

# ZION HERALD

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February—April 2015

## Our Lenten Adventure Together

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“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:24-25

“Good works certainly and without a doubt follow true faith – if it is not a dead, but a living faith – just as fruit grows on a good tree [Matthew 7:17].”  
-Formula of Concord IV 6 (Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions)

The Season of Lent is a time of faith renewal. We hear folks talk about “giving something up” for Lent. Actually, it is more like reallocating our gifts of time, talent, and treasure in service of the Lord.

Serving and following Christ is an adventure, one on which we embark without even leaving our hometown area — although sometimes literal travel is part of it. It's also a journey on which we are accompanied by our Christian brothers and sisters. Our Lenten Program, 30-Day Church Challenge, invites us into intentional reflection on and strengthening of our church community within the fellowship of small groups. In addition to the small groups of our Sunday School classes, two evening meetings are also available. Group leaders are also willing to meet with folks at other times and places for discussion and prayer. Below is a prayer by the “Adventurer” Sir Francis Drake. May these inspiring words

embolden us on our Lenten Journey this year.

### Prayer for Spiritual Revival

Disturb us, Lord, when  
we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
when our dreams have come true  
because we have dreamed too little,  
when we arrived safely  
because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
with the abundance of the things we possess  
we have lost our thirst  
for the waters of life;  
having fallen in love with life,  
we have ceased to dream of eternity  
and in our efforts to build a new earth,  
we have allowed our vision  
of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
to venture on wider seas  
where storms will show your mastery;  
where losing sight of land,  
we shall find the stars.  
We ask you to push back  
the horizons of our hopes;  
and to push into the future  
in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Sir Francis Drake, English Sea Captain  
(1540-1596)

**February Birthdays**

Katherine Helman  
02/02

Riley Dunn  
02/08

Lois String  
02/10

Rachel Pejack  
02/21

Greg Neuhauser  
02/27

Xuan Thieu  
02/28

**March Birthdays**

Robert Morris  
03/10

Nancy Eshenour  
03/17

Ben Thieu  
03/17

Andrew Pejack  
03/24

Dorothy Badger  
03/26

**March Anniversaries**

(None at this time )

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, February 18

### 12:10pm—12:45pm

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. – Psalm 51:10*

Please join us for this Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes which marks the beginning of the prayerful season of Lent.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00pm

Good Shepherd Anglican Church will be holding an evening Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Members and friends of Zion are welcome to join them at

## 30-Day Church Challenge

### 2015 Lenten Program at Zion Lutheran Church

*The Devotional Books are now available to be picked-up outside the office in Fellowship Hall. Please write your name on the list at the table, so we know that you've received the book. You may mark your book with the stickers and markers provided.*

**Sunday, February 22, at 9:00am – Kick-Off Sunday School Program**  
**Small Group Meetings – Sundays at 9:00am (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)**  
**Video Presentations & Discussion of Daily Readings**

- Fellowship Sunday School Class in St. Timothy Room (behind kitchen) **Leader:** Judy Atticks
- Pastor's Sunday School Class in Fellowship Hall  
**Leader:** Pastor Pejack

OR

Thursdays, 7:00pm – 8:00pm w/Refreshments at 6:45pm (March 5,12,19,26)

#### **On the East Shore:**

At The Atticks' Home (6441 Shatto Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111)  
**Leader:** Judy Atticks

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#### **On the West Shore:**

At the Pastor's Home (2432 Lincoln Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011)  
**Leader:** Pastor Pejack

## **PB & Jesus Bible Study, Tuesdays 12:10-12:50pm** **“The Book of Job: Making Sense out of Suffering”**

The six session study begins on February 17. Please feel free to join in for whichever sessions you are able to attend. Peanut butter & jelly sandwich fixings are available.

## **Lenten Services, Wednesdays 12:10-12:35pm** **“The Parables of Lent”**

The special series of Word & Prayer services (Communion on first Wed. in March) runs February 18–March 25. Join us for a light lunch directly following the service.

## **LENTEN OFFERING**

One of the disciplines especially observed during Lent is charity (alms-giving). In your box of giving envelopes there is an envelope for an offering for Lent. As in past years, our Lenten offering will benefit local outreach ministries. This year, our giving will be split between Downtown Daily Bread and Christian Churches United. If you do not have giving envelopes and wish to contribute, you may make a contribution to Zion Lutheran Church by check and write “Lenten Offering” in the memo line.

