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Believing and Living the Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. - John 1:1-5

Carol Geisler writes, "As Luther himself once declared, he did not bring about the events of the Reformation. The Word did everything."

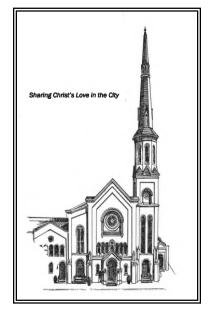
This past January at Zion, to keep us strong in the Word, we began reading through the two-year daily lectionary. It is a way of praying with other Christians throughout the world, and, after two years, reading through practically the whole Bible. A list of the daily readings for September and October is included in this newsletter. May we be encouraged to live in the Word of God by the prayer written by Martin Luther listed below:

"O Father of all mercy, you have begun your work in us. Continue to fill us with all dimensions of wisdom and knowledge. May we be fully certain in our hearts and fully aware how the Spirit, who has raised up our Lord, also enlivens the faith within us with the same power and strength. Through him we have also risen from the dead by his mighty power, which works in us through your Holy Word. Help us to grow in the knowledge of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to remain firm in confessing his blessed Word.

Give us the love to be agreed in mind and to serve one another in Christ. May we not be afraid of that which is disagreeable, nor of the rage of the flame-hurler whose weapon is almost extinguished. Dear Father, guard us so that his craftiness may not take the place of our pure faith. Grant that our cross and sufferings may direct us to a blessed and sure hope of the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, for whom we wait each day. Amen."

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Pejack



September Birthdays

Michael Megoulas 09/12

Dixie Geistwite 09/13

Dena Lavender 09/15

> Bud Wisman 09/19

Margaret Leedom 09/26

> Ann Pacey 09/30

Anniversaries

Irv & Nancy Eshenour 09/02

Todd and Sandy Wisman 09/17

Lee and Judy Atticks 09/23

Michael and Judy Reynolds 09/28

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

At the end of September, there will be a special Reformation congregational mailing including more details for the events below and a Reformation Devotional Booklet.

New Luther Movie "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World" Thursday, September 28, 2017 Regal Manor Stadium 16, Lancaster 7:30pm

This screening is currently scheduled; however, the venue is looking for a certain number of tickets to be purchased to guarantee the showing in the theater. The cost of general admission is \$12. We are hoping to organize a group and to provide carpool opportunities. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Reformation Tea: Saturday, October 14, 2:00-4:00pm

Come enjoy hot tea, savories, sweets, and learn fun and interesting information about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Reformation Sunday, October 29 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament German Meal following the Worship Service

Please join us for this special worship service in the year of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Immediately following Sunday Service there will be a German meal served by the fellowship committee. Please join in the celebration. There is no cost for the meal but donations will be accepted. To help us plan for the meal, please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring a dessert. If you would like to help with the meal in any way or bring a dessert, please see Judy Wisman.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Pastor Karin served as one of the leaders at St. Timothy's "Mighty Fortress" Vacation Bible School (6/11-6/15). A Zion youth attended. On Sunday, 7/30, Pastor Karin served as the preacher at Sunday Worship Service sponsored by Christian Churches United (CCU) on the Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat. Music was provided by members of Zion's chancel choir accompanied by Judy Atticks on Zion's new keyboard. Across the Ages ministry to children and families held a dinner at Zion on 8/28 in the evening. Pastor Karin and Todd welcomed a local summer camp, Kidz Kamp, to tour Zion while on a walking tour of Harrisburg. Todd gave tours to visitors who stopped by the office. Often, they will support Zion with donations placed in one of our donation boxes. Todd has served as a supply preacher at Salem UCC, around the corner from Zion on Chestnut Street, three times over the summer. Please pray for Salem while they are in-between called pastors.

Welcome Marcus Osborne, New Brother in Christ and Member of Zion

After several weeks of instruction, Marcus was baptized in worship service on September 3. Marcus grew up in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He has lived in Harrisburg since 1992. He enjoys listening to Chamber Music. Marcus looks forward to participating in Bible Study, worship, and Christian service with the church family of Zion.

WOW (Worship On Wednesday)

_12:10-12:35pm	Service of Word and Prayer
	Service of Holy Communion on 1 st Wednesday of the month
12:35-12:50pm	Lunch Fellowship (provided by donations and volunteers)
•	the offering collected at this service goes di- in the Harrisburg area? In the 2016-2107 fisca

rectly to outreach in the Harrisburg area? In the 2016-2107 fiscal year, \$1,700 was distributed to organizations including: Bethesda Mission, Christian Churches United, Downtown Daily Bread.

