

ZION'S HEAVENLY

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HAPPENINGS



Newsletter



Photo by Gayle Mateyak

*231 Years of worshipping the
Lord with each other....*

**ZION'S STONE CHURCH OF
WEST PENN TOWNSHIP**
A Federated ELCA & UCC Church

45 Cemetery Rd
New Ringgold, PA 17960

570-386-5111 (& Fax)

www.zionstchurch.org

Rev. Russell Campbell, Pastor

Cell # 610-737-2634

zionstch@ptd.net

revarc@ptd.net

Come Worship with Us!

9:00am – Sunday Worship Service

*(1st Sunday of the month alternates Altar Communion and Pew
Communion)*

10:15am –

Sunday School

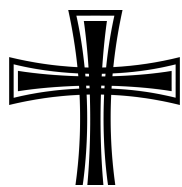
(No Sunday School until further notice)

5:00pm – 1st & 3rd Saturday Night Worship Services

(1st Saturday Night of the month we will have communion)

(Saturday night Services have been cancelled until further notice)

As of April 2005,
Zion's Stone Church Lutheran Congregation and Zion's Stone Church United Church of Christ
Congregation enter into a shared ministry. Keeping both heritages in the Sunday Worship
Service each week.



CHURCH STAFF...

**Due to COVID-19
The Pastor Office
Hours**

**and Church
Office hours will
remain closed
until further
notice. However,
you may still
reach the Pastor
on his cell phone
and you can
leave a phone
message for the
office staff and
they will get back
to you. Or you
can send them**



PASTOR: Rev. Russell Campbell

Office Hours:

Pastor's Office is currently closed

Cell Phone # 610-737-2634

Pastor's Home Email: revarc@ptd.net

Pastor's Church Email: zionstch@ptd.net

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER:

Charlotte Fritz Office Hours:

Office is currently closed

Charlotte's Office Email: zscofc@ptd.net

(Please use this email for information for Charlotte.)

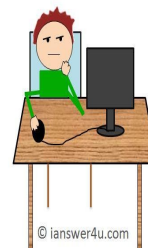
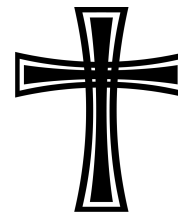
CHURCH SECRETARY:

Brenda Osenbach Office Hours:

Office is currently closed

Brenda's Office Email: zscbrenda@ptd.net

**(Please use this email for all bulletin information
and other information for Brenda.)**



CHURCH OFFICE PHONE NUMBER:

**570-386-5111 – When calling use
prompt #2 for the Pastor, prompt #3
for Brenda, & prompt #4 for Charlotte**

Check us out on Facebook!

Thanks to Sarah Martinez
for being our Facebook Coordinator!

Zion's Stone Website

www.zionstonechurch.org

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST:

Erin Zelinski – 570-205-3511

CARD CARE

COORDINATOR:

L.C. Dean: 570-449-0677

SEXTON(S):

Fred (& Donna) Gimbi - Home # 570-386-2888

Fred's Cell #570-573-7642

Worshipping together during this

time may still be “different” then the “normal” we are all used to. The Board asks for your patience and understanding with them for the next couple of weeks. They are working on keeping everyone as safe as possible. We’ve had some questions about mask wearing, when the seats are back to every row being available, etc. There are a lot of decisions that will need to be made in the next couple of weeks. The board will be meeting in June and some of the “restrictions” may or may not be lifted. Again, they are working hard to keep you all safe.

They still ask that if you are not feeling well or have concerns about attending the service in person, you’re encouraged to stay home and continue watch the service on Facebook YouTube. The areas of the church used for worship will be cleaned and disinfected prior to the next week’s service.

You may call Pastor Russ on his cell phone or the church office and leave a message or email them.

Auditorium rentals are still not available.

All events besides church services are still cancelled until further notice.

They will keep you informed as much as possible....

Please keep them in your prayers.

