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***Fan into flame  
the gift of God  
within you.***  
*2 Timothy 1:6*

## **“When You Don’t Have Enough to Finish”**

Pastor Randall Neal

**D**o you have a computer? Elizabeth and I have a laptop computer at home that we use for all our personal work. We bought it shortly after we moved to the Hopkins area in late 2004. It has served us well... until recently. Our computer battery is supposed to last two or three hours. Over the past few months it has been pooping out only after a short time. We replaced the old battery with a new one and are getting more time but still not the full length of charge we should. Until we bite the bullet and buy a new machine what are we doing when the laptop runs out of energy quicker than it should? Oh, no problemo! We have this power strip we plug into the electric outlet in the wall. When we plug Laptop into that, he’s running on the power in the house, not just the power in himself. Which means there’s basically no limit to what we can do together!

My problem with our laptop computer is that, well in itself, it has limited power which means limited accomplishment. But when it’s plugged into a regular power source, it has basically unlimited power, which means unlimited possibilities.

Now, if you’ve been living for Jesus Christ very long, that power equation probably sounds familiar to you. Or it should. Your resources run out. But that doesn’t mean you’re done - not if you plug into His. His resources never run out.

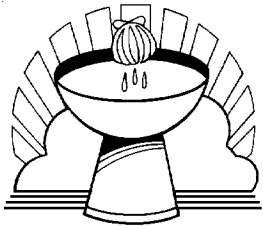
Hebrews 13:20-21 says, “*May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep...*” (Now, this is where you want to plug in your fading battery.) “*...equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.*”

Well, there it is. The God of peace will equip you with everything good for doing His will. There is nothing you need to carry out and complete what He wants you to do that He is not going to provide. When you’re out of strength, He’s not. When you can’t take another step, His strength starts to carry you, so you can keep going when you don’t have anything else to go with!

So, weary mom or dad, depleted servant of the Lord, beat-up faith warrior, know that you can go on, you can win this because of the infinite resources of the God you belong to. He’s committed to give you everything you need to do and to finish what He’s given you to do.



## Official Acts of Zion



### Baptism of:

**Jeffery Michael Bier**  
**James Raymond Bier**  
**Joseph Todd Bier**

May 31, 2009

(sons of Steven Bier & Ellen Swanson)



the families of:

**Leonard William Wacha**  
September 11, 1920 - May 16, 2009

**Margaret Mary Ueek**  
December 12, 1925 - May 16, 2009



**Stuart Fox & Nancy Ballard**  
May 22, 2009

**Brian Frauendienst &  
Pamela Brandenburg**  
May 22, 2009

## ***Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman***

Women of Zion and friends in the community are invited to attend the Women's Summer Bible Study:

*Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*, by Beth Moore

**Monday Nights**, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, June 8th – August 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Fireside Room (Rm. #104)

***The Old Testament story of Esther contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Esther's destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is in your corner.***

Free Viewer's Guide and/or \$15 for the workbook. Please make check payable to Zion. You do not have to purchase the workbook to attend this wonderful study. **No nursery is available.** For more info contact the Church Office, 952-938-7661 or visit our website, [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org)

### Topics of Study

Esther: Introduction

Esther: Session 1 - A Royal Mess

Esther: Session 2 - A Contest For A Queen

Esther: Session 3 - A Raging Passion For Honor

Esther: Session 4 - If You Remain Silent

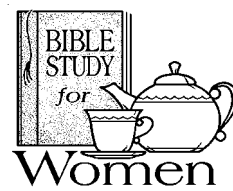
Esther: Session 5 - A Table Set For Providence

Esther: Session 6 - What Goes Around

Esther: Session 7 - Where Is The Man?

Esther: Session 8 - The Right To Be Ready

Esther: Session 9 - The Tables Turned



## Zion's Summer Schedule



Our time for summer worship remains the same as throughout the year. There is a reformatted education hour for children, youth and adults. Class time is 9:45am - 10:30am. Classroom Sunday school for children is for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (2009-10 School Yr.), combined in Room 207. Nursery is staffed for 5 yrs. old and younger.

Adult Education (Table Talks) continues in Room 102.





