



May. 2012

Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

Zion's Mission Statement: Reflecting Christ, we are called to share God's gifts

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Council unanimously voted on April 19 to recommend the congregation purchase the property immediately adjacent to the East of the church, currently owned by member Phil Mohn. Council believes this purchase will enable to us to continue to fulfill our mission to Share God's Gifts. The vote will take place during a special congregational meeting, May 20, 2012 following the 10:30 service.

How will this purchase better equip us to do ministry?

The property's lot and sheds immediately address two critical needs of our growing church: Parking and storage. We continue to hear from people about how crowded our lot becomes on a Sunday morning. (I know people, having seen the lot, have driven home – Pastor Rob). Moreover, even as we continue to clean out stuff, our storage is filled to the brim, creating cluttered spaces and difficulty finding things.

Most excitingly, we envision the house as a ministry center, possibly housing staff for our congregation, such as an intern. It might also serve as a home for a non-profit connected with the church or perhaps a youth after-school program. Pastor Rob is pursuing a number of leads to find a suitable ministry partner for this space. It is exciting to think how this property could further the Holy Spirit's means to share God's gifts through our congregation!

Why purchase it now?

First, Phil Mohn has decided to sell the property. Years ago he purchased the property intending to sell it to our congregation. He came to the church asking if we would purchase the property. Council believes the congregation has the financial means to accomplish this purchase, especially given historical lows in interest rates and the housing market. This property, if not purchased now, may never again be available for the congregation.

How will we finance the purchase?

The property costs \$64,000. Because of particular financial rules, the price is not negotiable; Council's research indicates the price is fair. The church must put \$4,000 toward the purchase price; the balance of \$60,000 will be lent from the Church's "Touching Tomorrow" Endowment Fund at 2%, payable over 15 years. In addition, we expect to incur \$2,000 in closing costs; these will be covered by the Endowment Fund. This translates into a payment of \$368 a month. Depending on the needs of the renter, we may need to spend \$5,000 to \$10,000 to make the house more livable. We plan to borrow these initial refurbishing funds from the Endowment Fund.

As the house is used, we realize there will be utilities and maintenance costs. Because Phil Mohn had rented the house for \$600/month, we believe we can cover our costs through rent.

How will we maintain the property?

The property is in good condition and should not need any significant structural repairs. That said, our current property committee does not have the capacity to serve as a rental property management team. So either the renter pays a sufficient amount for us to hire a maintenance person for the property or they, as a non-profit, agree to maintain the property themselves. A separate team will be appointed to oversee any renovations or work done to set the house up for use.

What are the risks?

With any property, maintenance costs can grow quickly. We believe that actively maintaining the property is essential to limit surprising costs. The main risk is that we do not find a suitable renter and the church is forced to finance the mortgage payment out of operating expenses. In this case, we will include as part of a capital campaign the reduction (or retirement) of the debt.

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How does this impact our long-term renovation goals, especially the social hall?

Council believes it prudent to handle this transaction and establish a new rental situation before undertaking anything else. After this has happened, Council will present the congregation with a capital campaign that includes social hall renovations. We believe that within a few years we will have two fully functional ministry centers: the house and the social hall! All this can be accomplished, but we believe the property purchase is more time sensitive.

What if I have questions?

While people may bring up questions at the congregational meeting, if the questions are significant, it is helpful to raise them beforehand. This way Council may have adequate time to prepare an answer. Questions are always welcome, but we have set aside two specific times for conversation and inquiries: 4:30 PM, Wednesday, May 9 and 7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 16.

The last few years continue to show how God is doing something good here at Zion's! Council looks forward to completing the project and seeing how the blessings continue to flow. This purchase, with the additional parking, storage and most importantly, ministry center, will allow God's gifts to be shared for generations to come.

So, come to church on Sunday, May 20 – Music Sunday – and then stay around for an historical vote!

In Christ,

Pastor Rob Myallis

Council President Ed Ludwig

Sharing God's Gifts

Featured Ways you can...Reflect Christ and Share your Gifts!

In Worship: Fellowship Time Set-up/Clean-Up

Last Fall, we changed our Sunday morning schedule to include weekly Fellowship time from 10:00 to 10:30. This has quickly become an integral part of our Sunday morning! People connect; groups promote their activities; all enjoy.

We are in need of people willing to help out with set-up and clean-up. This is very basic stuff. It takes about 5-10 minutes, right before and right afterwards. If you are interested, see Noel Strattan (dns@telecommute.net or 865-7747)

In The World: Malaria Corsages

Roughly every minute, a person dies of Malaria. The Lutheran church this congregation is affiliated with, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is participating in a global effort to fight Malaria.

