



# ZIONEWS

May 2009 Zion Lutheran's Monthly Newsletter



## *The Breath of God...*

The wind blows where it chooses, and no one can contain the wind. You can channel it. You can tap into its power. You can harness its energy, produce light and warmth and fuel. But you can't control it...Out on the lake, a sailboat sits, reflected in water out to the horizon. The wind belongs to no one but God. It *is* God. The very *breath* of God. When the wind dies down, you can't make it blow again. You can only wait for it to return.

When God molded the first people out of the dust of the earth, they were still, silent, lifeless, until God blew the breath of life, the Spirit, into their nostrils, inflating their lungs and setting their hearts beating with the rhythm of creation. And ever since, people have been trying to capture God's breath; to claim its power for their own. But, the Spirit blows where it chooses, and no one can contain it. All we can do is lift our empty hands to receive the sacraments: baptism and communion—the means of God's gift of grace—and wait.

How precious and essential is that waiting time! Like sailboats afloat on the sea of life—vessels at the ready—we rest in the Lord and wait to be filled with the energy we need to sail off into the horizon, called and sent to be witnesses to the world of God's redeeming love through Christ.

Fifty days after the first Easter, on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God came down from heaven with the sound of a mighty wind, and came to rest on the first disciples. The breath of God, as little tongues of flame, flickered on their heads, and they began to tell the good news of the risen Christ throughout the world. For this reason, Pentecost is celebrated each year as the birthday of the Church.

O God, there is still so much more to be done! Breathe new life into us. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Kindle in us the fire of your love. Help us to help others hear their names, whispered in the wind, on the breath of God. Amen.

*Pentecost Blessings to you all, Pastor Barb <>< John 3:8*

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Pastor

Address Service Requested

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

- This Sunday, May 3rd, Zion will be participating in the Annual Sunday School Convention.
- Zion will offer an abbreviated worship service prior to the Sunday School Convention.
- The service will start at 8:30 a.m., will include communion, and will last approximately 30 minutes to allow all an opportunity to attend the Sunday School Convention at the Methodist Campground, which is located on Laurel Street in Springfield. The roll call of churches starts shortly before 10:00 a.m.

### 1st Wednesday

Zion's mid-week program will meet on **May 6th**.

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.

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

7:00 p.m.....Adult Choir rehearsal

See you there. Any questions or to make reservations call

**Norma Ralph (912) 313-2465.**

### Hope for Treutlen House

A concert featuring "The Nelsons", sponsored by Chick-FIL-A and hosted by Springfield 1st Baptist Church will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. Ticket donations are \$10 per person. A love offering will also be received. All proceeds will benefit the **Treutlen House**.

For more information call 754-9797.

(LYO news continued)

### Summer Plan Ahead-Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**; AFFIRM at University of North Alabama

We will travel to Trinity Lutheran in Lilburn, GA to catch the bus to AFFIRM. Details are in the works!

**Middle School Kayaking Trip:** We are planning a special middle school only kayaking trip. Please watch the newsletter for final details.

*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.*

### Pastor Barb Koch's contact information:

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Home Phone: (912) 728-3474

Email address: pastorbarb@zionlutheranga.org

**The Social Ministry Committee is responsible for the card ministry. If you know of someone who needs a card for a special occasion or illness, please contact them.**

Would you be interested in...

CPR class by Karen Warnell to learn or get recertified in CPR.

An **AARP driving class** that could help with your car insurance.

Both would be held at Zion. Get in touch with **Shirley Wright**,

**Craig Pittman**, or **Norma Ralph** for more information.

April was National Volunteer Month

Manna House wishes to thank Zion for their volunteers,

**Charles Thomas, Mary Lou Thomas and Norma Ralph** for their time

and energy given on your behalf to Manna House. Thank you to Zion

for all your generosity throughout the years.

God Bless You!

## Lutheran Youth Organization News

submitted by Dana Lee Smith

### April Highlights

Thanks to everyone who helped with the preparation and cleanup of the Sunrise Breakfast. Special thanks to all who came out to enjoy the meal and fellowship. We also say a big thank you to all who supported another LYO carwash at Zion. We are all working hard to raise money for a busy summer.

### Congratulations Seniors

Congratulations to graduating seniors Brooke Burns, Megan Edwards, Marty Cagnon, Jonathan Jackson, Jadelyn Kopf, Ashley Sparks, Kamie Wilson, Josh Woodcock and Eric Zipperer. We wish you all the best and pray God's blessings as a new chapter in your life begins.

