

Announcements for the week through June 21st

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS NEEDED...

JUNE 21 - 8:00 A.M. – Lector & Lay Assistant Needed.

10:45 a.m. – Lay Assistant Needed.

If you are able to serve, please contact Deacon Roscoe at marsharoscoe@zluth.org or 566-2589.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a special congregational meeting THIS SUNDAY -- June 21st -- at 9:45 in Leatherman Hall. The topic for discussion is the resolution regarding the sale of the Staub house. This meeting should be brief. Please plan to attend. **There will be no chapel liturgy this Sunday, the 21st.**

FIFTY DAYS OF PRAYER...

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson has asked members to pray and study Scripture -- focusing on this church and the 2009 Churchwide Assembly -- for the 50 days prior to the assembly. **"50 Days of Prayer" begins June 28.** Members are asked to pray daily, meet in groups each week and use the assembly's daily lectionary for reflection. We encourage members of Zion to participate in these fifty days of prayer. Resources and instructions at www.elca.org/50days.

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION TO THE FOLLOWING...

- The family of Gladys Cassel. Gladys entered the church triumphant this week. The family has requested private services.
- The family of Nancy Weikel. Nancy's sister, Barb Miller, also entered the church triumphant this week and services will be held on Thursday.
- The family of Jill & Scott Miller. Jill's grandmother, Wilda Bailey passed away and funeral services were held on Monday of this week.

NOTES OF THANKS...

Thanks to ALL who helped me move into the new office space across from the parlor I will be using while I am serving as Interim Senior Pastor. I owe a special thanks to Dave Sonner, Alexa Sonner, Dave Erdman, and Seth Erdman for painting and moving furniture. Please stop by to visit!

- Pastor Swan

The family of Robert Griffith wants to thank the many members of Zion for the help and kindness show during Bob's illness and after his death. Zion was always a big part of his life. Special thanks to Pastor Swan, Deacon Roscoe and Dave Myers.

- Joan & Kent Griffith

JULIE GRAY, OUR CHURCH SECRETARY, ON VACATION...

Julie Gray will be out of the office Tuesday – Friday this week. Staff and volunteers will be covering for Julie while she is away. The office will remain open Tuesday – Thursday until 4:30 and Friday until noon.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD ASSEMBLY...

WRAP-UP OF THE 22nd Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Using "God's work. Our hands" as the framework for its worship, business, and educational sessions, the 22nd annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly hosted 850 midstate Lutherans, June 11-13, at Messiah College, Grantham, Pa. In sermons, Bible study, legislative meetings, and discussion groups, Lutherans were challenged to take Sunday's faith into Monday's ministry.

Thursday evening forums...

More than 300 people attended Thursday evening informational sessions on synod ministries ranging from global mission to discipleship, to racial justice, to nurturing the gospel through storytelling.

Assembly action...

- Elected Bruce E. Seagrist as volunteer treasurer of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Seagrist is a member of Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, and a Certified Public Accountant.
- Adopted by a narrow margin, 285 to 280, a memorial from the Harrisburg Conference asking the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, when it meets in August for its assembly in Minneapolis, to adopt the proposed ELCA Social Statement on Human Sexuality.
- Defeated a memorial asking the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to adopt the four parts of the proposed Recommendation on Ministry Policies when it meets in assembly.
- Adopted a request from the South York Conference asking the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to require a two-thirds vote by the assembly to adopt any change in the ELCA's current policy and practice for its clergy and other rostered leaders.
- Adopted a Memorial to reaffirm this church's commitment to peace-making in the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict through balanced implementation of its Churchwide Strategy for Engagement in Israel and Palestine.

- Adopted a resolution encouraging the synod, its congregations, and their members to commit to lifestyles that contribute to the health of the environment and to tithe environmentally by reducing waste by ten percent.
- Adopted a 2010 synod budget of \$3,995,650 with 50 percent of that amount going to the churchwide expression of the ELCA for churchwide ministries.