



# THE VISITOR FROM ZION

NEWSLETTER OF ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN RAHWAY

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## Pastor Pernini's Message: *Jesus for President?*

Amidst the often circus-like claims of the 2016 crop of presidential candidates I find myself wondering what might Jesus' platform be if he were to run for president today? I suppose that such a question might strike you as absurd given that Jesus was curiously flippant when Pilate asked him, "are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You say so (Matthew 27:11)." In John 6:15 the apostle says, "When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself." Again, in Mark 12:17, Jesus spoke about paying taxes, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's" which for some delineated the difference between God and emperor and perhaps laid the foundation for the separation of Church and State. At first blush, it seems as though posing a question like "Jesus for President?" is at best ironic given the biblical evidence against such a proposition, and, perhaps even absurd given the paradoxical separation of Church and State in our "one nation, under \_ \_ \_ indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

How could the man who denied being "king of the Jews," fled the crowd who wanted to take him by force and place him on the throne, and who drew a distinction between what belongs to the emperor and what belongs to God throw his hat into the 2016 presidential the race?

But, while these observations from the biblical witness seem to foreclose on the possibility of Jesus making a run for the Oval Office, there are deeper aspects of the tradition that are worth exploring. Let us begin with a quote from Acts 17:7 which levels a criticism against the uproar that Paul and Silas caused in a Roman occupied territory, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also... *They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.*" Paul, as you may know, spent a lot of time in jail not because of his beliefs, but because of what he *did* on account of his beliefs. According to Luke, the author of Acts, Paul and Silas were "acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor" because they had another king named Jesus!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Rally Day Picnic

**First Day of Sunday School, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM**

Join us for a picnic after worship.  
There will be hot dogs, snacks, drinks, dessert, games and prizes!

## “All God’s Children”

**Worship Service for Individuals with Disabilities**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**

This worship service will offer a Gospel message, prayer, music and singing. Light refreshments and time for fellowship will follow the service. Volunteers are needed to greet and assist with the service. Please join us in welcoming our brothers and sisters at this new and exciting worship service!

For more information, contact Jamie Dungey at 908-377-8945.



**God’s work.  
Our hands.**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God’s work. Our hands.

## God’s Work. Our Hands.

### ELCA Day of Service

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Join us in an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. For the past two years, thousands of members from across this church have dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that shrew the love of God with all people.

This year, on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the congregation of Zion will be sharing God’s love with seniors in an assisted living facility in Rahway. Please contact the church office for more details.

**Pastor's Message** (continued from page 1)

1 Corinthians 12:3 and Romans 10:9 cite the early and shortest Christian creed, "Jesus is Lord." Jesus is often referred to as Lord in the New Testament. The term "Lord" is a title usually associated with royalty, i.e., the king. To call Jesus "Lord" means to call no one else your "Lord/king/leader." According to the preeminent New Testament scholar from the University of Oxford, N.T. Wright, "Israel's king was always supposed to be the world's king ([http://ntwrightpage.com/Wright\\_Paul\\_Caesar\\_Empire.pdf](http://ntwrightpage.com/Wright_Paul_Caesar_Empire.pdf))." Wright then cites scripture to back up his claim, "His dominion shall be from one sea to the other; from the River to the ends of the earth (Ps. 72.8)." "The root of Jesse shall rise to rule the nations; in him shall the nations hope (Isa. 11.10, cited Rom. 15.12)." One of the earliest creeds that we have quoted by Paul in 1 Corinthians and Romans calls Jesus Lord and Paul, as noted above by Luke in the book of Acts, was reported to have been disobeying the Roman Emperor in the name of king Jesus. "Jesus is Lord!"

Archaeology has opened up some of the New Testament's terminology ascribed to Jesus as having imperial overtones. First of all, the title "son of God" was not only used in referring to Jesus, but it was actually used to describe Caesar long before it was ever used for Jesus. "Divi fillius" or, son of the divine/god was what people said when they worshipped Caesar. It is well documented in New Testament studies that the world that the apostle Paul inhabited was filled with shrines and temples populated by huge swaths of Roman citizens who were part of the "cult of the emperor, the son of god (c.f. [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial\\_cult\\_\(ancient\\_Rome\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_cult_(ancient_Rome))), I am not a huge fan of Wikipedia, but in an attempt to use online resources it will suffice)." To call Jesus "the son of God" subverted the claim that Caesar, the Emperor of Rome, was the "son of god."