### May Events

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm:** Sunday School Convention Games

Youth are encouraged to attend Sunday School Convention starting at 10:00am at the Methodist Campground in Springfield. All churches in Effingham County are invited to be a part of this special day. There is special music, a guest speaker and each church shares a song with the group. Following the service, all of the Lutheran churches in Effingham will have a covered dish picnic lunch together. After lunch, we'll lead games for any children, youth and adults who wish to participate. If you need transportation, contact Dana Lee.

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:30pm:** Youth Bible Study

Come join us for the last Bible study of this school year. This is going to be a fun night! Bible studies will resume after school starts again in the fall.

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 9:45am:** "Special Project"

We need all youth to attend Sunday School to help with a very special and worthwhile project!

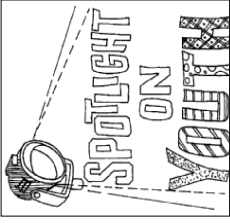
**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>-Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>:** High School Camping Trip

This trip is for high school youth only. You must have already signed up and paid your deposit to attend. We will leave Zion at 5:00pm on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will arrive back at Zion around 12:15pm on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll be camping at Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, GA. Remember to bring a chair for yourself. Youth also need to bring a sleeping bag, towel, wash cloth, shower shoes, toiletries, games, cards and money for 2 meals out. Remember... we will be staying in tents.

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-3:00pm:**

Pork Dinner Sale & Carwash

Dinners will be served starting at 11:00am. The carwash will also begin at the same time. We need everyone's help to make this a success. Tickets for the dinner will be sold ahead of time. If you are interested in selling tickets (\$8.00 a plate), please let Dana Lee know. Also, please make plans to be available for this event!



## Classes with Pastor Barb

### New Member Class

Pastor Barb invites anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Zion to join her in the Education Building Sunday, May 10, 2009 at Sunday School opening at 9:45 a.m. This will be an information session to find a time we all can meet for the three session requirement.

### First Communion Instruction

A sign up sheet is in the narthex and education building for parents who wish to have their children receive First Communion instruction. Parents and children will explore together the child's place at The Lord's Table in preparation for their First Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st.

## LYO Pork Dinner Sale & Carwash



Zion's LYO is working hard to raise funds for summer activities. These include our synod's youth camp, AFFIRM, and the National Youth Gathering. We appreciate all the support you have given this far. On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, the youth will be having a pork dinner sale and carwash from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Tickets for the dinner will be sold ahead of time.

Dinners will be \$8.00 each. If you wish to help us in selling tickets, please contact Dana Lee Smith at 665-1377 or Teresa Jackson at 728-3618. Also, please let Dana Lee know if you would like to help with side dishes, desserts and/or purchasing the meat. Thanks for your support!!



June 8th-12th - VBS

June 13th-19th - AFFIRM at University of North Alabama

June 16th - Effingham Nursing Home Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m.

September 18th-20th - WELCA Southeastern Synod Convention in Savannah

### May 17th - Zionews Deadline

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the many bulletins and Zionews this past month. You're such a blessing to me - Gail

## Parish Registry

Buck and Vi Buckner phone # (912) 728-4617  
 111 Royal Oak Drive  
 Guyton, GA 31312

Barbara Smith new phone # (912) 728-3638



### OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

**Mark Sikes** and family on the death of his brother, **Jim Sikes**, in Charlotte, N.C.

**Ethel Fetzer** and family on the death of her sister-in-law, **Elise Henderson**, on March 27th. Elise was buried at Zion on March 30th.



**Minnie Lee Zipperer, Martell Hall and Emma Lee Dasher** and families whose husband/father, John Henry Zipperer, died on April 16th. His funeral and burial were at Zion on April 19th.

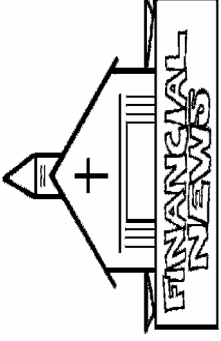
### THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Pastor Barb and Church Family,  
 Thank you for the food, cards, calls, flowers and prayers after my foot and knee injury. I am blessed to have such great friends in Christ!

Love, *Margaret Hall*



**My heartfelt thanks** for the wonderful celebration of my ordination and installation at Zion on April 5, 2009. Everything was perfect, and it will be a day I will never forget! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this day special for me, and for Zion! Bishop Gordy was impressed with your dedication to excellence, which is evident in all you do, and so am I! I have been blessed to have been called to be your pastor! Prayers, *Pastor Barb* <->



## March 2009 Treasurer's Summary Report

Fund	General	Building	Memorial	Bus	Land
Balance	4,335.51	12,157.68	77,614.61	4,829.69	326,929.61
Income	13,928.41	3,199.33	-0-	-0-	3,705.32
Total	18,263.92	15,357.01	77,614.61	4,829.69	330,634.93
Expenses	16,215.24	4,095.34	200.00	243.93	2,825.15
Balance	2,048.68	11,261.67	77,414.61	4,585.76	327,809.78

### Special Contributions and Funds

ELCA Hunger Appeal	150.00	Manna House	45.00
Missionary Support	-0-	Southern Seminary	-0-
Treutlen House	23.00	Local Mission Account	13,000.12
LSG	-0-	Cemetery Fund CD	15,101.88
Abundant Life Church	1,000.00	Internship Fund CD	10,328.11

You are invited to attend

### Manna House Ministries

Building Dedication Service  
 Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Come Join in the celebration and see what God has done through faithful volunteers, churches, businesses, and donations.

