships with God, with one another, and with the community in which a congregation is called to serve. Congregational renewal is not a "one size fits all" process, because each congregation is unique and is called to offer a faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its community. Come learn with Dave Daubert, a leader in the fields of church renewal, leadership, strategy and stewardship. Go to [www.ltsq.edu/academics/lifelong-learning/summer-institute](http://www.ltsq.edu/academics/lifelong-learning/summer-institute) for more information, to access a brochure, and to register.

◆ **Lutheran Men in Mission Bold Gathering**, Minneapolis, MN **July 21-23**. This is a weekend for men to come together to team, to worship, to network, and be equipped to BOLDLY live out their faith. For more information, visit <http://www.boldgathering.com/>.

◆ **Congregational Renewal for Lay People** will be held **July 23-29** at United Lutheran Seminary (formerly Gettysburg Seminary). The heart of congregational renewal is about nurturing deepening relationships with God, with one another, and with the community in which a congregation is called to serve. Congregational renewal is not a "one size fits all" process, because each congregation is unique and is called to offer a faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its community. This year's Lay School will focus on how lay leaders can help shape and guide renewal in their own congregations. The presenter is *Deacon Marshal Roscoe*, Lower Susquehanna Synod Center for Faith Formation and Resource Ministries Director. Check out the seminary's website at [www.ltsq.edu/academics/lifelonglearning](http://www.ltsq.edu/academics/lifelonglearning) for more information and to download a brochure and application. Limited scholarships are available.





**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)

**Friday, May 5 - Lutheran Camping Night @ the Harrisburg Senators**

**Harrisburg Senators vs Hartford Yard Goats**

Baseball season has begun, and what better way to support the Harrisburg Senators AND the Lutheran Camping Corporation than by purchasing a ticket for the game on **Friday, May 5**, 6:30 pm on City Island. Tickets are only \$11, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit camperships for Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald. Ticket deadline has passed, though tickets may be available after that date. Contact camping coordinator *Dana Barry* to reserve your tickets!



**Friday & Saturday, May 5-6 - Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald**

Need a weekend with the guys? Come on out to Kirchenwald for a retreat that's sure to put hair on your chest. Get your hands dirty with on-site service projects, break a sweat with some athletic competition, test your mind though a team engineering challenge, and join in fellowship and Bible study in a faith-based environment. The retreat runs from 7pm on Friday until 4pm on Saturday. Participants must be at least 18 years old, or 15 if accompanied by an adult. All men are welcome. (It's a great way to spend time with your grandson/nephew, etc!). \$65 per person

**Sunday, May 7 - 3:30 pm at Kirchenwald  
Summer Camp Kick-off Worship and Picnic**

Join friends, volunteers, and staff of Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm to celebrate the opening of the 2017 summer camping season with worship, fellowship, and fabulous food. Free.

**Friday, June 9, 1:30 pm Golf Tournament**  
**Shotgun start at Honey Run Golf Club, York.**  
Enjoy golf, dinner, silent auction, and fellowship. All proceeds benefit the Campership Fund.



**INTERESTED IN  
SUPPORTING  
REFUGEES?**

Jewish Family Services is looking for volunteers to provide support to some Syrian refugee families who are recently arrived in the Harrisburg area. Volunteers are needed to help in the following areas:

- **Transportation:** All the families are recently arrived. Some are working already and take two-hour bus rides to and from work. Help is needed to provide transportation for family members to daytime doctors' appointments.
- **Medical Issues:** There are several individuals with rare medical disorders who have an increased need for transportation and other types of assistance.
- **In-Home Tutoring:** Refugees are eager to learn English, but many are unable to go to ESL classes due to lack of transportation.

If you are interested in assisting, contact *Oren Yagil* at [orenyagil@gmail.com](mailto:orenyagil@gmail.com) or *Vivian Blanc* at [vivianblanc@gmail.com](mailto:vivianblanc@gmail.com).

**Live it out**

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

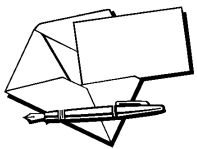
—Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*



# FINANCIAL \$ CORNER

**ZION'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION** - Check the Sunday bulletin for the most up-to-date financial information from our treasurer. We ended 2016 on a very positive note: more than \$16,000 in the black! Thank you all for your generosity to Zion's ongoing ministries.

