



ZIONEWS

July 2011 Zion Lutheran's Monthly Newsletter

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The Summer Day...

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean –

The one who has flung herself out of the grass,

The one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

Who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down,
Who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to fall down into the grass,

How to kneel down in the grass,

How to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through

The fields which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't every thing die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life? *By Mary Oliver*

The heat is a wall that I push against as I walk through the fields. It shimmers around me like water in a wading pool. Startled, the grasshoppers rise up and whirr away to cling to grass so dry it crackles under my feet. It's a summer day in southern Georgia, and I have left the air-conditioning for the great outdoors long enough to ponder the question Mary Oliver poses in her poem above. Just what is it I plan to do with my one, wild and precious life? What, indeed?

Because I *do* know what a prayer is, I fall down into the grass, kneel down in the grass, and ask the Lord what it is that he would have me do now? What am I to do *next*? Because, there is always a *next*. This one, wild and precious life we are given is a journey from which we never arrive. There is always something more for us to do; one more need to meet, one more ministry to embrace, one more heart to gladden.

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Pastor Barbara Koch

	Income	Expenses	Balance
January - May 2011	\$85,087.95 Note (1)	\$84,783.48 Note (2)	\$304.47
Weekly Average	\$3,867.63	\$3,853.79	\$13.84

**Notes: (1) Includes \$21,800.00 from the Ebenezer Trustees
(2) Includes \$20,000.00 to the Building Fund.**

How are your "barns" doing? Getting full? *September 11th* is the turn-in day for your barn -shaped coin boxes . The money received will be used to purchase gift animals to help people in third world countries make a sustainable living, through ELCA World Hunger.

Questions? Ask Norma Ralph, Social Concerns



PILAINI AHEAD

Monday, August 1st, 2011 - Effingham County Schools Open House for Middle and High School Students - 4p.m. - 7p.m.

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 - Effingham County Schools Open House for Elementary Students - 4p.m. - 7p.m.

Thursday, August 4th, 2011 - First Day of Effingham County Schools

Sunday, September 11th, 2011 - *139th Zion Anniversary*

Celebration with lunch following. Invite your family and friends to celebrate this wonderful occasion with us.

This is the joy of being a follower of Jesus! Always, there is good work to do. Your life has meaning and purpose! You are a precious laborer in God's fields. You are wanted, needed, gifted and sent. There are always moments to be idle and blessed; moments spent walking with the Lord through the fields, marveling at grasshoppers. But, the time is not wasted time. It is time spent in contemplation, asking God for his direction. Then, you rise and move with renewed energy into the next task to which you are called.

So, is this your idle time, or your working time? What is God calling you to do, next? Don't get lost out in the fields with the grasshoppers. Always be in prayer, asking what God would have you do with this gift of your one, wild and precious life. This is the key to a life well lived. Thank you, Mary Oliver, for asking us this great question.

May the heat of summer embrace you with the warm love of Christ,

Pastor Barb <><

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Matt. 9:35-38*

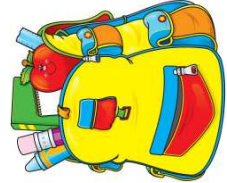
Pastor Barb is in the Church Office:

Tuesdays: 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., Thursdays: 9: 00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
and evenings by appointment.

Sunday School Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks!

You and your family are invited to participate in the Sunday School Promotion event on **July 31st** during the Sunday School opening in the social hall. Children will receive participation certificates and those transitioning into the kindergarten and into the youth class will be given a study bible appropriate for their age level.

Also ,we encourage all children and teachers to **bring their backpacks or book bags to church** for a special blessing. During the church service, Pastor Barb will bless the backpacks and book bags for an inspirational start to the new school year. She will also offer a blessing for all who work towards the education of our children in any way.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Council Meeting Highlights
June 5, 2011

A complete copy of approved minutes will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

The Minutes from the May meetings will be reviewed at July meeting.

The Pastor's Report for May 2011 was reviewed.

The Treasurer's Report for May 2011 was reviewed.

The Property Committee: Cemetery mowing on June 25th and July 30th. Work day planned for July 16th. Job list updated with some routine maintenance.