The term "Gospel" itself, used in the New Testament as both the title of the four stories about Jesus' life (The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) as well as another way of saying Good News, "was used [first] to describe what actions or events associated with various Roman emperors had occurred for the welfare of the

world. Thus in the inscription from Priene... we read of the "gospels"—the announcements of good news—that the birth of the emperor Augustus brought to the world (<http://www.augsburgfortress.org/media/downloads/9780800699116Chapter1.pdf>)." So, the title "Gospel" carries with it Roman imperial overtones as does the title "son of God." And when the two titles, "gospel" and "son of God," are used to describe Jesus, and *not* the emperor, a political claim has been made which would be both treasonous and seditious to the Roman Empire. Mark 1:1 says, "The beginning of the *Gospel* of Jesus Christ, *the Son of God*." Amen.

What I have listed above is a small sample of contemporary scholarship and archaeology that reifies rather than contradicts Christian Orthodoxy. Each week we confess the faith of the Church in the 2nd article of the Apostle's Creed, "I believe in Jesus Christ, *God's only son, our Lord*." It is important to note that the Apostle's Creed was used in the early Church's baptismal liturgy long before the Roman Emperor Constantine legalized and legitimized Christianity in the Roman Empire during the 4th century AD. The book of Revelation affirms, "...and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." The New Testament, from the beginning (Mark, the earliest canonical Gospel written) to the end (Revelation) affirms that Jesus, not the king, emperor, or president, is Lord of all. And, recent 1st century archaeology develops and expands on the latent claims by New Testament authors that to confess Jesus as "Lord" and "Son of God" are political terms denying the sovereignty of all others.

So, if Jesus were running for President today, what might his platform look like? First of all, the *Declaration of Independence* and the *United States Constitution* would need to be revised because, while exceptional in terms of human aspirations for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," the Founder's documents nowhere state nor prescribe a way for attaining the ultimate purposes of humanity.

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**Pastor's Message** (continued from page 3)

The Founders focused on human aspirations confined by human experience. The problem with the hopes of the Constitution, though high by human standards, are simply too low for the Kingdom of God. The Founders of this country never conceived of a government nor a social ethic that sought to develop the character of humanity so as to bring all of humanity, both those within the borders of the United States and those without, to the full realization that all people bear the imprint of God, the Imago Dei. Were Jesus to run for president and win, the borders of the United States would be irrelevant because to bask in the revelation that you carry God's image inside you is ultimately a negation of borders and a widening of an all too often narrowly conceived notion of family. Were Jesus to run for president and win, altruism and the depths of self-giving would be the most valuable characteristic of the citizenry. Such a world cannot be comprehended apart from the image of God born in and carried by Jesus Christ which is conveyed to us not by conquering all, but by sacrificing oneself for the benefit of all. Jesus' titles alone give us a glimpse of the kingdom he has ushered in and what his political platform for the Kingdom of God might be: the King of Peace, the Good Shepherd (seeker of the lost), the Bread of Life (comprehended after feeding the poor and hungry), the Lamb of God (humility and self-sacrifice), the Author of Life (intimate connection with all life including animals and the environment), the Savior of the World (not parochial, i.e., borderless commitments), the Living Water (life affirming) etc... The world, not just the United States, longs for such a King, and yet...

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...at the same time the world also despises such a person. We already know what happened last time Jesus ran for office. He was put on trial on trumped up charges of heresy and insurrection. Sadly, given the copious size of our legal codes, it would be far easier to put Jesus on trial today. He, like so many others before and after him that encountered corrupt judicial processes, would be whisked away and his story, then as now, would be buried in the "news" behind tabloids and stories of violence parading

as journalism, "history," and a free press. So, even if Jesus were to run for president today he wouldn't win, and neither will his disciples. Christ, and Christians, are virtually unelectable. This should not be a surprise. Christ's convictions landed him on a cross, and Christ's follower's convictions landed them in jail, or worse, martyred. Christ couldn't win an election, and the closest thing he ever truly had to one was when Pilate asked who should be crucified, "Jesus of Nazareth, or Barrabbas the murderous insurrectionist?" The votes were cast by a blood thirsty crowd, justice was aborted in the name of "democracy," and the rest is history.

