

The Messenger

June/July 2011
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church



Band of Brothers

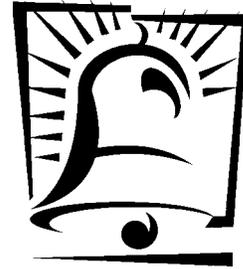
The Men of Zion gathered Saturday morning at 9am, May 21st, to bagels, coffee, and Bible study. We talked of Namaan, the leper in 2 Kings, and his dealings with Elisha who healed him. Seven people attended, and afterwards we socialized and offered prayers for one another. We had a unique opportunity for five people to go to a dinner honoring the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and hear Coach Marvin Lewis speak. The program is called "100 Men Stand Up and Start Something." Next meeting is June 18th, 9am. Our goal this coming week is to bring a friend, and start getting the word out. God bless.



Save the Date Vacation Bible School August 8-12, 2011

Grace and peace to you all. Coming in August, we have the opportunity for Vacation Bible School. I'd love to get as many kids into the program as we can, so tell everyone. It's called PandaMania. We are asking everyone to start collecting items to help us decorate the church. We need bamboo, lanterns, a gong, and, of course, panda bears.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact the church office. This year's VBS director is Kathy Chambers. If you have questions, please call her at 513-276-2634.



RING OUT THE WORD

We want to restore our beautiful historic steeple bells to their once glorious sound.

Church council has promised to use \$ 5,000 as a down payment if Zion Church members and friends match this amount to restore the Steeple Bells. The Verdin company can make our bells as good as new and just as loud by using a striker mechanism so the bells do not have to swing. This is good for the bells and for our steeple. Currently only one of the bells we have is working.

The total cost to do this is \$12,300. Some money has already been donated, but Church Council would like to see us now match their \$5,000 by collecting an additional \$5,000 over the next couple months. Can you help us?

This donation needs to be in addition to your normal giving. Before we can continue with this project we are using the next couple of months to collect funds in order to meet our deadline of July 15. You can put your contribution for the steeple bell project in the collection plate or send it to Julia in the Zion church office.

Listen to sermons on line at
Zion's web page, Radio Section.

True wisdom lies in gathering the precious things out of each day as it goes by.

E.W. Bouton

ZION OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

Summary and Recommendations: An opinion survey was made available to all the members of Zion Lutheran Church, and 174 responded, of whom 80% claimed to worship at Zion at least 2 or 3 times a month, and 104 (64%) claimed to worship nearly every Sunday. This high level of response from our regular worshippers means that the results reflect the feelings of the congregation with a high degree of accuracy.

Overall, about 50% of the congregation at least somewhat accepts the current status of our relationship with the ELCA, and about 20% to 25% feel strongly that we should end our relationship with the ELCA. There are indications that an acceptable middle ground might be found that satisfies most members, but it is unlikely that we will find a course of action that all will accept. A step already taken, allowing members to designate their benevolence dollars not go to the ELCA, seems acceptable to most members. Additional steps need to be identified by the task force and adopted by the Council in the near future.

Details and Discussion: The respondents are committed to Zion, with 91% agreeing that Worship here is important to them (Q 1), and 80% claiming to worship at Zion at least 2 or 3 times a month (Q 12). The data clearly represents those who have a strong interest in Zion, and includes more than half of those who join us for worship on a regular basis. 87% of the respondents felt that they are well informed about the ELCA resolutions (Q 2).

There is no significant interest in ending Zion (Q 3), or in merging with another congregation within the ELCA (Q 5), or in becoming an independent congregation, leaving behind our financial and physical assets (Q 6). Only 20% would be interested in merging with a congregation outside the ELCA (Q 4).

There is a core group of individuals, comprising about 20 to 25% of the congregation, who are so opposed to the actions of the ELCA that they want to become a member of either the LCMC or NALC, with a directional preference for the NALC.

The response to question 10 shows good acceptance of the step already taken, allowing members to designate that their benevolence dollars not go to the ELCA. This question would have been better worded "If Zion stays in the ELCA, Then....." As worded, some people were voting on designating benevolence, while others were voting against staying in the ELCA. An analysis which compared the responses to question 10 with responses to questions 7, 8, and 9 showed that 38 individuals strongly disagreed with this statement, in questions 7, 8, and 9 only 21 or 22 of those who strongly did not want to go to another affiliation disagreed with this statement. The other 16 or 17 were people who were reacting to staying in the ELCA, rather than designation of benevolence.

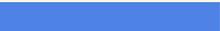
Finally, question 11 illustrates the broad range of opinion within the congregation. 30% of the members think we just need to forget about the ELCA resolutions and get along, 34% feel that we can't continue without taking some definitive action, and the other 1/3 are somewhere in the middle. The challenge for the Task Force and the Council is to identify those steps which will help pull our congregation back together and renew our energy for doing the Lord's work through Zion of Hamilton.

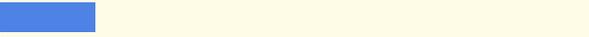
Zion April 2011 Opinion Survey Data

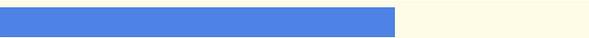
1. Worship at Zion is an important part of my life		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		6	3%
Somewhat Disagree		2	1%
Neither Agree or Disagree		8	5%
Somewhat Agree		24	14%
Strongly Agree		134	77%
Total		174	100%

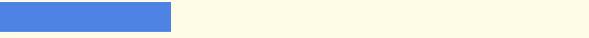
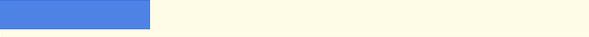
2. I feel I am well informed about the same gender relationship resolutions passed by the ELCA		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		7	4%
Somewhat disagree		6	3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		10	6%
Somewhat agree		67	39%
Strongly Agree		84	48%
Total		174	100%

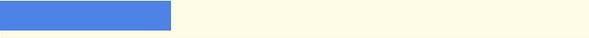
3. End Zion Lutheran Church of Hamilton		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		149	86%
Somewhat Disagree		10	6%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12	7%
Somewhat Agree		2	1%
Strongly Agree		1	1%
Total		174	100%

