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***161<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY***



# THE ZION NEWS

Let us hold fast to the confession  
of our hope without wavering,  
for he who has promised is faithful.



Hebrews 10:23, NRSV

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Dear friends in Christ,

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday with a passage from 2 Corinthians 5:20 -6:2:

*"We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

St. Paul is talking about what has been nicknamed "The Great Exchange." On the cross Jesus exchanges our sinfulness for his righteousness. Jesus absorbs our sins and clothes us with his grace. St. Paul goes on:

*"As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"*

The quote within this passage is from Isaiah 49: "At an acceptable time I have listened to you." That means God does hear our cries for help and new life. What I would like to suggest is that God has been a faithful listener to all of us his children, can we now be faithful listeners to God?

This past weekend our youth attended a retreat in which the keynote speaker began with the statement "You are here to hear." She framed the experience of celebration, music, learning, and fellowship with the direction to hear God speaking, to listen to whatever God might be saying. That can be a helpful message for all of us on our Lenten journey this year. God wants us to hear him, how well are we listening?

One of the fastest ways to improve any relationship is to become a better listener. There are many ways to do this. Here are a few active listening skills that are often taught:

Keep your eyes on the person who is speaking to you. How might we do that with God? On our own we can keep our eyes on God's Word, the Bible. We can also keep an image in our mind's eye of Jesus looking upon us in love as we pray to him. As a community, we may gather to share Word and sacrament while seeing the face of Christ on one another.

Listen with your body. A very powerful but simple listening skill is to match the posture of the person you are listening to. It helps in developing rapport, a person bodily feels heard. In our relationship with God as we pray, we may very well take the advice of Psalm 46, "Be still and know that I am God." Finding a place to quiet down and be still in prayer helps us to hear God who communicates in a still soft voice and gentle urgings of the spirit.



**Altar Flowers sponsors are needed** for April 29; May 27; June 3; July 1, 15, 22, 29; August 19, 26; November 18; December 16, 30. The price per set is \$30.00 maybe you would like to share a set with someone, splitting the cost. The Flower chart is located on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the office. Please check for availability.



*Carnival Meeting*

Thursday, February 22, 2018

7:00 pm

Mark your calendar

Next meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2018

### **Gimbel, Jim – Jesus, My Savior**

This explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed details how God's Holy Spirit works in our lives to help us believe in Jesus; and by His grace through faith, we are saved.

### **Greene, Carol – The Queen Who Saved Her People**

This is the story of Esther, who became queen of Persia. When the King's head servant planned to kill every Jew in the land, Esther used her courage, loyalty, and bravery to expose the plot and save her people.

### **Miller, Claire – The Ten Commandments**

God's Commandments are a blessing and a gift. Although we cannot keep the law perfectly, we can let the commandments guide us in a life of love for God and for all people.

### **Truitt, Gloria – The Fall of Jericho**

This story explains how God works through weak and sinful people like Joshua and Rahab to accomplish his good will.

### **Ulmer, Louise – Jesus' 12 Disciples**

Very early in his ministry, Jesus selected and trained 12 ordinary men to help him. This account tells how each of these apostles was called individually and personally by our Lord to take on the task of preaching the Gospel of forgiveness and eternal life to all people.



Don't interrupt. No one likes to be interrupted. One of our biggest obstacles to listening is that the human brain can hear and understand 500 words per minute while most people speak at a rate of about 120 words per minute. What we usually do with that lag time is think of things we want to say when we get the chance. Even if we do not verbally interrupt we are still interrupting the flow of communication from the other. Can we learn to still our thoughts while hearing God's Word as it comes to us?

Avoid distractions and disruptions. It is very important to learn to tune out the rest of the world in order to be fully present to the person to whom you are speaking. Cell phones and texting seem to be a common distraction today. While listening to God, turn off all electronics and be present in the moment, while also shutting out those creeping thoughts of what you have to get to next.

Ask questions. There is no better way to engage in good communication than by asking good questions. Questions help the speaker to know that we are interested and want to develop a deeper relationship with them. Should we give any less to God? Ask God questions while you pray, remembering to listen.

Make sure you understand what the person is saying. An often taught active listening skill is called "The Repeat Back." Very simply, it means that you repeat back to a person in your own words what you have just heard them say, often concluding with the question "Would that be right?" How helpful it would be in our relationship with God if we were to ask "Is this what you are saying to me, Lord?"