The Social Ministry committee has made net corsages for ladies to wear, for a donation of \$5 which will be used to buy netting for homes in Africa. These corsages will be available for purchase April 15 – May 13 and also at the Mother/Daughter banquet on May 8. We encourage you to wear them at the banquet and on Mother's Day to show your support for mothers and children in Africa.

In Your Family: Summer Camp!

The Lutheran Church in the area is blessed with two great camps, Camp Kirchenwald (Lebanon County) and Nawakwa (Adams County). Many members of our church have grown in faith (and had a great time) at these camps. Because the church believes in the positive impact the camp can have on their lives, the church heavily sponsors kids for a week, paying more than half the cost.



Visit the Camping Website www.lutherancamping.org to learn more! Brochures/registration forms are on the counter at the small bulletin board in the gathering area or on the bulletin board in the lower level foyer. If you have any questions, contact Janet Bird (jbird75@comcast.net or 865-5636) or Lynn Kleinfelter

(lynnk@verizon.net or 865-5678)

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Because you asked....a congregation member's question to the Pastor:

What does it mean to renew one's wedding vows?

For an anniversary or to mark a life passage, couples will often renew their wedding vows. This does not mean the previous vows had lapsed or been annulled! Rather, the couple wants to affirm their love and commitment before God, their church, their family and each other. To think of it another way, the couple wants to thank God for God's faithfulness over the previous years and ask God's blessing on the years to come.

Doug and Angela Watson will renew their wedding vows on Sunday, May 6. Pastor Rob will lead a brief ceremony in the sanctuary after the morning worship. Church members are invited by the Watson's to stay for the renewal ceremony. We pray and rejoice with the Watsons at this momentous occasion.

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

Wish List:

(LCCM)

Food Bank:

18 & 32 oz. jams & jellies
5 oz. canned chicken
Canned Luncheon Meat
Complete Pancake Mix
Deodorant-mens & womens
Shampoo
Soap

Clothing Bank:

Sheet sets
Boy's Shirts
Wash Cloths
Hand Towels
Bath Towels

Other:
Plastic sandwich bags
Brown 8oz. lunch bags
Plastic grocery bags

Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall.

(Watch expiration dates)

Care Packages

Care packages were sent to our college students and missionaries in April.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A prayer shawl event for the churches of Lebanon County will be held at Lebanon Valley College on May 19, hosted by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon. In addition to working on prayer shawls, those attending will make pocket prayer squares (a knitted or crocheted square with a cross in the center, which can be carried in a pocket) for the military. Julia Albert, Deb Pappas, and Jill Bugdanavage will represent our church.

Memorial Day:

Do you know a Military Veteran at Zion's?

Jonestown will host a Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 28, followed by a service at the cemetery. Any member of Zions who is a Military Veteran should notify Keith Gerhart (865-3800) or Ed Ludwig (865-3757) so that we can include your service recognition in our Memorial Day plans.

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Tues. May 8 – 6:00pm

Ham dinner served by the men of our congregation.

Entertainment: Puppet Show by Grace UCC Church, Lebanon

Sign-up sheet on the small bulletin board in Gathering Area



Zion's Mothers helping Mothers around the world.

Did you know that malaria kills 800,000 people each year? Thus the ELCA Malaria Campaign was born. Malaria is a disease that is both preventable and treatable. This is where we can help. The Social Ministry committee has made net corsages for ladies to wear, for a donation of \$5 which will be used to buy insecticide -treated nets for homes in Africa. Corsages will be available to purchase until May 13 and at the Mother/Daughter banquet on May 8. We encourage you to wear them at the banquet and on Mother's Day to show support for these mothers and children in Africa.

A Special Morning for Women

Zion's Women who have experienced the loss of a baby in pregnancy or infancy are invited to a special morning together. Saturday, May 5th 9:00am in the Social Hall. Our gathering will include: pot-luck brunch, worship, fellowship, craft and prayer. Whether your loss was years or months ago, you are invited to come to offer and receive support. Please RSVP to Emily Myallis by April 30th.

"Thank You Notes"

❖ Thanks for the Easter Lilly and cards - Ingrid Erb



NOTICE: June and July newsletters will be combined. Please submit all information for June and July to the church office by May 15.

