

January & February 2016

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From



Zions Evangelical Lutheran Church

***Welcoming in Christ, Growing in Faith and Love,
Caring for our Community***

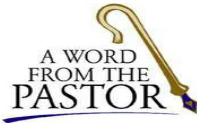
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Welcome to 2016! I pray it's a healthy and happy year for all of us!

As I promised awhile ago, I'll share some of the plans we have to celebrate Zions 150th anniversary this year. While some are still in the planning stages, the biggest events will be two worship services, to which our previous pastors and sons and daughters of the congregation are invited. I hope that you can attend and say hello to the people who served Zions in the past and those who are helping to shape God's future.

Our first big event will be April 17, 2016. On this day, there will be a historical display in the annex of books, pictures and other items for you to see before the service begins. At 10:45 am, our regular worship time, Bishop Zeiser will join us for worship and Holy Communion. Following this service, our celebration will continue at Capriotti's Catering, just outside of McAdoo, near the industrial park. It will be a buffet meal and we're still figuring the cost per person; that information will follow very soon. We're trying hard to keep the cost reasonable, so families can attend. There will be a very short program of brief remarks before the dinner begins.

The other event we're planning is a Homecoming service the weekend of September 24 and 25th. On Saturday evening, September 24th, we'll have a cake and coffee reception for pastors who need to be in church the following day and historical items will again be on display. On Sunday the 25th, those who are able to worship with us will take part in the service of Holy Communion at 10:45 am. This service will allow other people to attend who could not join us in April. Those who are able to come are welcome at both.

The 150th anniversary committee has been hard at work the last six months, planning for these events. Chairperson Barbara Sandt has compiled and will share Zions history with us in newsletter articles this year. So be sure to read your newsletter or you might miss something important.

In this last year, as we've been moving offices and cleaning out storage spaces, I found old service books dating back to 1901 and worship books in the colors of black, red and green. Todd Gimbi has a number of historical documents framed in the church office and I hope to learn more about these special dates on them. We began as a German congregation, because Pennsylvania is very much like Germany. A good number of Germans settled here when they came from Europe. Although I'm not sure of his circuit, I know the Reverend Henry Muhlenberg traveled a good distance between Philadelphia and Allentown, serving churches in southeastern Pennsylvania.

I am very excited as we begin this new year and I want to share our excitement with the community. What outreach ideas can you come up with, so we can share our joy and excitement with the other residents of Weatherly? Please share them with us!

Peace, Pastor Dawn

January & February's Schedule

January

- 1 – Happy New Year; closed.**
2 – 4PM Annex Communion ~ Rev. Robert von Frisch
3 – 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship with communion ~ *Rev. Robert von Frisch*
5 – 6PM 150th Anniversary meeting to be held in the annex.
7 – No Flower Club
8 – 10AM Weatherwood; 10:45 AM Heritage Hill
10 – 8:45 AM St. Matthew's meeting; 9AM St. Matthew's service with communion; 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship with communion
11 – Congregational Report deadline. Reports must be handed in the office.
12 – **2:30 PM**—4PM Shepherd House distribution. **Please note time changed to 2:30 pm.**
17 – 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship with communion; Children's Time/Sunday School students sing
20 – Pastor –Mentor Group; 7PM Council meeting
21 – 6PM Afterschool Board meeting
23 – Pastor – Learning Ministries Day
24 – **Septuagesima Sunday** – 9AM St. Matthew's service; 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship service; Annual Report distributed.
30 – St. Matthew's covered dish 5PM Dinner, 6PM meeting; Snow Date 2/07
31 – Sexagesima Sunday; 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship service; *Congregational meeting immediately following worship.*

February **No date for council meeting yet**

- 4 – 7PM Flower Club
6 – 4PM Annex Communion
7 – Transfiguration / Quinquagesima Sunday; 9AM St. Matthew's with communion
9 – **2:30 PM** – 4 PM Shepherd House distribution
10 – Ash Wednesday 7PM United Methodist Church ~ Rev. Dawn Richie preaching
14 – First Sunday in Lent; 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship
17 – 6PM Soup & Sandwich; 7PM Worship @ Zions ~ Rev. Charles Englehart
18 – 6PM Afterschool Board meeting
21 – 9AM St. Matthew's service ; 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship; Children's Time & Sunday School students sing.
24 – 6PM Soup & Sandwich; 7PM Worship @ St. Matthew's ~ Father Floyd Caesar
28 – 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:45 AM Zions worship service

OTHER NEWS

SHEPHERD HOUSE – Please be aware Shepherd House distributions will still be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month but the time has **changed to 2:30 pm to 4pm.**

CHURCH OFFICE

Important notification: The church office has been moved to the church sacristy. You will need to go up the back stairs to enter the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

MEETINGS WITH PASTOR

Due to moving the church office to the sacristy, Pastor Dawn has no office, but she is still able to meet with anyone. Please contact the church office to schedule. Thank you.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS! Mark your calendars...

