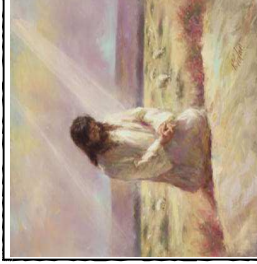


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ZIONEWS

March 2009 Zion Lutheran's Monthly Newsletter



Turning Inward...

We have entered into the season in the church year called Lent. Lent is a time of introspection. Reflection. Contemplation. It's a time when we take our internal temperature, and listen to the whispers of our soul...

(Mortal. Finite. Remember, you are dust...)

It's the time of year when we make a conscious effort to sit ourselves down, tap ourselves on the forehead, and say, "Think. Think. Think." Think about who I am, and *whose* I am. Think about why I was created, and what I'm doing with this gift of life I have been given. Think about how every inward turning has an outward counter-movement that keeps me in balance...

The pendulum swings...

inward to outward,
individual to communal,
from solitude to service,
from me to my neighbor.

Lent is a time when we withdraw, with Jesus, into our own wilderness, to pray, to fast, and to face our own devils; our regrets, our doubts, our fears. It is a remembering time. In the quiet, in the sacred places, we remember that it is our God who nourishes us, upholds us, and sustains us. We listen to the beating of our hearts, feel our life's blood pulsing through our veins. We remember our baptisms, and that we are forgiven. In the silence, we weep with gratitude for the love that caused Christ to accept death that we might have life, and live it abundantly, lavishly, joyfully. We turn inward for a while, come before God in silence, and remember the purpose for which we were created - to be in a love relationship with God, and to love one another as we are loved. The rhythm of God's love moves us from *remembering* to *creating* memories. From *being* to *doing*.

Come! Let's not miss a single moment of this precious time together with our Lord and with each other, as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter!

God's Blessings, *Pastor Barb* ✕

[Jesus] was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Mark 1:13

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Lutheran Youth Organization

News

submitted by Dana Lee Smith

February Highlights

Thanks to all who supported "Souper Bowl of Caring" on February 1st. We collected \$754 for Manna House! Thanks to all the youth who helped with the Youth Sunday service. We ended this special day with a great Super Bowl pizza party.

During February, we welcomed several new members to the Youth Planning Team. Pastor Barb is now a part of the team and the youth members of the team elected Teresa Jackson to serve as the parent representative. Church council appointed Andy Dasher to serve as the congregational representative. Thanks to everyone for serving and giving of your time.

Crucifer/Acolyte/Nursery Assistant Reminder

All youth and parents are asked to check the newsletter for crucifer, acolyte and nursery assignments. If you are not able to serve on your assigned Sunday, please contact Mary Lou Barnes (728-3260) or Dana Lee by Wednesday. This will insure that the correct information is in the bulletin. These are important jobs for Sunday morning worship and we need to make sure that everyone is doing their part.

March

Wednesday, March 4th 6:00pm-7:30pm: Youth Bible Study

Friday, March 6th - Sunday, March 8th: All GA

The bus will leave Zion at 4:30pm on Friday and return by 6:00pm on Sunday. We'll call as we get close to home. Youth will need money for a fast food meal on Friday, offering during Sunday worship and a sit down meal on Sunday.

Wednesday, March 11th 6:00pm-7:00pm: Youth Planning Team

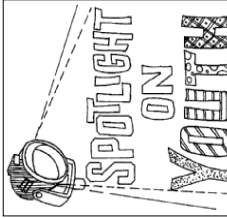
Wednesday, March 18th 6:00pm-7:30pm: Youth Bible Study

Sunday, March 22nd 4:30pm-untill: Youth Lent Presentation (please note date change)

We'll meet at 4:30pm for a final dress rehearsal. The program starts at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Sunday, March 29th 12:15pm-1:15pm: Carwash for National Youth Gathering

Youth will wash cars immediately following worship to raise money for the trip to New Orleans.



Children's Choir

Submitted by Melinda Heidt

It is hard to believe that our Lenten season began February 25th and our children will be performing their musical, "We Like Sheep", on **March 15th at 6:30 p.m.**

Parents, in order for our musical to be successful, please work with your children. They need to memorize their speaking parts and the songs. We thank you for your help and all you do to support your child(ren). Please look at your schedule and have them present for the remainder of their special practices. The remaining dates are as follows:

| | | |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| March 1 | Sunday | 4:00- 6:00 p.m. |
| March 4 | Wednesday | 3:00- 4:00 p.m. |
| March 7 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| March 11 | Wednesday | 3:00- 4:00 p.m. |
| March 14 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| March 15 | Sunday | 3:30- 6:30 p.m. |

Members of the congregation, please come on March 15th and support your children's choir. You will receive a special blessing from their presentation.