<u>October</u> Birthdays

Brian Haas 10/11

Jesse Evans 10/13

Judy Atticks 10/14

Logan Daugherty 10/17

Judy Wisman 10/23

> Gail Burnell 10/25

Anniversaries

Mark and Jen Haas 10/09

Michael and Dena Lavender 10/18

Steve and Danielle Saylor 10/28

ember Indays	2nd Sunday Evening Worship at Bethesda Mission
arubbs L/4	Since June, Zion has been bringing a Service of Holy Communion and Healing Prayer to the Men's Shelter at Bethesda Mission. About forty men attend. Volunteers gather at the Men's Shelter
ieu ′14	(116 Reily Street, Harrisburg; parking is available in the lot desig- nated for dropping off donations) by 6:30pm; worship will be from 7:00-8:00pm. Help is needed to set up & clean up the space, hand
eeDecker 20	out bulletins, assist with communion/worship, and offer healing prayer with anointing with oil. All are invited to worship and to share their gifts, such as providing special music. At the last ser-
isman ′24	vice, there were volunteers from three other local Lutheran congre- gations. This is an opportunity to reach into our community with the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. If you are interested in helping, please contact Todd Pejack
rin Pejack	(email: tpejack@comcast.net or cell/text: 717-319-1236).

<u>Faith-enriching Opportunities in September</u> Bethesda Mission Celebration Banquet Thursday, September 21, 2017 Radisson Penn Harris Hotel Camp Hill, PA

6:30 – 8:30pm Dinner & program Members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church are planning to attend this event. The event is free. There will be an opportunity to financially support Bethesda Mission during the event. To register, please call or email the church office. To reserve a place, both name and address are required. Tickets for those attending will be mailed in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Pejack.



Daylight Savings Time – November 5 Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

November Birthdays

Deb Grubbs 11/4

Tina Thieu 11/14

Charles LeeDecker 11/20

Todd Wisman 11/24

Pastor Karin Pejack 11/30

Serving Schedule

September 3

Ushers—Team 2 Alter Guild—Team 3

September 10

Ushers—Team 3 Alter Guild—Team 3

September 17

Ushers—Team 4 Alter Guild—Team 3

September 24

Ushers—Team 5 Alter Guild—Team 3

OUTSIDE THE GATE SIDEWALK MINISTRY

Sundays 9:00-11:00am

A woman stops by to ask for prayer for her infant granddaughter... a man wants prayer because he's frightened about an upcoming surgery...someone else wants a Bible...another asks for a bottle of water...still another just wants to come inside out of the heat and find a restful place to sleep for an hour after being on the uncertain streets all night. These are REAL stories of what takes place in front of our building on Sunday mornings!

Sometimes the success of this ministry is hard to discern...at other times it jumps up and shouts "Hallelujah!" We've helped several individuals transition from a half-way house to gainful employment, permanent housing, and a return to family. Others have been helped from a life on the streets to a place of their own. One individual was so thankful for the fellowship the ministry provided that he offered a tithe donation from the funds he was starting to receive. A kind word, a sympathetic attitude, a cup of coffee may be just the thing that begins a relationship between us and our neighbors and between our neighbors and the Kingdom of God.

Can you help? We need additional volunteers who can share the love of Christ to those who may feel unloved, lost and forgotten. If you are interested in this ministry, please talk to Todd Pejack or contact him at tpejack@comcast.net or 717-319-1236.

"So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured...Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:12-13, 16

October 1

Ushers—Team 1 Alter Guild—Team 4

October 8

Ushers—Team 2 Alter Guild—Team 4

October 15

Ushers—Team 3 Alter Guild—Team 4

October 22

Ushers—Team 4 Alter Guild—Team 4

October 29

Ushers—Team 5 Alter Guild—Team 4

November 5

Ushers—Team 1 Alter Guild—Team 5

November 12

Ushers—Team 2 Alter Guild—Team 5

November 19

Ushers—Team 3 Alter Guild—Team 5

Serving Schedule

November 24

Ushers—Team 1 Alter Guild—Team 5

Council Highlights from the August 28 Meeting

Church Musician / Assistant Choir Director

The council unanimously voted to call Norma Swain to serve as our church musician and assistant choir director. See more details in the article below. Officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year were elected:

President: Larry Bortner Vice-President: Judy Wisman Administrative Treasurer: Wanda Haas Secretary: John Cooper Financial Secretary: Sandy Wisman

We thanked Mike Reynolds for serving as president this past year. We are grateful for the service of all the officers and invite the congregation to pray for all who serve in leadership at Zion.

