



Pentecost

SAVE THE DATE:

**6/2-
Recognition
Sunday**

**6/5- Lunch and
Laughter**

**6/9-
Confirmation-
2nd Service/
Luncheon**

**6/16- Summer
Service Hours
Start- 8:15am
and 10:00am**

**6/17-20-
Vacation Bible
School from
6:00pm-8:15pm**

Zion Lutheran Church

June 2019

2019, June

Pastor's Notes

Dear Friends,

*St. Paul writes in Philippians, chapter 2, verses 1–2, 12-13:
“If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,² make my joy complete¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”*

The month of June has its own peculiar events that can gladden the heart and point to the beginning of new things. **Father's Day** is a day of remembering and honoring one of the two people that made it possible for us to be here. The commandments tell us to honor these people. Mom had her day in May; now it's Dad's turn. We honor dear old Dad.

A New-Beginning!

Graduations are happening everywhere and we are sure they are new beginnings. How many speeches have you heard: 'this is not the end but just the beginning.' The next chapter of life begins with the ending of the previous term. It could be scary and challenging, yet exciting and energizing to think about where the graduate goes next. A New-Beginning!

Vacation season begins and those who are headed out the door have the opportunity to be renewed and refreshed for the next season in life. The Bible tells us, and our tradition says that we need to take Sabbath time, away time, to rejuvenate our powers. If you fail to get away periodically and recharge your batteries, you are going to run down, out of energy.

A New-Beginning!

Saint Paul reminds us about our relationship with God. This God who has created us and who dearly loves us, is enabling us both to will and to work for his good pleasure. So, if God has given us the gracious gift and power to do God's will, should we not be at the task of doing that will? Saint Paul encourages us to: '**Work out your salvation.**' This means not that we have to work at earning that salvation, but that we are to be exercising that gift of grace, using it in our everyday lives to make this a better world.

I've said it before, it is like a gym membership, it's not enough to belong to the saved community, you need to show up and do some of the hard lifting that makes a difference in people's lives. In Jesus Christ we have been gifted with the New Life that promises eternal bliss. As a result we are glad to joyfully seek ways to generously exercise the ministry of love and care for the world and our neighbors. If we all did this, it would be a different world.

A New-Beginning!

Your companion in Ministry,

Pastor Paul

Social Ministry

The next Lunch and Laughter for Seniors will be held on Wednesday June 5th. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex. We will be having an indoor picnic with hot dogs and hamburgers. Come out and enjoy!!

Zion's turn to provide the evening meal for Saint Mary's Shelter is coming in June. Please sign up and help with this mission.

Thank you all for the continued support of the Spring City Food Pantry.

On an evening in May, members of the Social Ministry Committee volunteered to prepare shoes for distribution at the In Ian's Boots warehouse. We were impressed with the mission of this organization and decided to do a gently used shoe collection in August and September. Collection boxes will be available in August so please save any shoes that you would like to donate.

~Susan Davis

Congratulations to those elected during last week's Congregational Meetings:

Council: Shawn Rogers, Brian Mickiewicz,
Mindy Swartley, Beverly Tyson
School Board: Jena Dietrich, Kelly Beaver
and Michelle Blanck
Cemetery Board: Peg Hoinowski

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve!!



Thank you very much for all
the prayers and cards
that I have received during
my hospitalization.

They are very much appreciated!
Ralph Finkbiner

Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

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| 6/02 | Donald Shaner, Sr. |
| 6/04 | Cindy Batten |
| | Ryan Statzell |
| 6/05 | Michelle Favara |
| 6/06 | Clifton Amole |
| | Shawn Rogers |
| 6/07 | Fred Foller |
| | David Miller |
| 6/09 | Jennifer Shaner |
| 6/10 | Jenn Miller |
| | Megan Shaw |
| 6/12 | Ronald Hoinowski |
| 6/13 | Christina Bickhart |
| | Kaela Swartley |
| 6/15 | Taylor Ashburn |
| 6/26 | Keelin Cannon |
| | George Detwiler |
| 6/27 | Debbie Batten |
| | Davis Bauman |
| | Heather Holoka |
| 6/30 | Rhonda Krepps |

June Anniversaries

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| 6/05 | Bruce & Sharon Wilson |
| | Steve & Angela Moore |
| 6/06 | John & Shawn Rogers |
| 6/07 | Nathan & Melissa Frye |
| 6/11 | Amber & James Statzell |
| | David & Beverly Tyson |
| 6/12 | Paul & Tammy Condrack |
| 6/13 | Leigh & Ruth Sifford |
| 6/15 | Donald & Kathy Shaner |
| 6/22 | Michael & Penny Fatula |
| 6/24 | Kreg & Joanne Isleib |



Thank you very, very, very much for
the flowers I received from the church!

