



# ZIONEWS

September 2009 Zion Lutheran's Monthly Newsletter



## Anticipation...

There was a commercial for catsup a while back that said it was so thick and rich that it would hardly pour out of the bottle. A man sat at a table with his head in one hand, holding a bottle of catsup over his hamburger, waiting expectantly for that dollop of catsup to plop onto his bun. Music in the background played, "Anticipation. Anticipay..ay..tion, is making me wait." The message was that the catsup was so good it was well worth the wait.

How did the man know that? How did he know that when the catsup finally came out of that bottle it would be good? Because he had *experienced* that brand of catsup before, *remembered* how good it had been, and *trusted* that the brand name on the bottle would not let him down this time. He had high expectations for that catsup, so he waited with anticipation of the good thing to come.

I wonder...do I wait on God like that? Do I wait with eager expectation of the good things God has so lovingly prepared for me? I have *experienced* God's goodness before. I *remember* how sweet it was. But, when the answer to my prayer is slow in coming, do I really *trust* that God will not let me down *this time*?

Sometimes my waiting is filled not with anticipation, but impatience. Sometimes, I find myself asking God for the good, not really believing that it will come. I don't always trust God to know what the good thing *is*, let alone provide it for me, and I am more than ready to tell God how I think things should be done! Sometimes, I try to *force* the good thing "out of the bottle" instead of waiting in God's wisdom for God's good time.

"Anticipation." writes Jeremiah A. Wright. "God is fixing it right now, even though I can't see how. Anticipation. While I am trying to figure it out, God has already worked it out. Learn how to wait with expectancy that God is doing something about it.

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Anticipation. Faith is relational, not conceptual. "What we will yet be, has not been revealed."

Especially during times of change and struggle, it is good to remember that God is ultimately trustworthy. We can trust that God's Spirit is always going ahead of us, preparing the way, smoothing out the rough places, and working out God's will for us, even when we can't see it. If we truly believe that God is active and moving in our lives, then we will not wait in anxiety or fear of what may happen. We will wait with anticipation for the good thing that God is actively preparing for us, fully expecting that it will come.

May you wait on the Lord with anticipation of good things to come.

Blessings, *Pastor Barb* <><

*Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him.*  
Psalm 37:7



## Homecoming Worship and Picnic - September 13th

- September 13th will be a Special Day at Zion.
- Mark your calendars - call your family, friends, and neighbors and invite them to come and worship at Zion and stay for a planned meal following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.
- Following the picnic-style lunch, we will have an assortment of games and activities for all to enjoy.
- Around 3:00 in the afternoon, we will continue the day with homemade ice cream.
- We want everyone to be comfortable - so the dress for the day should be casual - **Wear Picnic Attire!**
- Those planning to bring a side dish should indicate what they are bringing on the sign-up sheet in the Church Narthex. Meats are being provided by the church.

*(LYO News continued)*

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm - 3:00pm:** Yard Helpers "God's Work - Our Hands"

Bring your work gloves, rake, clippers, etc.! All youth are asked to bring a sack lunch and a change of clothes to worship. After church, we'll eat, change clothes and travel to help one of our members with some needed yard work.

### Plan Ahead

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

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm - 3:00pm:** Youth/Parent Meeting and Super Clean Service Project

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Put booth in Effingham County Fair

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm:** Area Reformation Service at Zion

### Please Note!!!

All youth who are assigned as crucifer and acolyte are asked to meet in Pastor Barb's office at 10:50am for a time of prayer.

*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.*

## 2009 WELCA SOUTHEASTERN CONVENTION NEEDS!

1. Lutheran Services of Georgia/Savannah is the recipient of our 2009 In-Kind Gathering donations.
  - a. **Bring DIAPERS, UNDERSHIRTS, INFANT HATS AND NIGHTGOWNS (ALL INFANT SIZES).** This will help LSG provide their infants with basic supplies when parents and foster parents are unable to afford them.
2. Please remember that our 2009-2010 Love Offering will be going to prison ministries for women in Georgia. A portion of the offering will provide a much needed communion table/baptistry to replace the multi-use table currently being used at Pulaski State Prison for Women in Hawkinsville, Georgia. The clinical chaplain ministers to approximately 1200 to 1225 female inmates. On an average 6 to 8 baptisms are performed each month at Pulaski.

Please remember to give as you feel God is calling you to do.