April 17th Zions 150th Anniversary / Bishop's visit. Dinner will be held at Capriotti's. September 25th Zions Homecoming. Details to follow on both.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS – Please note that Zions has a new email address **zions2@pa.metrocast.net**

BOTTLE CAPS – The library is collecting Coca~Cola bottle caps. A container has been placed in the vestibule. The codes on these caps will be redeemed to help the library. So spread the word and collect from your family and friends. Thank you for your support.

GOODIE BAGS --Zions has children’s church goodie bags, which are located in the back room for the children to have during church. These bags have a small snack, coloring pages & crayons in them to occupy your young ones. Please return the bags after church so they can be refilled & used for next time. Donations of items for the bags are greatly appreciated. Please see Ginny Houser or drop off at the church office. Thank you.

2016 ENVELOPES --Reminder to please pick up your 2016 envelopes, which are located in the vestibule.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up sheets for 2016 are located in the vestibule. Altar Flower sponsors are needed for the following: Jan 10, Jan 31, Mar 24, Apr 10, Apr 24, May 1, May 29, Jun 26, Jul 3, Sep 18, Oct 2, Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 27, Dec 11.

PAPER RECYCLING

Josh Naegele is collecting paper for his senior project. Recycle bins have been placed in the back of the church. Please utilize these bins for a great cause. Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – Zions would like to thank Todd Gimbi for an outstanding job decorating for the Advent/Christmas Season and for creating the Nativity scene. Thank you to the Altar Guild, John Simkovich, choir and especially L & S Floral for the Advent wreath and the Gregory family for the Christmas tree.



JANUARY’S WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

Assisting Ministers

Jan 3 – Ginny Houser
Jan 10 – Harry Sipler

Jan 17 – Christal Kislán
Jan 24 – TBD
Jan 31 – Joshua Naegele

Greeter(s)

Phyllis Martienssen
Connie Feaster & granddaughters Isabelle Stelea & Morgan Mengle

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Smith
Betty Henry & Nancy Kuzmission

Communion Assistants

Jan 3 – Elaine Bynon
Jan 10 – Tracy Madden

Altar Guild –

Communion Set-up
Jan 2 -- Charles Hettler (Annex)
Jan 3 -- Jack & Jean Frable
Jan 10 -- Charles Hettler



Ushers

Jan 3 – Don Weston, John Gower, Rick & Donna Miller
Jan 10 – Eva Labanoski, Donna Meyer, Elaine Bynon, Judy Cooper
Jan 17 – Matt & Bruce Hoegg, Bob Richie, Larry Smith
Jan 24 – Susan Stritz, Roy Gower, Morris Hinkle, Charles Hettler
Jan 31 – Don Weston, John Gower, Rick & Donna Miller

Please contact John Gower at 427-8754, if you are not available to usher.

Sound Technicians

Jan 3 – Bruce Hoegg
Jan 10 – Joshua Naegele
Jan 17 – Don Weston
Jan 24 – Bruce Hoegg
Jan 31 – Bob Richie

FEBRUARY'S WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

Assisting Ministers

Feb 7 – Harry Sipler
Feb 14 – Cyrick Thomas
Feb 21 – Christal Kislán
Feb 28 – Dave Madden

Greeter(s)

Jo Ann Garber & Nancy Miller
Phyllis Martienssen & Elaine Bynon
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Edward McInroy

Communion Assistants

Feb 7 Ginny Houser

Altar Guild – Communion Set-up

Feb 6 – Charles Hettler (Annex)
Feb 7 – Donna Miller & Donna Meyer

Ushers

Feb 7 – Eva Labanoski, Donna Meyer, Elaine Bynon, Judy Cooper
Feb 14 – Matt & Bruce Hoegg, Bob Richie, Larry Smith
Feb 21 – Susan Stritz, Roy Gower, Morris Hinkle, Charles Hettler
Feb 28 – Don Weston, John Gower, Rick & Donna Miller

Please contact John Gower at 427-8754, if you are not available to usher.

Sound Technicians

Feb 7 – Don Weston
Feb 14 – Joshua Naegele
Feb 21 – Bruce Hoegg
Feb 28 – Bob Richie

Please note that event(s) are subject to change without notice!!!