WORSHIP - JUNE 2021

**** Scripture
Lessons may
change.**

Sunday, June 6, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am – Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Sermon Title: “All In The Family”

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 13, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service

Sermon Title: “A Sermon on Seeds”

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Pentecost

Father’s Day – Honoring Graduates

**Please Note Time Change: 10:00am – Outdoor Worship Service
at West Penn Park (Big Pavilion)**

Sermon Title: “A Stormy Sea”

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

******Please bring a packed lunch
if you wish to stay after the church service.
(There will be no food served.)**

Sunday, June 27, 2021 5th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am - Worship Service – Music Sunday

Worship will be led by Erin Zelinski

**Rev. Russell Campbell will be on Vacation from
June 21 – 27, 2021**

**Charlotte Fritz will be On Vacation from
June 11 – 19, 2021**

****No Lectors or Acolytes are needed in until
further notice.**

ZSC Board Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday
, March 9,
2021 –
Zoom
Meeting

X Pastor Russel Campbell	X Nancy Meiser	X Paul
Miller	X Amanda Sassaman	
X Charlotte Fritz	X Blair Miller	X Gary
Clemson	X Sam Schaefer	
X Scot Dietrich	X Dan Metzger	Gene
Raymond		

(X) = Board Members present

Member of the congregation – Brenda Osenbach

Congregation Comments – None

Pastor's Report – Accepted.

Secretary Report – None presented.

Treasurer's Report – Accepted. Motion to accept by Blair Miller / 2nd by Paul Miller.

Committee Reports

Worship & Music – Nothing to report.

Property – Scot Dietrich reported ongoing Sexton House property checks (heating/electric) and snow removal.

Finance – Nothing to report.

Outreach/Evangelism – Reminder that Saturday, March 13th is next food pantry distribution.

Fund Raising – None presented.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Safety/Security Committee – Nothing presented.

Other Business – Board discussion on reopening for Church Services beginning Sunday, March 28th (Passion Sunday) and continue with traditional Easter Services thereafter. All services will be modified for COVID-19 restrictions. Motion to accept by All Members of the Board.

Sunday, 25 April will be a Congregational Meeting.

Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Church Board Meeting on Wednesday, 14 April 2021 @ 6 pm (Audit)

Meeting adjourned. Motion to accept by Dan Metzger/ 2nd by Paul Miller.

NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS...

Please help the office be efficient by having all newsletter submittals emailed to the church office (or placed in the newsletter submittal boxes) by the newsletter deadline. If you would like your wedding announcement or if you have a loved one who has entered into eternal life, thank you messages, etc., please contact the Office by the newsletter deadline or it may not get put in. *Thank You!*

ALTAR FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS...

If you are interest in sponsoring altar flowers or bulletins, please call the office at (570) 386-5111 before 12 pm on Wednesday. **Leave a message** with your telephone number and the exact wording you would like to see printed in the bulletins. We still have Sundays available for the months ahead. Bulletins and altar flowers are available. Please call the office every time you want to sponsor them.



***Please do not put your request in the envelopes,
because it may not be seen until it is too late.
YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE.***



COST OF SPONSORSHIP:

ALTAR FLOWERS \$25.00

Rosebud: \$10.00

Make checks payable to

Bulletin: \$10.00

Zion's Stone Church. *Thank You!*

LECTOR & GREETERS:

are not needed until further notice

TO SCHEDULE THE CHURCH/AUDITORIUM:

Please call the church office at (570) 386-5111. If you or someone you know is planning a wedding at Zion's Stone Church, please contact Pastor Russ. You will have to adhere to CDC guidelines until further notice.

Do you have a new Address or Telephone &/or Cell Phone Number?

Please notify the office either through email (zscofc@ptd.net) or phone (570-386-5111) with your new information. This way we can keep in touch with you and provide you with important information regarding the church. Thank you!

(All the clip Art printed in this newsletter was taken from google clip art.)



Photo taken by Gayle Mateyak

SPECIAL THANK YOU...

(The church receives thank you letters from other organizations that we support through Benevolence giving throughout the year.)

Special Thanks to Erin Zelinski for filling in for Pastor Russ while he is on vacation. Your musical talents are a blessing to Zion's Stone Church.

