

Calendar

Monday, September 28

8:00 AM Braille
12:00 PM Young at Heart Potluck

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 AM Braille
9:15 AM Lifelight
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, September 30

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
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, October 1

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

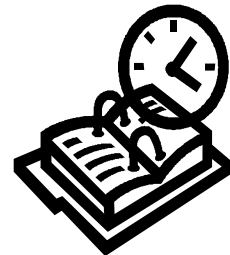
Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

LWML Weekend
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion
6:30 PM- 9:30 PM Feed My Starving Children Service Project

Sunday, October 4

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



Today at Zion

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

Nursery Schedule for October 4

8:30 AM Phil & Danielle Wentzel
9:40 AM Kirk & Hope Ortloff Hughes
10:50 AM Jessie Ditty

The LWML Fall Conference Rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church 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 **\$18,637** 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 27, 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 20	396
Adult Bible Study - September 20	57
Sunday School - September 20	68
Summer Clean-up - September 20	\$3,305.00
Tithes & Offerings - September 20	\$11,864.25
Building Fund - September 20	\$2,712.88
Missions - September 20	\$860.05



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: Traci Mallonee; Michael Hassing (son of Brad Hassing); (Vergil Nietzel; Karlene Discher; Milt Giese; and Vern Swanson.

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Matthew John Chase (son of Peter & Amy Chase, godson of Tim Chase and Leanna Larson); Birth of Cecilia Christina Hanson (daughter of Matt & Katie Hanson and granddaughter of Keith & Diane Ketcher); and the Birth of Darleen Mueller's twin great-grandsons.

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: Larry, Anna, Benjamin & Gabriel Monskey; Debbie Montano; Gayle & Benjamin Morrison; Clarence Mueller; and Darleen Mueller.



Flowers are given by the Lorne Meinke family in honor of his receiving the Lutheran Lamb Award.

Life Thoughts

September 27 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

James 5:13-16 gives the antidote for a culture of death, a praying, caring community serving the Lord of Life.

Zion's Happenings

Table Talks – Where is HIS-Story going? Join Pastor Neal beginning TODAY 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.

Zion Quilters are meeting Wednesday, October 7, 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 away the hours!

College Care Packages will be sent out in mid October. Your help is needed... If you would like to donate anything (snacks, cookies, pens, pencils, books, games, toys, crayons.....) to be included in these care packages, please bring them to Zion by Sunday, October 11. Talk to Lisa Day if you have any questions.

Treasure Seekers: Time for our 2nd Annual Fall Bonfire!!

What: Come enjoy the chill in the air, and warm up with a hot roaring fire at Jake's house!

When: Friday, October 16th @ 7:00pm

Where: 125 Harrison Ave S, Hopkins 55343 (close to the church)

Details: Jake has a bonfire pit on the back of his property; in what he calls "the back woods." Join us and have some fun with the Treasure Seekers! Bring any yard games you may want to play, and a treat to share.

Ingredients for roasting hot dogs and s'mores will be provided!

Bring: Bring your own beverage and lawn chair

Hope to see you all there!

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.


New Members: We are receiving new members on Sunday, November 8, 2009. If you would like to become 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.

Student Ministry News

6-9th Grade Confirmation Service Project will be held at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen this coming Saturday, October 3. We are leaving Zion at 6:30pm and returning about 9:30pm. If you are not in confirmation and still want to join us, please contact Lisa Day.

HS BIGGER and Better Game is Sunday, October 11, starting at 6:30pm. Based on *Luke 12:23-34*, teams of youth will be competing to see what they can get for a penny. Adult drivers are needed. We plan to finish by 8:15pm. Please let Lisa Day know if you are attending.

We need addresses... We will be sending care packages again to our college students in mid October. If you know of a Zion student who is away at college, please send us his/her address so we can make sure to BLESS them with a package.

	October 3, 5:00pm - Beryl Schultze
	October 4, 8:30am - Dee Anderson
	October 4, 10:50am - Denise Rauchman

Lion's Gate Christian Academy is having a marathon fundraiser Saturday, October 3, at 46th Ave & Minnehaha Parkway. The students will don their rollerblades, skateboards, etc. to raise money for start-up expenses. Please visit their website for more information or to make a pledge www.LionsGateK12.org.