If anyone is interested in being a sound technician please see Don Weston or Bob Richie. Thank you.





Throughout 2016, Zions Evangelical Lutheran Church will commemorate its 150th Anniversary. As part of the celebration, over the next few months, we will trace the history of our congregation and mark the many milestones we have enjoyed together. But to truly appreciate the developments of our particular congregation, we must first understand the evolution of the Lutheran Church in America.

With that in mind, let us start at the beginning of Lutherans in America. The first Lutherans came to the "new world" from many European countries with the very first arriving from Holland in about 1623. These immigrants settled along the Hudson River near what is now Albany and in New York City. They were followed in 1638 by Lutherans from Sweden who settled near the mouth of the Delaware River and by German Lutherans who established settlements in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and in Georgia in 1734.

Philadelphia became the center of Lutheranism in America during this time. The religious freedom offered in the colony of Pennsylvania, and the exceptional leadership of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in the American Colonies, contributed to the renaissance in Philadelphia. Muhlenberg organized and presided over the first Lutheran Synod in North America, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in 1748. The formation of this synod made possible the establishment of the first Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg in 1828 and was created for the training of Lutheran pastors. The greatest wave of Lutheran immigrants came during the second half of the 19th Century.

These events, and the arrival of German Lutherans to Weatherly, led to the establishment of Zions Evangelical Lutheran Church of Weatherly, Pennsylvania in 1866.

***The above information has been gathered from past anniversary booklets, various historical references of the Lutheran Church, and records found in the "History of the Wilkes-Barre Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

NEXT INSTALLMENT OF OUR HISTORY: The rise of Zions Church in Weatherly.

Barbara Sandt

If anyone would like to anonymously donate money toward the cost of the anniversary events, they are welcome to do so? We are working on a limited budget. Please mark the envelope "Anniversary Offset" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.



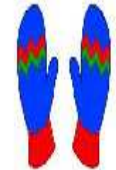



January

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>New Year's Day</u>	1	2
CLOSED		4PM Annex Communion ~ Rev. Robert von Frisch
Pastor Richis vacation		


Pastor Richie's office hours are flexible and appointments can be made.

3 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions w/comm - Rev. Robert von Frisch	4	5 6PM 150th Anniversary meeting in the annex	6 	7 No Flower Club	8 10AM Weatherwood 10:45 AM Heritage Hill	9
8:45 AM St. Matt's Budget 10 <u>Baptism of Our Lord</u> 9AM St. Matt's w/comm <i>Congregational Meeting</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions w/comm	11 Congregational Report Deadline	12 <i>Time Change</i> 2:30 PM--4PM Shepherd House *** 7PM N.S. Board Meeting	13 	14 Ebrich	15	16 
17 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions Children's Time/S.S. Sing	18 	19	20 Pastor ~ Mentor Group 7PM Council Meeting	21 6PM Afterschool Board Meeting	22	23 Pastor ~ Learning Ministries Day
24 <u>Septuagesima Sunday</u> 9AM St. Matt's 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions ANNUAL RPTS DISTRIBUTED	25	26 	27	28 	29	30 St. Matthew's Covered Dish 5PM Dinner 6PM Meeting Snow date 2/07

31 <u>Sexagesima Sunday</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions <i>Congregational Meeting</i>	Calendar is subject to change without notice. Please contact the church office for updates. Thank you.
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Pastor Dawn will be on vacation until the 4th. Rev. Robert von Frisch is covering for emergencies.
Please contact the church office should a situation arise. Thank you.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3	4 7PM Flower Club	5 	6 4PM Annex Communion
<u>Transfiguration /</u> 7 <u>Quinquagesima Sunday</u> 9AM St. Matt's w/corona 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions w/corona St. Matt's covered due snow day	8 	9 <i>Time Change</i> 2:30 PM -4PM Shepherd House	10 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 7PM Services @ United Methodist Church ~ Rev. Dawn Ricbie	11 Ebrlich	12	13 
<u>Valentine's Day /</u> 14 <u>First Sunday in Lent</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions	15	16 	17 6PM Soup & Sandwich 7PM Worship @ Zions - Rev. Charles Englehart	18 6PM Afterschool Board Meeting	19 	20
9AM St. Matt's 21 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions Children's Time / S.S. Sing	22	23 	24 6PM Soup & Sandwich 7PM Worship @ St. Matt's - Pastor Floyd Caesar	25 	26	27
28 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Zions	29	Calendar is subject to change without notice. Please contact the church office for updates. Thank you.		Date for council meeting is TBD		

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No date for February council meeting yet.