Christian Education & Youth

Meets: 1st Tuesday, "odd" months

Chair: Janet Bird (jbird75@comcast.net; 865-5636)

High Ropes Course at Kirchenwald

Sunday, May 6, after church, youth will head out to the Ropes Course at Camp Kirchenwald, joined by our friends from Holy Trinity, York Springs. Cost is \$10. Friends are welcome (but they have to come to church!). Parents (even siblings!) interested, see Pastor Rob!

Congregational Confirmation Luncheon

Immediately following worship on June 3. Please join us as we celebrate the confirmation of Kylee Moyer. Sign up on the bulletin board thru May 27.

Fall Carnival

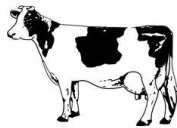
Will again hold a penny toss, so donations of glasses, mugs, cups & vases are needed. Place in the kitchen marked "carnival".

Library News: New Books

The children's library in the level 2 Sunday school has 8 Max Lucado's "Hermie & Friends" DVDs and one book board. Some Max Lucado books were donated to the exchange library.

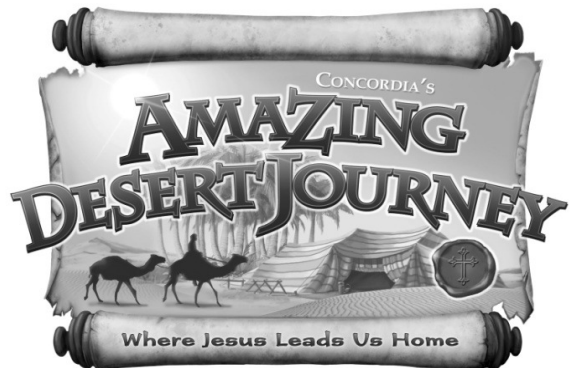
Global Barnyard a wonderful success!

The quarters, nickels and dimes keep adding up (along with some ones, fives and even twenties). This Lent both the Sunday School and Joyful Spirits service collected money to purchase an animal through the ELCA Global Barnyard program. Our goal was \$500 so that we could purchase a cow. We did it! Over \$700 was raised! We thank everyone for their generosity, we got a COW!



EGGcellent EGGstravangza

This year the Christian Education committee tried something new - adding crafts, games and songs to the traditional Easter Egg hunt. It was amazing. Over 60 children got to hear the Easter message of Jesus' resurrection! Thanks to Michele McQuaide, Tracy Hoy and Joanna, Rachel and Rebecca Guldin for helping to organize.



Vacation Bible School

July 23 - 27

9am to 11am

Register by June 15 and receive a free Amazing Desert Journey music CD. (one per family)

Complete the following registration and submit to: Michelle McQuaide (michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com) or church office.

Child's name _____

Birthdate _____ Grade completed _____

Parents name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Emergency contact _____

Relationship to child _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Food allergies: (circle) YES NO

List _____

Medical concerns: (circle) YES NO

Explain _____

Days your child will attend: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor(s) listed above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

Parent Signature _____

Contact Michele McQuaide (330-958-3399) or (717-861-4719) to volunteer!

10 Summer Activities for Children Provided by Zion's Lutheran

The Christian Education committee has begun discussing how to best handle Summer Sunday School for children. As part of our discernment process, we listed every other activity this church offers for children during the summer!



- 1) Vacation Bible School:** A week of activities, games, Bible stories, songs and meeting new friends. July 23-27; 9-11 AM.

This year's theme is "Amazing Desert Journey."

2) Weekly children's sermons: Each week we have a children's message during our morning worship, which begins at 10:30. Kids are invited to come up front for a special message.

3) Joyful Spirits Worship: This Wednesday night worship service (6:15-6:45) is one where a kid can be a kid, even if that means making a joyful noise. Originally begun as an outreach to people with developmental disabilities, it has become an incredibly inclusive and child-friendly service. We meet every week throughout the year; in the summer we meet every other week. Starting in June, we will have Ice Cream afterwards!

4) Bike and Bible Group: Once a week this group heads out on one of Lebanon County's scenic trails, pauses for Bible trivia and then...stops for Ice Cream! If your child no longer needs training wheels, they are probably ready for the ride!

5) Summer special music: Each week various musicians share their gifts with the church. Children will often share a solo or duet during this time.

6) Fellowship Time before service: Starting at 10 AM, people begin gathering in our Social Hall for a cup of coffee, water and some snacks. In fact, the last Sunday of the month, we put out lots of treats!



7) Church Picnic: Last Sunday in July at Levitz Park. Worship and play in the park!

