



# Zion Lutheran Monthly

**November 2015**



## I Do Not Want to Be a Christian.

When I was 5 years old, my parents tell me, I wanted to be a garbage man. I wanted to ride on the back of the truck, hanging on to the grab handle, jumping off to toss trash into the back of the truck. It seemed like a fun job. When I got older, I wanted to be a police officer. The idea of driving a big fast car to chase down the bad guys was intriguing. As I grew up, however, it became more clear to me that what I really wanted to be was a Pastor; to tell people the best news they will ever hear, to preach the gospel, administer the sacraments and teach the Word of God.

But through all of this, I never wanted to be a Christian. What about you? Do you want to be a Christian; someone who is forgiven, a follower of Jesus? Do you want to live by faith and not by sight? Do you want to live your life knowing you are a sinner who has a Savior? Do you want to live your life in response to the high calling given to you by Christ; to be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect? Is this what you want?

No. It's not. It's not what you want; it's not what I want.

It is what we need.

We need to be Christians; to be saved by the grace of God in Christ Jesus. We need to live our lives under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit. We know that salvation is too high a thing for us to be able to earn it with our good works and godly intentions. We know that, as the Scriptures say, "there is no one righteous, not even one." We know that, as Jesus told his disciples in the Gospel of John, "apart from me, you can do nothing." We are poor in spirit and know that we need the Son of God to live for us, to die for us, to forgive us and to give us the Holy Spirit to cause us to walk by faith.

I do not want to be a Christian. If I was righteous on my own merit, if I could keep God's commands, if I could be perfectly obedient and never sin, I might choose to want to be a Christian. But I am not. I am a sinner. I need Jesus: his blood and his righteousness to be my very own. I need to be a Christian; I need a Savior.

-Pastor Duncan

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The Kingdom Fund is hard at work... Here are just a few of the places the kingdom fund is being used. Please continue to pray for these missions that we support as well as others that we might consider.

-Pastor Naumann's Mission to Indian & Sri Lanka

-Bill Lohmeyer's Mission in the Dominican Republic



~Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9:00am in the conference room. We will be praying for our children and the area schools.

- Nov 1 - Sharon Bogden / Megan Pasquini
- Nov 8 - Alissa McLellan / Sydney Harris
- Nov 15 - Jodi Fitzgerald / Jennifer Fitzgerald
- Nov. 22 - Debbie Sterba / Lara Luedeman
- Nov. 29 - Linda Kroeger/Kitt Kroeger/ Tess Carter
- Dec. 6 - Megan Pasquini / Marion Oelschlager
- Dec. 13 - Alissa McLellan / Christine Chilcott
- Dec. 20 - Susie Bishop / Carley Rockovich
- Dec. 27 - Carrie Lemonovich / Jenna & Stephanie Eckels



Nursery  
10:30 Am Service  
Schedule



**New Bible Study** Starting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark in the Adult Bible Class. The shortest and arguably the most intense of the four gospels, Mark paints a picture of Jesus in action! Join us as we study Mark, 9:30 on Sunday morning.

### Why do you believe?

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, Tony German will be giving an hour-long presentation during our Bible Study hour on "apologetics," or defending the faith. He will talk with us about how we can give an answer to those who ask us for a reason for the hope that we have. If you've ever wondered how to explain to an unbeliever why you believe what you do (and why), this will be a great opportunity for you!

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# Chairman's Report

## Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

September Income	\$71,445.00
September Expenses	<u>61,687.00</u>
Favorable to Income	\$ 9,758.00

Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our community outreach ministry, support local charities and Christian education for youth and adults. May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

## Candidate List for Officers and Board Positions

Below is a list of candidates running for church officers and board positions for the 2016 – 2018 term. The candidates will be voted on at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Voter's meeting.

We thank these individuals for their willingness to serve Zion.

<b>Chairman</b>	Jay Anderson	<b>Trustees</b>	Linda Kroeger
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Nancy Klemash		John Lemonovich
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Brittany Dill		Wayne Oechslein
<b>Elders</b>	John Gielarowski	<b>Board Of Education</b>	Kim Anderson
	Michael Kroeger	<b>Event Committee</b>	Tracey Harris
	David Miller		
	James Neill		
	Bob Schmidt		

Chairman  
Bob Schmidt



The men are going back to Pioneer!

We're heading up to Angola, New York to Camp Pioneer November 12-15 (or 13-15, if you can't get away Thursday after work). We'll be enjoying a time of recreation, relaxation and fellowship. But more than that, we will spend time in God's Word, listening to the words of Jesus from the parables he taught in the Gospel of Luke. Never been on a men's retreat? Great!

Been to a bunch of men's retreats? Great!

Not sure if you want to go? Go!