Special Thanks to everyone who helped make Confirmation Sunday great. Thanks to the Altar Guild for their help with communion and to the ladies that help with the Gowns! Special thanks to Eden Troxell of Eden Troxell Photography for taking the Confirmation photos. Anyone looking for a photographer (especially us Moms that have seniors for the year 2022!) should check out Eden's facebook page!

We will be honoring our Father's during our Outdoor worship service on Sunday, June 20th at the West Penn Park at 10:00am...

Dad,

for all those times I left it unsaid.

Thank You.

Thanks for being there for me,

for showing me the way,

for being patient with me even when I made it difficult for you,

for believing in me and encouraging me to dream,

and being such an inspiring presence in my life.

Thank You!

WEST PENN LIONS CLUB CHICKEN BBQ – Saturday, June 5, 2021

***“Take Out” Chicken/Ham – pickup 12 noon – 4:00pm at the
West Penn Community Park – Presale tickets available from
County tile or any West Penn Lion, or***

Karissa Brothers (570) 386 – 2092 \$9.50 per platter

Attention-National Honor Society, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H or any other service organization members....the West Penn Lions Club is looking for help with their June

5th Chicken BBQ from 12-4 PM. If anyone is looking to fulfill some service hours and would like to help, please post here by Sunday. Thanks!

2021 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FIGURES...

April 1 (M. Thur.) – 58

May 2, 2021 - 129

April 2 (G. Fri.) – 59

May 9, 2021 - 102

April 4 (6:30am) – 55

May 16, 2021 - 112

April 4 (9:00am) – 127

May 23, 2021 - 145

April 11 – 83

May 30, 2021 - 92

April 18 – 82

May 30, 2021 - 66
(Memorial Day Service)

April 25 – 109



FINANCIAL REPORT



2021 April

Current Giving:

Total Income Budgeted for 2021-----\$213,228.25

Total Benevolence income for 2021 ----- \$ 11,700.00

Total Income plus Benevolence ----- \$224,928.25

Monthly
Income & Benevolence

\$18,640.95

Gain/(Loss)

\$ -103.07

Monthly Budgeted
Income & Benevolence
(\$4,325.54 – per week)
(\$18,744.02 – per month)

Thank you for your continued support of Zion's Stone Church!

Please continue to pray for our neighbors, sister churches, all those who have/had Covid and their families, all those that have lost loved ones during this pandemic, all the health care workers and their families, our leaders in government, and pray, pray for our Nation.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid."
—John 14:27*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Due to Covid-19 all choirs will be postponed
till further notice.



Thank you to Choir Director,
Erin (Raymond) Zeliniski
for sharing her musical
talents with us during the
Worship services!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Due to the COVID-19, Youth Group meetings will be postponed until further notice. If anyone needs to talk with us, the advisors are all available. We will continue to pray for you all and we miss you so much!



Sunday School News...

(Sunday School classes are cancelled until further notice.
We will continue to pray for all you.)

In May the Sunday School held a virtual walk for Cystic Fibrosis. Walks were able to send donations in through an online donations link that Amy Hehn provided or a check made payable to Zion's Stone Church Sunday School. Kyle has made a video of our walkers. Thank you to everyone who donated and walked in honor of Benjamin Hehn and his cousin Aiden.

Eileen has registered our Church for WOW VBS again this year! This is a virtual global VBS. Dates have not been set yet but will be soon! Check out their website.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 Graduates!!



Bryn Miller,

Daughter of Mike & Laurie Miller

Brynn is going to Pitt University and will be entering in the Pre-Med program.

Brady Miller,

Son of Dwane & Jessica Miller

Brady is going to LCCC to major in History education.

Michael Hegedus,

Son George & Susanne Hegedus III

Michael is going to LCCC and then Kutztown and majoring in Graphic Design.

Congratulations to our College/University graduates & other...

George Hegedus IV

Son of George & Suseane Hegedus III

George graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Music. He is going to IUP for his masters of Arts degree in vocal performance.