How might you incorporate these listening skills in your relationships with other people? Every relationship improves when we really start to listen, especially our relationship with God.

One more idea. While attending worship, let go of the idea that you are an audience member, perhaps waiting to be fed or entertained. Instead come to each service of worship with the idea that God wants to say something to you that day. Listen to the readings, listen to the preaching, listen to the music and the prayers, and most of all listen to the quiet of your heart. At some point in our gathering of Word and sacrament, the Holy Spirit will cause an idea, a challenge, or an invitation to stand out for you. Pay attention to what you believe the Lord has said to you throughout the week. How is God inviting you to be at your best by integrating that thought into your life?

"You are here to hear." God has listened to us and transformed our lives with his loving grace. Listening carefully to God deepens our relationship with him and enables the Holy Spirit to transform us more and more into the shape of Christ each day. May your Lent this year be an opportunity to open up your listening skills.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

## LIBRARY NOTES

“There have never been, nor are there now, too many good books.”  
~~ Martin Luther

### NEW ARCH BOOKS

The Arch Books series from Concordia Publishing includes titles covering Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. Many are based on specific scripture passages and present complete stories in fun-to-read rhymes. These books are suitable for children ages 5 – 9. Below are the latest additions to the library from this popular series.

#### **Baden, Robert – Joseph Forgives His Brothers**

Joseph was in terrible trouble due to the jealousy of his brothers. But God worked through those trials to bring much good for Joseph and his family.

#### **Bader, Joanne – God Provides Victory Through Gideon**

Gideon was not a great man, but God chose him to do an important job. Gideon thought he was weak and doubted his ability to do it. But the Lord helped him do the job, just as He promised He would.

#### **Bergt, Carolyn – Who’s the Greatest? : Jesus Talks about Greatness**

Instead of seeking greatness, Jesus humbled himself to be born as one of us, to live in obedience as our substitute, to take the penalty of our sins on the cross, and to complete the victory of our salvation by rising from the dead.

#### **Busch, Melinda Kay – The Fiery Furnace**

This is the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and their miraculous rescue from the fiery furnace. They trusted God no matter what happened to them, showing how God rescues believers and saves them.

#### **Busch, Melinda Kay – God Calls Abraham... God Calls You!**

God called Abraham to a special purpose. He believed God’s promise and waited for it to be fulfilled. God calls us as well. Through baptism, we are adopted into His family by water and Word.

#### **Busch, Melinda Kay – Jesus and the Woman at the Well**

The woman at the well had made some bad choices in her life. She was thirsty for fulfillment not found in ordinary things. The living water Jesus offered filled her life as nothing else had, and she spread the word to her village.

## JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Our evenings begin at 6:00 pm in the basement Social Hall.

### ✦ SOUP AND SANDWICH

This simple meal joins us in fellowship and reminds us of the fasting that is a part of our Lenten discipline.

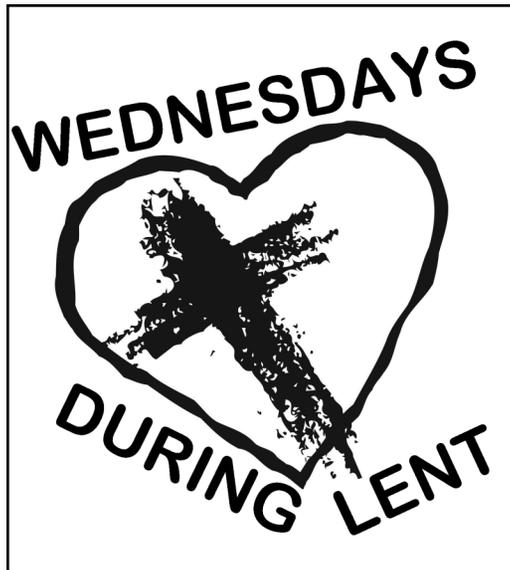
*03/07 Church Council*

*03/14 Altar Guild*

*03/21 Disaster Relief*

### ✦ WORSHIP

We will gather in the nave at 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer.



# Zion Coffee Break

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need Coffee Break Hosts  
after 8 am service for Sundays.

Sign up sheet in the narthex in the  
kitchen area

**COFFEE HOUR** -Coffee hour provides a time of fellowship and many more people linger and talk if there are “goodies”. If your last name begins with the following letters, and if you like, you may bring a little something to share. A dozen cookies, or bars, a plate of cake, fruit, nuts, crackers, cheese, pretzels, etc. Anything you wish.

A-D 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month

E-K 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month

L-R 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month (**Girl Scout Sunday 18th**)

S-Z 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

Months that have five Sundays, Pot luck! Anyone who wants to bring a little something.



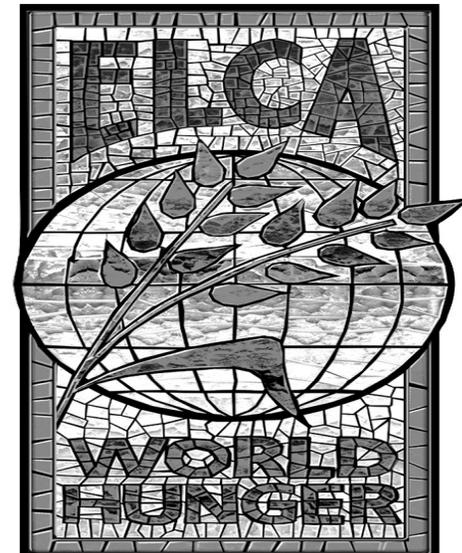
## ELCA WORLD HUNGER AND DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE

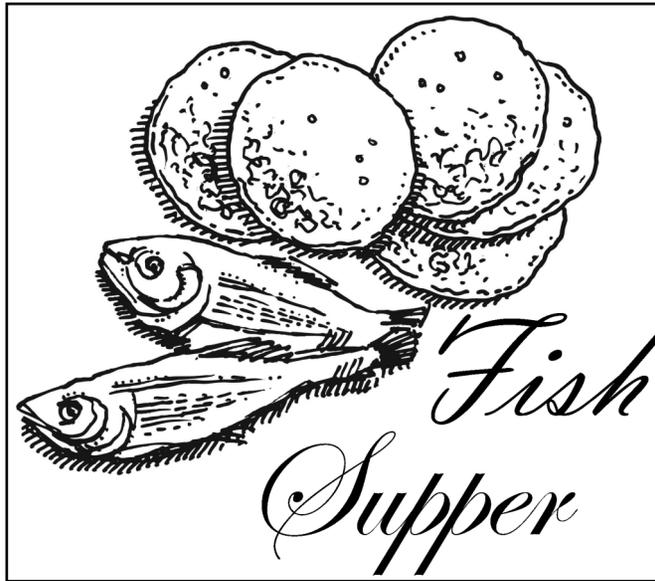
Nearly 1 billion of our neighbors—one in eight people in our world today-live in poverty. God calls us to see them-to respond. Working with our neighbors in 44 states in this country and throughout 57 countries around the world, the ELCA World Hunger begins by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas about how to break this cycle of hunger and poverty then providing various programs such as:

- Soup kitchens, food pantries, community gardens, agriculture programs
- Safe water for drinking, growing crops, sanitation and hygiene
- Income generating activities and microloans to help pay for essentials like food, medical costs
- Clinics and community health programs and medical assistance
- Removal of barriers so that children and adults are able to attend school
- Healing and renewal for those who have experienced disasters
- Support for the malaria campaign to overcome this preventable disease

Our gifts are needed to support all these programs. Let us take up the challenge to end hunger and poverty by our continuing support through ELCA World Hunger.

Our campaign begins Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. As you entered for worship you will be given an envelopes in which to place your offering. These will be gathered on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Each Sunday during this Lenten season, your bulletin will contain a short story describing some of the above activities. Please read them prayerfully and then consider how you can help.





For Zion members and friends

March 10, 2018

3:30—5:30 pm

All You Can Eat

Tickets—\$10.00

Fish (Fried and Baked)

Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed

Tomatoes, Harvard Beets,

Creamed Cabbage, Roll and

Dessert.



**Wednesday Prayer Service**

Our Wednesday Prayer services continue at 9:00 am. For those looking for an additional opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Prayer Group celebrates the sacrament at its service on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Be with us for prayers and the Sacrament on Wednesdays.