**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.



## IN THE MAILBAG

Dear Friends of 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 10<sup>th</sup> annual spaghetti dinner and concert event was our largest success to date as more than \$52,000 was raised for medical research at the National Institutes of Health. We very much appreciate your thoughts and prayers as well.

*Bonnie, Denny, Alyssa and Clay Meisel*



## THANKS!

√ *Pat Rickenbach* for sewing a new Fair Linen (think tablecloth) for our altar. This new permanent press fabric saves lots of time for our Altar Guild trying to get rid of wrinkles.

√ To Zion members and our sisters and brothers of the West Shore Lutheran Cooperative Ministry. Together we gathered food and other non-perishable items during the Lenten season for New Hope Ministries Lemoyne office. The total weight of our contributions was 654 pounds. Zion members contributed a variety of paper products. On behalf of New Hope Ministries, thank you!

√ To the Fellowship Committee chaired by *Lynn Placzek* for another delicious Easter breakfast, and for providing refreshments for the West Shore Conference Spring Assembly on April 2.

√ To *Rose-Anna Behr* who faithfully gathers our office scrap paper, plastic, glass etc. to be recycled.

√ All those who participated as readers, ushers, greeters, acolytes, assisting and eucharistic ministers, as well as Altar Guild members and our organist and choir members for their preparation and participation for our Holy Week worship services, and throughout the year.

√ To *Jim Hetrick* for providing the fire for our Easter Vigil service.

√ To local business Classic Drycleaners of Enola. They dry clean all of our vestments and other linens free of charge. Please consider utilizing their services.



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).

SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER

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.

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).

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.

At the **ELCA Facebook page** ([Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://Facebook.com/Lutherans)) find news, stories and photos from the ministries of the ELCA.

**Coloring!** Women of the ELCA has joined the adult coloring book craze and now has coloring resources that encourage prayer and reflection. Visit [welcatg.org/coloring-devotionals](http://welcatg.org/coloring-devotionals) to download a free series of five devotions that are connected to the "All Anew" theme for the WELCA's 10th Triennial Gathering.

**Did You Know?** There's a new mobile app, featuring Luther's *Small Catechism* in both English and Spanish. This free app is perfect for anyone who wants easy access to Martin Luther's guide to the basics of Christian faith. It is available from the Apple iOS App Store and on Google Play. Content from the Study Edition is also available at a cost of \$1.99.

**Use your phone, tablet or computer for evangelism!** Ever-changing technology and our mobile devices have created ways we can share the good news of Jesus with others. Whether you post a message during the service or wait to share a photo until you get home, you can use Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter to promote Zion. On Facebook, be sure to post your own ideas or photos, and share (not just like) others' posts. If you do even one of these, consider yourself a member of our Evangelism and Membership Committee! And it didn't even require a meeting.....



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**JUNE 18, 2017**

(Please note: We will not be offering pots of flowers on Father's Day this year. Please consider purchasing potted flowers on Pentecost instead.)





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 *Krissy Marshall* at 432-3037, or email [fphcrdirector@gmail.com](mailto:fphcrdirector@gmail.com).

► **Enola Meals on Wheels;** contact *Terry Magaro* at 732-0448 to volunteer; to order meals, call *Karen Stine* at 697-5011.

► **Homeland Hospice** is recruiting volunteers to help meet the needs of those at end of life and their families throughout south central Pennsylvania. For more information, call *Leanne Porterfield* at 221-7890 or by email at [lporterfield@homelandhospice.org](mailto:lporterfield@homelandhospice.org).

► **New Hope Ministries;** Go to [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org) or call 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, at the newly opened center in Lemoyne, as well as for several area after-school programs.

► **New Hope Ministries Food Bank Wish List** - Most-needed items in the food bank at the Mechanicsburg and Lemoyne Centers are: canned tuna, vegetables, and fruit; instant potatoes; ketchup; mayonnaise; and peanut butter. In addition, fresh produce is always welcome - a great way to make use of the bounty from your home garden! Please drop off donations at the West Shore Center at 5228 E. Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, 701 Bosler Avenue, Lemoyne, or telephone 766-7333.

