



Zion Lutheran Church

May 2019

2019, May

Pastor's Notes

SAVE THE DATE:

5/3-4- Synod Assembly

5/5- Youth Sunday And Pancake Breakfast

5/12- Mother's Day

5/19- Congregational Meeting

5/19- Youth Clean up on Rt 724

5/27- Office Closed

Dear Friends,

This month I offer you another reading from the Apostle Paul, from one of my favorite letters, one that he wrote to the people of the church in Philippi, the Second Chapter, verses 4 – 11:

St. Paul writes: ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As we look back to the wonderful celebration of Easter, remembering the promise of a life beyond compare, given to us through Jesus Christ, we live in trust and hope, expectant of a life of peace and love. 'Though (Jesus) was in the form of God, (he) didn't regard equality with God as something to be exploited.'

Our lives are not to be lived in exploitation of the people and things of this world, but rather in thankfulness for having shared the journey. Among the people that I have to thank is my mother who in March, six weeks before Mother's Day, passed away at age 93. She was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor, wife of a Lutheran pastor and mother of a Lutheran pastor and she knew something about what it means to serve others. She lived a full and wonderful life in which she found ways to serve her neighbor. I am so glad that we shared the journey for 65 years and, of course, she will always be part of my life story. I hope that I have learned her lessons well, that serving others and honoring them is always preferable to mistreating and taking advantage of them.

How about your mom? What lessons did she teach you? Did you learn most of what you got from her by hearing or by her living examples of how to live life? How did she shape and make you? I think our moms would be the first to say that we are to cooperate and care about the people around us. But quoting St. Paul: 'Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.' I cannot think of a better way to summarize what moms do. They put other people's interests before their own. Did your mom do that? Mine did. What if we thought about other people before satisfying ourselves? What if we served others not looking to get something out of the deal, but just because it is the right thing to do? Then we would not be exploiting others but caring for the things and people of God.

Happy Mother's Day to each of you whether you will see your mom on that day with your own two eyes or whether you will envision her in the tender folds of your loving memory.

Moms --- They are the Best!

May God's Peace be with you all
Your companion in Ministry,

Pastor Paul

Social Ministry

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Social Ministry throughout the year!! Your contribution has helped on average 142 families/346 people between Royersford and Spring City with Project Outreach! Not only are we helping these families, but the leftover perishable items are then taken over to Open Door Royersford to help more people!

A little update from the Holiday Season: Thanksgiving Dinner was attended by 96 people! Thank you to those from Zion who helped cook, along with Royersford Methodist and Grace Lutheran Churches!!

At Christmas 350 children received gifts!! Christ Church of the Valley, people in the community donated gifts and those who adopted families made this possible! There were even gifts left over and they were taken to The Daily Bread Pantry in Schwenksville as they were short on gifts for their children.

~Susan Davis



Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

- 5/01 Harrison Ashburn
Erin Schaible
- 5/04 Susan Davis
Michael Randolph
- 5/05 Susan Ewing
Shawn Adams
- 5/08 Gavin Davis
- 5/09 Larry Davis
Amanda Frye
- 5/10 Jane Detwiler
- 5/11 Dan Bauman, Jr.
- 5/13 Dylan Jeffers
- 5/17 Delaney Bauman
- 5/18 Steve Batten, Jr.
Ella Ewing
- 5/21 Jody Cannon
- 5/23 Molly Ambrosio
- 5/24 Kaylee Adams
Lisa Ballard
Ruth Sifford
- 5/25 Maggie Bauman
- 5/26 Mindy Swartley
- 5/27 Anne Cummins
- 5/31 Richard Saylor
Christopher Weaver

May Anniversaries

- 5/06 Meg & Jack Florio
- 5/08 John & Barbara Mann
- 5/12 Dan & Maggie Bauman
- 5/17 Chris & Cathy Nolen
- 5/18 Mike & Stacey Silvestri
- 5/20 Larry & Susan Davis
- 5/24 Paul & Cathy Peters
- 5/26 Amy & Chris Kirk

Christian Education

Most Christians know that Easter is the most important day of the entire church year. At Sunday School, we try to teach the students just how important Easter is to us. Easter is a 50-day celebration of new life given through Christ. It is our day of victory. "Because I (Jesus) live, you (we) also will live" (John 14:19). Easter, of course, is the day Jesus rose from the dead. The Bible states that "(Jesus) was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

The Sunday school students want to thank everyone who helped support the Lenten project. The monetary donations received during the Lenten season will help support the Good Samaritan Shelter in Phoenixville.