**Saturday Evening 6:00 pm Worship**

This Worship is meant to be helpful to those who find an evening worship time more convenient. It is a simple but inspiring service of Word and Holy Communion that includes organ music and traditional hymns.

**IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING ?**

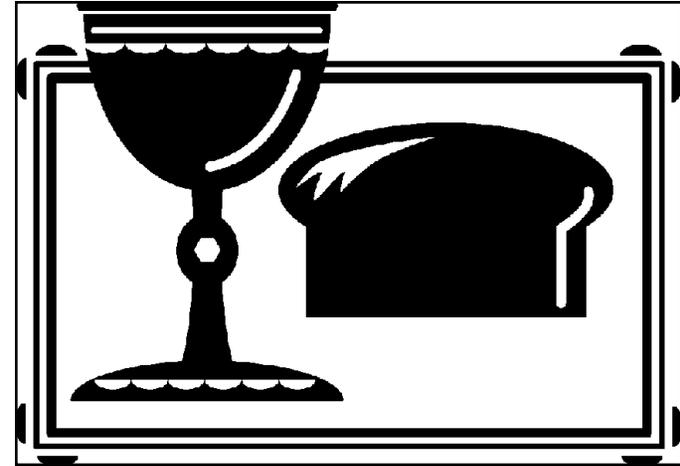
We need your help to maintain our church records and keep in touch with you. If your address has changed (due to 911 implementation or going away to school or whatever reason) please notify the church office. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new address [zionlc39@windstream.net](mailto:zionlc39@windstream.net)





## Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (12/31/17)	18,595.63	18,595.63
	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Monthly Contributions	20,625.08	20,625.08
Monthly Disbursements	22,658.21	22,658.21
Balance (1/31/18)	16,271.50	16,271.50
Building Fund—\$13,558.29		
Nave Improvement—\$25,383.35		
Organ Fund—\$26,295.00		



## January Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

- 8:00 am - 265
- 10:30 am - 194
- Saturday Evening - 53
- Wednesday Prayer - 28

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Children wishing to receive First Communion are invited to join Pastor Roux for a class entitled “Welcome to the Lord’s Table.” This class will prepare children to receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29. Classes will be held at 11:00 am on Saturdays, February 24, March 3, 10, and 17. Parents are asked to attend with their children and godparents are invited, too. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Roux.



**Holy Week in Our Parish**

March 25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
8:00 am and 10:30 am The Sunday of the Passion

**The Paschal Triduum  
The Passover Three Days**

March 29<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday  
7:00 pm The Holy Eucharist

March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

March 31<sup>st</sup> Holy Saturday  
7:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday, The Queen of Feasts  
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Eucharist  
8:00 am Breakfast  
9:15 am Sunday Church School  
9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K to Sixth Grade  
10:30 am The Holy Eucharist

**COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY**

**Disaster Relief Team** 1st Monday at 7:00 pm  
Barbara Kilgus—Chairperson

**TUESDAY**

**Outreach** 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm (note time change)  
Pastor Roux-Chairperson  
Brenda Reasner—Council Rep  
**Stewardship** 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Barry Durlin-Chairperson  
Lisa Wehr—Council Rep  
**Property** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Lynn Watson and Lee Bieber—Co-Chairs  
Dave Hartman—Council Rep  
**Social Ministry** 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm  
Valli Rovenolt-Chairperson  
Garry Ritter—Council Rep

**THURSDAY**

**Executive Committee** 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm  
**Church Council** 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm  
**Worship and Music** 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm  
John Craven -Chairperson  
Carolyn Bieber—Council Rep  
**Staff Support** 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Melissa Kilgus -Chairperson  
Deb Webb—Council Rep

**SUNDAY**

**Christian Education** meets quarterly at 6:30 pm  
Ann Gardner—Council Rep

*Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)*

*Leslie Hartline, Council President (570-716-3850)*

*Michael Yohn, Organist*

*Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist*

*Rev. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music*

*Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary*

*Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher*

*Wendy Wood, Preschool Helper*

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***Prayer Chain Anchors:***

*Call before 9:00 pm*

*Team 1 Barbara Zettlemoyer 649-5358*

*Team 2 Joe and Mary Lou Murray 437-2478*

*Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438*

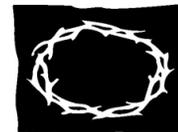
*Team 4 Ashley and Janet Reasner 649-5658*

**Holy Week at Zion**

Holy Week begins with our celebration of The Sunday of the Passion, also known as Palm Sunday. We receive palms to raise up in worship, remembering Jesus' triumphant entrance through the Golden Gate in Jerusalem to begin the events of his suffering, death, and resurrection. We hear the story of the passionate love of Jesus from the Gospel of St. Matthew.



