



ZION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
DAUPHIN PA 17018

February 2024 Newsletter

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



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14

5:30 pm Soup Supper Meal

6:30 pm Worship

Choir Rehearsal following Worship

From the Interim Pastor

After devoting the past 20 years to the preparation for, and service in, ordained ministry, I have decided to retire effective January 31.

Though our time together has been brief, please know I am so glad to have served alongside you. Pastor Nicole told me that I “*would be in for a treat*” serving at Zion, and she was right! Zion has so many

wonderful individuals who care deeply about serving Christ and neighbor. Please know my departure will not change the call process. The Call Committee will continue its excellent work. Ultimately the Call Committee and Church Council will recommend to the congregation a gifted candidate to serve as Zion’s next Pastor. Have faith! The Holy Spirit is at work! There is a future for Zion Lutheran. My final Sunday will be January 28. My wife and I will be on retreat January 29 and 30. I will return to the office January 31 to wrap up any remaining details.



In Christ,

Pastor Michael

Update from Church Council

We are pleased to share that with the Synod’s assistance, Zion will have continuity in worship leadership and pastoral care following Pastor Michael’s retirement. Rev. Glenn Ludwig has entered into a *Covenant For Ministry*

with Zion. He will be half-time and anticipates spending one-half day each week in the office, generally on Thursdays. Pastor Ludwig has led worship here at Zion in the past. Please welcome Pastor Ludwig to Zion!

An Introduction to Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig

Pastor Ludwig was ordained into Word and Sacrament Ministry for the Lutheran Church in America in 1973. During his 50+ years in ministry, he has served in rural, town, and suburban parish settings. For almost thirty years, he served as the Senior Pastor of larger congregations, first in Ellicott City, MD, at First Lutheran, where he served for 23 years, and subsequently at Trinity Lutheran in Camp Hill, where he was Interim Senior Pastor for three and a half years. His career also included serving as Chaplain to the University at Susquehanna University, his alma mater, from 1980-85, and as Vice President of Gettysburg Seminary from 2013-2018. He also served as Project Director for United Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg to train senior pastors for service in the ELCA from 2012-23. During his retirement, he has served as an interim pastor for three congregations as well as a long-term supply pastor for three others.

He attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and is a graduate (Magna Cum Laude) of Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1973, receiving the “Excellence in Ministry” Award, their highest honor, in 2000. Pastor Ludwig is the author of seven books, the most recent of which addresses the issue of long-term pastorates and was published by the Alban Institute.

He and his wife, Stella, a retired elementary school teacher and former outdoor ministry director, live at Messiah Lifeways in Mechanicsburg.

Reminder from Call Committee

As we enter into the Interview phase of calling Zion's next Pastor, please refrain from asking Call Committee members about candidates. This process is intentionally confidential. Thank you for understanding!

Easter Egg Making

Easter Egg making will begin on Monday, February 5th

Volunteers are needed for egg rollers beginning at 8:00 a.m., egg dippers around 9:00 a.m.,

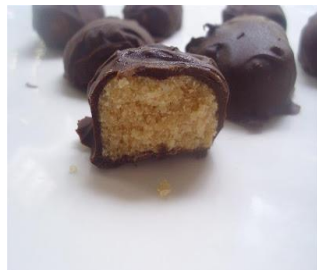
and bagging and labeling

the eggs any time after 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome and volunteers are needed throughout the day. Feel free to come for a few hours anytime during the day or stay until the egg making is finished.



We do have a church dinner the Saturday following our first easter egg making so we want to make a variety of eggs to sell at the dinner. All help is greatly appreciated!



There will be order forms on the special stuff table for anyone who wishes to order a dozen eggs or more. All order forms should be placed in Bonnie Bechtel's mailbox located in the Friendship Room. The egg price will remain at \$1.50 each/\$18.00 a dozen.

As we have done in the past, individuals have graciously volunteered to sign up to make lunch for the egg makers. There will be a calendar placed by the coffee maker for anyone who would like to volunteer to make lunch. We usually try to get at least two people to volunteer each Monday so that it's not so much work for one person. The Gleaners will provide lunch on the last day of egg making.

Please bring a hat to wear or hairnets will be available. Aprons and masks are optional.

If you haven't joined us for egg making yet, please come out and see what it's all about. We have a great time working together and socializing with each other. This is open for both men and women. If you have any questions, please see Bonnie Bechtel.

Meals on Wheels Schedule for Zion

January 29-February 2

February 26-March 1

March 25-29



From Zion's Resident Poet

Jesus

He could be strong, he could be mild.
He chased money changers out, he held a child.

He didn't shout like John, or preach like Paul,
but his presence was felt by one and all.

He looked like any other man,
Unless he touched you with his hands.

Then you knew as his power flowed thru,
that God was standing next to you.

He worked for a living like you and I,
in a carpenter shop, by his father's side.

Then why should he suffer? Why should he die?
His praises should have been shouted to the sky.

Instead – they shouted crucify!

Jean E, Doren

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cole Trost – 2/5

Tina Long – 2/7

Annette Sheesley – 2/11

Corey Stence – 2/13

Noralie Hoffman – 2/14

Shane Henson – 2/15

Lea Trost – 2/15

Cathy Foran – 2/17

Larry Gerhard – 2/17

Russ Hornung – 2/17

Ryan Bechtel – 2/22

Doug Bonsall – 2/24

Ron Wesner – 2/25

Skip Wachter – 2/26

Timothy Foran – 2/28



CALENDAR

Church Sponsored Meetings and Events



Thursday, Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29: Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 4: Gleaners, following worship

Friday, Feb. 9: Meal prep for Saturday Supper, 6:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 10: 2nd Saturday Supper, noon-4:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 13: Church Council, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 14: Soup Supper Meal, 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal following worship

Wed. Feb. 21: Soup Supper & Lenten Study, 5:30 pm

Wed. Feb. 28: Isaiah 61 Harrisburg Homeless Feed

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

Wed. Feb. 28: Soup Supper & Lenten Study, 5:30 pm

Community Use of the Church Building

Every Thursday: Girl Scout Troop 11338, 6-8 pm

Sundays, Feb. 11, 25: Scout Troop 11339, 2-5 pm

Tuesdays, Feb. 13, 27: Girl Scout Troop 11516, 6-8 pm

Thursday, Feb. 15: Lions Club, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 22: Historical Society, 6:00 pm

Soup Supper Meals & Lenten Study

Each Wednesday during Lent the church will hold a Soup Supper fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the Special Stuff table for those willing to prepare a pot of soup to share at the meal. Donations of bread are also welcome.

Following the meal, a brief time of study and discussion will take place. It is anticipated that the study will conclude by 7 p.m. All are welcome!

Council Members & Financial Officers

2024 Council Officers will be elected following the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28th

Mick McCommons

Kevin Musselman –*term expires Jan. 28*

Tom Scott

Doug Bonsall

Tammy Calhoun

Judy Harner

John Mimmall –*term expires Jan. 28*

Catherine Smith –*term expires Jan. 28*

Monica Wesner

Floyd Bechtel, Treasurer

Sonia Evans, Asst. Treasurer

Dee Wesner, Financial Secretary