



The Newsletter of

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE/JULY 2009

Worship Services

Summer Schedule for Sunday Worship Services:

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Service
Liturgical worship in the Lutheran tradition.

10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service
Growing in God's Word, singing new songs, celebrating our faith.

Pastors

Senior Pastor Steve Hess
Assistant Pastor . . . Peter Weeks

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter for Zion Lutheran Church is published monthly. To submit an article for publication, email it to Victoria Walker at victoriaw@zionfm.org (be sure to put 'Newsletter submission' in the subject line) or drop it off in the office prior to the deadline date.

The deadline for the August edition of the newsletter is: **July 13**

Most Read Bible Verses

What would you guess are the top ten most-read verses of the Bible? BibleGateway.com has published a list of the top 100 most read Bible verses according to 25 million internet searches.

Here are the top 10 verses:

1. John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



2. Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

3. Romans 8:28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

4. Philippians 4:13: I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

5. Genesis 1:1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



6. Proverbs 3:5: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

7. Proverbs 3:6: In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

8. Romans 12:2: Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

9. Philippians 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

10. Matthew 28:19: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Go to BibleGateway.com/blog to see the rest.

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Mission: Fort Myers!

June-July A.D. 2009

Dear Members and Friends of Zion,

In its 35-year history in this community, the people of God at Zion have reached up and down, reached in and reached out with the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. From their earliest days, the people of Zion have gathered to worship the God who created, redeemed and sanctifies us—**reaching up!** And as we glorify God in worship we gather to study his Word—**reaching in!** We also care for one another with genuine Christian love—**reaching down!** We have also been about the business of intentional witness and mission efforts, placing a high priority on expanding the kingdom of God, make disciples through introducing people to the good news—**reaching out!** That's another way of stating our "Life Series" plan and process for developing followers for Christ: "Knowing Christ-Growing in Christ-Serving Christ-Sharing Christ."



Steve Hess
Senior Pastor

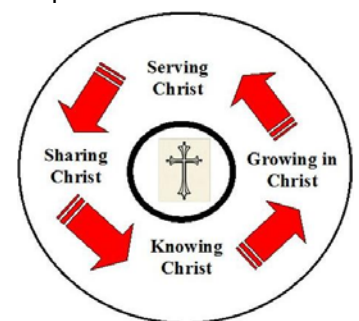
Our mission statement reflects this commitment to God and others and each other: "We are a people made special by the gospel of Jesus Christ, reaching out through Jesus to give people hope and help them grow."

How can this happen among us these days in a "Mission: Fort Myers"? Listen to the following excerpt from Thom Rainer's The Unchurched Door:

- Most of the unchurched feel guilty about not attending church.
- Eighty-two percent of the unchurched are at least "somewhat likely" to attend church **if they are invited** (emphasis mine).
- Very few of the unchurched have had someone share with them how to become a Christian. And Christians have not been particularly influential in their lives.
- Most of the unchurched have a positive view about pastors, church workers, and the church.
- The unchurched would like to develop a real and sincere **relationship** (emphasis mine) with a Christian.

I invite you to take part in the "Life Series" process to nurture your relationship with Christ and with fellow Christ followers. Increase your ability to "share Christ" with people who do not know Jesus (unchurched) or do not have a strong connection to Jesus (uncommitted or de-churched, as some might say).

God's people of Zion will continue to place as our top priority, the mission of **reaching out** to connect people to Jesus. We will faithfully **reach up** to God in praise of his great salvation. We will continue to grow in Christ as we **reach in** and study his Word. And we will **reach down** to care for others and each other in Jesus' name. Please join me in discovering and developing new opportunities to offer God's help and hope in Jesus' name to people who are hurting and dying without Him.



In continuation of the mission, for Jesus' sake,

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Steven J. Hess
Senior Pastor

In the Beginning...

On Mother's Day, I called my Mom to thank her and wish her a happy Mother's Day. She was very excited to tell me that my sister had called earlier and then went on to tell me about how my sister liked the new Star Trek movie. Ironically, on Mother's day we talked less about mothers and more about this new Star Trek movie.

That's when I began to notice something. As a society we've been looking for origins lately. It's not enough to have so-called "superheroes"- we have to know where they came from. Back in 1999 *Star Wars Episode 1* came out and the back story on Anakin Skywalker continued until 2005. In 2005, TV began to show us the origins of Superman with *Smallville* and the big screen showed us the origins of Batman in *Batman Begins*. Then in 2006, we even found out that James Bond wasn't always the super slick technophile with more gadgets than you can throw a stick at in *Casino Royale*. Instead, we found out that James Bond was someone who lost the only woman he ever loved and had to work his way up from the bottom ranks. Last year we found out how Batman first encountered the Joker in *The Dark Knight* and found out that James Bond was really mourning the loss of that woman he loved through revenge that did not even give him one *Quantum of Solace*. So far, this year we've heard about the origins of Wolverine in *Xmen Origins: Wolverine* and we've found out how the heroic crew of the Enterprise came together in *Star Trek*.

Now you can look at this a couple ways. For one, this could just be a bunch of television and movie trivia. You could also just write this off as film-makers desperately trying to draw us in to the theaters despite the economic downturn by offering us fresh perspectives of perennial favorites. But I think this says something about our society. We are yearning for origins. We have been told all that science can offer about where we came from and yet we are left thirsty, yearning for something more, something deeper that transcends our human experience.

That's where our movie trend falls on its face. In making the "superheroes" of the screen more human, you just wind up with more of the same: more human follies and weakness. Underlying this quest for origins is one of the three most basic questions we struggle with in life: the question of identity. As our economy struggles, some of the things we as a society based our identity on are not as stable as they once were. This isn't a question that will go away through the course of a 90 minute movie or overnight. The question of identity will persist.

This is where God's people—you and me—have an opportunity. We have something to offer—the unchanging truth as God has revealed it to us through His Word. There is no need for a prequel here because God tells us everything we need to know. And we who have experienced God's presence in our lives can share that wonderful truth that gives us the most stable source of identity ever: the love of an unchanging God, the love of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But how can we do this? No I'm not going to just say "go share your love with the people around you." How can you actually go about it? This is where the Life Series comes in. Zion 400 talks about ways to "Share Jesus Without Fear." Maybe it sounds like just another class to you—well, it isn't. Trust me, after nine straight years of college and Seminary, I've had enough lecture class time for a really long time. Zion 400 is anything but a lecture class. It is based around videos and interactive discussion.

Maybe when you think of evangelism you think of going door-to-door and confronting complete strangers. That isn't what Zion 400 is all about. It is a relational approach that allows you to share your faith with friends and acquaintances you already have. You can find more information and even testimonials about it on www.shareJesuswithoutfear.com.

I am looking forward to Zion 400. I am looking forward to learning more about sharing this amazing love God has already shown me. One of my professors at the Seminary said that when it comes to building relationships with God "without God you can't, but without you, God won't." God wants each of us to share our faith and source of identity with a world that has been settling for so much less for so long. I invite each of you to come along so that more and more of us can "Share Jesus Without Fear."



Peter Weeks
Assistant Pastor



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Assistant Pastor



Family Life

Rebecca Duport, DCE
Family Life Minister
rebeccad@zionfm.org

Sunday Worship



8:30 am

10:00 am

Sunday School through grade 5 begins at **10 am** with a children's message in the church Sanctuary.

May 31

Church Potluck Luau at 11am

June 7

Summer Sunday School begins

June 14

Middle School Pool Party

June 17

Youth Gym Night at St. Michael

June 27

"Servin' in the SON"
MS/HS Youth event

July 10

Family Movie Night

July 13-17

Vacation Bible School



July 26-August 1

High School Servant Event-Eustis, FL

August 1

Thrivent Night at the Tampa Bay Rays

LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE IN EVERY THING YOU DO EVERYWHERE YOU GO. HE'S THE ONE WHO WILL KEEP YOU ON TRACK.

