

# The Zion Herald

We gather to grow; we live to serve!

Zion Lutheran Church of Leola, PA. Our monthly newsletter.

April 2011

## *“Walking in HIS Footsteps” Prayer Walk*

**By Renee Gehman**

Walk with Jesus the last week of his life and thru the resurrection. Meet him on the road to Emmaus. Come and experience this journey. Walk thru this journey guided by a CD (CD players provided). It takes approximately one hour.

Be with Jesus as He rides triumphantly into Jerusalem. Be in the garden when He is betrayed. Become a part of the crowd that wants to crucify Him. This can be a powerful and transforming experience in your life.

We need volunteers to set up as well as tear down, to greet the people coming to take this journey. We would also like volunteers to pray with people and share their faith.

I know from personal experience that understanding God loves me no matter what, was one of the hardest things for me, and I have even gone to church most of my life. It was not until I started a relationship with Christ, talking, and listening to him that I have finally started to accept the love He has for me. Once you let that in, it is amazing.

## **“Walking In HIS Footsteps” Dates and Times:**

Sunday, April 17 thru

Wednesday, April 20 ~ 6-8 p.m.

Monday, April 18 thru

Thursday, April 21 ~10 a.m. to  
1 p.m.

Friday, April 22 ~ 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 ~ 4-7 p.m.

## **Zion Community Egg Hunt & Wise Sage Hunt**



**April 16, 2011  
1-3 p.m.**

Raindate April 23

Ages: 6th grade and under

Register online at [www.zionleola.org](http://www.zionleola.org)  
or in the greeting area.

## *Easter Special*

**By Sue Orth**

This year you will have an opportunity to celebrate Easter, April 24, in FAITH TANKK. Each year our curriculum has a wonderful Palm Sunday lesson and one for Easter. But for many years we have not held FAITH TANKK (Sunday School) on Easter. The biggest, most amazing day in the life of Christians – a day when Jesus is raised from the dead and we learn that he is indeed alive – and we cancel FAITH TANKK. This year many volunteers would like to celebrate this event – this day of hope and the assurance of life eternal – by holding an intergenerational FAITH TANKK.

That means families will travel together to stations (like VBS) to celebrate Easter morning. There will be music, stories, games, crafts, and food. There is reason to celebrate this day – one of the two most important days in the life of Christians.

Easter morning at 9:15 AM.  
FAITH TANKK is on!

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**Check out our website.**

**[www.zionleola.org](http://www.zionleola.org)**

## *Prayer Requests*

Do you have a concern you want lifted to the Lord in prayer? Zion's email prayer partners can be reached through Russ Bomberger at [cruss@frontiernet.net](mailto:cruss@frontiernet.net) and Zion's telephone Prayer Chain through Mary Ann Greiner at 581-5795.

## *A Word From Pastor Embley*



### **By Pastor Embley**

Thank you for the Sabbatical. Here is a quick recap of some highlights.

In January and February, I spent three-day weekends at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville under the leadership of the Kairos School of Spiritual Formation.

In January, the topic was the “Wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers” led by Nancy Bieber, a member of the Lancaster Friends Meeting.

In February, Barry Young of Bethlehem led sessions on discernment. The Jesuit Center is a special place to get away from it all. Checkout both, the Kairos School and the Jesuit Center, on the the web and give it a try.

In January, I took a 15 hour course on Mental Health First Aid put on by the Community Services Group. I continued my work with Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Lancaster, by worshipping there on a Sunday and meeting with the congregation on the process of synodical administration. I also continued my work with the Synod Deaf Ministry Table by meeting at Lutheran Social Services in York. LSS York has been providing services to the deaf and hard of hearing community for 30 years. American Sign Language classes are taught regularly to the hearing community.

I attended this meeting with the pastor and members of Word of Life Deaf Congregation that meet at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Neffsville. Members of the deaf community who go to the hospital, rehab, or long-term care facilities are isolated and often fail to thrive because of the lack of communication and interaction. Word of Life Deaf Congregation also has deaf/blind members.

I attended the ELCA “Retirement” conference at Trindle Springs Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg. This is a mandatory first step for ELCA pastors

before retirement. Several familiar faces from around the Synod were in attendance. A Conestoga Valley graduate Deb Young (now Deb Bender), a member of Trindle Springs, sends greetings.

The bulk of my time was spent being “Grampy” and volunteering at the Community Homeless Outreach Center--CHOC for short. CHOC is located in the 200 block of South Prince Street at the Water Street Rescue Mission. CHOC is a drop in center open Monday through Friday, 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Because CHOC shares space with the Water Street Chapel, in the morning we convert from Chapel to CHOC and in the afternoon, CHOC to Chapel. At night, the Chapel becomes the community emergency shelter. Men sleep on one-inch foam rubber mats. Up to 60 men can be housed with access to one toilet.

CHOC, on the other hand, provides the opportunity for showers, laundry, a free telephone for local and long distance calls, a permanent address for mail, free coffee in the morning, several services provide care during the week (mental health, The Lodge, veterans, drug and alcohol, etc). Anyone wanting a shower is escorted by volunteers two at a time; laundry consist of one washer, one dryer. Some days there are no female volunteers which means no female showers are available. Clothing vouchers are available every two weeks. (Water Street is no longer in the thrift store business.) Clients are escorted to the clothing bank.