Evangelism Committee: Presented the flyer to be handed out in nearby neighborhoods for VBS and movie nights. Playground Dedication will be a Family Night, July 23 from 5:00 – 10:00pm. with games, a cookout, a movie, and a homemade ice cream competition with prizes. Elliot Foss made a suggestion to Council that we begin a monthly Gospel Sing patterned after one in Woodbine. Amber Hall explained a couponing class that is being considered as an outreach activity in the ZFH.

Stewardship and Finance: See action under New Business.

Worship and Music: Working with Christian Education committee to organize new choirs and musical groups that would be coordinated with the Sunday School classes.

Christian Education: Re-organizing due to change in numbers of various age groups. SS Promotion to be July 31st. Met with Worship and Music to coordinate choirs, Sunday School classes.

Unfinished Business: VBS Closing Program will have a hot dog supper, followed by a movie on June 17. Zion may purchase a trailer for the use of the Boy Scouts. Insurance liability discussed.

New Business: Motion by Finance Committee to transfer Memorial Funds to Land Fund with a record of each separate memorial kept by treasurer in case a family member requests a tangible memorial be purchased. Motion carried.

Announcements/ Correspondence: Pastor Barb informed Council of a mandatory Leadership Conference she will attend at Lutherridge, October 10 – 13, 2011. Does not involve a Sunday. Information received on Effingham's Project Lifesaver program to protect wandering children or elders. Synodical Disaster Response Team sent info for our benefit. Next meeting date, July 10, 2011. Committees at 6:00pm/ Council at 7:30pm.
Sherri Pittman, secretary

“Youth for Hire” Project

Submitted by Dana Lee Smith

Zion Lutheran Youth Group is making plans to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering July 18th-22nd, 2012 in New Orleans, LA. This event only happens every 3 years and hosts approximately 30,000 youth and leaders. The theme is “Citizens With the Saints”. The Gathering program is built around three core practices in which participants will be immersed. These core practices are discipleship, peacemaking and justice. Part of this experience will include service to others as we continue working to assist with recovery efforts associated with Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill. Each day of the Gathering, thousands of youth will be out serving others. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make such a large impact and truly make a difference on such a large scale. The Gathering will also provide opportunities for us to experience worship and renewal as we gather daily. We estimate that this trip will cost approximately \$1,200 per person. Through Zion’s “Youth for Hire” project, each youth attending is working to raise \$500 towards the trip. This will also provide an opportunity for youth to experience what it is like to work towards a goal and what it feels like to enjoy the benefits. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Youth. Thanks for helping us to achieve our goal!

As youth information is received, this list will be updated. Please contact youth director, Dana Lee Smith at 728-3227 or 665-1377 if you have any questions about this project.

Alex Peth – 728-3495 Yard Work, Babysitting, Painting, Household Cleaning, Pet sitting

Alex says, “I am willing to do many things. Just call and ask!”

Christian HeidtHarris – 728-9184 or 601-2469
shootingstars@usebs.net Yard Work, Babysitting, Painting, Household Cleaning, Crafts, Cooking, Office Work, Laundry, Organize Rooms/Closets.

Call and ask about other possible jobs, too!

Anna Lee HeidtHarris – 728-9184 or 601-2469
shootingstars@usebs.net Yard Work, Babysitting, Painting, Household Cleaning, Office Work, Wash Cars, Cook/Bake, Crafts

Call and ask about other possible jobs, too!



Lutheran Youth Organization News

submitted by Dana Lee Smith

June Highlights

Thanks to all the youth who helped with Vacation Bible School. You helped to make this year's event a great success. Also, thanks to the youth and adults who helped with our June carwash fundraiser.

Cassidy Edwards, Megan Edwards, Anna Lee HeidtHarris, Christian HeidtHarris, Daniella Monroy and Alex Peth attended AFFIRM at Berry College in Rome, GA. They all returned tired but energized after this week long spiritual adventure. Thanks to all of you for sharing your experience during the June 26th worship service. Thanks to **Dana Lee Smith, Trey Davis, Sherri Pittman & Sean Vandenhouten** for helping with transportation.

Welcoming New Youth

We are glad to officially welcome our new sixth graders into the youth program: **Aaron Edwards, Charlie HeidtHarris, Caycee Pannal, Andrew Sapp and Julian Mobley**. We look forward to having you join us!

