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

“Zion to Begin Support for Missionaries in Africa”

Pastor Randall Neal

We at Zion are excited to begin a new two year prayer and financial support relationship with the husband and wife missionary team, **Jack & Cathy Carlos**. Zion congregation has a long history of being involved in local and foreign mission efforts. Through the “*Together In Mission*” (TIM) program of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Zion will continue that tradition as we commit ourselves to a two year partnership with the Carlos family.

On July 25 & 26, 2009, Jack & Cathy, along with their two children, Raymond and Hannah, visited Zion and shared the work they will be doing in Guinea, West Africa. In our worship services and during the Table Talk (Bible Class) time, we listened, watched DVD information, and visited with this family regarding their call to serve as missionaries to the Maninka people. The two million Maninka people live in mostly rural areas of West Africa and are Muslim. Jack and Cathy will be serving these folks through basic health care education so that they may also share the Gospel message with them. Prior to leaving for Guinea, Jack and Cathy will receive basic health care education, begin to learn the Maninka language, and will attend French language school in France.

Jack received his degree as a director of Christian outreach from the Oswald Hoffmann School of Christian Outreach at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. Jack and Cathy both attended Golden Valley Luthearn College and the University of North Texas.

Our financial support for Jack and Cathy will only be part of what they need to conduct their missionary work. Other congregations will also join us in supporting the Carlos family. The financial portion of our commitment along with our regular prayer support is intended to help “*missions*” take on flesh and blood for us. The outreach work done by Jack and Cathy will be as extensions of our responsibility as Christians to reach out and make disciples of all nations as Jesus directed us.

Jack and Cathy will be sending regular communications reporting on their work in Guinea, West Africa. We hope to have them back for visits at Zion from time to time when they are able to come back to the United States for periodic furloughs. Please begin to keep in your prayers Jack and Cathy along with their children, **Raymond and Hannah** who will remain in the United States attending school.

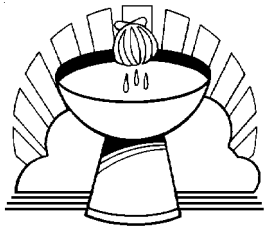
May God bless both Zion congregation and the Carlos family as we work together to ignite the world with Christ’s Love.

Zion’s Vision:

*To become an outreach center for Christ-centered
health and wholeness.*

Official Acts of Zion

Baptisms of:



Wyatt Daniel Smith

August 8, 2009

(son of Daniel & Katie Smith)

Hayden Steven Lovel

August 22, 2009

(son of Steven & Amber Lovel)



Benjamin Robertaccio III

Rebecca Crowe

August 15, 2009

New Members Reception

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 Gathering Area entrance.

TX '09 Mission Trip Items

THANK YOU – the 18 youth and adult participants truly appreciate your generous support through your prayers and your donations. God blessed us with a wonderful and safe trip and we certainly have a lot to share with you. We not only enjoyed the work He put before us but met a lot of new friends that will last a lifetime.

Mission Trip Presentation - Sunday, September 13; 9:40-10:40am

Grab your coffee and join the participants who traveled to Texas to hear about this summer's mission trip and enjoy the stories and pictures that we will be sharing. We will be in the Fireside Room.

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.

New Members Class

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 **Sunday, September 13, 2009** from 9:40am 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 please give the name to the church office, 952-938-7661.





Monthly Financial Summary

July 31, 2009

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

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$56,548	\$64,925	\$445,877	\$454,475

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

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$61,659	\$74,813	\$471,103	\$523,691

Current bills due but not yet paid = \$34,359.16

General & Mission Offerings for July = \$45,801 (\$54,178 [+0%] projected per month; \$12,503 per week)

Building Fund Offerings for July = \$8,993
(Our monthly mortgage payment is \$10,747; \$2,480/wk)

Building loan balance = \$1,201,315

KINDLE Moment from Lisa Day

I am writing this from my desk in Mundelein, IL where I am taking part in my last learning event for KINDLE (Karpenko Institute for Nurturing and Developing Leadership Excellence). As I pondered what tidbit of leadership wisdom to share with you, I came across a series of questions that every servant leader should seek to answer: "Are you on this planet to do something, or are you here just for something to do? If you're on this planet to do something, then what is it? What difference will you make? What will be your legacy?" God knows what He has planned for you (Jeremiah 29:11). My request for you, after you read this, is to PRAY. Pray that God will show you what He has in store today, tomorrow, and the rest of your life. Then, after you pray, LISTEN. God will tell you somehow what He has in store for you. Then, FOLLOW the path that God has laid out for you. Your legacy doesn't have to be something big, bright, or profound. "We will all be remembered for something. The question is, for what? ... You won't be remembered for how big of a campfire you built but how well you kept others warm, how well you illuminated the night to make them feel safe, and how beautiful you left the campsite for those who would come after you to build the next fire." *A Leader's Legacy; Kouzes & Posner*

Community Events

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.