Donald Donohue

Christian Education

As we come to the end of the Easter season, we prepare ourselves for Pentecost. The Christian holiday of Pentecost is sometimes called the “birthday of the church” because it marks the day that Jesus’ disciples began to share the story of Jesus and invite others to share in their faith in Jesus as the Son of God. On Pentecost, we invite the same Spirit that filled the disciples that day to transform our lives.

This past school year has gone so fast I cannot believe we are coming to an end! Thank you everyone who helped, regardless if it was something small or something big. We cannot do what we do here at Zion without all the volunteers!

Sunday school recognition will take place on June 2nd. We will be recognizing all of our young students who attended Sunday school. I want to thank each and every one of our teacher volunteers! Without you, we would not have a great Sunday school program, or confirmation, high school, youth group and adult classes.

On, June 9th, seven of our youth will be confirmed at the 10:45am church service. Congratulations to the following students: Jake Ambrosia, Josette Aujard, Nicholas Blanck, Anna Moore, Johnathan Rogers, Hayden Siedlecki and Ellie Yeager. Thank you to Miss Carol and Pastor Paul for teaching the confirmation class.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 17th from 6 pm to 8:15 pm. Please join us for a FUN-FILLED week of storytelling, crafts, games, snacks, music and a whole bunch more.

May 5th was Youth Sunday - thank you to all the youth who performed special music on violin and trumpets, and filled the roles of assistant minister, lay reader, acolyte, usher and communion assistant. Thank you also to all the parents who helped with the pancake breakfast in between the two services. We could not have had a great breakfast without your dedication to our youth.

On May 12th, we had Mother’s Day walk during the Sunday school hour. We walked in honor of everyone who has gone through cancer. Thank you to everyone who walked.

On May 19th, the youth group cleaned up Rt. 724 in front of the church property. Thank you to all the youth and parents who helped with this event.

Please mark your calendars for some upcoming events:

- June 17-20 Vacation Bible School
- July 19 Christmas in July
- July 29 Whitewater rafting trip
- September 8 Rally Day

*God Bless,
Shawn M. Rogers
Christian Education Director*



**Mark your calendars for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
6/17-6/21!**

We are looking forward to another fun week with your children M-F 6-8:15 p.m! Signup sheets are available in the Narthex.

Please see Shawn Rogers for details.

June 2019- Recognition Month

Summer is upon us and on June 16th we change our service times (until Labor Day) to 8:15 and 10 am. The choirs will temporarily suspend practices until dates in August which I'll provide in another article. In June it's very appropriate that we recognize all the talented individuals who give of their time to bring wonderful musical offerings each week:

Kim & Shawn Adams
 Jake Ambrosio
 Molly Ambrosio
 Elysia & Rich Ashburn
 Josette Aujard
 Debbie Batten
 Susan Batten
 Steve Batten, Sr.
 Dan Bauman, Jr.
 Anne & Matt Cummins

Christina Davis
 Michelle Favara
 Barbara Grubb
 Cheryl & Mike Hoinowski
 Peg & Ron Hoinowski
 Lori Hoshaw
 Eric Jimick
 Christopher Kirk
 Carol & Lou Mandik
 Tony Mandik

Brian Mickiewicz
 Barbara Miller-Seeley
 Anna Moore
 Paul Peters
 Diane & Joe Sakal
 Megan Shaw
 Cindy Shillinger
 Stacey Silvestri
 Beverly Tyson

And our Children's Choir:

Taylor Beaver
 Cole & Zander Cummins
 Jessica Fatula
 Emily Hoshaw

Jeffery Jebaraj
 Ryeleigh Kirk
 Ashlee Lozorak
 Izabella Mastrangelo

Olivia Rogers
 Conner Smith
 Kara Smith
 Lily Staley

We are so blessed to have such a great number of volunteers. Please take a moment to let them know how much their talent and efforts are appreciated.