## Lutheran Youth Organization News

submitted by Dana Lee Smith

### Jesus, Justice, Jazz - Thanks

Thanks to all the youth who shared during our National Youth Gathering report. Also, many thanks to Jonathan Jackson for putting together our slide show. All who attended the

gathering really enjoyed it and everyone brought home a little piece of New Orleans and a little bit of *Jesus, Justice, Jazz*. It's a trip that we won't forget and we hope to put some of what we learned to use here at home. Thanks to everyone who supported all of our fundraising efforts. We are very grateful to have such a supportive, caring and giving congregation. Most of all we appreciate your prayers for a fun and safe trip!

### August Highlights

In August, 32 youth and 3 adults enjoyed a night of fun and games as we stayed up all night during our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Zion Lock-In. Thanks to Pastor Barb for helping out with acolyte and crucifer training as part of the lock-in. We ended August with a final farewell to summer as we enjoyed an afternoon at the beach.

### September Events

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm - 7:30pm:** Youth Bible Study

Our first and third Wednesday program resumes in September. Join us for games, music and fun as we kick off our Bible Study program. We will have separate groups for Middle School & High School. The meal begins at 5:15pm. Please make meal reservations with Norma Ralph at (912)313-2465.

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - 7:00pm:** Youth Planning Team

The youth planning team is responsible for planning activities for our group. If you have any ideas, thoughts and/or suggestions, please let anyone on this team know. Those on the planning team are as follows; Casey Griffith, Katherine Ralph, Andrew Kessler, Nicholas Dasher, Harold Wheeler III, Pastor Barb Koch, Andy Dasher, Jason Hall, Teresa Jackson and Dana Lee Smith. The planning team meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm - until:** Games for Homecoming Sunday

Youth will sponsor games for all ages following the Homecoming Sunday meal. All youth are asked to help with this event. Final details will be planned during Sunday school and Wednesday night programs. Bring your ideas!

**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - 7:30pm:** Youth Bible Study

Come join our Bible study! The meal begins at 5:15pm.

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## 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Zion's mid-week program will meet on September 2nd and 16th. Please come and enjoy the meal, fellowship, Bible study and the ever dreaded clean up. A wise man said "A family that eats together, stays together."

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.....Confirmation Classes with Amber Hall

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

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

We are encouraging everyone to attend, even if you have not made reservations. You may stay for the program to follow or partake of the meal and leave and your choice will be respected. See you there. Any questions or to make reservations call **Norma Ralph (912) 313-2465**.

**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.**

### Blood Drive at Zion

**September 24th from 2:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Please do not give blood after September 1st so you can participate. We need you!**



### **Congratulations:**

To **Shirley Maner Hagin** and **Frederick Weitman** who were married on August 1st at Bethel Lutheran Church.



To **Chris Barton** and **Hannah Marcus** who were married on August 10th.

To **Bryan** and **Jennie Vandenhouten** on the birth of a baby boy, **Keegan James**, on August 3rd. **Lilly** is excited to have a baby brother. Grandparents, **Rick** and **Jenny Ullman**, and great-grandmother, **Louise Ullman**, are proud of the new family addition.



### **Thank you:**

To **Katie Pittman** who has volunteered 44 hours in July at Manna House for Zion. Thanks for your service!

### **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:**

The family of **Frances Hart**, who died on August 3rd. Her funeral and burial was at Zion on August 6th.



The family and friends of **Juli Gnann** of Jerusalem Church.

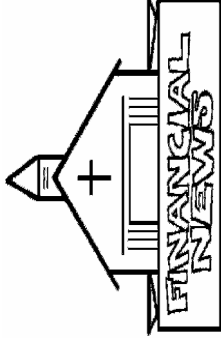
We pray God's comfort for those who grieve.

### **THANK YOU NOTES:**

Thank You:

My family and I thank you for all of your support, love, prayers, and acts of kindness during the recent long hospital stay and death of my sister, Geraldine (Geri) Latham. Special thanks to my WELCA Evening Circle for bringing us a delicious meat, cheese, and fruit tray with everything needed for a meal, to Pastor Barb for providing us pastoral care and love during this most difficult time, and to those who have given money to help us with Geri's burial expenses. We feel blessed to be part of Zion Lutheran, and pray that God continues to bless all of you, whom we consider our extended family.

