

Zion Lutheran Monthly

OCTOBER 2016



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Vicar's Corner

Who is the most powerful being in the universe? Of course, as Christians we now that it is the Lord who made the heavens and the earth. How about the second most powerful? Well Scripture gives us warning after warning about the power of our enemy the Devil. We aren't dealing with a weak, impotent foe but one who "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). He is depicted as a hunter, laying traps for us as if we were animals (2 Timothy 2:26), and as an opposing military force, shooting flaming arrows to take us down (Ephesians 6). As

Christians, we have targets on us, because he cannot stand who we are and the fate that awaits us. We are children of God. He wants us to be his children. We are coheirs of Christ and will spend eternity living in glorified, resurrected bodies with Jesus. He will spend eternity receiving the due punishment for his pride and rebellion. Christ has won victory over Satan by rising from the grave and now all Satan can do is try to tear us down in the short little time he has left.

In light of the fact that Jesus has defeated Satan, that his accusation no longer has any power over us, and that we are washed in the blood of Jesus, we sing some verses in our hymnal AT Satan, actually addressing him with our words. We sang this a few weeks ago in the hymn "Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal": "Satan you wicked one, own now your master". Christ has mastery over Satan and even we weak human beings hold that over him as those who have been purchased with his blood and those who claim Christ's victory in the resurrection as our own!

In the hymn "Jesus Priceless Treasure" we defy this powerful, evil enemy of ours with a whole verse:

"Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;

Fear, I bid thee cease.

World, thou shalt not harm me. Nor thy threats alarm me;

While I sing of peace.

God's great power guards every hour; Earth and all its depths adore Him,

Silent bow before Him."

In the hymn "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" we take joy in that fact that Christ has unraveled the might of Satan by his work for us:

"Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.

Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,

And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!"

It is a bit scary, a bit presumptuous to think that a group of frail, sinful human beings can taunt such a powerful being as Satan. But we do so because of what Christ has done for us. By his death and resurrection Jesus has freed you from the accusation of Satan, he has crushed the head of the serpent, he has bought you back from the power of hell, and eternal death. May this joy, peace, and victory encourage and sustain you!

-Vicar Joshua

Dress the Vicar

Many of you know that our Vicar is an avid Cleveland Browns fan. Many of you also know that the Steelers play the Browns on November 20. Hopefully you also know that Zion is raising money to purchase bells to form a bell choir. What do these things have in common, you ask?

Well, on November 20th we will meet in the church basement to have pizza and watch the game. Joshua was planning to wear his number 16 Browns jersey, but he is willing to give Zion control over his wardrobe... for a price. Starting this Sunday there will be a box in the narthex to place your cash or check in. For example, if Zion raises 25 dollars for the bell choir he will wear black and gold socks. For 100 he will have a terrible towel around his neck. 250 dollars earns a Steelers hat. 1000 dollars and he wears all of the above plus a jersey. If we pay for the whole bell choir, he will wear a Steelers jersey to men's Bible breakfast every Saturday for the rest of his time at Zion. A photo will be posted on the church website if you are unable to make the game. Look for the progress chart in the Narthex to keep track of our clothing item goals.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ZION'S FIRST TRUNK OR TREAT!

Kids all ages are welcome!

Dress up and get candy! It doesn't get any better than that!

When: Saturday October 29th At 5:30pm

What: People decorate their cars/trunks and pass out candy to kids

Where: Zion Lutheran Church Parking Lot



For More Information Contact: Mary Ulm at marygraceulm@gmail.com or Call/Text: 314-303-2103

MEN'S Retreat 2016

a D.U.M.B Men's retreat: Disciples Understanding More about the Bible. Our theme this year is "Biblical Manliness". What does it mean to be a man in the Bible? What does Jesus have to say about being a man? Come to the men's retreat as we learn together and enjoy great food, paintball, potato guns, and each other's company.

