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November 2011 Zion Lutheran's Monthly Newsletter

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November – A Month of Remembrance

I stood in the middle of the cypress swamp and wondered at the change a season makes in the life of an ecosystem. The water dried up a month ago. Gone now are the toads and tree frogs. Gone are the mosquitoes that seek me out like a grand buffet. It was eerily quiet now; no sound but the wind blowing the fallen leaves around. I pulled my hood up over my head, and stuffed my cold hands into my pockets.

November is a lonesome month. It speaks of the end of things. The grass withers. Flowers fade. And, the dying leaves remind us of our own mortality. How fitting it is that we set aside days in November to honor our military dead, and to remember loved ones past.

All Saints Day, Veteran's Day, and Christ the King Sunday all fall in November. We spend time in our cemeteries, planting mums and laying wreaths. We come to the end of the Church Year. We pull our hoods up over our heads, stuff our cold hands into our pockets and listen to the wind blow our memories around like fallen leaves.

But, the season of Advent also begins in November this year - that waiting time that speaks of hope and new beginnings. We are reminded that by his life, death and resurrection, our Lord Jesus put an end to Death! Because of Christ, we are comforted to know that these precious ones we long to see wait for us on the other side of the veil, just as we await the Lord's coming again in all of his glory; the time when he will make all things right.

I nudge the leaves aside with the toe of my shoe, and there, under the blanket of Fall, a green shoot slumbers. I smile at the promise it holds of new life. Replacing its cover, I walk out of the shadow of the cypress trees and into the waning sun. The earth turns. Advent arrives. Christ will come again. And, I can wait.

May God bless *your* waiting time with peace and joy and laughter.

Happy Thanksgiving,! Pastor Barb <><

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart. Psalm 27:14

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Pastor Barbara Koch

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is a celebration of those who have lived and died in the faith and is observed this year on Sunday, November 6, 2011. This will be an opportunity for Zion Church to remember and give thanks to God for the lives and service of these members. During the service, we will light a candle and have a moment of prayerful silence in memory of those who have died since last All Saints Sunday: **Danny Zeigler, Leona Helmey, Buck Buckner and Wayne Glover.** Everyone is invited to bring flowers and place them by the communion rail before worship, & then place them on graves of loved ones at the conclusion of the service in the cemetery.



The Zion congregation has been invited to attend the wedding of **Christina Temme & Marty Jeffers** to be held on Saturday, November 5th at 1:00p.m. at Zion. *A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.* Christina is the granddaughter of **James & Barbara Smith.**

Fall Festival!
It's time for our Annual Fall Festival! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 12th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.** There will be games, prizes, horse rides, train rides, hay rides, treat walk, entertainment, food and lots of fun! Please plan to join in the fun and don't forget to invite a friend. This event is sponsored by one of the adult Sunday School Classes. We need some extra help to make this year's festival a success. If you are interested in helping with games, set-up, clean-up, making treats or you would like to make a donation to help with event costs, please contact Dana Lee Smith at 728-3227 or 665-1377. This a great community event and a wonderful opportunity to share Zion with our community!

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.

Official Notice: Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. service on November 20th to elect Ebenezer Trustees for the 2012 term year.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Council Meeting Highlights
October 2, 2011

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

The Minutes September 11, 2011 meeting were approved as printed.

The Pastor's Report for September 2011 was reviewed. Abundant Life has officially closed. Pastor Barb participated in the closing worship service on Sept. 18, 2011

The Treasurer's Report for September 2011 was reviewed. Giving was down in September.

Committees

Property Committee: Planning a work day on 10/29. The large mower needs to be replaced. Still working problems out of AC.

Evangelism: Zion will enter a float in the County Fair, requests members assist in building float. "Trunk or Treat" is 10/31 with set up at 5:00pm and event starting at 6:00pm. The Boy Scouts and Zion have teamed up to hold a Haunted Trail at Zion, open to the public, free of charge, with donations accepted. Boy Scouts will sell concessions.

Worship and Music: Already planning for 140th Heritage Sunday.

Christian Education: Sunday School will meet Christmas and New Year's Day. Help needed for 3rd - 5th grade class. Suggestion is to ask parents to help once a month. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Program now called LIFE" (Living In Faith Everyday.)

Finance/Stewardship: Committee recommends insurance for bus come from the Building Fund. Council agreed. Stewardship discussed, will discuss further next meeting. Asked council to consider moving Committees/ Council meetings to the second Sunday of the month to allow the treasurer time to create a complete financial report for the previous month. Council will consider this for 2012. Time to reorder envelopes for the pews. Updated categories.