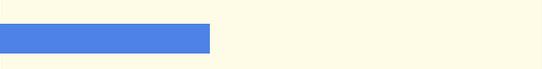
4. Zion should merge with another Lutheran church outside the ELCA		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		89	51%
Somewhat Disagree		13	7%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		37	21%
Somewhat Agree		15	9%
Strongly Agree		20	11%
Total		174	100%

5. Zion should merge with another Lutheran church within the ELCA		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		108	62%
Somewhat Disagree		21	12%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		35	20%
Somewhat Agree		8	5%
Strongly Agree		2	1%
Total		174	100%

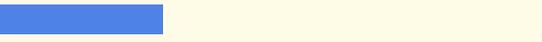
6. The people of Zion should leave the ELCA and become an independent Lutheran church with the understanding that we would leave behind our buildings and financial accounts.		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		145	83%
Somewhat Disagree		10	6%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		13	7%
Somewhat Agree		5	3%
Strongly Agree		1	1%
Total		174	100%

7. Zion should leave the ELCA and join the LCMC - Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		63	36%
Somewhat Disagree		20	11%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		55	32%
Somewhat Agree		20	11%
Strongly Agree		16	9%
Total		174	100%

8. Zion should leave the ELCA and join the NALC - North American Lutheran Church		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		63	36%
Somewhat Disagree		13	7%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		51	29%
Somewhat Agree		23	13%
Strongly Agree		24	14%
Total		174	100%

9. Zion should leave the ELCA and join both the NALC or LCMC		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		77	44%
Somewhat Disagree		16	9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		50	29%
Somewhat Agree		17	10%
Strongly Agree		14	8%
Total		174	100%

10. Zion should stay in the ELCA but members should be able to choose to NOT have their gifts or benevolence go to the ELCA		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		38	22%
Somewhat Disagree		15	9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		31	18%
Somewhat Agree		41	24%
Strongly Agree		49	28%
Total		174	100%

11. Zion should have no formal reaction to these same gender resolutions and just accept our differences		Response	%
Strongly Disagree		60	34%
Somewhat Disagree		16	9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree		12	7%
Somewhat Agree		34	20%
Strongly Agree		52	30%
Total		174	100%

12. On average, I worship at Zion...		Response	%
Almost every Sunday		104	62%
roughly two or three times a month		30	18%
once a month		12	7%
a few times a year		22	13%
Total		168	100%

**Minutes of Special Church Council Meeting on May 24, 2011
With Approved Actions to be Taken by Zion as a Result
Of the ELCA's Ruling of August 2009**

A Special Church Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, to hear the results of the opinion survey conducted among Zion's members in March and April of this year. The detailed results are also published in this issue of the Messenger. This questionnaire concerned our member's feelings about the 2009 Church-wide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) approval/passage of a "resolution allowing individuals in lifelong, monogamous, same gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders in the ELCA." After thorough discussion, the Council unanimously approved the following actions:

1. Because of the wide range of our member's opinions, Zion will **NOT** leave the ELCA. A letter will be sent to the ELCA strongly expressing Zion's dissatisfaction with the effects this ruling has placed on our congregation. Among other items, this letter will include Zion's decreased benevolence to the ELCA as a result of this ruling. This letter is being drafted and will be presented to Council for approval at the June Council Meeting.
2. Zion's members who do **NOT** want their benevolence to go to the ELCA, can and should mark their giving envelopes to reflect this. (More information to come on this.) Giving envelopes for 2012 will have this option already printed on them.
3. In seeking to fill pastoral vacancies, Zion will continue to follow the standards established by the Church Council of the ELCA in its October 1990 meeting when it adopted and authorized the distribution of "*Vision and Expectations: Ordained Ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*".

On Page 13 of this document it states: "**Sexual Conduct.** *The expectations of this church regarding the sexual conduct of its ordained ministers are grounded in the understanding that human sexuality is a gift from God and that ordained ministers are to live in such a way as to honor this gift. Ordained ministers are expected to reject sexual promiscuity, the manipulation of others for purposes of sexual gratification, and all attempts of sexual seduction and sexual harassment, including taking physical or emotional advantage of others. Single ordained ministers are expected to live a chaste life. Married ordained ministers are expected to live in fidelity to their spouses, giving expression to sexual intimacy within a marriage relationship that is mutual, chaste, and faithful. Ordained ministers who are homosexual in their self-understanding are expected to abstain from homosexual sexual relationships.*"

Council Members Present: Ron Alcorn, Bill Carpenter, Ron Erbeck, Ken Gerold, Cheryl Griesinger, Linda Herget, Bob Herold, Pastor Dave Miller, Phil Pflaumer, Joe Sears, Lori Rehm and Vicki Wheeler. **Excused:** Don Keck. **Absent:** Jon Bartels, Pastor Tim Landers, Mel Less, Lou Robinson, Brenda Savage and Barb Toman.

Committee Members Present: Ron Alcorn, Inas Clark, Robin Kaelin, Phil Pflaumer and Dave Schul.



Women of Zion, as disciples of Christ, are called to grow in faith, discover and use our gifts, and serve in our communities at home and throughout the world.

Freedom of Summer

As child on the farm our summer began on Memorial Day; school was out and farming had to be done. It is strange, now as I look back, that our summer was based around two national holidays and one in the middle. The 4th of July was the middle of summer and extra special if we could find the fireworks. Then finally Labor Day meant back to school.

Little did I understand the very deep meaning to those special days. I still use those dates to mark my summer but now I stop and feel the true meaning that each holiday brings.

Memorial Day I see the flags marking the graves of lost loved ones who died protecting our freedom. The 4th of July I see the flags of freedom and remember that our forefathers had a vision of a new nation under God. Finally as summer comes to a close, I take the time to remember the hard work of those who labored before me.

All days are special in our lives, but a few need to be remembered for the God-loving people who lived, work and died for us.

Enjoy the summer and let God's true freedom ring.

