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

“Security Checks for Families”

Pastor Randall Neal

If you have done any commercial flying in recent years you know it has become quite an adventure. The scrutiny you get going through airline security is amazing to me. They x-ray, they wand passengers, they search passengers, they do more hand searches of your bag, they check for explosive residues, and they confiscate lots of things: knives, fingernail files, tools, box cutters, clippers. I even had a wine bottle opener confiscated from me a few years ago. What is interesting to me is how few passengers object to these security measures. I believe that is because we as a society know that if we want to avoid tragedy, we have to not let on anyone or anything that could do something damaging.

Christian writer and speaker, Ron Hutchcraft, made an interesting comparison between airline security and family living. I agree with Ron’s observation that families need to follow security procedures to keep their home safe and secure. I’m not talking about making everyone go through a metal detector and a wand search before they come in the house. Ron’s point was each member of your family needs to be sure that they don’t bring anything into the life of your family that can cause damage or even tragedy. And there are things we each can bring into our home that hurt. We just have to stop letting them in.

Ephesians 5:21 suggests four ways a family member can make things crash at your house. The basic principle of a family that works is this: “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” In other words, a family works when each person is doing his or her part to put the other people first. With that in mind, let’s look at four ways - actually four people - who can sabotage a family. Listen for the one that applies to you.

1. For the **husband**, this “submitting to one another” goes like this: *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, to make her holy...and to present her to Himself as a radiant church.”* God’s kind of husband is daily sacrificing his self-interest for his wife’s best, and as a result, helping her become more radiant than she’s ever been before. You can tell a woman who’s married to a man who makes her feel that special. So, the first person who can sabotage a happy family is a selfish husband. If you’re a husband, don’t bring that kind of “bomb” on board.
2. If you’re a **wife**, it’s supposed to look like this: *“Wives, submit to your husband as to the Lord.”* God’s kind of wife is loyal, supportive, respecting her husband’s God-given responsibility as leader of the home. So, the second person who can sabotage a family is a defiant wife.

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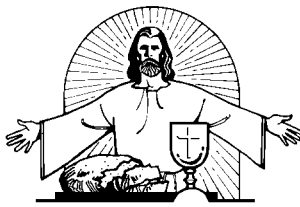
Official Acts of Zion



the families of:

Helen Margaret Peterson
June 3, 1914 - June 27, 2009

Ronald James Pashina
October 16, 1937 - July 1, 2009



*Holy Communion
is celebrated the 1st and 3rd weekends.*

Thank you Eddie Lundgren, Marcie Gust and Dan Ahlman for assuming the responsibilities of cleaning, mowing and care of Zion's building and grounds during the recent six weeks of our Property Engineer's medical absence. We appreciate your loving gift of service to our Lord, Jesus and His people at Zion.

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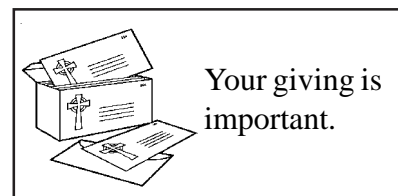
3. OK, let's move on to a **son or daughter**. "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*" God goes on to promise unique blessings to a child who respects Him by obeying his parents. Saboteur #3 - a *rebellious child*.
4. And if you're a **parent**, "*Fathers, do not exasperate your children. Instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*" You can exasperate your child with crushing expectations, with hypocritical living, with a lot of criticism, with little encouragement. So, a *frustrating parent* can also bring damage to what otherwise could have been a great flight.

A selfish husband, a defiant wife, a rebellious child, a frustrating parent: they each bring things onto your family's flight that can bring it down. But we each can do our part to make our home a safe place to be, where people are built up, not torn down. We each have a position to play to bring love, forgiveness, encouragement and respect to the other members of our family whether they're doing it or not. Be sure you're not bringing things aboard that can hijack your family's happiness.

18th Annual Cornfeed will be held on Wednesday, August 12th, serving from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. This annual Cornfeed is sponsored by our Thrivent Congregational Coordinators as a fundraiser for families with special needs not being met through other means. Please check the flyers posted in various places for recipient information and other details. Advance tickets will be available from Dan Ahlman, Vernol Anderson, Harold Gust and Eddie Lundgren, as well as in the gathering area and in the office.