Thank you to the youth who helped to read "The Passion of Our Lord" on Palm Sunday!

Even though it was a rainy, damp day, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! We had over 100 visitors who came out and hunted for Easter Eggs! Thank you to the youth who helped to fill and hide the Easter Eggs during our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to everyone who donated candy for this fun event!

May 5th will be Youth Sunday!! The youth will be performing special music on violin and trumpet, and will fill the roles of Assistant Minister, Lay Reader, Acolyte, Usher and Communion Assistant. There will also be a pancake breakfast in between the two services.

May 12th is the date for the Mother's Day walk during the Sunday School hour. We will walk in honor of everyone who has gone through cancer. Please join us in our annual walk to support all of our loved ones.

On May 19th, the youth group will be cleaning up Rt. 724 in front of the church property.

Please mark your calendars for some upcoming events:

- June 2 Sunday school recognition
- June 9 Confirmation
- June 17-20 Vacation Bible School
- July 19 Christmas in July
- July 29 Whitewater rafting trip

*God Bless,
Shawn M. Rogers
Christian Education Director*



**Mark your calendars for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
6/17-6/21!**

We are looking forward to another fun week with your children M-F 6-8:15 p.m! Signup sheets are available in the Narthex.

Please see Shawn Rogers for details.

The Easter Season

Throughout the Month of May we continue in the Season of Easter. New life is everywhere to be seen in nature; Jesus makes all things new in our worship music and in our lives.

The month of May begins with Youth Sunday. Our young musical talent will be heard in all the music of the day. Shawn Rogers has recruited young volunteers for the prelude music and Lori Hoshaw will be directing our children's choir for both services. Thanks so much to Shawn and Lori for their great work with our young performers.

The bell choir will be busy preparing music for Pentecost. Bell practices will continue on Sundays in between the two services (9:30 to 10:00). We continue in our efforts to build a larger base of participation in all of our choirs. The bell choir has been performing around five times a year (Music Fest, Christmas, Founders Day, Easter and Pentecost). The commitment in time is not great; the rewards in performing for these special occasions are certainly great.

A big "Thank You" to all my music volunteers for their dedication and hard work in supporting the music of Zion. Blessings to all in this special season!

all times in our church and for our world.

Alleluia – He is Risen! Alleluia – He is risen indeed!

George Herbert
Director of Music

Worship Assistants

	May 5 8:15am 10:45am	May 12 8:15am 10:45am	May 19 8:15am 10:45am	May 26 8:15am 10:45am
Assisting Minister	The Youth	Steve Batten Jr/ NEEDED	Brian Mickiewicz/ Paul Peters	Paul Condrack/ Debbie Batten
Lay Reader	Will Be	Jena Dietrich/ Debbie Batten	Dan Bauman/ Jody Cannon	Cristal Cloud/ Beverly Tyson
Acolyte(s)	Filling In	Katy Dietrich/ Christopher Kirk	Johnathan Rogers/ Kyle Nolen	Lucas Snyder/ Hayden Siedlecki
Usher	All Of	George & Jane Detwiler/ Kirk Family	Statzell Family/ Donald & Kathy Shaner	Leigh & Ruth Sifford/ S. Silvestri/ M. Shaw
Communion Assistants	The Assistants	N/A/ Molly Ambrosio	Shawn Rogers/ N/A	N/A/ Jody Cannon

NEW!!! Zion's Mystery Member

How would you like to get to know more about the members of our congregation? Wouldn't it be nice to have members know a little more about you?

