



# Zion Lutheran Church

November 2017

## Pastor Notes

Dear Friends,

On the heels of the observance of 500 years since the beginning of the Reformation of the Church, and on the threshold of the celebration of Zion's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I am thankful and humbled to be a participant in these events.

In every generation people have their own unique opportunities for remembering and celebration events that are of special importance. We sit in our unique historical position and are loathe to ignore these dates that mark significant advances in human achievement.

The Reformation was the beginning of a new way of understanding that people have a right and a privilege to think and act independently of the powers that govern, whether in the Church or in the civil realm. But of course with the right to decide comes the responsibility to decide with truth and integrity. How can we know what the right course of action might be in any given situation?

In the era of the internet, when everyone believes that they are their own experts, which means nobody is acknowledged to be an expert, it is hard to know in whom to rely for honest information on the things that matter. There was a time when we went to the authoritative source for guidance and truth but now people seemed confused as to whom to believe. 'Who can help me in this situation?'

In November each year we lift up All Saints Day as a time to remember those 'saints' who have gone before us and those who are living among us. We value the experience of the past and the lives of people who blazed a trail for us to follow. Clearly, not everyone who went before us was a paragon of virtue or the fountain of truth and knowledge, but, to quote that much used phrase: 'those who do not learn from the past are condemned to repeat it.' Maybe we really should pay attention to the path our saints have trod and learn from that journey. Maybe we really do need to study history and the great writings of the past. Maybe we need to learn from the painful mistakes made by our forbearers.

We give thanks for all that we have, for all that we are, and all that we will become. We thank God for the bounty of the earth and the promise of tomorrow. And we give thanks for all the Saints who have yet much to teach us. Your companion in Ministry,

*Pastor Paul*

**SAVE THE  
DATES  
11/5- ALL  
SAINTS  
SUNDAY  
11/19-  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
11/23- HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

## Social Ministry

Shoe collection for Soles4Souls is ending October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all who donated. We will have a full count to report next month. Thank you to Shawn Rogers and the Youth Group for counting and bagging the shoes.

Zion will again participate in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Help will be needed on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> to set up the room and help will be needed to serve dinner on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Signup sheets will be available for both events.



A "Thank you for serving" breakfast for the veterans at the Whitehall Apartments will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Whitehall. The money donated during the Lenten project will be used to fund the breakfast. The Capital Campaign has earmarked money for outreach and the committee has agreed to provide any additional money needed for the catering.



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## Happy Birthday

### November Birthdays

- 11/1 Jamie Burry
- 11/03 Logan Gasser  
James McBride
- 11/07 Michael Hoinowski  
Wyatt Swartley
- 11/09 Amber Statzell  
David Wilson
- 11/10 Beth Foller  
Amber Martin
- 11/11 William Bull  
Anton Mandik
- 11/12 Maureen Adams  
Christina Fatula  
Ryeleigh Kirk
- 11/14 Richard Rentschler
- 11/16 Jameson Jeffers  
Kathy Shaner
- 11/19 Barbara Grubb
- 11/21 Kim Batten  
Katheryn Kopicki,  
Hailee Miller  
Eric Sifford
- 11/27 Shaun Cannon
- 11/28 Michael Fatula Jr.  
Ashley Spitko
- 11/29 Jeremy Batten

## Happy Anniversary

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- 11/01 Dave & Rhonda Krepps
- 11/04 Jeff & Darlene Slanker
- 11/07 Ralph & Karen Finkbinder
- 11/08 Duane & Linda Grob
- 11/10 Joshua & Lisa Ballard
- 11/14 Marc & Dana Ewing
- 11/16 George & Grace Cloud
- 11/23 Ron & Kelly Thompson
- 11/24 Steve & Cindy Batten
- 11/25 Charlie & Susan Ewing

# Christian Education

Thank you to everyone who came out and attended our annual Halloween Party! We could not have asked for a better night on that Saturday!! The weather was beautiful and played nicely into our Haunted Hayride through the cemetery! Thank you to all the parents that helped provide food for the Halloween party! It was greatly appreciated and it was awesome! The leftover food from the party was donated to St. Mary's Shelter the following day!

Thank you to all the parents that helped work the craft tables!