New Business

Savannah Rayne Bentley, daughter of Joseph and Kami Bentley will be baptized on Nov. 13. It was suggested that Council meetings be started at 7:00pm rather than at 7:30pm. Council agreed. November 6, 2011, Committee meetings will start at 6:00pm and Council will begin at 7:00pm

Announcements

A video featuring Zion and the other Ebenezer Conference Congregations is being created by John Thomas for viewing on WTOC as an outreach tool. The Councils will view and approve video before it is broadcast.

Next meeting date, November 6, 2011. Committees at 6:00pm/ Council at 7:00pm.
Sherri Pittman, secretary



Children's Christmas Program
Star of Bethlehem

Sunday, December 11th at 5 p.m.

Rehearsals and preparations for our Children's Christmas Program are well underway. Costumes are being selected and measured, parts are being assigned and songs are being practiced during Sunday School and Wednesday's LIFE! program. All children and youth from preschool through high school are invited to join in this simple retelling of the Christmas story.

Joint Thanksgiving Service November 20th , 2011

This year's Joint Thanksgiving Service will be hosted here at Zion at 6:00 p.m. Several area churches will gather with us for a joyful worship service with prayer and music. A joint choir will bless us with song, and the offering will go to benefit a social ministry in Effingham. We invite you to come and give thanks to God for all he does for us!

A fellowship reception will follow the service. We will let Zion members know closer to the event what finger foods to bring.

Thanksgiving Invitation

The Clayton Dasher's and the Dana Smith's invite the congregation and friends to an old fashioned cane grinding and covered dish dinner at 1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.



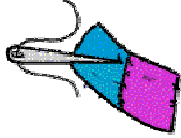
LMM BREAKFAST SOCIAL



Lutheran Men in Mission will host their monthly **Breakfast Social on Sunday, November 20th , at 9:00am.** Milk, juice, coffee, breakfast sweets, cereal and toast will be served. LMM will also have a short meeting during this time. To help or for more information, contact Clayton Dasher at 728-3222.



The Flower Chart for 2012 is filling up quickly, so look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex to get your date secured.
Contact Emma Lee Dasher at 728-3222 for questions.



Quilt Making

Quilts are in need everywhere! If you are interested in starting and helping set-up a **Quilt Ministry**, please contact Norma Ralph (912-313-2465). Even if you don't have a sewing machine, you can still get involved! We will need folks to cut, pin, tie, and so on. If you have material and need a home for it, let Norma know as well. Call today and help us get this ministry going as the cold weather is starting to set in and quilts will be in need everywhere!

Manna House Food Baskets for Thanksgiving 2011

Manna House is in need of these items for their annual Thanksgiving baskets...

- Stuffing Mix, Mashed Potatoes, Canned Turkey Gravy,*
- Canned Carrots, Pumpkin, Mac & Cheese, Cranberry Sauce,*
- Canned Green Beans, Yellow Cake Mix, Icing, Yams.*

You can leave these items in the ZFH in the basket or give them to Norma Ralph. Any questions or if you know anyone who is in need of a Thanksgiving basket, please call Norma at 912- 313-2465.

Is your grocery money not going far enough? Is there more month left than food? Well, Angel Food Ministries can help! You can get a week of food/meals for about \$30.00. That's less than a tank of gas. If interested, call Marsha Boyd at 414-9361 or visit their website, www.angelfoodministries.com, for complete information about dates to order and pick-up. The Effingham County area is supported through Rincon Church of God in Rincon.



Angel Tree is in need of crafts, ideas, and help to put everything together. If you would like to donate any items, or help with this project, please contact Norma Ralph at 912-313-2465.



Youth Holiday Help!

*What's that you hear?
The holidays are drawing near!
Baking, decorating, cleaning the house,
More work than can be done by this mouse!*

*Help, you declare
As you sit and stare!*

*Where will I find someone to rake?
Who will come to help me bake?
Zion Youth "Work for Hire" you say?
Well that could really make my day!*

*Lower that stress level and pick up the phone,
Alex, Christian, & Anna Lee won't make you do it alone!
So, give them a call and schedule today,
Hurry up and don't delay!*

For additional information, see below or please contact Dana Lee Smith at 728-3227.



"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". 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 a huge 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. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Youth. Thanks for helping us to achieve our goal!

