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

## “Soul Care”

Pastor Randall Neal

**O**ur desire as Christians who love the Lord, Jesus Christ is two fold: (1) to be strengthened in our own personal faith relationship with Jesus and (2) to encourage & share that faith with others.

When an individual voluntarily becomes part of a faith family (congregation) he/she asks for the prayers of the fellow members as well as requesting help from them in living out his/her faith in daily life.

Sometimes the pressures of life become so dominate a son or daughter of God can become sidetracked from the very things that will help with the concerns of life. They can drift from regular worship and participation in Holy Communion. It is the family of faith’s (the congregation) loving responsibility to help that fellow Christian regain a focus on and participation in God’s gifts. Each congregation sets up how it will carry out that responsibility.

Zion Lutheran Church has determined years ago it will actively encourage our members to regularly participate in the gifts of faith (worship and Holy Communion). What follows is a general summary of how Zion carries out that responsibility.

*Pray that each of us  
would regularly take full  
advantage of the faith-  
strengthening gifts of God.*

### **For those members who live in and around the Hopkins area:**

Through a series of personal contacts, letters, and phone calls the Pastors and Board of Elders will speak with congregational members who have gradually become less and less frequent in their worship and communion participation at Zion. The goal is to encourage that fellow member of Zion to again take full advantage of the gifts God offers to His children of faith.

### **When a member of Zion moves from the area (non-snow bird):**

It is obvious Zion cannot effectively minister to a person from a great distance. The goal is to encourage and help that member find and attend regularly another Lutheran congregation in their new community that they can call home.

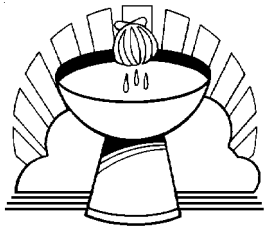
### **Conclusion**

Together we are stronger in our faith walk than we are separately. Please continue to pray for yourself as well as for all our brothers and sisters in faith. Pray that each of us would regularly take full advantage of the faith-strengthening gifts of God. Pray also that we will be supportive and positive encouragers of each other as we live our lives of faith.

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## Official Acts of Zion

### Baptisms of:



**Matthew John Chase**  
September 19, 2009  
(son of Peter & Amy Chase)



*the families of:*

**Jeannette Harriet Smith**  
June 1, 1924 - August 6, 2009

**Stanley Walter Frederic  
Herrmann**  
July 20, 1927 - September 25, 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.

### College Care Packages

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.

### Polka Fest

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. 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 - Two Events

Join us at the historic Fitzgerald Theater!

**What:** Bruce Feiler, Author of "America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story"

**When:** Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$22.50 (\$2.00 off if you're an MPR member!)

Purchase your ticket at: <http://fitzgeraldtheater.publicradio.org/events/>

It is general admission, so we will all plan on sitting together if possible.

We'll plan to meet at the theater, but if you're interested in **carpooling**, contact Amanda at [amnsweets02@hotmail.com](mailto:amnsweets02@hotmail.com) or 952-836-8735 and we'll line up something.

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!

### All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 1<sup>st</sup>. In worship we will be surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses," crosses bearing the names of Zion members who have passed away during the last year. If you would like a cross printed for a family member or friend who has passed away during the last year, please call the church office.



## Monthly Financial Summary

August 31, 2009

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

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$65,439	\$64,925	\$511,316	\$519,400

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

Actual Month	Projected monthly	Actual total to date	Projected total to date
\$56,959	\$74,813	\$528,062	\$598,504

Current bills due but not yet paid = \$35,917.60

General & Mission Offerings for August = \$54,692 (\$54,178 [+0%]  
projected per month; \$12,503 per week)

Building Fund Offerings for August = \$8,527  
(Our monthly mortgage payment is \$10,747; \$2,480/wk)

Building loan balance = \$1,196,622

### 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 in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitator: Barb Kan

### Faith Lessons: "That the World May Know"

Walk with Ray Vander Laan through the land that Jesus and His disciples walked. Learn how the culture and politics of the first century influenced the imagery and stories of the Bible, and see the Scriptures through the eyes of God's chosen people, the Jews. This is a video series that takes you right to the location the class is studying in the Bible. Join us anytime! Everyone is welcome.