July Events

Saturday, July 9th 9am - 4:00pm: *Splash In The Boro Water Park*
We will leave Zion at 9:00am and travel to the water park in Statesboro. Admission is \$12.00. You will also need money for lunch in the park. Don't forget your towel, sunscreen and a dry change of clothes. We will call for parent pick up when we get close to home. If you would like to attend, please let Dana Lee know by Monday, July 4th.

Sunday, July 31st 11am – until: *Backpack Sunday & Spaghetti Fundraiser Lunch*

Bring your backpacks to worship for our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks". Following the service, youth will host a spaghetti lunch fundraiser. We need help with meal preparations starting at 9:45am and we need help with cleanup following the meal.

Plan Ahead – Summer 2012

July 18th – 22nd, 2012: *ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.*

All those entering 9th grade in 2012 and those graduating in 2012 are eligible to attend. We are working to raise funds for this trip. One major fundraiser is our "Youth for Hire" project (see article in Zionews). If you are eligible & would like more information, please contact Dana Lee ASAP!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in youth activities. For additional information, contact Dana Lee Smith at 728-3227 or 665-1377.

The Evangelism Committee needs You!

The Evangelism Committee is asking for your help to reach out to our community. If you see a need in our community that needs to be filled, we want to hear about it. The coupon class offered this month is a result of someone identifying the need to save money, and working with the Evangelism Committee to bring it to fruition. Other project ideas being explored include:

A monthly Gospel Sing, starting with an excursion to Woodbine Opry, a yoga/Zumba class; a Line Dancing class and a data destruction day. We're always looking for more ideas!

Although our committee's purpose is spearheading evangelism, inviting new people into a relationship with Jesus is the work of all members of the church. Jesus sends us out into our world to spread the Good News about the love God has for all people. Please help us find new ways to reach out to our community, and let everyone know that we are here to serve our neighbors and to share God's love.

We invite you to share your ideas with us at our regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the first of the month or call Rebecca Heidt 912-601-2469.

Please note - if any committee or group needs advertising for events, please contact Rebecca Heidt at least 3 weeks prior to the

In July there will be no WELCA Circle Meetings or LMM Congregation Breakfast. Meetings will resume in August.
Enjoy your vacations!

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE SAND GNATS

The date is *Friday, July 22nd*. Your local Thrivent Chapters are sponsoring a fundraiser to help Lutheran Services of Georgia. Head out to Grayson Stadium (1401 East Victory Drive) for a meal & Sand Gnats game. The "all-you-can-eat" meal starts at 6:00 p.m. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Prices include cookout & general admission seats. Deadline to purchase at group rate is JULY 10th! The cost is: Thrivent members - \$10/adult; \$5/child (3-12); 2 & under/free Everyone else - \$12/adult; \$6/child (3-12); 2 & under/free To purchase tickets, please call: Adam Hess at 912-704-6425 or email adam.hess@thrivent.com.

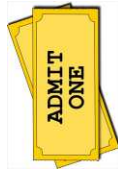


Summer Movie Nights at Zion!

Bring a chair or blanket and meet at the big screen on the Zion lawn the following dates to enjoy **FREE** movies, affordable snacks or feel free to bring your own! Movies are every other Friday Night throughout the summer, starting at **8:30p.m.**

Movies & Dates

- July 1 - "Despicable Me"
- July 15 - "Yogi Bear"
- July 29 - "Megamind"
- August 12 - "Monsters vs. Aliens"
- August 26 - "Legend of the Guardian"



Coupon Blessing Class

In the present economy everyone is looking for the best deals and ways to stretch their pennies as far as they can go. If you are looking to save on the wallet, then this is one class that you will not want to miss! Come and learn the "ins-and-outs of *couponing*" at all of your favorite stores and find out how you can cut your grocery bill in half.

When: Tuesday July 19th @ 7pm
Where: Zion Fellowship Hall
Price: \$5

Family Clothing Giveaway

On **Saturday, July 23rd**, the members of Elam Egypt Baptist Church will host the second "**Family Clothing Giveaway**" at the Old Effingham County Middle School Gym (Hwy 119 South, Springfield, GA) from **10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m.**

Come and select free good quality clothing, school uniforms, etc. for your family. If you have clothing to donate, please call 772-3987 or 754-6040.

