



Zion's News



Pastor Rob Myallis

July 2015

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

An invitation to read the Psalms

We invite you to join us in reading the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 prayers. The Psalms touch on every human emotion and attitude toward God: praise, frustration, sadness, hope and joy. They express these emotions using powerful words and beautiful images ("He leads me besides still waters" for example).

Christians and Jews have prayed these prayers for many centuries; Jesus frequently quotes from the Psalms, even praying the words of Psalm 22 as he dies on the cross.

Each day we will read one Psalm (or a few verses from a longer Psalm.) In this newsletter, I have the schedule for July, August and September. We have arranged them so that you might cut it out and post it in your Bible as a bookmark. The complete schedule may be found here: http://www.zionsjonestown.com/reading_the_psalms/.

Some tips:

- 1) Pray, focusing on a word: The psalms offer many images. After reading through the Psalm, pick a word or image. It can be powerful simply to take a word, phrase or image. Maybe you want to pray about a word, for example, joy; or an image such as "overflowing cup." This is a less familiar way to pray for many; if you would like help praying in this manner, see Pastor Rob Myallis.
- 2) Journal: Keep a journal of your thoughts and prayers. If you would like an online tool for this, consider using Luther Seminary's Enter the Bible. You can create an account where you log on and record your notes.
- 3) Be creative: Imagine what the psalm would be in today's language. Try re-writing it or drawing a scene from it.
- 4) Keep reading, part I: Some days the Psalm may not connect with you. You may find some of the language hard or harsh. Use this time as your own time of prayer then. It may be that at another point in your life, the words of that Psalm are for you.
- 5) Keep reading, part II: If you miss a day or even a few, don't give up. Just move along with the schedule. You can come back to missed Psalms later.
- 6) Share your thoughts using Social Media: We have a Facebook group "Psalms in 184 days" set up to allow you share your thoughts, prayers and resources you find.
- 7) Dig deep: I also have collected a number of book and website resources to help you read more deeply the Psalms. This might help you with some of the questions you have regarding the Psalms.
- 8) Look for Jesus: Jesus says that all of Scripture points to him. You have permission to see Jesus in the Psalms. For example, the 23rd Psalm about the "Lord is my shepherd" was written hundreds of years before Jesus. But Jesus calls himself the good shepherd and so we can pray the 23rd Psalm to Jesus.

We hope this journey through the Psalms deepens our faith. We also hope this format allows for folks traveling during the summer to keep engaged with the Word and their own prayer life.

In Christ, Pastor Rob

July Psalm Schedule

July 1	Psalm 1
July 2	Psalm 2
July 3	Psalm 3
July 4	Psalm 4
July 5	Psalm 5
July 6	Psalm 6
July 7	Psalm 7
July 8	Psalm 8
July 9	Psalm 9:1-12
July 10	Psalm 9:13-20
July 11	Psalm 10:1-15
July 12	Psalm 10:16-18
July 13	Psalm 11
July 14	Psalm 12
July 15	Psalm 13
July 16	Psalm 14
July 17	Psalm 15
July 18	Psalm 16
July 19	Psalm 17
July 20	Psalm 18:1-15
July 21	Psalm 18:16-36
July 22	Psalm 18:37-50
July 23	Psalm 19
July 24	Psalm 20
July 25	Psalm 21
July 26	Psalm 22:1-18
July 27	Psalm 22:19-31
July 28	Psalm 23
July 29	Psalm 24
July 30	Psalm 25:1-15
July 31	Psalm 25:16-22

August Psalm Schedule

August 1	Psalm 26
August 2	Psalm 27:1-6
August 3	Psalm 27:7-14
August 4	Psalm 28
August 5	Psalm 29
August 6	Psalm 30
August 7	Psalm 31:1-8
August 8	Psalm 31:9-18
August 9	Psalm 31:19-24
August 10	Psalm 32
August 11	Psalm 33:1-11
August 12	Psalm 33:12-22
August 13	Psalm 34:1-10
August 14	Psalm 34:11-22
August 15	Psalm 35:1-16
August 16	Psalm 35:17-28
August 17	Psalm 36
August 18	Psalm 37:1-11
August 19	Psalm 37:12-29
August 20	Psalm 37:30-40
August 21	Psalm 38
August 22	Psalm 39
August 23	Psalm 40:1-10
August 24	Psalm 40:11-17
August 25	Psalm 41
August 26	Psalm 42
August 27	Psalm 43
August 28	Psalm 44:1-8
August 29	Psalm 44:9-26
August 30	Psalm 45
August 31	Psalm 46

