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**The ministers of Zion: Every member of the congregation
Reverend Robert L. Hoover, Jr., Intentional Interim**

RISING...

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
ALLELUIA!!!

With that acclamation, shouted from one to another, or spoken more boldly by some than by others, we affirm the reality for those who believe Resurrection is REAL! I no longer question the RISING of Jesus to new life. I hear again the gospel stories of His appearances to the Apostles, to Thomas, to the fishermen, to Saul, to the witnesses, to . . . I BELIEVE! Lord help my unbelief.

Through the past ten weeks or so, since we affirmed our new mission statement at Zion in February, I have focused my reflection and prayer on a strategy for implementation on specific goals to move from the past, the old, the dead to NEW LIFE in the Risen Christ. I have been praying about our vision to grow as individuals and as a congregation toward spiritual maturity. What will that mean for me, for you, for Zion? Will RISING to NEW LIFE be a short-lived fantasy?, or will I be “a different disciple” in May, in August, in October and December, in 2011?

Will there be some way to involve EACH member / EVERY member of Zion in:

Daily Prayer for one another and for God’s Church?

Daily Bible reading, from one verse, to one chapter, to one gospel, book or letter?

Weekly worship? On Sunday or ?

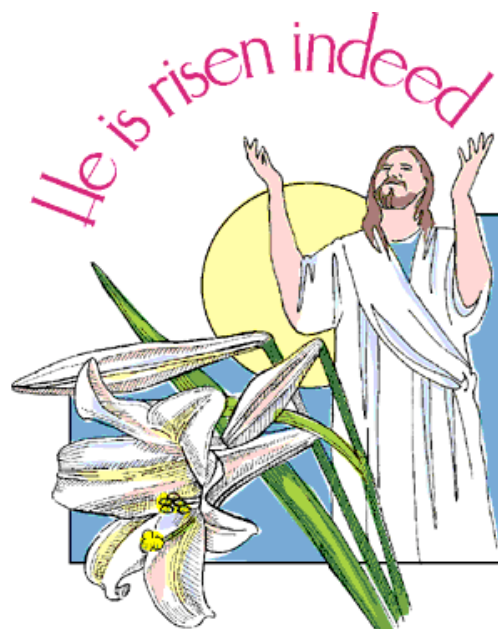
Group study: at home, in Sunday School, other . . . ?

Time for telling . . .

“the old, old story that I have loved so long,” to family, friends, neighbors and strangers?

Service to the world in need in the name of Jesus?

Striving for justice and peace?



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Joan E. Oberrender,
Editor

Ministry and Fellowship together – Christ forever!

Who will be first to say Yes, I will? I think I can! How many will be firm in saying, “Not I!”

Two favorite children’s stories come to mind when I think like this:

The Little Engine That Could was always positive: I think I can, I think I can, I think I can...

The Little Red Hen encountered constant rejection each time she asked for help; “not I said the cat, the pig, the dog, the barnyard friends one and all, until the work was done, and the scent of fresh baked bread filled the air.

Christ is risen – a miracle of God!

YOUR RISING and MINE? . . .the miracles of God continue. Will you read with me the Gospel of Luke; the Book of Acts; “The Celebration of Discipline” by Richard Foster, “Unbinding the Gospel” by Martha Grace Reese - - one of the above beginning in May?

Will you invite someone to worship?

Will you tell “the Idle Tale” to one person each day, each week, or once a month?

Will you join our Habitat for Humanity work team?

Choose a flower bed at Zion? Or

Volunteer at the food pantry on a Monday or Wednesday morning or the Community Meal on a Thursday evening?

What will the reality of RESURRECTION look like in your life and mine?

Christ is RISING to new life today, tomorrow and the day after in YOUR LIFE and MINE, THANKS BE TO GOD!

Faithfully,
Pastor Hoover

The text "Thank You!" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. A decorative illustration of a rose with leaves and a stem is integrated into the letter 'Y' of "You!".

APPRECIATION TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FROM BETH DUM

And, so you bring your year’s work and planning to a fitting conclusion.

The service had a triumphant note and the dinner was delicious – both binding us in fellowship and purpose for the years ahead. The committee planned carefully, took care of so many details to give the year and anniversary significance.

I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations for a job so well done. Blessings on the committee as you continue to serve your Lord and Zion.

PLANNING COUNCIL

David Dumeyer, President - 898-8529 or ddumeyer@verizon.net

Marian Scott, Secretary – 898-8525

At its brief March 15 meeting, your council:

- * received notice from Pr. Hoover that he will be on vacation Sunday, April 11, and has asked Pr. Dave Fisher to lead worship that week.
- * heard the pastor's suggestion that permanent name tags be used for Sunday services. No decision was made.
- * provide the president with suggested names for lay voting members to the Synod Assembly in June.
- * was encouraged to attend the Leadership Retreat on Saturday, March 20, along with many of the ministry team leaders and program leaders.
- * delayed action on financial and physical help for Swamp Lutheran until we hear from them what they need. Much of the cost is being handled by the insurance company.
- * noted that the Finance Committee had provided the annual financial report.
- * appointed Darrell Gerke to serve as facilitator for the Property and Finance Teams as they develop and begin a list of improvements to the property.
- * received a status report on the call process from Karen Wright, Council Representative to the Call Team.
- * reviewed the chart of organization for Zion and discussed proposed realignment of ministry teams under the ministry areas.
- * discussed the need to have a policy on snow removal and worship service during a snow/inclement weather event.
- * received copies of the ministry team job descriptions for review and critique.
- * discussed the need to begin assembling a nominating committee for council nominees.
- * reviewed options regarding Internet Service Providers .
- * were encouraged by the pastor to review the new mission statement, envision how it should be implemented into the ministry areas, and how we can measure progress in meeting our mission.