Cemetery Cleaning and Mowing will be **8:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, July 30th**. We appreciate everyone's support in helping keep our cemetery tidy.

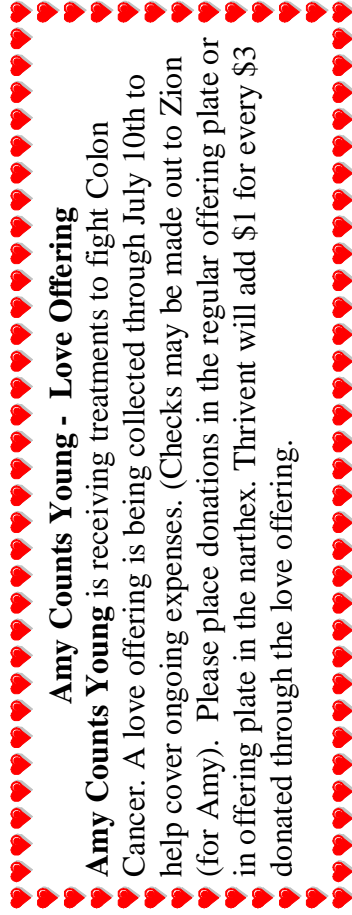


Announcing!!

The Music and Worship Committee is delighted to announce that there will be 5 musical groups for our very talented children and youth starting with the new school year. We have coordinated these groups with our Christian Education Committee as follows:

- Our Junior Choir, grades K-5, will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 2:45 and sing each week during worship.
- Our preschool Sunshine class will continue to sing during their Sunday School hour and share their songs during worship.
- Our Elementary Sunday School class will be introduced to our set of hand chimes and will practice on Sundays with their teacher.
- The Middle/High School class will be adding to their repertoire of praise songs during their Sunday School time.
- Pastor Barb will begin a new Confirmation Class in the fall and include songs that coordinate with the curriculum.

Other than the Junior Choir that sings during worship each week, the remaining groups will be scheduled on a rotational basis during the school year. This is such a great opportunity for more of our children and youth to share in the music ministry of our church and for all of us to be blessed with their joy and willingness to serve as church musicians.



Amy Counts Young - Love Offering

Amy Counts Young is receiving treatments to fight Colon Cancer. A love offering is being collected through July 10th to help cover ongoing expenses. (Checks may be made out to Zion (for Amy). Please place donations in the regular offering plate or in offering plate in the narthex. Thrivent will add \$1 for every \$3 donated through the love offering.

Church Directory Updates

Amy Young, Roger, and RJ
227 Heidt Road
Guyton, GA 31312
(912) 728-3264



Playground Dedication! Zion Fun Day and Ice Cream Churn-Off

Save the date for **Saturday, July 23rd!** Zion will be hosting a *Fun Day* beginning at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend! We will have an Ice Cream Churn-Off with prizes for the *Chosen Frozen!* There will be outdoor Games, some yummy grilled food, our Playground Dedication and the movie “Tangled” on the big screen.

The schedule is as follows:

- 5:00 PM Playground open
- 5:30-6:30 PM Organized games
- 6:30 PM Playground Dedication
- 7:00 PM Food fresh from the grill
- 7:30 PM Churn-off tasting and judging
- 8:30 PM Movie “Tangled” on the big screen

Churn-Off Judging Categories

- Creamiest
- Most Unique
- Best All Around

Some of the great prizes for winners include: Studier Kart Racing passes (family of 4), free professional photo session and 8x10 print, a free oil change from Hutcheson Automotive, Premier Jewelry, a roadside hazard kit, and more.