Alex Peth – 728-3495

Christian & Anna Lee HeidtHarris – 728-9184 or 601-2469

Lutheran Youth Organization News

submitted by Dana Lee Smith



Youth Ministry

October Highlights

Thanks to everyone who helped with our booth for the Effingham County fair. It looked GREAT and we won 1st place! Also, a special thanks to all who helped with our "Flier Time" service project. Both of these activities were good ways to let our community know what is happening here at Zion!

November Events

Wednesday, November 2nd 6:00pm - 7:30pm: LIFE! (Living in Faith Everyday) -Come to LIFE!! Our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Bible Study program has a new name. Come experience LIFE!!

Saturday, November 12th: Zion Fall Festival

Make plans to lend a hand and come enjoy the afternoon.

Sunday, November 13th: No Youth Activity Planned

All youth are encouraged to help with the Fall Festival.

Wednesday, November 16th 6:00pm - 7:30pm: LIFE!

Come grow in faith with us!! Come to Bible Study & bring a friend!!

Sunday, November 27th: No Youth Activity Planned

Enjoy this time with your family!

Plan Ahead

Wednesday, December 7th 6:00pm – 7:30pm: LIFE

Sunday, December 11th: Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th 4:00pm – 8:00pm: Christmas Caroling

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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars available to direct towards an organization, remember Zion qualifies to receive those dollars. Visit Thrivent.com/choicedollars or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". Your Choice Dollars will be deposited directly into Zion's account to help with our ministry here at Zion.

Please note - if any committee or group needs advertising for events, please contact Rebecca Heidt (728-9184) at least 3 weeks prior to the event!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Brian Rheberg** who has been chosen Teacher of the Year at South Effingham Middle School!

We are proud of **Clayton & Emma Lee Dasher** who were chosen the 2011 Grand Marshals of the parade for their many years of service to the Effingham County Fair. They did a great job of waving to everyone as they led the Fair Parade, riding in Frank Tarlton's 31 year old Mercedes Convertible.

Congratulations to **Pastor Barb** who was chosen to preach at the closing worship of the Southeastern Synod Leadership Conference at Lutheridge. Bishop Gordy even quoted from her sermon when he preached at Redeemer, Atlanta, the following Sunday. *Way to go, Pastor Barb!*

Congratulations to **Bob Koch** for winning 3rd place in the "Best Whiskers" contest in this year's Octoberfest, sponsored by Effingham Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to our **Youth Group** for winning a blue ribbon (1st place) for their beautiful fair booth. And congratulations to **Zion** for winning 3rd place for our fair parade float in the Civic category. Job well done!

Congratulations to **Clifford Jackson** who celebrates her 100th birthday on November 18th. She is Zion's oldest member and probably the oldest resident at Effingham Care Center.

Over the years, Clifford has helped take care of many children who have been blessed by her love & care.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, CLIFFORD!!!



Thank you to all who came out and helped put this year's fair parade float together, and walked or rode in the parade. From start to finish, there was great fellowship time, awesome craft skills and fun had by all. We can't wait to do it again!

~ **The Evangelism Committee**

Thanks to all who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. Those who helped prepare, those who attended and all the wonderful cards and prayers made my day. Zion has a wonderful church family.

~ **Sincerely, Nellie Freyermuth & family**

Come to LIFE! on Wednesdays

We have the same great line-up on most 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, it just has a new name: **LIFE! (Living in Faith Everyday!)** This is to better reflect our Wednesday activities: our family-style meal (5:15pm), youth Bible study (6:00pm), adult Bible study (6:00pm), and our revamped K-5th program (4:00pm) that focuses on Confirmation material. We invite you to **Come to LIFE!** on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and there's no better time than the next ones on November 2nd and 16th.

Dinner is open to all who enjoy great fellowship and delicious food. Dinner is \$5 for ages 11 & up, \$2 for ages 4-10 and free for children 3 and under; the maximum is \$20/family. For planning purposes, we ask that you make reservations with Norma Ralph (912-313-2465). Even if you forget to make reservations, all are welcome, always!

"K-5 Kids" is for children grades K-5. After the meal, Dana Lee Smith will lead a *Bible Study* class for *Youth* (grades 6-12). Pastor Barb will lead the *Adults* in a Bible Study and discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship service.



Women of the ELCA Submitted by Dana Lee Smith

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!! Our quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13th immediately following the 11am worship service. This will be a brief meeting as we make plans for the remainder of the year, receive project and circle updates, have elections, and plan for another year. We'll also hear a brief convention report. If you currently are not involved in one of our Bible study groups, this would be a great opportunity to drop in and find out what Zion WELCA is all about.

