

Calendar

Monday, September 7

Labor Day
Church Office Closed
ZECC Closed

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
4:15 PM Memorial Committee

Wednesday, September 9

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
1:00 PM Braille
6:30 PM Confirmation Orientation (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Living Faith
7:15 PM Desert Voice
7:15 PM National Youth Gathering Information Meeting

Thursday, September 10

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Girl Scout Leader Meeting
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

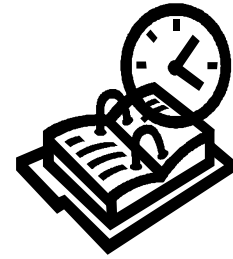
Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

5:00 PM Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

Sunday, September 13

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
9:40 AM Sunday School Education and Mission Trip Presentation
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship
12:15 PM Confirmation Kick-off



Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

Nursery Schedule for September 13

8:30 AM John & Jennifer Selander
9:40 AM Richard & Holly Thorson
10:50 AM Christina Zafft

ICA Fundraiser: ICA chicken or steak fundraiser is Wednesday, 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 Tuesday, September 15.

Tradition returns at Hopkins in Motion: Farmers Market will be reviving a Hopkins tradition at the First Annual "Hopkins in Motion" event to be held on Saturday, September 12th in Hopkins. That tradition is the making and serving of Bouja – a hearty, delicious soup! Serving of the Bouja will begin at 10:00am at the Farmers Market site just south of the Clock Tower at 9th & Mainstreet. Activities for the entire family are scheduled including a parade at 12noon.

Thank You

Thank you Steve Brueske, Lisa Day, Andre Hinds, Eric Jorde, Joe Jorde, Matt Kan, Lydia Kan, Howie Krienke, Ben Mallonee, and Dave Nieting for helping us move into our new home. Without you, it would not have been possible! It's a wonderful feeling to be a part of such a loving and caring church family!
Brad & Teresa Hassing

Bethesda Thrift Shop: It was quite a site! Adults, and Youth working together under God's command to help those with developmental disabilities. We just completed another successful changeover Sunday August 30 at Bethesda, and Zion's 26 volunteers had a great impact on that success. May God richly bless you for helping those with special needs.

Brian & Janet Olson

September 6, 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

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(952)938-7661

Visit us on the web at www.zionhopkins.org.

Zion Early Childhood Center (ZECC)

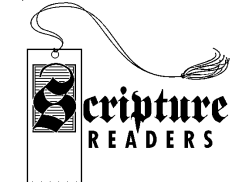
A nurturing and loving environment for the growth and development of your child.

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(952)938-7661 ext. 21

When Last We Gathered

Attendance - August 30	357
Adult Bible Study - August 30	59
Sunday School - August 30	24
Summer Clean-up August 30	\$385.00
Tithes & Offerings - August 30	\$10,174.29
Building Fund - August 30	\$993.55
Missions - August 30	\$360.05



September 12, 5:00pm - Beryl Schultze
September 13, 8:30am - Judy Miller
September 13, 10:50am - Denise Rauchman



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); Sgt. Ryan Butler (stationed in Iraq, son-in-law of Gerry & Chris Formo); and Zion members who have lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Vergil Nietzel; Dorothy Nelson; Ron Barmann (father of ZECC's Judy Fuhrman); Marcus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman); and Karlene Discher.

Thanksgiving: 85th Birthday of Lou Dummer; Birthday of Lu Dixon; 62nd Birthday of Mark Rettig; 45th Birthday of Lisa Day; and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dave & Mitzi Erdmann.

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: Lorna Matthews; Pat Mattson; Frank & Marlys McConnell; Sherry McGough; and Kevin & Heidi McGuinn.



Flowers are given by Lu Dixon in honor of her birthday.

Life Thoughts

September 6 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Even the crumbs of God's grace are sufficient for us (*Mark 7:28*), but we get the whole loaf through Christ! There is no "demon" powerful enough and no evil big enough to exclude us from the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Zion's Happenings

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!

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.



Wednesday Braille: Wednesday's 8:00am Braille is now **Monday's 8:00am Braille**. We begin meeting Monday, September 14, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in the wonderful ministry of making the books of the Bible for the blind.

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.

Altar Care: Altar Care Team meeting is Saturday, September 19, at 9:00am in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing things we need to do for Christmas, including decorating, and set up our schedule for the next six months.

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.

Cards, Cards: Because of Labor Day Cards will start Monday, September 14, 2009. We play from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Then we play again on Monday, September 21. After that, it's the first and third Monday of each month. Come one, come all! Any questions call Alice Anderson, 952-938-5144.

Treasure Seekers, Zion's Young Adults, are planning on attending the following and thought others may be interested:

Minnesota Public Radio presents New York Times best-selling author **Bruce Feiler** at the Fitzgerald Theater on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00pm. Bruce Feiler will discuss his latest book *America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story*. In his bestsellers *Abraham*, *Walking the Bible* and *Where God Was Born*, author Bruce Feiler climbed mountains, airlifted into war zones, and trudged through secret underground passages to examine how events from the Hebrew Bible resonate throughout modern culture and politics.

To research the book, Feiler sailed on the trail of the pilgrims (who quoted Moses on the Mayflower); climbed the bell tower of Independence Hall (where the Liberty Bell bears a quote from Moses); uncovered the story of how Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams proposed Moses be on the seal of the United States; and visits the Oval Office to witness how presidents from Washington to Lincoln, Reagan to Obama, were inspired by the story of the Exodus. All tickets are \$20.00. There will be an additional \$2.50 facility fee added to the price of each ticket.

Minnesota Public Radio members receive a \$2.00 discount. Contact Vicki Peterson at 952-938-7661 X14 for tickets. We can car pool!

"Every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). The Women's Summer Bible Study was blessed with many gifts: new insight into the Book of Esther, the fellowship of sisters in Christ, intercessions and thanksgivings in group prayers, the cheerful hands-on help of many, but especially by faithful prayer support by many at Zion. Thank you!
Karen Eck and Carol Krueger

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.