Who: Confirmed Men

What: Men's Retreat

Where: Camp Pioneer

When: Nov 4-6 (early arrivals can drive Thursday night)

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for our 2nd Women's Retreat.

More information will be coming!

Date: March 10th-12th, 2017

Where : Camp Pioneer

On November 12, a group from Zion will pray and offer assistance outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Pittsburgh. As God's people we will ask for Him to act on behalf of the unborn and shine His light into the darkness. We will meet at Zion at 9am to pray, eat, and prepare ourselves. At 10 we will carpool downtown to pray and offer help to those who need it. If this is your first time doing something like this, a group will go back to Zion after about an hour. A group will also stay until 1 and return to the church for lunch and a debrief. If you can't make it to the church for the preparation time, there will be a video you can watch online and then you can meet us downtown at 10. This is an important opportunity to act on our convictions and spread the Gospel in a difficult situation. Contact Vicar Joshua for more information.



Chairman's Report

Upcoming Meetings

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 13, 2016. There will also be a Voters' Meeting during October to elect the slate officers of ZLCB for 2017 which was approved at the Council Meeting on September 8, 2016. Look for details in upcoming weekly bulletins.

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

August Income \$ 63,869.25

August Expenses \$ 48,327.72

Favorable to Income \$ 15,541.53

Fiscal Year Income \$100,192.37

Fiscal Year Expenses \$ 97,910.85



Our cash position at the end of August is \$5,105.45. This does not include nearly \$60,000 being held in various Growth Funds.

Ministry Fair

In conjunction with Rally Day, the inaugural Ministry Fair was held between services on September 11th. Representatives from 21 separate ministries at Zion were on hand to communicate their group activities and goals. A special thanks to Linda Kroeger and her family for organizing and executing this successful event.

As we begin the next fiscal year, please pray for the health of ZLCB during the transformative days ahead and support our ministries with your time, talents and treasures. If you have questions about specific service opportunities, please speak with me or another of the officers of ZLCB.

Christ's Blessings,

Jay Anderson

Chairman of ZLCB

Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, October 9th. The "item of the month" is **baking supplies**.

You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

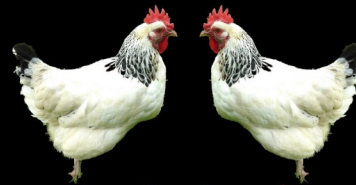


Zion Youth News and Events

Pumpkin Chicken Bowling

Middle School

Who? Anyone 6-8th Grade
When? Sat. Oct. 29th
Where? Soccer Fields next to Zion Lutheran Church
Address? 3197 Washington Pike
Time? 6-8pm
Food? Yes - Pizza!
Cost? \$0



Contact Info:

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Zion Middle / High Sunday School 6 Week Apologetics Series STARTING 9-11-16

Week 1: Reason - Use Your Brain!

"God wants us to know him personally by using our brains to seek him thoroughly"

Week 2: Why Does God Allow Suffering in the World?

"Suffering in the world can't be because there is no God."

Week 3: Why Does God Allow Suffering in the World?

"Suffering in the world can't be because God doesn't care."

Week 4: Is the Bible Trustworthy?

"Through the prophets and eye-witness accounts we can conclude, at the very minimum, that what is written about Jesus in the gospels is accurate."

Week 5: Science vs Christianity?

"There is no reason to say because of science, the Bible isn't true."

Week 6: Science vs Christianity?

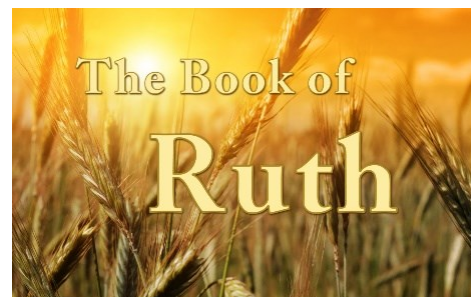
"Scripture claims that God is behind it all. He created you, knows everything about you, and deeply wants to be in relationship with you."