Elaine Carpenter

Dinner at the One Way Farm

A group of 17 people from Zion provided dinner for the 20 residents and 5 staff members at the One Way Farm in Fairfield. This was a very enjoyable and heart-warming event. Everyone enjoyed the good food and the time to listen and talk to the kids. Each child got up and gave a talk on their experiences and one young man sang Amazing Grace all by himself. We were touched so very much and knew that our Lord was well pleased. Some from Zion also got up and spoke. A time to share some thoughts and some feelings.

After the kids did the dishes, they returned to the residence houses and Barb Condo, Director of One Way Farm, showed a movie of the history and future of the One Way Farm. We are Thankful that Barb and people like her are given the gift of love and devotion to help these young people that are so much in need. Let us remember the kids and Barb as we make donations. Be sure to visit their store.

Another covered dish dinner is planned for next year. Thank all of you for caring and sharing with the kids.

Congratulations Pastor Dave and Natalie

The Women of Zion had the privilege of hosting a wedding shower to celebrate the up coming wedding of Pastor Dave and Natalie. The wedding shower was attended by 88 members from Zion and family and friends from as far away as California, Oregon, Mansfield and Cleveland, Ohio. This was the first time many of us had the opportunity to meet Natalie.

There were a few surprises as both mothers of the couple plus other family members attended.

After a light luncheon, Pastor Dave introduced their guests and where they were from. Pastor Dave then gave the story of their courtship. Following the cake cutting, Shirley Kaelin presented the couple with a quilt made by the ladies of Mission Sewing. The quilt has a square block hand embroidered of Zion church plus other blocks which many church members signed. With this quilt may Pastor Dave and Natalie always remember that all of Zion wraps their arms about them and supports them in their new journey.

It was a true pleasure for all of us to share this special time.

Items for World Relief

Garage sales will be starting and that is a great way to get items for layette kits. Also look for bed sheets and material for the ladies quilts. This is a great way to get items and contribute to Lutheran World Relief.



PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

Many thanks to those of you who have been bringing your prescription bottles in. The program has been a great success and we are continuing it for another year. We hope that you will continue to bring your prescription bottles in. They are taken to Matthew Ministries and used for prescription medicines in developing countries.

So.....Drop off EMPTY pill bottles in the container in the Great Hall. We accept prescription pill bottles and over-the-counter pill bottles (such as vitamins). Please be sure to rinse bottles and remove labels. You can also drop a nickel, dime or quarter in them to help with postage. This is an easy and inexpensive way to help people in these developing countries as well as recycling those bottles; making sure they don't end up in a landfill here.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

The Book of the Month Club will meet on Tuesday, June 7, to discuss *The Confession* by John Grisham. John Grisham's latest novel is a legal thriller with a serious purpose. Grisham focuses on the death penalty system in Texas, telling the story of a young man on death row for a crime he claims he didn't commit and a parolee three states away who confesses to a pastor that he committed that murder. *The Confession* follows the mechanics of the death penalty system as the players involved try to sort out justice and the hours tick down to the execution.

We will take a summer break and won't meet again until September. Make sure you write down any books you read over the summer that you think might be a good read for the book club. We'll add them to our list.

The next meeting will be on September 6 and we'll be discussing *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. Set during a remarkable time, the same period as Ernest Hemingway's *A Moveable Feast* and *The Sun Also Rises*, Paula McLain's *The Paris Wife* brilliantly captures the voice and heart of Hadley Hemingway as she struggles with her roles as a woman—wife, lover, muse, friend, and mother—and tries to find her place in the intoxicating and tumultuous world of Paris in the twenties.

Plan on joining us in the church lounge at 6:30 p.m. for both of these discussions. We always welcome new people. Remember, reading is good for the mind and soul!

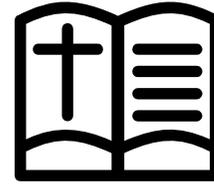
Box Tops for Education

Please save Box Tops for Education (on General Mills Products), and Campbell's Soup labels. These are collected at various City of Hamilton elementary schools to pay for field trips. There is a container in the lounge to put them in. We will see that they get to an elementary school that can use them. Special thank you to Florence Hofmann for the two large bags she brought in. Thanks.



Confirmation Tea Sunday, June 12 11:30 a.m.

The congregation is invited to share in a special party for Patrick Huston who will be confirmed at our 10:30 service. The Women of Zion will host a reception for him following the 10:30 service. Please stop by the lounge and welcome Patrick as a full member of our church family.



A DEVOTIONAL MOMENT

Our national Women of the E.L.C.A. (WELCA) sends us monthly devotionals that we are including in the Messenger. These are a nice addition to our Portals of Prayer series. We hope that you think so too!

A Devotion for May

Opening Prayer

You are the God who is simple, direct, clear with us and for us.

You have committed yourself to us.

You have said Yes to us in creation,

yes to us in our birth,

yes to us in our baptism,

yes to us in our awakening this day.

But we are of another kind,

more accustomed to "perhaps, maybe, we'll see,"

left in wonderment and ambiguity.

We live our lives not back to your yes,

but out of our endless "perhaps."

So we pray for your mercy this day that we may live yes back to you,

yes with our time,

yes with our money,

yes with our sexuality,

yes with our strength and with our weakness,

yes and no longer "perhaps."

In the name of your enfleshed yes to us,

even Jesus who is our yes into your future. Amen.

Reflection

Have you experienced what it means to listen to God's call? Our discernment affects not only our own lives and families but also our congregations and our communities.

God calls us continually, and our partnership with God can give us the focus we desire and the direction we need.

What are your hopes for your own life, and how have you discerned what your God-given gifts are? Do you believe you have a calling? Are you living out that "yes" to God? Has there been a time when you helped someone else in their discernment?

We are God's people doing God's work, and it is in listening to God and taking that step to say "yes" that we are making a difference in our church, society and world.

Closing Hymn

I say "Yes" my Lord



*"Living
a life of
daily bread."*

**Cincinnati Conference Fall Retreat
Mt. St. Joseph Retreat Center**

November 4 & 5, 2011
Friday evening & Saturday till 4:00

Cost: \$55.00 includes meals on Saturday and room costs.