Clients range in age from their early 20's to senior citizens in their 70's. Female clients have often stayed at the church shelter and walked down to CHOC. We had females with young children and a grandfather with his granddaughter. We had dropouts, clients with college degrees, and clients with mental health issues, addiction issues, or economic down turn; so many of God's children.

Thank you to Sue and Paula who reminded me early on that I was on Sabbatical. Thank you to all who took on ministries during my absence, please continue. I recognize I overfunction which can lead to underfunctioning in some cases. I know Zion can carry on now and into the future and so can I.

I look forward to life together and seeing what God has in store. Thanks to Pastor Deb for providing continuity in the pulpit. We are truly blessed by all that we learned--God provides.

Now, we prepare to celebrate God's provision in the resurrection of Jesus on Easter, April 24.

### **HOLY WEEK**



#### **SCHEDULE**

**April 17** - Palm Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. at Zion

**April 21** - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. at Zion

**April 22** - Good Friday Community Service at Leola United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

**April 24** - Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. FAITH TANKK - intergenerational activities

# Empty Bowls Open Hearts Project

By Renee Gehman

We have started painting bowls and they are looking great, but we have many to paint. So join us in painting bowls, April 3, 2-4 p.m., April 14, 7-9 p.m., April 15, 7-9 p.m., April 25, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, May 15, 2-4 p.m. You may also come during regular business hours which are Mon. and Tues., 12 p.m.-8 p.m., Wed, Thurs, and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Peggy and Renee's Fired Art Studio, 29 Main Street, Akron, PA, 717-859-5566.

When you paint a bowl for \$6, we will put your name with your bowl. The \$6 will cover the cost of the bowl, paints, firing of the bowl, and the glaze that must be put on it. We will keep the bowl until October 2 to use at the Empty Bowls, Open Hearts Dinner. After you paint a bowl, you will receive a voucher for \$6 toward the purchase of a dinner ticket. The dinner ticket is \$12 (\$6 with a "bowl" vouch-

er). At the dinner, you can choose to keep your bowl or get a different one. You can also join in the fun even if you do not paint a bowl, you can still buy a ticket for the dinner.

Our goal is to raise money and awareness for the amount of people that go hungry in this community and the world. All proceeds raised (minus the cost of the bowls, glaze, paint, and firing) will go to the Conestoga Valley Food Bank and ELCA World Hunger Fund. We will be asking local restaurants to donate the soups. One local cafe is already on board. At the dinner, you will be able to eat soup out of one of the painted bowls and then take the bowl home with you.

For more information regarding the Empty Bowls Project, which is nationwide, visit [www.emptybowls.net](http://www.emptybowls.net). You can also Google "empty bowls project" to see what other churches and organizations have done.

## Companions in Christ

### Lower Susquehanna Synod and Konde Diocese

By Sue Orth

What is a typical day in Tanzania like in the Konde Diocese? Have you ever wondered about that? How do they worship? What do they eat? What kind of work do they do? What tools do they use?

You can experience what life is like in the Konde Diocese on Saturday, May 25 at Camp Kirchenwald. See the agricultural methods that they use, learn about their education system, and check out the medical needs of the people. Celebrate our partnership with a Tanzania style worship service and share lunch (serving typical Tanzanian foods).

If you would like to attend this event, see Sue Orth. It is a great way to experience what a trip to Tanzania would be like without leaving home.



Companion Synod/Diocese Gathering Day will be May 25. Learn more about life in Tanzania. Photos from the 2010 event. Photos courtesy of [www.lss-elca.org](http://www.lss-elca.org).



## A Word From Pastor Deb

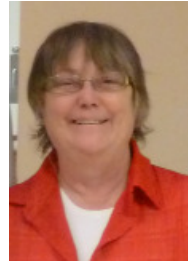
By Pastor Deb Volker

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! My time with you as your sabbatical pastor has flown by, and now you have welcomed back Pastor Embley, and the folk at St. James have welcomed me back. I give thanks to God for being able to spend this time with you through the grace of those folk. I give thanks to God for the opportunity to learn and grow with you. I give thanks to God for the gifted servant leaders you have, both staff and members, that made my time with you so free and easy.

I encourage you to continue to grow in the love of Christ and each other. I encourage you to continue to turn to God's Word in scripture, treasuring that word in your hearts and teaching it to your children. I encourage you to be faithful in using the gifts God has given you, and being open to discover new gifts God wants to give you.

You will continue in my heart and prayers, part of the treasure I carry with me wherever I am. I am sure I will see some of you at synodical events, and will enjoy hearing how you are all doing! May our God of grace and hope, who claimed each of you on the day of your baptisms, be with you this day and every day of your lives, until you see the fulfillment of the promises made on that day!

Blessings, Pr. Deb



## *Lutheran Malaria Initiative*

**By Sue Orth**

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) have created a partnership, Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) to mobilize efforts to eliminate deaths caused by malaria in Africa.

Pilot programming in Tanzania has already started making a difference. This pilot program with Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) resulted in the use of insecticide-treated bed nets and a marked increase in the availability of medications to treat malaria at ELCT run medical facilities like Itete Hospital (where our poinsettia alternative money was directed).

With our poinsettia alternative at Christmas and the Easter Flower alternative, we have been part of this initiative. We can be part of ending this preventable and curable disease that kills 1 million people – 1 death every 30 seconds – each year.