Dorothy Knowlan
Daughter of Rob & Kelly Knowlan
Graduated from Empire Beauty School
Dorothy will now go onto the license board test.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES...

w/The Rev. Russell Campbell
are cancelled until further notice.



THURSDAY MORNINGS **& THURSDAY NIGHTS**

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are cancelled until further notice.

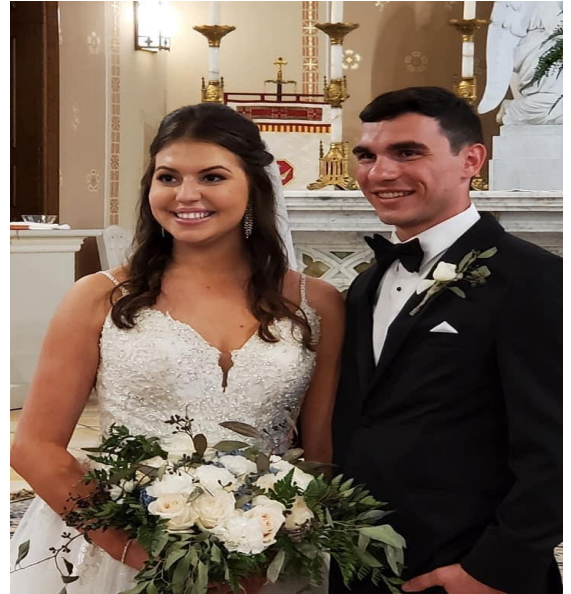
*If you are interested in a zoom
(computer meeting site) bible study,
please let Pastor Russ know.
If there is enough interest, Pastor
Russ will gladly start Zoom Bible
Studies.*

*Bring your own
bible that you can
write in!*

Wedding Congratulations go to...

Emma Osenbach and ... Kevin Hinkle

Emma and Kevin
were married on
Saturday, May 22, 2021 at
St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jim Thorpe by
Father Ronald J. Minner



And Congratulations to Emma's brother &
sister-in-law,



Dennis Osenbach & Jacqui Rubright

Who were married on
November 14, 2020 in their
backyard by Troy Moyer.

Emma & Dennis's parents are
Kevin and DeAnn Osenbach.

You're invited to

E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.

for a Memorial Butterfly Release!



When:
Thursday June 24, 2021

Time:
5:30 PM



Address:
655 East Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252

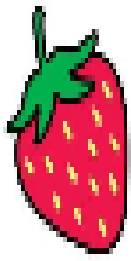


Sign Up:
Call 570-668-2550
by June 11, 2021
Weekdays 9 am to 4 pm

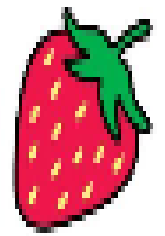


Butterflies represent hope, new life, peace, and a connection to nature. This event is open to the public; you need not be affiliated with the funeral home to sign up to release a butterfly in memory of loved ones or to attend.

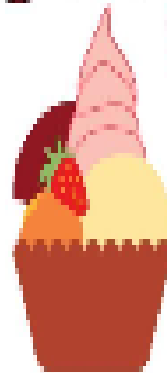




Strawberry Social



Bake Sale



Basket Raffle



Ben Salem U.C.C.

1965 Church Hill Road

Leighton (near Andreas)