Elevator

The elevator is UP and running. We will be working on signage to direct people to where the new elevator is located.

<u>Transition in the "Custodial Quarters" Apartment</u> <u>Farewell to TJ & Sara</u>

TJ and Sara Hunt-Felke moved out of the apartment on September 1. Sara has accepted a call to serve as associate pastor at a church in Florida. They are also expecting their first child. Pastor Karin and Todd attended a farewell / baby shower for them which was hosted by the New Hope congregation which worship in Zion's building. Sara has served as associate pastor there. TJ and Sara expressed their deep appreciation for being able to live at Zion for the past two years.

TJ & Sara served at Zion in several ways including: daily inspections of the building, watching an entrance on Sundays 8:30am – 10:00, and data entry of our offering envelopes. Eileen Marks has volunteered to serve in the area of data entry of the offering envelopes. We will be in conversation with the congregations who may need to make some security and entry adjustments early Sunday morning. In the immediate future, the apartment will be vacant. There is a possible candidate for the apartment whom the council may consider in the future.

Altar Flower Donations

Would you prayerfully consider donating flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones? If you are interested in volunteering on the Altar Guild Committee or putting flowers on the altar. please contact Judy Reynolds (737-6696).

Welcome Norma Swain, Church Musician and Assistant Choir Director

Norma will begin serving at Zion on Sunday, September 24. A brief biography is listed below:

Norma Swain, music educator, performing artist, arts manager, and studio piano teacher in Camp Hill, serves as Executive Director of the Wednesday Club, Organist/ Director of The Peace Church Chorale and member and pianist of the Harrisburg Rotary Club. Throughout her music career, she has served in church organist/choral director capacities in Baptist, Presbyterian, and UCC churches in the area. She has also served on the piano faculties as Adjunct Professor of Music, Gettysburg College and Adjunct Instructor of Music at Harrisburg Area Community College, Elizabethtown College, and Messiah College. She has published with Alfred Publications, written articles for Clavier Magazine and Staff Notes, and edited a college textbook by pedagogue, Lynn Freeman Olson. Norma holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in music education with concentrations in piano and organ from Radford University and West VA University, with further study at Peabody, Westminster, and numerous other institutions.

Anna Royer's last Sunday as our organist will be on September 17. Anna is a member of Zion, and we look forward to her presence among us as organist emeritus.

Rally Day on Sunday, September 10 Joint Sunday School at 9:00am

We invite you to join us as we "rally" the faithful back from summer activities for the start of a new school year of Christian education! Come see what's happening at Zion— Bible Study, Singing, Fellowship, Fun & Much More!

<u>Gallery Walk</u> <u>Sunday, September 10, 11:00am - 6:00pm</u>

For a second year, Zion will be a venue on the Gallery Walk sponsored by the Art Association of Harrisburg. This year's artists include Lyn O'Neal (who runs "Art & Soul Gallery" in the West Shore Farmer's Market); Karen Sunday and her daughter (Dottie Badger's daughter and granddaughter); Margie Danko and the Pejack Family. We will be providing tours of the worship spaces and light refreshments. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to indicate your willingness to help with the event.

PB & Jesus Bible Study will resume on Tuesday,

September 12, after taking a break over the summer

Then PB & Jesus Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 12:10pm to 12:50pm in Fellowship Hall. PB&J sandwich fixings are provided, or you may bring a lunch, or you may simply join us for time in the Word of God. Everyone is welcome to attend, whenever you are able to join us. In the first weeks, we will be studying chapters 10-16 of 1 Corinthians. Afterwards, we will be studying the book of Daniel.

Adult Sunday School Classes (9:00-9:45am) – Beginning Sunday, September 17

Pastor's Class in Fellowship Hall: In September, we will be studying the final chapters of the Gospel of John. Throughout October, we will be studying the life and writings of Martin Luther. Teacher: Pastor Karin Pejack

Fellowship Class in St. Timothy Room (behind kitchen): The class will be engaging in a study of "The Armor of God." Teacher: Judy Atticks

Historic Harrisburg Cemetery Tours Saturday, September 16

12:00pm Civil War Tour

1:00pm Underground Railroad Tour

2:00pm Historic Harrisburg Tour

Historic Harrisburg Cemetery is located at 521 N. 13th Street, Harrisburg. There is a Zion Lutheran plot on site.