1st & 3rd Wednesday

Zion's mid-week program will meet on March 4th and 18th. Please come and enjoy the meal, fellowship, and Bible study.
2:30-3:30 p.m.Children's (Grades K-5) Choir rehearsal
3:30-4:30 p.m.Biblical craft/study hall (Grades K-5)
4:30-5:30 p.m.Faith Weavers (Grade K-5) Bible study
5:15-6:45 p.m.A meal, age 3 & younger eat free, age 4-10 \$2.00 each, age 11 & up \$5.00 each, maximum family rate \$20.00.

See you there. Any questions or to make reservations call **Norma Ralph (912) 313-2465.**

6:00-7:30 p.m.Youth (Grades 6-12) Bible studies

6:15-7:00 p.m.Adult Study...meal may be eaten during study



Parish Registry

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Neil and Pat Zittrauer, former members of Zion, in the death of her father, Bill Clapp, in Atlanta on February 11th.

Congratulations:

To Sean and Melissa McBride on the birth of their son, Patrick Russell McBride on February 18th at 10:05 p.m. He weighed in at 7lb. 3 oz. and is 20" long.



THANK YOU NOTES:

To Zion Lutheran Church, We appreciate the use of the Church and Social Hall for the funeral of Lois Crapps. She enjoyed her association and visits to Zion. The Social Hall is such a wonderful place. It meant so much to us to have a place where we could all meet for a meal and visit. Thank you so much for everything.

The Family of Lois Crapps



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To Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Zion,

You welcomed us with open arms
You helped us to unpack
You fed us, hugged us, put us up
And nothing did we lack!



Your gifts of hospitality
And kindness are a treasure.
Our gratitude to God for you
Is really beyond measure!

You are truly blessed to be a blessing! Thank you so much for making our move to Zion a real pleasure! We look forward to doing the Lord's work with you.

Pastor Barb and Bob

Zion Lutheran Church Congregation Meeting - Draft February 1, 2009

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

The meeting was held at 12:08pm immediately following the worship service.

Charlie Heidt, Congregation Vice President, called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to act on two (2) items related to extending a Call to Pastoral Candidate, Barbara Ann Koch.

Item 1: Vote to extend a Call to Pastoral Candidate, Barbara Ann Koch.

Item 2: If the congregation votes favorably to extend the Call, the congregation will vote on approving the recommended Compensation Package, which has been approved by the congregation council and the candidate.

The Call Committee members were recognized and thanked for their service. The Call Committee activities and background information on the pastoral candidate were summarized. The requirements of an eligible voter were given.

The congregation was given an opportunity to ask questions concerning the candidate and the vote to extend a call. There were no questions. The ballots were distributed, collected, and counted by the appointed tellers, with the following results.

One hundred twelve (112) members voted. Therefore, seventy-four (74) votes were required to achieve a 2/3 majority.

The vote on the first item of business, to extend a Call to Barbara Koch, resulted in eighty-five (85) Yes votes, twenty-five (25) No votes, two (2) Abstaining votes. The Yes votes exceeded the 2/3 majority required to extend a call. Therefore, a Call will be extended to Pastoral Candidate, Barbara Koch.

The congregation approved the motion to accept the recommended compensation package with no opposing votes.

Based on the favorable vote to extend the call, Barbara Koch will start work on February 9, 2009. The Congregation Council will work with the SE Synod Office to schedule the Ordination and Installation of Barbara Koch. The tentative date of April 5, 2009 will meet the SE Synod Bishop's schedule, but the date has not been finalized.

A question was asked regarding the start date and the tentative Ordination date. The SE Synod Bishop will grant provisional permission for Barbara Koch to preside over Communion until her Ordination.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Phyllis Heidt, Secretary

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Congregation Council Meeting Highlights - Draft February 8, 2009

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

A member met with council concerning communion frequency. A suggestion was made to have the congregation decide the communion frequency – weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Council tabled this until a later date with more information to be provided, and will discuss at the March Council Meeting.

Reports

The Minutes from the January 4, 2009 Congregation Council Meeting and the January 11, 2009 Called Congregation Council Meeting were approved as printed.

The Minutes from the January 18, 2009 Congregation Council Meeting were approved as corrected.

The Minutes from the January 11, 2009 Congregation Meeting and the February 1, 2009 Called Congregation Meeting were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's Report for January 2009 was approved as printed.