Your Council generally meets regularly on the third Monday of every month at 7:00PM. Members of the congregation are invited to attend any regular meeting.

The Congregational Council is seeking lay representatives to attend the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Annual Meeting in June. Each church is to send a male and a female representative. If you are interested in seeing the workings of our synod, speak with Dave Dumeyer.

ANOTHER NEW LOOK TO THE NEWSLETTER? WHAT IS GOING ON???

Having struggled with this newsletter for many months now, I am trying to make the task a little easier for a replacement. Although the stress of producing this newsletter in a manner I would like to see it cannot give me additional grey hair, I was on the verge of pulling my hair out in recent months. Since my new computer and software do not seem to like the column format, I am giving up the fight. Hope you understand. All the information is here, it is just formatted in an easier to produce set-up.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Kim Paternoster, chairperson – 898-1505 or krpkc@aol.com

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN MEAL THURSDAY, MAY 13

The next meal we serve at Christ Lutheran Church in Lancaster will be on Thursday, May 13.

What an opportunity this is to share God’s love with those less fortunate. There are over 100 people served at Christ Lutheran Church every Thursday evening. Everyone who takes the time to help with this meal comes away feeling better than the full bellies created by the meal. If you have never volunteered for this outreach or served on a mission trip, here is your opportunity to help the needy right here in our own county. Many hands make light work and we promise you, you will feel the spirit.

But what can I do????

Transport the food from Landisville into the city. Pans can be stacked on the way home when they are clean but while full of food they take up a lot of room and could use a van, SUV or pick-up.

You can serve from the kitchen. Fill the plates and offer a smile as the guests come to the kitchen window.

Assist with the drinks – help pour them in advance to save a bottleneck from forming in this area.

Help distribute bread and baked goods that are donated by Paneras and picked up on Wednesday evening.

Yes, there is even a need for dishwashing. As the food is used the pans need to be cleaned. Christ Lutheran has recently installed a brand new kitchen thanks to a member of their church making a large donation for this need.

Don’t like to go out in the evening? Well you can still help with this project....

Bake something for dessert and have it at church by Thursday morning.

Come at 9 a.m. and help to prepare the meal for the oven.

Join Pastor and his team when they go to Christ Lutheran during the day to set up the tables.

Having the room ready to go and the drinks ready to be served is a blessing to the evening crew.

COMMUNITY MEAL OPENINGS

Do you have a group of friends or a regular group that you meet with that would like to assume the preparing and serving of a meal on one of our Thursday evenings? We have several weeks remaining open:

June 3 and 10

July 1 and 15

August 19

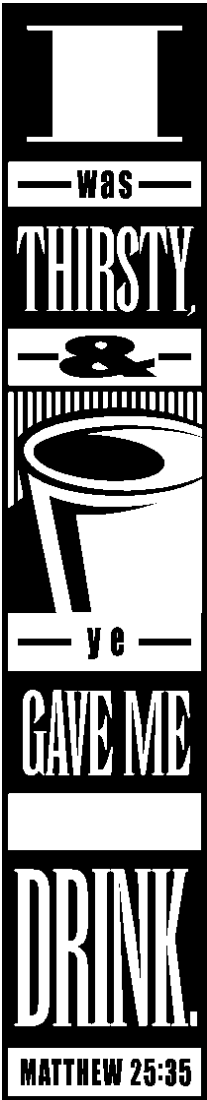
September 2 and 16

November 18

December 2, 9 and 16

If you can help, speak with Joanne Grim at 898-2867 or e-mail her at grim@epix.net.

DEADLINE FOR HEALTH KITS IS THE END OF APRIL. WILL YOU HELP REPLENISH THE WAREHOUSE?





Jim Bear, Board President – 285-4854 or poppopbear@comcast.net
Diane Gerlach, Public Relations – 898-7266 or dlsgerlach@comcast.net

Hempfield Area Food Pantry

“No one should be hungry!”

In honor of **National Volunteer Week**, the pantry **Board of Directors** will host a **luncheon to thank our volunteers**. The luncheon will be on Friday, April 23 beginning at 11:30 A.M. in the social room. This is a reminder to volunteers of Zion....if you have not responded to the invitation; please do so today by calling Diane Gerlach at 898-7266.