*Melinda Heidt & family*



## **July 2009 Treasurer's Summary Report**

Fund	General	Building	Memorial	Bus	Land
Balance	<-1,266.54>	9,549.71	77,101.86	3,764.27	324,092.12
Income	17,195.73	737.06	50.00	600.00	1,845.08
Total	15,929.19	10,286.77	77,151.86	4,364.27	325,937.20
Expenses	15,926.05	-0-	3,018.62	-0-	2,825.15
Balance	3.14	10,286.77	74,133.24	4,364.27	323,112.05

### **Special Contributions and Funds**

ELCA Hunger Appeal	50.00	Manna House	12.00
Missionary Support	-0-	Southern Seminary	-0-
Treutlen House	22.00	Local Mission Account	12,154.12
LSG	-0-	Cemetery Fund CD	15,101.88
Abundant Life Church	1,000.00	Internship Fund CD	10,328.11



October 25th - Joint Reformation Service at Zion

November 14th - Fall Festival

December 13th - Children's Christmas Program - "Christmas Hang-ups"

December 20th - Adult Choir Cantata

*Just three things...*

- **October's Zionews Deadline:** **September 20th** is this month's deadline.
- Thanks to all who helped get Zionews out this month.
- To contact me, you may call the office, leave a note in my box or on my desk, or email me at [secretary@zionlutheranga.org](mailto:secretary@zionlutheranga.org) with changes, information, or articles.

Thanks for your help... *God*

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH Congregation Council Meeting Highlights - Draft

August 2, 2009  
*A complete copy of the approved minutes will be posted on the Church Bulletin Board*

### Reports

The Minutes from the July 12, 2009 Congregation Council Meeting were approved as printed.

The Pastor's Report was reviewed.

Council approved Pastor Barb's requested time off to attend a Continuing Education Course, September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will not miss Sunday Worship or Wednesday Programs, will return in case of an emergency, and will pay the course fees.

The Treasurer's Report for July 2009 was reviewed.

### Committees

1. Christian Education: The Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will be on December 13, 2009.
2. Property: The committee will get estimates for the necessary repairs to the Education Building Roof.
3. Social Ministry: Blood Drive through the Blood Alliance is scheduled for September 24, 2009.
4. Social Ministry: The committee is researching the cost and feasibility of phone software.

### New Business

1. Council approved the request from the Boy Scouts to use the Education Building on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 7:00pm for a spaghetti Fund Raising Meal.
2. Council approved an open forum meeting in the September/October time frame.

*Phyllis Heidt, Secretary*

To Zion Church friends and family for your caring support during Mother's (Frances Hart) illness and at the time of her death. We really appreciate the food sent to our home and the wonderful meal after the funeral. All of the delicious food was perfect - and so were y'all for giving so much of yourselves. May God bless you in all of your efforts.

Sincerely, **Gene Hart, Patricia Nutting** and family.



♦ **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.

- ♦ Save your **aluminum cans** for Abundant Life's "Trash to Treasure". (Take off the pop-top rings for the Ronald McDonald House.)
- ♦ There is also a drawer each for **cancelled stamps, Campbell product labels with bar code, old eyeglasses, soap, and General Mills "Box Tops for Education"**.
- ♦ In case you missed it last month, **Angel Food Ministries** at Rincon Church of God, offers meal boxes at reduced prices each month. September 14<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m., is the ordering deadline with food being distributed on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. A September menu is posted on the bulletin boards.
- ♦ **Manna House Pantry Needs:**

rice	dry beans	mac'n'cheese
grits	pasta	corn muffin mix
sugar	cake mix	cooking oil
- ♦ **Manna House hours** are: Monday 12 noon-3pm (closed Labor Day)  
 Thursday 12 noon-5pm (starting 9/10)  
 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.

## Serving in September

Date	Flowers	Acolyte *	Crucifer *	Assisting Minister	Nursery	Communion Servers
Sept. 6 (G)	Dawn Holton	Matthew Ralph	Katherine Ralph	Richard Hall	TBA Harrold Wheeler III	Thomas and Ramona Kessler
Sept. 13 (R)	Mary Dasher	Nicholas Dasher	Casey Griffith	Katherine Ralph	Laurie Langston Jennifer Fichthorn Cassidy Edwards	Ryan Pittman
Sept. 20 (G)	Elise Zipperer	Autumn Conaway	Lauren Chapman	Dana Lee Smith	Dawn Holton Megan Edwards	Ray and Joy Smiley
Sept. 27 (G)	Dana Lee Smith	Harrold Wheeler III	Colby Conaway	Shirley Wright	Joy and Ronald Huicheson Andrew Kessler	Brett Vandenhouten

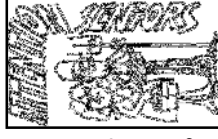
\* Acolytes and Crucifers need to meet in the pastor's office 10 minutes before worship (10:50 am).