Light refreshments will be served.

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Congregation Council Meeting Highlights - Draft April 1, 2009

*A complete copy of the approved minutes is posted on the Church Bulletin Board*

### Reports

The Minutes from the March 27, 2009 Teleconference Congregation Council Meeting were approved as read. The Minutes from the March 1, 2009 Congregation Council Meeting were approved as corrected.

The Pastor's Report was reviewed.

The Treasurer's Report for March 2009 was reviewed with the following clarification, the Pension line item is for February and March, and the Health line item is for February, March, and April.

### Committees

1. Worship & Music: Council approved the following committee recommendations
  - a. To proceed with the Worship Feedback Survey with a written explanation of the items listed on the survey.
  - b. To have "Heritage Sunday" on September 13<sup>th</sup> with a planned meal provided following worship,
  - c. To have seminary students preach on the Sundays when Pastor Barb is on vacation or out of town.
2. Property: Council approved offering the old office furniture to Pastor Seth and Pastor Andy.

### Unfinished Business

1. Installation/Ordination Service Update: Roy Clifton will coordinate video recording the service.
2. New Member Class: Council will discuss at the May Meeting.
3. Communication Meals: Council minutes from 2005 to 2008 indicate there has been no committee or council action to establish a meal coordination committee and council agreed to make no changes at this time.

### New Business

1. Council approved the Girl Scout request to use the kitchen in the Educational Building for a baking activity on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and their request to use the Educational Building on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Girl Scout Recruitment Day, as long as a Zion Member is present and responsible.
2. Ebenezer Conference Spring Assembly Report: Roy and Rhonda Clifton, the 2009 Voting Delegates, attended the Spring Assembly on March 28, 2009. Roy Clifton presented their summary report.
3. Council approved a 5-minute temple talk by the Lutheran Services of Georgia (LSG)  
*Phyllis Heidt, Secretary*

(continued)

Thanks to everyone for the overwhelming amount of love, caring, prayers, food, cards, and memorial contributions to our family - Papa John would be so proud! The love of Pastor Barb and our congregation for him is truly our sustaining strength. The meal after the funeral was so good and gave us a great opportunity to visit with family and friends. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED!

*The Family of John Henry Zipperer*

### **Congratulations:**

**Glen Conaway** who was inducted into the Effingham County Sports Hall of Fame.

### **Congratulations Graduates:**

From SEHS on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>- **Brooke Burns, Megan Edwards, Marty Gagnon, Jonathan Jackson, Jadelyn Kopf, Ashley Sparks, Kamie Wilson, Josh Woodcock** and **Eric Zipperer**.



To **Heather Edwards** who graduates on May 9<sup>th</sup> from the University of Georgia Franklin College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communications.

### **We celebrate:**

with all the saints, at the new life in Christ **Hannah Isabel Clifton** received on her baptism Easter Sunday morning.



with **Stephen** and **Danyelle Heller** at the birth of their 5 lb. 8 oz., 18 1/2", daughter, **Julianna**, on March 30<sup>th</sup>. She is a joy to her parents and big sister, **Peyton**.

with **Benjamin Sikes, Alexis Mercer**, and **Kamie Wilson** who affirmed their faith and became confirmed members of Zion's church family on Palm Sunday morning.



## SENIOR CITIZENS



What's going on at Effingham Hospital? – The answer is “a lot!” **Norma Jean Morgan**, the CEO, and five of her staff members presented a very interesting update at our April meeting, on new programs & new equipment at the hospital. Thirty-nine folks enjoyed their presentation and the good meal prepared by **Melinda Heidt** and her helpers. Thank you to all who worked in the kitchen &/or brought food. Our next meeting will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. **Bonnie Dixon** from the United Way will be talking to us about the many programs they have available for Chatham & Effingham citizens. Plan to come on out & enjoy the get-together and meal that will be provided. And bring a friend!

## Blood Drive at Zion

May 28th from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

To participate, you cannot have given blood after April 1st. We need you! Give the gift of life!