75% of the malaria victims in Africa are children. If you would like to read a fabulous children's book titled, "Little Things Make Big Differences" please see Sue Orth to borrow it. The story about malaria was written by Rev. John Nunes, president and CEO of LWR along with his wife, Monique, who is Principal of Baltimore Lutheran School.

All proceeds from the book are donated to the LMI (Lutheran Malaria Initiative).



Above: A mosquito from Tanzania. A killer of millions of people. Photo courtesy of [www.physorg.com](http://www.physorg.com)



Above: Nets such as these are used to cover people at night to protect them from mosquitos. Photo courtesy of [www.africa.net](http://www.africa.net).

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## *Things That are Happening*

**By Sue Orth**

What does worship through the eyes of a child look like? One Sunday a paper was left in the pew by one of our children. It is titled at the top of the page, "Things That Are Happening." From the handwriting (printing) it appears to be from early elementary age. I assume this child is looking around during worship – watching and observing the people around him/her.

It is a good reminder to remember that children are always watching and observing.

What do they see when they watch you? Here is what this child saw.

- *People singing*
- *People watching*
- *Dad humming*
- *Someone put nose in elbow*
- *Mom said NO HUMMING*
- *Person moving her hands*
- *People clapping*
- *Person talking*
- *Dad elbowing me*
- *Mom asked me something*
- *Dad said SHHH*

May we all be shining examples for all of Zion's children to watch and observe as we worship a loving, merciful and Holy God.

## *Stewardship Devotional*

**By Renee Gehman**

I was searching last month for a devotion to use at the stewardship meeting. This was our meeting following the Annual meeting. I came across this and wanted to share this with everyone.

Genesis 12:2, "*And I will make of thee a great nation, and will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.*"

When we read this passage of Scripture, the first thing that probably comes to mind are all the promises that God gave to Abraham and the nation of Israel. But it occurred to me that there is a bigger lesson that we can learn here.

We tend to focus on the part of that scripture where God does the blessing- but why did He bless Him? The answer lies in the passage! The Lord told Abraham: "I will bless you –and you shall be a blessing." Abraham was blessed so that he could be a blessing!!

The same is true today. The Lord has done so much for us!! He has blessed us with so many things, the most important of which is his mercy in that He died for sinners like us! He has bestowed us with so much grace!! He has allowed us to come into His Kingdom and be part of the great things he is doing! What we have received should not only be for our own enjoyment but for the salvation of a dying world around us.

God gives freely to us so that we may give freely to others! Let us not be afraid to give out the blessings God has granted us! Share God's goodness! To whom much is given, much is required!!!

*Worthy Devotions:*

[www.worthydevotions.com](http://www.worthydevotions.com)

# LOVE

## By Sue Orth

It sounds so simple – love one another! But the reality is, it is not. If it were so simple, we would not have the number of people walking away from the church. People leave hurt and wounded by the people that Jesus commanded to love them. I don't know about you, but I want to love more like God commanded me to love. That has become my daily prayer.

I truly believe that if we start loving the way God commanded – all the churches would be overflowing with people. People are starving for love – for unconditional, no strings attached, no hidden agenda – just genuine Christ-like love. People want to see Christian love lived out in the day-to-day grind of life – when we have that flat tire, when traffic is backed up for miles, when we are 8th in line at the cash register, when the kids are cranky or our spouse is tired and irritable, when someone needs a listening ear, when someone needs a kind word or

a smile, when we feel we just cannot handle one more thing. And the best news of all is that at those times we can draw on God's love – His Spirit is in us.

A sentence from my devotion, *Walk With God*, by Chris Tiegreen, The foremost element of a believer's life is not obedience, not service, and not doctrine. These are important – indispensable, in fact. But they are not the priority. Love is.

For weeks - in my devotions, in FAITH TANKK curriculum, in books, in scripture – LOVE keeps recurring. I believe it is THE key element to helping people see and know Christ. Here are some of the many beautiful scripture verses on love.

- ♥ *Do everything in love.* 1 Corinthians 16:14
- ♥ *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* John 13:34

- ♥ *The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.* Galatians 5:6b
  - ♥ *Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love.* Ephesians 4:2
  - ♥ *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* Hebrews 10:24
  - ♥ *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.* 1 Peter 4:8
  - ♥ *This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.* 1 John 3:11
  - ♥ *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.* 1 John 4:7
  - ♥ *As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.* 2 John 6b
- May we love one another as God loves us – in thought, word and actions!



There were couples of all ages attending The Great Date Night.



Above: Mark Cable entertaining everyone at the Great Date Night. Thank you to Jenn & Gregg, Lore & Chris, Sue, Deb for a great night.



## March 2011 Summary

### By Martha Zepp, Council Secretary Old Business:

1. Rod Smith will continue on the mutual ministry committee until April 30.
2. Jason Schnader has designed and is ready to build an information kiosk for the greeting area.
3. Committee assignments were made. Because no council member had volunteered for the Social Ministry committee, each council person was asked to attend at least one social ministry event. Michelle Strohm will act as liaison for social ministry.

