

THE MESSENGER

The newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, PA



"Called by faith to Share Christ's Love with all people"

What is next in the life of Zion? We have a new pastor. We have committed to remain in our historical building. We are challenged with ministry in changing times. We have new members. We have lost members. We have a vibrant history in Sunbury. We are perceived in many ways in the community. In the four Sundays of September our worship services will focus at looking at the different aspects of our congregational life. We will devote time talking about purpose, assets, wows, and needs-a process that will help us define who we are as a congregation through prayer, scripture, and discussion. Why do this? "God is on a loving mission to bless, save, heal, reconcile, and set free the whole creation. And God's mission has a church. But how can we know exactly what we should be doing to be helpful in God's mission? How can we decide where to focus our resources in order to be most effective and useful to God? After all, there are many things we could do. But most of us have discovered that, if we try to do everything, we end up doing nothing well." Copyright 2017 by Dave Daubert

Come and be a part of what is next in the life of Zion!

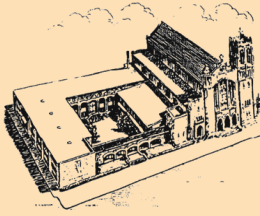
We are hopeful that this process will focus our energy and resources where it is most needed.

If you have questions or thoughts please feel free to talk to Pastor Beth or a council member at any time and become involved in this endeavor.



AUTUMN 2024

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Lutheran Church**



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HOURS**

**Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
9am- 1pm**

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

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FACEBOOK



Tuesday October 1

2:00p Executive
Committee

Thursday October 3

1:00p Property Committee

Monday October 7

6:00p Worship & Music

Tuesday October 8

6:00p Congregation Council

Friday Oct 11/Monday Oct 14

OFFICE CLOSED-@ HOLIDAY

Thursday October 17

4:00p Takery @ Cameron Park



Tuesday September 10

6:00p Congregation Council

Thursday September 19

4:00p Takery @ Cameron Park

Sunday, September 22

USS Youth Event @
Christ's Lewisburg

**Scouting America
at Zion-**

**Cub Scouts-
K to 5th
TUESDAYS 7pm-
Youth Center**



**Monday
November 4**

6:00p Worship & Music

Tuesday November 5

2:00p Exec Committee

Thursday November 7

1:00p Property Committee

Tuesday November 12

6:00p Congregation Council

Thursday November 21

4:00p Takery @ Cameron Park

Thurs November 28/ Fri 29

OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED-



YOUTH EVENT!

When: Sunday, September 22, 2024 from 3:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisburg

What: Game Night! Bring your favorite game!

Who: Any and all youth!

This event is brought to you by the synod youth team!

Upper Susquehanna Synod's
Youth Ministry Initiative,

led by youth from around the synod, **kicks off with monthly events in September.**

The first event will be a game night at Christ's Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 3-5 p.m. You are invited to bring your own game and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

Other events scheduled for fall include:

- October 20-** Murder Mystery 2-5 p.m. St. Matthew's Lutheran -Shamokin Dam
- November 17-** Ping Pong Tournament (time and place TBA)
- December 15-** Advent Holy Hike & Christmas Party 2-5 p.m. at Camp Mount Luther

With the congregation committed to our church property- the flat roof replacement was completed the week of September 9th.

Giving to the Greater Zion ROOF FUND in support of this work totaled \$10,130. The balance of the \$19,300 contract was funded by the Fern & Gladys Moyer trust fund by action of Council.

Thank you to all Zion members who gave towards this essential repair.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ~NOVEMBER 3

Remembering those who died this past year, rejoicing for their new lives in Christ.

To include a family member for remembrance, please email zionsunbury@ptd.net by

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.



Zion's Congregation Council has committed the congregation in supporting Camp Mount Luther's capital campaign with a pledged contribution of \$17,500,

Packets with information become available beginning September 15th.

The USS Global Mission Team **invites all people in the Upper Susquehanna Synod** to say "thank you" to our missionary, **Linda Johnson Seyenkulo**, who is retiring this year.

Rev. Linda will be at Zion on October 6th, Then, on Thursday, October 10, she will be at Bishop's Day held at Camp Mount Luther for a reception at 1pm (no reservations are needed.)

Pastor Linda will speak about her time in Liberia, her work at Louis T. Bowers Lay Leaders and Ministers Training Center in Totota and rebuilding post-Civil War.

We give thanks for her leadership and service in Liberia for the glory of God and her hopes and dreams for the Liberians in the future.



Branch Out w/ the Book Club

Beyond our book discussion **gatherings we take part in many other activities** that engage us socially and educationally such as art classes, movie outings, trips and more!