Sept. Psalm Schedule

Sept 1	Psalm 47
Sept 2	Psalm 48
Sept 3	Psalm 49
Sept 4	Psalm 50
Sept 5	Psalm 51
Sept 6	Psalm 52
Sept 7	Psalm 53
Sept 8	Psalm 54
Sept 9	Psalm 55
Sept 10	Psalm 56
Sept 11	Psalm 57
Sept 12	Psalm 58
Sept 13	Psalm 59
Sept 14	Psalm 60
Sept 15	Psalm 61
Sept 16	Psalm 62
Sept 17	Psalm 63
Sept 18	Psalm 64
Sept 19	Psalm 65
Sept 20	Psalm 66
Sept 21	Psalm 67
Sept 22	Psalm 68:1-18
Sept 23	Psalm 68:19-35
Sept 24	Psalm 69:1-18
Sept 25	Psalm 69:19-36
Sept 26	Psalm 70
Sept 27	Psalm 71
Sept 28	Psalm 72
Sept 29	Psalm 73
Sept 30	Psalm 74

Feel free to cut these out and use them as bookmarkers in your Bible to guide you in reading the Psalms.

Through the church's website there are links to the readings line.

Social Ministry

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsdavis11@comcast.net, 865-2781)

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

(LCCM) Wish List:

Food Bank:

Frozen Hams
Bottles of Juice
Canned soups/meats/stews
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter

Other:

Towels/Wash cloths
Paper Towels
Diapers
Baby Wipes
King/Qu Sheets
& Blankets
Reusable Plastic Containers

Clothing Bank:

Men's pants (28-36)
Men's shoes (9-11.5)

Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall. **(Watch expiration dates)**



Homebound Birthday for Cards, calls, visits!

Alma Paul
Frey Village
1020 N. Union St. PH: 281-202-3891
Middletown, PA 17057 Birthday: July 17

Paul Zimmerman
Elmcroft Rm. 103
860 Norman Dr. PH: 272-2735
Lebanon, PA 17042 Birthday: Aug. 1



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Cancelled Stamps are **no longer** being collected. Thank you.

Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY)

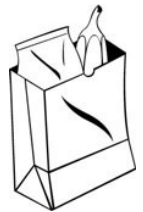
Wish List:

Food Bank:

Pancake syrup & Mix
Chili, Spam, Rice
Boxed potatoes
Stuffing Mix
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Soup & Stew
Boxed Cake & Cookie mix
Canned beets, carrots, lima beans, corn, yams

Other:

Baby Wipes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Diapers
Dish/Laundry detergent
Kleenex



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Koinonia News

Upcoming Activities:

Saturday, July 11 @ 6:00 pm - Picnic/meeting at the home of Paul & Janet Bird, 36 N. Broad St., Jonestown. (at the church if rain). Pork BBQ, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. No need to bring chairs. Sign-up on the sheet on the small bulletin board in the gathering area. Deadline to sign-up is July 5. All are WELCOME!

Projects:

The Hollyberry Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7. Please contact Kristin Hoffer, jkhoffer@yahoo.com or Heather Moyers, maximcontractors@comcast.net, if you have a craft that you would like to donate. Watch for information for a craft day during the summer months, when we will get together and make crafts for the bazaar. Book donations for the bazaar will be accepted during the month of October. Please store your donations at home until October, since we have no place to store them at the church. Thank you.



Summer Music - Opportunities are still available

During the Summer, our choirs take a break and give us all a time to share our talents individually or in small groups. We welcome instrumental or vocal offerings. There is a sign up sheet on the board in the Gathering Area. Just pick your date and let us know what you would like to sign or play.