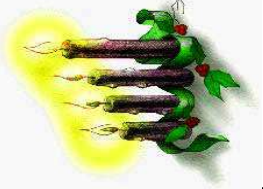
All women of Zion are members of WELCA. You are invited to take part and get involved in your organization. Bible study meeting times and locations are listed in Zionews.

Plan Ahead

Children's Christmas Program - Sunday, Dec. 11th 5:00p.m.
Christmas Caroling - Sunday, December 18th 4-8p.m.
Christmas Eve Service - Cantata - Saturday, December 24th 7p.m.

The Advent season is begins this month!

The symbol of Advent is the evergreen wreath which represents eternal life. On it are four candles, which remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Each Sunday in worship one of our families will light a candle on our Advent wreath.



One candle is lit the first week (11/27), two candles the second (12/4), three candles the third week (12/11), and all four candles the fourth week (12/18). On Christmas Eve, the end of Advent, we will light all four candles plus the Christ Candle in the middle. Each week, the light grows brighter, and reminds us that the Light that is Christ grows stronger every year as we await his return in all his glory, on the Last Day!

Advent/Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be used in the Chancel area on the 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 18) through New Year's Day. If you would like a poinsettia given "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone, please complete an order form (see pg. 15 in this newsletter) and return the completed form with your check to Rene' Atkinson. Please make check payable to *Zion Lutheran Church*. The forms are available in the narthex, education building, and in the newsletter. The poinsettias will be ordered from a local nursery and delivered to the church with the pot wrapped. The cost of a poinsettia is \$ 11.00. *Order Deadline: December 4th.*

Church Directory Updates

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348 Heidt Road
Guyton, GA 31312

Glenn Nease
800 West 5th St.
Austin, TX 78703

Serving in November

Date	Flowers	Acolyte *	Crucifer*	Assisting Minister	Nursery	Communion Servers
Nov. 6 (W)	Lida Peth	Aaron Edwards	Megan Edwards	David Harris	Victoria Davis	Tricia Parrish
Nov. 13 (G)	Elliott Foss	Caycee Pannal	Alex Peth	Dana Lee Smith	Brenda Pack	Bill & Laurie Langston
Nov. 20 (W)	H.E. Wright	Melina HeidtHarris	Christian HeidtHarris	Elliott Foss	Joy Hutcheson	Terry Sexton
Nov. 27 (B)	D.H. Dasher Family	Charlie HeidtHarris	Anna Lee HeidtHarris	Sean Vandenhouten	Theresa Mobley	Charlene Freyermuth & Trey Davis

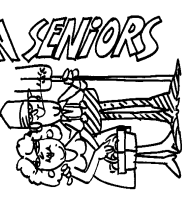
* Acolytes and Crucifers need to meet in the pastor's office 10 minutes before worship (10:50 am).

Week of	Clean Church	Clean Education Building	Questions/ Changes
November 1	Alex and Benji Peth	Anna Lee, Christian, Charlie HeidtHarris	If you cannot clean on your assigned week, contact Dana Lee by Wednesday of the week assigned. Remember, you MUST have an adult present when cleaning!
November 14	Caycee Pannal	Anna Lee, Christian, Charlie HeidtHarris	
November 28	Cassidy, Megan, Aaron Edwards	Alex and Benji Peth	

Month of	Greeters	Ushers	Visiting Comm.
November	Gloria Sheppard Lynda Sueirro	Joe Studier Paul Sedelmeyer Ronald Hutcheson Francis Ralph	Charles & Mary Lou Thomas

Women's Circles	Program	Place
Evening November 8th 7:00p.m.	Mary Lou Thomas	Home of Melinda Heidt (728-3288) Rebecca Heidt - Hostess
Afternoon November 10th 2:30p.m.	Mary Lou Thomas	Home of Bessie Studier (772-3424)
Sisters of Faith - TBD	Norma Ralph	Education Building
Mary/Martha November 28th 6:30p.m.	Dana Lee Smith	Home of Dana Lee Smith (728-3227)

Senior Citizens!



EVERYONE had fun playing BINGO at our October get-together! Each person won at least one roll of toilet paper. – Many won several rolls. – And **Maudene Graham** was the “Grand Champion” winning the most rolls. (Check with her if you need toilet paper at your house!!)

Forty-four folks enjoyed the delicious meal prepared by **Charlie Heidt, Cheryl Pannal, and Georgia Foss**. Thank you to them and the others who brought food and/or helped clean up afterwards. It was a wonderful time of fun & fellowship.

