

Calendar

Monday, September 14

8:00 AM Braille
 12:00 PM Braille
 6:00 PM ZECC Staff Meeting
 7:00 PM Cards

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 AM Braille
 9:15 AM Lighthouse
 1:00 PM Messenger of Light, Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
 6:00 PM Joint Executive and Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
 1:00 PM Braille
 4:00 PM ASAZ
 6:30 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam & What's Up
 6:30 PM Living Faith
 7:15 PM Desert Voice

Thursday, September 17

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
 11:30 AM Caring Friends
 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Join in Prayer
 6:30 PM Festival Ringers
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

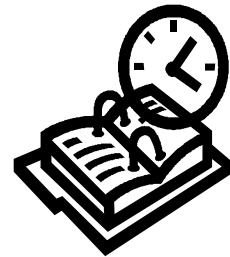
Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

9:00 AM Altar Care Meeting
 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Women of Destiny
 5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

Sunday, September 20

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
 9:40 AM Sunday School Education
 10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion
 12:00 PM Elder Communion Visits
 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Girl Scout New Member Event



Today at Zion

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

Nursery Schedule for September 20

8:30 AM Josh & Christina Krienke
 9:40 AM Mitch & Jennifer Mason
 10:50 AM Kyle & Teresa Johnson

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.

Thank You

Fall Financial Clean Up: Thanks to all of you who have responded to the request for financial help. As we indicated in the letter sent to all our members we are running short of what we need to pay our bills at this time. We received **\$1,385** so far in the special envelopes provided to you. Thank you to those who responded so generously! If you have not yet made an extra gift would you consider doing so now? With your help we can continue to share the loving message of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior in our community and beyond.

We are humbled to have been chosen as a recipient for this year's Thrivent Cornfeed Benefit. Thank you to all who helped and supported this event to make it such a success. The funds raised will be a big help in paying for the kidney transplant related expenses for Layton. The Cornfeed was fun and so well organized. All of your effort, thoughtfulness and caring will always be remembered by our family. *Lee, Leah, Layton and Logan Schmitz*

Many Thanks to Jerry Untiedt for his support as sweet corn supplier for the Thrivent Corn Feed. As members of Zion, we can show our appreciation by stopping by the Untiedt Outdoor Farmer's Market on the corner of Highway 7 and Texas Avenue in St. Louis Park. They have great summer vegetables for all your picnic and barbeque needs. There are also beautiful flowers to decorate your table and flower gardens. Thank you again to the Untiedts for their many years, and ears of support.

September 13, 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 - September 6	332
Adult Bible Study - September 6	53
Sunday School - September 6	8
Summer Clean-up - September 6	\$1,000.00
Tithes & Offerings - September 6	\$19,063.92
Building Fund - September 6	\$3,772.88
Missions - September 6	\$923.95



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; and Karlene Discher.

Thanksgiving: Marriage of David Strei & Melanie Thomson.

Bereaved: Jeannette Smith.

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: Loren Meinke; Pat Metzen; Dottie Michaletz; Florence Michaletz; and James Miller.



Flowers are given by the Smith family in memory of Jeannette Smith.

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church: Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world and Lord of the universe, through whom alone we receive forgiveness, life, and salvation! Thank you so very much for your generous contribution in support of the global goal of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to share the Gospel with 100 million people by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. I assure you that your gift is already working to proclaim God's Good News to those who do not know their Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Your pledge of \$6000 annually for two years for the support of Missionaries Jack and Cathy Carlos serving our Lord in Guinea, makes it possible for us to carry out the One mission our God has given us, to make disciples of all nations, by sharing the One Message of God's grace in Christ, working together as One People in the Body of Christ. Warmly and sincerely, in Christian love, *Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick*, President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Zion's Happenings

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 begins **TODAY** 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.



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.

Loving Care Circle meets Wednesday, September 23, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. Please bring school supplies.

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 starts 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.

Attention All Seniors! Pot-luck is planned on September 28 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. All seniors are invited. Bring your favorite dish to share. Also, bring a wrapped, white elephant gift as we are playing Bingo. Any questions call Alice Anderson at 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!

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.

	September 19, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske
	September 20, 8:30am - Mark Rettig
	September 20, 10:50am - Karen Eck