The Hempfield Area Food Pantry **served 199 different households in March** with 137 of those households visiting the pantry more than 1 time in the month. The 199 house-holds included 345 adults, 69 seniors age 65+ and 248 children under the age of 18 for a total of 662 people receiving food. Eighty percent of the clients served at the pantry reside in the Hempfield School District. (In February the pantry served 170 families; January 183 families; December 187 families.)

Sunday, March 21, Jim Bear our Board President, received a **grant of \$2,000 from the Abigail L. Longenecker Memorial Foundation** for the pantry. This foundation is a non- profit group that provides grants each year to organizations in Lancaster County who are “helping children.” HAFP was one of nine non profit 2010 grant recipients to receive this honor. The fourteen members of the selection committee evaluated a record number of applications for 2010. All grant applications were read, reviewed, discussed and then the selections were chosen.

The **students of Hempfield High School collected food items** for the second food drive for the 2009-10 school year in March. The first food drive was collected in November, 2009. The spring drive was again sponsored by the Student Council. **The March drive collected 3,102 pounds of food items** for the pantry. The student council members collect, sort, and pack the food that is delivered to the pantry.

Also during March, the **South Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans donated sixteen \$50.00 Weis gift cards** to the pantry. These gift cards will be used to purchase food at one of the local Weis Markets.

A memorial plaque in honor of Robin Barry, a dedicated volunteer, has been placed in the pantry on one of the moveable shelf units. The unit was purchased with some of the memorial monies that were received by the pantry in memory of Robin.

John Schmitt has been appointed to the Board of Directors representing Holy Spirit Lutheran Church.

As you have read above, the **Hempfield Area Food Pantry continues to flourish!** Each month the pantry is blessed with generous food and monetary donations to serve our clients. As each month brings new clients, each month also brings new volunteers and new donations from different areas of Hempfield and surrounding communities. We again **express our appreciation and thanks to Zion for this outreach ministry to the Hempfield community** by donating the physical space for the pantry. The pantry has “brought” many of the area churches, businesses, community groups, and individuals to work together in response to a need to “feed the hungry” in our Hempfield area during these difficult economical times.

THANK YOU ZION MEMBERS for your continued support to the pantry through your donations of food, money, and time. Your actions have been a blessing to many people.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Cathy Benedict, chairperson
898-3646 or tandc61@comcast.net

Please join us for a special program to close the Sunday School year.

WHO: Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

WHEN: Sunday June 13 ...10:15 am

WHERE: Zion's Sanctuary

WHAT: The program will start with each class presenting a mural that they have created and that relates to one of the topics they learned about during the year.

Children with outstanding attendance records will be recognized at this time.

WHY: Because the children of Zion are our future and they deserve our love, respect, and support!

Following the presentation, everyone is welcome to enjoy some
"10 Plagues" ice cream in the courtyard.



PLEASE MAKE A NOTE

After much discussion, we have decided not to have a summer Sunday School program for the children this year, choosing instead to concentrate our energies on the regular school year.

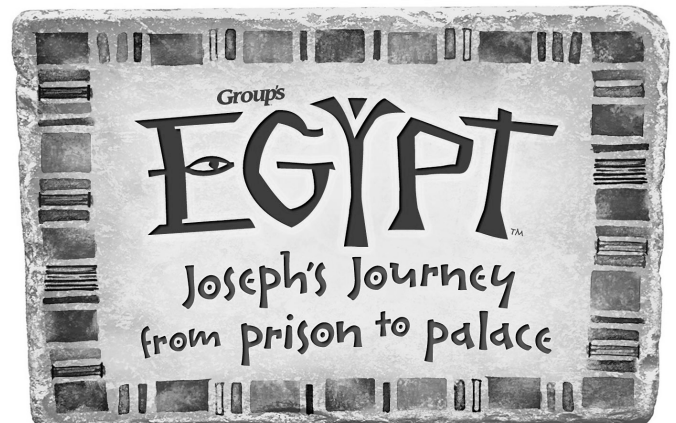
Adult classes will make their decisions on a class by class basis.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! VBS 2010-AUGUST 1-5th

It's the Family Vacation of a Lifetime! Bring your entire family to ancient EGYPT!

Save the date and join us as we share God's Word and Love in a very different kind of VBS!



ZION NURSERY SCHOOL

Diane Fry, Director – 898-0920

Council Rep: Angie Maurer – 665-1337 or chick25@dejazzd.com

It is hard to believe only a few weeks remain of this wonderfully successful school year. Time flies when you are having fun in learning.

Along with the fun we have had this year, another thing which made us happy was the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. For the school year of 2009-10, we earned \$3,219.91. This money will help us to keep our school operable. How blessed we are to have this great program in existence. Perhaps you would like to say thank you to Giant for helping us. You can log on at www.GiantAplus.com and fill out a survey. I am hoping and praying this program will run again in the fall. Get your bonus card numbers ready over the summer. See how many extras you can find.

Speaking of next year, we still have a few openings in our 3-day class. Children for that class must be 4 years old by September 1, 2010 to attend. It meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9-11:30 AM. Please pass the word about our school. Here might be a few things to mention:

TOP TEN REASONS TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO ZION LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

10. GREAT DAILY SCHEDULE

OUTDOOR PLAYTIME: weather permitting

CIRCLE TIME: sharing, weather, calendar, plans and chores for the day, songs, prayer etc.