The program on Wednesday, November 16th will be learning about the new recycling program coming in several months to Effingham County. We will be told what all to save and how it gets recycled. Come & get educated. Folks start arriving at 11:30 a.m. & we eat at noon. Bring a friend to enjoy the activities!



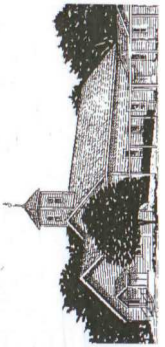
Watch the stars, under the stars!

November has **TWO** great **FREE** movie nights at Zion! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and snuggles on out both Friday, November 4th for “*Jungle Book*” and Friday, November 18th for “*It’s a Wonderful Life*”. Feel free to bring your own snacks, or munch on our affordable drinks, chips, candy and of course *popcorn!* Both movies will be starting at 7:30p.m. on the Zion Lawn, so mark your calendars and invite your friends for a night out *under the stars, watching the stars!*



Children's Choir by: Melinda Heidt

Our children are doing such a great job with their singing during our worship service! Our congregation is so blessed as they give glory to God in song! We are so proud of them! If you have a child in kindergarten – 5th grades, we would love to have them singing in the choir. We meet after school every Wednesday that school is in session. They ride in from Marlow Elementary on the school bus. If you have any questions about choir, please contact **Melinda Heidt at 728-3288**.



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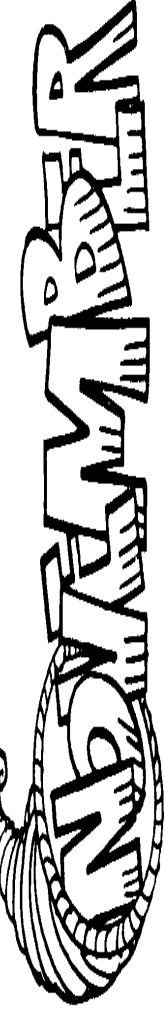
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Each Sunday
 9:45 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship Service
 with Holy Communion

<p>6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 6p - Committee Meetings 7p - Council Meeting (Note time change)</p>	<p>7 7p - AA-ZFH</p>	<p>8 7p - Evening Circle Home of Melinda Heidt (728-3288) (Nov. Mag.) Host- ess: Rebecca Heidt</p>	<p>2 2:30p - Children's Choir 4:00p - K-5 Kids 5:15p - Meal 6p - LYO Bible Study 6p - Adult Bible Study 7p - Adult Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30p - Zion Movie Night "Jungle Book" 6p - Temme/Jeffers Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 1p - Temme/Jeffers Wedding - Zion Daylight Savings Time Ends :- Set Clocks back 1 hr</p>
<p>13 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 11a - Baptism 12:15p - WELCA Quarterly Mtg.</p>	<p>14 7p - AA-ZFH</p>	<p>15 7p - Marlow Farm Bureau - ZFH</p>	<p>16 11:30a - Senior Citizens - Meal Provided 2:30p - Children's Choir 4:00p - K-5 Kids 5:15p - Meal 6p - LYO Bible Study 6p - Adult Bible Study 7p - Adult Choir</p>	<p>10 2:30p - Afternoon Circle - Home of Bessie Studier (772-3424) (Nov. Mag.) 6p - Cub Pack - ZFH</p>	<p>11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> No Eff. County Schools</p>	<p>12 2p - 5p - Zion Fall Festival </p>
<p>20 <i>Christ the King</i> 9a - Congregation Breakfast - ZFH 12:15p - Elect Ebenezer Trustees 6p - Joint Thanksgiving Service at Zion <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>21 7p - AA-ZFH</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 No Choirs or Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>17 10a - Manna House Board Mtg. - YMCA</p>	<p>18 7:30p - Zion Movie Night "It's a Wonderful Life"</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>27 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i></p>	<p>28 6:30p - Mary/ Martha Circle - Home of Dana Lee Smith (728-3227) 7p - AA-ZFH</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 2:30p - Children's Choir 6p - Adult Bible Study 7p - Adult Choir</p>	<p>24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> Church Office Closed 1p - Dasher/Smith Covered Dish/Cane Grinding</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">  No Effingham County School Nov. 23rd - 25th  </p>						<p>LMM- Lutheran Men in Mission LYO- Lutheran Youth Organization WELCA- Women of the ELCA ZFH- Zion Fellowship Hall</p>