Maundy Thursday begins with confession and absolution, then recalls the events of that final night for Jesus. The pastor and assistant will wash the feet of all who come forward, recalling the mandate ("Maundy") of Jesus to "Love one another as I have loved you." We then share the Lord's Supper at Jesus' command to "Do this, as often as you do it, in remembrance of me." After the meal, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday.



Good Friday's liturgy is called "The Veneration of the Cross." We will hear the reading of the Passion according to St. John for the emphasis on the victory of Christ our King. Bidding Prayers are then prayed, followed by the procession with a rough hewn cross and the opportunity to pray at the foot of the cross.

Holy Saturday worship is known as "The Great Vigil of Easter." We begin as the day turns to evening, marking the beginning of the third day – the day of resurrection. We will gather outside for the lighting of the New Fire and the procession with the Paschal Candle. The candle represents Christ risen from the tomb. Once settled inside again, we will listen to the history of salvation through a series of Old Testament readings. We then move to the baptismal font for the baptisms. Then we share the first Eucharist of Easter.



The days of Holy Week are the most important days of the year for a true believer. In the ritual drama of our worship we are drawn closer to Jesus Christ our Lord. You are greatly encouraged to be present with your family and enter fully into the mystery of salvation with the whole body of Christ

## WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

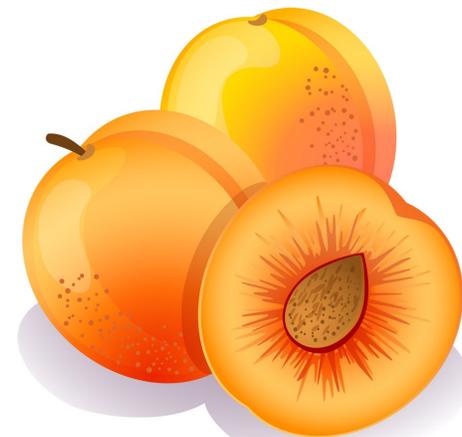
In January, we began the new year by gathering soup for our friends and neighbors, all varieties, all kinds to add needed warmth on the cold days of winter. You were generous and many cans have been delivered. During this month of February, we will continue to shop for peas. Bring many cans, the need is great.

### MARCH

**PEACHES!** Yummy, delicious, juicy canned peaches to help us think “Spring” and to give us a preview of warmer days, flowers, green grass and fresh fruit. Fresh peaches may not yet be available in our markets but we do have the availability of canned fruit. We can serve canned peaches in many ways, with cottage cheese perhaps or try them chopped in fruit salad. They even make a lovely fruit cobbler. So, this month let us look for peaches on our grocery shelves; bring them sliced or whole, in heavy or light syrup, in large or small cans and any brand. All are welcome. It may seem a long way to summertime fruit but we can still have this tasty fruit on our tables. Please bring peaches in March.



Join us for Girl Scout Sunday on March 18<sup>th</sup>.  
The Girl Scouts will be selling their cookies in  
between services, and will be providing a  
song during the 10:30 service.



## CAMP MT LUTHER

Please remember in your prayers our members  
who are homebound,  
in nursing homes and the military:  
*Birthdays are listed*

### At Home

Janet Reasner—1/5  
Earle Jarrett—2/28  
Hannah Jarrett—4/15  
Alice Durlin – 6/9  
Emily Gottschall - 10/10  
Joyce McCollum—12/2  
Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20  
Dolores Yost—12/23  
Elizabeth Sampsell  
Freda Keefer

### Watson town Rehab—Watson town

Joyce Snyder—6/17  
Eleanor Trefsgger –9/21  
Finley Stahl

### Rockwell—Milton

Janice Metzger 4/15  
Dodie Day 6/23

### Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

### Riverwoods—Lewisburg

Nancy DeHart—12/26  
Gladys Durlin—2/26

### **Military -**

R. Scott Keister-3/12      John Rump-3/26  
Christopher Keister-4/2      Keenan Young—6/27  
Wayne Meckley-8/16      Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16



**Camp applications are now available** for anyone interested in attending Camp Mount Luther. For more information on the camp and the summer program, check out their website at: [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

To qualify for the early registration fee, campers only need to be registered and pay their portion of the camp fee. Camper registrations and payment received before April 15 will entitle campers to pay the discounted basic camp fee! After April 15, camp fees go up. See the summer brochure located on the table in the narthex for exact pricing.

