



Zion Lutheran Church

October 2017

Pastor Notes

2017, October

Dear Friends,

As the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation** is upon us this month, we remember that we are first: followers of Jesus, servants of the Lord God Almighty, and secondly we are students of Martin Luther, a reformed monk of the 16th century.

Martin Luther saw the actions of the Church of his day and was not pleased. He ventured out into new territory, writing and speaking for a renewed commitment to the Grace of God and the faith that captures that Grace. His primary concern was that the Church seemed to always be looking for new ways to extract money from the believers without having a solid reason to do so, except for enriching the Church. He emphasized the teaching that salvation is a free gift from God, to be received in faith and faithfulness. He believed that acts of mercy and kindness followed naturally from the joyful response to the Good News of God's salvation.

This Reformation Sunday, October 29, we will fully remember and celebrate Luther's gift to the Church.

Speaking of gifts, I am delighted to announce that **Cathy Peters is now our Office Manager**. She has been a true gift to me and to Zion in her calm, resourceful and energetic leadership in our office. I am, every day, thankful for her strong sense of balance and vision that have marked her days in the office. Thank you Cathy.

Music Fest 2017, our annual celebration of music with an emphasis upon the Tannenberg Organ is scheduled for October 15. We have some exciting young organists who will be performing a wonderful music concert for us. Come out and enjoy a great performance.

On October 8 we will hold a **Blessing of the Cupola**. At 9:20, at the end of the early service, we will ask God's blessing upon the work and recognize the primary participants in renewing our 1861 steeple tower. Also on the 8th, we will host the annual **Blessing of the Animals** at 2:00 p.m. Bring your cats, dogs, gerbils, iguanas and horses for a blessing.

This autumn we have begun celebrating Zion's 275th Anniversary. We look forward to the February 4th event with anticipation while staying extremely busy in our normal scheduling of a myriad of interesting Fall events. Come to church and see what's happening. You'll be glad you did.

Your companion in Ministry,

Pastor Paul

SAVE THE
DATES
10/8-
BLESSING OF
THE CUPOLA &
BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS
10/21-
HALLOWEEN
PARTY
10/22- PJ
SUNDAY
10/29-
REFORMATION
SUNDAY

Social Ministry

We will be collecting gently used shoes October. The shoes will be donated to Soles 4 Souls. We are hoping to collect 500 pairs of shoes in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Collection boxes will be available starting in September. Please tie, or rubber band shoes in pairs.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Hope On The Hill in August!

Here are some pictures from our group that marched in the Spring City's 150 Anniversary Parade!

~Susan



Happy Anniversary

October Anniversary

10/05 Michael & Joann Randolph
 10/10 Bill & Maria Bull
 10/20 Rich & Sandy Sutton
 10/21 Mike & Cindy Shillinger
 10/22 John & Barb Monachelli
 10/25 Stephen & Kim Batten

SteepleChase

October 14, 2017, from 7:30am to 2:00pm at Green Lane Park! Lutheran Charities is bringing it back! 16, 32, 50, or 62 mile bike ride!!

Happy Birthday

October Birthdays

10/02 Shawn Mandik
 10/03 Maggie Munz
 10/05 Louis Mandik
 John Mann
 Julia Moore
 10/06 Donald Shaner III
 10/08 Barbara Williams
 10/09 Karen Finkbiner
 Caroline Grimley
 Bruce Wilson
 10/13 Jena Dietrich
 10/14 Daniel Lawrence
 Jeff Slanker
 Zach Sutton
 10/15 Chris Davis
 Courtney Jeffers
 10/16 Faith Gorrell
 Rebecca Gorrell
 10/17 Shane Acker
 Zander Cummins
 10/18 David Holoka
 10/20 Trace Lawrence
 10/21 Sharon Holoka
 Lewis Phillips
 10/22 George Cloud Sr.
 Lucas Snyder
 10/23 Chaz Lawrence
 10/25 Ralph Metzger
 10/26 Grace Potopa
 10/27 Jayson Isleib

Christian Education

We had an awesome Rally on September 10! There was 69 people in attendance who enjoyed painting rocks that will stay on the property! We are hoping that the children (and parents) come back in 25 years, for Zion's 300th Anniversary on that Rally Day to find their rocks and show their families! It was a beautiful day and we got to do the annual candy scramble outside!! The 3rd graders got their Bibles and the teachers were installed at both services!

Thank you to the teachers for taking another year to help teach our amazing youth!

The Youth Group is selling Boscov's coupons to help them get to Houston, Tx for the ELCA trip! If you would like one please contact me!

The Halloween party is in the planning phase as it is coming up on Saturday October 21 from 6:00pm-8:00pm! Come in costume or as you are with a canned good donation for the Spring City Food Pantry!

Thank you to the Youth for all of their help fundraising and Rally Day!

First Communion Classes are starting November 5 at 7:00pm! Class is open to all 3rd graders or older, if you have any questions please contact me!

It's that of year already!!! Mark your calendars for the Children's and Youth Annual Christmas Play!!! Saturday December 9 at 7:00pm!! As in the past we also have snow days, Sunday December 10 and Saturday December 16 are our two snow days in case we need them!

*God Bless,
Shawn*

HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!
OCTOBER 21 6:30PM-8:30PM
HALLOWEEN PARTY
AT THE CHURCH
CRAFTS, FOOD, HAUNTED
GRACEYARD
COME IN COSTUME FOR THE
COSTUME PARTY!!!!
*COSTUMES ARE NOT REQUIRED!