8) Summer Camp: Our church encourages kids (and helps pay for them) to go to two local Lutheran Camps, Camp Kirchenwald and Niwakawa.

9) By-Heart Challenge: We challenge kids to memorize parts of the Bible and Faith (Lord's Prayer, e.g.). At the end of the summer, we have a party!

10) Jersey Shore Trip: Many families, of all ages, travel to the Jersey Shore over Father's Day weekend. Last year over 30 hotel rooms were rented! This creates a safe and fun environment for children to make friends and have fun!

Evangelism

Meets: 1st Thursday of each month

Chair: Elaine Ludwig (eludadvo@comcast.net; 865-3757)

JOY - Jonestown Outreach Pantry

Wish List

Fruit and juice
Canned meats, Tuna
Peanut butter & jelly
Boxed macaroni and cheese
Hamburger Helper
No or low salt canned goods
Crackers and saltines; Pudding snack packs
Pancake mix and syrup
Ketchup, Mayonnaise



Volunteer opportunities

Sorting and organizing food

Wednesday, May 2, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 16, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Tuesday, May 22, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

May distribution dates:

Thursday, May 10, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Friday, May 11, Noon – 2:00 PM

Thursday, May 24, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Friday, May 25, Noon – 2:00 PM

Worship & Music

Next Meeting: May 3

Chair: Noel Strattan (dns@telecommute.net; 865-7747)

Festival Services in May

Music Sunday, May 20: All the choirs will sing and play during the service. It will be a glorious service praising God's gift of music!



Pentecost, May 27: We remember the "birthday" of the church, when the Holy Spirit came down on the original disciples.

Confirmation and Holy Trinity, June 3: Roughly 14 years ago, Kylee Moyers was baptized in the name of Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Now she, along with the congregation, will confirm that faith on Holy Trinity Sunday. Join with us as we celebrate the gift of faith that has taken seed in Kylee.

CHURCH PICNIC – Save the Date

When: Sunday, July 29
Where: Levitz Park

More details to follow in the June's newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

Planning meeting:
May 22nd @ 6:30 at Zion's

Please plan to attend if you're interested in making this a day of fun for all who attend.



COUNCIL

Meets: 2nd Thursday of EACH Month

President: Ed Ludwig (eludadvo@comcast.net; 865-3757)

Highlights from April 19, 2012 Council Meeting

1. Pastor expressed a Thank You to everyone for helping to make the Easter Season, especially the services and activities during Holy Week, so exciting and inspiring. Easter Day Services had a total over 300 in attendance!
2. Numerous repairs completed: Repair of doors and installation of glass window inserts completed. Secretary also instructed to publish safety notice to remind persons using the elevette to be sure to lock doors when finished. Cleaning products are now in Stage Room closet if needed by guests.
3. Christian Education committee still deliberating on Summer Sunday School. Pastor is excited to increase parental participation in youth group activities.
4. Pastor Rob, Diaconal Minister Emily, Linda Wenrich and Dawn Wolfe traveled to Hanover to attend a Synod sponsored event and presented a table for our "Joyful Spirits" Wednesday evening service. They also gathered ideas for future projects.
5. Mohn Property and Social Hall renovations: See Pastor Rob and Ed Ludwig's note to congregation.
Congregational Vote: May 20, 2012, following worship. Agenda: Acquisition of Mohn property.
6. March revenues: \$14,009.27 (\$3,502.32 per Sunday). Income (Loss) for March (\$104.13). YTD: (\$2,744.14). March expenses included three staff pay periods instead of the typical two.



A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on May 20, 2012, for the purpose of voting on the acquisition of the Mohn property.

Activities:

19 People attended our gathering at Kauffman’s Bar-B-Que ranch on Saturday, April 14. Next meeting at the church will be May 12. New members (and old) are invited. - Pres. Ken Hess

Service Project:

Hoagie Sale - Don’t forget your tickets are good to the end of June at Krall’s store.

Zion’s Koinonia Annual Shore Weekend - June 15-17, 2012. Some families will arrive Thursday, June 14 and leave Monday, June 18, and others will spend just the weekend.

We will have our 9 A.M. church service Sunday. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



*****GROUP RATES*****

- \$80: Motel room (sleeps 4)
 - \$90: 1-Room Efficiency (sleeps 4)
 - \$95: Deluxe 1-Room Efficiency (sleeps 6)
 - \$100: 1-Bedroom Efficiency Suite (sleeps 6)
- Sales & occupancy taxes are 14%.