On-line registration is available. Campers who register on-line are instructed to tell us how much their church is paying.



Thank you to everyone who **helped** with the Oyster Supper in every way from baking pies , cooking, serving and also consuming the Oyster Stew. It was another successful Oyster Supper.  
*Larry Kocher*

**Electronic Giving Option  
The Simply Giving Program  
Endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union**

Zion is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form is available from the church office.

The library was running out of room to house the collection, but now we have NEW SHELVES!!! Many thanks to John Kauffman for his woodworking expertise in building the new shelving and to the donor who generously supplied the funds for the materials. The shelves look amazing and perfectly match the existing ones. The library now has room to grow for years to come!

Ann Gardner



*Thank you all for supporting our pancake breakfast last Sunday (February 11th)! We hope everyone enjoyed their morning.*

*Thank you,  
Cub Scout Pack 3622*

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Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor	437-9058
Cathy J. Kelley, Parish Secretary	437-2860
Mike Yohn, Organist	649-6307
Rev. Steve Middernacht, Minister of Music	523-7859
Dennis Sheatler, Custodian	437-2215
Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher	538-9808
Wendy Wood, Preschool Helper	538-9008

**Church Council Officers for 2018**

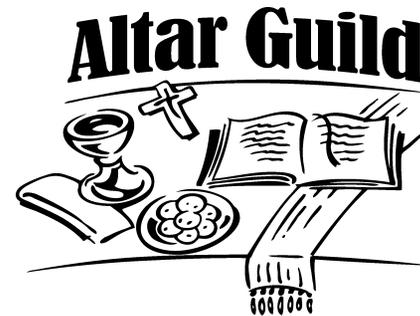
Leslie Hartline, President	716-3850
Mary Kauffman, Vice President	204-3819
Dee Quigley, Council Secretary	220-9875
Kevin Kilgus, Treasurer	538-5479

**Church Council Members for 2018**

Lisa Wehr, Stewardship	713-4962
Carolyn Bieber, Worship and Music	437-3706
Ann Gardner, Christian Ed.	546-5880
Deb Webb, Staff Support	649-5810
Garry Ritter, Social Ministry	546-3712
Brenda Reasner, Outreach	847-8329
David Hartman, Property	204-1701
Cortney Shupp, Finance	279-0522

**Holy Communion Assistants**

We have been blessed to have many people serving at the altar in our worship. Assistants set the table and offer the wine by pouring chalice or common cup. We are in need of people to serve at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am liturgies. We have four teams for each liturgy, so you would be scheduled to serve three months during the year. Please speak to Pastor Roux if you can serve in this ministry.

**Altar Guild Help Needed**

We need some extra people on a permanent basis to be part of the Altar Guild, please contact Courtney Hamm or Kate Fisher for details. Your work will be greatly appreciated.

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF  
ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER TO  
FILL UNTIL DECEMBER 2019,  
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER  
SERVING IN THIS WAY.**

# JOLLY BUNCH

## "Share and Tell"

Jolly Bunch will meet March 14, 2018.

Do you have a special garden tool, cooking utensil, photo, article of clothing, or a song or poem that carries a special memory or spot in your heart. Please bring it to "Share and Tell" at the Jolly Bunch.

We will go to Good Will's in Montandon for lunch.

Join us for a time of fellowship and socializing.

Our next gathering will be April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in March

Lenora Soffel—12th

Terry Gardner 26th

Bruce Zettlemyer—27th

Shirley Edwards—28th



**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

### March Newsletter

*March deadline is*

*March 7, 2018*

*Are you aware that we have ...*

*... large print Portals of Prayer?*

*...devotional booklets located on the table in the narthex and at the back of the church?*

*Large print bulletins are available for all worship services.*

*Children's bulletins are also available for worship services.*

*Just ask an usher.*

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*<http://www.uss-elca.org/uss-ark/>*