New members, men or women, welcome!

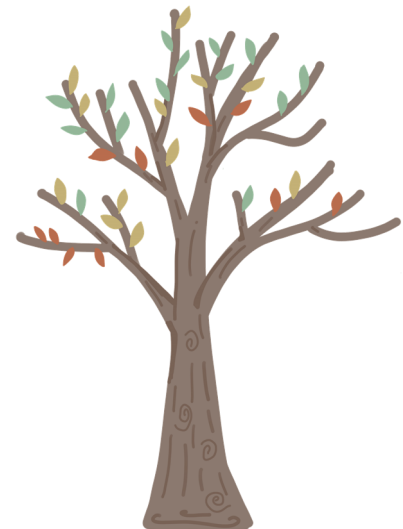
Here's what we are reading this Fall

October 9th 1:30p/Parlor Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

November 13th 1:30p/Parlor Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

December 4th-12 NOON! **Christmas Party** at Jo Ellen's

Jane and the Twelve Days of Christmas by Stephanie Barron





SEPTEMBER

- 1 BRADY WOLFE
- 3 BILL BECK
- 4 MARY WEAVER
- 5 HOLLY ZIMMERMAN
- 7 PETE DAUBERT
EMILY ENGLE
DEKLAN FISHER
ABBIE RUTHS
JIM SIEGFRIED
- 11 MELANIE MOORE
- 12 ALEXANDRIA HEIM
KEITH MIELKE
- 13 JANE KEENER
LINDA KISTNER
ROBERT REITZ
- 16 STACEY RANCK
IRIS YALCH
- 17 TJ BURK
LINSEY FASOLD
JORDAN KUHN
- 19 PAULA SHOCH
- 21 JOHN AUTEN III
MARIANNE MENAPACE
- 22 COLLINS EVERITT
- 23 LEVI STONEROAD
- 24 JAMES FLEMING
MATT WILLIAMS
- 25 RORI FISHER
- 26 JESSE MOORE
HARPER SCHOLL
- 27 MADISON COOK
- 29 JACKIE BURK
- 30 SARAH WITMER

OCTOBER

- 2 KENNETH HEIM
- 3 LINDA EVERITT
- 4 JENNIFER ISENBERG
JULIE FETTER
- 5 ANN BIDELSPACH
BARRIE WIRTH
- 6 SUSAN KERSTETTER
- 7 LINDEN BLESSING
EILEEN FANGMANN
- 10 SAM DEITRICK
DARVIN FEGER
- 11 MILAH CALDERON
JENNA FISHER
BOB ZIMMERMAN
- 12 BRANDON BIDELSPACH
HILARY COOK
- 13 MAXTON MIELKE
- 14 DALE JARRETT
NATALIE SHOCH
- 15 DIANE FASOLD
SHARON GASS
- 19 ROBERT CELLITTI
- 20 JUDY HOOVER
KENZIE SANDS
TODD SNYDER
- 22 LILY PINCOSKIE
- 25 RICH FANGMANN
- 26 ZACHARY TORRENS
EVERLEIGH TRUTT
- 28 CINDY RUSSELL
RICK SHOCH
- 31 GINNY PRENTICE

NOVEMBER

- 1 JOHN CONRAD
- 5 ABBY HIGLEY
- 7 MARY BEAVER
MELISSA PHILLIPS
- 8 ELIZABETH GEISER
- 10 PASTOR BETH
LINDA LYTLE
- 13 LYSTRA BECK
SUSAN TROMETTER
LISA WALTER
- 14 KATHY KNOEBEL
JULIE RANCK
- 15 RILEY HUNT
ROB WALTER
- 16 ISLA MIELKE
- 17 SETH BURK
BARRY CONRAD
JENNA ERDMAN
LINDSAY GUNN
TROY ZIMMERMAN
- 21 JOHN AUTEN, JR.
TOM SANDS
- 23 COLE CAMPBELL
DAVE HUMMEL
- 25 ALEX GEISER
- 27 KERRY TROMETTER
- 28 DORCAS DAILEY
CASSIDY MOYER
- 30 ROBERT NEITZ

perfect time to join the **BibleStudy** group!

Wednesdays at 5:30pm in room 203

In September we continue to study 1st Corinthians
and will start 2 Corinthians next.

Paul's letters have led us to some interesting conversations about
the early church.

Come and join your insights with the group.



Adult Sunday School Class

starting October 6th at 8:30am in the Parlor.

For our first session, ELCA missionary, Linda Johnson-Seyenkulo, will be with us to lead discussion about her time in Liberia. Then join us each week as we explore the Bible and relevant topics that influence our lives.