To register, fill out below and turn in to Robin Kaelin or
mail to Kathy DeLong, 4178 Bayberry Ct., Hamilton, OH
45011.

Name _____

Address _____

Contact information phone and/or email _____

Special Needs _____

Home Congregation _____



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Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Southern Ohio Synod

2011 Convention



**Free
in GOD's Love**

September 24, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Epiphany Lutheran Church
6430 Far Hills Dr.
Dayton, OH 45459

Registration forms are in the great hall. Deadline is
September 12, 2011. If you register and pay by
August 1 the cost is \$65.00, after that it goes up to
\$75.00.

If you have questions, please see Robin Kaelin.

*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the
Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."*

2 Corinthians 3:17



Zion Seniors

The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and
over, will be going to Riley's in Springdale for lunch on
Tuesday, June 28. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:15
a.m.. Please sign the sheet in the great hall if you would
like to go along.

Then on July 19 (a week early so as not to conflict with
Butler County Fair week) we'll eat at the Bier Haus near
Miami town on State Route 128. Again, we'll meet there at
11:15.

We encourage all our seniors or almost seniors to go along for these fun outings. It gives you a chance to get to know your fellow church members.



The earth is the
LORD's, & everything
in it, the world, & all
who live in it.

Psalm 24 : 1

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is a non-governmental organization founded in 1945 to respond to the needs of communities devastated by World War II. Since then, it has evolved from a relief agency shipping material to war-torn Europe to an agency that works worldwide to respond to emergencies, seek lasting solutions to poverty, and work for peace and justice for all. Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, LWR works to reduce poverty and injustice by helping communities increase and expand the resources they need to live productive and healthy and lives.

The Women of Zion collect each year for LWR. The items will be sent at the end of September. Following is a list of needs for these stewardship projects. These kits can be put together complete or any of the pieces can be given individually and we will complete the kits. Items are due in September. Thank you for your help.

Sewing Kits

- 3 yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton-blend fabric
 - 1 package of 10-15 needles for hand sewing
 - 1 spool matching thread
 - 1 card of 6 or more 1/2" to 5/8 " matching buttons
- Wrap notions inside fabric and tie with string, yarn, or fabric strip.

Health Kits

- 1 hand towel (dark color preferred)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bar new soap (bath size)
- 1 toothbrush (in package)
- 1 comb (wide tooth preferred)
- 1 metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached
- 6 Band-Aids, preferably 1/2 to 3/4 inches.

Wrap all items in towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn.

School Kits

- Pads of paper, 8" x 10 1/2" ruled (totaling 150-200 sheets)
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 6 pencils with erasers
- 1 30-cm. metric ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser, approx. 2 1/2 inches long
- 1 box of 16 - 24 crayons
- 12 sheets construction paper (assorted colors)
- 1 12" x 14" sturdy cloth bag with short cloth handles

Pack all the items in the bag, fold the handles over and secure with two large rubber bands. One way you can especially help is to sew the cloth bags for the school kits.

Layette Complete - (up to size 24 months)

- 2 Undershirts or Onesies ®
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers
- 2 Soft Washcloths (full size)
- 4 Cloth Diapers (flat fold)
- 2 Safety Pins
- 1 Sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 Cotton Receiving Blankets or Crocheted/Knitted Blankets out of Lightweight Yarn (36" x 36" hemmed)
- 1 Bath size Bar of Gentle Soap

Wrap items in receiving blankets and secure with safety pins. Check garage sales or thrift shops for good used items. Sweaters can be knitted which would be helpful. Receiving blankets and washcloths can also be made cheaply by those who like to sew.

They ask that none of the kits be put in plastic bags.



**EVER HAD THE DESIRE
TO LIGHT A CANDLE
or CARRY THE CROSS?**

WE NEED YOU!

Acolyte/Crucifer Training

For ages 9 -18.

Sunday June 5th 9AM – 10AM ((Breakfast included))

Come train to play a meaningful part in our service. You will learn the ins and outs of this position and have the opportunity to practice. All are invited; if you know you will be able to make it, please let the office know (863-5774) so we can make sure to have enough food. Thank you.



Well, the 2010-2011 year is winding down. It has been a year filled with events and projects – large and small. In a couple of weeks we will be breaking for the summer and hope to return this coming fall with many more fun activities and lots of ideas for helping our church and our community.

Projects and Fundraisers!



Bonus
Sunday

Bonus Sunday was May 29th!

Our project for this Bonus Sunday was a collection for school kits for kids in the area. Any amount can be donated! TRUTH will receive matching funds from THRIVENT for this project.

TRUTH would like to thank ALL the members of Zion for their generous contributions for the Bonus Sunday Projects. You have helped us help many others!

Don't forget to re-load your **Kroger re-loadable cards!** Use them every time you go shopping at Kroger's.

Haven't gotten one yet? Well contact a member of TRUTH and they will tell you how you can get one. For every new person to sign-on, TRUTH adds your starter \$5 as a thank-you for supporting us.

Coming in June

June 5th is our last meeting for the year. Have a very safe and fun summer.

See you in August when we resume!



LOMO Family Camps

Imagine a family vacation where your lodging, meals, recreation and activities are all included. Now add the dimension of a Christ-centered community sharing in worship, study, fun and fellowship, and you have a LOMO Family Camp! Each Family Camp experience offers a beautiful setting, with lots of options for both time together and time apart. Days are filled with opportunities for swimming, sports, games, crafts, Bible discovery, worship and more. LOMO Family Camps are for single adults, couples, parents and children, aunts and uncles, grandparents and grandkids!

Luther Family Camp

Located on the shores of Lake Erie, Camp Luther is specifically designed for families. Each week at Luther begins on Sunday afternoon and ends on Saturday morning. Camp Luther represents a unique setting where families and staff interact in a special way. Expect your week at Luther to provide memories that will last a lifetime!

