

Calendar

Monday, August 17

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Kids Sewing Camp
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Women’s Summer Bible Study

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 AM Braille
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Kids Sewing Camp
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, August 19

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Kids Sewing Camp
6:30 PM Living Faith
7:15 PM Desert Voice

Thursday, August 20

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
11:30 AM Caring Friends
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Join in Prayer
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, August 21

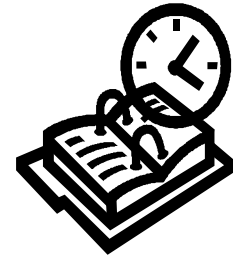
12:00 PM Church Office Closes
6:30 PM Wedding

Saturday, August 22

5:00 PM Informal Worship

Sunday, August 23

8:30 AM Traditional Worship
9:40 AM - 12:30 PM 3rd Perennial Plant Swap
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Summer Sunday School & Table Talks
10:50 AM Worship in the Park



Life Thoughts

August 16 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Those whom God has called in Christ to be “children of light” (*Ephesians 5:8*) hold a responsibility, not just to avoid the deeds of darkness, but to “expose” them (*5:11*). Using death to solve our problems is becoming so commonplace that we have turned it into light. We have a better solution—Jesus the Light of the World.

Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:45 AM Summer Sunday School & Table Talks
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion
1:00 PM Rock the River

Nursery Schedule for August 23

8:30 AM Dan & Kinlin Schultz
9:40 AM Kevin & Reena Stripling
10:50 AM Kirk & Hope Ortloff Hughes

Ladies, please circle this date! We are hosting the LWML Fall Rally on Tuesday, October 20. It is for the Minnetonka Conference which means the churches in the Carver County area are also attending. Please come and listen to Brian Buuck who is a Wycliffe Bible Translator in Mexico. He is the son of Pastor David and Lorri Buuck of Bethlehem Lutheran in Minnetonka. As the host church, I ask for your prayers and support for this Rally.

Thanks, *Joan Gilmore*

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!



Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Wayzata, MN is celebrating 75 years of ministry this year. We are having a celebration on Sunday, October 4, 2009. We will have two worship services, at 9:00am and at 10:30am. One of our former pastors, Rev. Gerhard Bode, is our guest speaker. There is a picnic lunch with games, music, and time for fellowship beginning at noon. Please come and celebrate with us. *Members of Redeemer*

Camp Omega and Chinatown are teaming up to raise funds for Camp Omega. Please visit Camp Omega’s Restaurant at the MN State Fair.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and prayers from all the folks at Zion. See you in a couple weeks!
Janet Thiesse

August 16, 2009

Illuminations

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

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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 9	321
Adult Bible Study - August 9	43
Sunday School - August 9	8
Tithes & Offerings - August 9	\$11,027.15
Building Fund - August 9	\$2,228.88
Missions - August 9	\$502.05



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; and Zion members who have lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Lydia Sterricker (grandmother of Lori Schumacher); Dick Betzold (father-in-law of Dean Thomas); Red & Mary Burg; Mary Daniels; Gina Langaard (daughter of Shelly Hendrickson); Mona Serber (daughter of Vern & Alice Anderson); Vonnie Doucette (mother of Denise Rauchman); and Karlene Discher.

Thanksgiving: Birthday of Paula Rosengren; Birthday of Evelyn Wildermuth; Birthday of Tim Bodin; 24th Weddings Anniversary of Gordy & Carolyn Biss; 60th Wedding Anniversary of Larry & Betty Dagen; and the Wedding of Benjamin Robertaccio & Rebecca Crowe.

Bereaved: Doris Daniels (mother of Rich Daniels).

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: Eddie & June Lundgren; Becky Lutz; Ardes Maasch; Ryan, Jennifer, Allyn & Evelyn MacKay; and Carol Maier.



Flowers are given by Gordy & Carolyn Biss in honor of their 24th Wedding Anniversary.

"Life wins!" This message brings 'good and help' to women and men who have made an abortion decision. It points to a God who demonstrated His love for all sinners when He nailed His Son to a cross, cursed and forsook Him in the sinner's stead. It points to a God who paid the full price for forgiveness of sins and says "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (*Romans 8:1a*)." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.

Zion's Happenings



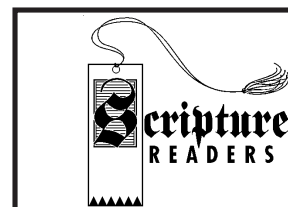
Worship in Burnes Park next Sunday, August 23, at 10:50am. We are celebrating God's beautiful creation with an outdoor contemporary worship service and the 3rd Perennial Plant Swap (9:40am-12:30pm).

Table Talks – Titus: Pastor Neal is leading a new three-part Bible Class series beginning Sunday, August 30th at 9:40am in the Fireside room (#104). We live today in a culture which emphasis "Me, My, and Mine" It is difficult for a Christian to be self-disciplined and striving to live peacefully and cooperatively with folks around us when we are surrounded by attitudes of disrespect for the family, the government, and the church. Two-thousand years ago, Paul encountered similar attitudes on the beautiful Mediterranean island of Crete. Join Pastor Neal as he leads us in digging deeper into these cultural and ethnical questions and learn important truths about our life and relationships today. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.



New Sermon Series: Beginning next Sunday, August 23, and running five weeks, Pastor Neal is 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 **next** 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 22, 5:00pm -
August 23, 8:30am - Diane Ketcher
August 23, 10:50am - Karen Eck

Sewing Camp: August SEWING CAMP is on the 17-19th. Bring 2 1/2 yards for pj bottoms or whatever else you intend to make. I need adult sewing helpers. 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 prospective 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.

*** 2010 International Servant Event *** The Servant Event to Jamiaca planned for November, 2009 is being postponed until 2010. Please watch for details regarding the upcoming trip in the next few months! If you have any interest in attending, or wish to help plan the event, please contact Amanda Boysen at amnsweets02@hotmail.com.

Minnetonka Lutheran Church is hosting a Music Festival during their annual Intergenerational Vacation Bible School. The entire community is invited to three nights of free concerts by nationally acclaimed musicians on August 18, 19 and 20. Tuesday, August 18, features Echelon, a four member band based in MN that began performing together in 1994. Jonathan Rundman, known for the homespun quality of his "heartland" rock, performs Wednesday, August 19. Peder Eide, full-time national singer/songwriter and speaker, appears Thursday, August 20. All three concerts begin with a children's program at 6:30pm, followed by music for all ages until 8:00pm (while children ages 3 through 6th grade enjoy VBS stories and art). A light supper is available before the concert (free will offering. RSVP for supper). Minnetonka Lutheran is located at 16023 Minnetonka Boulevard in Minnetonka, about a mile west of I-494. 952-935-3419, www.mtkalutheran.org. Pastors Robert Rusert and Paul Almquist