(The Message) **proverbs 3:6**

It's summer! It's hot! It's time to kick back and have some fun! What's one of most fun ways to take a break from the summer heat? WATER!!! Sprinklers, pools, lakes, water guns and balloons all create a great way to cool off in the blazing rays of the summer sun.

Someone in the Bible got wet with the ultimate "cooling off." God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people there all about His love. Jonah wasn't thrilled with the idea of going to Nineveh, so he tried to run away from God. He went to Joppa and got on a ship headed for Tarshish. While on the ship a mean storm blew in. When the men on the ship discovered Jonah was the cause of the storm, they threw him overboard and into the water. Boy did Jonah get "cooled off" when he hit that sea! Even though Jonah made a big mistake, God still looked out for him. God had a big fish come by and gulp Jonah down.

Now the belly of a fish is no place to spend a summer vacation, but then again neither is the bottom of the sea. Jonah's surroundings may have smelled gross and looked disgusting, but they were better than drowning in the water. It was in the belly of that great fish that God give Jonah a second chance.

While hangin' out with the fish, Jonah got his life straightened out with God. After the fish tossed Jonah onto shore, he headed straight to the streets of Nineveh to tell the people about God.

The lesson to learn from Jonah is to always obey God because He will always lead us down the right path. Take it from Jonah, if you take things into your own hands, you never know where you will wind up.



Hey mom and dad, here are a few tips to help the summer go a little smoother.

- Surprise your child with a frozen smoothie. Mix strawberries, banana, orange slices, and vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt in a blender. Pour in cups and enjoy!
- To make sure your child doesn't wear all 5 outfits you send with him to camp on the first day, place each day's clothes in a separate 2 gallon Ziploc bag and label with a permanent marker.
- If your child is going to be outside for a while, try freezing a plastic bottle 3/4 full of water. You can use a bottle made for drinking, or just use a syrup bottle. Give it to your child on their way out the door and they will have cold water while they play.

Parent Link: A monthly resource for parents and grandparents of children and teens. Add yourself to the e- list: rebeccad@zionfm.org

THE
Parents
CORNER

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



Because the summer months are slightly quieter at Zion, Pre-K through 5th grade Sunday School classes will be held together at 10 am after the children's message. We'll offer two classes, age 3 thru K, and grades 1 - 5.

Youth are welcome to serve as helpers, but we need **adults** who have a love for children to lead the classes. If you would like to help on one of the Sundays, contact Shari Clark at 336-4436.

DATE	Age 3—completed Kindergarten	Completed Grades 1-5
June 7	Deanna Fisher	Ruthann Sovis & Angela Brittenham
June 14	Phyllis Shulz & Jean Lyden	Andrea Fournace
June 21	Al & Nancy Hogrefe	Andrea Fournace
June 28	Pete & Karen Hogrefe	Kyle & Rebecca Duport
July 5	Andi Blankenship	Val Miller
July 12	Laurie Risley	Diana Hadad
July 19		Cortney Wunderlich
July 26		
August 2		Diana Hadad
August 9		
August 16		Cortney Wunderlich

***Middle School Pool Party!**
 Sunday June 14th, 1pm to 4pm
 Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, towel, sun block, swimming gear and tennis shoes for Volleyball!
 (Girls: 1-piece/tankini. Boys: Speedo's)
 Call Jean Allman (Bethanie's mom)
 850-8059 to R.S.V.P.
 (Cypress Lake Estates, 1556 Braeburn Rd. right off of Overlook and Cypress Lake Dr.)
 *students who were in middle school this past year may attend.

ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION

*In May, these children joined 27 other children for attending **12 Sundays** of Sunday School!*

- Peyton Harris (PS)
- Kaia Miller (PS)

- Anthony (PS) & Matthew (4th) Hendrix
- Keegan (PS), Kaitlin (3rd) & Drew Weigelt (5th)
- Luke (1st) & Parker (4th) Wunderlich

*Congratulations to the following children who joined 7 other children for attending **24 Sundays**:*

- Katrina Bienfang (1st)
- Nicholas Hogrefe (PS)
- Kylie Junghans (PS)

The following students have attained "perfect" and "faithful" Sunday School attendance over the school year, September 7—May 17 = 36 Sundays.

FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE (30+ Sundays)

- Madison Franz (1st)
- Kati Blankenship (4th)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE (36 Sundays)

- Hugh Brittenham (2nd)

CONGRATULATIONS to the families who have made Bible study a priority for their children and home.

Youth Open Gym Night

Wednesday, June 17

Wear tennis shoes and come meet new friends at open Gym Night from 7-9 pm at St. Michael Lutheran with the youth from Largo, Florida! St. Michael is on the corner of Broadway & Carrell.

Servin' in the Sun

Saturday, June 27

Middle and High School youth will join the youth from St. Michael for a day of "Servin' in the SON". We will start our day of "Servin'" at the Angel Food Ministries in Cape Coral and finish in the "sun" on the beach with a BBQ. Parent drivers are needed! Leave Zion at 6:30am. Pick up at the beach at 4 pm. Sign up in advance with Rebecca Duport, ASAP!!!

Check the weekly announcements for summer Youth events or contact Jane Wickliff at janiesims@aol.com or 574-1759.

**High School Youth
 District Servant Event
 Eustis, FL
 July 26-August 1**

Pray for our group as they serve:
 Josh Blankenship, Doug Tharr,
 Sally Raddatz, Maura Dowling.



Vacation Bible School



KIDS!

Join us for

Vacation Bible School

July 13-17, 2009

9:00 a.m. – Noon

For children entering
PK-3 through 5th Grade

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Items needed for VBS

(for loan or keeps)

- Ships bell
- Tarps (blue or green)
- Super soaker
- Rope
- Silk greenery
- Bean bag chair
- Velvet material piece
- Duct tape
- King size sheet (plain color)
- Fish
- Barrels
- Burlap
- Inflatable boat
- Oars
- Grass skirting
- Poster board
- Treasure chest
- Life preservers
- Life jackets
- Cat carrier
- Toy dump truck
- Beach umbrella
- Crepe paper roll
- Wool fabric squares
- Bright colored tissue paper
- Feathers (medium sized)
- Leather strips
- Fabric marker
- Fabric lacing
- Monocle
- blue/green crepe paper
- Foam glider airplanes
- Lanterns
- Old boat sail
- Dingy
- Blue tulle
- Green tulle
- Anchor
- Sail
- Rigging
- Fish creel
- Traps -lobster/minnow/crab
- Spools
- Telescope
- Hammock
- Maps
- Floats (fishing)
- Baskets
- Ships wheel
- Fishing nets
- Anything nautical
- Big gold buttons
- Craft paint brushes
- Foam paint brushes
- Dark brown craft foam
- Raffia
- Clean clear plastic bottles with cap
- Chenille wires

Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help!

VBS is Zion's greatest outreach program; over 100 children's lives are impacted every year! We ask you to prayerfully consider being a part of this special event by selecting an area of the ministry in which you can participate. If you are uncertain where you can best use your talents, contact our VBS Director, Lesley Briggs at (239) 454-1476.

- Pray regularly for VBS staff and children
- Volunteer the week of VBS (July 13-17)
 - ___Crew Leaders
 - ___Shipmates (station assistants)
 - ___Kitchen Staff
 - ___Bible Station Leader
- Volunteer to help with set up (July 11 & 12)
 - ___Decorator
 - ___Painter, handyman, builder
- Volunteer to help with clean up (Friday, July 17 from 1-3 p.m.)
- Donate an item listed on page 6 (circle item)
- Sponsor a child \$ _____
- Give a special offering for VBS \$ _____
- Other Idea: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am a(n) or will be a(n)

- ___Adult
- ___Middle School Student
- ___High School Student

Comments: _____



VBS Registration Form

(one per family)

Child's Name

Grade for 2009—2010

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mother: _____ Cell: _____

Father: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact during VBS week from 9 am-Noon

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies/Medical Conditions: _____

Home church: _____ City: _____

How did you hear of our Vacation Bible School? _____

Name of friend you would like to be with: _____



ZION LUTHERAN

Early Childhood Center

Are You in Control of Your Fruit?