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

October Unit

Ruth and Naomi travel to Judah, not knowing what the future might bring. By reading the Book of Ruth, we find a beautiful story of justice, faithful love, walking humbly with God and redemption.

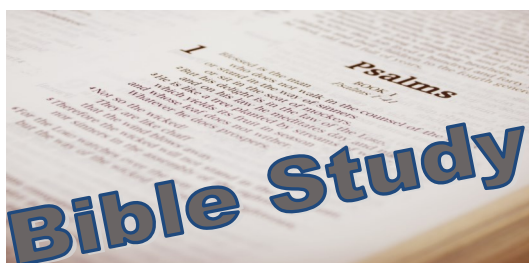
Bible references: Ruth, Micah 6: 8



Want to get involved with Sunday school? Email Katie Gielarowski at sundayschool@zlcg.org.

“S is for Savior” Christmas Program

The Sunday school children will present “S is for Savior” on Sunday, December 11th at 1pm with a luncheon between the late service and the program. All congregation members are invited to attend. Be on the **look-out** for more information from the Events Committee, including a sign-up sheet for the luncheon!!



It isn't too late to join our study on the book of Psalms! Come to the service of prayer and preaching on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and we will catch you up. Childcare is provided and this is a great chance to look at how God is not only in the abstract but comes to us with grace in real life trials and situations!



Upcoming Music Concert Event!

Everyone is invited to attend a Concert to Celebrate the 499th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. All are invited to wear red.

- *A Concert to Celebrate the 499th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*
- *Sunday, October 30, 2016, 1:00 pm - All are invited to wear Red!*
- *Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017*
- *Refreshments immediately following in the undercroft*
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A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Zion Handbell Fund

Assistant Organist Doug Krantz, Alto Mary Ulm, Pianist Shelley Killinger, as well as the adult and children's choirs under the direction of Mark Killinger, will perform a concert of joyful sacred music to celebrate the event. Mr. Krantz will also perform selections on the piano, accordion, and pennywhistle.

October Reading Plan

Read the Bible in a Year!

1: Jeremiah 32-34	11: Ezekiel 4-6	21: Ezekiel 34-36
2: Jeremiah 35-37	12: Ezekiel 7-9	22: Ezekiel 37-39
3: Jeremiah 38-40	13: Ezekiel 10-12	23: Ezekiel 40-42
4: Jeremiah 41-43	14: Ezekiel 13-15	24: Ezekiel 43-45
5: Jeremiah 44-47	15: Ezekiel 16-18	25: Ezekiel 46-48
6: Jeremiah 48-50	16: Ezekiel 19-21	26: Daniel 1-3
7: Jeremiah 51-52	17: Ezekiel 22-24	27: Daniel 4-6
8: Lamentations 1-2	18: Ezekiel 25-27	28: Daniel 7-9
9: Lamentations 3-5	19: Ezekiel 28-30	29: Daniel 10-12
10: Ezekiel 1-3	20: Ezekiel 31-33	30: Hosea 1-4
		31: Hosea 5-7



Join us for the 10th annual Chili Cook-off! Zion has a great reputation when it comes to our chili so you will definitely want some. The Cook-off takes place on Sunday, October 2nd at Fairview Park in South Fayette from noon-4:00pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, and kids 5 and under are free. Activities include chili sampling, live music, bounce house, photo booth, face painting, balloon artist, and more! If you would like to volunteer to help at the event sign up in the narthex or contact secretary@zlc.org!



Fifth Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"

During this holiday season, our local group of Mary Kay independent 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 700 gifts to residents of John J Kane Regional Hospital, Scott Twp and Concordia of South Hills., and Baptist Home, and Marion Manor. This year we hope to deliver 1,000 gifts and spread cheer to even more men and women who now live in assisted care facilities!

By partnering with me, your \$15 donation will sponsor a very special gift for the residents 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 or if you have questions about how you, your school, or your business can become a sponsor.