## **“CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER”** **to be celebrated on Thursday, April 2**

Zion will once again host a Seder (service) to teach how our Lord fulfilled Scripture by becoming the ultimate Passover sacrifice for deliverance from death. Participants will learn the traditional foods of the Seder and their foreshadowing of and fulfillment in Christ. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to indicate your participation and choice of entrée (lamb or beef). The Seder will begin at 6:30pm and should conclude by 8:00pm.

## **GOOD FRIDAY & TENEBRAE SERVICES,** **April 3**

**At 12:10pm**, a brief Good Friday service will be held for those working or visiting downtown. Father Keith Almond of Good Shepherd Anglican Church will serve as preacher and worship leader for this service.

**At 12:00pm at the Historic Peace Church** (Saint Johns Church Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055), Pastor Pejack will serve as the preacher at the Good Friday Service.

**At 7:00pm**, a Tenebrae (service of “Shadows”) will be held. The evening service will feature selections from our choir, the gradual darkening of the chapel as we read through the Passion narrative, and the striking of the “strepitus” at the close of the service to announce the closing of the tomb. You are encouraged to attend one of these services on this most holy and solemn of days in the Church year.

## **DAYLIGHT** **SAVINGS TIME** **BEGINS, March 8**

Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7—otherwise, you'll get here just in time to close up AFTER the worship service!!!

## **EASTER** **FLOWERS**

Parishioners are encouraged to order flowers for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. An order form will be included in future bulletins. You may present your donation to the honor or memory of a loved one; names of those so remembered will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**April Birthdays**

Conley Dunn

04/05

Alta Hendricks

04/08

Pat Weikert

04/11

Nick Megoulas

04/18

Amanda Lavender

04/18

Todd Pejack

04/18

Larry Bornter

4/30

Sean Wisman

04/30

**April Anniversaries**

Steve and Deitra Jones

04/18

Tuong and Sue Thieu

04/25

**EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE, April 5****at 7:15am:** Easter Sunrise Service (at Harrisburg Cemetery)**at 9:00am:** Easter Breakfast with activities for children and youth.**at 10:15am:** Service of Word & Sacrament

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:****Zion to Host "Dauphin County Chorus – Practice"  
on Saturday, April 11**

From 8:00am—1:00pm, we could use helpers to watch the door and to serve in other hospitality capacities. Please call the church office or talk with the pastor to volunteer.

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**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!**

We are always looking for assistants to aid in the worship services on Sunday mornings. If you would like to lector (read the Scripture texts) or help with the distribution of Holy Communion, please sign up on the worship schedule in Fellowship Hall. Also, we are sometimes in need of "emergency" staff for the office or special events. If you don't mind being called on short notice to help out in a pinch, please let Pastor Pejack know.

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**THANK YOU, KUDOS, ETC.**

Zion wishes to thank several people for their efforts over the past several months: Alta Hendricks, for organizing the Christmas cookie ministry and Cookie & Punch Reception at Christmas Eve; All the volunteers who helped with the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Whig Convention; Judy Reynolds and Todd Pejack for the displays in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall; Zion's organist, choir director and members of the Chancel Choir for the Christmas Cantata and other musical contributions, and; Judy Wisman & the Fellowship Committee, for heading-up the Christmas dinner and the "Souper Bowl" event. Your efforts are much appreciated!

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**Special Recognition: Alta Hendricks  
and Zion's Card Ministry**

After many years of faithfully organizing and running Zion's card ministry, Alta Hendricks is "retiring" from this volunteer position. Please take a moment to thank her for keeping us connected to one another in our church family.

## **PRAISE & PRAYER**

### **New Members**

In February, Zion welcomed seven new members: five were received in a Sunday worship service (one of those, David Reeves, was baptized); two are faithful members of the Wednesday 12:10pm service and they joined at that service. Photos of our newest members are on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Their names are listed below. Please continue to pray for them as they share in Christ's ministry as official members of the Zion Lutheran Church Family.

Sunday Members: Dave & Diane Calhoun, Majorie Danko, Harold Pacey,  
and David Reeves

Wednesday Members: Steve & Deborah Grubbs

### **Youth Sunday School Class**

Beginning on Sunday, February 1, Zion's youth began a weekly class during the 10:15am worship service. This class meets in a recently renovated classroom on the second floor. The youth and families have committed to deeper study of Scripture and Christian discipleship by regular attendance of the this class. Please pray for them and their instructor, Judy Atticks, as they learn and grow in Christian faith together.