By Jennifer Welch, ECC Director

I don't know what you've been told, but we're nearly finished with those fruits of gold; the fruit of the Spirit that is. We have learned all about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and it's time for the hardest (for some of us, anyway); self control.

Self control is a tough fruit to bite into, maybe because it takes a little longer to ripen than others. To be self controlled means to have power over one's outward actions, emotions, and thoughts. I watch our students struggle with this fruit every day and I can almost hear what they are thinking sometimes. Things like: "I want that, do I grab it or ask for it?" or "He hit me, do I tell or hit him back?" or "I've always wanted one of these; I don't think anyone is looking so I could just put this in my pocket and take it home."

While I'm not always pleased with the outcome of these situations, they are a reality. Most times, the kids even know the right choice, but choose the wrong one. Unfortu-

nately, being old enough to know better doesn't always mean we do better. And while we adults have larger issues to contend with each day, it does not mean the challenge is any easier or less important for the little ones.

We all struggle with self control in one way or another. I love that God, in His infinite wisdom, gives us so many examples of His chosen servants who struggled with self control. I think He knew it would be an issue, especially after granting us free will. We can all relate to the Apostle Paul who wrote, "For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing." (Romans 7:19)

When I see the children struggling with self control issues, I often think of the Apostle Peter, he was famous for struggling with this fruit. A few examples come to mind like jumping out of boats in the middle of a lake (he did that more than once), cutting off someone's ear, arguing with Jesus about things he thought he knew, the list can go on and on. Amazingly enough, Jesus always showed Peter grace and used his out of control moments to teach us all some important life lessons.

While exercising self control is not always easy, it is what God wants for us. He tells us in 1 Peter 5:8a to "Be self-controlled and alert;" the good news is we don't have to do it alone! God has given us His Spirit to help each of us to produce good fruit. Fruit filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and yes, even self control.

- Miss Jen



Self Control

But the fruit of the spirit is
Love, Joy, Peace,
Patience,
Gentleness,
Goodness,
Faithfulness,
Kindness and
Self-Control.
Against such
there is no law.
(Galatians 5:22-23)





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Chapel News

"Be kind to one another" (Ephesians 4:32). Sometimes that is easier said than done! Last week, Pastor Steve taught us that Bible verse in chapel and gave us some examples of how to be kind to each other. That was a great way to end our discussion on kindness.

Thanks, Pastor Steve!

This month we will be talking about our final fruit, self control. Pastor Peter and Ms. Rebecca will be helping us learn about this fruit. It is probably one of the hardest fruits for us to show. But, it is no more or less important than any of the other fruit we have learned about.

At the conclusion of May we sent our offerings to the Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation. CWF works in

China, Cambodia, and Thailand to help provide food, clean drinking water, and health education to children in need.

I am pleased to report that our chapel offerings have totaled over \$1,000 this year. These funds have been sent out around the world to help share the love of Christ with children and their families as well as to provide for their physical needs.

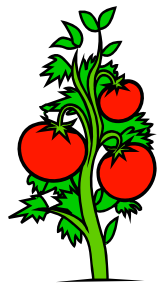


What's Flowering in the Sr. Preschool Garden?



Guess what, we have tomatoes in our garden! We have been watering our plants and watching them grow and now, we have four tiny tomatoes! I have really enjoyed watching the children inspect the plants, looking for changes, flowers and fruit. Everyday, they see something new and want to share their discovery. Isn't it wonderful how God, the Creator of all things, gives us things like tomato plants and sunflowers? He delights in giving us things to enjoy, things that make us smile, things like four tiny tomatoes!

With A Thankful Heart,
Miss Cheri and Ms. Gretchen



Terrific Things are Taking Place in Jr. Preschool

Wow! We are in the final weeks of the year as we come to a close on June 5th. We will really be working our numbers and hopefully be counting to ten without any trouble by the end of school! We will be having a special party day at our friend, Brock's gym. More info to come!



I would like to send an extra huge thank you to Ms. Vanessa for doing such an amazing job while I was in Michigan. I was able to concentrate on my family, knowing the kids were in such great hands! You are such a gift to us! I would also like to thank all of the staff and parents here at Zion for their prayers during this time. I have such a great "family" here! Thank you!

Love,
Ms. Katie & Ms. Vanessa





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What's Hopping in VPK?



We're nearing the end of our VPK year and I am so excited about all that the children have learned this year. We have had a great deal of fun learning about frogs and dinosaurs and now about our earth. Most importantly, we've opened our hearts to learn all about Jesus and His wonderful love for us.

We have 12 children in the class who will be moving on to bigger and better things as they enter Kindergarten in the fall. I am blessed to be a part of their lives and honored to have been their teacher. My prayer is that they will continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," and that they will take what they have learned about their Savior and share it with their new classmates and teachers and that the fruit of the Spirit that has been developing within them all year would be seen in their thoughts, words, and deeds.

Thank you all for being such a blessing to me and to our school,
Miss Jen



Opening Doors

Just a reminder to all parents and guardians that it is our policy that children do not open doors at the center. Doors should always be opened by an adult. In addition, we ask that you do not open the doors to someone you do not know or have not seen before; for the safety of our children please ask a staff member to do it for you. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mark Your Calendars

We are approaching the end of the school year and there are a few upcoming dates I'd like you to keep on your calendars.



ECC News You Can Use

Our VPK sessions wrapped up on Friday May 29th. Parents with VPK children who need care the week of June 1–5, please see Miss Jen for arrangements. The Sr. Preschool and Jr. Preschool sessions will be ending on Friday June 5. Summer session will begin Monday June 8.

Friday, June 5 we will have our end of the year school potluck. We had so much fun back in October—we thought we would do it all over again! So, dig up your favorite dessert or casserole recipe and bring it to share!

Zion's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July



13-17. The VBS Team is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Miss Jen.

Kinder-Music Classes

Kinder-Music classes with Miss Julee will continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month throughout the summer.



If anyone is still interested in signing up for these classes, please see Miss Jen.

End of the Year Party

The O' Lone's have invited us for some fun at their gym later this month—watch for more information coming your way soon!





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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following families in your prayers this month:

ECC Staff: Miss Cheri, Ms. Gretchen, Ms. Katie, Ms. Vanessa, Ms. Pat, Ms. Barb, and Miss Jen

Church Families:

Campbell, Carothers, Casper, Castillo, Castle, Chamberlayne, Charter, Chesebro, Chisholm, Chouinard, Cioper, Clark, Clements, Cline, Cockroft, Coleman, Collier



With Special Requests for:

Miss Katie and her family with the death of her father, All our coughs, runny noses, upset tummies, boo-boos and bug bites, A safe summer and safe travel for those visiting and returning.

If you would like to add a request to our list please place it in the black box near Miss Jen's office.

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Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children

Perseverance—"Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them." (Hebrews 12:1)

Humility—"God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show humility toward all." (Titus 3:2)

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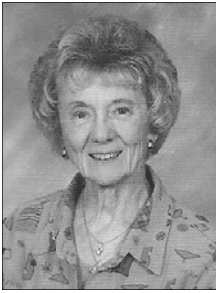
June 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 Last day of Sr./Jr. Pre-school. Family Potluck	6
7	8 Summer Session Begins	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Vacation Bible School	14 Vacation Bible School	15 Vacation Bible School	16 Vacation Bible School	17 Vacation Bible School	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	





Parish Nurse
Marian Schmitt, RN

Office Hours:

Mon: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wed: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Blood Pressure screenings are offered in the nurse's office **on the first Sunday of the month** between services.