Other committee assignments are as follows:

- a. Diane Caci: VBS, FFFF, Library
- b. Nick Caci: Youth, 1-2-3-Group
- c. Tony Calderone: Finance, Preteen Advisory
- d. Gloria Gates: Corner of Hope, Gifts and Bequests
- e. Tom Hartman: Youth, Cemetery
- f. Brenda Leathery: Christian Educa-

- tion, Coffee Socials
- g. Tim McBride: Mutual Ministry, Core Values
- h. Joel Miller: Worship Planning, Building Usage
- i. Linda Reed: Worship Planning, Downtown Meals
- j. Jason Schnader: Property, Camping
- k. Bill Snader: Property
- l. Michelle Strohm: Stewardship, Social Ministry
- m. Martha Zepp: Homes of Hope, Holiday Bazaar
4. The phone company was here to show the staff how messages can be changed from a remote location.

### New Business:

1. Patti Williams presented a proposal for a Yard Sale on May 7, 2011. Fees would be charged for the rental of spaces and tables with those proceeds going to spring mulching and flowers. Additional activities could be a food and bake sale with proceeds going to

the Zion Meals program and a Bazaar table to sell outdated items with proceeds going to the bazaar fund for supplies. Council gave conditional approval with a request for more information by March 27.

2. The treasurer has requested that the church look into separating the payroll/tax portion from other parts of the treasurer's job because the entire job is getting too big to be handled completely on a volunteer basis. If a volunteer can't be found for the payroll/tax portion of the job, it was recommended that we consider using a commercial accounting firm.

### Committee Reports:

There were no action items from committees. Activities are reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

## A Word From Our Council President

### By Tim McBride

I lift weights. I have done so for over 30 years. Started with small, plastic, sand-filled weights and progressed to some fairly heavy poundages. I've never been the biggest guy or the strongest, but my dedication to fitness is unquestionable. Almost a second religion to me. A heavy iron weight is, like God, immutable; it is what it is. I must change (grow stonger) if I wish to lift it. I have no idea how many pounds I have moved over the years: thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions? Have I moved a mountain yet?

I've come to the realization that I have developed a lot of strength, but to what use? Have I moved mountains? Could my strength be put to use loading bags of rice and food to feed others? I know I have shared my knowledge with others and have tried to be a role model, but would I

be a better shepherd if my hands were also calloused from mindful service to mankind?

There is something else you should know about strength. If I stopped training, within six months to a year, all of the strength I have worked so hard for would slowly erode. Between the ages of 40 and 80, humans can lose 50% of their strength. It's like when you stop working and try to live on your savings; it lasts for awhile, but eventually your account is empty.

Now let us substitute FAITH for STRENGTH. Prayer is but a warm-up. Just attending service, is like using a treadmill; you can say you exercised, but you end up in the same place you started and ignore the rest of the world. Each of us must challenge ourselves with a spiritual workout or our faith will be meaningless or fade with time. Even a little exercise, done each day, is good for us. Faith must

move us into action and even though we may not move the earth, we can definitely change it.

Stay strong. Stay faithful. Put both to action.

Tim McBride, Council President

PS. VBS is coming. Mark your calendars and start looking for your orange shirts.



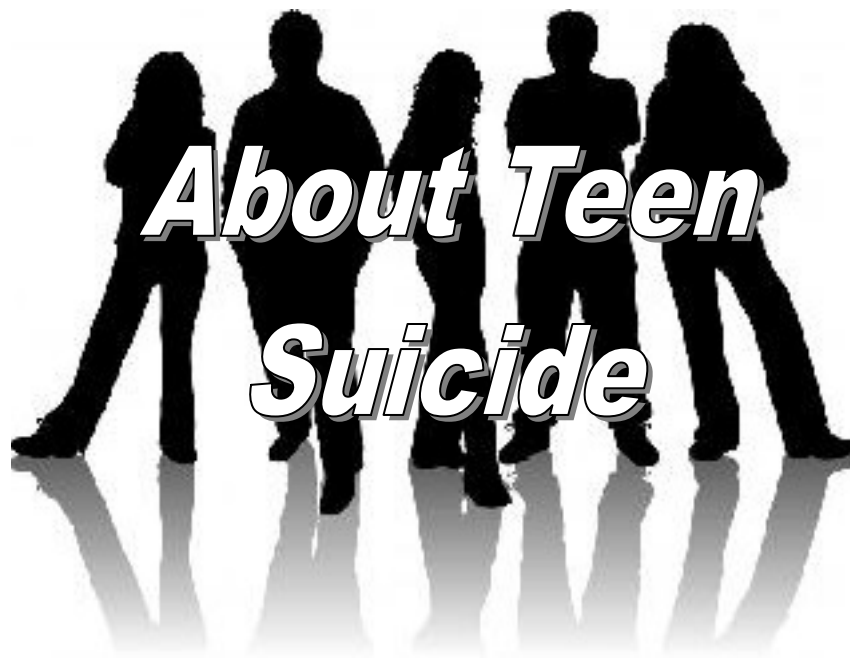
**Lutheran Historical Society  
of Lancaster County Meeting  
At Zion on April 10, 2:30 PM**

Do you enjoy history? Have you wondered about the history of the ELCA and the Lutheran church? The Lutheran Historical Society of Lancaster County will be meeting at Zion on April 10 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Pastor Embley will be presenting the history of our church.

The Historical Society is also accepting members. Presently, they have approximately 250 members. The Society is guided by a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer and is a non-profit organization recognized at state and national levels.

The purpose of the Society is to educate Lutherans about their heritage, events of the past, keep records of prominent Lutherans buried in Lancaster County, and collect and preserve archive materials.

If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Historical Society of Lancaster County, please pick up a brochure on the round table. You can also attend the meeting on April 10.



**Sunday, May 1  
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  
Zion's Chapel**

**For Confirmation students, Sr. High students and parents, teachers, grandparents, volunteers in youth and teen ministries**

**Guest Presenter – Dr. Lynne Williams, Ph.D.**

**By Keri Bloom**

Lynne A. Williams Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist at Samaritan Counseling Center in Lancaster. She has worked and lived in a variety of settings and cultures, including a county jail, university and college counseling centers, private practice, family violence centers, and consultation and training in Western Europe, North and East Africa, and southern India. She enjoys helping people understand about human behavior and ways to help people improve their personal lives and those of their families and communities.

- *What factors increase the risk?*
- *What are the warning signs?*
- *What questions to ask?*
- *Helping Teens Cope – Sharing Hope*

It can be hard to remember how it felt to be a teen, caught in that gray area between childhood and adulthood. Sure, it's a time of tremendous possibility but it can also be a period of great confusion and anxiety. There's pressure to fit in socially, to perform academically, and to act responsibly. There's the awakening of strong emotions, a growing self-identity, and a need for autonomy that conflicts with the rules and expectations set by others. What factors increase the risk of suicide among teens? Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death of youth ages 11-18. Please join us in the Chapel to learn tools that help.

**Next fellowship  
event:  
April 30, 2011  
6 p.m.**



**PIZZA  
& A Movie**

Free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the pizza.

## Our New Council Reps

### Gloria G.



#### By Gloria G.

I grew up in East Lampeter Township and I've been a member of Zion since 1991, soon after we moved to Leola from our first house in Paradise. (Paradise, PA that is!) My husband Bob and I were married in 1984 at Trinity Lutheran in Lancaster where Bob's family were members. Bob's Youth Pastor, (now known as Bishop Penrose Hoover) presided at our wedding. We have two daughters; Melissa, 20, a Jr. at California Univ. of PA and Janet, 17, a Jr. at CVHS.

I was a Sunday School teacher and parent leader with the Preteens for 10 years. We had some great camping experiences! Now my youngest daughter helps with FAITH TANKK on Sundays. Most recently I've served as Treasurer of the CVHS Marching Band Boosters. I was a 4-H Group Leader, Brownies and Girl Scouts Troop Leader for a number of years. My husband and I have spent many years as volunteers on the CV summer swim team in addition to helping organize and run swim meets at the Lancaster Family YMCA for about 11 years. I'm also a certified swim official with the YMCA.

I currently enjoy working at Johnson and Johnson in Greenfield Industrial Park as a Senior Chemist in Quality Systems. Before that I worked at Lancaster Labs for 20 years. I graduated from Bloomsburg University.

I look forward to my time on Council and serving on the Corner of Hope and Gifts & Bequests committees.

Bob and I enjoy both our Sunday services, so you never know which one we might be attending from week to week! Our Council meetings are held monthly and I want to be your advocate as a member of this church. If you have concerns, questions and especially positive news for me to take into the meetings, please talk to me any time!



### Linda R.

#### By Linda R.

My name is Linda R.. I have been a member of Zion since 2008. I transferred from Concordia Lutheran Church in the Mountville/Columbia area. I have been a Lutheran all my life.

I live just outside Lancaster city limits, at Bridgeport, with my husband Bryan. We celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary on March 7. We have one daughter, Angelia, and one granddaughter, Kyra. I work full time in Manheim Township.

I first heard about Zion from Jay. I was at Red Lobster with my sister-in-law, also named Linda, and Jay stopped to talk to us. Several years later, Angelia and I were at Barnes and Noble with a knitting group, and once again Jay stopped to talk to us. I remembered him from before, and thought it was odd to keep running into him. Then one evening, we were at Isaac's at Greenfield and once again we came into contact with Jay. You all know Jay had a wonderful way of asking you about your faith, and he was willing to share and witness with you his belief in God. Not long after that we met Melinda, who told us about VBS and invited Kyra to come to it.

I sing with the Praise Choir; I am an M and M; I have been a crew leader for VBS; I am on the Holiday Bazaar committee, and I help with meals at Christ Lutheran and Grace Lutheran. I like to knit and crochet.



### Tony C.

#### By Tony C.

My name is Tony C. I am from the great city of Detroit, Michigan. My wife, Katie, daughters, Isabella and Sophia, and I live in Smoketown. We have been married for 18 years. Isabella is in Smoketown Elementary and enjoys playing the violin and reading books. Sophia is in pre-school. I am known here at Zion as being the #1 Detroit Lions Fan. I enjoy all sports, especially football and hockey. We love going to the beach and spending time with our families.

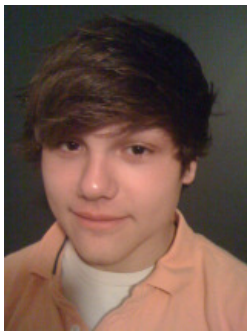
I work in Quarryville and have for the last five years. When I am not at work, I am involved with our children's various activities. I am a member of the Paradise Township Lions Club.

We became members of Zion ten years ago because of the warm welcome and friendliness of everyone, but most importantly because of the opportunity to grow and serve God. I am active in FAITH TANKK, the Preteen group, ushers, nursery, and greeters.

I joined Council because I know my leadership abilities and positive attitude can help the church strengthen and grow. I will be a liaison for the Preteen Advisory and the Finance Committee. I look forward to serving on Council.



## Our New Youth Council Rep



My name is N.C. I live in Leola. I am almost 16 years old and I attend Conestoga Valley High School.

I play baseball, basketball and many other sports. I like to draw and hang out with my friends.

Next year I am excited to look at colleges and hope to pursue a degree in art.

I have fun and enjoy going to FAITH TANKK and Youth Group.

By joining council as the Youth representative I hope to encourage other youth to get involved with different aspects of the church and use their talents. I am the council liaison for Youth and 1-2-3 Group.

I am also looking forward to the Mission Trip in Ohio this summer.

**Don't forget to sign up in the greeting area to help at the Leola Community Egg Hunt & Wise Sage Hunt held at Zion on April 16 at 1 p.m.**



## Pennsylvania Hunger Summit

### Lutheran Day at the Capitol

May 17, 2011

Lutheran Day at the Capitol 2011 will focus on hunger in PA and strategies for Lutheran congregations, synods, and leaders to address it through direct action and advocacy.

The keynote speaker is David Beckmann, President of Bread for the World. See Sue Orth to register.

See how you can help fight hunger!

## Only 13 Tickets Left for Bus Trip to NYC

### By Michelle Strohm

Who would like to go to New York City in May? I am hosting a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 28, (Memorial Weekend) 2011.

We will depart A.C. Moore parking lot (Lancaster) at 6:30 a.m. promptly and depart New York City at 8:00 p.m. There will be two drop off points in New York City, the first one at Winter Garden Theatre and the second one at Battery Park. We will stop on the way to NYC for a 15 minute coffee break. We will not stop on the way home. All proceeds will go to feed the homeless at Christ Lutheran and Grace Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

The cost is \$36 a ticket. If you are interest please e-mail me, Michelle, or call me at 859-3943 or email me at sma@dejzaad.com.

## Support to the LSS and Other Ministries

### By Ed Bunker

### Payments to and through in 2010

Mission Support  
General Program  
\$24,000 (1)

Churchwide Spec Benev Receipts  
International Disaster Response  
\$2,222  
World Hunger \$568

Synodical Spec Benev Receipts  
Camp Nawakwa \$1,000  
Gettysburg Seminary \$1,000  
Konde Diocese \$6,379.31 (2)

Other Spec Benev Receipts  
Lutheran World Relief \$322

Total from Zion - \$35,491.31

(1) includes support for Lower Susquehanna Synod, Corner of Hope, Leola Homes of Hope and Open Door Youth Center.

(2) includes support for Itete Hospital (malaria meds), our partner congregation, Mpata, orphan support, and the Konde Diocese.

## Spring Cleaning



Sweep over me, Lord  
And brush out my sin!  
Replace it with faith,  
And live here within.  
Amen

~Peggy Ferrell, from *Prayers and Poems*



## Zion Lions April Events

**By Ashley Wachter**

The Zion Lions is a youth group for grades 4, 5, and 6. Friends are always welcome!

### Baltimore Aquarium Day Trip

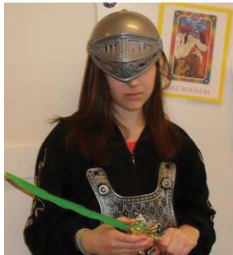
Saturday, April 2  
8:45 AM-6:00 PM  
Cost is \$20 for ages 11 and under; \$25 for ages 12 and up  
Permission slips and money due March 27.



### Wise Sage Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16  
1:00-3:00 PM

- Answer Bible trivia questions to earn your clue!
- Clues will lead to the prize!
- Start in the sanctuary for music and a puppet show.
- Then venture into the Sunday School wing to face the guards and find the sages!



## The Christian Youth Revolution

**By Ashley Wachter**

**The Christian Youth Revolution (grades 7-12) meets every Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM.**

# April Youth Events

### Youth Group:

**Tuesday, April 5, 7:00-9:00 PM**  
"Jesus" and 1 Versus 100 with Bible Trivia

### Lent Babysitting:

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, & 20  
5:30-8:00 PM

- Provide child care for parents during a Lent Bible study.



### Youth Advisory:

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 PM

### Youth Group:

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00-9:00 PM  
"Savior" and Capture the Flag

### Wise Sage Egg Hunt:

Saturday, April 16  
12:30-3:00 PM  
Be a guard or sage in this preteen egg hunt.



### Youth Group:

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00-9:00 PM  
Take a journey through the last week of Christ's life.

### Youth Group:

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00-9:00 PM  
"Evil & Suffering" and Soccer & Ultimate Frisbee



### Homeless Night:

Friday-Saturday, April 29-30  
7PM-7 AM

- Experience 12 hours as a homeless person. Bring only a cardboard box and the clothing on your back. We will depend on the congregation to provide sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, food, and water.
- Permission slips are due Sunday, April 17.

### Babysitting for Fellowship Group:

Saturday, April 30, 6:00 PM  
Provide child care for a fellowship event.

## Upcoming Events



### Lenten Breakfast

Hosted by Breakout Ministries and held at Zion  
Wednesday, April 6, 2011  
6 a.m.

### Lutheran Historical Society of Lancaster County Meeting

Sunday, April 10, 2011  
2:30 p.m.  
All welcome

### Leola Community Egg Hunt and Wise Sage Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2011  
1-3 p.m.

Raindate: April 23

\*There will be a puppet show, music by the M and Ms, lots of eggs to find, prizes, and refreshments.

\*Children ages Toddler to 3rd grade will hunt eggs.

\*Children in 4th through 6th grade will participate in the Wise Sage Hunt.

\*Location: Here at Zion Lutheran Church, Leola

### Walking in HIS Footsteps Prayer Walk

See page 1 for dates and times.

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 21, 2011  
7 p.m.

### Good Friday Community Service

Friday, April 22, 2011  
7 p.m.

Location: Leola United Methodist Church

### Fellowship Event: Dinner & a Movie

April 30, 2011  
6 p.m. dinner  
7 p.m. movie

### Shady Maple Luncheon

Wednesday, April 6  
11:30 a.m.  
Carpool leaves Zion at 11 a.m.

### "Grave Concerns" by Sam Mecum

Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
7 p.m. in Zion's Chapel

He will talk about saving family cemeteries and other graveyards in Lancaster County. The public is invited. For more info, call Marilyn at 355-6571.

### Corner of Hope Work Days for Seniors

The senior citizens meet every other Monday at 9 a.m. to sort clothes at the Corner of Hope. Questions, please contact Ira Groff at 656-7501.

### Upcoming Dates for COH work days for seniors:

April 11, 2011  
April 25, 2011  
May 9, 2011  
May 23, 2011



VBS decorating is getting started. Decorating dates coming soon. Above: Cutting out one of the characters.

### Leola Community Meal

April 15, 2011  
Held here at Zion  
Served at 5:55 p.m.  
Hosted by Breakout Ministries

### Downtown Meals

Car pool leaves at 4:15 p.m. from Zion. Please sign up to donate food and your time. Sign up sheets are located on the Mission & Service bulletin board.

### Christ Lutheran Church (Thursday)

May 19, 2011  
July 21, 2011  
September 15, 2011  
November 17, 2011

### Grace Lutheran Church (Wednesday)

June 29, 2011  
August 31, 2011  
November 30, 2011

### Lenten Breakfast Schedule



Breakfast is served at 6 a.m. Everyone is welcome. There is singing, food, and a speaker each week.

#### Wednesday, April 6

Breakout Ministries & Zion Lutheran at Zion Lutheran Church

#### Wednesday, April 13

Stumptown Mennonite Church

#### Wednesday, April 20

Conestoga Church of the Brethren

# April



Happy Birthday  
and  
Anniversary!

## Happy Anniversary!

- 6 Roger & Jen Bixler - 20 years
- 7 Rob & Linda Wentz - 27 years
- 16 David & Betty Eaton - 34 years
- 24 James & Janet Lefever - 35 years
- 25 Lloyd & Cindy Smucker
- 25 Harold & Helen Snader - 68 years
- 27 Ken & Cindy McCombs - 15 years
- 27 John & Amy Schwertfuehrer - 15 years
- 29 Jeff & Jane Hurst - 33 years

## Happy Birthday!

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kendra Hartman    | 13 Bob Perreault    |
| 2 Patty Jackson     | 14 Donna Ballard    |
| 2 Jeanne Peters     | 14 Rafe Knox        |
| 2 Dot Treida        | 15 Marchella Caci   |
| 3 Parker Graff      | 16 Barb Ciardullo   |
| 3 Cara Regitz       | 16 Beth Hostetter   |
| 4 Nathan Barnhart   | 17 Harold Snader    |
| 4 Brody Hastings    | 18 Rachel Hutchison |
| 4 Hunter Hastings   | 18 Robert Snader    |
| 4 Robert Neuhauser  | 18 Rosa Troians     |
| 4 Bryan Reed        | 20 Emily Heikkinen  |
| 5 Kelsey Eisenhauer | 20 Jill Schnader    |
| 5 Larissa Hammel    | 21 Amy Lukawski     |
| 5 Estrella Huyard   | 21 Kristyn Zook     |
| 6 Joyce Brook       | 22 Bob Fackler      |
| 7 Paula Gephart     | 22 Tracy Fox        |
| 7 Allison High      | 22 Lisa Phillips    |
| 8 Krysta Barnhart   | 23 Savana Rife      |
| 8 Ruth Patterson    | 24 Evelyn Brown     |
| 8 Mark Smoker       | 24 James Lefever    |
| 9 Will Knox         | 26 Kahlan Ciardullo |
| 10 John R. Eby      | 26 John Heikkinen   |
| 11 Barbie Dicks     | 26 Dori Shetter     |
| 11 Alan Ruby        | 27 Carol Chilcoat   |
| 11 A. J. Wasilewski | 27 Jennie Roland    |
| 11 Jeff Wasilewski  | 27 Gayle Weidner    |
| 12 Tom Hartman      | 29 Fred Oster       |
| 13 Connor Brabant   |                     |

## Thank You Notes

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you very much for your generous support of Leola Homes of Hope Transitional Housing. Your gift will help to transform lives and bless those in need as we provide them with a place to live and connect them to the Church, so that their hope is renewed.

Thank you, too, for your prayers for and commitment to this ministry. It is a privilege to serve on your behalf.

In His Service,  
Kim Y. Wittel, Executive Director,  
Love INC. Homes of Hope



## August 7-11



This is Amanda, the Red Panda.

### Important Dates To Remember

- April 3 - 4th Sunday of Lent
- April 10 - 5th Sunday of Lent
- April 17 - Palm Sunday
- April 17-23 - Holy Week
- April 21 - Maundy Thursday
- April 22 - Good Friday
- April 24 - Easter Day

You are encourage to write to Mpata, our sister congregation!

Konde Diocese  
Usharika Wa Mpata  
Box 718  
Tukuyu, Tanzania

## Pray for our Members, Friends, Military Personnel

### Friends of Zion

Anna Louise Cessna  
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 Dennis Shockley  
 Dorothy Eshelman  
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 Jim Saturno  
 Joanne McDonnell  
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 Shelly Sparr  
 Stasia Mischock

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 Claude Sweigart  
 Cyndi Hash  
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 \*John Heikkinen (stateside)  
 \*Derek Ungerecht (Iraq)  
 \*Andy White  
 \*Bob Pavlovec (stateside)  
 \*Mel Kirchner (Afghanistan)  
 \*Kyle Wallick (Iraq)  
 \*Dan Thompson  
 \*Davey Engel  
 \*James Wachter (Iraq)  
 \*Greg Henderson (home)  
 \*Jeff Berry (Iraq)  
 \*Rob Devlin (Afghanistan)  
 Email: RJDevlin@gmail.com  
 \*Keith Stoltzfus (being  
 deployed Summer 2011)  
 \*Jeremy Lake (Afghanistan)

## Trusting the Unseen

Adapted by newsletternewsletter.com



A gardener planted two peony bulbs side by side. In a few weeks, as expected, the first one poked a single stem through the ground. The other would soon follow, the gardener thought. But it didn't. Many more weeks went by with no sign of life.

Then one day, to his surprise, not one but five leaf points poked through the soil at once. When the peony bloomed, its flowers were more beautiful and numerous than those of the first bulb.

John Piper said, "In every situation God is doing a thousand things that we cannot see and do not know." When God seems to have forgotten you and hope fails, don't despair. God is at work, and someday you will see.

## Without Jesus

Adapted by newsletternewsletter.com

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter bunny - empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet - easily blown off kilter;
- Last year's Easter outfit - it doesn't quite fit right;
- An Easter lily - it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jellybeans - sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket - full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg - looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny - always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps - becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade - a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card - a message of love unclaimed.

~David Patterson

## 2011 GENERAL FINANCES

### General Fund Income (16.7% through year)

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
February	\$38,269	\$73,298	15.2%

### General Fund Expenses

	Month	Year-to-date	Budget
February	\$39,098	\$75,783	15.8%

## *Zion Happenings For April*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>COH=Corner of Hope</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:45am-6pm Zion Lion's Aquarium Trip
<b>3</b> 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group  8 am Worship  9:15 am FAITH TANKK  10:30 am Worship	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>5</b> 9am-2pm COH open  6:30-8 pm COH open  7-9 pm Youth Group Meeting	<b>6</b> 6 am Lenten Breakfast at Zion hosted by Breakout Ministries  11:30 am Golden Zioneers at Shady Maple  5:45pm Love in Lent  6:30 pm Worship in Chapel  7:30 pm Praise Choir/Band Practice	<b>7</b> 7 pm Youth Advisory Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group  8 am Worship  9:15 am FAITH TANKK  10:30 am Worship  2:30 pm Lutheran Historical Society of Lancaster County Meeting	<b>11</b> 9 am COH work day for seniors  7 pm Mutual Ministry	<b>12</b> 9am-2pm COH open  7-9 pm Youth Group Meeting  7 pm Worship Planning Meeting  7 pm Golden Zioneers "Grave Concerns" speaker in chapel	<b>13</b> 6 am Lenten Breakfast at Stumptown Mennonite Church  5:45 pm Love in Lent  6:30 pm Worship  6:30 pm Carpool to Bridge House for BINGO  7:30 pm Praise Choir/Band Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:55 pm Leola Community Meal hosted by Breakout Ministries	<b>16</b> 1-3 pm Egg Hunt & Wise Sage Hunt
<b>17</b> 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group  8 am Worship  9:15 am FAITH TANKK  10:30 am Worship  6-8 pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk	<b>18</b> 10am-1pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk  6-8 pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk	<b>19</b> 9am-2pm COH open  10am-1pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk  6:30-8pm COH open  7-9 pm Youth Group Meeting  6-8 pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk	<b>20</b> 6 am Lenten Breakfast at Conestoga COB  10am-1pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk  5:45 pm Love in Lent  6:30 pm Worship  7:30 pm Praise Choir/BandPractice  6-8 pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk	<b>21</b> 10am-1pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk  7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service  Maundy Thursday	<b>22</b> 10am-8pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk  7pm Good Friday Community Service at Leola UMC  Good Friday	<b>23</b> 4-7pm "Walking in HIS Footsteps" Prayer Walk  (Egg Hunt Rain Date)
<b>24</b> 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group  8 am Worship  9:15 am Intergenerational FAITH TANKK  10:30 am Worship  Happy Easter!	<b>25</b> 9 am COH work day for seniors	<b>26</b> 9am-2pm COH open  7-9 pm Youth Group Meeting	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Worship  7:30 pm Praise Choir/BandPractice	<b>28</b> 7 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>29</b> 7 pm Youth Homeless Night beginst	<b>30</b> 7 am Youth Homeless Night ends 6 pm Pizza & 7 pm Movie

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## Worship Services

Traditional Service, Sundays at 8 a.m.  
Contemporary Service, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
Traditional Service, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Communion is offered at each service.



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