To see LOMO camp photos go to <https://picasaweb.google.com/LOMOPHOTOS>

Fall in Love with Camp Promotion

Through the “*Fall in Love with Camp Promotion*” we want to introduce congregations to a LOMO Camp that they are not currently experiencing. Zion Lutheran families are invited to attend Camp Luther for free August 7-13. This is what we ask of participants:

- Complete and mail the *Fall in Love With Camp – Family Camp Registration Form*
- Be willing to share your comments regarding your family camp experience
- Consider giving a free will tax deductible donation to LOMO to help cover the cost of food (not required)

Our hope is that you will fall in love with family camp at Camp Luther and make it an annual family tradition.

For additional information about our camps, please visit:

www.lomocamps.org



Zion Adult Fellowship June/July 2011

Summer is here and we are enjoying the pool and warm temperatures. We still have lots of fun activities to come.

So, bring your friends and join the adults from Zion for an evening of fun and relaxation!

April - we had a fabulous dinner at Valley Vineyards hosted by Vicki and Bob Wheeler. It was an evening of good friends, good food, and good wine. Thank you Vicki & Bob for a wonderful night!



May - we supported the Annual Cinco De Mayo fund raiser hosted by the Merchants. Thank you to Susan and Rex for your dedication to the mission ministry in Mexico.



June 4th The Lobster Bake is back!!!!
Hosts: Sandy & Ingrid Sanders and Bob & Vicki Wheeler.
Please Note: this is not the typical 2nd Saturday of the month

Sign-up in the Great Hall

There is a limit of 40 people.

For more details see the bulletin insert or contact:

Sandy & Ingrid: 844-8222

Bob & Vicki: 737-6915

July 9th Bowling
Hosts: Mike and Kathy Frye
Time: 6:00 pm
Where: Fairfield Lanes
Dinner to follow at Raymond's Pizza
Sign-up in the Great Hall



August 13th Picnic
Hosts: Bennie and Leanne Bowling
Check bulletin for details

September - La Comedia
"A Second Helping"
Church Basement Ladies sequel
Hosts: Ken and Shari Gerold
Watch for details



Zion's Adult Fellowship is a unique and rewarding way to get to know members of our Zion family and a terrific venue to introduce friends and family to Zion.

When someone joins a new church, it is very difficult to connect in an hour or two on Sunday morning. Activities beyond the structure of a church service lead to a comfort level and make the church a home and family. This has been the experience we have had this past year in this new outreach ministry.

If you haven't joined us for an activity, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US, we'd love to have you!

If you have questions feel free to contact us:

- *Kathy Frye PH: 868-7179
email: pilgrimspride@fuse.net*
- *Craig Jones PH: 7793236
email: craig_j1s@hotmail.com*

Or contact Julia in the office for information.

Congregations grow when members invite their friends to worship and fellowship activities.



I devoted myself to
study and to explore...
all that is done
under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:13

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On May 8 we are honored our graduates. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Two of our students, Julie Allen and Chris Huston, received a special thank you for their dedication and service to Zion by acolyting for many

years.

HIGH SCHOOL

Julie Allen, daughter of Greg & Chris Allen, is graduating from Fairfield High School. She will attend Wright State University to pursue a degree in Technical Production and Set Design for Theater.

Andrew Copas, son of Joe & Joni Copas, is graduating from Hamilton High School. He will attend Ohio University majoring in Physics.

Kristin Fortunski, daughter of Linda Gwaltney, is graduating from Fairfield High School. She will attend Colorado State in Fort Collins for a degree in Equine Sciences.

Christopher Huston, son of Paul & Libby Huston, is graduating from Fairfield High School. He will be attending Auburn University. He received an Academic Presidential Scholarship, a scholarship from their College of Science and Mathematics, and was accepted to the Auburn University Honors College.

Allen Niederman, son of Kent & Terri Niederman, is graduating from Ross High School. He will be working in the family business. Allen is the grandson of Lester & June Niederman.

Grant Sharratt is graduating from Fairfield High School. He will be attending Capital University in August and will be studying Political Science. He hopes to someday work for the Federal Government in Washington, D.C. He is the son of Michael and Laura Sharratt and the grandson of Edward and Nell Schmidt.

Katie Van Zant, daughter of Carrie Van Zant, is graduating from Hamilton High School. She is taking a year off to work and travel before beginning college.

COLLEGE OR BEYOND

Laura Allen, daughter of Greg & Chris Allen, is graduating from Ball State with a degree in Magazine Journalism. She will intern with Cincinnati Magazine this summer and then be looking for a permanent job. Laura recently had an article published in Running Times Magazine.

Katie Hilbert, daughter of Julia Hilbert, will receive her Master of Science in Public Service Management with a concentration on Non-Profit Management from DePaul University in Chicago. She is currently working at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Lindsey Huston, daughter of Paul & Libby Huston, is graduating from Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC with a BA in Philosophy. She will attend graduate school at Elon University in Elon, NC pursuing a masters in Interactive Media.

Nathaniel Kaelin, son of Gary & Robin Kaelin, will receive his Masters in City and Regional Planning from the Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University. He is employed by the State of Ohio.

Parker Merchant, son of Rex & Susan Merchant, graduates May 6th from University of Colorado at Boulder with a B.A. in Mathematics. He is currently looking for a year internship before attending graduate school.

Emily Sears, daughter of Joe & Julia Sears, is graduating on May 13, 2011. She has earned her BA in sociology/criminal justice with a minor in psychology from the University of Tennessee class of 2011.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Zion Lutheran Church Scholarship can be obtained from the church office. Completed forms must be submitted by June 12. This \$1,000 scholarship, which is awarded to one person per year, can be used by a student who is enrolling/enrolled full-time at a college, university, or technical school. For additional information, call the church office.

Have you remembered

Zion

in your Will?



Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cinco de Mayo potluck / dessert auction on Saturday, May 14th. We raised \$905! We sold 30 desserts, 5 goodie baskets and a summer's worth of premium church parking.