Teen Health: More than Just Acne

One of the most common health concerns voiced by teenagers is acne, and it's no surprise considering 8 in 10 teens battle it. Parents are concerned about acne and also concerned about a few more serious adolescent illnesses.

One concern is mono, short for mononucleosis, referred to as the "kissing disease" because it is spread from saliva. While mono is not usually considered a serious illness, it could have serious complications according to Lee Physician Group, "Teens who contract the disease need to take it seriously."

Health care providers are also on the lookout for infectious diseases, such as meningitis and whooping cough. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently updated its vaccine recommendations for teenagers to include both diseases. Meningitis can be fatal and it strikes quickly. Be certain your teen receives these vaccinations.

Another big concern is sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Almost 1 in 5 Americans require treatment for STDs. Teens are at the greatest risk. STDs are a serious health problem; if left untreated, STDs can cause permanent damage, such as infertility and death.

For more information about teens and infectious diseases or how to talk to your teen about teen issues, such as drinking or drugs, speak with your pediatrician or doctor.

For more information visit www.LeeMemorial.org/LPG

Eating Healthy—Brussel Sprouts

Named after the capital of Belgium, Brussel sprouts originated in Northern Europe. Sprouts came to the United States with the French settlers of Louisiana. Today, most of the sprouts are grown in California.

Selection Tips: Fresh spouts are bright green in color and keep 3-5 days. Choose small, firm sprouts, avoid those that are soft, yellow, have wilted leaves or a strong odor.

Preparation Hints: Wash or trim sprouts only when you are ready to cook- not before storing. Sprouts are easily boiled or heated in a microwave, but for a

sweeter sprout with crispy leaves and a moist center, try roasting them.

In a bowl, toss trimmed, halved sprouts with a cooking spray or a few tablespoons of olive oil to coat. Arrange sprouts in a single layer on a non-stick baking sheet and season lightly with salt and pepper. Bake on the lower rack at 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

Nutritional value: sprouts are high in Vitamin C, which promotes healthy teeth and gums.

*National Fruit and Vegetable Program,
 (www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov)*

Recipes Reinvented

Simple ingredient substitutions can help cut fat and cholesterol from your favorite family recipes—without sacrificing taste.

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (www.nhlbi.nih.gov)

Recipe calls for...	Replace with...
1 cup butter, margarine or oil	1/2 cup apple butter or applesauce without sugar
1 cup cream	1 cup fat-free evaporated milk
1 egg	2 egg whites or 1/4 cup egg substitute
1 cup sugar	3/4 cup sugar (works with most recipes except yeast breads)
1 cup mayonnaise	1 cup reduced-fat or fat-free mayonnaise
1 cup cream cheese	1/2 cup ricotta cheese pureed with 1/2 cup fat-free cream cheese
Butter, margarine or vegetable oil for sautéing	Cooking spray or low-sodium chicken broth

Six Sodium Solutions

The American Heart Association recommends having no more than 2,300 milligrams of salt—less than one teaspoon—per day. Here are six everyday ways to lower your sodium intake:

1. Put away the salt shaker—use pepper or sodium-free substitutes at the table.
2. When cooking, replace salt with flavorful fresh or dry herbs and spices.
3. Cut back on high-sodium processed foods like frozen dinners, pizza and canned or packaged soup.
4. Replace high-sodium snacks like chips and crackers with fruit and vegetables.
5. Rinse canned foods, or choose low-sodium frozen or canned versions.
6. Ask restaurants to prepare your meal without salt.

American Heart Association (www.americanheart.org)

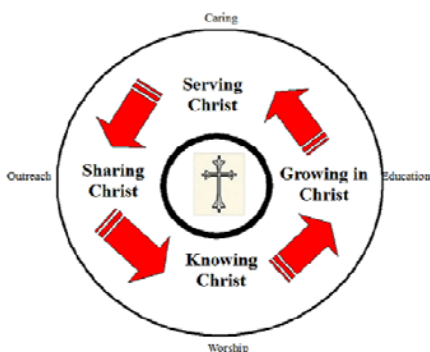
LIFE SERIES CLASSES BEGIN MAY 27

What are Life Series Classes?

Your path to knowing, growing, serving and sharing Christ! Join us in an opportunity for Bible study and Christian growth.

Our new member process is incorporated into the Zion Life Series. Help us support our new members and our life members by participating!

Zion Life Series



Those who would like to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church are required to attend Zion 100, Zion 101 & Zion 200. (An Application for Membership must be submitted before installation of New Members.) If you have any questions about the membership process, please contact one of our pastors or call the church office.

For current members and guests of Zion, you are invited to attend Zion 200, Zion 300 and Zion 400.

ZION 100

(May 27, June 3, 10—Room 108 at 7 pm)

A review of the Christian faith with emphasis on the Lutheran teachings and beliefs. All non-Lutheran applicants for membership are required

to take this class to become a member at Zion.

ZION 101

(June 17—Room 108 at 7 pm)

Zion 101 is “All About Zion Lutheran Church”. This class is for all new members, including those who have previously been a member of a Lutheran church.

ZION 200

(June 24 , July 1—Room 108 at 7 pm)

Learn to grow to spiritual maturity by learning which gifts God has blessed each of us with and how we can serve and grow in the areas of our giftedness. This class is for all new members including those who have previously been a member of a Lutheran church.

ZION 300

(May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24 & July 1—Room 106 at 7 pm)

A discipleship study that will help evaluate your personal relationship with Jesus Christ and how that relationship can transform your life and the lives of others through time, treasures and talents.

ZION 400

(May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24 & July 1—Room 104 at 7 pm)

A course designed to equip members to communicate your faith in Jesus with confidence and without fear.

To register for Life Series classes, complete the registration form attached, sign-up in the Welcome Center, or contact Jo Howe by calling 481-4040 or emailing her at joh@zionfm.org.

New member Sunday will be on July 19th at the 10:00 am service.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LIFE SERIES

Please complete this form and return it to the office or the Welcome Center.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ Email _____

Please select the classes you would like to attend:

Zion 100

Zion 101

Zion 200

Zion 300

Zion 400

Zion's Seniors

Always looking forward! We've done it again! Another season of sharing God's Word and caring for one another's needs, on a week-to-week basis has drawn to a close! Now we put behind us the joys and the sorrows and begin looking to what lies ahead.

In the next few weeks, we'll line up dates for some of the activities we know will take place in the fall. We'll be looking for and listening to suggestions that can make our on-going ministry to Zion's older adults as positive and purposeful as possible. We'll try to keep all our Seniors "in the loop" during the summer months. Check the Sunday Announcements each week for whatever may be in store for us older adults.

In the time we're apart, God bless you all! Contact Pastor Armour at 949-2103 for more information.
- Submitted by Pastor Armour

Adult Bible Study Class

All adults are invited to attend the adult Bible study class, which meets from 9:30 am —10:30 am every Sunday morning. They are currently studying the **Seven Churches of Revelation**. The class meets in room 108 and is being taught by Tom Cioper.



LWML

The 2009 FL-GA District LWML Retreat will be held September 25-27, 2009 at the beautiful Sirata Beach Resort in St. Petersburg Beach, FL. For more information, please contact Merna Steger-Graziano at 433-2617 or Jeanne Hunter at 939-3350. - Submitted by Jeanne Hunter

LWML, Mary-Martha, Marilyn's Bible Study — There are no meetings scheduled for June, July or August! Have a blessed summer and please join us in the fall!

LAWG — Learning As We Grow

The LAWG Bible Study Group is proud to share the love of Christ, through Zion's members, with the troubled youths (ages 10–18) residing at the Lutheran Services Florida, Oasis Youth Shelter in Fort Myers!

We are continuing to collect travel size hygiene products and laundry/cleaning supplies including: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, combs, brushes, hand lotion and bath soap. You may deposit donations in the yellow LSF Box in the Atrium. Thank you for your help in supporting this mission!

And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40) -Submitted by Joan Cioper

Food Pantry

Thank you, Zion members, for your continued support of this vital ministry! There are many families struggling to put food on the table during these difficult economic times and we continue to see more people coming in for food bags. Please help us restock our shelves so we can continue this ministry.

We are currently in need of:

- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Rice/Pasta
- Soups
- Canned Meat/Tuna
- Crackers
- Jello

Monetary donations may be made by indicating "food pantry" on your check. For more information on this ministry, contact Lesley Briggs at 454-1476.

Memorial Garden

A memorial gift was received to renovate the Memorial Garden at Zion and a committee was formed to honor this bequest. Paul Klens, a landscape architect, was hired by the committee and several plans were presented with one being adopted. The garden will include a 30' labyrinth centered with the statue of Christ, an enhanced fountain, two entrance columns and a lighted wall for the Memorial Plaques. It has also been almost doubled in size. The work on the garden began the first week in May and plans to be completed in early June.

For more information, please contact Mae Jean Nothstine at 590-0217.

Memorial Garden Benches

The plan for the new garden calls for space for 4 six foot benches. They are commercial grade teak benches with 3 inch legs and arms held with wooden pegs construction. Interested in giving one in memoriam? The cost is \$950. Call Mae Jean Nothstine at 239-590-0217.



Ablaze Update

We have continued to receive gifts for Ablaze. We have moved from \$73,500 last month to \$88,415 as of mid-May (pledged and single gifts). We are within reach of our goal of \$100,000. Thanks to all who have given to this major mission effort.

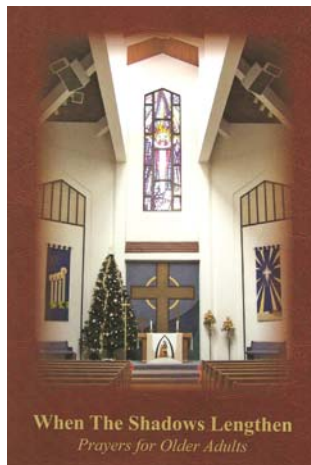


If we missed you, call Jim Kroencke at 239-466-3795 or pick up a pledge card at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or the Church office.

Prayer Book for Older Adults

A prayer book for older adults, written by our fellow member of Zion, Dr. Ted Westermann, is now available for distribution. The collection of prayers reflects on the concerns that surface as one grows older; it is written in a style that is very personal and speaks from the heart. These prayers will add depth to your devotional time!

Zion's seniors are offering the prayer book to all the older adults at Zion. The printing of this book was Zion's Senior's ministry project of the year, however, there were only funds to print 500 copies, which means that the supply is limited. Therefore, we ask that older adult couples request only one copy to share and that individual seniors request only one copy.



Questions have been asked about the cost of each book. It was not the intention of the seniors to sell the book since it is included among the senior's ministry projects. An envelope can be found inside the book's front cover for anyone who wishes to make a contribute to the senior's projects.

Pastor Westermann's Bible Study

Pastor Ted Westermann will be leading a Bible study/prayer/devotion session each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in room 4, beginning on May 21. The class is not a structured, sequential Bible study class, but rather, a time of prayer, sharing and reflecting on God's Word! Everyone is invited, we hope to see you there!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - Care Abounds in Communities®

Care Abounds in Communities gives our members and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans the opportunity to multiply the good we do by working *together* to make a profound impact in communities across our nation. The goal of this program is to engage more of our members, through grassroots volunteerism, to meet more needs and make a significant impact on recipients. The Lee County Chapter has already approved \$15,200 in matching funds so far this year. Do you have a fundraiser that would benefit those in need? If so, contact your Church's Congregational Coordinator. If you are not aware of who your Church's Congregational Coordinator is, feel free to contact the Lee County Thrivent Financial for Lutheran's office for assis-

tance at (239) 277-1990. - submitted by Lori Fox of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Faith Business Network

Are you in business or would like to start a business? If so, you may be interested in the Business Lunch and Learn Network. Business men and women from Southwest Florida gather to support, encourage, inspire & share ideas with one another. Bring your own lunch.

Location: Faith Fellowship Outreach Ministries, 6111 South Pointe Blvd., Every Tuesday at 12 p.m.

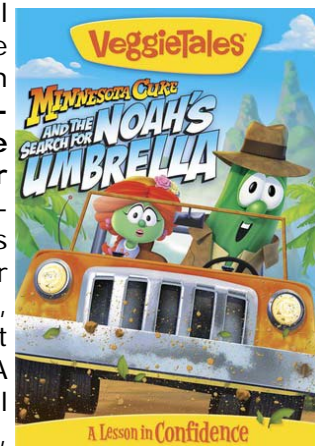
Thrivent Night at the Ballpark

Tampa Bay Rays vs. Kansas City Royals, August 1, 6:00 p.m. at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$17 and must be purchased thru Zion Lutheran Church. Please contact the church office or Rebecca Duport to order your tickets — orders must be received by July 12! Tickets are limited, order early! The first 500 Thrivent members will receive Thundersticks!



Family Movie Night

It's a family fun event for all ages! Bring your 'movie blankets' for big-screen fun! The movie is **VeggieTales: Minnesota Cuke And The Search For Noah's Umbrella**. The cool-as-a-cucumber curator is back - and he's going after the ark! Noah's Ark! Well, actually, the umbrella that Noah used on the boat. A villain wants the powerful relic for his own evil gain, and if he gets it, the world will be in a serious pickle. Can Minnesota save the day? Inspired by the Bible story of Noah's Ark, Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Noah's Umbrella teaches kids a lesson about confidence. Don't miss out on the fun on July 10, 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up with Rebecca Duport in the church office! Pizza and Popcorn will be provided!



Creative Escape

Creative Escape is back! Join us for fun with creative crafts! Scrapbooking, knitting, quilting, card making, stamping and more! Bring your own supplies and a snack to share. Call the office and we'll save a space for you! Bring a friend and make new ones! Friday, June 5 & Friday, July 3 from 6 pm till 10 pm, Room 108. Contact Rebecca Duport for more information!



The Need for Christian Care

Every day you see people who are hurting; those who have lost a job, lost a loved one, gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God's lay representatives who bring his love to those who are hurting.

Zion's Stephen Ministers caring for our members and members of our community since 2000. Currently our Stephen Ministers are providing one-on-one care giving, visiting with our members in nursing homes, helping the pastors with hospital visitation when needed, and growing in Christ through supervision and continuing education. Have *you* wondered what it takes to become a Stephen Minister and if the Stephen Minister is right for you? Following are some guidelines that might help you in your decision making.

Gifts

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to, and intercedes for, those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

Commitment

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in an extremely meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

Training

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of care giving. After completing the initial training, Stephen Ministers participate in ongoing continuing education. Often they find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, at work, and with friends as they grow through this loving and caring ministry.

Dedicated Service

A Stephen Minister serves wholeheartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from his or her care receiver, our Stephen Leaders, and our congregation, and our Lord.

Accountability

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen Leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision.

Continuous Learning

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her care giving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about the care giving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

New Training Class Begins

In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we are beginning another Stephen Ministry training class in July, 2009. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the joy, commitment, growth, meaning, training, service, and care of being a Stephen Minister? Pray for God's guidance as you consider this opportunity. For more information contact Laurel Kunst – 561-5161 or Nancy Campbell – 275-4425.
-Submitted by Laurel Kunst

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Zion's Newsletter Online

You can now access the current newsletter by going to Zion's website at zionfm.org. Click on the the Announcements page, then simply click the link right under the picture to read the newsletter online in color!