Jesus wouldn't run for president because the office of president is too restrictive to encompass the purposes of God for humanity. He resisted being taken by force by his followers to be made king because a king has borders and God's kingdom has none. He said, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and give to God the things that are God's" not as a tacit approval of taxation and the like, but as an affirmation that *all things* are God's, even taxes, and to draw the distinction between this life, the emperor's domain, and the next is the beginning of tyranny. While Jesus has never and will never win an election, he has elected each and every one of us to be his followers which constitutes his Church. And by electing us to be his disciples he has inaugurated the Kingdom of God which is sewn amidst nations of all lands and peoples.

For many, the political aspect of Jesus' Lordship may be new and perhaps even disheartening given the United States' paradoxical reality of the perpetual sloganeering about the "separation of Church and State" while simultaneously upholding we are "one nation under God" in whom "we trust." For many Christians, "Jesus as Lord" is a harmless statement whose confession reaps benefits on the other side of the tomb. But to the early Church, to disciples like St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and St. Paul, the first Christian jailed for civil disobedience, the ability to confess Jesus as Lord with both their lips and their feet was the greatest gift one could possibly possess or be possessed by.

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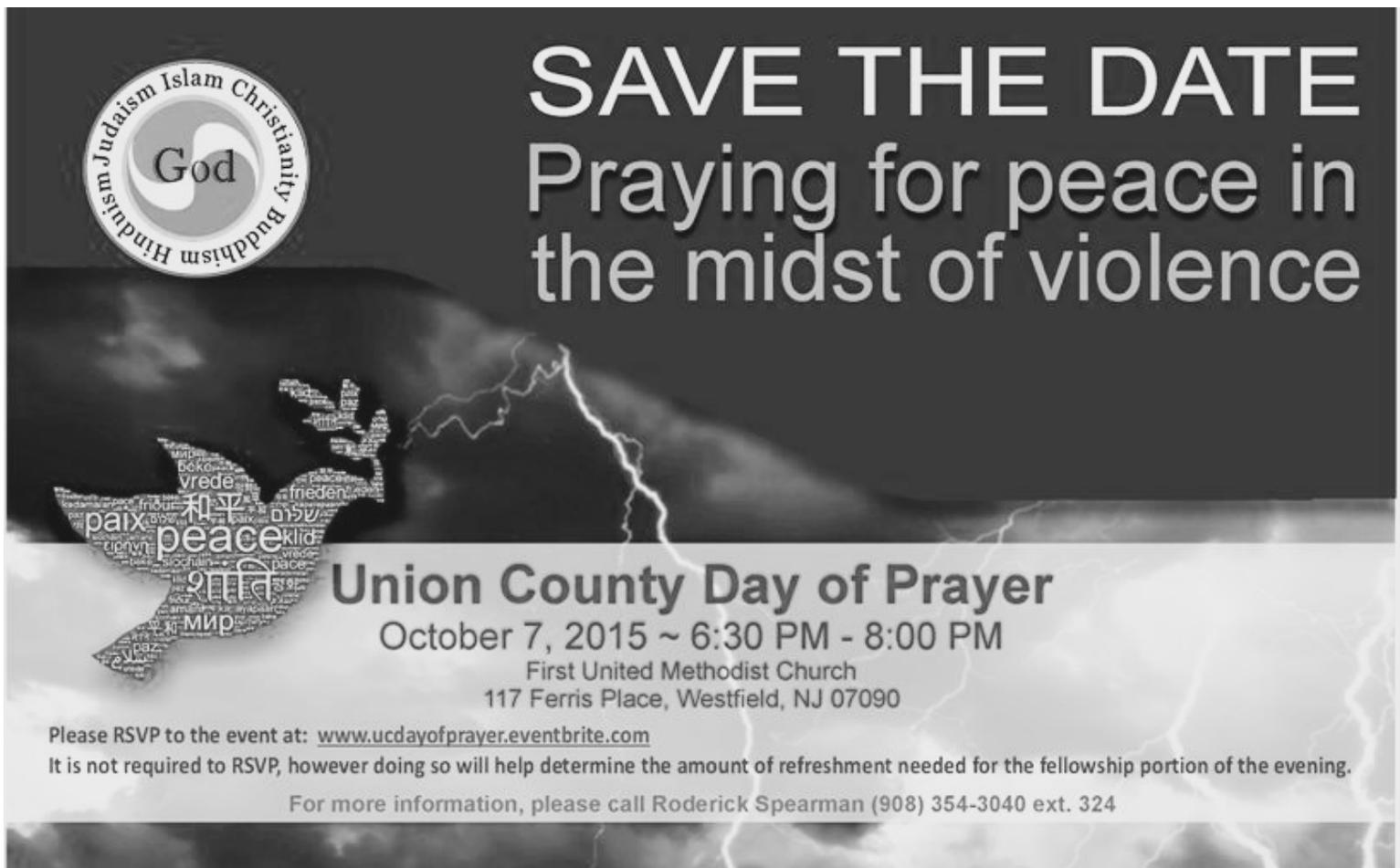
We, the Church in the 21st century, have lost something precious if we forget or neglect the price paid for conferring and transmitting the faith to us nearly two-thousand years after the fact. Yet, for those of us who experience this essay's brand of "Good News" as "News" instead of "Good," there is hope for transformation yet. St. Augustine said in his *Confessions*:

*O eternal Truth, true Love, and beloved Eternity, you are my God, and for you I sigh day and night. As I first began to know you, you lifted me up and showed me that, while that which I might see exists indeed, I was not yet capable of seeing it. Your rays beamed intensely on me, beating back my feeble gaze, and I trembled with love and dread. I knew myself to be far away from you in a region of unlikeness,*

*and I seemed to hear your voice from on high: "I am the food of the mature: grow, then, and you shall eat me. You will not change me into yourself like bodily food; but you will be changed into me."*

The deepest aspect of the confession that Jesus is "Lord" and "the Son of God" draws deeply from the ancient and orthodox traditions of the church in that we, as Christians, call on no one else as Lord, king, leader, or sovereign other than Jesus. And, as St. Augustine notes above, we do not change confessions like "Jesus is Lord" or "Jesus is the son of God," but rather, we are changed by them.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Carmine Pernini



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Praying for peace in  
the midst of violence

**Union County Day of Prayer**  
October 7, 2015 ~ 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
First United Methodist Church  
117 Ferris Place, Westfield, NJ 07090

Please RSVP to the event at: [www.ucdayofprayer.eventbrite.com](http://www.ucdayofprayer.eventbrite.com)  
It is not required to RSVP, however doing so will help determine the amount of refreshment needed for the fellowship portion of the evening.  
For more information, please call Roderick Spearman (908) 354-3040 ext. 324

## It's *Another* Lutheran!

Dear brothers and sisters, help us welcome the newest member of our church family by offering edible support to **Kevin and Stephanie Hettinger** upon the arrival of their new baby later this month!

An online CareCalendar has been set up to facilitate signing up to bring meals to the family. To access The Hettinger Family's CareCalendar site, visit <http://carecalendar.org/logon/218618> and enter the following information in the appropriate spaces:

**Calendar ID : 218618**

**Security code : 9320**



For more information or help signing up,  
contact Kathryn Irwin (732-381-1867)

## The Holy Cross: Keeping Love in Mind

Maria Blajsa

*"For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*  
*(1 Corinthians 1:18)*

Wisdom is hidden all around us and sages are often found in ordinary places. One oracle is the seat of supermarket carts where tiny gurus often reveal more to us about love than we can learn from all the books and advertising in the world.

A mother was standing in front of a shelf in a supermarket, intent on price comparison, and her small son enthroned in the cart. He was providing a running commentary on the weather, his need for candy, the importance of his stuffed bunny, and the weariness of his task of assisting with the family grocery shopping.

Then he paused and remembered love. He said, "Are we going to see Gramma and Grandpa today?"

Without turning her head his mother replied, "Yes, we are."

"Good," he said, and sighed, "They love me so much; I want to go and be with them."

Do we keep God's love in mind amid the distractions of the world?