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church

and School in Wayzata, MN is celebrating 75 years of ministry this year. We are having a celebration on Sunday, October 4, 2009. We will have two worship services, at 9:00am and at 10:30am. One of our former pastors, Rev. Gerhard Bode, is our guest speaker. There is a picnic lunch with games, music, and time for fellowship beginning at noon. Please come and celebrate with us. *Members of Redeemer*

2010 International Servant Event

The Servant Event to Jamiaca planned for November, 2009, is postponed until 2010. Please watch for details regarding the upcoming trip in the next few months! If you have any interest in attending, or wish to help plan the event, please contact Amanda Boysen at amnsweets02@hotmail.com.

Ladies, circle the date! We are hosting the LWML Fall Rally on Tuesday, October 20. It is for the Minnetonka Conference which means the churches in the Carver County area are also attending. Please come and listen to Brian Buuck who is a Wycliffe Bible Translator in Mexico. He is the son of Pastor David and Lorri Buuck of Bethlehem Lutheran in Minnetonka. As the host church, I ask for your prayers and support for this Rally.
Thanks, *Joan Gilmore*

New Bible Study Class

Come join in Bible Study and Discussion. This group is working from *The Parables of Jesus* by Rev. Nancy Koester, which guides us through many of the parables found in Matthew. We meet at 9:40am on Sundays. Location TBD.

Lifelight Bible Study

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 have never attended one of our studies, please call Merle Cavier at 952-933-3196, so that material can be ordered.

Children's Ministry

ASAZ

What is it! After School At Zion is one day a week program for children in our neighboring Alice Smith Public school. Every Wednesday 3rd-6th graders come to Zion for activities, homework time, and dinner for them and their families. It's a wonderful opportunity to show our neighbors and community that Zion wants to make a difference in our community and to shine the light of Christ's love. We have 30-35 kids who would love to share their smiles and time with YOU. Join us for crafts, helping them with homework, playing games and top it off with a wonderful home cooked meal! **Time: 4:15pm-6:00pm, Wednesdays from September through April.** Call Vicki at 952-938-7661 for more information!

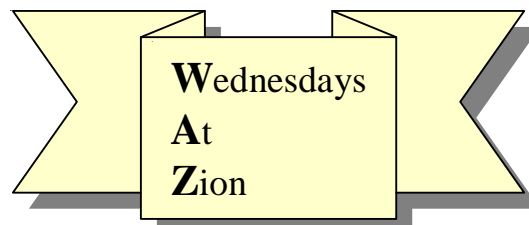
COMMIT FOR A MONTH AT A TIME OR WHATEVER FITS YOUR SCHEDULE! THE KIDS WOULD LOVE TO GET TO KNOW YOU!

LET'S JOIN THE C.I.A.!!



All kids grades k-5th can join Zion's CIA on Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm-8:00pm. Children In Action will investigate and discover how knowing and loving Christ can change us and when they put their faith into action by sharing the love of Christ in their communities they can make change happen in others! Each week CIA agents will investigate Bible lessons to see how Jesus made an impact on the people He

touched. Once a month we'll have an activity that will touch those in our community: make thank you baskets for our local police and fire departments, Christmas cards and goodie bags for kids in hospitals or nursing homes, and much more. The goal is to instill a heart for reaching out to others. Mark your calendar for **Sept. 16th 6:30-8:00pm!!** Bring your friends, grandkids, and neighbors!



Fall Sunday School Programs

Children's Sunday School

Fall start up is set for:

- September 13th, 9:40am-10:40am.
- Classes are for the 3 Year Olds through 5th Grade.
- All children are welcome. Members and non-members.
- Nursery is available during that time for your younger ones as you attend an Adult Bible Class.

Teachers are gearing up to meet your children and share the love of Jesus and grow together in Christ. As parents, you are invited to help out in the classrooms assisting children with their lesson and crafts, finding their spot in the bible, with activities and other needs. This helps the teachers to stay on task to get through the Bible Lesson.

Teachers Assignments and rooms as of printing:

Class	Teachers	Room Number
3 year olds	Jennifer MacKay Danielle Wentzel	Room 110
4 year olds	Carol Yohnke Kathy Fox	Room 109
K – 1 st Grade	Barb Dore Jessica Wagendorf Shelly Dore	Room 107
2 nd – 3 rd Grades	Kim Kallerup Denise Rauchman	Room 207
4 th – 5 th Grades	Sarah Oberlander	Room 105

ALL ROOMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
Signage will be posted.



Nursery is opened and staffed for Sunday Worship Services and Education Hour

Help is needed during all sessions. We have those parents who use the Nursery as volunteers on a rotating schedule, but could use YOUR help too! Requirements are: Enjoy being with young children, smiles, reading helps and coloring even outside the lines!

- There will be a brief information session for all volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 20th at 9:40 in the Nursery. Room and toy usage, scheduling, and more will be discussed.
- New Schedules will be going out. Mark your calendars on your days. As an additional reminder the next weeks schedule with names will continue to be printed in the illuminations, signs posted in/outside the nursery and a pre-service slide each week.

Fall Sunday School Programs begin Sunday, September 13!



Pop Can Ministry!