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, Room 208 Upper Level  
Led by Russ Peterson

### Food Drive

Zion's Human Care Board is having a Fall Food Drive November 7 & 8, and November 14 & 15. Please place your donation in the container in the Upper Gathering Area. For monetary donations, please place your check or money in an envelope and label *ICA Food Drive* and place in the offering plate.

## Community Events

### LWML

The LWML Fall Conference Rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church (241 Fifth Avenue N, Hopkins, MN 55343) on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

### Thank You

Many Thanks to Jerry Untiedt for his support as sweet corn supplier for the Thrivent Corn Feed. As members of Zion, we can show our appreciation by stopping by the Untiedt Outdoor Farmer's Market on the corner of Highway 7 and Texas Avenue in St. Louis Park. They have great summer vegetables for all your picnic and barbeque needs. There are also beautiful flowers to decorate your table and flower gardens. Thank you again to the Untiedts for their many years, and ears of support.

## **KINDLE Moment from Lisa Day**

For the past several months I have been sharing with you some of the things I have learned through my participation in the Karpenko Institute of Nurturing and Developing Leadership Excellence. Briefly, KINDLE is designed to 'Foster and Multiply Servant Leaders'. There are 4 'Strands' that comprise KINDLE learning and training: Stewardship of Faith; Leadership of Leaders; Stewardship of Self; and Leadership of Group. Each 'Strand' is then broken down into 5 'Practices'. These practices each have an Attitude, Knowledge, and Skill 'Outcome'.

For our October Messenger of Light I thought I'd highlight another one of the 'Practices' under the Stewardship of Faith Strand. **Witness Willingly** is described as 'Testify willingly to God's enduring grace and mercy through Jesus Christ. Based on Psalm 118:17, "I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done" this practice encourages us to not just 'walk the walk' of faith but to also 'talk the talk' of faith.

Ponder the following questions and see if you can **Witness Willingly**:

1. How can I pay attention to my own walk with God so that I have something real and genuine to share with others?
2. What keeps me from sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with another person?

A debt of Gratitude goes out to Gerada Louks and Teresa Hassing for participating in Zion's 1<sup>st</sup> KINDLE Learning Cluster in August/September.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Cluster is being formed... Would you like to learn more about KINDLE? An informational gathering will be held at Zion on Thursday, October 8 at 7:00pm for those of you who would be interested in being a part of a short term KINDLE Learning Cluster. Childcare can be arranged if you talk to me ahead of time. Talk to Lisa Day if you are interested.

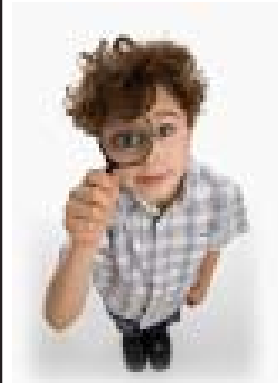
## **Children's Ministry**

### **ASAZ needs you!**

**What is it!** After School At Zion is one day a week program for children in our neighboring Alice Smith Public school. Every Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

All kids grades k-5<sup>th</sup> can join Zion's CIA on **Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm-8:00pm.** Children In Action



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! Once a month we have an activity that touches 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. Bring your friends, grandkids, and neighbors!

We are humbled to have been chosen as a recipient for this year's Thrivent Cornfeed Benefit. Thank you to all who helped and supported this event to make it such a success. The funds raised will be a big help in paying for the kidney transplant related expenses for Layton. The Cornfeed was fun and so well organized. All of your effort, thoughtfulness and caring will always be remembered by our family.