The sign of the cross looks foolish to those who do not understand its message, and sometimes we get so lost in Christian busy-ness that we forget to keep love in mind. It is God's great love shown through the cross that is our greatest wisdom. The world sees the cross as a sign of death, but we know that it is the sign of a love so amazing that we live in daily gratefulness for its gifts.

In September we take opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the cross because it reminds us that God's power comes from sacrificial love and forgiveness. We are meant to work at the foot of the cross. In humility and gratitude we are to offer ourselves as instruments of God's love and forgiveness so that the power of self-giving love can be offered to the world through our lives and through the ministry of the church.

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2015

| Sunday  | Monday                              | Tuesday  | Wednesday                   | Thursday                                 | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
|   |                                     | <b>1</b><br>6:00pm Evangelism<br>6:30pm Youth & Family<br>7:30pm Bible Study | <b>2</b><br>7:00pm Property | <b>3</b><br>10:00am Sewing Group         | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>7:00am Property Work Day<br>-9:00am<br>5:00pm Worship                                      |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00am Adult Education<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellowship Hour  | <b>7</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal  | <b>8</b><br>6:45pm Stewardship<br>7:30pm Bible Study                         | <b>9</b><br>6:00pm Finance  | <b>10</b>                                | <b>11</b><br>1:00pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Cupcakes<br>-2:00pm | <b>12</b><br>9:00am Food for Friends<br>2:00pm All God's Children<br>worship service<br>5:00pm Worship |
| <b>13</b><br>9:00am Adult Education<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am RALLY DAY Picnic  | <b>14</b><br>12:30pm WELCA          | <b>15</b><br>7:30pm Bible Study  | <b>16</b>                   | <b>17</b><br>10:00am Sewing Group        | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>5:00pm Worship  |
| <b>20</b> <i>God's Work Our Hands</i><br>VISITOR DEADLINE<br>9:00am Adult Education<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellowship Hour | <b>21</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>22</b><br>7:30pm Bible Study  | <b>23</b>                   | <b>24</b><br>7:30pm Congregation Council | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>5:00pm Worship  |
| <b>27</b><br>9:00am Adult Education<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>10:00am Worship<br>11:15am Fellowship Hour   | <b>28</b>                           | <b>29</b><br>7:30pm Bible Study  | <b>30</b>                   |  |  |  |

## SEPTEMBER 2015 SERVER SCHEDULE



| DATE         | WORSHIP ASSISTANT | COUNTERS                         |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| September 5  | Herman Renkevens  |                                  |
| September 6  | Kip Palmer        | Herman Renkevens<br>Vi Stebner   |
| September 12 |                   |                                  |
| September 13 | Kathryn Irwin     | Barbara Brown<br>Kip Palmer      |
| September 19 | Herman Renkevens  |                                  |
| September 20 | Barbara Brown     | John Blajsa<br>Maria Blajsa      |
| September 26 | Lee Thor          |                                  |
| September 27 | Linda Cenci       | Bob Shackelton<br>Kevin Engstrom |

May Altar Guild: Marcia Eversley

If you are interested in participating in worship leadership as a worship assistant, please contact Vi Stebner (732-382-2514).

# June Celebrations

## Birthdays

2 Dorothy Marbach  
 4 Anna Marie Healey  
 6 Mary Anna Lucash  
 7 Mary Hrindo  
 8 Patrick Sawler  
 9 Scott Samu (Jr.)  
 9 Jacob Michael Lucash  
 11 Dean Ferdinandi  
 14 Colton Aylward  
 18 Jenna Marie Healey  
 19 Debra Flanagan  
 23 Donna Murphy  
 27 Jean Rhodes