Please contact:

Ginny Granke-Kimberland

1610 Glenn St, McDonald, PA 15057



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
October 2	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Brent & Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet Lois Sauro	Josiah Ackerman Anna Gresh	Susie Bishop Adele Goodge
October 9	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Megan & Brian Pasquini Rose Steranko	Ava Pasquini Augie Bishop	Carrie Lemonovich Stephanie & Jenna Eckels
October 16	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bernie & Jean Blanco Mike & Michelle Wallace	Matt Liberatore Leah Luedeman	Megan Glasser Sharon Bogden
October 23	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Levi Baer Lois Klemash	Josiah Ackerman Lara Luedeman	Megan Pasquini Marian Oelschlager
October 30	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Clara Hayes Carolyn Wible	Matt Liberatore Carley Rockovich	Brittany Dill Megan Meyer
November 6	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Robert & Diana Schmidt Lemonovich Family	Augie Bishop Anna Gresh	Deb Sterba Lara Luedeman
November 13	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Brian & Megan Pasquini Max Ma & Jean Kuo	Ava Pasquini Leah Luedeman	Carley Rockovich Darla Rockovich



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
October	Robert Schmidt Bill Bishop	Marianne Miller, Millie Thielet, Judy Meier	Melanie and Bill Becker, Michael Kozak, Ed Malachosky	Sam Dragan, Loren Luedeman, Kari & John Gresh
November	James Neill	Kathleen Conn Mary Hutula	Debbie Ford, Dale Miller, Barbara & Wayne Oechslein	Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester, Chuck LaJeunesse & Mike Wallace

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@zxcb.org of the change.

Visit our website for past sermons, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, pictures from recent church events, and updated information about upcoming events. Check it out: zxcb.org

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Dale Miller | 12 Sandra Bryant | 21 Lois Sauro |
| 2 Aiden Dibert | 12 Sheryl Piper | 22 Jennifer E liker |
| 3 Bill Bishop | 13 Renee Trudel | 23 Kristy Ivancza |
| 3 Jodi Fitzgerald | 14 LaVerne Eckles | 26 John Gielarowski |
| 3 Dwight Weldon | 14 Steve Gauger | 26 Lindsey Liberatore |
| 4 Stephanie Watkins | 14 Craig Scott | 27 David Miller |
| 5 Rebecca Ivancza | 15 Nathan Boyle | 29 George Boehme |
| 7 Dorthea Heslop | 15 Kimberly LaJeunesse | 30 Laurie Coleman |
| 7 Carolyn Wible | 16 Samuel Jenkins | 30 Sharon Koop |
| 9 Jesse Carter | 16 Sara Jones | |
| 9 Aaron Hunsberger | 16 John Lemonovich | |
| 10 Daniel Jenkins | 17 Donald Jones | |
| 10 Diana Schmidt | 18 Wayne Oechslein | |
| 11 Robert Long | 19 Maylee Thomas | |
| 11 Dylan Walsh | | |



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



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| 1 George & Florence Boehme | 19 James & Stephanie Eckles |
| 3 Donald & Sara Jones | 19 Gregory & Salina Howcroft |
| 11 Wayne & Kathleen Conn | 22 Eric & Michelle Hunsberger |
| 13 Ross & Christine Chilcott | 23 John & Carrie Lemonovich |
| 15 Paul & Theresa Hayes | 30 John & Kathleen Derosa |
| 18 Wayne & Barbara Oechslein | |



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>FOR YOU HAVE DIED, and YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. COLOSSIANS 3:3</p>						<p>1</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 12:00 pm Chili Cook-off</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm Service of Prayer and Preaching & Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 10:00 am Men's Choir Practice</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Children's Choir Practice 11:45 am Board of Education Meeting 12:15 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting FOOD BANK COLLECTION</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 pm Service of Prayer and Preaching & Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Voters Meeting 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm Reformation Concert</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 pm Confirmation</p>					