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**Announcements, Prayer Concerns and Calendar
Sunday, September 24, 2017**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The attendance for **September 17th** was 31 at the **8:00 AM** service and **31** at the **9:15 AM** service. Average attendance through **September 17th** is **44** at the first service, and **48** at the second service. Average Sunday attendance through **September 17th** is **73**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kelly, Laura, Julie, Emma and Claire Hamilton in memory of their sweet angel baby Joseph Michael.

ADULT FORUM TODAY

The **Adult Forum** will take place today at **10:30 am** in the **Adult Forum Room**. Grab a cup of coffee and join us for lively discussion on scripture and faith! For the next few weeks we will be discussing the many reformers beyond Luther and how their work is connected to present day denominations.

BARRY BLAINE

Zion's **Barry Blaine**, husband of **Ellen Blaine**, is receiving in-patient therapy after a few weeks in the hospital. He will be there for a while, and we are sure a few words from you will make his day! Please send your well wishes to Barry's attention at: **Kindred Hospital, 400 W. Blackwell Street, Room 353, Dover, N.J., 07801**

AUGUST GIVING SUMMARY

- **August Actual Giving was \$15,115 vs. August Budgeted Giving \$15,544.**
- **YTD Giving is \$140,361 vs. Budgeted YTD Giving \$139,125.**
- **Average monthly giving to date was \$17,576; Average needed to achieve**

budget is **\$17,866**; **Average** needed to achieve breakeven is **\$21,464**.

Please see the Narthex for a copy of the progress report through July. Council President Fred Humcke will be discussing our finances today.

TRANSITION NEWS

Your “**Transition Team**” has been hard at work at several tasks related to the call of a new pastor! In the October Newsletter you will find a "roadmap" of steps needed to secure a new pastor that can help you keep track of where we are in the process. The majority of the team's work has been centered on the editing of a major survey that we will launch in October. The survey will help the team understand where the congregation stands, and where we hope to go. The survey will also serve as a springboard to group discussions on specific topics that will eventually guide a future call committee as they search for the right candidate for the congregation. So watch the coming announcements, and especially our October LVL newsletter as we march forward together in the transition process!

SIMPLY GIVING MAKES KEEPING COMMITMENTS EASIER!

It is common for church giving to dip during the summer months as people are away on vacation. However, our fixed costs continue and this often results in a financial deficit at this time of year. We would like to ask you to please catch up with giving if you have fallen behind due to travel. We also ask that you prayerfully consider joining the Simply Giving program. This is an automated payment system that will help us smooth out the giving bumps during the entire year. **Please see the detailed letter in the Narthex.**

BIBLE STUDY THIS TUESDAY

The **Tuesday Bible Study Group** will meet again this coming **Tuesday, September 27th** at **1:00**. The group will meet at **12:00 pm** at **Pezzo Pizza** in Long Valley for lunch before our study begins. We will focus our study on the lectionary passages for the following Sunday (please see the schedule in the LVL Newsletter). As always, all are welcome to join in the discussion and bring someone new!

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION THIS WEDNESDAY

Confirmation instruction takes place after school at **3:40 pm** on **Wednesday, September 27th**. **Our topic of conversation will be: Why does the Bible contradict itself?** If you would like to sign up to be the “second adult” during the confirmation classes, or can volunteer to bring snacks, the sign-up sheet is located on the **Education Board in Fields Hall**, or email Pastor Dan at **DRSchroeder54@gmail.com**. We would especially appreciate a few mentors as volunteers!

Important: The kids will also be signing up for worship assistant slots, so **parents** please stop in at pick-up and bring your calendars!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Zion Lutheran Church is planning to begin a bereavement support group for the community of Long Valley. At this point we hope to see the group meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month. If you are interested in seeing such a group and/or would like to attend, we will be holding an "organizational meeting" this coming **Thursday, September 28th** at **10 am** in the Adult Forum room of Faith Hall. Please come and join us!

YOGA AND WELLNESS CLASSES

Zion member **Kiera Mitchell** of **Nutrition Intuition LLC** and **Amy Nesbihal** from **Transformations From Within** are offering drop-in **Wellness Classes** for kids on certain Tuesdays from 4:15-5:15 pm, **Adult Gentle Yoga** on Wednesdays at 11:30 am and 12:30 pm, and **Yoga for Kids** on certain days at 5:30 to 6:30. All classes take place here at Zion. Please check the calendar for the class schedule on Zion's website, or contact **Kiera Mitchell** at **kieramitchell@gmail.com** if you have questions or you'd like to register for any of these classes.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Zion will continue to gather special gifts in the weeks to come to send to **Lutheran Disaster Relief**. Since the ELCA has standing organizations for this work, you can be assured that your entire gift will go directly toward aid to those in need. **Checks can be made out to Zion Lutheran Church with the notation "Hurricane Relief"**. Donations may also be made online by visiting **www.elca.org**. Additionally, **Thrivent Financial** is also collecting donations for disaster relief. They will be matching up to \$3 million on individual personal donations. To donate to hurricane relief through Thrivent Financial, please visit the website at **www.Thrivent.com**.