Special thank you to the Cinco de Mayo committee for making it happen: Ken Gerold, Shari Gerold, Inas Clark, Patrice Huston, Robin Kaelin, Doug Erbeck, Ron Erbeck, Lou Robinson, Jessica Purkiser, Leanne Bowling, Susan Merchant and Pastor David.

Thank you to all donors: Cheryl & Dan Griesinger, Elaine & Bill Carpenter, Jessica Purkiser, Leanne Bowling, Patrice Huston, Robin Kaelin, Pastor Miller, Pastor Landers, Inas Clark, Shari Gerold, Joyce Wittig, Beth Allen, Marcia Helsinger, Ingrid Sanders, Kathy Debord, Karen Seckel, Julia Hilbert, Arlene Herget, Tammy Jones, Sandy Bunger and Susan Merchant.

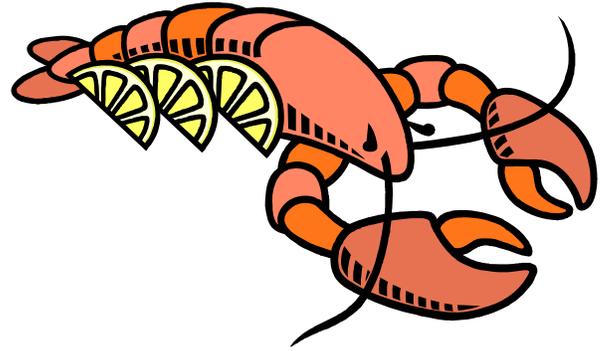
And thank you to everyone who came and supported the Mexico mission trip! If you would like to contribute to the 2012 Mexico Mission trip, please make your check out to Zion Lutheran, with "Mexico" on the memo line. Place in the offering plate or deliver to Julia in the church office.

The mission trip is planned for June 15-23, 2012. If you think you would like to join us, or need more information, contact Rex Merchant at 513-869-2214 or rexmerchant@gmail.com.



THE ZION SOFTBALL TEAM

The Zion softball team has played several games and had many rain outs. The new schedule is not out yet so we can't share a list of future games but the next game will be on Monday, June 6 at 8:30 p.m. on diamond 3. Watch the bulletin for game times after that. Mark your calendars for Monday evenings and come on out and cheer on the team.



June Adult Fellowship

LOBSTER COOKOUT III

June 4, 5:30 p.m.

After the absence of a year, the **Lobster Cookout III** is returning to the **Zion Adult Social Fellowship** calendar.

This year it will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of **Vicki and Bob Wheeler, 3688 Saratoga Drive** in Fairfield Township off Hamilton Mason Road. Ingrid and Sandy Sanders will be cooking all the lobsters, and giving cracking and eating instructions where needed. **Please note: in case of rain, the event will be held at Zion.**

The cost is **\$16 per person** for 1 lobster. A signup sheet is available in the Great Hall. Please signup to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share, and your choice of beverage (beer and/or wine permitted). All congregation members are invited over the age of 20.

Questions: Vicki at 737-6915
Ingrid at 844-8222

This event is limited to 40 participants.



Our prayers for God's healing and strength are offered for those who have been hospitalized or have medical or personal issues:

Name:	Requested by:
John Adams	Tillie Adams
Millie Ante	Member
Helen Marie Becker	Jon Bartels
Marge Belew	Ingrid Sanders
Joan Besanceney	Member
Lorainne Blanchard	Gail Konrad
Richard Block	Member
John Bowser	Joan Boling
Vicki Brunner	Shirley Snyder
Jewel Calihan	Member
Nicole Carson	
Kathy Carter	Gretchen Radler
Nelda Chandler	Robin Kaelin
Shirley Clark	Doris Theiss
Gardner Cole	Ingrid Sanders
Joni Copas	Member
Natalie Cornwell	Shirley Snyder
Lou Dabbelt	Member
Jane Day	Gail Konrad
Karrie Dodez	Gladys Weidner
Phyllis Duerr	Gail Konrad
Ray Dustrude	Karen Seckel
Jack & Evelyn Duvall	Members
Lucy Emrick	Kathy Chambers
Barbara Engel	Member
Reista Flaherty	Joan Boling
Mike Ford	Member
Debbie Gibson	Julia Sears
Lois Godby	Gail Konrad
Tiernee Gonzales	
Mary Greeley	Member
Carl & Edna Guckenberger	Members
Maeline Shaw-Hand	Ingrid Sanders
Ann Hannah	Pat Houk, Stevie Damon
Ellen Heyob	Karen Pflaumer
Randy Jackson	
Ralph & Dorothy Jones	Members
Tammy Jones	Member
Sherry Joy	Ingrid Sanders
Shelby Kane	
Lee & Melba Keehner	Members
Carolyn Kelley	Member
Ava Kemen	Joe & Julia Sears
Addie Killian	Karen Pflaumer
Travis Kinch	Robin Kaelin
Reba King	Mike Ford
Randy Kollstedt	Vicki Wheeler
Jimmy Kollstedt	Gail Konrad
Steve Lantis	Member

Kurtis Larson	Ruth Larson
Rudy Larson	Member
Betty Leek	Elaine Carpenter
Louis Leshner	Donna Wolfe
Jennifer M	Edith Stewart
Ellen Mikulich	Evelyn DuVall
Cindy Moll	
Jean Mueller	Member
Betty Mullen	Debbie Ferguson
Amanda Nelson	
Bobby Niederman	
Mitch Parker	Member
John Peck	Libby Huston
Megan Ruehl	Brenda Savage
George Sanchez	Member
Marge Schick	Member
Ed Schmidt	Member
Erica Schulze & family	Frank Martin
Shaw-Hand, Madeline	Ingrid Sanders
Russell Sick	Member
Mary & Del Smith	Marcia Helsinger
LeRoy & Mary Snavley	Members
Patty Sroufe	Member
LaVerne Stewart	Member
Jackie Isaacs Stout	Member
Debbie Sunderman	Gail Konrad
Tom Suttman	Julia Sears
Michael Twining	
Paul Waechter	Member
Mark Wells	Theresa Lander
Caroline Wendelken	Member
Beth Young	Member
Carol Hofmann Yount	Florence Hofmann

Please pray for **Jon Bartels & Sara Feichtner** on their wedding engagement and **Jeffery Sandlin & Jennifer Crawford** who were united in marriage on May 21.