There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church entryway, along with a bulletin for more information. Or you can call or e-mail Pastor Duncan.

# Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, November 8. The "item of the month" is canned meat and protein items like salmon, tuna, and nuts. 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.



# Back to Basics 2015

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!

**BLAY' 16** Did you join us reading the Bible in a year back in 2012? Whether you did or did not, it's always a good time to spend time in God's Word. We'll be reading through the Bible together as a congregation in 2016. Like last time, the readings (and audio recordings of the readings being read) will be available on-line in the worship bulletin and in the monthly newsletter. The sermon on Sunday will be based on the readings for the week. If you've never read through the Bible, now is the time! If you've already read through the Bible, you know what a blessing it is; time to do it again! If you do not have a Bible, or are looking for a good Bible, talk with Pastor or contact the church office! We can hook you up.



## Fourth Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"

During this holiday season, our local group of Mary Kay consultants is adopting nursing home residents of Allegheny County. Many of these people have few, if any, visitors and receive little, if anything, during the holidays. Last year, through the generosity of local businesses and customers, we delivered over 500 gifts to residents of John J Kane Regional Hospital, Scott Township, and Concordia of South Hills. This year we hope to deliver 1000 gifts and spread cheer to those who now live in assisted care facilities.

By partnering with me, your \$15 donation will sponsor one special gift for a resident and enable them to have a very Merry Christmas. Your kind donation will purchase two of our Satin Hands lotions. These items are specifically requested by caregivers for the benefits the residents receive. The lotions will soothe their hands and feet and bring joy as well by the simple "touch therapy" of applying them.

With your help, we look forward to sharing these gifts of joy. The gifts will be hand delivered by consultants and their children to nursing homes in December.

Please consider what a blessing this is for the men and women in these facilities who once lived and worked in our local communities. *Let them know they are remembered! THANK YOU!*

Make your check payable to Ginny Granke-Kimberland, or if you have questions about how you, your school, or your business can become a sponsor, please contact:

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## The Bible in 10 Hours

To accompany our 2016 theme of reading the Bible in a Year, we are going to go through the Bible in 10 hours! 6-9pm on 1/8 and 10-5 on 1/9, we are going to work our way from Genesis to Revelation. This program will help you understand the Big Picture themes that are found in the Bible, helping you understand what you are reading as you do the Bible in a Year. Look for sign-ups for the Bible in 10 Hours in the entry way area to the church!



10-hours

# November Birthdays

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Samuel Bishop      | 14 Dustin Geregach    |
| 1 Duncan McLellan    | 14 Ruth Trudel        |
| 2 Nikolas Derosa     | 18 Shelly James       |
| 2 Salina Howcroft    | 21 Shannon Mance      |
| 3 Roland Chilcott    | 22 Marian Oelschlager |
| 4 Carol Karmann      | 23 William Becker     |
| 6 Loren Luedeman     | 24 Jacque Oelschlager |
| 8 Julie Huse         | 26 Jennifer Lewis     |
| 9 Vince Kimberland   | 27 Marian Siek        |
| 10 Rose Steranko     | 28 Laura Berkebile    |
| 12 Jane Kozak        | 28 Brent Miller       |
| 13 Sydney Harris     | 29 Brian Pasquini     |
| 13 Edward Malachosky | 29 Melissa Radovich   |
|                      | 30 Adele Goodge       |



# November Anniversaries



- 1 Bob & Nancy Spotti
- 11 Bernie & Jean Blanco
- 20 Dan & Tracey Harris
- 23 Gene & Sharon Koop
- 30 Loren & Kimberly Ludedman

# SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

## November

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES		
November 1	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Gene & Sharon Koop Bill & Susie Bishop & family	Matthew Liberatore Lara Luedeman	<b>EDERS</b>	Bill Bishop, James Neill
November 8	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill & Carole Schrag Janet Hickey	Josiah Ackerman Carley Rockovich	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Kathleen Conn, Mary Hutula
November 15	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Wayne & Kathleen Conn Steve & Lori Gauger & Megan	Augie Bishop Leah Luedeman	<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Larry Zreliak, Dale Miller, Barbara Oechslein, Wayne Oechslein
November 22	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bernice DeBoe Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Chris Yellig Anna Gresh	<b>Ushers @ 10:30 am</b>	Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan, Dan Harris, Chuck LaJeunesse
November 25 Thanksgiving Eve	7:00 PM		Augie Bishop		
November 29	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bob & Jennifer Liberatore Brian & Megan Pasquini	Matthew Liberatore Carley Rockovich		
December 2 Advent Service	7:00 PM		Elder		
December 6	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron & Judy Meier Rob Oelschlager	Josiah Ackerman Lara Luedeman	<b>EDERS</b>	Mike Sterba Neil Ackerman
December 9 Advent Service	7:00 PM		Elder	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Janet Oelschlager Marian Oelschlager Molly Oelschlager
December 13	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Brent & Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet Elsie DallaPiazza	Augie Bishop Leah Luedman	<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier & Jack Oelschlager
December 16 Advent	7:00 PM		Elder	<b>Ushers @ 10:30 am</b>	Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland, Jim Oelschlager & Ted Siek

## December

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@zlcb.org of the change.