### Monthly Financial Summary

April 30, 2009

INCOME (\$779,097 [+0% over 2008] = projected annual - 2009)

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$66,230	\$64,925	\$265,271	\$259,700

EXPENSES (\$897,759 [+2.27% over 2008] = projected annual - 2009)

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$69,641	\$74,813	\$278,873	\$299,252

Current bills due but not yet paid = \$26,792

General & Mission Offerings for April = \$55,483 (\$54,178 [+0%] projected per month; \$12,503 per week)

Building Fund Offerings for April = \$10,011 (Our monthly mortgage payment is \$10,747; \$2,480/wk)

Building loan balance = \$1,215,441

**Father's Day Polka Fest**

Father's Day is a cause for celebration. Zion wraps that day into one big festive party. We acknowledge the gift and blessing that our dads are to us and bring in a great polka band to boot! Just to top off the celebration we have a free dinner to thank all our Zion volunteers! We want to honor and thank all the many great and wonderful people who make ministry work at Zion. It would be impossible without the many willing hands and hearts that serve Jesus Christ to be as effective as we are as a congregation. Please schedule your Father's Day celebration around the polka fest and the free volunteer appreciation dinner!



**Sunday June 21**  
**Burnes Park**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Music provided by Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers!

## Community Events

### Fishing Tournament

On June 1, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Men's NetWork will kick off its First Annual Men's NetWork North American Fishing Tournament.

The contest is open to all guys in the U. S. and Canada who wet lines in fresh water. There are ten categories of fish eligible for weekly prizes.



There's even recognition for the "strangest non-fish thing" caught. For all the details, go to [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com), and click on the shot of the guy sweet talkin' his bass. There you'll find registration information, contest rules, and assorted finny lore. So, come aboard...log on and register today!

### The Lutheran Hour

Listeners can find this radio program on Sundays at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 on the dial; at 6:00 p.m. on KDHL Faribault 920 on the dial or daily by clicking the Lutheran Hour link on Zion's website, [zionhopkins.org](http://zionhopkins.org)

### Concordia Academy Boys Basketball Camp

July 6-10, 2009  
Grades 4-6 9am-12pm  
Grades 7-9 1pm-4pm  
Cost \$100  
Please contact Eric Schutte @ 651-983-3505 if you are interested and would like to receive a brochure.

## Girls' Quilting

Girls' Quilting will again be offered for the summer months at Zion, under the direction of Linda Krienke and Zion's dedicated quilters. Girls (and boys) who have finished 3rd grade through high school are welcome.

June 10 & July 15, from 9:30am-2pm are quilting days where quilts will be made for charity. All supplies are provided. Then, our ever popular **Sewing Camp** will be August 17-19 where students can bring their own fabric and patterns and receive one-on-one instruction from our expert helpers. Optional, again, can be PJ bottoms where PJ patterns and T-shirts are provided. This and lunch is provided by a Thrivent grant.



Helpers who have sewing experience and a willingness to share it with these lovely students are needed. Please call Linda Krienke (952-934-4205) if you are able to help. Thanks!

## Five Things to Think About

1. You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
2. Love ... and you shall be loved.
3. God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.
4. All people smile in the same language.
5. You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven.

Source: <http://www.christianlifestories.com/stories/s-z/thinkabout.html>

# Music Ministry

## You're invited to join the

# Summer Handbell Ensemble for Beginners

Come have fun with the Festival Ringers as they hand over their bells to you and teach you how to play!



We'll meet on the following  
Thursdays at 6:30pm:

- June 4, 11, 18
- July 9, 16, 23
- August 6, 13, 20

Come for one rehearsal or join for the summer!  
Please RSVP to Katie Wareham at:

[katie.wareham@zionhopkins.org](mailto:katie.wareham@zionhopkins.org) or 952-938-7661.

## Vocal Workshop

### Everyone Welcome!

If you'd like to learn a little more about singing or improve your voice, join Living Faith for a vocal workshop on Wednesday, June 17, 6:30-8:30pm at Zion. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Katie Wareham, 952-938-7661, extension 15.





## A KINDLE Moment from Lisa Day

As you know, I am in a Leadership Development training event called KINDLE where we learn about Servant Leadership. There are 4 main emphases of KINDLE – *Stewardship of Self, Stewardship of Faith, Leadership of Leaders, & Leadership of Groups* Here is another piece for you to ponder as you also live your lives as servants of the Living Lord.

### **Stewardship of Self: A Path to Health!**

*The LORD will guide you always;  
He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.  
You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.  
—Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)*

We long for health. We want to be “in the game” for years to come. I, personally, want to be a joyful servant. When one’s job is to give to others often and well, that can be a fleeting goal. Stewardship of Self is a path to that kind of ministry and life.

Stewardship of Self focuses on health—health in every way. The five practices that are part of the Stewardship of Self are:

- † Grow Spiritually (for spiritual health)
- † Pursue Wellness (for physical health)
- † Grow in Wisdom (for intellectual health)
- † Recognize God’s Call (for emotional health)
- † Stay Connected (for social health)

As a leader – you are encouraged to tend to your inner life. It’s okay to spend energy on skills that are focused on your own health and the pursuit of balanced living.