Sunday, June 13

11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Music By Lost & Found



Quilt Raffle

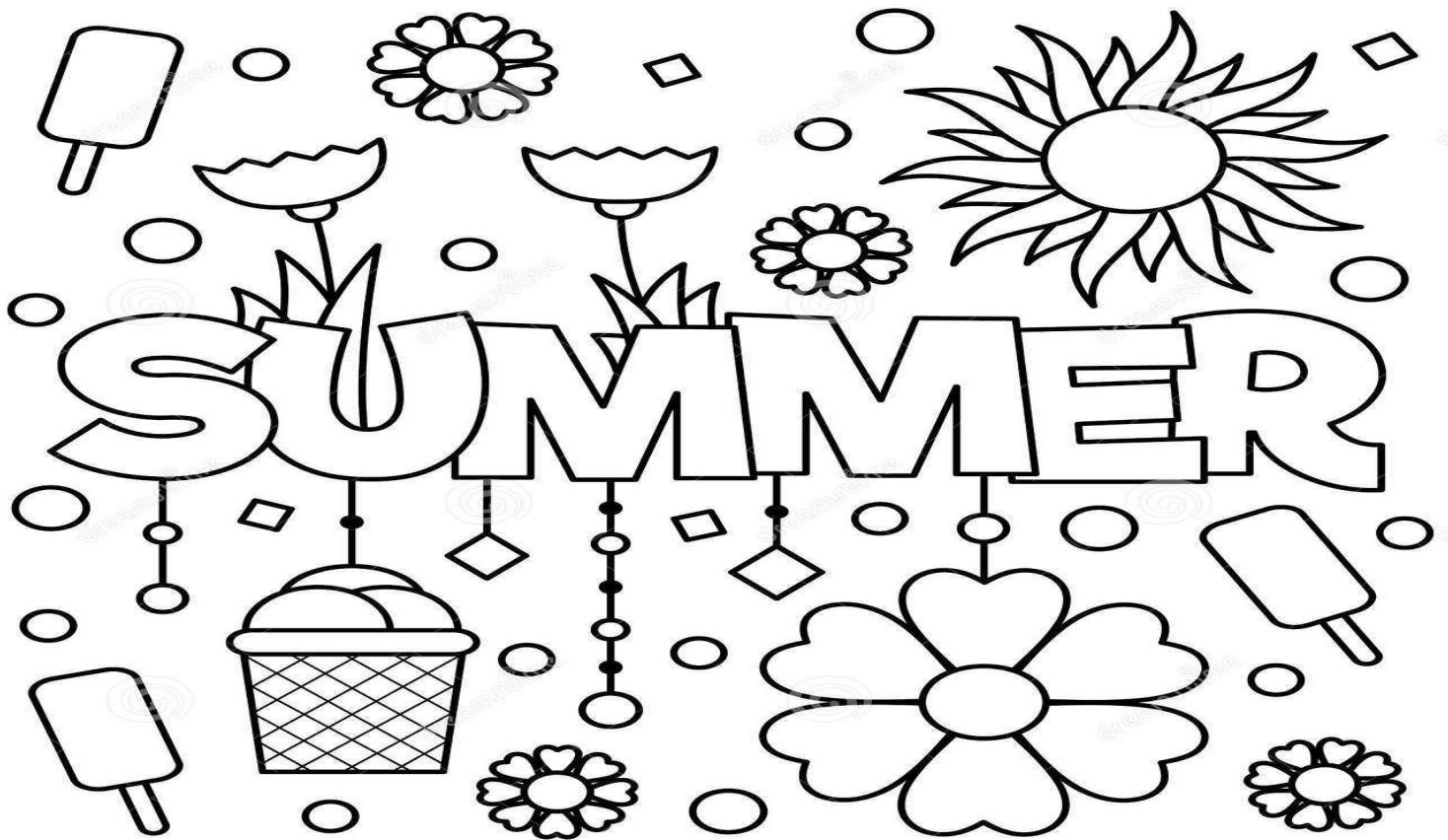


For directions visit www.bensalemucc.com

Visit us on Facebook

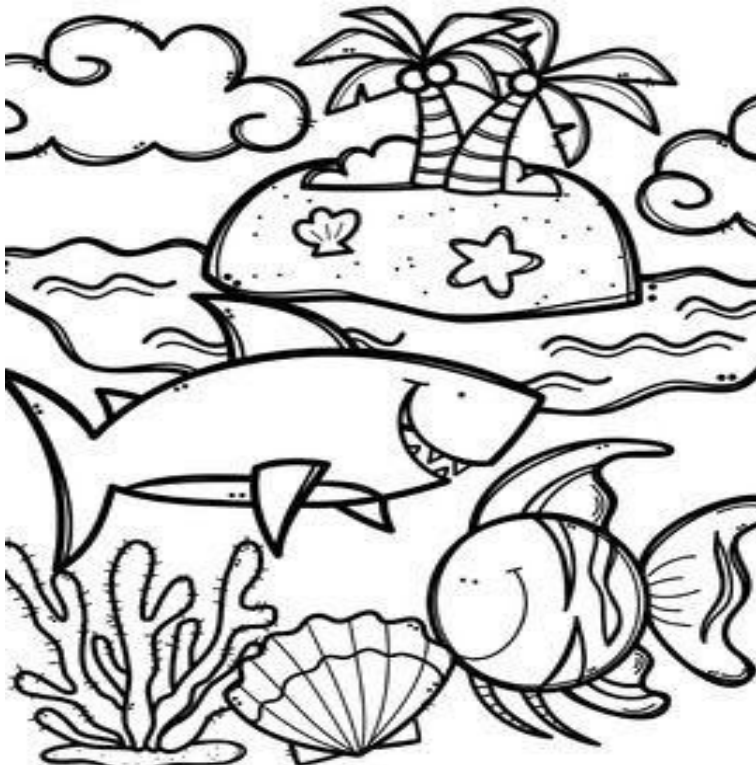
For more information call (670) 386-3870

ZION'S COLORING CORNER



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PNEC NEWS....

Penn Northeast Conference UCC, 431 Delaware Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071

www.pnec.org 610-826-3113; 610-826-5464 FAX

Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates bonnieb@pnec.org

Rev. Gilberto Garcia Rodriguez hispanicucc@rcn.com

Rev. Christian Creyer christianc@pnec.org

Barbara Jennings barbaraj@pnec.org

Patty Rehrig patty@pnec.org

Corinthians 12:12-31 reads: "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Dear Friends,

Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church, the moment when the Holy Spirit came upon and empowered the disciples of Jesus. This is the occasion of Peter's first sermon, and the audience hearing the sermon each in their own language. What a curiosity that must have been!

Today we know the church, the Christian church in many divisions, denominations, and theological perspectives. Then, in those early days, if you followed Jesus, you followed the Way, and were members of the one church that followed Jesus Christ, all members of the one body of Christ as Paul wrote in the first letter to the church at Corinth. The Corinthian church was beset with conflicts and divisions and confusions about how to live and worship together. Paul reminds them, and us, that as followers of Jesus we are all part of the one body, blessed by the one Spirit.