*Lee, Leah, Layton and Logan Schmitz*

# Fall Sunday School Programs

## Children's Sunday School

Fall start up began:

- Classes are for the 3 Year Olds through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Assignments and rooms as of printing:

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

**Second Graders** are receiving their own Faith Alive bibles on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> during the 10:50am service. Following three weeks of Discovering My Bible taken with their parents, the students receive the bibles that they will continue to use through Confirmation. Zion's staff will, in each bible, highlight their favorite bible passage with words of encouragement written on the inside cover.

**Zion's Children Ministry is growing!** Here are some numbers for you to ponder and think:

**“WOW! I wonder if the kids and their teachers could use my help!”**

3 & 4 Year Olds	7 and more coming
Kdgt. & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	23 and growing
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	18 and potential to grow (future split - need one add'l teacher)
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 more than last year!

YES! The kids and teachers would love to see YOU in their class to help and guide the children as they grow in Christ. Whether you are a parent of a child in Sunday School, one of Zion's wonderful Seniors or you just want to help out the kids, we can find a place for you in **Zion's Children's Ministry**. The music is fun; the lessons are terrific and of course watching the kids learn how great our Lord is, is awesome to watch. **YOU WILL BE BLESSED!** We are currently looking for another teacher for our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Due to the numbers, we intend to split the class so as each child will receive the attention and participation they need to grow in their faith of our Lord. If you would like to help out a classroom or co-teach with another teacher please call Vicki at 952-938-7661 or talk with one of the Sunday School teachers!



### Important dates for Children's Ministry so mark your calendars!

<b>October 11</b>	10:50 Service - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade will receive their bibles <b>AND</b> Students 3 Yr. old through 5 <sup>th</sup> will be singing!
<b>October 18</b>	Christmas Program Practice begins (9:40)
<b>November 21</b>	Saturday Christmas Program Practice 9:15-11:30am (More info later)
<b>December 5</b>	Saturday Christmas Program Practice 9:15-11:30am (More info later)
<b>DECEMBER 12</b>	Saturday's Christmas Extravaganza 3 – 6:00pm “The Street's of Bethlehem” A Holy Land Experience <b>AND</b> Zion's Christmas Program 5:00pm
<b>DECEMBER 13</b>	Zion's Christmas Program (10:50am only)

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## Zion Library

Some books new to our library include the following:

*Time Bomb in the Church* by Daniel Spaite is a book about the burn-out of Pastors and may be of interest to leaders in the Church.

*Organized to be the Best* by Susan Silver and *Productivity Power* by Jim Temme may be of interest to anyone who wishes to get more organized.

Our library contains more than just books. You will also find some CD's and DVD's besides video cassettes for adults and children, some periodicals, such as *The Lutheran Witness*, copies of the *Messenger of Light*, and mission field publications.

Visit our library and see what we have to offer! Located in the Fireside Room (Room 102).

## 55 Alive

### Defensive Driving Class

A 4-hour refresher class is being offered on Friday, October 23 at 5pm. If you previously completed the 8-hour initial course, you need to have this refresher course every three years to save 10% on your auto insurance. Cost is \$12 per person if you are an AARP member and \$14.00 if not. A light supper is served. Reservations are required. Plan ahead and call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 or June Lundgren at 952-935-2327.

# Student Ministry

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## Zion Student Ministry Information and Upcoming Events

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Zion Student Ministry Mission Statement

*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

We will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation with five students this year. Please pray for Jacob Daniels, Evan Dickinson, Kaitlin Koester, Noah Louks, and Laura Parker as they continue to grow in their Christian faith.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Important Dates

**Wed., Oct. 7:** 6:30pm – Pictures

**Wed.-Thurs., Oct. 14-15:** 6pm – Confirmand Retreat at Concordia University

**Sun., Oct. 18:** 6:00pm – Thrivent Sponsored Banquet and Rehearsal

**Wed. Oct. 21:** 6:30pm – Testimony and Confirmation Rehearsal

**Sat. Oct. 24:** 5:00pm – Testimony Night (Be here at 4:30pm and wear your robe.)

6:00pm – Confirmand Reception in Fellowship Hall

**Sun. Oct 25:** 9:40am – Confirmand Reception in Youth Room

10:50am – Rite of Confirmation (Meet in Chapel @ 10:20am)

\* Please make sure to turn in your Bulletin Information and email your faith statement to Lisa Day by October 20.