Submit Your News

To have information about your group posted in the monthly newsletter, please email your information to VictoriaW@zionfm.org before the 2nd Monday of the month; please put "Newsletter Submission" in the subject line.

Important Newsletter News

The post office may be implementing changes to the bulk mail process that will greatly increase Zion's cost of printing and mailing the monthly newsletter. Zion wants to be a good steward of the churches finances, therefore, if these changes become effective, there is a possibility that we will no longer be mailing the newsletter. The newsletter will continue to be available online and print copies will be available in the Welcome Center. If you are homebound and do not have access to a computer, please contact the church office and we will make arrangements to have a newsletter mailed to you if these changes are made. Watch the weekly announcements for updates!

Christians in Action

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

- (1 Corinthians 12:12, 26, 27)

Last fall, during a memorable Ministry Minute, Clarke Dahlgren introduced a new program called Aging in Place. This program, as you may recall, was developed as a result of the recommendations of the Senior Survey and was intended to serve the oldest and most vulnerable members of our congregation. However, at the recommendation of Rebecca Duport, the Task Force for Older Adults has decided to expand the parameters of the program to include all members of Zion. We asked Jen Welch to put on her thinking cap to help us come up with a catchy name that would reflect this change. Jen suggested we rename our program, "Christians in Action" (CIA). Also, with Jen's help, we renamed our transportation ministry, "Eagles Wings" based on Isaiah 40:31. Thank you, Jen! Another change that had occurred is that Marilyn Logan, who started and maintains the Cooking with Love ministry, has agreed to join our program. Welcome aboard, Marilyn and crew!

The following is a summary of the services that are available for our members who live alone or are unable to provide for themselves due to injury, illness or surgery.

Cooking with Love will provide three or four hot meals per week.

Eagle's Wings will provide transportation to doctor appointments or grocery shopping. We ask, if possible, that you give at least a one week notice.

Handy Helpers will fix minor electrical, plumbing and carpentry problems as well as other minor household repairs.

Helping Angels will provide short-term assistance with laundry and light housekeeping chores.

Matching Problems with Solutions is staffed by volunteers who are knowledgeable in dealing with insurance, legal or financial issues (including taxes) and will help with questions or concerns that you may have.

Phone Pals will provide calls to our members who are ill or recovering from surgery and would like to have someone call daily to see how they are doing.

To date, the volunteers of the Christians in Action program have helped at least 14 people with various problems. If you find yourself in need of any of the listed services or if you would like to volunteer to help with any of the programs, please call the church office at 481-4040. —Submitted by Laurel Kunst

The Role of the Old Testament in the Church Today

Concordia Theological Seminary presents Rev. Dr. Dean O. Wenthe in a continuing education course being held at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Port Charlotte, Florida on August 5-7, 2009.

How does the Old Testament guide the church today? How can the laws and history of ancient Israel speak relevantly and authoritatively to the community of faith in the modern world? To answer these questions, it is crucial that the Old Testament be interpreted properly. Hermeneutics, the art and science of interpretation, becomes the key step in appropriating the Old Testament text. This course will survey the various efforts, both in academic circles and in parish settings, to formulate an adequate answer. It will seek to formulate a Lutheran and confessional perspective with a view to the actual use of the Old Testament in the preaching, teaching, and larger life of the parish. (1.5 CEU).

Cost is \$150 for pastors/professional church workers, \$75 for retired pastors/lay persons, no charge for students. Register by July 5 on the Concordia Theological Seminary website at www.ctsfw.edu or by calling (260) 452-2241.

Contact Mr. Noel Hyde at (941) 505-2405 or Rev. Kenneth Redmann at (941) 627-6060 for more information.



2009 Executive Board Nominees

At the June 21 congregational meeting, the members of Zion will be voting on nominees to fill three vacancies on the Executive Board. We are truly blessed that God has lifted up outstanding members who have volunteered to serve on that important board. A brief biographical profile for each of them is shown below in alphabetical order. Please keep these members in your prayers as you consider your votes.

Terry Furhovden

Personal: Married to Ruth. Became member of Zion in 2001.

Positions/Activities at Zion: Since joining Zion in 2001, Terry has served on the Building Committee and as Property Ministry Chairman. He is currently serving on the Executive Board as Zion's Treasurer and Finance Ministry Chairman. Terry is eligible to serve another two year term on the Executive Board.

Other Positions/Activities: King of Kings Lutheran Church, Liverpool, NY: Church Council President, Finance Committee Chairman. Peace Lutheran Church, Wayland, MA: Church Council V.P., Finance Committee Chairman, Stewardship Committee Chairman. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown, PA: Church Council President, Finance Committee Chairman.

Diana Hadad

Personal: Married to Gil. Raised and confirmed in a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. A member of Zion since 1994. Was employed in the financial industry over 30 years; obtained the position of Chief Financial and Executive Officer for a number of Credit Unions; responsibilities included budgeting, fiscal responsibility, profitability, human resources and member services.

Positions/Activities at Zion: Secretary of Mary Martha, Co-Chair of Vacation Bible School, Chairperson Call Committee, Chairperson Service Ministry, member Social Ministry Board, Member of Planning Committees, Alter Guild. Developed the first program for talents and gifts and Welcome Center. Diana was instrumental in establishing the Stephen Ministry program for Zion in 2000; Stephen Leader, Stephen Minister and Chairperson.

Alfred Hogrefe

Personal: Married for 48 years to Nancy, has three sons and four grandchildren. Received BS in Education from Bowling Green State University, (Ohio) in 1968. From 1970—2003, was involved in construction work ranging from co-owning a construction business to working for county and city building

departments as Building Inspector, Plans Review Supervisor, Building Official and Deputy Building Official. Retired from City of Naples in 2003. Presently works in his son's business doing remodeling. Member of Christ Lutheran Church, Cape Coral for 31 years, Shepherd of Glades, Naples for approximately one year. Emmanuel Luther Church, Naples for approximately six years. Joined Zion on March 2, 2008.

Positions/Activities at Zion: Before becoming a member, participated in installing the canopy over the Early Childhood Center's playground, joined the Friday Night Small Group Bible Study. He now serves as a Communion Assistant and serves as Property Management Chairman.

Other Positions/Activities: Christ Lutheran Church - Church Council for 11 years, Debt Reduction Committee, New Construction Fund Raising Committee, Building Committee Chairman, Usher, Communion Assistant, Adult Fellowship, Youth Advisor, taught Sunday school. Shepherd of the Glades and Emmanuel - various activities. Community involvement: Cape Coral Little League volunteer, Cape Coral Babe Ruth Baseball coach and board member for approximately 9 years; High School Band Booster member for approximately 10 years.

Jim Kroencke

Personal: Married to Darlene for 50 years, has four children, thirteen grandchildren. Raised and confirmed in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. Graduate Mechanical Engineer, University of Cincinnati 1959. Employed 30 years with Cincinnati Milacron, with final position in 1985 as Vice President Machine Tools North America. Purchased Globe Products, Inc. in 1989 as majority owner and now retired.

Positions/Activities at Zion: Jim has been very active since joining Zion in 2001. He has served on the Long Range Planning Committee, Building Committee, (supervised construction of School & Administration Building), Property Management Chairman and Preschool Call Committee. He is presently serving on the Executive Board as President and is actively involved in restoration and renovation of the Memorial Gardens. Jim is eligible to serve another two-year term on the Executive Board.

Other Positions/Activities: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1960-1970 Norwood Ohio, Financial Secretary, President of Council. Helped start mission church, Christ the King, 1971 in Cincinnati Ohio. Faith Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Ohio, 1973-2001 held offices as Financial Secretary, President and Building Chairman during expansion of the church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The staff and the ministry chairs continue to manage expenses very well so we are running at or below our expense budgets in every area. Our Pre-School tuition is at the forecasted level and covering all expenses to date.

