

HOMEGROWN FAITH

Four Key Resources for the Home

Caring Conversations

The Fall is not only the time for the beginning of another school year; it ushers in a whole series of activities following the summer months. Whether your focus is the beginning of the school year or simply another year of post-summer activities, use the following sentence starters to encourage reflection and conversation: "I am excited about..."; "I am concerned about..."; "I can't wait for..."

Devotions

Luke 2:52 reads, "Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." Growth is a part of life, even for Jesus, the Son of God. Consider how your physical, mental, relational and spiritual growth affects your daily life and service to God, others and all creation. Make a list of the ways your life is a gift of God, to others and to God's total creation. Then offer a prayer, including mention of each of these ways:

Dear God, you have blessed me to be a blessing to others, to grow in wisdom, in years, and in human and divine favor. May my life reflect your grace and your will as I serve you, others and creation through [name the ways your life is a gift of God]; through Jesus Christ who increased in wisdom and stature, and in human and divine favor. Amen.

Service

Our lives are filled with learning. We learn through many social contacts and life experiences. We learn at school, in the home, in the congregation, on the job, through various media and in the community. Make a commitment in the next month to be of service by helping someone else learn. Maybe you can be a "book buddy" at school; maybe you can help somebody learn how to run a computer program at work or develop a skill with a tool. In some manner, assist someone in her or his lifelong pursuit of learning.

Rituals and Traditions

[For parents with school-aged children] Make the sign of the cross on the forehead of your child before he or she leaves for school, saying, "[Child's name], Jesus go with you wherever you go." Remind your child that you think and pray for him or her during the day.

[For people without children in school] Place a cross where you work, study, or relax to remind you of God's constant presence in Christ.

[For people with students to bless] For the next seven days, begin and end the day with the words, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Pray the Lord's Prayer, then begin your day or retire for the night.

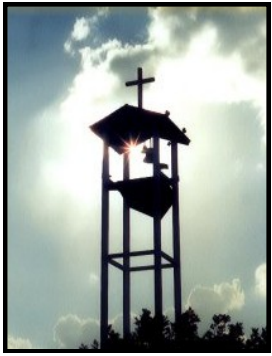

Family



2011-2012 Growing in Christ Opportunities

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer schedule May—November

8:30 am	Traditional Worship
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School & Adult classes

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

- 1) 10:00 -11:00 am - room 108 - Study topic and leader varies. This class follows a group discussion format.
- 2) 11:20 -12:10 am - room 108 - "Great Truths of the Bible" Led by Pastor Eggert - August 14- October 2

SUNDAY NURSERY located in room 103 for infants, toddlers & two's. Care is provided during the adult Bible class hour and the second service. Ask an usher to direct you there.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Offered for potty trained children ages 3 through grade 6 during adult Bible class and the second service - 10:00 - 11:00 am. Please sign your child in at room 105 and sign your child out after worship from their classroom.

Preschool & Kindergarten (Room 104B)

Grades 1-3 (Room 106)

Grades 4-6 (Room 107B)

PARENT LITE

Parents helping in their child's Sunday school class once a quarter. Please sign up!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

Jr. Preschool is designed for a mixture of two and three year old children who would benefit from a smaller class size.

Sr. Preschool is designed for a mixture of three and four year old children who are fully toilet trained.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) is a State-wide program for all children who are 4 years old by September 1st. This state program provides funding for 540 hours of free preschool to all children officially enrolled.

Extended Care is available to all children enrolled in our preschool programs.

Contact Director Beth Wallace in our ECC office
481-4040 x208
to find out more about our early
childhood program.



TEAM GRANDPARENTS

Meet the 1st Sunday of each month for 15 minutes of prayer between our first two worship services for our grandchildren. Join in the mission and vision of praying for our grandchildren in Room 108.

PARENT-LINK

Monthly e-blast for parents & grandparents of children and teens from rebeccad@zionfm.org

To learn more about the opportunities for your Family at Zion, contact DCE Rebecca Dupont, our Family Life Minister, at 481-4040 x103

Zion's Life Series Classes

Knowing, Growing, Serving & Sharing Christ

Great Truths of the Bible

A review of the Christian faith with emphasis on the Biblical teachings and our beliefs. All non-Lutheran applicants for membership are required to take this class to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church. *8 hours of class scheduled in a variety of ways.*

All About Zion's Ministries

For all new members*, including those who have previously been a member of a Lutheran church. *One class.*

Spiritual Gifts - God's Design for You

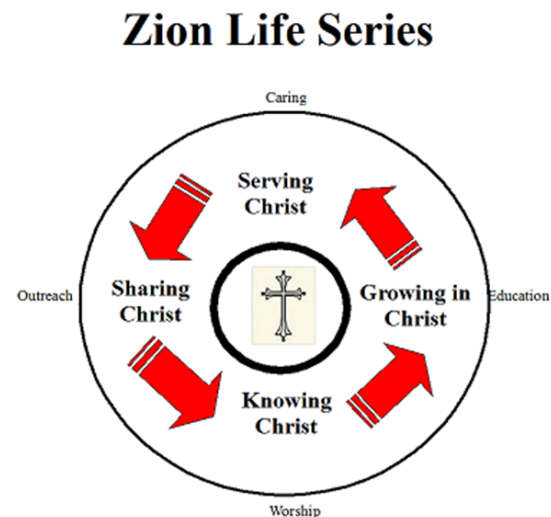
We have all been given spiritual gifts! These gifts are special abilities given to Christians for the sake of building up the Body of Christ and extending His mission on earth. Learn to grow to spiritual maturity by learning what gifts God has blessed you with and how you can serve and grow in the areas of your giftedness. This class is for all new members including those who have previously been a member of a Lutheran church. *Two classes.*

Exploring Faith Maturity

A discipleship study that evaluates your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Discover how that relationship transforms your life and the lives of others through time, treasures and talents. *Six classes.*

Share Jesus Without Fear

Be equipped to share your faith in Jesus with confidence and without fear. This easy-to-use relational approach to witnessing teaches that you cannot fail in sharing your faith if you depend on the power of God for the results! Discover ways to guide a witnessing conversation without fear of failure or rejection. *Participants receive a "Share Jesus Without Fear" Bible when completing this course! Four classes.*



Life Series is offered 3 times a year on Sundays & Wednesdays. Register by calling the church office (239) 481-4040

LIFE SERIES ~ FALL

**August 14th - October 2nd, 11:20 am - 12:10 pm
Room 108 - "Great Truths of the Bible"**

**October 9th, 6:30 pm, 11:20 am - 12:10 pm
Room 108 - "All About Zion's Ministries"**

**October 16th - 23rd
"Spiritual Gifts - God's Design for You"**

**October - November
"Exploring Faith Maturity"**



SMALL GROUPS

*Our goal is to provide a group for you to enjoy friendship, encouragement and learn about Christ together. Interested in starting a group or joining one?
Contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Peter or Rebecca Duport 481-4040.*



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

Minor Prophets 10:00 am
Tom Cioper 466-6685

Great Truths of the Bible 11:20 am
Pastor Jim Eggert 481-4040

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Confirmation (seasonal) for grades 7 & 8
Wednesday 6:30 pm Room 107B
Pastor Peter 481-4040

Every Other Friday Night - 8 pm various homes
David & Sue Fee 267-3352

Every Other Sunday Night Group
7:00 pm in Various Homes
Larry Hughes 454-3668

Exodus Group (seasonal) Every Other Sunday
Night 7:00 pm in Various Homes
Mae Jean Nothstine 590-0217

High School Bible Study (seasonal)
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm meet in the Atrium
Topic and leaders vary
Rebecca Duport 481-4040

Learning As We Grow (L.A.W.G.)
Every Other Friday Night 7:00 pm in various homes
Tom & Joan Cioper 466-6685

Lowell Thomas Bible Class (seasonal)
Friday night 7:00 pm in various homes
Lowell Thomas 433-5218

Pastor Miller's Bible Study
Every Other Sunday Night 7:00 pm in Room 108
Rev Dick Miller 481-8690

Senior Adults (seasonal)
10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Pastor Peter 481-4040

PRAYER GROUPS

Wed 1:00 pm in the Disciple room 109
Wed 6:30pm in the Narthex with Pastor Eggert

Team Grandparents

1st Sunday monthly between services in room 108

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
9:00 am at St Michael Lutheran
Contact Allan Harlick, (239) 910-4306
or Lee Berchtold, 872-8999 for details

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bad Girls of the Bible Study
Wednesday 6:30 am Room 108
Joan Cioper & Rebecca Duport

Knitting & Crocheting for a Good Cause
(seasonal) 1:00 pm Room 8
Margit Pook 275-5565

LWML Ladies Guild (seasonal)
2nd Monday monthly 12 Noon in Room 4
Jeanne Hunter 939-3350

LWML Mary Martha Circle (seasonal)
1st Monday monthly 7:00 pm in Room 4
Arlene Harvey 540-2123

Lydia Quilters (seasonal)
2nd & 4th Fridays 1:30-4:30 pm Room 4
Connie Junghans 466-8515

Marilyn's Bible Study (seasonal)
Tuesday 9:55 am in the Fellowship Hall
Marilyn Rustick 466-9872

Sisters in Christ
Wednesday 10:00 am Room 4
Hilda Fix 267-1301

Wednesday Morning Breakfast Bible Study
Perkins on Six mile Cypress and 41 at 8:30 am
Diana Hadad 454-1006