INDOOR PLAYTIME: blocks, kitchen area, puzzles, games, books, computer, dress-up etc.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP TIME:

Art, music, science, finger plays, stories, letters, numbers words, games and other activities appropriate to the themes and lessons and Bible stories.

SNACK TIME AND CLOSING ACTIVITIES: songs and prayer

9. THROUGHOUT ALL OUR ACTIVITIES OUR SCHOOL STRIVES TO ENCOURAGE

THE CHRISTIAN CONCEPTS IN BOTH WORK AND PLAY

8. PARENT PARTICIPATION A MUST

7. MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

6. EASY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

5. FIELD TRIPS

4. PROGRESS REPORTS AND CONFERENCES

3. SMALL CLASSES

2. DAD'S NIGHT, CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, GRADUATION PROGRAM, AND GREAT PARTIES

1. LOVING STAFF

Please call 898-1392

Graduation programs are set for Tuesday, May 18 at 9:00 AM in the social hall and Wednesday, May 19 at 9:00 AM in the church. All are invited.

Peace,

Diane



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Denise Haun, chairperson – 898-1578 or dmhaun@verizon.net

“Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”

Acts: 28:31



**THANKS
FOR YOUR HELP!**

A big thank you to the Worship & Music team and all the volunteers that created our beautiful garden around the empty tomb for Easter. Many hands succeeded in making a lovely Easter display for those who arrived on Easter morn to find the tomb empty and our Lord not there but RISEN!

Thank you to Dennis Dezort for his artistic talent in developing this theme and once again creating a beautiful setting.

Many thanks to those who came the next day to remove all the mulch and flowers. The outside gardens now look especially nice and it is early in the season. Thank you, thank you to everyone who offered a hand.

OUR ZION FAMILY

At the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 18, we will receive into membership,:

Melodie Dearolf through adult baptism and

Wayne Dearolf through Affirmation of Faith

We are delighted to have them unite with our family of Zion. Their home address for your directory is:

1742 Zarker Road, Lancaster, PA 17601
333-5517



Welcome
Our *New*
Members



Brooke Lillian Dohner was born on Monday, April 5. She weighed 7 pounds , 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Blessed parents are Bryan and Melissa Dohner. She has a big sister, Bryanna.

Pastor Hoover united Deanna Harris and Anthony Massa in marriage on Friday evening, March 26. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life as man and wife.



They Are
No Longer
TWO
But **ONE**
MARK 10:8



Sylvia Williams passed away on Wednesday, March 17. Her service was on Wednesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kraft Funeral Home in Landisville.

Ministry and Fellowship together – Christ forever!

With
Symbathy

CARE MINISTRY

Judy Traup, Chairperson - 898-0625 or traup201@comcast.net

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

I would like to thank everyone that continues to provide transportation for one of our members on Sunday mornings. The need still continues, so if you are interested, please contact Judy Traup at 898-0625.

Thank you to everyone that has provided meals to members of our church family, when they were unable to prepare a meal for themselves and their family. You have no idea how this part of the Care Team is appreciated by those receiving the benefits.



CARE MINISTRY SUPPORT

Women of Zion	Millie Gundel 898-2313	or	mgundel112@gmail.com
Men of Zion	Randy Miller 898-8526	or	randy.miller@can.com
Young Mothers	Cheryl Russell 892-3676	or	ca529hs@peoplepc.com
Senior Ministry	Diane Gerlach 898-7266	or	dlsgerlach@comcast.net
Health Ministry	Mary Hetrick 898-3162	or	psuocn@comcast.net
Meals for Members	Jennifer Barley 584-5240	or	barley10@comcast.net
Wedding Coordinator	Diane Dean 299-1460	or	achoo.rn@verizon.net
Funeral Coordinator – Diane Gerlach	898-7266	or	dlsgerlach@comcast.net

FROM THE HOLAHAN FAMILY

Peace often begins with an act of kindness... thank you for yours.

Dear Diane,

The lunch was all you said it would be. We thank you so much for arranging all the details – we couldn't have done it any better.

The Holahan, Yoder and Guild families.

REMINDERS

Please notify the church office (898-2911) when you hear news about members who are ill, having day surgery, hospitalized, in need of a visit, a note or card, or help of any kind. Most times this is the only way (due to the Privacy Act) that we become aware of members situations and needs.

If you (or someone you know) would like to schedule home communion, call the church office (898-2911).

WOMEN OF ZION

Second Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall
Millie Gundel 898-2313 or mgundel112@gmail.com

YARN MINISTRY

First and Third Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor.
Barb Wildasin 945-7530

Those of you interested in the Women of Faith "Over the Top" Conference

Speakers this year are Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Anita Renfroe and Lisa Welchel
Musical Guests will be Sandi Patti, Mandisa, Mary Beth and Steven Curtis Chapman
Drama will be done by Nicole Johnson
Special Guest is Andy Andres

Washington, DC is August 27 and 28 at the Verizon Center
Philadelphia, PA is September 10 and 11

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 3, 2010
Dutch Apple presents "Church Basement Ladies"
A Women of Zion event not to be missed!
More details in the coming months.

