

# Calendar

## Monday, July 27

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Women’s Summer Bible Study

## Tuesday, July 28

9:00 AM Braille  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline

## Wednesday, July 29

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM What’s Up Wednesday (K-5th)  
7:00 PM Caribou Wednesday

## Thursday, July 30

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting

## Friday, July 31

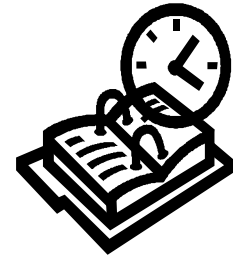
12:00 PM Church Office Closes

## Saturday, August 1

Youth leave for Texas Mission Trip  
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

## Sunday, August 2

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Summer Sunday School & Table Talks  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion



# Life Thoughts

## July 26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

“[T]hey did not understand about the loaves” (Mark 6:52a). Stomachs full and hearts hardened, the storm-threatened apostles failed to understand who they followed. The God who abundantly shared His grace through Christ, will not forsake us in our struggles.

**July 26** “Assisted suicide is ethically wrong because it denies the presence of human dignity, the concept that underpins human rights legislation. Being dependent on others does not remove dignity. We do not think of a baby as having less dignity than an adult, despite he/she being totally dependent on his/her parents. Similarly, a person with a terminal or chronic illness has no less dignity than anyone, but society needs to show this.” *Gordon Macdonald, public policy officer for Care Not Killing Scotland* This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

# Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Mission Trip Send-off  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Mission Trip Bake Sale  
9:45 AM Summer Sunday School & Table Talks  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Mission Trip Send-off

## Nursery Schedule for August 2

8:30 AM Peter & Amy Chase  
9:40 AM John & Jennifer Selander  
10:50 AM Richard & Holly Thorson

**Bethesda Thrift Shop Sale:** During the month of August there are weekly specials on clothes, including a \$1.00 an item sale, a Bag Sale will end the sale the last week of August. August 30 our new clothes will be coming up. This is a great way to save money, so take advantage of all the special events!

# Thank You

Thank you Eddie Lundgren, Marcie Gust and Dan Ahlman for assuming the responsibilities of cleaning, mowing and care of Zion’s building and grounds during the recent six weeks of our Property Engineer’s medical absence. We appreciate your loving gift of service to our Lord, Jesus and His people at Zion.

Thank you to all who helped with the Fish Boil. You did a fantastic job! Orphan Grain Train is grateful for all you did to make the Fish Boil a success. God’s Blessing, *Nancy English*, Orphan Grain Train

# Treasure Seekers

*A Ministry for Young Adults*

The Treasure Seekers are hosting a mission event overseas this November. This trip is open to all members of Zion, all ages welcome!

**When:** November 21-28, 2009

**Cost:** \$995 + airfare to Montego Bay, Jamaica\*

(Base price includes room & board, training, travel expenses while onsite, plus a day trip to Montego Bay)

\* Passport is required

Please take some time to consider this life changing opportunity! As you can imagine, this trip will be here before we know it, so we need to start planning!!!

Please contact Amanda Boysen if you have any questions!  
[amnsweets02@hotmail.com](mailto:amnsweets02@hotmail.com)

July 26, 2009

# Illuminations

## Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

241 5th Avenue " Hopkins, MN 55343

952.938.7661 " [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org)

# Welcome to Zion

**It is a joy to have you with us today.** We pray that through God’s Word and through the love of His people, you will be connected to God’s love and be empowered to live as God’s child this week.



**ZION** *a place to belong*

Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center

### Our Vision:

To become an outreach center for Christ centered health and wholeness.

### Our Mission:

To encourage one another to discover or rediscover a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

### Weekend Schedule:

Saturday Worship: Informal 5:00 p.m.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third weekends.*

Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary 10:50 a.m.  
Education Hour 9:40 a.m.

**Wednesday Evening:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (September - April)  
Confirmation, Sr. High Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study

### Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
(952)938-7661  
Visit us on the web at [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org).

### Zion Early Childhood Center (ZECC)

A nurturing and loving environment for the growth and development of your child.

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
(952)938-7661 ext. 21

## When Last We Gathered

Attendance - July 19	290
Adult Bible Study - July 19	47
Sunday School - July 19	6
Tithes & Offerings - July 19	\$13,061.34
Building Fund - July 19	\$2,733.88
Missions - July 19	\$761.05



## Prayer Page

Jesus said, "If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, My Father in heaven will do it for you."

Matthew 18:19

Requests for prayers may be submitted in writing, phoned into the church office (952-938-7661) or by email at [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org). Prayers may also be submitted to the prayer chain by calling Al Reich, 952-960-4352. Anniversary, birthday, wedding and thanksgiving prayers will normally be included for one week. Medical and special concerns may be included for longer as needed. *Please take this newsletter with you* and remember the following people in your personal prayers this week:

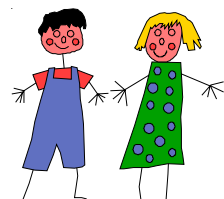
**Special Concerns:** The U.S. Military; the U. S. economy; Sgt. Sam Raiche (stationed in Afghanistan, friend of Debi Herzan); CW2 Christopher Sprung (stationed in Iraq, nephew of Lori Ebert); Women's Summer Bible Study; and Zion members who have lost their jobs.