Fellowship, Food, and Fun Annual Church Picnic:

July 19th at Levitz Park. Worship service begins at 11:00AM.

Lunch will be served immediately following the service. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area for you to sign up to bring your favorite side dish or dessert, as well as set-up or clean-up. Activities for all ages are:

12:30 – 12:55 Children's Games

1:00 – Family Softball (bring gloves/balls/bats) and/or

BINGO bring a snack item(s) (chips, Doritos, Twizzlers, etc) to add to the prize table and

Additional available activities include volleyball, tennis, and horseshoes... so bring your sports equipment and let's have some friendly competition. Hope to see you there!!

**VBS Thanks!**

We thank everyone who helped with our VBS. Once again we had a great year. This year our theme was "Camp Discovery." We all discovered lots of fun, friends and most importantly, God's Word for our lives!

Thank you especially to Michele McQuaide for her work in organizing VBS, which demands time throughout the year.

Bike and Bible

Bike and Bible is returning. This year we will ride on Tuesday nights. If you are interested, contact Ed Ludwig (eludadvo@comcast.net; 865-3757)

**Babysitting**

Our church has some great youth we recommend you consider for babysitting:

Kylee Moyers (12th grade):
cell 829-9511

Rebecca Boisvert (12th grade):
cell 673-7044.
rebecca.boisvert@gmail.com

Riley Houser (10th grade):
home 865-6693 or cell 383-9113

Tori Moyers (9th grade):
821-2227 (Mom Heather's cell #)

Generosity

For a great video on all the ways in which God's generosity flowed through Zion's this Spring, check out: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/dancing-down-generosity-lane/>

Christian Education & Youth

Chair: Tracy Hoy (tlh328@verizon.net;272-6542)

Joyful Spirits Worship

During the summer, we will hold Joyful Spir-its worship at the Jonestown Park on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Rumor has it there will be Ice Cream! Come join us!

Upcoming:

Wednesday, July 1, 6:15

Wednesday, July 15, 6:15



Bible Study this summer

Pastor Rob's class on what is different about Lutheran theology: July 1: God and holiness
At the park pavilion at 7 PM following Joyful Spir-its.

Wise Guy's Bible Study

Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m., men are invited to Bible Study in the social hall, with breakfast!

Zion's Youth Update

For the month of June, it was great to see some of the Youth helping with VBS this year. We would imagine some of them also went on the shore trip, along with the West Virginia Mission Trip. We had one Youth Group event in late June at our home. Everybody enjoyed watching a "Faith in Films" movie, feel free to ask Jim and Laurie what that means. After the movie we assembled school kits. We used a Thrivent Action Team to be able to purchase many school supplies for the "service project". The kits will be given to the Joy Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to the children who need them.

Upcoming events for the Summer work schedule(s): Sunday, July 12th, Laser Tag at Laser Factory in Annville, 2 PM -6 PM \$ 20.00 each (which includes pizza and drink), bring some pocket change if you also want to play in the arcade. We will see you there!

Friday/Saturday, August 7th and 8th LCCM Box City Event at Annville Cleona Highschool. The event starts at 4:30 P.M. on Friday.

Saturday, August 15th - Youth Group Swim Party at the Hoffer's Home (3 P.M. - 6 P.M.). Rain date: Sunday, August 16th same time. **IMPORTANT:** Parent's Meeting 5 P.M. - 6 P.M. on the same day as the Swim Party. Jim and Laurie Gill

Christian Summer Camp



There are two Lutheran Bible Camps in the area: Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa. Programs begin for kindergarten students through 12th grade. There are even family camps. (Pastor Rob and his family are giving Family Camp a try this year!) Combined with Zion's contribution and a few other available discounts, a week of camp costs between \$150 and \$200. Should there be a financial need, Lutheran Church Camping in Central Pennsylvania offers camperships that will help you pay your 50% fee. 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.