LVCNS REGISTRATION

Long Valley Christian Nursery School is accepting registrations for the **2017-2018** school year for all of its classes for 3 and 4 year-old children. Additionally, children who are 18 months to 2 1/2 years old may register for **Mommy and Me** classes. Please see the LVCNS website for more information at **info@longvalleychristian.com** or contact **Meghan Bridge** at **(908)876-4115**.

LVCNS TRICKY TRAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

There will be a Tricky Tray Committee Meeting on **September 29th** in Fields Hall for anyone who would like to lend a hand. The nursery school is looking for, help soliciting local businesses, looking for "Big Donations" from companies, wrappers, decorating committee and general help brainstorming ideas to make our event a success. The annual tricky tray raised over **\$8000** last year and is the school's biggest fundraiser! In addition, it's a fun night out for all. Please contact LVCNS director **Meghan Bridge** for more information.

LVCNS COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER

Long Valley Christian Nursery School is running a **Kid Stuff Coupon Book** fundraiser to help offer enrichment programming to the students. These books have wonderful, family friendly, coupons for shopping, activities and food and you can choose the location that best meets your needs (Morris County, Warren County, a different state). Please contact **Meghan Bridge** at info@longvalleychristian.com for more info or to purchase a book or two!

LVCNS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Have you ever thought about working with young children as a career? Here is a great way to get started; we are seeking, high energy, enthusiastic individuals to sub as assistants in our classes. You do not have to be certified, but experience is always a plus. We pay competitive daily rates and offer flexible hours to meet your needs. Please consider attending our **Substitute Training/Orientation** on **September 22nd at 9am**. Children are welcome to attend but **must be supervised by their parent**. Please contact **Meghan Bridge** at info@longvalleychristian.com

ORT FARMS WEEKEND– HELP WANTED

Please help us raise funds for our Social Ministry! Sign-up sheets for **Ort Farms Weekend** are located in **Fields Hall**, or you may reach out to **Jance Denzler** directly at **(908) 672-9747** or by email at jance.denzler@experian.com.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY

The Long Valley Council of the **Knights of Columbus** be conducting a used eyeglass recycling program through **October 1st** to benefit **New Eyes for the Needy**. This non-profit organization distributes glasses in over 84 countries around the world. A recycling container will be located in the Narthex during this time.

YOUTH AND COLLEGE CONNECTION!

Help us keep our youth contact records up-to-date by filling out the form located in the Narthex. We'd especially like to know the addresses of our new college students so we may include them in our **Fall College Connection** care packages which will be coming up soon!. If you have any questions, please contact Laura in the office. Thank you!

THE ZION ANNUAL BENEFIT CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - A WAY TO GIVE BACK

This year we will hold our third annual benefit craft fair on **Saturday, November 11th from 9 to 3**. This effort was established to give financial assistance to an individual or family in need. Last year well over **\$4500** was raised to assist a local resident with funding to help her procure a therapy dog. This year we will divide our proceeds between the **Sarah's Fight for HOPE Foundation**, which has begun meeting in Faith Hall this year, and the **11th Hour Rescue**. This is a great opportunity to be able

to give back to our community. We have been so very blessed!!! Last year several members and outside friends donated their time and items they had made to our fair. Please know that all items and the proceeds of everything sold is donated. We would be happy to provide vendors with a table. If you would like to be a part of our effort or have any questions, please contact **Jeanne Howell at 908-879-4764** or **jeannehow@embarqmail.com**.

Worship Assistant Calendars for October and November are up on the board in Fields Hall!!

Please fill in some time slots! Empty slots will be filled based on past participation. We are also asking **confirmands** to sign up to serve as well. Once the calendars are published, it is important that if you **cannot or don't want** to serve, please make every effort to find a substitute, and/or contact **Laura Hamilton** in the office, or **Malainie Hibler Stoma** at **Best-omaha@live.com** or **908-752-3094**, or **Vi Muriello** at **gingermom123@aol.com** for Coffee Hour hosts, as soon as possible. We do our best to staff each service and appreciate all of those who so willingly serve each Sunday to make worship a positive experience for members and visitors to Zion.

Zion isn't Zion without all of you!

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses:

October 1:TBD;October 8:TBD; October 15: TBD; October 22:TBD; October 29:TBD.

