



Zion Lutheran Monthly

May 2015



Because of Their Faith

We've seen it many times before; horrible images burned into our conscience reminding us that if the world hated Jesus it will hate his followers too. Led like lambs to the slaughter, our brothers in Christ paraded in front of cameras in a professionally choreographed horror story. Their captors, dressed in black, showing no mercy, cannot even satiate their hate by killing the innocent. Killed along the coastline with the water calling to mind the sinful state of the world reminiscent of the days of Noah; also reminding the faithful of their baptism into the name of the Triune God.

Dressed in orange, these Christian men met their death as so many who have borne the name of Christ have been called to do since the resurrection of our Lord. A White House spokesman said, in response to the killing: "That these terrorists killed these men solely because of their faith lays bare the terrorists' vicious, senseless brutality." Because of their faith.

On Sunday, May 17th, I ask that you wear orange to church. Christians across the country are dressing in the color worn by the victims of ISIS's rage to create awareness but also as a testimony to the world that we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our allegiance to him. On May 17th because that is the day when our "Back to Basics" series will be focusing on the "One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church." Orange shirts are available for \$10 with proceeds going to support the persecuted church through LCMS World Mission. See sign up sheet & shirt design in the narthex.

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

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Bowling Schedule!

Week 18: Friday, May 8
Week 19 Friday, May 22

All games are played at
6:30pm at
AMF Mt. Lebanon Lanes





Preschool News

Well....it's hard to believe...but the year is coming to a close, but not before we fill our month with lots of activities and excitement, and field trips!

Our Small Steps classes will be going to Reilly's Strawberry Farm. They will learn how a strawberry grows and even come home with a plant that they can put into their own garden. Who knows....maybe they will grow enough strawberries to make a pie! The Preschool classes will go to the Spring House, an actual working farm. It's off to the Trolley Museum for the PreK kids and our Stepping Stones class will take a tour of PNC Park. What an exciting way to see the Pirates home field up and close. The kids have been talking about it all month...go Pirates!

We will end our year with our closing programs on Tuesday the 19th and Wednesday the 20th. They will include several songs that we love to sing during Kid's Praise and a slide show including pictures from the entire school year. They will be held during class time on both days. New this year.... the Kona Shaved Ice truck will be in the parking lot after the programs for a delicious cool treat. The kids and their families will actually be able to choose from 10 different flavors to pour over their ice, all while enjoying some great beach music ...are we crazy good, or what?! I think the kids will love it!

After our year has "officially" ended, we will hold summer camps for three weeks. This year we will have 10 camps, as opposed to four last year. In addition to Dirt Camp, Beach Camp, Fun and Games Camp and Book Camp, we added Exercise Camp, Under the Sea Camp, Nursery Rhymes Camp, Science Camp, Bible Stories Camp and Holiday Camp. So far 5 of the camps are completely full, and the others are filling up quickly. Our camps are always very well attended and much anticipated. Vacation Bible School follows our last camp and is equally anticipated by our preschool families. What a tremendous opportunity Zion has to spread the "good news" to so many little ears!

Enrollment is currently at 119. I anticipate more registrations during the summer months, so please keep us in your prayers that we can continue to maintain our level of excellence and order as our school continues to grow.

See you in September!

Blessings,

Tracey Harris

Chairman's Report

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

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<i>April</i> Income	\$45,246.00
<i>April</i> Expenses	<u>59,764.00</u>
Unfavorable to Income	- \$14,528.00

Again this month, we transferred \$17,722 from the General fund to Kingdom, Trustee and Preschool Growth Funds which caused the negative income for the month.

As of April 30, 2015, we are estimating \$1,300.00 cash on hand. All major bills through April have been paid.

May God continue to guide Zion in using our financial gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Bob Schmidt

Chairman

We can use your help as we give coffee, doughnuts and the name of Jesus away to people on Washington Pike between 7-8am on Friday. Whether holding signs, waving people into our parking lot, talking with our guests, or helping brew the brew, there's room for extra hands as we seek to brighten peoples' mornings with the best coffee and doughnuts, and also the best message they will hear all day! If you are interested in helping out, contact Pastor Duncan or the church office.





FREE CAR WASH, DETAIL and FOOD!

Come on out Saturday 5/30 to Zion's Annual End of Spring Car Wash!

We'll be washing and detailing cars for free from 10-2 in the church parking lot.

We can use your help washing, vacuuming, drying, spritzing and spraying, grilling and serving. Oh, did I forget to mention that in addition to getting a free car wash and detail, you'll also get something to eat while you wait? Absolutely! Mark your calendars and come out to Zion on Saturday, May 30th!

The Rite of Confirmation will be conducted on 5/31 at the 10:30 service. Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our Confirmation Class as they make their vows of faithfulness and thankfulness to God and receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. They have worked hard and demonstrated a fundamental knowledge of the Christian faith; we want to acknowledge what they have done, while giving thanks to the God who has revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ.



Back to Basics

For 2015 Zion is going Back to Basics! We're spending time on Sunday morning going over the basic truths of the Christian Faith. We started with the 10 Commandments and are generally following the outline of Luther's Small Catechism. If you miss a week here or there, recordings of the sermons are available on our website (zlcb.org). Also, at our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching, we take what we looked at on Sunday and take it a little bit more in depth. We also answer the questions that are asked on Sunday... or try to answer them as best we can at our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching. We hope you can join us for worship!

Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, May 10. The "item of the month" is picnic condiments. You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45am and 12:00pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



May Birthdays

3 Dominic Derosa	22 Carly Seibel
3 Janet Hickey	23 Brooks Huse
9 Rita Sheldon	24 Amy Morgan
10 Iola Schmidt	24 Kenneth Wuerthele
10 Bethany Seibel	25 Nadine Carswell
12 Ross Chilcott	25 Sarah Lynch
14 Jack Oelschlager	26 Mary Hutula
17 Timothy Fitzgerald	27 Dorothy Vogel
17 Kari Gresh	29 Nicholas Coyle
20 Frank Vallelunga	29 Curt Watters
21 Irene Bourg	30 Christa Coyle
21 Stephanie Eckles	30 Bill Schrag
22 Dan Harris	31 Melanie Becker



May Anniversaries

Happy
Anniversary!

22 George & Jane Kozak	30 Brad & Jessica Boyle
27 Harry & Paula Jones	30 Matthew & Megan Monaghan
28 Michael & Deborah Sterba	30 Larry & Janet Zreliak
29 Duncan & Alissa McLellan	31 Steve & Janet Dibert

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day. We praise God for the mothers in our congregation who live out their faith in Christ through faithfulness and love to their husbands, patience and love to their children, and gentleness and kindness to all that they meet. Many of us would not believe in Christ if not for the witness of our mother.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

May

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
May 3	8:00 AM	Peter & Barbara Fisher	Augie Bishop
	10:30 AM	Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Lara Luedeman
May 10	8:00 AM	Wayne & Katheen Conn	Matthew Liberatore
	10:30 AM	Lois Klemash	Carley Rockovich
May 17	8:00 AM	TBA	TBA
	10:30 AM		
May 24	8:00 AM	TBA	TBA
	10:30 AM		
May 31	8:00 AM	TBA	TBA
	10:30 AM		
June 7	8:00 AM	TBA	TBA
	10:30 AM		
June 14	8:00 AM	TBA	TBA
	10:30 AM		

EDERS	Ken Wuerthele, James Neil
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, Diane Schmidt
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet & Larry Zreliak
Ushers @ 10:30 am	Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger, Kari & John Gresh

June

EDERS	Peter Fisher Rob Oelschlager
ALTAR GUILD	Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Melanie & Bill Becker, Shane Bryant, Michael Kozak
Ushers @ 10:30 am	Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimberland, Lois Sauro & Richard Quinlan

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlc.org of the change.

Did you know that we have an awesome website?

If you haven't checked out our website (zlc.org) lately, you're truly missing out on one of the best things we have going. Daily updates, interactive surveys, literally hundreds of sermon downloads, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, and pictures from recent church events are just some of what you'll find on your church's website.

Check it out: zlc.org!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School NEWS

The unit for May is about the Apostle Paul. God's call turned Paul from a persecutor of Christians to a follower of Jesus. God calls each of us to be followers of Jesus and promises to be with us always. You can read Paul's story in Acts 9: 1 - 30.

Everest VBS - June 22 - 26, 2015

VBS NEWS

Registration is open for Everest VBS - Conquering Challenges with God's might power! Cost is \$15 per child or a maximum of \$40 per family.

FREE t-shirts - each child will receive a free t-shirt when registration forms are received by June 1st!

More information about the program is available on Zion's website at www.zicb/vbs.

Look for registration forms in the narthex beginning Sunday, May 10th.

"God will generously provide all you need"

~2nd Corinthians 9: 8



Zion Lions Softball has started!

Come cheer on the team as they try to improve on their perfect record! Games are played at McLaughlin Run Park during the week.

Zion's games in May are:

May 6 at 8:30pm May 19 at 7:00pm
May 12 at 7pm May 27 at 7:00pm

Have questions? See Pastor or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

MAY 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7-8am Free Coffee Friday It's a WR@P: Women's Retreat @ Camp Pio-	2 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
3 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion It's a WR@P: Women's	4 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	5 7:15pm Board of Education Meeting	6 7:00pm Prayer & Preaching	7 10:00am Bible study 7:00pm Choir Practice	8 7-8am Free Coffee Friday 6:30pm Bowling at AMF Mt. Lebanon	9 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
10 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:45 am Children's Choir FOOD BANK COLLECTION	11	12	13 7:00pm Prayer & Preaching	14 10:00am Bible study 7:00pm Choir Practice	15 7-8am Free Coffee Friday	16 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
17 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:45 am Children's Choir	18	19 7:00pm EGAF Meeting	20 7:00pm Prayer & Preaching	21 10:00am Bible study 7:00pm Choir Practice	22 7-8am Free Coffee Friday 6:30pm Bowling at AMF Mt. Lebanon	23 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
24 Day of Pentecost 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:45 am Children's Choir	25	26 6:30pm Sunday School Meeting	27 7:00pm Prayer & Preaching	28 10:00am Bible study 7:00pm Choir Practice	29 7-8am Free Coffee Friday	30 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 10am-2pm Carwash

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She is clothed in strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Proverbs 31:25-26; 27-28