October – Music Fest 2017

Autumn is here and the choirs are back into regular practice and performance schedules. Music at Zion will be very special this October.

Music Fest 2017 (October 15th) celebrates the 226th anniversary of the Tannenberg Organ. There has been much planning for the events of this day to make it a very special celebration.

Our 8:15 and 10:45 morning services will be filled with wonderful music. There will, of course, be music played on the Tannenberg Organ. You'll also hear our choirs, combined at both services and singing supported by our bell choir. There's still time to join in all of this. Rehearsals are on Thursdays - Praise Choir at 6:30, Generations Choir at 7:15 and Bells at 8:00 pm.

Between services we'd invite anyone to come on up to the balcony and experience what its like to sit at and play a 226 year old organ. Or perhaps you wonder what it's like to play the bells.

Or just come up and visit with the choirs, instrumentalists and myself. Ask all the questions you ever wanted to ask about any part of our music program.

Later, at 3:00 pm, you will have the opportunity to hear two bright young talents - Clara Gerdes and Adrian Binkley, perform in concert on the Tannenberg. Both are students of Alan Morrison who directs the graduate performance studies at Curtis Institute of Music.

Be sure to celebrate with us on the occasion of Music Fest 2017!

George

Worship Assistants

	October 1 8:15am 10:00am	October 8 8:15am 10:45am	October 15 8:15am 10:45am	October 22 8:15am 10:45am	October 29 8:15am 10:45am
Assisting Minister	Bruce Wilson/ Tony Mandik	Brian Mickiewicz/ Tony Mandik	Steve Batten Jr/ Ron Hoinowski	Mindy Swartley/ Lou Mandik	Paul Condrack/ Paul Peters
Lay Reader	Dan Bauman/ Diane Sakal	Jena Dietrich/ Debbie Batten	Bruce Wilson/ Peg Hoinowski	Brian Mickiewicz/ Amy Kirk	Mindy Swartley/ Peg Hoinowski
Acolyte(s)	Riley Shillinger/ Molly Ambrosio	Katy Dietrich/ Jimmy Blanck	Gavin Davis/ Kyle Nolan	Evan Dietrich/ Paul Florio	Tia Weinsteiger/ Molly Ambrosio
Usher	The Rogers Family/ Kirk Family	Steve & Cindy Batten/ Donald & Kathy Shaner	Barbara Grubb & Chris Davis/ Diane Sakal & Beverly Tyson	Leigh & Ruth Sifford/ Ron & Peg Hoinowski	Statzell Family/ Kirk Family
Communion Assistants	Amber Statzell/ N/A	N/A/ Peg Hoinowski	Dan Bauman/ N/A	N/A/ Carol Mandik	Lena Weinsteiger/ Jody Cannon



Wow, 275 years, that's OLD!!! It is also a great time to celebrate Zion's history. A committee has been meeting to plan all sorts of fun and informative activities to take place. Anniversary fun will begin in September at Rally Day and continue throughout the school year. We will have our official Founders' Day service in February and a special service and celebration dinner in May.

There are lots of things planned and we need your help. We have people heading our sub-committees for these activities and need help from the congregation. Please let me know how you would like to help with any of the things listed below. You can call Jane Detwiler 610-310-6516 or email me at janecdet@hotmail.com and I will let everyone know where you would like your talents utilized. Lots of helpers mean that none of us have to "do it all". Thank you in advance for your interest.

Music Fest (formerly called Old Organ Sunday) (10/15/2017) – refreshments for after the service

Founders' Day Brunch/Luncheon (2/4/2018) – probably catered here at Church, we need help planning menu, table set up, decorations, etc.

Zion Members Showcase of crafts, hobbies and collections (4/15/2018) – help needed to plan, set up and host

Anniversary Dinner (5/5/2018) – help needed to plan where to have it, what the menu should be, decorations and possible entertainment

Zion "Rocks" Project (on going throughout the year) – need a few extra people to help set up and clean up for rock painting parties (no artistic ability necessary) Once we paint the rocks, we will "hide" them throughout the community for others to find, post to Zion Rocks Facebook page and keep or hide again.

Quilt Project (on going throughout the year) – this is already in progress, but the more hands helping, the better

Anyone can also come to our next planning meeting set for October 18th at 7:30

LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH ALL THIS! REMEMBER, OUR CHURCH IS OLDER THAN THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS!
ZION IS ALSO THE OLDEST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHESTER COUNTY!



Notes From the Preschool

Greetings from everyone at the Preschool! Our school year is off to a wonderful start. This year our program continues to be very popular with over 175 children! We would like to thank Shawn Rogers and her team for their efforts in making the classrooms so clean and fresh for the first day of school! Also, thank you to Dan Bauman for his continued assistance in all of our day to day maintenance projects at Zion.

This month, we have so many fun ways that we will celebrate the joys of fall! Our 5's class will be visiting Weaver's Orchard in Morgantown to take a tour of the farm and pick apples and pumpkins. Our Pre-K Classes will be visiting the Fall Festival at Colonial Gardens and our Preschool and Toddler Classes will take a hay wagon ride and pick pumpkins! Also, we are thankful to the Kimberton Fire Company who will be coming out to visit our school this month to teach the children more about fire safety. At the end of the month, we are looking forward to Halloween class parties and a costume parade! Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,
Dawn Platchek
Preschool Director

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services are Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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