Eucharistic Ministers:

October 1:Brian and Judy Bumpus; October 8:TBD; October 15: Linda and Gale Tucker; October 22: Linda and Gale Tucker; October 29:Judy and Brian Bumpus.

Singers:

October 1:Christine Stabile and Malainie Hibler-Stoma; October 8: Betty Rush and Ann Rahmann; October 15: Linda Tucker and Doug Koeppen; October 22:Jeanne Howell and Marcia Horner; October 29:Christine Stabile and Ann Rahmann.

This Week at Zion

SUNDAY: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

(9/24/17) 8:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 9:15 AM Traditional Worship Service
 10:30 AM Adult Forum

MONDAY: No events

**TUESDAY: 1:00 PM Bible Study
 4:15 PM Kids Wellness**

**WEDNESDAY: 11:30 AM Adult Gentle Yoga
 12:15 PM Adult Gentle Yoga
 3:40 PM Confirmation Class
 6:00 PM Pack 136—Den 3**

**THURSDAY: 10:00 AM Kiddie Soccer
 4:30 PM GS Troop 95645
 6:00 PM Pack 136— Den 6
 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal**

**FRIDAY: 7:30 PM Pack 136— Den 1
 8:30 PM AA Meeting**

SATURDAY: 10:00 AM Praise Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

(10/1/17) 8:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 9:15 AM Traditional Worship Service
 10:30 AM Adult Forum



We Remember In Our Prayers

Blessed Are Those Who Die in the Lord:

Frieda Miller, sister of Cathy DiLello



Hospitalized: Barry Blaine, husband of Ellen Blaine

Those who are in nursing homes: Kenneth Winterfeldt

ONGOING NEEDS:

Members: Amanda Seabeck	Courtney Derr	Sue Koeppen	Joyce Shakespeare
Margie Muller	Anna Secka	Rachel Sauer	Pearl Tauscher
Vi Muriello	Charlie Burd		

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gwen Bracy, infant cousin of Judy Bumpus

Carol Johnson, cousin of Dottie Weis

Katie Antonaccio, LVCNS teacher

Peter Jensen, William von Minden, Amy Vincent, Sheryl Murphy-Manley, all family and friends of Jeanette Baker

Emily Mancuso, granddaughter of Betty Rush

Rupa and Donny Banerji, friend of Ellen Miller

Lori Biernacki and family, daughter of Vi Muriello

Barbara Macholz, Mary Beth Bocksel, Jack Steffen, family and friends of Jeanne Howell

Joseph Vacca, friend of the Koeppens

Wilma Weiss and Irma Koeppen, mothers of Sue and Doug Koeppen

The Mancuso Family, Justin Fogarty, Charlie and Sue Burd, Karen, and Eleanor Smith, former Secretary at Zion, family & friends of Betty Rush

Great-nephew of Barbara Gunderson Rennie

Mary Janeski, mother of Karen Sauer

Stu Gutman, friend of Yeong Jan

Allie Henkel and Andy Ellmann, friends of Courtney and Corey Derr

Barbara and Joseph Seewald Sr., parents of Joseph Seewald

Gwen Long, friend of Ellen Miller

Trevor & Rebecca Weiss, friends of Reg Tauscher

Michael Derr, uncle of Corey Derr

Dolores Davidson, sister-in-law of Charlie

and Marcia Davidson

Laura Glowincki, friend of Meghan Callow

William Cross, Mandy Brunkow, the

Bordner family, Randy, Karen, & Sarah, family & friends of the Tauschers

Blanca Oliveras, mother-in-law of Jeff Naglestad

Judy Friend, mother of Diane Domareki

Ruth Dise, mother of Craig Dise

William Holloway, brother of Annie Clay

Ryan Sullivan, friend of Malainie Stoma

Luke Senner and Jane Lee Forrester, friend of the Hibleers

Wally & David Kreutzer, mother and brother of Pam Meling

Rosalee Carroll, friend of Vi Muriello

Wayne Carter, Ray & Michele Kramer, Susan Robinson, Lori Larsen, Mark & Kara Pfunke, Jerry Edelen, friends and family of the Horners

Charlie Noll, friend of Helga & Reinhard Schwartz

Don Winkler, brother-in-law of Rob & Mickey Johnson

Ann Marie Simpson, friend of the Staadas

Hannelore Seitz, family of the Stabile family

Bill Friedrich, brother-in-law to Rick Kohler

Geraldine, Jamie & Joseph Capodiferro, Valerie Patitucci, Peter & Linda

Cooper, Rose Vaz, Gary & Kevin

Brenner, family and friends of Ed & Rose Galandak

Carol Schumacher, cousin of Marcia Horner

If you have prayers you would like included on this list, or if there are updates needed, please contact the church office.