Committees

1. Finance: Council approved the committee recommendation for Thomas Kessler to serve as the Congregation Treasurer.
2. Finance: Council approved the committee recommendations for a Pastoral Discretionary Fund and Pastor's credit card.

Unfinished Business

1. Confirmation: Council approved the candidates, Jordan Jackson, Alexis Mercer, Ben Sikes, and Kammie Wilson, for Confirmation on Palm Sunday, April 5-2009.
2. Installation and Ordination Service for Pastor Barbara Koch will be on April 5, 2009 at 4:00PM, with a heavy hors d'oeuvres reception to follow.

New Business

1. LYO Planning Team: Youth Advisor – Dana Lee Smith; Youth – Katherine Ralph, Andrew Kessler, Casey Griffith, Nicholas Dasher, Harold Wheeler, III; Pastor Barbara Koch, Council Appointments: Advisor – Jason Hall and Andy Dasher – Congregation Representative.
2. Constitution Committee: Council appointed Andy Dasher, Charlie Heidt, Ann Lowe, Ray Smiley, and H. E. Wright to serve on the Constitution Committee to review C12.13, C11.01, and CB1.01.

Amber Hall, Council Secretary

2009 Easter Lilies



Easter Lilies will be used in the Chancel area on Easter Sunday.

If you would like an Easter Lily given "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone, please complete an order form and return the completed form with your check to Phyllis Heidt. Please make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church.

The forms are available in the narthex and in the education building, or use the one provided in the Newsletter.

The Easter Lilies will be ordered locally and delivered to the church with the pots wrapped. The cost of an Easter Lily is \$10 each.

The order deadline is March 29th.



Living Cross—Please bring your **fresh cut flowers** on Easter Sunday to help decorate the **Living Cross**.

The cross will be located on the lawn in front of the church. You can bring the fresh cut flowers with you to the **Sunrise Service, Sunday School, or the Worship Service** at 11:00 a.m.



Newsletter articles due

The April Zionews deadline is

March 15th. Thanks to the Senior Citizens for a great lunch and goodies.

Thanks also to my Zionews helpers.-

Gail

| Serving in March | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Date | Flowers | Acolyte * | Crucifer * | Assisting Minister | Nursery | Communion Servers |
| March 1 | (P) Rene' Atkinson | Ben Sikes | Andrew Kessler | Melissa Osteen | Teresa Jackson Harold Wheeler III | Ryan Pittman |
| March 8 | (P) Bessie Studler | Megan Edwards | Cassidy Edwards | Richard Hall | Cheryl Pannal (no youth) | Ray Smiley |
| March 15 | (P) Judy Hart | Katherine Ralph | Kamie Wilson | Jonathan Jackson | Kimberly Morgan Lauren Chapman | Ann McDaniel |
| March 22 | (P) Lida Peth | Nicholas Dasher | Casey Griffin | Dana Lee Smith | Mary Dasher Melissa Lowe | Norma Ralph |
| March 29 | (P) Roy Clifton | Harold Wheeler III | Lauren Chapman | Andy Dasher | Judi Zipperer Jordan Jackson | Tim Vorel |

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

| Week of | Clean Church | Clean Education Bldg | Questions/Changes |
|----------|---|--------------------------|---|
| March 2 | Colby Conaway | Lauren Chapman | Contact Dana Lee Smith @ 728-3227 or 665-1377 by Wednesday of the week assigned |
| March 9 | Melissa Lowe | Bradley Hall | |
| March 16 | Justin Dasher | Andrew Kessler | |
| March 23 | Nicholas Dasher Casey Griffith | Michael and Mandy Allard | |
| March 30 | Katherine Ralph, Marty Gagnon, Kamie Wilson | Jadelyn and Melissa Kopf | |

| Month of | Greeters | Ushers | Visiting Comm. |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| March | Bobby and Dot Zipperer | Jason Hall Craig Pittman | Ethel Feizer Lida Peth |

| Women's Circles | Program | Place |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Evening - Mar. 3rd - 7:00 pm | Emma Lee Dasher | Home of Judy Harmon - 748-9066 |
| Afternoon - Mar. 6th - 2:00 pm | Mary Lou Thomas | Church Education Building |
| Circle of Friends - Mar. 3rd - 7:00 pm | Norma Ralph | Church Education Building |
| Mary/Martha - Mar. 30th - 6:30 pm | Dana Lee Smith | Home of Elizabeth Ralph - 728-6071 |

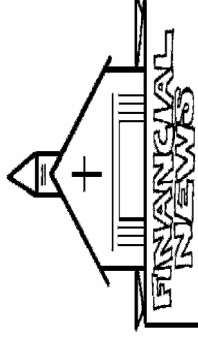
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

What is Zion Lutheran Men in Mission? We are a group of men working in a mission to support the local Boy Scout troop #691, and the Treutlien House. We also mow the church cemetery.