As the United Church of Christ was forming from diverse strands of theological belief and denomination, one core scripture was quoted as our scripture – our motivation for unity, John 17:21-22, "As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one."

That unity gets lost sometimes, in our discussions, in our worship, in our focus on social issues and ills in the world. Yet, it was the prayer of Jesus that we all be one. On this Pentecost Sunday, and throughout the remainder of the year, remember that what we hold in common is much more than what we disagree about. We are called to listen with respect to one another, share opinions, beliefs, and interpretations with one another, AND to remember that we are ONE, all members of the same body, all blessed with the same Spirit, all loved by the same God, and all following the same Jesus. May you feel the Holy Spirit moving you into community with your friends and neighbors, yes, and even with those you might consider an annoyance or an enemy. May we each and all call on the Holy Spirit to strengthen and empower us for the faith journey ahead.

Blessings, Bonnie

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Synod Assembly 2021 & MinLab

Our assembly is virtual to protect the most vulnerable around us, but we will be holding an in-person Ministry Laboratory (MinLab) on August 14, 2021. The MinLab will be held at the Lutheran Center. It's open to anyone, even people who were not voting members to the Synod Assembly. The Lab will allow participants to engage, in real time, with ministry ideas, congregations already participating in ministry projects, and allow space for participants to experiment with ideas, eat good food, and have fun!

Together we'll wonder about how we're healing the hurting, loving the land, and engaging the stranger!