ASAZ would like to thank Eddie Lundgren and Rick Tupa for taking care of the Pop Cans! They check the cans and transport them to the recycling center. And thanks to those who brought their pop and beer cans to Zion's drop off! Please continue to bring them to Zion. All proceeds go to the After School At Zion program. **The cans have to be pop and beer cans ONLY. NO soup, tuna or other food cans.**

ZECC Ministry

I was paging through my confirmation Bible and found some songs and finger plays that I kept when I was teaching preschool and kindergarten children. This particular sheet had a song and finger play from the story of Joseph. I believe the topic is one we all try and teach our children and remember for ourselves - "being kind and loving to each other" (Ephesians 4:32). I'd like to share one of the finger plays with you...

There was a boy named Joseph.
He had eleven brothers.
They put him down into the well,
And then they pulled him up.
And when you're up, you're up.
And when you're down, you're down.
And when you're only halfway up,
You're neither up nor down.
Kindness keeps us up.
Unkindness puts us down.
Let's pat each other on the back
And smile instead of frown.

I hope you enjoyed the little finger play.
And remember it's never too late for us to
be kind.

In God's Service,
Judy Fuhrman
Director



Why we mail and why we don't

The July and August issues of *Messenger of Light* were not mailed for financial reasons. We mailed the September issue so that you may have it in time for information about our Fall programs.

Youth Ministry

Zion Student Ministry Information and Upcoming Events

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.

Confirmation Ministry

6-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation will be on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30pm in Zion's Sanctuary. Pastor Neal and DCE Lisa Day will orient you to this year's ministry. A handbook with all of the registration forms and information was mailed/handed out in mid-August. If you did not receive a handbook please contact Lisa Day quickly.

6-8th Grade Confirmation Kick-Off will be on Sunday, September 13 from 12:15-2:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with lunch and then all new students will receive acolyte training from Pastor Neal. We will also be dividing into our small groups and getting everything ready for the new year.

6-8th Grade Confirmation Classes Begin September 16, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

6-8th Grade Confirmation Parent's Night will be held on September 23. This is the first Parent's night of the 2009-10 Confirmation year. Following the Large Group time with Pastor Neal parents will meet separate from their youth for various topics that pertain to parenting teens.

9th Grade Confirmation Classes will be led by Lisa Day on Wednesdays September 16, 23, & 30, at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Class will also be held on October 7 after pictures are taken. We will review the Catechism and discuss important items in regards to your upcoming retreat and your Confirmation Day.

9th Grade Confirmation Robes and Pictures – On Wednesday, September 9 we will measure the confirmation students for their robes after the orientation time. On Wednesday, October 7, pictures will be taken at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Please make sure to be here for these important events.

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Items for All Youth

Feed My Starving Children service project – Saturday, October 3. We'll leave Zion at 6:30pm and return at 9:30pm. Help us bless those in another country with nutritious meals. Who would have thought that SERVING THE LORD could be so fun and easy?? This is a service project for the Confirmation students but all other youth are encouraged to join us.

Events for Sr. High Youth Only (Grades 9-12)

Sunday JAM – Mike Schumacher will be leading our Sunday morning Sr. JAM again this year. THANK YOU Mike!! Sr. High Sunday JAM will begin on Sunday, September 20. (September 13 will be the Mission Trip presentation in the Fireside Room). The year will focus on Life Together – Starting to Go, Connecting Your Heart, Growing, Serving Others, Sharing, and Surrendering – it's all about JESUS CHRIST. Sr. Sunday JAM is held in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:50.

Wednesday JAM – Kate Dressel and will again be leading our HS Wednesday JAM this year. THANK YOU Kate! This year Wednesday Sr. Jam will focus on the mission of God in the World. We'll learn about God's overarching plan as well as His individual plan for each person to impact the world around Him. Occasionally, this group goes to Caribou or Cold Stone. Sr. Wednesday JAM is held in the Youth Room on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00.

9th Grade Confirmation Students are encouraged to be a part of Sunday Sr. JAM. As for Wednesday Sr. JAM, you can start in November after your Wednesday review classes are done and you are Confirmed.



Items for Our College Students

We would LOVE to get your school address. If you are going off to college this year, please email Lisa with your school mailing address so that we can make sure that we keep in touch.

Events for Jr. High Youth Only (Grades 6-8)

Sunday JR. JAM – Lisa Day will again be leading our Sunday morning Jr. JAM. The year will focus on Experiencing Christ Together – Beginning, Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, and Surrendering – all about JESUS CHRIST. Class is held on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:50 and begins on Sunday, September 20 in Room #205. Come and hear about the Sr. High Mission Trip on September 13, in the Fireside Room at 9:40am.



Thank You

Dear Zion Lutheran Church Congregation,
Your continuing support during these tough economic times is a blessing. On behalf of Augustana's Board of Directors and the residents we serve everyday on our Chapel View campus, thank you so much for your commitment of \$83.33. As always, your gift will touch the loves of those to whom we provide healthcare and other basic services in Hopkins.

Sincerely,
Kay Gudmestad
VP of Fund Development