

Calendar

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 AM Braille
 1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
 6:00 PM Executive
 7:00 PM Leadership
 7:00 PM LWML Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 AM Braille
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Zion Quilters
 9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
 6:30 PM Living Faith
 7:15 PM Desert Voice

Thursday, September 3

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting

Friday, September 4

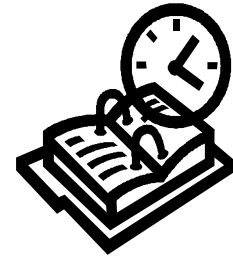
12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Saturday, September 5

5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

Sunday, September 6

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



Today at Zion

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

Nursery Schedule for September 6

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

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.

ICA Fundraiser: ICA chicken or steak fundraiser is September 23 at Minnetonka Community Center from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Outback Steak House is the caterer. The menu includes: steak or chicken, salad, baked potato, beverage, and dessert. There will be entertainment and door prizes. Adults-\$15; children-\$7.50. Please call Alice Anderson, 952-938-5144 or Ardelle Linc, 952-938-5965 before September 15.

Thank You

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during all my tests and surgery.
Mona Serber, (daughter of Vern & Alice Anderson)

We want to thank all you wonderful volunteers who helped at the Cornfeed. Your help made the cornfeed such a great success. And God blessed us with good weather again! *The Cornfeed Committee*

Thank you to all who made the Youth Sewing Camp a huge success! 25 youth (19 girls & 6 boys) attended last week in our joint effort with Trinity Lone Oak in Eagan. Thank you to our 12 helpers: Paul & Barb Bohach, Arla Langsford, Angie Parker, Nita Larson, Eileen Pashina, Trudy Reinitz, Doris Waterman, and Caroline Johnson from Zion; Marvella Bruhn, Carla Schumacher & Grace Peterson from Crossview; and Lois Schaaf from Eagan. See you next year!
Linda Krienke

August 30, 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 23	365
Adult Bible Study - August 23	53
Sunday School - August 23	7
Tithes & Offerings - August 23	\$15,438.06
Building Fund - August 23	\$2,640.88
Missions - August 23	\$861.05

Wednesdays At Zion begins September 16, 2009 6:30pm - 8:00pm

C.I.A. (Children in Action) K - 5th grade

Confirmation Classes Sr. Wednesday JAM

Scripture READERS

September 5, 5:00pm - Tim Bodin
 September 6, 8:30am - Dan Ahlman
 September 6, 10:50am - Daryl Laub



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: Cody Miller (grandson of Vangie Herzan and nephew of Debi Herzan Parker); 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); and Zion members who have lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Ron Barmann (father of ZECC's Judy Fuhrman); Shirley Larson (friend of Aldy Schmidt); and Karlene Discher.

Thanksgiving: 70th Birthday of Don Ahlman; 69th Birthday of Janice Pierce; 37th Wedding Anniversary of Pastor Randall & Elizabeth Neal; and the Birth of Doug & Irene Palmer's great granddaughter.

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: Darrell Mason; Ervina Mason; Marilyn Mason; Mitch, Jenni, Payton & Sydney Mason; and Tim Mattfield.



Flowers are given by Vangie Herzan in memory of her husband, Henry.

Life Thoughts

August 30 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Before culture will change noticeably, people must change fundamentally. Changing hearts through the power of the Gospel is the fundamental change needed to influence culture. (See Mark 7:21.)

Zion's Happenings

THANK YOU! Today (Saturday 5:00 pm), we are recognizing three individuals who collectively represent over 150 years of faithful service to our Lord, Jesus Christ and His people at Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins. Eddie Lundgren as church bus driver, Gordy (Corky) Phelps as head usher for the Saturday 5:00pm worship service, and Sylvia Erickson as Altar Care member and keeper of the communion veil. Our heartfelt thanks go to these gracious servants who are now stepping down from their respective areas of ministry here at Zion. We are grateful to them. We are also grateful to all our members who give of themselves and serve with love. We pray that God would continue to be with and bless all those who faithfully serve our Lord and Savior.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, September 10, at 7:30pm in the Choir Room (Room #202)! Choir rehearsals are wonderful opportunities to grow musically and spiritually, fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, and serve the Lord with gladness. Please join us!

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 would like to join and never attended one of our studies, please call Merle Cavier at 952-933-3196, so that material can be ordered.

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.

Table Talks – Titus: Pastor Neal is leading a new three-part Bible Class series beginning TODAY 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.

Zion Quilters begin meeting Wednesday, September 2, 9:00am – 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month (except during Lent). Please bring your lunch and join us as we quilt the hours away!

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 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 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 27th 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 21st 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 upper Gathering Area entrance.

Tape Ministry: Tapes from the 8:30am Traditional Worship Service can be mailed to individuals who are unable to come to church any more. If you know of someone who would enjoy listening to each week's service, please call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.