Week of	Clean Church	Clean Education Bldg	Questions/Changes
September 7	Michael and Mandy Allard	Justin and Luke Dasher	Contact Dana Lee Smith @ 728-3227 or 665-1377 by Wednesday of the week assigned
September 14	Nicholas Dasher and Casey Griffith	Melissa Kopf	
September 21	Katherine and Matthew Ralph	Jordan Jackson	
September 28	Harrold Wheeler III	Ryan Pittman	

Month of	Greeters	Ushers	Visiting Comm.
September	Carolyn Boyd Joann Conaway	Dick Barnes Jason Hall Bob Koch David Osteen	Dana Lee Smith Emma Lee Dasher

Women's Circles	Program	Place
Evening - Sept. 8th 7:00 pm	Lida Peth	Home of Melinda Heidt 728-3288
Afternoon - Sept. 4th (note date change) 2:00 pm	Shirley Wright	Church Education Building
Circle of Friends - Sept. 21st 7:00 pm	Norma Ralph	Church Education Building
Mary/Martha - Sept. 28th 6:30 pm	Dana Lee Smith	Home of Teresa Jackson 728-3618

## SENIOR CITIZENS



Let's play Bingo! That is what 43 folks had fun doing at their August Senior Citizens' meeting. Sixty-six prizes were given out with **Wilma Helmey** winning the grand prize of a basket full of goodies, and **the Charlie Heidts** going home with the most rolls of toilet paper!! Everyone that played won at least one prize. Thank you to Joy Smiley for donating the grand prize. Thank you also to **Charlie & Melinda Heidt** for being in charge of the delicious meal and to all those who helped provide food &/or worked in the kitchen. The next Senior Citizens meeting will be Wednesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. **Vivian Rogers-Price**, Research Center Director at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, will present the program. Don't stay at home by yourself. Come on out for some education, good food, & fellowship!

## Worship Service Volunteer Opportunities

We are delighted to have so many people actively participating in our worship service. This helps make the worship more meaningful for us all, as well as giving you an opportunity to use your special gifts in service to the Lord.

The committee realizes that everyone has different talents, likes, dislikes, and time constraints. In an effort to match members with the weekly worship service opportunities they most enjoy, members of the Worship and Music committee are calling folks in the congregation to ask, "Would you like to serve the Lord by volunteering to fill one or more of the following worship roles?"

- Nursery Attendant
- Special Needs Nursery Attendant
- Greeter
- Usher
- Communion Assistant

If you have not yet been contacted and are interested in serving in one of these areas, please call Gail in the Office at (912) 728-3430 or Phyllis Heidt at (912) 728-3077.

We are truly grateful for the time devoted by all volunteers at Zion, not just those who volunteer in Worship! Thank you, the Worship and Music Committee

## Women of the ELCA News

By Melinda Heidt

\* We will be attending the WELCA Synod Convention in Savannah at the Inn at Ellis Square, September 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "In One Spirit". This is a great opportunity for our ladies to attend a convention. The **in-kind gifts** will be designated to Lutheran Services of Georgia. The items needed most are: **small size diaper shirts** and **small sizes disposable diapers**. You can put the items in the basket in the social hall.

\* A report of the convention will be given at the Joint LMM and WELCA Quarterly Meeting in November.

\* All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend one of the (4) WELCA Circles. The meeting dates and times are listed on the newsletter calendar.

## Children's Choir

Submitted by Melinda Heidt

We are excited to have our children back in choir. They will begin singing every Sunday at our Worship Service. All children in kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grades are welcomed and encouraged to join the choir. Faith Weavers will be immediately after choir practice on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be assigning parts and begin practicing the musical, "**Christmas Hang-ups**" created by Dennis & Nan Allen. We are asking the parents to help their child learn the music and speaking parts. We thank the congregation for their continued prayers and support. We are planning on a great year in choir. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Melinda Heidt (728-3288) or Karen Hall (728-4964)**.

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

**What is Zion Lutheran Men in Mission?** We are a group of men working with the mission of supporting 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**.

## Pictorial Directory

Thank you to each person & family who took time to have their picture taken for the new church directory. Each person/family "sitting" receives one "free" directory. If you would like additional directories, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The cost for and additional directory is \$5.00.

- ♦ If you were unable to have your picture taken, please submit a recent picture to Pastor Barb. The more pictures taken or submitted, the more activity pages showing Zion's ministries we are able to have in the directory. The company charges \$10 to add a picture they did not take to the directory, but you do get a new directory.
- ♦ Dana Smith & Amber Hall are working on the layout of the activity pages. If you have any recent pictures of church events, please check with them to see if your pictures are needed. Thank you.

# Calendar page