This thank you note was received by the church:

Ladies of Zion Lutheran,

What a wonderful surprise to receive one of your Prayer Shawls. It was so comforting to know strangers were praying for me. I believe in the power of prayers.

Thanks again,
Hazel Kulp

We have given a supply of shawls to Hospice of Lancaster County. They called to say how much they appreciated us putting a label on each shawl. It is our feeling that this thank you is a result of that label.

PRAYER TEAM

Members and friends can complete a prayer request card, found on the clip boards and drop it into the offering plate or the prayer box on the long table outside the sanctuary, or contact any of the following:

- Ruth Albright – 390-4168
- Bunny Emmons – 569-2128
- Deb Korns - 898-6087
- Peg Stockman – 735-2555

Lucille Dyer
1771 Linnwood Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603

Sarah Jane Frantz
623 Marian Ave
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Anna Mary Herr
Oak House #220, Box 5093,
Lancaster PA 17606

Harry Hoffman
300 St. Mark Ave #603
Lititz, PA 17543

J. Carl Nolt - Lakes Manor Apt A104
300 Willow Valley Lakes Dr
Willow Street, PA 17584

Homestead Village Westview
1800 Circle Dr, Lancaster, PA 17603
Evelyn Cramer - Room 421

St. Anne's Home
3952 Columbia Ave, Columbia PA 17512
Gini McLanachan

Oak Leaf Manor
2901 Harrisburg Pk Landisville, PA 17538
Anna Koser, Room D-9
Betty Sebelist, Room B-9



MAY

1 RAYMOND DAVIS
FAITH EGENRIEDER
MARK McCULLOUGH
CARL METZINGER
CHASE PIPKIN
FRANCISCO RIVERA
GENE WEIKSNER
2 TAMARA BENNAWIT
4 ROBERT TRAUPE
6 JUDIE INGERSOLL
ARLENE MILLER
7 ARIEL HENGEY
FLOYD JURY
RICK PRICE
9 DOMINIC DI PERNA
SUE McCULLOUGH
AIMEE MILLER
JENNIFER PIPKIN
11 KEVIN REINMILLER
14 JOHN BENNAWIT
PAMELA HOUSEAL
RODGER MYERS
19 ELISABETH CHAPMAN
BRUCE STOCKMAN
20 STEPHANIE GOLIHUEW
PATSY HINKLE
ANGIE MAURER
KIM SMALL
21 HELEN PIPER
22 RICHARD OLSON
23 TODD HAY
KRISTINE KIMBARK
26 DAWN LOSER
27 KYLE BRADY
WEIDLER GRUBE
28 DEANNA (HARRIS) MASSA
RICHARD HEIM
29 ZACHARY BARR
JOHN HINKLE
KATIE KIMBARK
30 JAMES GUNDEL
31 MORGAN HUBER
HAYLEY MORGAN

SERVING IN IRAQ /
AFGHANISTAN



Bryan Young – Richard and Sandra Kleckner's cousin
Eric Remaly – Dave and Donna Dumeyer's nephew

ZION MEMBER SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN
CHRISTOPHER MERCADO
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christopher.a.mercado@us.army.mil

Working in Afghanistan – Michael Thalgott
Thelma Pearson & Mary Ann Cupach's nephew

**(W)holy, (W)holy, (W)holy
Health, Healing and Wholeness Article**

“Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (John 21:18)

Jesus is telling Peter what to expect in the future, that he too will face the kind of fate that Jesus did. Peter, the impetuous disciple, needed to accept the sobering reality of what it means to be a follower of Christ. Whenever I read it, this verse also speaks to me of the sacrifices that we sometimes have to make as we grow older.

No one wants to find themselves in the situation in which they are dependant upon others for their daily activities. That is why it is so difficult to make the decision of whether or not, we should give up driving. Please understand that getting older does not automatically turn one into a bad driver, however, sometimes physical limitations can make it more challenging. Stiffening in joints may make it more difficult to turn your head side-to-side to watch for on-coming traffic, to accelerate and brake. They can also make it uncomfortable for our hands to grip the steering wheel. Reflexes are slower, and vision problems such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, or cataracts make it more difficult to respond to the glare of on-coming headlights, street lights, or bright sunlight, and sometimes limit our peripheral vision.

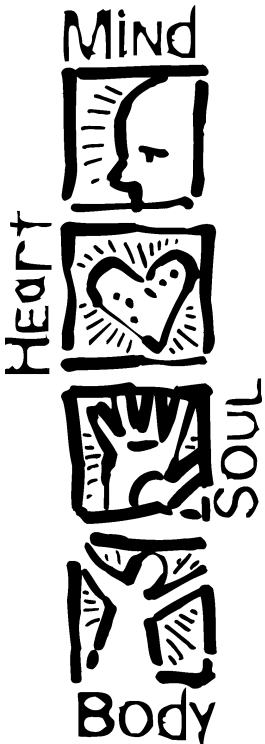
We can compensate for some of these age-related conditions by carefully planning ahead: driving during the daytime; keeping to familiar streets; taking routes that avoid risky traffic spots, such as left turns and on-off ramps; not driving when we are stressed or tired; leaving at least two car lengths between our vehicle and the one in front of us; and keeping our headlights on at all times. Regardless of age, we should all wear a safety belt and stay off the cell phone when behind the wheel! Consider taking a driving refresher course (contact AAA or AARP) – in fact, by doing so, you may receive a discount on your car insurance (depending on your carrier and policy).