There are no extra charges for additional persons. Any families staying Thursday or Sunday Nights receive a \$15.00 discount for each night (not including Friday or Saturday nights). The discounts will be given upon check-in when paying the balance. * Note that the rates only increased \$2.00 from the 2011 rates, and the Thursday and Sunday discount was only \$5.00 prior to this year.

- Reservations must be made by **May 31** to get the discounted rates, mail the form, or call the Sand Castle directly (609) 522-6946, or log onto www.sandcastlemotel.info.
- Mention you are part of the group from Zion’s to get the special rates.
- If you have questions, call Janet Bird 865-5636 or contact the Sand Castle directly

Mail reservation form and a one-night deposit to: Sand Castle Motel, 7400 Ocean Ave., Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Name _____

Nights Requested _____

Address _____

Type of Room _____

City _____ State _____

Adults _____ Children _____

Zip _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Phone _____

Stewardship & Finance

Ken Nelson, Finance Team Chair
Brian Miller, Stewardship Team Chair

Memorial Fund:
In Memory of Donald Winklebleck:
In Memory of Lois Miller:

Given by:
 Grace and Harold Dennis
 Ken & Eileen Miller
 Paul & Janet Bird
 Anonymous
 Jay & Susie Pettey, Krista, Heath, and Peyton
 and Kara Pettey
 Kurt & Kathy Fahrenfuhrer
 Donald & Sharon Davis
 Clayton & Helen Schmehl




In Memory



May 2012



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUI	FRI	SAT
Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday		1 1:00 pm WELCA 6:15 pm Health/Wellness 6:30 pm Finance	2 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Little ones group 7:30 Senior Choir	3 6:15 pm Christian Education 7:00 pm Worship and Music	4 Spang Crest Chicken BBQ	5 9:00 am Women's Special Morning
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Youth lunch and High Ropes at Kirchenwald	7 6:30 pm ESL	8 6:00 pm Mother/Daughter Banquet	9 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Little ones group 7:30 Senior Choir	10 7:00 pm Council	11	12 Koinonia
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	14 6:30 pm ESL	15 6:00 pm Preschool 6:15 pm Health/Wellness June & July Newsletter deadline	16 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Little ones group 7:30 Senior Choir	17	18	19
20 Music Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship **Congregational meeting following worship** 7:00 pm Youth Wave	21 6:30 pm last ESL- Fiesta	22 6:15 pm Health/Wellness 6:30 pm picnic committee mtg.	23 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Little ones group 7:30 Senior Choir	24	25	26
27 Pentecost 9:00 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	28  MEMORIAL DAY	29 6:15 pm Health/Wellness	30 9:00 am sewing 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS 6:45 Bible Study/ Little ones group 7:30 Senior Choir	31 Koinonia shore reservation deadline for special rates is May 31.		

June & July Newsletters will be combined, please submit all info by May 15!

Up Coming:
 June 3 - Confirmation Luncheon
 July 23-27 - Vacation Bible School
 Sept. 9 - Fall Carnival, Rally Day



It's never too late to receive your newsletters via e-mail or church pick-up. Let us know: zions@comcast.net



Worship Participants for May

	Lectors	Crucifer	Sound Tech	Children's Sermon	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Prayers of the People
6	Brian Adams	Jim Adams	Jim Adams	Noel Strattan	Donny Redinger Dylan Houser	Kris Hoffer Steph Llivingston	Tracy Hoy
13	Jill Bugdanavage	Lynn Kleinfelter	Lukas Quanbeck	Linda Toth	Daulton Fortna Eric Schulden	Jen Menser Rikki Weimer	Sharon Davis
20	Darryl Bush	Brian Adams	Joe Sandbakken	Ed Ludwig	Daniel Sandbakken Kenny Redinger	Anna & Cathy Houser	Erik Sandbakken
27	Lynda Myers	Daryl Hess	Joe Sandbakken	Pastor Rob	Riley Houser Paige Sebastian	Michele & Rob McQuaide	Angela Evans

Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Getting to know you time
Lois Schaeffer Nancy Kleinfelter	5/6,5/13 Lynn & Tovie Kleinfelter 5/20,5/27 Tom & Pat Keefer	Al Reiner, Nancy Winklebleck, Linda Wenrich, William Ludwig	Stewardship & Finance Committee
Counters	May 6- Larry & Sharon Houser May 20- Darryl Bush & Deb Reiner	May 13-Kelly Rittle & Ashley Schade May 27-Fran Phillips & Deb Long	