And so we now move into summer. As in the past, I'll be enlisting volunteers to provide special music for both services. Here's a chance for anyone with a musical talent to share to step forward and join the ranks of our volunteers.

Look for some musically themed services this summer along with trying a variety of musical styles. We hope to have some extra fun with this. Don't miss out!

Have an enjoyable and safe summer!

George Herbert
 Director of Music

Worship Assistants

#2 Barbara Miller-Seeley

	June 2 8:15am 10:45am	June 9 8:15am 10:45am	June 16 8:15am 10:00am	June 23 8:15am 10:00am	June 30 8:15am 10:00am
Assisting Minister	Mindy Swartley/ Carol Mandik	Steve Batten Jr/ Tony Mandik	Brian Mickiewicz/ NEEDED	Dan Bauman/ Debbie Batten	Mindy Swartley/ Ron Hoinowski
Lay Reader	Sunday School Children	Dan Bauman/ Josh Ballard	NEEDED / Jody Cannon	Bruce Wilson/ Beverly Tyson	Bruce Wilson/ Peg Hoinowski
Acolyte(s)	Josette Aujard/ Ellie Yeager	Tia Weinsteiger/ Andrew Ballard	Anna Moore/ Kyle Nolen	NEEDED / Hayden Siedlecki	NEEDED / Christopher Kirk
Usher	Sunday School Children	NEEDED / Kirk Family	Moore Family/ Donald & Kathy Shaner	George & Jane Detwiler/ NEEDED	Steve & Cindy Batten/ Ballard Family
Communion Assistants	Amber Statzell/ N/A	Elaine Weinsteiger/ Peg Hoinowski	Barbara Grubb/ Lisa Ashburn	N/A/ Jody Cannon	NEEDED / Carol Starr Townsend

Zion's Mystery Member

Mystery Member #1

This mystery member was born in Norristown and, although raised as a Presbyterian, has been a member at Zion for 7 years. This person went to Owen J. Roberts High School and Kutztown University where he/she studied business.

This person lives in Pottstown and has always loved pets, presently living with three shelties and one cat. He/she also loves puzzles and games of any kind including cards, jigsaw puzzles, and word searches. These games are played either on the iPad or regularly.

The jobs this person has had are many. AP Clerk at Boscovs, Teller at Meridian Bank, Finance Coordinator for East Vincent Township, Business Manager for St. Thomas R.C. Church and Bookkeeper at Morison Cogen. I guess his/her knowledge of Quick Books has served him/her well.

At Zion, this person is active in many committees including Zion Preschool, Finance and offering counter. If you attend the late service, you probably can guess who this mystery member is.

Mystery Member #2

This mystery member was raised at Spring City Lutheran Church and then became a member here at Zion. He/she attended Spring City Elementary and graduated from Springfield High School before attending Ursinus College, Pierce Business School and University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA. He/she has degrees in Business and Economics and Phys Ed.

This person is married to another Zion member and has one daughter. Those attending the early service recognize his/her smiling face every week. This busy mystery member has been very active in the church over the years. Besides singing in the choir, he/she has been on Church Council, finance committee, property committee and maintenance committee. He/she is a recipient of the Richard G. Nelson Award. This person is now retired, but worked as the office manager/bookkeeper for an equine veterinarian and owned a horse farm for 45 years. He/she likes many outdoor activities including gardening, biking, golf, riding horses, and going on fox hunts. Indoor activities this member likes are singing in choirs and reading.

One of the things this person is proud of is going on a disaster aid trip to New Orleans after hurricane Katrina in 2006.