*Mr. and Mrs. William Langston  
Request the honor of your presence  
At the marriage of their daughter  
Jennifer Laura Langston*

to

*Mr. Nathaniel James Fichthorn  
Saturday, the second of May  
Two thousand and nine  
at three-thirty o'clock  
Zion Lutheran Church  
One hundred and twenty-one Noel C. Conaway Road  
Guyton, Georgia*

## Serving in April

Date	Flowers	Acolyte *	Crucifer *	Assisting Minister	Nursery	Communion Servers
May 3	(W) Barbara Barton	8:30 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Convention in Springfield	Jonathan Jackson	Shirley Wright	Sandra White Lauren Chapman	Louise Sebastian Joy Hutcherson
May 10	(W) Kathleen Conway	Jordan Jackson	Cassidy Edwards	Andy Dasher	Brenda Pack Martell Hall Katherine Ralph	Keith and Kim Dennis
May 17	(W) Karen Warnell	Megan Edwards	Colby Conway	Dana Lee Smith	David Osteen Lauren Chapman	Brent Fisher
May 24	(W) Dawn Holton	Harold Wheeler, III	Andrew Kessler	Sherri Pittman	Ramona Kessler Jordan Jackson	Robert and Phyllis Rollins
May 31		Harold Wheeler, III				

\* 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
May 4	Lauren Chapman	Melissa Lowe	Contact Dana Lee Smith @ 728-3227 or 665-1377 by Wednesday of the week assigned
May 11	Bradley Hall	Justin Dasher	
May 18	Andrew Kessler	Nicholas Dasher and Casey Griffith	
May 25	Michael and Mandy Allard	Katherine Ralph, Marty Gagnon, Karmie Wilson	

Month of	Greeters	Ushers	Visiting Comm.
May	Ann and Reggie McDaniel	Ray Smiley Alan Zipperer Devin Zipperer Brett Vandenhousten	Emma Lee Dasher Barbara Smith

Women's Circles	Program	Place
Evening - May 5th - 7:00 pm	Sandra White	Home of Kim Peth 728-3495
Afternoon - May 8th - 2:00 pm	Ruth Pauley	Church Education Building
Circle of Friends - May 18th - 7:00 pm	Norma Ralph	Church Education Building
May/Martha - May 25th - 6:30 pm	Pam Kopf	Home of Dana Lee Smith 728-3227

## Women of the ELC A News

By Melinda Heidt

SOAP! The Lutheran World Relief is still in need of soap. There is a basket in the Social Hall entrance; please put the soap in the basket. You can give a donation to the WELCA Treasurer, Emma Lee Dasher, to purchase soap for you. Please make your check payable to Zion WELCA.

### Dates to Remember:

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Cluster Meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Savannah, GA.  
Registration begins at 9:00am.  
The meeting ends at 2:00pm.

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Effingham Nursing Home Birthday Party at 2:30pm.

September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>: WELCA Southeastern Synod Convention in Savannah, GA at the Inn at Ellis Square. The theme is "In One Spirit".  
See Melinda Heidt for Registration Forms and deadline information.

All Ladies of the Congregation are encouraged to attend one of the four (4) WELCA Circles. The meeting dates and times are listed on the Newsletter Calendar.

## HELP NEEDED FOR CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Mark your calendar for mowing and cleaning of the cemetery on:

Thursday, May 7th from 4:00 p.m. - ?  
Friday, May 8th from 4:00 p.m. - ?  
Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 a.m. - ?

Many people are needed for mowing, raking, pulling weeds, etc. All help with this project is greatly appreciated. For more information or to answer any questions, contact Clayton Dasher at 728-3222.

## DISCOVERY CANYON

Wonder-filled things are waiting for you in  
The majestic and awe-inspiring canyon!

Place: Zion Lutheran Church

Dates: June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Times: 9:00-12:00

Grab your hiking boots and join in a week of  
High-action games, awesome music, wacky  
Skits, Bible stories, and cool crafts!

Register today! Call Dawn Vorel 507-1876 or pick up  
registration form at Church. Discovery Canyon is the  
place to be this summer!

### Children's Choir

Submitted by Melinda Heidt

We have had a great year with the children in Choir. Thanks to the children for singing and to their parents for having them present. We will practice through May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be singing at the Sunday Morning Worship Service through the month of May.

The Pool Party will be at Charlie and Melinda's home on May 20<sup>th</sup> following practice. The choir members will swim and have dinner. The parents should plan to pick the children up at 6:30pm.

### Bridal Shower

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower for  
Kelsey Gnaun, fiancée of Grant Anderson, in the Zion Social Hall on  
May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Curiosity  
Shop in Rincon, Bolck in Savannah and Statesboro.

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