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Helen Grace** who passed away on May 17.

Continue to pray for those in the armed forces, **Joe Copas, Jeff Chasteen, Megan Snyder, Ben Boyce, Justin Follick, Kevin Niemann, Nick Ford, Lisa Johnson Lowery, Dustin Lowery, and Bradley Gill.**

***If you have a joy or sorrow to share and be prayed for, please notify the church office. We strive to include everyone.

As people of God we want to pray for all who are sick or have other prayer requests. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please fill out a prayer request and put it in the offering plate. However, if you have added someone and they need to be taken off the list, please fill out a request and put it in the offering plate, or call the church office. Thanks for your help.

NEWS ABOUT SOME FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING

Bobby Niederman

Just an update on Bobby Niederman. I talked with his wife again today and she said he is doing very well. He has not missed a day of his work on the farm although he did take a nap after one of his chemo sessions! He is finishing his second treatment session, and if all goes as planned, he will be having a bone marrow transplant in July or August. This will require about a month's stay in the hospital, which will be extremely hard for him. The reason for the transplant is that this lymphoma has become very aggressive.

Although the Niederman family is not active in our church, they are our brothers and sisters in Christ and wonderful people. They give so much, especially with their Christmas display. Let's continue to keep them covered with prayer for healing and strength for the whole family. You can follow Bobby's blog at www.caringbridge.org. Sign up and then visit his journal page "bobniederman".

Karrie Dodez

Hey Everyone,

Wow...this week sure has gone fast!!!!!!!!!!!! Not enough time in a day or a night! We are down to the final 12 hours before we head for Cincy! The last night in our beds...in our house...in our family of four...we will be back, I know! It's just going to be a long week.

Despite the sadness and fear in our hearts, we cannot help but to be extremely thankful for all of you!!!! First, God has continued to protect Karrie. Her back pain last week from the BMA went away by that Friday. She hasn't really had any pain that's slowed her down...a few headaches, belly aches, leg aches, etc. Second, we have been given so much by so many...gas cards, gift cards, generous donations, cards of encouragement, stories of our trial making a difference in someone's life, crafts and such to do in isolation, a paper quilt put together by her whole 2nd grade class, a laptop and video to skype with family and friends, royal treatment by our Cincy Angels, a Fun Hat Day at PRC complete with well wishes and pictures coming via email while at Cincy, friends coming to Cincy to be with us...working on our basement...cleaning, yard work, and such while we are gone, friends and family taking care of Steven and coming to his ball games in our absence...the list goes on and on! We are so blessed...overwhelmed...humbled!!!! Third, we have had so many special moments within our family of four...moments that are engraved in our hearts and minds forever. We can focus on each moment and not take each other for granted. Finally, we have been covered in prayer by so many and we know God is working miracles in our

lives each day. You all have given us joy in these days of such heaviness. We are so grateful!

So now back to reality...Karrie will have an OR procedure about 1:30 on Monday and the MIBG infusion about 2pm on Tuesday. Then we wait...and wait...and wait until her radiation levels come down to 7...the magic number! It could take 3 to 7 days. She is only scanned once a day, but we will hopefully be busting out and heading home as soon as she hits 7. That is wishful thinking since we know things don't happen that fast in a hospital. Once released Karrie will not be around people much for another 5 days due to the radiation still in her system. Thankfully, we will be at home for those days.

We ask for your continued prayers for Karrie's healing...the treatment to kill the cancer cells...Karrie's sniffles and sneezes to be just allergies and not sickness...Karrie to be calm and entertained...Steven to be busy, strong, and comforted...Steven to pitch and play well with no injuries on his team...us all to experience God's joy each day...Mark and I to have energy, peace, and strength...safe travel for us and our friends...my back, sciatic nerve, and muscles to not hurt despite lack of sleep...the doctors, nurses, and hospital staff to do their jobs well...God to be very real to us and make His presence known each day. We ask that you may consider fasting and prayer for all these things while we continue on this journey. We need you every step of the way!!!! Thank you again for everything!

"Did I not tell you that if you believe, you would see the glory of God?" John 11:40

In His Hands,

Amy

(This was written on May 7.)

BLESSINGS ABOUND

Here is a blessing members have reported in the last month...

Please remove Brian's name from your prayer list. He's doing pretty good – back to work for a week now. Prayers were the answer for him, that's for sure. He's a miracle. Thanks, JoAnette Coe

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you to all who participated in the annual blood drive. The members of Zion exceeded the goal and provided 24 units of blood for the Community Blood Bank.

In July, we will be baking desserts for the Community Meal Center. Cookies, cupcakes, cakes and brownies are all appreciated by the folks at the center.



Thanks to our May bulletin stuffers: Joan Bowling, Tom Toman, Joy Merrill, Cindy Burkhart, and Lori Rehm.

Thank you to Jean Keck for baking communion bread for the first Sunday in May.

Thank you to those who delivered Meals on Wheels in May. They were Shirley & Charles Kaelin, Lori Rehm, Gene Eggleston, Carolyn & Dave Schul, Susan & Rex Merchant and Mel & Anneliese Less.

Shirley (Kaelin),

Seems like I send this every year. Sure hasn't been a good winter healthwise for both of us. I get stints Wednesday and Thursday. Have to give me blood, cause my count is so low. Lee goes the 18th or 19th for a pacemaker and fibulator, they think. He is just worn out, I think.

Please put this in the newsletter. "Lee & Melba Keehner express their thanks to all who sent cards and calls this past winter. Maybe next year we will be better."

Blessings,

Lee and Melba

Dear Zion Members,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards and thoughts during my illness. They all mean so much to me and, with the power and strength of God, I will be feeling better soon! It is nice to know that I have so much support and good thoughts coming my way! Thanks again!

