

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*December 22-23, 2018*

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services. It is located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## Assisting with Worship

**LCA** Judy Brennan  
**Cantor** Hailey Williams  
**Lector** Emily Zancofsky  
**Acolytes** Kayla Zamudio & Kallia Wall

## Assisting with Worship 12/30/18

**LCA** Dave Fetterman  
**Cantor** Beth Marcavage  
**Lector** Darlene Fetterman  
**Acolytes** Sarah Maue & Olivia Lattanzi

### **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Rose-Miller Smith and Keith Smith by Mike & Kathy Miller & family

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sinn and her brother, Vernon Sinn by Ida Piccin

**THE BULLETINS FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our parents, by Mary Ruth and George Taylor

***Please remember the following in your prayers: Janet Waibel, Gwen Evans, Arlene Moyer - Kathleen Valentine, Claude Turton, Ralph Derr, Sam Caley, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, Bronson Strouse, Michael Springer, Eileen Kelkis, Louise Schock, Matt Hope, Marsha Bynon, Janet Plasha, Danny Whitenight, Hub Becker, Mary Koch, John Lattanzi; and all of our members who are homebound.***

***This week's care card is for Claude Turton; please sign your name on the care card sheet posted by the bulletin board.***

### **Welcome!!**

- ✓ Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.
- ✓ Parish office email address is [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net)
- ✓ Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)
- ✓ The Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2018 Church Council officers:** Frank Rudy, President, Bob Maue, Vice-President, Darlene Fetterman, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Sam Caley, Andrew Deitrich, Paul Fegley, Nathan Gerace, Bonnie Painter, Tiffany Warden and Gerry Zeigler; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, December 23, 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Joyful Noise Offering
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 10:30 Jesus Journey Bible Study
- 6:00 Scouts

## MONDAY, December 24, 2018, Christmas Eve

- Church Office Closed
- 4:00 Family Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Service
- 9:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Service
- 11:30 Acoustic Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Service

## TUESDAY

Church Office Closed

## WEDNESDAY

Church Office Closed

## THURSDAY

- 9:30 Work Session
- 7:00 Choir Practice

## SATURDAY

- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, December 30, 2018

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 10:30 Jesus Journey Bible Study
- 6:00 Scouts

### Attendance for 12/15/18

6:30 95

### Attendance for 12/16/18

9:00 114

**Item needed: One of our members is in need of a shower seat, if you have one you no longer need please see pastor.**

*The Joyful Noise offering being collected today will be donated to our Zion Helping Hand Fund. Please be generous.*

## Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 12/16/18:

Received to meet \$3,717.90 weekly budget:	\$2,901.39
Received for Endowment:	\$235.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$1,545.00

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses: \$147,674.30

Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$115,116.30
Received from Endowment:	\$16,173.00
Received from Culinary:	\$16,385.00

Budget operating expenses YTD: \$181,898.67

Budget status YTD: \$(34,224.37)

*Thank you for your gifts.*

*Your offerings allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 24** – Christmas Eve Services - 4:00, 9:00 and 11:30 pm

**January 1** – Community New Year's Dinner

**January 5** – CPR Certification

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Cantors and Lectors are needed for 2019. If you would like to become a worship assistant, please see Sandy Mehalko. Thank you for your very important role in Zion's family.

*The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2019 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$26.50 and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE-** With the approval of Church Council, the Capital Campaign Committee has reached an agreement with Kirby-Smith Associates, Inc. to obtain consultant services for Zion's fundraising efforts to restore the exterior of our church. Kirby-Smith, located in Quarryville Pa., has over 80 years of experience helping congregations build and restore churches of all sizes. A copy of Kirby-Smith's brochure describing its services is available to Zion members to review in the church office. Kirby-Smith is one of several Capital Campaign companies that have worked with congregations in the ELCA Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Jim Edwards, Vice President, will be the committee's consultant. Jim will assist the committee in future planning and implementation of Zion's campaign over the next six months. A series of activities and development of campaign promotional materials have been planned to help reach our campaign's goal of raising \$912,000.00 to complete the restoration of the church's exterior. As you know, the congregation overwhelmingly voted to conduct this campaign, and thanks to the generosity of Zion members and others, the restoration of the Greenwood St. side of the church has already been completed. Zion has received a very generous donation of \$1,000.00 from an anonymous church member towards the fee for the consultant's services. The Capital Campaign Committee is extremely grateful to Zion members for its financial support of this project and urges others to consider making a campaign contribution if they have not done so already.

***Happy New Year 2019***– Zion will host a Community Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner New Year’s Day, Noon to 3:00 pm. A Free will offering will be accepted. Everyone Welcome!!

*Please note that the church office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> and also January 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are in need of assistance please leave a message, the answering machine will be checked periodically. Thank you!*

We would like to thank all those members who have served as Cleaning Angels over the last few years. Cleaning Angels are members of the congregation who each week clean the Sanctuary, Gathering Room and Library. When two people do that cleaning, it can take 2-3 hours. Being a Cleaning Angel is not intended to be a lifelong commitment and so we thank those who have served and “retired.” That means there are openings in the cleaning schedule for other members of the congregation to step up and help keep the church clean. This is your church. Can you give a few hours a month to help? We ask all members of Zion to take a turn at being a Cleaning Angel. The more Cleaning Angel teams we have, the less often each team has to clean. Please contact any member of the Property Committee (Mark Valentine, Bob Made, Rick Bachman, Ron Dietrich, George Taylor) or Cleaning Sexton Kim Eckert or Parish Administrator Melody Gensure. Thank you, The Property Committee

**There will be a CPR Certification Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 8:30 am. Any questions please see Art Connely or Pastor.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

- ✦ 4:00 PM - Family Service with Holy Communion
- ✦ 9:00 PM - Traditional Service with Holy Communion
- ✦ 11:30 PM - Acoustic Candlelight Service



*From Zion Council and the Parish Staff may you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.*