Harvest Home, Sunday October 8

Harvest Home began as a secular celebration of the end of the Harvest season. Soon the church incorporated it into its calendar, seeing in it corresponding lessons of evangelism and the harvest of souls for Christ. So "Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of Harvest Home." You are asked to bring canned and other non-perishable goods with you to church to complete the decorations as well as to donate to local charities. See back cover of this news-letter for a list of needed items.

Festival of St. Luke

Sunday, October 15, 10:15am Service of Word and Sacrament and Healing Prayer The Festival of St. Luke (Oct. 18) is a traditional time to emphasize the Church's ministry of healing. We will be celebrating this festival during our third Sunday worship service which in-

cludes Holy Communion and the opportunity to receive healing prayer which includes laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

All Saints Sunday, November 5

On this Sunday, during the 10:15am Worship Service, we will remember those members of Zion who entered the Church Triumphant over the past year. We will be inviting family and friends of members who have died over the past year to attend this service. There will be times refreshments both before and after the 10:15am worship service.

Operation Christmas Child Update Donation Deadline is October 31

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - We are collecting items for the shoebox ministry by Samaritans Purse, and we need your help to make this project a success. Last year you packed 43 boxes: this year, let's make it 50. Not only do the boxes contain toys, school supplies, accessories and crafts, but also the good news of Jesus Christ. Lots of joy is spread to the children who receive the boxes. The boxes will be packed with joy in our hearts and prayers for the children as we assemble each one.

How can you help? There is a list of suggested items at the cart (in Fellowship Hall) where the supplies are being collected. This list will help you in making decisions on what to buy. We are asking you to purchase as many items as you wish and put them in the cart, or if you can't get out to shop, Gail Burnell and Judy Atticks will be happy to shop for you. Give them the money you wish to invest in the project, and they will use it wisely and look for bargains and pick the right items.

You can go on line and get more information and stories about the boxes that have been distributed in the past at samaritanspurse.org/occ

Items need to be in the cart by the 31st of October. The boxes will be packed that week and shipped by the middle of November.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Atticks at 717-564-0798 or e-mail her at ljatticks@yahoo.com

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Hurricane Harvey Relief

Please pray for and support victims and relief workers.

Samaritan's Purse mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters in the United States. They often stay behind after their initial response to rebuild or restore houses for needy families.

Samaritan's Purse Website: www.samaritanspurse.org

Samaritan's Purse P.O. Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607 Phone (828) 262-1980 Fax (828) 266-1056

Prayer List

<u>Remembering and Praying for Members and Friends who are not often with us in</u> <u>worship and fellowship:</u>

> Henry and Jackie Graybill, Patti (Alfano) Fels, Marjorie Bush, Nathalee Kichman, Charles LeeDecker, Marty Reeder, Paul Robinson, Don Stehman

Margie Bush Update

Pastor Karin and Todd visited Margie at the nursing home at which she resides outside of Pittsburgh when they moved their son, Samuel, into the dorm at Western PA School for the Deaf. Margie send greetings to the church family of Zion and her friends in Harrisburg.



Zion's Prayer List

Persons in need of physical or Spiritual healing:

Tom Adamson, Larry Bortner, Gail Burnell, Thomas Campbell, Greg Carter, Patrick Drisgill, Jamie Dimartino, Nancy Eshenour, Rhonda Evans, Jackie Graybill, Henry Graybill, Heather Kates, Nathalee Kichman, Susan Kichman, Jaimie Gulbranson, Charles Leedecker, Mary Koch, Chase Michelsen, Mark Megoulas, Kasey Ramer, Marty Reeder, Susan Rinehold, Jaiden Robinson, Josh Rohrbach, Sara Rohrbach, Chuck Romano, Shawn Russell, Danielle Saylor, Alex Sheaffer, Kathy Saulle, Barbara Simpson, Lien Ngoc Thieu, Max Tillett, Bill Shultz, Lois String, Savannah Grace Weikert, Sally String-Wilson, and Bud Wisman.