COUNCIL

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

Highlights from June 11, 2015 Council Meeting:

- This month's hallmark of vital congregations is boldness in mission. We can look back at the last few years and be amazed at the bold moves we have made for mission such as the Job Fair, Joyful Spirits, renovations, preschool and many more. This is where we excel and we will reflect as a council: Where is God boldly calling us forward?
- Pastor Rob has created a resource on the Psalms for people to read the Psalms daily together as a congregation this summer and fall due to taking a break from Summer School. While there has been some interest expressed in the Wednesday Children's Ministry; hopefully by July we can begin interviews.



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Calling all
volunteers!!!

Two special workdays
have been set aside at the

local Habitat for Humanity jobsite for Zion's members. **Please save the dates of Saturday July 25 and Saturday August 22.**

The renovation of the home at 1519 Elm Street in Lebanon is progressing well. Volunteers have gutted the entire interior, framed all new walls and rebuilt the roof. They're also installing all new windows, electrical and plumbing systems, and the drywall is being hung. The next step is to paint the interior – that's where you come in!

If you're 16 or older and haven't been able to help at the jobsite yet, now's your chance. Please secure at least one of these two Saturdays on your calendar and plan to come out to the jobsite. We'll be there from 8:30 to 3:30, but any portion that you can help would be greatly appreciated. And lunch will be provided!

Thrivent Financial is Habitat for Humanity's single largest donor, and is contributing \$30,000 towards the renovation of this home in Lebanon. Thrivent members and volunteers have helped Habitat build over 4,000 homes since 2005. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gill at 867-1500.



In Memory of Maria Haniman

Nancy Winklebleck
Mary Ann Nelson
John and Nancy Founds
Donna Crist
Del and Sandra Snyder
Paul and Janet Bird
Jeffrey and Carla Garber
Diane Iannini
Fred, Bernie, and Joe Shattle
William Haniman
Wendy Haniman
Cheryl Haniman Furmanski
Lisa Haniman Crist
Elizabeth Haniman Lloyd
Sue Mladjen
Walter and Peggy Haniman

In Memory of Sterling Wolfe

Charles R. Wise

In Memory of Priscilla Ott


Ann Gruber

Looking for a way to ensure that during the summer your offerings make it to Zion's? Consider using Simply Giving (through Trivent). This easy method helps you give automatically through your checking account. It is a very low cost program that ensures that your donations help the church – even when you are on vacation!



July 2015



SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday			1 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS	2 Committee Night	3	4 JULY 4TH 
5 10:30 Worship	6	7 6:00 Bike & Bible	8	9 7:00 pm Council	10	11 8:00 am Men's Bible study
12 10:30 Worship 2:00 pm Youth Lazer Tag	13	14 6:00 Bike & Bible	15 6:15 JOYFUL SPIRITS	16 15th Newsletter Deadline	17	18
19 11AM @ Levitz Park  Church Picnic	20	21 6:00 Bike & Bible	22	23		
26 10:30 Worship Getting to know you time	27	28 6:00 Bike & Bible	29 9:00 am sewing	30	31	

Dates to Remember:
July 19 – Church Picnic
September 13 – Fall Carnival



Zion's Bike & Bible has resumed on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested, contact Ed Ludwig (eludadv@comcast.net; 865-3757)

Worship Participants for July

	Lectors	Crucifer	Acolytes	Counters	Children's Sermon	Prayers of the People
5	Fran Phillips	Daryl Hess	Kaitlyn Boisvert Stella Ludwig	Larry & Sharon Houser	Sharon Houser	Emily Myallis
12	Darryl Bush	Michael Johnsen	Riley Houser Daulton Fortna	Ken Nelson Jr. & Kelly Rittle	Pastor Rob	Kristin Hoffer
19	PICNIC	PICNIC	PICNIC	Darryl Bush & Deb Reiner	Pastor Rob	Steph Livingston
26	Steph Livingston	Jim Adams	Becca & Joey Hoffer	Deb Long	Steph Livingston	Janice Balulis

Altar Guild	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Getting to know you time
5, Pam/Dawn 12,19 Noel/Karen	26, Nancy/Lois Mike Long, Linda Wenrich, Gavin Bender, Darryl Hess	5,12 Stacy Clark & Terry Ludwig 19,26 Emily Myallis & Deb Long	Social Ministry