Who belongs to the Lutheran Men in Mission? All the men of Zion Lutheran Church belong. All you have to do is come and get involved. We would love to have you.

The men of Zion Lutheran Church meet the **fourth Sunday** of every month at **8 a.m.** for breakfast, fellowship and a brief devotional. Thank you to all who came out and contributed their time and efforts this past year.

If you are interested in finding out more about LMM, see **Craig Pittman, Harold Wheeler or Andy Dasher.**



January 2009 Treasurer's Summary Report

| Fund | General | Building | Memorial | Bus | Land |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Balance | 6,091.68 | 21,225.91 | 70,318.32 | 5,043.15 | 355,375.33 |
| Income | 8,997.82 | 1,624.44 | 775.00 | -0- | 3,707.02 |
| Total | 15,089.50 | 22,850.35 | 71,093.32 | 5,043.15 | 359,082.35 |
| Expenses | 9,173.19 | 3,511.56 | 1,066.94 | -0- | 33,027.71 |
| Balance | 5,916.31 | 19,338.79 | 70,026.38 | 5,043.15 | 326,054.64 |

Special Contributions and Funds

| Contribution | Amount | Account | Balance |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| ELCA Hunger Appeal | 45.00 | Manna House | -0- |
| Missionary Support | -0- | Southern Seminary | -0- |
| Treutlien House | 145.00 | Local Mission Account | 13,388.12 |
| LSG | -0- | Cemetery Fund CD | 15,101.88 |
| Abundant Life Church | 1,000.00 | Internship Fund CD | 10,328.11 |

Women of the ELCA News

By Melinda Heidt

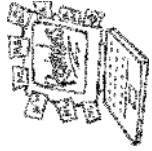
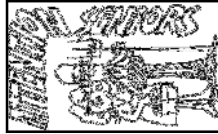


- Please remember our joint **World Day of Prayer** will be March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Powers Baptist Church. We hope folks from Zion will make a special effort to attend this service with our neighboring churches.
- **Ebenezer Cluster Meeting** will be Saturday, April 18th, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Savannah. Look for more information in the April Newsletter.
- All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to take part in all activities. Look for the Women's meetings listed in each month's Zionews.
- For more information you may contact **WELCA** president, **Melinda Heidt (728-3288)**.

Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

SENIOR CITIZENS

Anyone need toilet paper? – If you do, see **Ethel Fetzer** or **Bruce & Kim Peth**, because they won lots of rolls playing Bingo at our Feb. meeting. Forty-six folks enjoyed racking up 59 prizes of all kinds at the get-together. Thank you to **Joy Smiley** for the two big prizes and to the Circle of Friends for the many prizes they donated. Everyone also enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by **Charlie & Melinda Heidt** and their helpers. Thank you to them and the others who brought food for everyone to enjoy. The next Senior Citizens meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m. Once again a meal will be provided. **Janis Bevill (Bobby & Dot Zipperer's daughter)**, the Effingham County chief tax assessor, will be our guest speaker. She will talk about how our property taxes are determined. Come on out for good food & fellowship.



♦ Save your **aluminum cans** for Abundant Life's "Trash to Treasure". (Take off the pop-top rings for the Ronald McDonald House.)



♦ **Aluminum pop-tops** are being collected for the local Ronald McDonald House. There is a drawer designated in the fabric chest of drawers in the entrance of the Education Building.

♦ There is also a drawer each for **cancelled stamps, Campbell product labels, old eyeglasses, soap,** and General Mills "**Box Tops for Education**".

♦ **Pins** of any kind and **old brooches** are still being collected for a volunteer at J.C Lewis Cancer Pavilion to adorn hats for cancer patients. A can is in the narthex or give them to Norma Ralph or Amber Hall.

♦ Manna House's hours are: Monday 12pm-3pm
Thursday 2pm-5pm
Friday 9am-12 noon
1st Saturday 9am-12 noon

Their Monthly Board meeting is the 3rd Thursday at 10:00am at the YMCA in Rincon and it is an open meeting.
Manna House is no longer doing utility assistance.

Congregational Roster Changes

If you have any change of address, telephone numbers, or would like to include your email address for future emails (these will be hidden so it is not viewed by everyone), please give that information to me so I may keep the congregation roster current. You may call the office, leave a note in my box or email me at secretary@zionlutheranga.org. Thanks.
Gail Telesca

Calendar page