But when should we hand over our keys? AARP (aarp.org/families/driver_safety) proposes the following warning signs as indicators that we should either limit, or stop driving either temporarily or permanently (one or more):

- feeling uncomfortable and nervous or fearful while driving.
- dents and scrapes on the car or on fences, mailboxes, garage doors, curbs, etc.
- difficulty staying in the lane of traffic.
- getting lost – particularly in familiar areas.
- trouble paying attention to signals, road signs, cones and barrels, and pavement markings.
- slower response to unexpected situations (animals crossing, road construction, people walking/running)
- medical conditions or medications that may affect safe driving (ex. untreated sleep apnea, diabetes, stroke)
- difficulty judging gaps in traffic at intersections and on-off-ramps
- drivers frequently honking at you
- friends or relatives no longer willing to ride with you
- difficulty seeing the sides of the road when looking ahead (peripheral vision)
- easily distracted; hard time concentrating
- hard time looking over shoulders while backing up or changing lanes
- frequent traffic tickets or “warnings”; driving through red lights
- friends/loved ones expressing concern about our driving
- frequent “near misses/close calls”

None of us wants to feel that we must surrender our freedom to be an active participant in society, however, we also need to be realistic regarding our safety, and the safety of others when we get behind the wheel. We can still be productive and enjoy a full life without driving. It takes some planning, and some sacrifice on our part. Don’t wait; begin to explore other options now. You may be surprised. The money spent on maintaining a car, may go a long way toward paying someone to drive for us!

*Spring Blessings!
Debbie Best, Program Coordinator
Family Life Services,
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries*



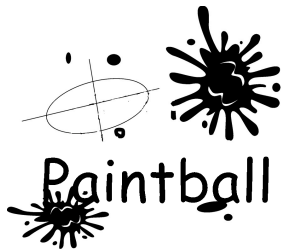
ZION YOUTH MINISTRY

Vivian Gunzenhauser, chairperson - 898-8480 or vgunzy@verizon.net
Bob Hollinger, Director of Youth Ministry – 898-2911 or bob.hollinger007@comcast.net

ZYM FLOWER SALE – orders due next Sunday, April 25.

See the insert in your bulletin this week. These flowers are from Miller's Greenhouse in Landisville and your purchase will support the youth ministry at Zion. Pick-up of flowers will be Saturday, May 1, a good time to begin your outdoor planting.

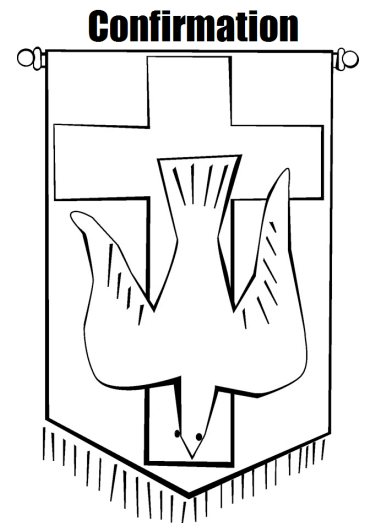
Will you help support the youth ministry here at Zion?



**Saturday, May 22
Revolution Paintball
Ski Roundtop**

Join us for a fun day of team building and adventure. Cost is \$34 and includes the paintball marker, goggles and ammo. We'll leave from the Church at 9 AM and return around 3:30. Bring a bagged lunch & drink. Wear long pants & a long sleeve shirt to protect yourself. You may also want to bring an extra \$10 or so to go in with some others to buy extra paintballs. This ZYM event is open to anyone in the congregation & friends are also welcome. The release form for Revolution Paintball must also be returned with your permission slip. Sign up on the ZYM bulletin board,
Deadline May 9.

Confirmation day will be on May 23. Our confirmands will be presented before the congregation to affirm their Baptism. This completes the formal three-year journey of catechetical studies for these students but begins the next step as they take ownership for their faith and become voting members of Zion. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone.



GOOD NEWS T-SHIRT


Jesus told his disciples — and us — to go into all the world and preach the good news. Wherever you go, this cool T-shirt will help spark conversations about your faith.

What you need:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Plain white, cotton T-shirt
- Permanent markers
- Goggles (optional)
- Eye dropper
- Rubbing alcohol
- Clothes hanger

What you do:

1. Cover a table with newspaper. (Work outside or in a well-ventilated area.)
2. Place a piece of cardboard inside your T-shirt. (This keeps pen marks from going through to the other side.)
3. With permanent markers, draw a design of large circles, spirals, hearts, etc.
4. Wear goggles while dropping rubbing alcohol onto your designs with an eye dropper. As the alcohol permeates the permanent marker, the color will break up and spread in interesting ways.
5. Hang the shirt to dry.
6. When the shirt is dry, place cardboard inside it again. On the front, write "I have some good news to share with you." You can also write a Bible verse.