Thank you to Steve Moore, Angela Moore, Penny Fatula, Cathy Nolan, Tony Mandik, Cherrie Webb, Amy Kirk, Meg Florio, Michelle Weaver, Olivia Rogers and Chris Kirk for their help with the Halloween party!! We could not have done this without you guys!! Thank you to the Fatula Family once again for their tractor and being outside so we can once again have an AWESOME hayride!! Thank you to Tony Mandik for buying and donating the spotlights in the cemetery!!

AND ESPECIALLY A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY YOUTH THAT HELPED WITH THE HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!! YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME!!!!

The month of November will be very busy, beginning with the First Communion class, which will be held every Sunday night in November from 7:00pm-8:00pm. This class will be held for all children who are 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older and are interested in participating. They will receive their First Communion on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Play Practice has already began for the Zion Youth who are participating in the annual Christmas Play. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm! Come out and see these AMAZING youth perform the TRUE meaning of Christmas.

Youth Group will have their annual sleepover on November 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>! They will be bagging up the Soles4Souls.

God Bless,  
Shawn



A Star, A Baby, A Promise  
Come and see Zion's Youth act out  
this wonderful story! Saturday,  
December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm!!



\*\*Snow dates are Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
and Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>!

## November 2017– Thanks Be To God

The month of November is truly a month of thanks. This begins with All Saints Sunday. As we remember all those who have gone before us, we can be especially thankful for their example. How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord.....

We have much for which we should be thankful here at Zion. I'm particularly thankful for all the musical talent which continues to be evidenced, not only in those in our choirs who have been participating for years, but also, many who are just now becoming involved.

November is also about being vigilant. Its time to spring into action - to be ready for the coming of God's Kingdom. Are we using our God-given talents or are we hiding them under a bushel?

As we come to the close of another church year and look forward to the Advent season, Thanks be to God, for all His marvelous blessings. Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

George

## Worship Assistants

	November 5 8:15am 10:00am	November 12 8:15am 10:45am	November 19 8:15am 10:45am	November 26 8:15am 10:45am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dan Bauman/ Carol Starr Townsend	Brian Mickiewicz/ Diane Sakal	Bruce Wilson/ Ron Hoinowski	Steve Batten Jr/ Lou Mandik
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Paul Condrack/ Beverly Tyson	Dan Bauman/ Paul Peters	Jena Dietrich/ Peg Hoinowski	Bruce Wilson/ Debbie Batten
<b>Acolyte(s)</b>	Kyle Isleib/	Michaela Schillinger/ Kyle Nolan	Andrew Fatula/ Paul Florio	Gavin Davis/ Molly Ambrosio
<b>Usher</b>	Isleib Family/ Kirk Family	Rogers Family/ Paul & Cathy Peters	Statzell Family/ Donald & Kathy Shaner	Barbara Grubb & Chris Davis/ Diane Sakal & Beverly Tyson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Mindy Swartley/ N/A	N/A/ Peg Hoinowski	Dan Bauman/ N/A	N/A/ Carol Mandik



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 [janeecdet@hotmail.com](mailto:janeecdet@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.

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.

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!



LADIES,

DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAYS WHEN A LADY DIDN'T GO TO CHURCH WITH OUT A HAT? ON FEB. 4<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 9:30 FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL LADIES, YOUNG AND OLD WEARING A HAT.

VISIT YOUR MOTHER'S, GRANDMOTHER'S, AUNT'S ATICS AND SEARCH FOR A VINTAGE HAT. MANY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT LOCAL THRIFT AND ANTIQUE STORES. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO FIND THAT SPECIAL LOOK.







## Notes From the Preschool

Greetings from everyone at the Preschool!

October was such a busy month for us with field trips to Colonial Gardens, fire safety programs hosted by Kimberton Fire Company, class picture days, haywagon rides, and Halloween parties and parades! We are very thankful to Colonial Gardens for providing the haywagon rides and pumpkins, Kimberton Fire Company for the excellent fire safety programs, and our parent volunteers who helped these events to flow smoothly and safely. The fun doesn't stop there!

In November, the children will have their "We are Thankful for our Grandparents" event which will include a morning full of songs and treats for the children and their grandparents to enjoy. Throughout the month of November, the teachers have planned many activities, games, and stories which focus on the topic of being thankful. It is never too soon to learn about being thankful for what we have and also sharing what we have with others. To go along with this theme, we will be collecting toys for the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots Program throughout the month.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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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