**6-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Service Project** will be held at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen on Saturday, October 3. We'll leave Zion at 6:30pm and return at about 9:30pm. If you are not in confirmation and still want to join in helping, please contact Lisa Day.

**6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parent's Night** will be held on October 21. Following the Large Group time with Pastor Neal parents will meet separate from their youth for various topics that pertain to parenting teens.

### Items for All Youth

**Feed My Starving Children** – Help us bless those in another country with nutritious meals. On Saturday, October 3, we'll leave Zion at 6:30pm and return at 9:30pm. 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 youth are encouraged to join us**. Please contact Lisa if you would to participate.

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

**Sunday JAM** – Mike Schumacher is leading our Sunday morning Sr. JAM again this year. Sr. Sunday JAM is held in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:50.

**Wednesday JAM** – Kate Dressel is leading our HS Wednesday JAM this year. Sr. Wednesday JAM is held in the Youth Room on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00.

**9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HS BIGGER and Better Game** on 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'll be finished by 8:15pm.

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

**Sunday JR. JAM** – Lisa Day is leading our Sunday morning Jr. JAM. The theme is "THAT's in the BIBLE?" and focuses on bizarre Biblical events. Class is held on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:50.

**Feed My Starving Children** – see information in "Confirmation Ministry"

**Serving @ Fellowship Hour** on Sunday, October 4. Bring a creative snack to serve after the 8:30am worship service. Be in the Fellowship Hall by 9:10am to help set up, serve, and clean up.

### 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.

**The 2010 National Youth Gathering (NYG)** will be held in New Orleans, LA from July 17-21, 2010. (Our trip will be a little longer so we can take some time to tour the city and not miss out on what the NYG has to offer.) The NYG is an amazing gathering of over 25,000 LCMS Christian youth and adults who take the opportunity to praise, pray, play and ponder the LOVE that Jesus Christ has for them.

**Those currently in 8-12 grade:** Your signed registration form and \$100 deposit is due on or before October 25. You can download the registration forms from Zion's website or talk to Lisa Day. Do you have a friend who might want to go?? Ask them – it will be a GREAT experience!!

**Those currently ages 19-25:** I would highly encourage you to pursue the Young Adult Volunteer Corps and enjoy the gathering as a servant along with hundreds of other college age students. Check out the gathering website – [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com).

**Adults:** If you are interested in serving as a chaperone for the NYG please get an adult leader registration packet from Lisa Day. There is a limit to the number of adults we can take, so if we are blessed with more than enough adults who want to serve, the Board of Student Ministries and others will be making the final selection.

## ZECC Ministry

ZECC is gearing up for Fall and with Fall comes new changes. One of the changes is a new van bus driver for our field trips. We thank Eddie, our previous bus driver, for all of his time and faithful driving. Mr. Ed, thank you for helping expand the horizons of our preschool children.

The new bus driver shared some of his "new on the job stories" of his first church van driving experience. Our field trip was to Splash Pad in St. Louis Park for some water fun, new playground experience, and a lunch picnic. The van driver was assisting children down the stairs as they exited the bus, as he offered his hand to assist one little girl, she said, "I can do it myself!" Our driver was also surprised when so many children wanted to sit by him for our picnic lunch. When one of the children asked our driver to open up her bag of potato chips and he started to open the bag he was quickly and loudly informed, "No, she has to eat all of her lunch first!" "*A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool.*" *Proverbs 17:10.*

Until next month...

In God's Service,  
Judy Fuhrman  
Director