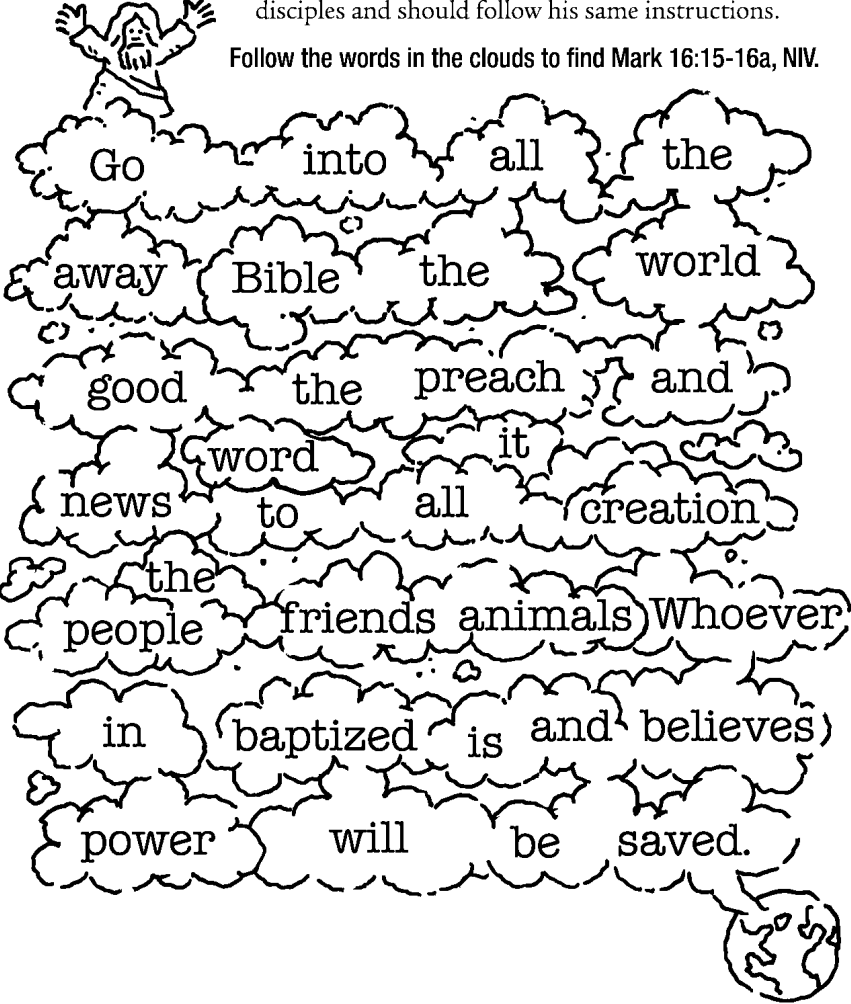


Just for KIDS

"I am with you always."

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.

Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.



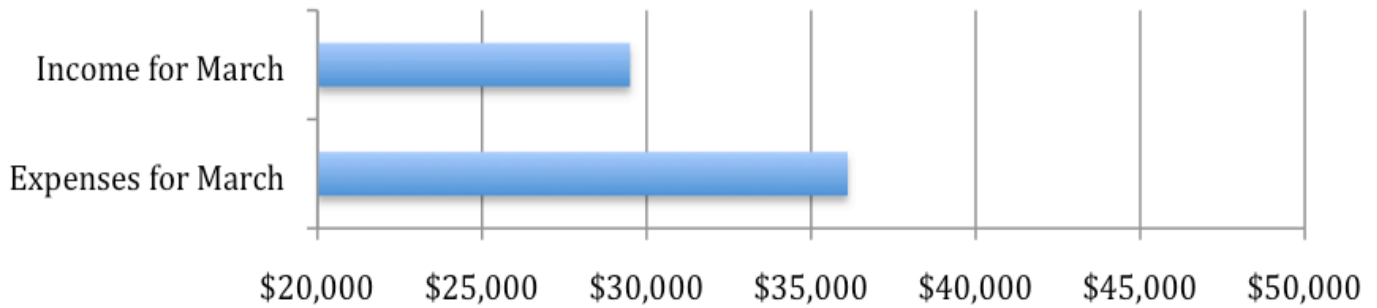
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Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