Card Shower for Bud Wisman

Bud Wisman will be turning 80 on September 19th. Let's shower him with cards! Please send the birthday blessings to the address below:

11 Randi Road Enola, PA 17043

Farewell Blessings to Patrick Drisgill Special Fellowship at 9:45am on Sunday, September 24

After several years of faithful membership at Zion, Patrick will be leaving Harrisburg to move in with his daughter in Allentown in October. One important way in which Patrick has served the church is by cleaning up the kitchen after our Wednesday fellowship lunch which follows our WOW Service (Worship on Wednesdays at 12:10pm). We invite the church family to shower Patrick with cards at this event; thanking him and wishing him blessings on his move. There will be a basket to collect the cards that day in Fellowship Hall.

Donation Outreach Ministries

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... Truly I say to you, as you did it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me. -

Matthew 25:35, 40

Caring Cupboard & Cold Weather Ministries

Any time the church is open, folks may stop by who are in need. In the vestibule at the ramp entrance is a closet which contains food items, such as granola bars, packs of crackers, apple sauce, instant soup, and drinks such as water, sports drinks, and some soda. In colder weather, we also keep a supply of blankets, and some items of clothing. There is often a need for socks, shoes, hats gloves and coats. Gently used items are appreciated.

All in the building are welcome to minister to those in need from the "Caring Cupboard." When providing assistance, we offer devotional materials such as the Daily Bread and Bibles. We also encourage praying with those to whom we are ministering. We continue to organize the "Caring Cupboard" and plan to streamline a way to receive donations to keep the pantry well-stocked. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please contact the Pastor.

Ecumenical Food Pantry, Downtown Daily Bread, & Clothing Bank

In Fellowship Hall, we have containers to collect: non-perishable food items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry; toiletries for Downtown Daily Bread; and, new and gently used clothing for the Clothing Center at Salem UCC. When a person comes into the building with a need that could be met with the supplies in these boxes, we will provide what they need from these supplies.

<u>Update from Clothing Center at Salem UCC</u> 231 Chestnut Street (around the corner from Zion)

We can always use pillows, sheets & blankets. There is also a large need for children's clothes from infants to size 12. Also men's jeans & t-shirts. Strollers, car seats, playpens, etc. would also be appreciated. The clothing center will be open on the following dates:

October 7 10A – Noon December 2 *10A - Noon - *Clothing Center open and Santa's Toy Giveaway and "Gift Workshop" (children must be present.) Children can go home with a present for themselves and can choose an item to give to their loving adult guardian.

<u>Sharing Christ's Love in Downtown Harrisburg:</u> <u>1 Building Housing 4 Churches</u> (Zion) 15 South 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH: WEEKLY SCHEDULE (www.zionharrisburg.org)

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School

9:45am Coffee Fellowship

10:15am Worship (Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month & on festivals) Healing Prayer on the 3rd Sunday of the month following communion

Tuesday: 12:10pm-12:50pm PB&Jesus Bible Study (September–May)

Wednesday: 12:10pm-12:30pm WOW-Worship on Wednesday

Service of Word & Prayer; Word & Sacrament on 1st Wednesday

12:35-12:55pm Lunch Fellowship

FIRST FLOOR CHAPEL:

Good Shepherd Anglican Church (www.goodshepherdanglican.net) Sunday: 9:00am Communion Service followed by Fellowship & Bible Study

LOWER LEVEL (Fallout Shelter):

New Hope Community Church (www.newhopeharrisburg.com) Sunday: 10:00am Cafe; 10:42am Gathered Worship; 12:00pm Small Groups

SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM:

Rivers of Restoration Ministries Sunday: 11:00 Sunday School; 12:00am Worship Service Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study Friday: 6:45pm Praise Service

SECOND FLOOR SANCTUARY:

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Harvest Home Food Collection

Needed Items — The Basics Collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall

CANNED ITEMS

Baby food Fruit Juice Meats (Tuna, stew, etc.) Peanut Butter Soups Spaghetti sauce Tomatoes Vegetables

PACKAGED ITEMS

Baby formula Cereal Crackers Macaroni & Cheese dinners Powdered milk Pudding / Jello Ramen noodles Rice Spaghetti

OTHER APPRECIATED ITEMS

Cake mix Flour Pancake mix Condiments – jam, jelly, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, salt (no sugar-the mice get it) Toiletry items – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant Baby diapers

Book Discussion Opportunity

Healing the Heart of Democracy by Parker J. Palmer

Pastor Karin is currently reading this book which explores ways of fostering caring conversations for the good of communities. The invitation is to read the book in anticipation of a discussion evening later this fall. If you are interested in participating, please contact the pastor.

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