Action Items from Council's May Meeting

- Congregational Meeting – May 19th both services;
Candidates for Council: Brian Mickiewicz, Shawn Rogers, Mindy Swartley, Beverly Tyson
Passed
- Worship and Music – Proposed a summer service schedule of 8:15 and 10:00 starting June 16th
Passed
- Christian Education – Proposed a fundraiser for the youth group of a Rita's Water Ice 10% discount card - Passed
- Discussed a Girl Scout fundraiser of wrapping Christmas gifts in the church in November
Passed

Church Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the monthly meeting of Church Council are available to all church members. Email is the preferred method of communication so please provide your email address to Cathy Peters if you haven't already done so. If you don't have email, a copy can be mailed to you, or you can pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex. Any questions regarding the minutes should be submitted to Cathy and they will be answered by a member of the appropriate committee.

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Congratulations Graduates 2019

Rachel Nolen

Rachel Nolen is graduating Phoenixville Area High School and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall where she will be majoring in Biology. While in High School Rachel was very active in Theater.

She participated in many plays and musicals where she acted, sang and danced. She was also the President of the Theater Guild. She was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Ski Club, and

a member of the Annenberg club. In her spare time Rachel loves photography and sports.

Evan Dietrich

Evan Dietrich will be graduating from Phoenixville Area High School in June 2019. While in high school, he was a member of the Men's Tennis Team, a member of the Model United Nations group, and worked part-time at Kimberton Whole Foods. Evan was the recipient of the 2018 NBC10/Widener University High School Leadership Award for the Phoenixville Area High School. He was recently chosen as a featured student speaker for Phoenixville's Baccalaureate service. Evan will be attending Ursinus College where he received a merit scholarship for his academic achievement and was also accepted into the Ursinus Bonner Leadership program. In addition to his studies (undecided major), as a Bonner Leader, he will participate in community service and outreach.

Lauren Ivy Blanck

Lauren Ivy Blanck graduated from Phoenixville Area High School as an honor/AP student. During her time in high school, Lauren was a member of the Platform for Service Club and the Art Club. Lauren was also a varsity member of the Cheerleading team for both football and basketball as well as the cheer competition team. As part of her cheer tenure, she volunteered for a youth cheer camp for three summers at the Phoenixville Middle School. She was an active member of Zion's Youth Group and volunteered her time to help clean the church as part of her senior project. Lauren will be attending Thomas Jefferson University this fall, majoring in biology.

Andrew Holmberg

Andrew Holmberg is graduating from Phoenixville Area High School. He is an honor student and participates in various clubs including National Honor Society and French club. His favorite memory of high school is competing for the varsity tennis team. Andrew plans to attend Saint Joseph's University to study marketing.

Keelin Cannon

Keelin is graduating from Phoenixville area high school and completing a work study at Duprese /Johnson and Johnson. She will be attending Montgomery County community college in the fall.

Johnathan Kirk

Johnathan is graduated from Zion Lutheran Preschool. He has been in preschool since he was 2 years old and loved being downstairs in the school. He will be moving onto Kindergarten at East Vincent Elementary School in the fall and is ready for the next chapter of learning.

Notes From the Preschool



Greetings from everyone at Zion Preschool! So far in May, we celebrated Mother's Day by having our Mothers come for tea. It was a special day for both the children and their families because it gave the children a chance to "show off" what they do at school each day! This month we also celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. At Zion, we are very proud of our talented teaching staff! Did you know that we have teachers who have been teaching here for 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, and even 25 or more years? Thank you to all of our staff for the love you share with the children each day. We appreciate your dedication!

This year, instead of having a picnic, we are hosting Fun Festival Day which will celebrate the end of the school year! This event will include an art project, reading a story in the outdoor classroom, music time, and making ice cream sundaes. We are thankful to the many volunteers who are assisting with this event!

It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. We are very proud of our Pre-Kindergarten children who will be graduating on May 30th, and then heading off to elementary school in the fall. We hope that these children take away many fun-filled memories of their time at Zion Lutheran Preschool!

Beginning June 4th, our summer camp will begin. Camp will be filled with stories, art activities, outdoor play, water play, games, science experiments, and special learning adventures! Our summer camp program will run from 9am-1pm. If you have a child between the ages of 2 ½ -6 years old who would like to join in on the adventure of summer camp, please feel free to contact me at director@zionlutheranpreschool.com .

Have a fun summer!
Dawn Platcek
Preschool Director

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