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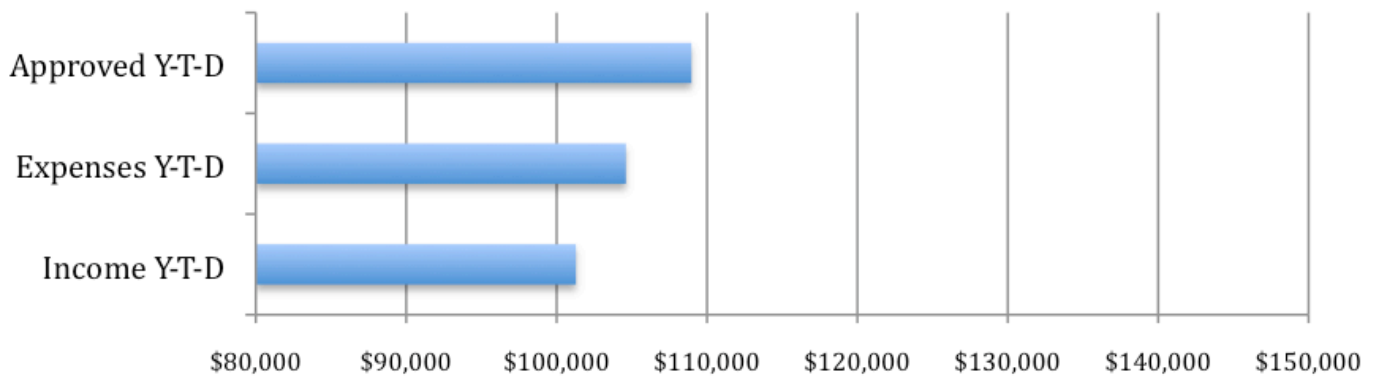
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Financials March 2010



	Expenses for March	Income for March
Series1	\$36,113	\$29,500

Financials Jan - Mar 2010



	Income Y-T-D	Expenses Y-T-D	Approved Y-T-D
Series1	\$101,283	\$104,605	\$108,961

Are people spending money on what's really most important to them? In a culture filled with consumer temptations, many Americans fall into a familiar trap – they spend their hard-earned money on things that, deep down, really don't matter to them or don't fit their personal values. What's worse is they often don't realize they are doing it. The spending “just happens,” but the results are often the same – financial stress and a feeling they now don't have the money to invest in what they value most, such as a child's education, a charity or a secure retirement.

The solution is fairly simple but takes discipline and a strategy. Taking time to step back, evaluate personal values, and re-focus on what's important can help put money to work on what one values most. The following tips can help:

Budget breakdown:

Identify priorities and plug them into a budget. Forming a strategy for personal finances without a budget is like operating a company without a business plan. A recommended budget strategy is the 10-10-80 concept: 10 percent of income to church or charity, 10 percent to savings for the future and the remaining 80 percent for daily living expenses. Once a budget plan is developed, it's crucial to make sure everyone spending money is aware of the plan – and they stick to it.

Controlling the plastic:

Credit-card debt can destroy a strategy with the goal of financial health. Carrying a high credit-card balance from month to month is about the worst approach a person can take because of high interest rates. Instead, keep just one credit card with a low interest rate and use it only in emergencies. Also, avoid spontaneous trips to the ATM, which can lead to frivolous spending and budget your ATM withdrawals. Controlling plastic can help keep a person's money values on track.

Home base:

Living in a safe and functional home is a key value in most people's strategies, and owning a home continues to be considered a primary investment for many. Paying rent is funding somebody else's investment rather than one's own. Whether paying rent or making a mortgage payment, living within one's means needs to be priority. A good rule of thumb is spending no more than 28 percent of gross income on housing.

Strategy for retirement:

No one is getting any younger, so starting a retirement account is critical no matter what one's age. Saving too little for retirement may mean working longer and saving more at a time in one's life when it's more difficult. Stay-at-home spouses should also have a fully funded retirement account to reduce the amount of time it will take to reach retirement goals.

Ask important questions:

Before pulling out the credit card, always ask if this purchase fits the budget. More long-term questions to ask are: Do I know how I'll pay the expenses associated with long-term care if I need it? Do I have enough disability insurance if I'm disabled and can't work? Do I have enough life insurance to cover my beneficiaries?

What one spends money on is what one values. Assessing those most deeply held personal values honestly and openly is a first step at redefining your financial priorities.

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April 18 - *Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Monday Psalm 121
Ezekiel 1:1-25
Acts 9:19b-31

Tuesday Psalm 121
Ezekiel 1:26—2:1
Acts 26:1-18

Wednesday Psalm 121
Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

Thursday Psalm 23
Ezekiel 11:1-25
Revelation 5:1-10

Friday Psalm 23
Ezekiel 20:39-44
Revelation 6:1—7:4

Saturday Psalm 23
Ezekiel 28:25-26
Luke 12:29-32

April 25 - *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Monday Psalm 100
Ezekiel 37:15-28
Revelation 15:1-4

Tuesday Psalm 100
Ezekiel 45:1-9
Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday Psalm 100
Jeremiah 50:17-20
John 10:31-42

Thursday Psalm 148
Ezekiel 2:8—3:11
Revelation 10:1-11

Friday Psalm 148
Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 11:15

Saturday Psalm 148
Daniel 7:27
Revelation 11:16-19

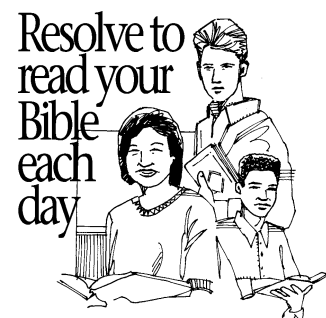
May 2 - *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35



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