Of all the things that excite me about God’s work in KINDLE (and there are many), the Stewardship of Self excites me most. KINDLE helps participants understand themselves as a gift from God that needs refreshment, care and renewal and gives them the space, time and needed support to pursue that kind of refreshment, care and renewal. Here are some ideas for leaders like you who choose to improve your Stewardship of Self:

- † Worship and read God’s Word  
(Grow Spiritually)
- † Address a need for regular exercise  
(Pursue Wellness)
- † Take a class and learned a new skill  
(Grow in Wisdom)
- † Renew some friendships  
(Stay Connected)

I believe God wants to refresh us. I believe He wants to strengthen us for His work. Stewardship of Self offers a framework for that kind of renewal. I am grateful. Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful KINDLE opportunity.

### **Career Crossroads**

A Message from Gayle Lindfors of Significant Solutions:

“It was such a pleasure meeting you and partnering with you on your outreach to your congregation and community members. One of the best ways we can share God’s love is to meet people where they are at. Through your ministry, people received encouragement and support, in addition to some very good job-seeking skills. Zion Lutheran Church reached out and made a difference. What a model for outreach.”

God’s blessing on you and your church, Vicki.  
— Gaye Lindfors

## Sponsor a Servant

**P**lease consider sponsoring one of our Texas Mission Trip participants for their trip this summer. These types of trips do involve a commitment on the part of the servants, but they will get more out of their trip when they are being surrounded by a family of faith who will support their trip. It also provides accountability to go and learn something of spiritual value when adults at home will be asking the question, "What did you learn?"

Our Texas servants will have sponsor letters to hand out and request your sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsoring a servant, just fill out the appropriate information. If you have questions please contact DCE Lisa Day, 241 5th Avenue North, Hopkins, MN 55343; lisa.day@zionhopkins.org, 952.938-7661.

### Help for Sharing God's Love

*Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

*Colossians 4:5-6*

*Galatians 5:22 says:*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control....*



### Strange Isn't It?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church,  
But such a small amount when you go shopping?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How 2 hours seem so long when you're at church,  
And how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

That you can't find a word to say when you're praying,  
But you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible,  
But how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games,  
But they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row at Church?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How we need 2-3 weeks to include a church event in our agenda,  
But we can adjust our schedule for other events at the last minute?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others,  
But how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say,  
But we question the words of the Bible?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How everyone wants a place in heaven,  
But they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

#### *Isn't it strange..*

How we send jokes in emails and they are forwarded right away,  
But we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

#### *It's Strange isn't it?*

Now that you've read this message, will you forward it to any body that you consider a friend, family member or foe?

## WHAT'S UP WEDNESDAYS!

6:30pm-8:00pm

Every Wednesday in July

Join us for "OUTFLOW"

Encouraging Kids to Share God's Love

An evening in the Park for kids 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

Games, Activities, Bible Lessons, Crafts

*"When we turn our hearts outward as God intends, His love is released to flow out through lives, into our families and friendships into the communities where we live, and ultimately into a thirsty world."*

What does that mean for kids?

It means that children can have the same impact on their worlds that adults have!

Outreach for kids can be easy and fun and it can happen every day.



The Bible Lessons will enable, empower, and train kids to do outreach that will make a difference in their world. The love of God can flow into and out from children just as readily as it can with adults - kids hearts are just as ready to be touched, and their hands just as ready to serve!

Interested? Questions? Call Vicki Peterson, 952-938-7661

A new book in our Library is *The Centurion's Wife* by Janette Oke and Davis Bunn. It is a fictional story set in the time of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The book is centered on a servant girl in Pilate's household and a Roman Centurion she is expected to marry. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus are some of the people in the story. It gives a vivid picture of what life was like in Biblical times.

One of the sections in our Library is #13, Stewardship and Social Issues, such as abortion, alcoholism, pollution, and world hunger.

Some books in this section are:

*Bread for the World* by Arthur Simon

*I'll Quit Tomorrow* by Vernon Johnson

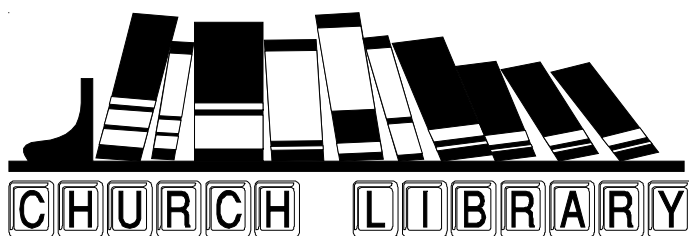
*The Christian View of Ecology* by Francis Schaeffer

*Abortion, the Silent Holocaust* by John Powell

*Money and the Kingdom of God* by Maurice Fetty

*Questions and Answers about Church Inactivity* by Kenneth Haugh

Look for these and others on display in June.





We are looking for adults, junior and senior high youth, interested in being volunteers. As a volunteer you have the opportunity to give support and love to a group of eight to ten campers for the entire week of camp. Sportslife volunteers often remember having fantastic experiences at day camp in their own childhood and want to provide the same opportunity to today's kids. Come, Have Fun and feel like a kid again!

Volunteer roles will include supporting Sportslife Camp staff in:

- Helping to build and radiate the Sportslife Camps Outrageously Fun environment.
- Coaching and helping sports and arts activities
- Providing leadership and encouragement to campers.
- Helping with check-in and check-out of campers
- Providing a safe camp environment for campers.
- Helping and encouraging campers during large group gatherings
- Providing The Highlight Week of the Summer For Each and Every Camper!!!

Volunteer time Commitment:

- Camp Week: June 22<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm- 8:30pm (Light Supper 5:10)
- Arriving ½ hour (5:00pm) prior to Camp Start for training/updates from staff.

NO teaching involved, NO site creating, NO crafts to prepare. Just come, be with and have fun with your group of kids!

Our Junior and Senior High kids will be in groups to offer support and help to the Adult volunteer. Each group needs at least one adult volunteer (18 years and older).

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ADULT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (day) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you under 18? Yes\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred area:

Art\_\_\_ Sports\_\_\_ Check-in/out\_\_\_ Park Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ (Watching equipment and safety)



# Youth Ministry

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## Zion Student Ministry Information and Upcoming Events

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Zion Student Ministry Mission Statement

*Connect - Grow - Serve*

*To create an environment where youth are encouraged to grow in relationships to God and others and learn to spread the love of Christ.*

Don't forget – instead of 'google' think GoodSearch – and help Zion's Youth Ministry raise funds in a VERY easy way. So far, in 2009, we've raised over \$21.00!

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### Events for All Youth in 6-12 grades and our College Students

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#### LYF Valleyfair Day

Monday, June 22, 2009

Youth of all ages are invited to join with other LCMS youth at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual LYF Valleyfair Day.

**When:** 9:00am-10:30pm (at the latest) Monday, June 22, 2009 (other time arrangements can be made, but please talk to Lisa Day).

**Cost:** \$28 if paid by June 21; \$32 if paid on June 22

**Cost Includes:** Valleyfair Admission and a special Christian concert in the picnic area.

Meals are on your own. If you want to bring food, a cooler will be available.

Adult Chaperones are needed.... if you are over 21 and would be interested in helping on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, please contact Lisa Day.



#### Planning Ahead for a Zion Service Project

**2009 Annual Corn Feed  
Wednesday, August 12**

Volunteers are needed:  
2:00 pm – Table Movers;  
5:30 – Table Washers



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### Items for our Sr. High Youth and our College Students

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#### Wednesdays at Caribou

has started! On Wednesdays in June (except for the 24<sup>th</sup>), and running throughout the rest of the summer, you are invited to an informal gathering at the Hopkins Caribou

(7&73) from 7 – 8:15 pm. Bring money for whatever you want to purchase and enjoy the company. No need to sign up for this – just show up.

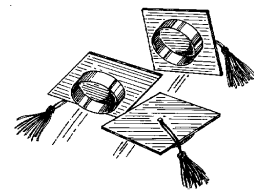


#### ATTENTION

#### High School and College GRADUATES

College Grads and High School Graduate Recognition Sunday is Sunday, June 14. If you (or your son/daughter) is graduating from College or High School this year, please bring or send a picture

into the church office. For our High School Graduates, we will be having our Blanket Blessing at the 10:50 service that morning. Please turn your pictures in to the office by June 7.



*(more youth events continued on page 10)*

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## Items for our Sr. High Youth

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cabin Retreat

Sunday, June 14 - Tuesday, June 16, 2009

SIGN UP BY JUNE 10 please.

All **HS** youth (including those who have just completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to Lisa's family cabin on a lake just south of the town of Aitkin.

**NO COST**

**When:** Leave @ 1pm on Sunday, June 14; Return at 1pm on Tuesday, June 16

**Bring:** Sleeping bag/Pillow; Warm/Cold/Rainy weather clothes; Toiletries; Bug Repellant; Sun Block; your own beverages; snacks to share; and (optional) fishing/swimming/skiing gear, board games.



