

Calendar

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
7:00 PM ZECC Kindle Cluster

Wednesday, August 12

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Thrivent Cornfeed
7:00 PM Caribou Wednesday

Thursday, August 13

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
6:30 PM Sr. High Dinner @ Davanni’s

Friday, August 14

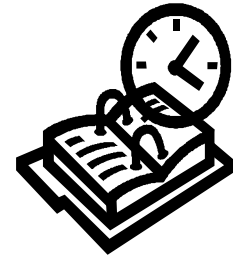
12:00 PM Messenger of Light Deadline
12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Saturday, August 15

5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

Sunday, August 16

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
1:00 PM Rock the River



Life Thoughts

August 9 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The horror of abortion happening over 3,000 times each day in the U.S. should make Christians angry. The silence of the Church and the indifference of fellow congregational members should make Christians angry. But anger must not lead us to sin (*Ephesians 4: 26*). Screaming and yelling and returning evil for evil is not the way of the body of Christ. The truth needs to be proclaimed but without “bitterness and wrath” (*4:31*).

Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
9:45 AM Summer Sunday School & Table Talks
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship
5:00 PM Youth return from Texas Mission Trip

Nursery Schedule for August 16

8:30 AM Kyle & Teresa Johnson
9:40 AM Phil & Danielle Wentzel
10:50 AM Gary & Amanda Ford

Hymn Festival: Central Lutheran Church, Thursday August 20, 8:00 pm, free of charge. “You Shall Have a Song” is the theme for the program led by the National Lutheran Choir and David Cherwien, director and organist. Join the choir in thunderous singing of hymns to God in this magnificent space, deepened by reflections offered by hymnist and poet Susan Palo Cherwien. Also included in the hymn fest is choral literature by composers Duruflé, Chesnokov, Thompson, Christiansen and Siegfried.

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 Fall clothes will be coming up. This is a great way to save money, so take advantage of all the special events!



Coins for Christ - As a way of supporting individuals studying to become new Lutheran pastors, the loose coins (nickels, dimes, and quarters) which are put into the weekly offering plate are joined with coins from other local Twin Cities suburban Lutheran congregations. These funds are then sent to one of our seminaries for the benefit of a student from the Twin Cities area.

Lutheran Counseling Center serves as a referral counseling agency to the Minnesota South District of the LCMS. Their approach to counseling draws upon the power of our Christian faith. They offer a sliding fee structure that allows those with limited resources and without insurance to find the help they seek. If you would like to speak to someone from LCC they can be reached at 952-894-4828 (Twin Cities); 800-466-0401 (Outstate Minnesota), or www.lutherancounseling.org.



Thank you for the prayers and cards during my recent illness and surgery. *Ted Kruse*

August 9, 2009

Illuminations

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

241 5th Avenue " Hopkins, MN 55343
952.938.7661 " 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.

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 - August 2	308
Adult Bible Study - August 2	51
Sunday School - August 2	5
Tithes & Offerings - August 2	\$12,041.27
Building Fund - August 2	\$2,468.55
Missions - August 2	\$889.05



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. 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; Youth Mission Trip; Cornfeed; and Zion members who have lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Mary Daniels; Doris Daniels (mother of Rich Daniels); Gina Langaard (daughter of Shelly Hendrickson); Catherine Strange (sister-in-law of Carol Maier); Mona Serber (daughter of Vern & Alice Anderson); Jo Carroll; Vonnie Doucette (mother of Denise Rauchman); Karlene Discher; and Orvil Krohn (brother-in-law of Bill Bakeberg).

Thanksgiving: Rick Tupa for 10 years of service at Zion; Successful surgery for Ted Kruse; Baptism of Wyatt Daniel Smith (son of Daniel & Katie Smith; godson of David Strei, Melanie Thomson, Jeff Smith, & Leslie Luby); Birthday of Jan Cavier; Birthday of Padre Howie Krienke; Birthday of Marcie Kirby; Birthday of Michael Cavier; and the Birth of Matthew John Chase (son of Peter & Amy Chase and brother of Andrew Chase).

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: Gerada & Noah Louks; Lyn Louks; Michael Lovel; Raymond & Doris Lovel; and Marilyn Lund.



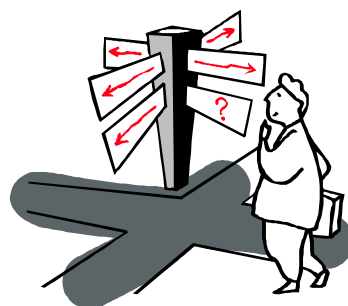
Flowers are given by Helen Fox for God's glory and in remembrance of her husband, Lowell.

Messenger of Light, Zion's monthly newsletter, for August is available in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to stop by and pick a copy, today.

Zion's Happenings

18th Annual Cornfeed is this 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.

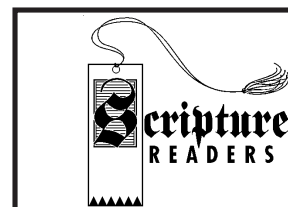
Worship in Burnes Park on Sunday, August 23, 10:50am. We'll celebrate God's beautiful creation with an outdoor contemporary worship service and the 3rd Perennial Plant Swap (9:40am-12:30pm).



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.

Third Perennial Plant Swap: Do you wish you had some perennial plants and/or have an overabundance of others? Divide those extra plants and bring them to Zion on Sunday, August 23, 9:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for our Third Perennial Plant Swap! Mid-August is the best time for dividing perennials and transplanting them. Have too many houseplants? Bring them too! This is not a fundraiser, there is no charge, and it is just for fun. You can even just come and take plants, you don't have to bring anything to swap. Please call Bev Nieting with questions, at 952-908-1092.



August 15, 5:00pm - Tim Bodin
August 16, 8:30am - Mark Rettig
August 16, 10:50am - Beryl Schultze

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: August is SEWING CAMP on the 17-19th. Bring 2 1/2 yards for pj bottoms or whatever else you intend to make. I need adult sewing helpers, then, thanks to those of you who have signed up, more are welcome! *Linda Krienke* 952-934-4205.

Interested in possible membership at Zion? Please contact the church office for details. In addition a new 6-week *Discovering the Faith* course (DTF) designed for new believers as well as committed Christians who would like to brush up on the essentials of the Christian faith will begin **Sunday, September 13, 2009** from 9:40 to 10:35 a.m. in room # 204 (Council) upstairs in the educational wing. Join other interested individuals as we explore the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective as well as prepare interested participants to be received into membership at Zion Lutheran Church. All materials are provided free of charge. There are no tests nor will anyone be asked to read aloud. If you are interested or know someone who might be please give the name to the church office, 952-938-7661.



New Members will be received on Sunday, November 8, 2009. If you would like to be a member of Zion Lutheran Church please contact the church office for details. A brochure on how to become a member is included in the "Welcome" packet located in the Gathering Area entrance.

ICA needs to restock peanut butter and jelly. If you are able, please donate one or both. Your donation may be placed in the ICA box in the upper Gathering Area.