## Baptismal Anniversaries

9 Marie Jensen  
 19 Jeremiah Meskowsky  
 19 Mary Hrindo  
 25 Patrick Sawler  
 27 Linda Cenci

## Wedding Anniversaries

10 Helen & Bill Gehring  
 27 Gert & Bert Shackleton  
 30 Leo & Cori Battenhausen

# Let us Pray...

Carol Meadowcroft  
 Ted Meadowcroft  
 Creigh Reichard

Ellie Ringled  
 Angel Rivera  
 Ryan Roos

Lee Thor  
 Kathy Ward  
 Charlotte Zygo

Abby Allen----- friend of Marcia Eversley  
 Joe Alol ----- friend of Luann Albanese  
 Debbie Beer ----- cousin of Cheryl Piccard  
 Layna Rose Boiselle ----- friend of Cheryl Piccard  
 Ginny Bonicker ----- friend of Therese & Yogi Bera  
 Andrew Born, USMC ----- nephew of Doug Born  
 Robin Brown----- friend of Lee Thor  
 Holly Brown ----- friend of Cheryl Piccard  
 Jackson Bunce ----- friend of Pat Ogarek  
 Carl Christensen ----- friend of Patrick Sawler  
 Richard DeNero ----- friend of Cheryl Piccard  
 Helen Deppe ----- sister of Gert Shackleton  
 Robert Deppe ----- nephew of Gert Shackleton  
 Ira Glover ----- friends of Marcia Eversley  
 Patricia Grant ----- friend of Cheryl Piccard  
 Charles Gritschke ----- nephew of Helen Gehring  
 Elanore Hintenach--- mother of Tommy Hintenach  
 Meg Keller ----- daughter-in-law of Grace Keller  
 Marilyn Kelly  
 Ed Kertesz ----- cousin of Frank Kertesz

Frieda Konopi---- mother-in-law of Carolyn Konopi  
 Bernie Long ----- friend of Therese & Yogi Bera  
 Amy Martin----- friend of Zion  
 Barbara McDarby ----- friend Yogi & Therese Bera  
 Ginny Mentzel ----- sister of Natalie Ford  
 Dori Miller ----- friend of Therese Bera  
 Daniel Nietzold ----- son of Kathy Ward  
 Michael Nicols ----- friend of Yogi & Therese Bera  
 Monica & John O'Brien-- friends of Luann Albanese  
 Donna Policastro ---- friend of Therese & Yogi Bera  
 George Policastro ---- friend of Therese & Yogi Bera  
 Rita Reddington ----- mother of Carolyn Konopi  
 Emily Resch ----- friend of the Irwin-Pernini Family  
 Maria Ros ----- mother of Fr. Sal Ros  
 Marianne Sabol----- cousin of Therese Bera  
 Francis Sawler----- father of Patrick Sawler  
 Helen Spillar ----- friend of Gert & Bert Shackleton  
 Susan Trail ----- friend of Therese & Yogi Bera  
 Hugh Wallace----- husband of Nancy Jean Wallace  
 Gary Webb----- brother-in-law of Cheryl Piccard

## **We pray for members at a distance & unable to join us:**

Dot Cole  
 Margaret Felver  
 Arlene Hasbrouck  
 Marie Jensen

Grace Keller  
 Alexander Kitsakos  
 Ursula Lochner  
 Harry McDowell

Bill Marbach  
 Helen Rokos  
 Richard Sillen  
 Henry Thoden

John Thompson  
 Dorothy Zehrer

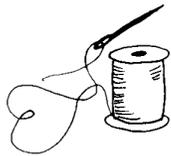
## SECOND FRIDAY CUPCAKES

Thanks to all who contributed cupcakes that were delivered to Second Presbyterian Church on Friday, August 14: Stephanie Hettinger & Cathy Jones. Anyone may contribute. They are much appreciated. Thank you very much also to all the anonymous people who contributed plastic bags or paper products or their prayers! All of this is much appreciated.

The next opportunity to help with this faithful mission is **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please drop off a batch of 24 cupcakes **between 1:00 and 2:00 PM** at the Parish Office or call the office for a special arrangement.



## SEWING GROUP



The sewing group meets on the first and third (sometimes the fifth) Thursday of each month in the Education Building. Our next meeting times are **September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Our next meeting is on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM** in the Social Hall.

## ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is looking for additional people to serve for one month a year. Call the church office to sign up.



## VISITOR NEWS

*Visitor* submissions should be emailed to the church office ([secy@zionlutherannj.net](mailto:secy@zionlutherannj.net)). If you do not have access to the internet you may still submit a hard copy. Please keep us up to date on your events. The deadline is the third Sunday, which is **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Remember: if at all possible, please email your news.

## MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET

If you would like to borrow walkers, crutches, canes, etc., please call the church office.

