

# Calendar

## Monday, August 24

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

## Tuesday, August 25

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

## Wednesday, August 26

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
5:00 PM Zion Bus leaves for the Twins Game  
6:30 PM Living Faith  
7:15 PM Desert Voice

## Thursday, August 27

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

## Friday, August 28

12:00 PM Church Office Closes

## Saturday, August 29

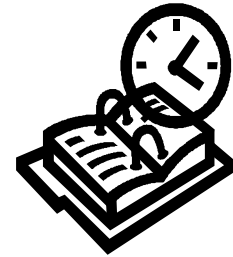
5:00 PM Informal Worship

## Sunday, August 30

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



**Worship in Burnes Park** is TODAY at 10:50am. We are celebrating God’s beautiful creation with an outdoor contemporary worship service and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Perennial Plant Swap (9:40am-12:30pm).



# Today at Zion

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

### Nursery Schedule for August 30

8:30 AM Jessie Ditty  
9:40 AM Larry & Anna Monskey  
10:50 AM Peter & Amy Chase

**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!

**Fan into Flame hits \$50 million mark:** As of July 30, *Fan into Flame*, the capital campaign to raise \$100 million for new *Ablaze!*-related ministries, was halfway to its goal, having raised more than \$50 million in gifts and pledges since it was authorized by the Synod in convention in 2004. The total represents nearly 20,000 gifts — including more than \$23 million in cash — from some 7,000 individuals and 850 congregations



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

### How to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church

**Step 1:** Come and worship at Zion Lutheran Church. “*Check it out*”, participate in worship, observe, and ask questions.

**Step 2:** Set an appointment with one of the pastors to get acquainted and discuss expectations of membership. (952-938-7661 or [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org))

Membership can be by:

- **Transfer** – from another LCMS congregation where you are currently a member.
- **Adult Confirmation** – completing a six (6) week class of background information about beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church.
- **Profession of Faith** – formerly an LCMS member but not currently one.



August 29, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske  
August 30, 8:30am - Dee Anderson  
August 30, 10:50am - Don Ahlman

August 23, 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](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 - August 16	361
Adult Bible Study - August 16	39
Sunday School - August 16	9
Tithes & Offerings - August 16	\$7,562.66
Building Fund - August 16	\$1,660.55
Missions - August 16	\$440.05



## 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:** Shirley Larson (friend of Aldy Schmidt); Lydia Sterricker (grandmother of Lori Schumacher); Dick Betzold (father-in-law of Dean Thomas); Red & Mary Burg; Vonnie Doucette (mother of Denise Rauchman); and Karlene Discher.

**Thanksgiving:** 76th Birthday of Marlys Hellerud; Birthday of Tim Bodin; 60th Wedding Anniversary of Orren & Adeline Silliman (parents of Susan Silliman); Birth of Shelly Hendrickson's grandson; and the Baptism of Hayden Steven Lovel (son of Steven & Amber Lovel, godson of Joe & Jeanette Rhode and Brian Rosera).

**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: Carol & Cindy Maier; Traci & Ben Mallonee; Addy Malvey; Shirley Marshall; and Emmy Maschke.



Flowers are given by Pat Shaugnessy in memory of her husband, Thomas and given by Shelly Hendrickson in honor of the birth of her grandson, Gage Ryan Langaard.

## Thank You

Dear Zion Lutheran Church Congregation,  
Your continuing support during these tough economic times is a blessing. On behalf of Augustana's Board of Directors and the residents we serve everyday on our Chapel View campus, thank you so much for your commitment of \$83.33. As always, your gift will touch the loves of those to whom we provide healthcare and other basic services in Hopkins.  
Sincerely, Kay Gudmestad, VP of Fund Development

## Zion's Happenings

**Missionaries in Africa:** Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Missionary Coral Rose is with us today. Coral will be leaving shortly for Pretoria, South Africa where she will be assuming the role of Regional Business Manager – Africa. We are glad to have Coral with us today for two reasons. [1] Zion has agreed to provide a new two year prayer and financial support relationship with her. Coral's presence with us today gives us the chance to meet and visit with her. [2] We will have the opportunity to hear today from Coral during our 9:40 am Table Talks (Adult Bible Class) in the Fireside Room (#104) about the work she is about to undertake. A free will offering will be received after the service today to support Coral's missionary work.

Coral joins Missionaries Jack and Cathy Carlos as missionaries whom Zion congregation agreed to directly support with our prayers and mission dollars. Our financial support for Coral, Jack, and Cathy is only part of what they need to conduct their missionary work. Other congregations are joining us in supporting these missionaries. The financial portion of our commitment along with our regular prayer support is intended to help "missions" take on flesh and blood for us. The outreach work done by Jack, Cathy and Coral will be as extensions of our responsibility as Christians to reach out and make disciples of all nations as Jesus directed us.



**New Sermon Series** begins TODAY 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 is sharing 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:** The Plant Swap is TODAY, Sunday, August 23, 9:40am to 12:30pm! Mid-August is the best time for dividing perennials and transplanting them. 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.

**Table Talks – Titus:** Pastor Neal is leading a new three-part Bible Class series beginning Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Lifelight** begins Tuesday, September 15, at 9:15am in the Fireside Room (#104). We will be studying the Gospel of Mark for nine weeks. If you have never attended one of our studies, please call Merle Cavier at 952-933-3196, so that material can be ordered.

**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 10:35am 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 interested, please give the name to the church office, 952-938-7661.



**Table Talks – Where is HIS-Story going?** Join Pastor Neal beginning Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#104) as he leads us through a new three part DVD Bible Class series on the Christian perspective of the *end of the world* and the *final days of earth* leading up to it. Since Jesus' death and resurrection 2000 years ago, we have been told we are living in the last days. In these current days of the 21<sup>st</sup> century perhaps more than any others in history it is incumbent upon the Christian to recognize the signs of the times and to realize that Jesus' final coming is indeed imminent and soon. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.

**New Members:** We are receiving new members 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](mailto:amnsweets02@hotmail.com).