Do you want to have a little extra fun while you read each month's Parish Post?

Well, we are going to start a Mystery Member section in each month's Parish Post. Each month we will showcase a member or two and you can try to guess who it is.

Let's have some fun with this! Just fill out the questionnaire and we can start this new venture. Completed questionnaires can be sent or dropped off in the office.



Nominations

Nominations are being sought for the following:

Congregation Council (3 needed)

Cemetery Board (1 needed)

If you would like to serve, or know of someone else who might, please let the office know by May 12th so the name can be included on the list of nominees.

Elections will take place at the Congregational Meetings on May 19th.

These meetings will be held at each service during announcement time.



May 5th at 9:30 a.m.

The Youth Group will host a Pancake Breakfast between the services
on Sunday, May 5th, (around 9:30 a.m.).

A free will offering will be received to help raise funds for youth group activities

All are welcome to attend this delicious & fun event!



The church office will be closed
on Monday, May 27th
in observance of Memorial Day.

Action Items from Council's April Meeting

- Carol Starr Townsend will be the female delegate to the Synod Assembly in May.
- Nominations are being sought for the following: Congregation Council (3 needed) and Cemetery Board (1 needed). If you would like to serve, or know of someone else who might like to serve, please let the office know by May 12th so the name can be included on the list of nominees. Elections will take place at the Congregational Meetings on May 19th. These meetings will be held at each service during announcement time.
- Eleven charitable organizations were suggested for matching gifts from the Capital Campaign.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the monthly meeting of Church Council are available to all church members. Email is the preferred method of communication so please provide your email address to Cathy Peters if you haven't already done so.

If you don't have email, a copy can be mailed to you, or you can pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex.

Any questions regarding the minutes should be submitted to Cathy and they will be answered by a member of the appropriate committee.

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Lutherans from across Southeastern Pennsylvania will gather May 3 and 4 around our Assembly theme, "Building Beloved Community," as we welcome our newly elected bishop The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport as she chairs her first Synod Assembly.

The Thirty-Second Annual Assembly of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be held at

Franconia Mennonite Church,
613 Harleysville Pike (Route 113),
Telford, PA 18969.

Friday, May 3, 2019 —

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

The day will conclude by approximately 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 2019 —

Assembly resumes at 9:00 a.m.

The day is planned to conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Notes From the Preschool



Greetings from everyone at Zion Preschool! As usual, things have been very busy- and fun filled- at the Preschool! During the week of April 8th, we celebrated the Week of the Young Child which is a national celebration to recognize early childhood as an important time in a child's life. During this special week, the children participated in activities such a Musical Monday, Traveling Farm Tuesday, Working Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Fun Food Friday. Our teachers planned many fun, theme based learning experiences to make each day fun! One of the most exciting highlights of the week was when What-Knott Farm visited Zion and brought sheep, goats, turtles, a huge turkey, rabbits, ducks, chicken, and a rooster! The children (and staff) were so excited to have the opportunity to "meet" so many animals.

In the end of April, our PreK (4 year old) children will have the opportunity to visit Milky Way Farm. While at the farm, the children will take a tour to meet animals, learn about milking cows, ride on a hay wagon, and enjoy some ice cream. Please feel free to check out the photos from our April special events by visiting

www.facebook.com/zionlutheranpreschoolspringcity

It's hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. In May, we are looking forward to our Mother's Day Teas, the 5's trip to the Methacton Planetarium, Fun Festival Day (an end of the year celebration for our children), and PreK Graduation! This year our Graduation will take place on May 30th.

In June, Summer Camp will start and include nine weeks of learning, creating, and exploring! If you know someone who has a child between the ages of 2 ½ to 6 years old who is looking for a fun summer camp, please spread the word about Zion!

Warmly,
Dawn Platchek
Preschool Director

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Sunday School 9:30am

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