The Good News

June is here, and hope is busting out all over. We can worship outdoors, reducing greatly the still ongoing threat of the pandemic. The vaccines are effective and safe, and I urge everyone to get their doses, so we can move back indoors more safely this fall. Our synod just hosted its first event addressing racial issues, on May 22. Our online Synod Assembly June 4 and 5 is giving us new opportunities for "**growing young and vital**," as we share ministries that **heal the hurt, love the land, and engage the stranger**. And going forward from here, we are discovering how to partner more, as we are "**gaining strength**" and "**going beyond death to life**."

See the **boldface** type? Yes – I've just written a paragraph incorporating ALL the new vision and direction that we are exploring together! But more than just boldface words...what are we called to BOLDLY FACE – as ELCA, as synod, as congregations, and as baptized children of God?

The answer comes to us, simply and directly, from our scripture, both Old and New Testaments: St. Paul writes "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith..." (Romans 1:16). The prophet Micah declares: "[The lord] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

With these **bold directions**, how will we, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, proceed? HEAL THE HURTING: "**[Jesus told them]: 'As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.'**" (Matthew 10:7)

LOVE THE LAND: "[The lord spoke to Moses]: The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants. Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land." (Leviticus 25:23-24)

ENGAGE THE STRANGER: "[The Son of Man will say when he comes in his glory]: 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...'" [Matthew 25:34-35]

These are just a few of the bold words, given to us by the God who created everything; who led the marginalized Hebrew people God loved out of slavery, through the wilderness, into the promised land; who came to us in the person of Jesus, healing the sick and raising the dead; who died for all for the forgiveness of all our sin; and who is raised from the dead and reigns forever, and will return to judge the living and the dead and live here forever with us in our resurrected creation.

This is a **bold promise**. We are called to **bold action**. And in this lovely month of June, one of those bold actions can be, that we love our LGBTQIA+ neighbors, who still feel like strangers in our midst. One bold action – simple, small, but significant – is my request to change our SYNOD NEWS banner, to reflect the BOLD RAINBOW COLORS of June Pride Month. I en-courage all of us to engage in more conversation and work together with our members and leaders who are Queer, to learn more and share more of the Good News and the good work of God, together. As Paul writes: **"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"** (Galatians 5:14)

In God's love,
Bishop Christopher deForest

Did you know we are a "Reconciling in Christ" Synod?

Way back in 2001, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod at its Synod Assembly adopted a Continuing Resolution (#39) to make known its caring and concern for LGBTQIA+ people, their families and friends. Across our synod, congregations and organizations have themselves discerned and decided to join the RIC journey. "Reconciling in Christ" is a Lutheran movement led by the group RECONCILINGWORKS, whose vision is "to keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in the margins; to keep dismantling barriers and building bridges; and to keep working until all of God's beloved have equity."



An independent, Lutheran, membership-supported organization, RECONCILINGWORKS advocates for the acceptance and full participation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church. To find out more, go to www.reconcilingworks.org.

ZION'S STONE CHURCH - 2021 JUNE BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
		Dylan Crowley	Amy Mogish	Mason Gerber	Tyler Hackman Billy Tuckett	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Tony Reed	Jessica Pistone Fern Hauck Dale Osenbach	Renee Gerber Lawson Miller Amanda Steigerwalt	Benjamin Hehn	Geri Balliet Darlene Clark	Shayna Dietrich Mark Marek Eileen Meiser Kevin Tyson	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Brenda Osenbach Cara Stem			Justin Clinton	Kenneth Jones Sandy Zehner	Jessica Miller
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Tim Lorah Laurie Miller	Kelly Lehman	Kristin Abernathy Lillian Gernert Wyatt Hamm Jean Tyson Larry Stival	Stephanie Bell Michael Coombe	Wayne Miller Alan Steigerwalt	Danika Beers Landon Kamont Nate Shellhamer	Wayne Kistler Jean Swartz
27	28	29	30			
Margaret Martinez	Kristine Troxell	Lisa Zehner	Dorothy Knowlan Darin Ruch			



★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!



Please Note: Due to Covid-19 virus – All church activities, Events, & Bible Studies have been cancelled so there will be no Calendar of Events until we are back to normal. Thank you for your understanding and patience! We are in this together!