During this difficult economic time, we are obviously watching every penny in our General Operating Account which pays for all salaries, facility expenses and most church programs. We, like your own family, are reducing expenses wherever possible. The only large projects that we are continuing are the Memorial Garden upgrade and the altar area redesign. These two were specifically funded by certain members of the congregation and are not a part of Zion's budgeted financial plan.

We were obviously concerned about the effect of the economy on our offerings when we established the budget. This is the reason that we used the same income for 2009 as we received in 2008 even though our expenses were higher. I am sorry to say that our giving is not even meeting what it was last year. At this time, our financial support of Zion is \$10,000 less than last year and if this trend continues, we will have about \$70,000 less income than our "down to the brass tacks" spending plan. This would be a big problem!

I pray that you and I can solve this problem.

Terry Furhovden
Treasurer

Couples with Small Children*

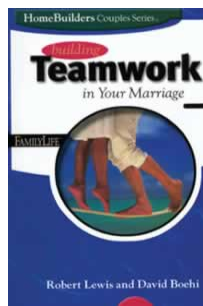
Do you want to rekindle that "just-married" feeling in your marriage? Consider coming to our HomeBuilders Couples Series®, a small-group study for couples with small children. You'll not only discover Biblical principles to apply in your marriage, but also how to get closer to your mate! Build friendships with other couples as you learn about God's timeless principles in a comfortable setting.

Saturdays, June 6 & 27, July 11 & 25
5:00—7:00 pm, Room 108

First, we will share a meal together as families and then begin our study. Childcare will be provided.

For more information, contact:
Pete & Karen Hogrefe at 481-3620.

*Small children are 2-5 years of age
(older/younger siblings welcome!)



Thank You

F aithful Sunday School volunteers for teaching God's children each week of the school year (Sept—May!)

Preschool/Kindergarten
Phyllis Shultz & Jean Lyden

Grades 1 & 2
Ruthann Sovis

Grades 3-5
**Shari Clark &
Angela Brittenham**

Additional thanks to **Shari Clark** who served as our Superintendent for 2 years.

If you would like to help next year (during September thru May) we are looking for additional teachers and helpers; contact **Angela Brittenham** at: brittenhams@yahoo.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JUNE/JULY

EXTENDED CARE

Carrie Brown
Sharon Bukvic
Anne Gehris
Olive Hurst
Beverly Kahle
Les Lemke
Edith McManus
Doris Neuman
Fred Olson
Brad Pankow
Dorothy Pastryk
Elsie Payne
Edna Peterson
Polly Schiller
Lorraine Smith
Alice Van Atta

UNDER DOCTOR CARE

Dorothy Abbott
Allison Anderson
Nathaniel Bacus
Janice Baker
Charles Bancroft
Barbara Bates
John Bauerschmidt
Donna Becker
JoAnn Benedetto
Elfie Berndt
Larry Blocker
Elaine Boesen
Sandy Bornsen
Shirley Bowen
David Brazill
Dorothy Brinkruff
Hannelore Bromiley
Lindsay Brown
Marie Brown
Carol Calder
Bill Chisholm
Shari Clark
Eleanor Cockroft
Walter Cockroft
Kim Collins
Kylie Connelly
John Copeland
Tom Cottonaro
Marietta Cox
Randy Darnall

Robert Davis
Betti Dehmlow
Clay Diltz
Ralph Dittberner
Allison Dodrill
Herman Dow
Pansy Drake
John Drasitis
Rachel Dwyer
Alfred Eberhard
Janice Ebert
William Eisenmenger
Tom Endelman
Louise Eno
Barbara Esterley
Bob Frantz
Marian Freed
Lauren Freitag
Sharon Freitag
Holly Freund
Bernice Galatz
Russ Gilbert
Cori-Lynn Gillespie
Linda Gioino
Phyllis Gordon
Marge Gott
Howard Grabow
Helen Graves
Agnes Haberman
Lynn Harroff
Rachelle Hartig
Don Harvey
James Heben
Linnea Henderson
Brenda Hess
Trudy Hess
Noreene Heuser
Berneta Hoeft
Bob Holthofer
Glen Jansen
Eileen Kaye
Martha Keating
Kristi Kegel
Betsy Keller
Barbara Kelly
Sandra Kennedy
Gina Kijowski
John Kinnen
Patricia Kline

Dorothy Koeller
Paul Koepchen
Barb Koval
Tammy Kozy
Al Kull
Edna Lappe
Mavis Lee
David Lemler
Rita Love
Martin Luepke
Peter Mayr
Scott Mazzari
Joe McClelland
Dorothy McKinzie
Clarence Melton
Nancy Meyer
John Miller
Lotte Moody
Carol Moss
Dorothy North
David Nothstine
Cecelia Ortiz
Carol Ott
Lauren Padula
Cindy Palmer
Gertrude Palmer
Dick Parriott
Patricia Peel
Virginia Pennington
Jeanie Peterson
Agnes Petrell
Marilyn Rasmussen
Danny Ratliff
Martha Reilly
Georgiana Reinhardt
Maryam Rich
Thom Riddle
Nita Riechers
Claude Roe
Ron Rohrs
Kathy Ropko
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Billie Rosenquist
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Bernt Ruediger
Dee Rummel
Arlene Salter
Lil Schmiedeknecht
David Schmitt

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Richard Schumm
Bill Semon
Chad Shadle
Mark Shepherd
Addison Smith
Harold "Skip" Smith
Sally Smith
Zetta Smith
Zoe Smith
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Libbie Spicka
Roland Stanley
Michael Staub
Bob Stavely
Jane Stevens
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Judith Taube
Dorothy Taylor
Jo Ann Tilghman
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Elaine Tourville
Roberta Voelker
Richard Voorhies
Don Voth
Dawn Ward
Marguerite Ward
Tim Welsh
Ted Westermann
Vern Westphal
Ruth White
Sally Williamsen
Edith Wolfarth
Wayne Wolfarth
Rose Wolfkeil
Richard Wuolukka
Frank Yinko
Sandi Zygmunt

Thank you for contacting the church office with updates so we can keep our prayer request list up-to-date!

PRAYER GROUPS AT ZION

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Email Prayer Chain

Contact: zionprayers@cs.com

Telephone Prayer Chain

Contact: Jeanne Hunter at 939-3350

Monday Prayer Group—during the summer months, the prayer group will be meeting during Pastor Westermann's Bible Study on Thursday mornings in Room 4.

Deaconess Carol Halter

Flat A, #12
Wiltshire Rd.
Kowloon Tong
Hong Kong

Gary & Kathy Meier

HCJB World Radio

Pastor Bob Selle

Amigos in Cristos
Hispanic Outreach

Laurel Kunst

Stephen Ministry

Marian Schmitt

Parish Nurse

BRAVELY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

MILITARY SERVICE

(*Deployed)



**Please pray for the brave
men and women
who are serving our country!**

Nick Bal (N)
Son of Robert & Karen Bal
Paul Baudo (AF)
Mike Brady (NR)
Son of Steve & Janet Brady
Beau Brenneis (M)
Son of Dean & Becky Luallen
*Shawn Buffum (A)
*Michael Carmen (ANG)
Nephew of Fred & Dottie Kunz
Scott Christian(SFM)
Alex Coviello (MM)
Son of Joe & Diane Coviello
Ross Coviello (NR)
Son of Joe & Diane Coviello
Steven Crombie (MSM)
*Victor Dominguez (A)
Jeff FitzSimons (N)
Tom Gaylord (A)
Major Nathan Gray (A)
Grandnephew of Alice Reese