Third Perennial Plant Swap

Do you wish you had some perennial plants and/or have an overabundance of others? Divide those extra plants and bring them to Zion on Sunday, August 23, 9:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for our Third Perennial Plant Swap! Mid-August is the best time for dividing perennials and transplanting them. Have too many houseplants? Bring them too! This is not a fundraiser, there is no charge, and it is just for fun. You can even just come and take plants, you don't have to bring anything to swap. Please call Bev Nieting with questions, at 952-908-1092.





Monthly Financial Summary

June 30, 2009

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

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$61,517	\$64,925	\$389,329	\$389,550

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

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$61,154	\$74,813	\$409,444	\$448,878

Current bills due but not yet paid = \$37,014

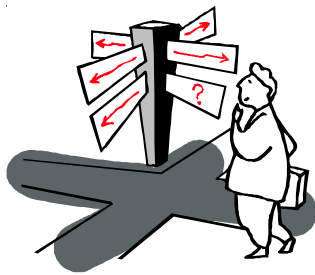
General & Mission Offerings for May = \$51,770 (\$54,178 [+0%]
projected per month; \$12,503 per week)

Building Fund Offerings for May = \$10,126
(Our monthly mortgage payment is \$10,747; \$2,480/wk)

Building loan balance = \$1,200,025

New Sermon Series

Beginning August 23, 2009 and running five weeks Pastor Neal will be sharing a special series of messages titled: *"Knowing Right From Wrong."* All of us have struggled from time to time with deciding if what we are doing is, good, healthy, proper, or God pleasing. How do I know if that thing, that something I'm doing in my life or want to do, is morally right or wrong? During these five weeks Pastor Neal will share ten ways you can know if something is right or wrong in life so that you can make wise, healthy, God-pleasing choices in your life. Why not bring a friend for this special series.



Sewing Camp

A big thank you to our junior quilters and helpers: Barb, Eileen, Nita, Trudy, & Marvella, 25 baby quilts were made by the kids from Zion and Trinity Lone Oak, Eagan, in June & July and sent to the Orphan Grain Train. August is SEWING CAMP on the 17th - 19th bring 2 1/2 yards for pj bottoms or whatever else you intend to make. I will need adult sewing helpers, then, thanks to those of you who have signed up, more are welcome!

Linda Krienke 952-934-4205.

Community Events

Bethesda Thrift Shop Sale

During the month of August there are weekly specials on clothes, including a \$1.00 an item sale, a Bag Sale will end the sale the last week of August. August 30 our new clothes will be coming up. This is a great way to save money, so take advantage of all the special events!

Bethesda Needs Your Help

On August 30, we are doing the change over from summer to winter clothes, and we need help carrying clothes up steps, sorting clothes and hanging clothes on hangers. We will be working from 10:30AM - 6PM, so work as long as you can. If you stay until the end we will be having pizza for dinner. If you can help contact Brian or Janet Olson 952 933-3728.

Grief Support

In July and August, the West Metro Grief Support Coalition invites all persons experiencing grief due to a death. The group meets Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka. For more information please contact Darcie Rodman at 763-546-4404

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

Community Events

Lutheran Night

16th Annual Lutheran Night at the Twins game is Wednesday, August 26 @ 7:10pm. Tickets are \$17.00 each (normally \$22.00 each). Order forms are located in the Gathering Area. Deadline to order is **Monday, August 3.**

ICA Needs

Easy Mac
Fruit Cups
Granola Bars
Tuna
Raisins/Dried Fruit
Pudding Cups
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Ready-To-Eat-Soups
Juice Boxes
Canned Pasta
Children's Books

A donation box is in the Gathering Area or you may drop off your gift at ICA, 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

***Zion's Mission:
To (re)discover and develop
a personal relationship
with Jesus Christ.***

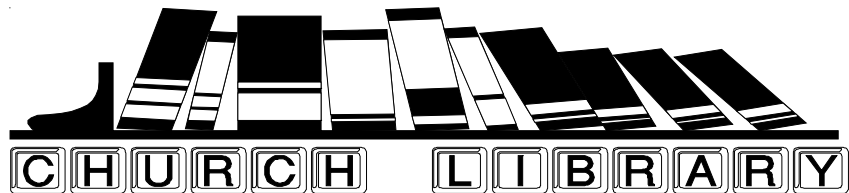
Music Ministry

Hymn Survey Thank You

A special thanks to everyone from the 5pm worship service who participated in the survey of favorite hymns. The results of the survey will be shared on August 22 and the top 3 hymns will be incorporated into the worship service.