► **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. Person should be comfortable lifting up to 50 pounds and driving a cargo van. Contact *Deb King* at 257-4442, ext. 222 or e-mail [dking@bethesdamission.org](mailto:dking@bethesdamission.org).



Wish These Friends a "Happy Birthday!"

**MAY**

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

**JUNE**

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Ethan Patno      | 20 | Barbara Hardy     |
| 7  | Allen Manigault  | 23 | Frances Shuler    |
| 7  | Larry Staaby     | 26 | Robert Enders     |
| 12 | Brittany Kyler   | 27 | Mark Engle        |
| 12 | Matthew Smith    | 29 | Jeffery Patno     |
| 13 | Dennis Engle     | 29 | Martina Wolfinger |
| 18 | Rose-Anna Behr   | 30 | Edwin Rickenbach  |
| 19 | Thomas Stambaugh | 30 | June Weirick      |



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 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.

"Your children will become what you are, so be what you want them to be."  
—David Bly

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**DIED**

*Ernest C. Weirick*  
Tuesday, March 14

Memorial services were held on Saturday, April 1 at the Sunlight Community Church in Port St. Lucie, FL. Interment will be in Liverpool, PA sometime this summer.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

*Sara (Hostetler) & Michael Fortuna, Jr.*  
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*June Weirick*  
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Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

*Allen & Martina Wolfinger*  
11266 SW 139th Street  
Dunnellon, FL 34432

*Lee Zeigler*  
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Home phone 717-480-3580

**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.

**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.



**OUR PRAYERS** and the comfort of the Christian faith are extended to the friends and family of our dear friend, *Ernest C. Weirick*, who died Tuesday, March 14 in Florida. A memorial service was held on April 1, at the Sunlight Community Church, Port St. Lucie, FL. His cremains will be buried this summer in Liverpool, PA.

**OUR PRAYERS** and the comfort of the Christian faith are extended to the friends and family of *Allen Manigault* on the death of his brother, Joseph Manigault from cancer. Funeral services were held in New York state.

**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, is preparing for or recovering from surgery, 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 732-9652 and/or Pastor Gwenn's home (564-1034) or cell phone (602-9913), will help us respond to you with pastoral care for a time of change in your life. (P.S. While many people post such information on Facebook, this is not always a timely or reliable way to get this important information to Pastor Gwenn or the church office. A phone call, e-mail or text is recommended.)

A Message from New Hope Ministries

### WHAT DO I SAY TO THE FAMILIES?

Sometimes meeting new families or coming to volunteer can be a little intimidating. What do you say? What shouldn't you say? How do you build a relationship out of thin air??

Here are some suggestions for ways to build relationships with our families:

- ✓ Say hello! Introduce yourself and then “take their temperature” from there. If they are chatty, go ahead and engage. If it seems they need a little space or are unsure, there’s no need to add any pressure. Just give them a little space.
- ✓ Ask them about the kiddos. What parent doesn’t love to share about their child? Ask them basic questions you would any person – how old is your child? What do they like to do? What are they best at in school?
- ✓ If you aren’t sure what to say or aren’t good at making conversation, that is okay! Just be yourself. Let them know that you are there to help or talk if they need something, and then they will know they can come to you if they need something.
- ✓ Bring something along to do in case the families want some privacy or have little ones that go to bed early. Try to remember that if they need private family time, it is not personal. It doesn’t mean they don’t want to talk to *you* or don’t like your congregation. They may have had a tough day. Maybe they are more introverted, or perhaps they are just stressed!
- ✓ Be open. Share about yourself, but remember you’re there for them.
- ✓ Think of a fun activity to do with the kiddos. Playing with the kids can be a really good way to open up or engage the parents and open those waves of communication!

Tony Milner, Family Promise affiliate director, said it best: “Volunteers should simply say, 'Hi, I’m the Evening Volunteer. My name is so-and-so. What’s your name? Nice to meet you,’ and then just kick off their shoes and hang-out, watch TV or read, be a listener and not a talker – in other words, be ‘present’.”



### YOU’LL NEVER MISS IT!

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 withheld 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.

— *The Newsletternewsletter*






**PUZZLE**

*A mother's love*

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

*Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.*

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Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



**What you do:**

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!