Capt. Jeff Greenwald (M)
Joshua Grotke (A)
Matthew Grotke (N)
PVT Jeremy Harris (A)
Son of Jeanne Freeman
COL Dean Hess (AR)
Brother of Steve Hess
Matthew Heuser (M)
Grandson of Noreene Heuser
*D.J. Huff (A)
*CPT Greg Hignite (AF)
Son of Sandra Drexler
*Stephen Hummel (A)
*Christina Hummel (A)
Alex Hyndrix (AR)
*Andy Invergo (M)
Jesse Massman
*Kenny Keith, Jr. (A)
Cousin of Edie Dubay
Andrew Kelly (M)
*CPT Robert Kelly (A)
Son-in-law of Dan & Val Miller
Steven Krombie (MM)
CPT Tommy Loux (A)
Nephew of Dan & Val Miller
*Bryan Luallen (N)
Son of Dean & Becky Luallen
*Marc Luther (A)
Cousin of Edie Dubay
Matthew Luther (A)
Cousin of Edie Dubay
Jason Metzger (AF)
Son of Kathy Wells
*Michael Metzger (AFR)
Son of Kathy Wells

*Trey Peterson (A)
Grandson of Sallyann Smith
CMDR John Nesius (N)
Son of Leo & Dorothy Nesius
Sean Raddatz (A)
Son of Mike & Jodie Raddatz
Scott Raddatz (A)
Son of Mike & Jodie Raddatz
Christopher Ritter (AF)
Son of Helen Michael
*MSG Kevin Rowe
Son of Ted & Pat Rowe
Joshua Ruffner
Son of Diane Ruffner
Read Samples (M)
*Matt Strothmann
Tim Suckow (N)
George Syring, Jr. (A)
Brian Drew Thomson (M)
Grandson of Barb Fletcher
Dagan Trevieno (M)
*2LT Mason Ward

Key

AF=Air Force
AFR=Air Force Reserves
A=Army
AR=Army Reserves
ANG=Army National Guard
M=Marines
MM= Merchant Marines
SFM=Special Forces Marines
MSM=Mass Maritime
N=Navy
NR=Navy Reserves

Baptisms



Mary Elizabeth Paul
Daughter of Tia Paul
Baptized May 6, 2009

Erma J. Broders
September 28, 1931—
May 6, 2009



"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish." ~ John 10:27-28

Congrats Confirmands

Joseph Henry Anderson
Sydney Paige Hilderbrand
Heather Jane Wickliff



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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JUNE 2009

* Communion Service

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30 am Parish Nurse 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib	6:30 pm 12 Step Prtg (AA) 4	9:00 am ECC Chapel 10:00 am Sisters 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 7:00 pm Zion 100 7:00 pm Zion 300 7:00 pm Zion 400	7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4	6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH+4 9:00 am Folders-Production Room 6:00 pm Creative Escape 108 6:30 pm ECC Polluck FH	8:00 am Steps (AA) 4 5:00 pm Couples w/ Small Children 108
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
*8:30 / 10 AM 9:30 am Adult Bible 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Experience Strength & Hope(AA)	9:30 am Parish Nurse 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 108	6:30 pm 12 Step Prtg (AA) 4	9:00 am ECC Chapel 10:00 am Sisters 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 7:00 pm Zion 100 7:00 pm Zion 300 7:00 pm Zion 400	7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4	6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH+4 9:00 am Folders-Production Room	8:00 am Steps (AA) 4
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 / *10 AM 9:30 am Adult Bible 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Experience Strength & Hope(AA) FLAG DAY	9:30 am Parish Nurse 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib 6:30 pm Weekday Ed 116	6:30 pm 12 Step Prtg (AA) 4	9:00 am ECC Chapel 10:00 am Sisters 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 7:00 pm Zion 101 7:00 pm Zion 300 7:00 pm Zion 400 7-9 pm Youth Gym Night at St. Michael's	7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4 7:00 pm Exec. Board 116	6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH+4 9:00 am Folders-Production Room	8:00 am Steps (AA) 4 9:00 am Gulf Coast Writers FH
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
*8:30 / 10 AM 9:30 am Adult Bible 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Congregation 5:00 pm Meeting Experience Strength & Hope(AA) FATHER'S DAY	9:30 am Parish Nurse 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 108	6:30 pm 12 Step Prtg (AA) 4	9:00 am ECC Chapel 10:00 am Sisters 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 7:00 pm Zion 200 7:00 pm Zion 300 7:00 pm Zion 400	1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4	6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH+4 9:00 am Folders-Production Room	6:30 am Servin' in the Son (Youth Grp) 8:00 am Steps (AA) 4 5:00 pm Couples w/ Small Children 108
28	29	30				
8:30 / *10 AM 9:30 am Adult Bible 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Experience Strength & Hope (AA)	9:30 am Parish Nurse 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib	6:30 pm 12 Step Prtg (AA) 4				

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JULY 2009

* Communion Service

<p>5 *8:30 / 10 AM 9:30 am Adult Bible 108 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Experience 4 Strength & Hope(AA)</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Parish Nurse 111 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm 12 Step Prg (AA) 4</p>	<p>8 9:00 am ECC Chapel 4 10:00 am Sisters 111 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 108 7:00 pm Zion 300 106 7:00 pm Zion 400 105</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4</p>	<p>10 6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH+4 9:00 am Folders-Production Room OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>11 8:00 am Steps (AA) 4 5:00 pm Couples w/ Small Children 108</p>
<p>12 8:30 / *10 AM 9:30 am Adult Bible 108 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Experience 4 Strength & Hope(AA)</p>	<p>13 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am VBS, FH+4+7+8 9:30 am Parish Nurse 111 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 108</p>	<p>14 8:00 am VBS, FH+4+7+8 1:00 pm Older Adult Task Force 108 6:30 pm 12 Step Prg (AA) 4</p>	<p>15 8:00 am VBS, FH+4+7+8 9:00 am ECC Chapel 4 10:00 am Sisters 111 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 111</p>	<p>16 8:00 am VBS, FH+4+7+8 7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4 7:00 pm Exec. Board 116</p>	<p>17 6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH 8:00 am VBS, FH+4+7+8 9:00 am Folders-Production Room</p>	<p>18 8:00 am Steps (AA) 4 9:00 am Gulf Coast Writers FH</p>
<p>19 *8:30 / 10 AM New Member Sunday 9:30 am Adult Bible 108 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Experience 4 Strength & Hope (AA)</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Parish Nurse 111 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib 6:30 pm Weekday Ed 116</p>	<p>21 Newsletter Fold 6:30 pm 12 Step Prg (AA) 4</p>	<p>22 9:00 am ECC Chapel 4 10:00 am Sisters 111 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 111</p>	<p>23 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 108 7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4</p>	<p>24 6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH+4 9:00 am Folders-Production Room</p>	<p>25 8:00 am Steps (AA) 4 5:00 pm Couples w/ Small Children 108</p>
<p>26 8:30 / *10 AM 9:30 am Adult Bible 108 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Experience 4 Strength & Hope(AA)</p>	<p>27 9:30 am Parish Nurse 111 1:00 pm Prayer Group Lib 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 108</p>	<p>28 6:30 pm 12 Step Prg (AA) 4</p>	<p>29 9:00 am ECC Chapel 4 10:00 am Sisters 111 2:00 pm Parish Nurse 111</p>	<p>30 7:00 pm Women's Eve (AA) 4</p>	<p>31 6:30 am Men's Bkfst FH+4 9:00 am Folders-Production Room</p>	



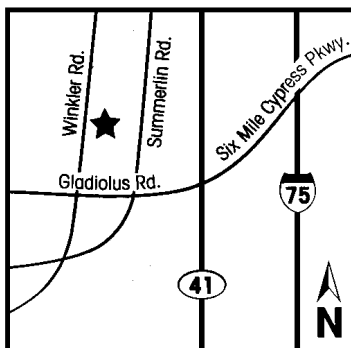


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**Summer Schedule for
Sunday Worship Services**

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Service
*Liturgical worship in the
Lutheran tradition.*

10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service
*Growing in God's Word,
singing new songs,
celebrating our faith.*

Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 21

What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it . . . Dad!