## DONATEABLE ITEMS

**CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS** for Navajo Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ



Please save your Campbell's Soup Labels proofs of purchases! The labels are used to purchase vehicles for the Mission and are very valuable, as in the past they have been able to redeem these points in exchange for four 15-passenger vans (worth 1.5 million labels each!), and two 7-passenger mini vans for employee use. Although Campbell's no longer has the 15-passenger vans, the Mission is still able to purchase smaller vans and educational equipment, such as overhead projectors, computers, and playground equipment.

The Campbell's Soup program will only be accepting the bar code portion from the labels. Instead of saving the labels from Campbell's, Swanson's, V8, Prego, and Franco American products, they now just require that the UPC (bar code) insignia be sent. (Any bar code whose number begins with 51 or 14 or any with the Labels for Education will qualify). If the bar code has dotted lines around or near it, cut on the lines.

For more information, see <http://www.nelm.org/support-the-mission.php>

**SODA CAN TABS** for children in need



Save the tabs from your soda cans. The saved tabs will be sent to Florida in gallon milk jugs. Each jug will provide \$100 worth of free medical care to children in need.

A box is in the back of our worship space labeled "Can Tabs." For more information call Carley Lesinski at 732-388-9044.

**USED EYEGLASSES** for those in need



Please bring them to Zion and put them in the box in the back of our worship space.

## Notes from Our Brothers and Sisters

I would like to thank everyone for all their cards, prayers & well wishes during my past hospital & rehab stay. Also I deeply appreciated Pastor Pernini visiting me both at home & in the hospital.

Sincere thanks,  
**Ursula Lochner**  
 21 Shadow Lawn Drive  
 Colonia, NJ 07067

Thank you so much for welcoming us with warm arms! We are very grateful for finding a church that feels like home!

**The Aylwards**  
 175 West Lake Avenue  
 Rahway, NJ 07065

*The Aylwards joined our congregation on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the baptism of their son, Colton. We welcome Heather, Brian, Hailey and Colton into our family!*

**Congratulations and  
 Mazel Tov to our  
 beloved organist,  
 Brian Dallow!**

Music for All Seasons, his charitable organization committed to fostering human interaction and healing through live music, was awarded the Innovator Award by the Cultural Access Network Project for its Voices of Valor program, which is designed to honor veterans' experiences of service and help them use music to ease the transition from active duty to civilian life.

For more information, see:  
[www.musicforallseasons.org](http://www.musicforallseasons.org)  
 and  
[www.voicesofvalor.org](http://www.voicesofvalor.org)

### Bread of Life from Anita Waldron

#### Monkey Cake

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 3 cans buttermilk biscuits | 2 Tbsp cinnamon |
| 2 sticks butter/margarine  | 2 Cups sugar    |

Cut biscuits into quarters. Put cinnamon and 1 C sugar into a bag. Shake biscuits to coat. Place in bunt pan. Melt butter/margarine and remaining sugar and pour over biscuits. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

### **...let us give thanks...**

*Many, many thanks to John at Sipersteins Fords Paints, 372 New Brunswick Ave in Fords for his very generous donation of paint for the beautification of our handicapped ramp. His kindness and generosity truly helped move this project forward.*

### **...memorials...**

*In loving memory of Florence Lesinski by:  
 Charlotte Zygo; the Gurkin Family; Charlene, Darren, Carley & DJ Lesinski;  
 Linda & Ed Kasprzyk*

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## *Weekend Worship Schedule*

### **Saturdays**

5:00 PM.....Worship with Holy Communion

### **Sundays**

9:00 AM ..... Adult Education

9:45 AM ..... Sunday School

10:00 AM.....Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 AM..... Fellowship Hour

### **ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*New Jersey Synod*

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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**Saturday Worship at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM**

*Holy Days as Announced*

### **The Parish Staff**

*Ministers: The People of Zion Church*

*The Rev. Carmine Pernini, Pastor*

*Patricia Ogarek, Parish Secretary*

*Dr. Brian F. Dallow, Director of Music*

*Frank Kertesz, Sexton*

*Mr. Kevin Brown, Congregation President*

**LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR,  
TELL THE WORLD!**

**SEPTEMBER 2015**