**Medical Concerns:** Janet Thiese; Mona Serber (daughter of Vern & Alice Anderson); Martin Kruse; Jo Carroll; Vonnie Doucette (mother of Denise Rauchman); Ruth Amdahl; Karlene Discher; Lillian Wildberg; Micah Cohen (son of Steven Cohen, Apple of His Eye) and Orvil Krohn (brother-in-law of Bill Bakeberg).

**Thanksgiving:** 84th Birthday of Orlon Wildberg; 83rd Birthday of Eddie Lundgren; 76th Birthday of Alf Harfield; Birth of Devin Edward Randall (son of Nathan Randall & Jessica Dabrowski and grandson of Mike & Marcia Randall); and the successful surgery of Jessica Neal.

**Zion Member Families:** Each week the Ministry Leadership Team at Zion (pastors and staff) meet to coordinate the many different ministries here at Zion and to pray for individual families. This past week we prayed for: Del & Irene Lien; Frank & Ardelle Linc; Ramona Lincoln; Nancy Linder; and Irene Lobitz.

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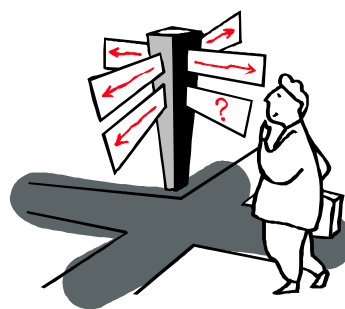
Please be respectful of Zion's handicapped and visitor parking spaces. Thank you!

## Zion's Happenings

**Munsinger Gardens:** Seniors are planning a trip to Munsinger Gardens is St. Cloud on Monday, July 27, 2009. After looking at the beautiful flowers we are going to Old Country Buffet for lunch. Bus leaves Zion at 9:30 am.

**18th Annual Cornfeed** will be held on Wednesday, August 12th, serving from 4:30 to 7:30pm. This annual Cornfeed is sponsored by our Thrivent Congregational Coordinators as a fundraiser for families with special needs not being met through other means. Please check the flyers posted in various places for recipient information and other details. Advance tickets will be available from Dan Ahlman, Vernol Anderson, Harold Gust, and Eddie Lundgren, as well as in the Gathering Area and in the office.

**Worship in Burnes Park** on Sunday, August 23, 10:50am. We'll celebrate God's beautiful creation with an outdoor contemporary worship service and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Perennial Plant Swap (9:40am-12:30pm).



**New Sermon Series:** Beginning August 23, 2009 and running five weeks, Pastor Neal will be sharing a special series of messages titled: "**Knowing Right From Wrong.**" All of us have struggled from time to time with deciding if what we are doing is, good, healthy, proper, or God pleasing. How do I know if that thing, that something I'm doing in my life or want to do, is morally right or wrong? During these five weeks

Pastor Neal will share ten ways you can know if something is right or wrong in life so that you can make wise, healthy, God-pleasing choices in your life. Why not bring a friend for this special series.

	August 1, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske
	August 2, 8:30am - Dee Anderson
	August 2, 10:50am - Daryl Laub

**Back to School Supplies:** This year Resource West (formerly Hopkins Resource Center) is again distributing school supplies to low-income and struggling families. With the economy, the need has increased. Ideas: Backpacks, Magic Markers, Crayons (24) Colored Pencils (12), Toothbrush and Paste, Glue and Glue Sticks, Scientific Calculators, #2 Pencils and more! Many local department and chain stores are already having Back to School Specials! If you would rather support this need through your financial support, please submit cash or check (Resource West) and we'll get it to the Resource West. **A complete list is in the Gathering Area next to the School Supply collection box!** Thank you for your support. *Vicki Peterson*

**Sewing Camp:** A big thank you to our junior quilters and helpers: Barb, Eileen, Nita, Trudy, & Marvella, 25 baby quilts were made by the kids from Zion and Trinity Lone Oak, Eagan, in June & July and sent to the Orphan Grain Train. August is SEWING CAMP on th 17-19th bring 2 1/2 yards for pj bottoms or whatever else you intend to make. I will need adult sewing helpers, then, thanks to those of you who have signed up, more are welcome!  
*Linda Krienke 952-934-4205.*

### LWML News:

Ladies, the MN South LWML Women's Retreat will be held this year at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, July 31-August 1. If you have any interest in attending, please let me know and I will get you the details and forms. You may attend without staying overnight. Thanks, *Joan Gilmore 952-936-9185.*

Some numbers from the National LWML convention:

- \*Over 3,300 attendees from around the world
- \*I was one of 601 voting delegates
- \*The procession of banners featured all 40 LWML districts and flags from 38 of the 50 countries where the LCMS has missionaries.
- \*Gifts from the Hearts collected: 308 Health Kits, 194 Art Kits, 697 packages of socks, 308 Teddy Bears, 421 packages of Tshirts, and 1,776 misc. items. Thank you, *Joan Gilmore*

## BAKE SALE!!

**WHAT: FUNDRAISER FOR ZION'S  
YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO CARTHAGE, TEXAS**

**TODAY, 9:30-11 AM**

**ZION FELLOWSHIP HALL**