### Did you know that we have an awesome website?

If you haven't checked out our website ([zlcb.org](http://zlcb.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: [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org)!

**E-Blasts:** If you are not receiving the E-Blast emails every Monday, please let us know! Email [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) and we will get you on the recipient list. We can't add you if we don't know you aren't on there! E-Blasts are a great way to stay informed about the upcoming events and announcements for each week.

# Preschool News



“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. The Lord has truly been good to our school. We have been blessed with beautiful children, supportive and loving families, and a wonderful staff.

October has been a month full of excitement and exploration. The children explored so many of God’s creations including October’s most popular creation (at least, according to the children) the PUMPKIN!! I had the pleasure of presenting the chapel lesson this month with the children. The lesson was called “The Parable of the Pumpkin” I wanted to convey the Gospel message in a visual way, so we used pumpkins. Two carved pumpkins were presented side by side to the children. One has a smiling face and a lit candle inside, emitting a pleasant and warm glow. The other frowning pumpkin is dark inside. The children were asked which pumpkin they would rather be. “The happy one” they shouted! The children are told that Jesus is the Light of the World, and that He can provide a light to guide their lives if they love Him with their whole heart. When the children saw the sad and dark pumpkin I explained that life without Jesus would be dark and sad. The children were then asked how they think the “light” got inside of the pumpkin since the top was not cut. After guessing many interesting ways, I turned the pumpkin around and pulled out a heart shape, carved in the back of the pumpkin. The children are told that if they faithfully love Jesus with their hearts, souls and minds He will always be with them.

October was also filled with field trips to local pumpkin farms, the Trolley Museum, picture days, and Fall Harvest parties. What a pleasure it is to hear all of those happy voices each day.

The date for this year’s first Ice Cream Social and Preschool Art Show & Bake Sale is Friday, November 6th. The Ice Cream Sundae’s will include all types of candy and cookie sprinkles and yummy toppings with whipped cream. This fundraiser is a great opportunity for the school families to enjoy a fun evening together, for the benefit of the Early Childhood Program.

The Ice Cream Social is replacing the Spaghetti Dinner for this year, or until we can figure out how to serve that many students and their families our delicious spaghetti with the current kitchen, and limited space. With 140 students, we are actually outgrowing the fellowship hall (undercroft). This is good challenge to have, but still a challenge.

Blessings,  
Tracey Harris

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## **Online Giving Available**

Just a reminder, that Zion now offers electronic online giving on our web site:

### **To set up your electronic donation on our web site:**

- Go to [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)
- Click on the **News** tab the top of the page
  - Then click on the **Online Giving for Zion** text
  - Click on the **Online Giving** button
  - Click on the **Create Profile button**
  - Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile



The unit in November is about Elijah, a prophet of God, who trusted God even when all things seemed impossible. We can put our hope and trust in God, too. We will be studying about Elijah in 1 Kings 17: 1-16, 19: 8-13, Psalm 46:10 and Proverbs 3: 5-6.



Mark your calendars! The Sunday school Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 13th during the 10:30 am worship service. Children will be greeters, ushers and musicians, and will recite the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2.

Every week from 9:15-10:15am Zion Youth will be opening the word, talking about Jesus, and talking about what it looks like to live as a Middle or High School student in 2015.

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### ZION YOUTH / YOUNG LIFE

WE HAVE TWO BIG EVENTS GOING ON IN NOVEMBER:



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### YOUNG LIFE FALL WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 20-22

IF YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL, YOU NEED TO COME TO THIS!

400 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM AROUND PITTSBURGH WILL BE HEADING TO CAMP KON O KWEE FOR A GREAT WEEKEND.

SEE JOE FAINI FOR FORMS AND DETAILS

### PUMPKIN LAUNCH

WHEN: NOVEMBER 1, 4:00-6PM

WHERE: ZION

WHO: ANYONE IN MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL

BRING A PUMPKIN TO CARVE!



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Dear friends at Zion, we enjoyed meeting you in person and sharing what the Lord is doing to spread the Gospel in the Dominican Republic! Thank you for all your prayers and for the support you are providing so our family can continue serving in the DR. We greatly appreciate having you alongside us as we spread the Good News of Christ in the foreign mission field!

-Bill, Nicole, Kiersten, & Karissa Lohmeyer