### **Our Christian Brothers & Sisters In the Zion Building**

We give thanks for the ministry and outreach provided by the congregations worshipping in the building. Please pray for the strengthening of their Christian witness in this place.

**Survivors In Jesus Christ Church** is celebrating their 2nd Anniversary as a congregation. They have been holding worship services and activities in the building for over two years.

**Good Shepherd Anglican Church** has been worshipping in Zion's chapel for over a year now. They came into the building in January 2014.

**New Hope Community** moved into Zion during Holy Week last year.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
EASTER MONDAY,  
APRIL 6**

# Announcements



REMEMBER  
TO PRAY FOR...

## Zion's Prayer List

### *Persons in need of physical or spiritual healing:*

Tom Adamson, Thomas Campbell, Nancy Eshenour, Alice Failor, Melody Graupensperger, Henry Graybill, Sarah Goulden, Peggy Hayden, Alta Hendricks, Ann Johnson, Gene Johnson, Heather Kates, Nathalee Kichman, Susan Kichman, Kowalski Family, Chase Michelsen, Lois Neuhauser, Kasey Ramer, Danielle Saylor, Doris Savage, Scott Stine, Judy Reynolds, Jim Weikert, Shirl Williams, Sally String-Wilson and Sandy Wisman.

### *Remember our homebound members:*

Rosa Herting  
Ann Johnson  
Gene Johnson  
Charles LeeDecker  
Helen Pell  
Robert Sheaffer

If you have asked that someone be placed on our prayer list will you please let us know when prayers have been answered or the need has changed. Please call the church office (234-4064) or place a note in the offering plate.

**It is important to call about those in the hospital because hospitals no longer notify churches about member hospitalizations.**

**Please continue to bring non perishable items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry.**

The Ecumenical Food Pantry appreciates everyone's generosity for all the donations that they have been receiving from Zion.

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## Opportunity: Altar Flowers

If you are interested in putting flowers on the altar, please contact the office or Judy Reynolds (717.737.6696).

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## A Charity With A Need

Downtown Daily Bread is in need of washcloths, socks and disposable razors. A donation box has been set up in the Fellowship Hall for anyone wanting to donate these items. Downtown Daily Bread will make sure these items are put to good use.

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## WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION

Winter isn't over yet. To check if services are cancelled, please call the church office (717-234-4064). the greeting on the answering machine will let you know if services or activities are cancelled. During the week, if the Harrisburg School District is closed, Zion is closed.

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### Alter Guild Schedule

#### **February — Team 2**

Dorothy Badger  
Heidi Eshenour  
Nancy Eshenour  
Lois String

#### **March — Team 3**

Wanda Haas  
Todd Pejack  
Raydel Goldsboro

#### **April—Team 4**

Judy Wisman  
Sandy Wisman  
Alta Hendericks

### Usher Schedule

February 22	Mike Megoulas, Lee Atticks, Judy Atticks
March 1	Tuong Thieu, Jeff Springer, John Cooper
March 8	Judy Wisman, Irvin Eshenour
March 15	Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Dorthy Badger
March 22	Mike Reynolds, Judy Reynolds, John Geistwite, Dixie Geistwite
March 29	Mike Megoulas, Lee Atticks, Judy Atticks
April 5	Tuong Thieu, Jeff Springer, John Cooper
April 12	Judy Wisman, Irvin Eshenour
April 19	Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Dorthy Badger
April 26	Mike Reynolds, Judy Reynolds, John Geistwite, Dixie Geistwite



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***\*Free parking is available in the Chestnut Street Garage directly across the street  
on Saturdays, Sundays, and after 6:00pm on weekdays.  
Please validate your ticket in the Fellowship Hall.***

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**Raydel Goldsboro, Choir Director**

**Anna Royer, Organist**

**Deitra Jones, Office Manager**

### ***We're On A Mission***

***Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of God's people, called and redeemed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As such, we are committed to providing an opportunity in the downtown for members and visitors to continue to develop their relationship with God and their relationships to others. Integral to this process is helping and encouraging persons to identify, expand, and strengthen their special gifts and abilities in order to witness and serve the community in accord with the example of our Lord.***