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## Items for our Sr. High and Jr. High Youth

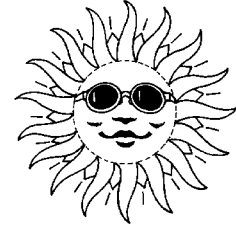
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### Summer Sunday JAM

Lisa is leading Sunday (Jr. & Sr.)

JAM during the summer months.

Movie discussions are on the agenda – including *The Dark Night*, *Twilight*, *The Guardian*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Stay tuned to find out how you can watch these movies before we talk about them.



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## Texas Mission Trip Participants

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### Please pray for our 2009 Texas Servants:

Adults Chaperones: Steve Brueske, Lisa Day, Gerada Louks, Sarah Oberlander, Katie Wareham

Jr. Chaperone: Jared Betterman

Youth: Cate Adam, Julie Betterman, Andre Hinds, Kaitlin Koester, Taylor Larson, Noah Louks, Ben Mallonee, Angie Parker, Laura Parker, Abigail Tupa, Bradley Tupa, Heather Wilson



**Mission Trip Payment Plan** – remember to make your \$100 payments by June 15.

Account balances are available – please contact Lisa Day if you want to know how much money is in your family account.

**Texas Trip Meetings** – the date of our June meeting was decided at the May 17 meeting... Keep an eye on any publicity. The July meeting will be Saturday, July 25 at 6:30pm (location TBA)

**Car Wash Fundraiser** is Saturday, June 27, from 9am-1:00pm. We are looking at a remote location for this event – STAY TUNED.



**Sponsor a Servant** - It would be great for all of you to get at least 1 sponsor for each day of the trip. Sponsors can include family, school friends, work friends, congregation members, neighbors, etc. If you have questions, or if you need more sponsor forms, contact Lisa Day. Please turn in any sponsor funds to Lisa so your account can be credited.



# ZECC Ministry

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Psalm 23, verses 1 & 2.*

This is one of my favorite passages in the bible. Just this morning I heard a pastor refer to the line – *He makes me lie down.* God does not ask or tell; He makes us do what we need to do even if we don't recognize the need. May you take some time to reflect on the *23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm* and listen to what God may be saying to you, today. I pray that God would bless you with understanding His leading in your life.

## **Infant News**

If we would put our infants down on green grass some of the children would cry, some would try to taste it, and others would enjoy the cool soft feeling of the grass. One of our jobs as care givers is to give our little ones new experiences to help them grow and learn. What new experiences are you avoiding?

## **Young Toddlers**

Our toddlers love the outdoors and use our backyard to the fullest! In fact, we like to try new things so much that we do things that could be a problem. One example was a child who tasted a wayward rock that she found in the grass. She was not happy with the strong suggestion to spit out the icky rock! Do you find yourself having too much of a good thing? Who helps you to see things from a different perspective?

## **Preschool**

The green pasture for preschool would be their garden plot behind the rental houses. The soil was tilled and ready for planting. Unfortunately the cool Spring gave way to a slow start for their garden this year. A few hardy flowers were planted with one plant doing better than the others. We will see if the less hardy flowers will revive after a dose of water from the hose. When you are facing hardships in life who or what do you do to revive to face the day?

## **Pre-K**

Our green pasture is our walks we are going on in the neighborhood. What fun to see a construction project going on in someone's back yard. We will enjoy watching the progress made each time we return. When something in your life is changed drastically can you find the good of "reconstruction"?

As for us at Zion Early Childhood Center and our green pastures we are feeling the loss of more students than other years. We know God is good and we will lie in the green pastures as only God provides.

*Until next month...*

In God's Service,  
Judy Fuhrman  
Director



## **A Lesson from Bees**

*by Arthur Gordon*

I was surprised when our friend Charlie joined our prayer group. Charlie wasn't a joiner. So the next time I saw him I asked him about it.

"Well," said Charlie, "I had problems and I was praying about them, but I didn't seem to be getting anywhere. Then one day I read an article about bees. When it gets too hot in a hive, a group of worker bees all face in one direction, anchor themselves to the floor, and fan their wings rapidly. One bee alone wouldn't make much of a difference, but a lot of bees can produce an air current strong enough to draw fresh, cool air into the hive and blow the stale air out."



"So, I said to myself, 'If a group of bees working together can activate a healing current that changes everything for the better, maybe a group of people can do the same thing.'"

This devotional is excerpted from *Daily Guideposts* book of devotionals.





