

Calendar

Monday, September 21

8:00 AM Braille
 7:00 PM Cards
 1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, September 22

Staff Retreat (Sept 22-23)
 9:00 AM Braille
 9:15 AM Lighthouse

Wednesday, September 23

Staff Retreat (Sept 22-23)
 9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
 9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle
 1:00 PM Loving Care Circle
 4:00 PM ASAZ
 6:30 PM Confirmation Parent's Night
 6:30 PM Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam & What's Up
 6:30 PM Living Faith
 7:15 PM Desert Voice

Thursday, September 24

1:00 PM Ruth Circle
 6:30 PM Festival Ringers
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

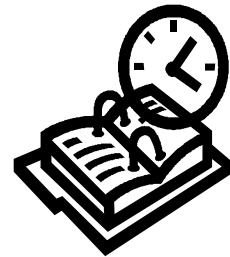
Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

5:00 PM Informal Worship

Sunday, September 27

8:30 AM Traditional Worship
 9:40 AM Sunday School Education
 9:40 AM Discovering the Bible for 2nd Graders & Parents
 10:50 AM Contemporary Worship



Today at Zion

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

Nursery Schedule for September 27

8:30 AM Todd & Amy Bartley
 9:40 AM Gary & Amanda Ford
 10:50 AM Dan & Kinlin Schultz

The LWML Fall Conference Rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church (241 Fifth Avenue N, Hopkins, MN 55343) on Tuesday, October 20th. Registration and dessert are at 6:30 PM and the Rally is at 7:00. Cost is \$4.00; first-time attendees are FREE. *All women are welcome* to attend this special event. The theme is: *Following God's Call*. The featured presenter is Brian Buuck, Wycliffe Bible Translator, serving the Chinantec people of southern Mexico. (*Mission:* Brian and his family are following God's call by making His Word available in the Chinantec language variants spoken in Jocotepec and Tepinapa, working together with local people to spread the Good News and encourage literacy and language development. They are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minnetonka and are on furlough this fall.)

Gifts from the Heart especially needed for Chinantec villages ~ bath towels (used okay), bars of soap, soft toothbrushes (adult & child), mosquito double wide netting (www.campingsurvival.com/dowimonet63x.html)

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 all our bills at this time. We have received **\$15,332** 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.

September 20, 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

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 13	381
Adult Bible Study - September 13	71
Sunday School - September 13	89
Summer Clean-up - September 13	\$13,946.75
Tithes & Offerings - September 13	\$7,868.40
Building Fund - September 13	\$1,447.55
Missions - September 13	\$741.05



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: 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; Karlene Discher; Milt Giese; Vern Swanson; and Katie Hanson.

Thanksgiving: 90th Birthday of Herb Roehm; Birthday of Sylvia Erickson; 46th Wedding Anniversary of Merle & Jan Cavier; and the 22nd Wedding Anniversary of Brian & Jane Lehman.

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: Judy Miller; Angela Mitchell; Ruth Mobeck; Tricia Moeller; and Lee Mondloh.



Flowers are given by Merle & Jan Cavier in honor of their 46th Wedding Anniversary and given by Brian & Jane Lehman in honor of their 22nd Wedding Anniversary.

Life Thoughts

September 20 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

If to receive a child—someone vulnerable and in need—is to receive Jesus (*Mark 9:37*), what must it mean to reject a child? Viewing abortion and assisted suicide as mere political issues that lie outside the mission of the Church, fails to grasp the spiritual reality present when we choose to kill the vulnerable rather than care for them. This was not the attitude of Christ toward us.

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 is 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.



Morning Glories Circle is meeting at 9:30am on Wednesday, September 23, in the Fireside Room. Our topic is "Who Am I? Whose Am I?" from the Fall Quarterly on page 18. See you there!

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

Ruth Circle is meeting Thursday, September 24, at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Jean Brandenburg is the hostess. Please join us for Bible study and fellowship.

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.

Attention All Seniors! Pot-luck is planned for Monday, 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.

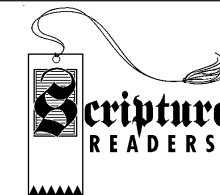
Confirmation Parent's Night is THIS Wednesday, September 23. All parents of 6-8th grade Confirmation students are encouraged to come from 6:30-8:00pm. We'll start in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Neal's presentation on the 10 Commandments and then at 7:30 we will continue with our topic: Family Stressed Out - with everything going on in your homes stress is a fact of life. We will be talking, listening, sharing, and examining the stress experienced in your family and explore ways that your family stress can be actively managed.

Zion's Fall Polka Fest Saturday, October 10 at 5:00pm! Please accept our invitation to praise our God for His goodness in the fall harvest of our gardens, trees, fields, and crops. We are holding our Annual Oktoberfest Saturday, October 11, at the 5:00pm service. Padre is preaching (also the Sunday services) and Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers are playing. A tasty meal of pork chops, hamburgers, and brats follows. The cost is \$7.50 and all youth eat free. The band is playing during the meal for your listening pleasure.

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. All tickets are \$20.00. There is 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 26, 5:00pm -
September 27, 8:30am - Diane Ketcher
September 27, 10:50am - Daryl Laub