Worship Service in Burnes Park

The contemporary (10:50am) worship service will be held in Burnes Park on Sunday, August 23. To help with setup and take down, please contact Katie Wareham.



Those of you who enjoy the fiction books by Christian author, Karen Kingsbury, will be pleased to know that our Library now has new complete series. This series is titled the *Redemption* series and is about a fictional family of parents, four daughters and a son. As the author says, "...the message of Redemption is that no matter who you are, or where you have been, no matter what road you have traveled, God loves you and wants to be in a deep relationship with you." These books teach good Christian morals and Christian leadership.

One of the largest sections in our Library is our Children's section. It is divided into two groups: "Youth-Teen" and "Primary." Books in the Primary section are mostly large, beautifully-illustrated read-aloud books and all carry wholesome messages or teachings. Some books included in the Primary group are a complete series of favorite Bible stories, books by Paul Maier, Max Lucado, etc. There are several helpful books on situations teens face in the Youth section.

Many of these books are on display during August.

***Zion's Vision:
To become an outreach center for Christ-centered
health and wholeness.***

Family Faith Connections

I'm so stressed! Those are words we hear often. We all realize the stress that occurs in our lives as parents every day. Sometimes it feels like the demands that are placed on us are too much to bare. We feel like checking out when our minds and emotions are on overload. But have you ever thought about stress and how it impacts your child's life?

Parents can make a big difference in the amount of stress in the life of their children. The first step is being aware that stress is present and active in the family. There are some stressors that can easily be removed such as limiting TV and games, computer usage, avoiding peer pressure that surrounds families. For example, your child will not miss out if he does not join little league until the right time, wearing designer clothes at the age 7, having a cell phone in school, having your hair a certain way and the list can go on.

Parents can also slow down the pace of their child's overloaded life. An atmosphere of openness and acceptance needs to flow in the home so children know that no subject is off limits for discussion. Just encouraging frequent conversations, without judgments, about tough issues helps children cope with stress that surrounds them. Remember tough issues for children can be from having a certain name brand of shoe to why you can't afford them in the first place.

It is possible to gain control over our busy lives and make choices that will protect our children from undue amounts of stress. God provides us with many resources to find peace and security in His love. Share them with your children. Not only peace and security will be found in His Word, but also contentment.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6,7*

Women of Faith Conference is coming! A GRAND NEW DAY is October 16-17th at the Xcel Energy Center. It's a two day event featuring Patsy Clairmont, Lisa Whelchel, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, and much more. Special Guest Steven Curtis Chapman will be leading the music. It is an experience like no other. Tickets are available through Zion Lutheran Church. Check out their website at womenoffaith.com/stpaul for more information or Vicki Peterson for ticket information.

Dates to Mark Your Calendar

Sunday September 13th

Fall Sunday School Start, 9:40-10:40
More information regarding individual grade classrooms, teachers, etc. will be in the September Messenger of Light.

Wednesday September 16th

Wednesdays at Zion including After School At Zion, What's Up

Wednesdays (Kdgt-5th gr.),
Confirmation and Adult Class.

Sunday, September 27th, October 4th and October 11th 9:40-10:35

My Bible Class – All 2nd graders and their parents. Second Graders will then receive their own bibles on Oct. 11 at the 10:50 Worship Service. Parents will receive more information in a letter.

Back to School Supply Drive is here!

Pencils, Paper, Notebooks, Scientific Calculators, Pens, Glue, and the list goes on are needed for area families with children struggling to make ends meet. Zion's Drop Off box along with a complete list of needed items is located in the Gathering Area, upper and lower levels. Monetary support is welcomed! Last drop off date is August 16th.