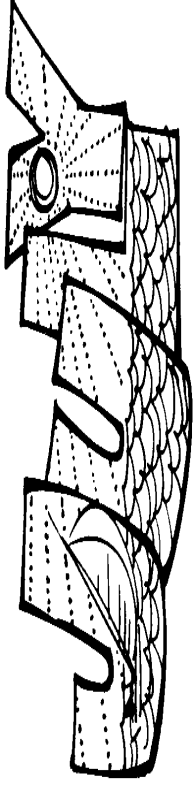
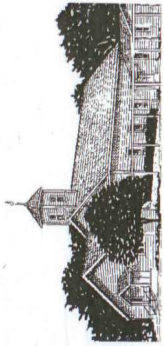
We’ll provide hotdogs, tea, and lemonade; bring your own extras or enjoy affordably priced sodas, chips, popcorn, and candy available at our concession stand. We’ll also be roasting marshmallows around our new fire pit! The playground and fire pit are dedicated in memory of **Wilmer Ray Nease, Louise Nease Kessler, Neil Morgan, Sarah Hamaker and Wayne Wright**. There were many others who donated funds and hands-on labor to make this project a reality. We will acknowledge them, as well. Our thanks goes out to **Gloria Sheppard** who has organized and worked so hard to accomplish this. So, grab a friend, and come on out and help us ask God’s blessings on this beautiful addition to Zion’s grounds!

Serving in July						
Date	Flowers	Acolyte *	Communion Helper *	Assisting Minister	Nursery	Communion Servers
July 3 (G)	Cheire Burns		None	Elliott Foss	Brenda Pack	Rene Atkinson Georgia Foss
July 10 (G)	Sheila Green	Devan Funderburk	Megan Edwards	Dana Lee Smith	Jody Dixon	Ryan Pittman
July 17 (G)	Rick Ullman	Aaron Edwards	None	Sherri Pittman	Joy Hutcheson	Barbara Smith Bessie Studier
July 24 (G)	Bob Koch	Caycee Pannal	Alex Peth	David Harris	Rebecca Heidt	Katie Pittman
July 31 (G)	Amber Hall	Caycee Pannal	None	Dana Lee Smith	Dawn Holton	Dick & Mary Lou Barnes
* Acolytes and Crucifers need to meet in the pastor's office 10 minutes before worship (10:50 am).						

Week of	Clean Church	Clean Education Building	Questions/ Changes
July 11th	Anna Lee, Charlie & Christian HeidtHarris	Cassidy, Aaron & Megan Edwards	If you cannot clean on your assigned week, Contact Dana Lee Smith @ 728-3227 or 665-1377 by Wednesday of the week assigned.
July 25th	Andrew Sapp	Caycee Pannal	

Month of	Greeters	Ushers	Visiting Comm.
July	Francis & Norma Ralph	Joe Studier Bruce Peth Trey Davis Craig Pittman	Sherri Pittman

Women's Circles	Program	Place
Evening	No meeting this month	No meeting this month
Afternoon	No meeting this month	No meeting this month
Sisters of Faith	No meeting this month	No meeting this month
Mary/Martha	No meeting this month	No meeting this month



Each Sunday
 9:45 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship Service with
 Holy Communion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LMM-Lutheran Men in Mission LYO-Lutheran Youth Organization WELCA-Women of the ELCA ZFH-Zion Fellowship Hall CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates					1 8:30p - Zion Movie Night "Despicable Me"	2 Fireworks @ Eff. County High School Football Stadium - Gates open 6:30p.m. Fireworks at dark
3 <i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>	4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i> 7p - AA-ZFH	5	6 7p - Adult Choir	7	8	9 9a- 4p - LYO - Splash in the Boro
10 <i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 6p - Committees Meeting 7:30p - Council Meeting	11 7p - AA-ZFH	12 7p - Farm Bureau - Covered Dish -	13 7p - Adult Choir	14 10a - 1p - CASA - ZFH	15 8:30p - Zion Movie Night "Yogi Bear"	16 1p- Bob Heidt Family Reunion - ZFH
17 <i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	18 7p - AA-ZFH	19 7p - Coupon Blessing Class - ZFH	20 11:30a - Senior Citizens - Meal provided - ZFH (Program - Dana Lee Smith) 7p - Adult Choir	21 10a - Manna House Board Mtg. - YMCA 10a - 1p - CASA - ZFH	22 6p - Lutheran night at the Sand Gnats - Grayson Stadium	23 10a-2p - Clothing Giveaway 5p-8:30p - Playground Dedication, Games, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream Churn-off, Movie "Tangled"
24 <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	25 7p - AA-ZFH	26	27 7p - Adult Choir	28 10a - 1p - CASA - ZFH	29 8:30p - Zion Movie Night "MegaMind"	30 8a - Cemetery Mowing
31 <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:45a - Sunday School Promotion 11a - Backpack Blessing Sunday 12:15p - LYO Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser						