



ZION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
DAUPHIN PA 17018

January 2024 Newsletter

WORSHIP: 10:15 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 am

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 2024 immediately following the
10:15 a.m. worship service.

Agenda: Adoption of 2024 Budget and the election of
Church Council Members.

A Potluck Fellowship Luncheon will be held
immediately following the Annual Meeting. Thank you
to the Gleaners for organizing the potluck!

From the Interim Pastor

What's your Spiritual Type?

Over the past six months, I have invited various individuals within the congregation to take a *Spiritual Type* inventory (a brief and confidential questionnaire). I began with groups of individuals, including the Gleaners, the Choir, the Call Committee and the Church Council. More recently I have approached individuals who have not already participated. If I've not approached you, please approach me! I would love to include you in this. No one will see your results other than you and me.



The *Spiritual Type* inventory was created based on the work of a former dean of the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee (an Episcopal Seminary). His work laid the foundation for the book *Discover Your Spiritual Type, A Guide to Individual and Congregational Growth*, by Corinne Ware.

The *Spiritual Type* inventory identifies an individual's primary spiritual type. There are four spiritual types and we all "visit" all four types, but predominantly "land" in one of the four types. All four are Biblical and can be found in the history of the Church. They complement one another. No one type is better than the other—they are just different! Research shows that, over time, congregations may gradually mold into the spiritual type

of the pastor, with neither the pastor, nor congregation, being aware of it happening. This tends to happen in longer term pastorates.

Sometimes individuals visit a congregation briefly but do not return, and sometimes people leave a congregation after having been there for years. Often, in both situations, it is because they are not being fed spiritually. This may have nothing to do with the quality of sermons, music, or the existing groups and programs offered at the church. They may simply be a spiritual type trying to “eat off the menu” of an overwhelmingly different spiritual type congregation. For these individuals, it is not about “more food.” It is about “different food,” or at least differently flavored food. Perhaps you’ve visited a congregation while on vacation or such and left feeling it was a mismatch for you personally. It likely has to do with your spiritual type not being aligned with what you just experienced at the church you visited.

What is your predominant spiritual type? Take the inventory and find out! It is a painless process and will provide you with some insight into your spirituality. In addition, it will help in the Call Process as we will discover what the predominant *Spiritual Type* of Zion Lutheran is. This information will assist the Call Committee and the Church Council when interviewing candidates to be Zion’s next Pastor.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael

World Hunger



In Fall 2023, members of Zion took two steps to provide affordable, nutritious food and water for all persons through:

- Packing food kits for Kids Against Hunger in the God's Work/Our Hands Service Activity and
- Purchasing livestock and farm implements through the Cow Project spearheaded by Ivan Wesner.

As we enter 2024, the Outreach Committee is adding ELCA World Hunger as an emphasis for our work. We will provide resources throughout the year with details about the work of this ELCA emphasis and ways you can participate.

More than 820 million people in our world today are undernourished. And God calls us to respond as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You and I are working with our neighbors in the United States and in more than 60 countries around the world. You and I accompany them to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good.

From water wells to animal husbandry, microloans to health clinics, our gifts to ELCA World Hunger support solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Lutherans are acting and speaking in ways that make a difference. The ELCA World Hunger is funded solely by gifts from ELCA members and congregations like Zion. Thank you for making this work possible through learning, action, prayer, and giving.

For more information on ELCA World Hunger, visit www.elca.org/hunger on the Internet.

Craig Staller, Outreach Committee member

Meals on Wheels Schedule for Zion

January 1-5

January 29-February 2

February 26-March 1



From Zion's Resident Poet

Jesus, From Baby to Man



Wise men who followed the bright star's shine,
did they know at the end, what they would find?
Not a child richly dressed in a Palace hall,
but a humble child who had been born in a manger stall.

We know little about this child's boyhood.
What he looked like, how tall he stood.
Thru his eyes God's love would shine.
He'd heal the sick, give sight to the blind.
Even today, no matter how bad things may be,
this babe, now a man, is there for you and me.

Jean E, Doren

CALENDAR

Church Sponsored Meetings and Events



Every Thursday: Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 7: Gleaners, following worship

Tuesday, Jan. 9: Church Council, 7 pm

Friday, Jan. 12: Meal prep for Saturday Supper, 6 pm

Saturday, Jan. 13: 2nd Saturday Supper, 12-4 pm

Wed. Jan. 24: Isaiah 61 Harrisburg Homeless Feed

3:00 pm Food Prep, 6:00 pm depart for Harrisburg

Sunday, Jan. 28: Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30am

Sunday, Jan. 28: Potluck Meal following Annual Meeting

Community Use of the Church Building

Tuesdays, Jan. 2, 16, 30: Girl Scout Troop 11516, 6-8 pm

Thurs, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25: Girl Scout Troop 11338, 6-8 pm

Sunday, Jan. 6: Historical Society's Chili Cook Off
& Girl Scout Bake Sale, Noon-2:30pm

Sundays, Jan. 14, 28: Girl Scout Troop 11339, 2-5 pm

Thursday, Jan. 18: Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 25: Historical Society Meeting, 6 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 30: Blood Drive, 12-7 pm

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Noreen Hunter - 1/4
Derek & Brooke Wachter – 1/17

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Deb Fetterhoff – 1/2
Dee Wesner – 1/12
Richard Long – 1/15
Ivan Wesner – 1/16
Stacy Stence – 1/17
Natalie Thompson – 1/23
Donna Damgaard – 1/24
Nathan Thompson – 1/27
Alan Mende – 1/29



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