Joni Copas

Dear Members,

Thanks so much for the handmade quilt which was wrapped around me on Mother's Day. It is a nice tradition and I will take the quilt with me when I attend Ohio University.

Andrew Copas

Reverend Landers,

Thank you for your continued support and hospitality as a host venue for our weekly blood drives at Zion as well as your support of the church's annual members blood drive. It has been a pleasure to work with Barb Toman and Julia and I look forward to our continuing partnership.

Praising God's glory,

Marlene Bubash

Community Blood Center

Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for honoring me on my graduation from DePaul University. I can't wait till mid June when it's official. Thanks for the gift certificate to Berean Christian Store. It will be put to good use.

Katie Hilbert

Thank you to Ora and Dorothy Nixon for the many years of cutting the lawn at Zion. They are retiring due to health reasons. We appreciate their years of serving. They kept us looking neat and trim.

If anyone would like to take up this service to Zion, please see a trustee or call the church office.

Dearest friends!

Natalie and I want to thank everyone for the wedding shower and celebration! We had such a great time. Seeing our family was a special treat as well. Natalie and I were mutually surprised at seeing our moms and our relatives! We had a great time. The food was spectacular, and everyone's dietary concerns were greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity in presence and in the gifts.

Natalie wanted to especially say that she felt welcomed and supported by the church family at Zion. Thank you for providing such warm hospitality. God bless and keep you all.

Love, *Dave and Natalie*

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the shower for Pastor Dave and Natalie such a great success. It took all of us working together for this joyous occasion to happen. Thank you and God Bless.

Thelma Martin

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran, including the VBS participants,

On behalf of the Hunger Task Force of the Southern Ohio Synod, thank you for your gifts of \$400.19 and \$86.75 to the ELCA malaria campaign. We appreciate your participation in the effort to end deaths from malaria by 2015.

Kathleen J. Zwanziger

*A letter of thanks was sent from Graceworks Lutheran Services for donations. It is posted outside of the church office.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: We now have gluten free communion wafers available. If you need to use this special wafer, please let the pastor know as he's serving communion or before any service on communion Sundays.



The following shut-ins are celebrating their birthdays in June and July. All members of Zion are encouraged to send a card, make a phone call or visit a shut-in. You'll find that you are being a blessing and receiving a blessing yourself from these contacts.

Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz 6/1

Berkeley Square
100 Berkeley Dr.
Hamilton, OH 45013

Mrs. Pat Davis 6/3

114 Edmonton Place
Hamilton, OH 45013

Mr. Richard Ott 7/14

1001 Parkview Blvd. #126
Columbus, OH 43219

Ms. Jane Pierson 7/24

225 Britton Lane
Monroe, OH 45050



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Preschool

Eliana Radler 30x
Abby Purkiser 10x
Jasper 5x

Makayla Platt 25x
Kiara Radler 15x

Grades 1-3

Alex Bruner 10x
Zachary Savage 25x

Logan Bartels 10x

Grades 4-6

Melody Conrad 15x
Dale Savage 20x
Marissa Lombardi 5x
Ethan Merchant 15x

Samantha Bowling 25x
Adam Bartels 15x
Avery Purkiser 10x
Allison Hamblin 5x



MINISTRY IN THE HEART OF NATIONS

“Hey Christy! Wish I can talk to you again, if you have time, please try to call!!”

I just received this message tonight from a high school girl in the Dominican Republic. God had crossed our paths here in New York before she left to go back to her country to work through some immigration issues. Over the past few years that I’ve known her she accepted Christ and has shown a kind of sweet love for the Lord that I don’t see in many teenagers. I had the privilege to teach her what God has been teaching me and also to introduce her to my church while she was here.

Now, back in the Dominican Republic, “Christy” misses her family that she left behind and misses Christian fellowship as well. Please pray for her, that she would daily find encouragement in the Lord and shine her light for Christ in the Dominican Republic as she did here in NYC.

Thanks for helping to reach the nations for Christ here in New York City. I couldn’t be here without your support and prayers.

Until they all hear,
Christy Smith
Brooklyn, NY

Tails From God



As part of the *Tails From God* ministry, Zion has a recycling program to benefit the Animal Friends Humane Society. Simply bring in your used printer cartridges, cells phones, toner cartridges, PDAs, and MP3 Players and put them in the recycling box in the church office. They will be packaged, shipped and sent to eCycle Group (www.ecyclegroup.com) and the money given to the Animal Friends Humane Society. This is a wonderful opportunity to be good stewards of God’s creation by protecting the environment and the abused and neglected animals in Butler County. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Karen Conklin, 513-863-0532.

Pet Directory

Zion’s Pet Directory draft is available on Zion’s web www.zionhamilton.org, click on the "news & events" tab and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link that says "pet directory draft." Everyone who has a picture in the book, please check it out for any errors. We can still fix them. A hard copy is available to see in the great hall and lounge. Please see Karen Conklin for any changes. We will also continue to accept pictures to add to the directory.



Have you tried to find a newer member's phone number or address? And you ended up calling Julia at the church office? Well, it is time for an updated church directory.

This will be an in-house directory and we will not be taking pictures but if you would like to submit a photo please send it to the church office or email it to Julia at zionhamilton@juno.com. The directory will include name, address, phone number, cell phone number and email address.

At the same time Julia is updating the church's personal data base. Please fill out the information listed below and return to the church office by June 22. You can also email the information to me. Please let us know if you do not want us to include your email and cell phone numbers in the directory. Questions: contact Susan Merchant at 869-2214 or Julia at 863-5774.

Names in your household, along with birthdates, and if known, baptismal and/or confirmation dates.

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Numbers _____

Email Addresses _____

Wedding Date _____



FIRST LUTHERAN'S OTR LEARNING CENTER FUNDRAISING DINNER DANCE JUNE 12

"Sunday Swing", a dinner dance fundraiser at Paul Brown Stadium for the OTR Learning Center is Sunday, June 12, 6 – 9:30 p.m. The dinner dance will raise much-needed funds for this important Lutheran support ministry in Over-the-Rhine provided by our sister ELCA church First Lutheran on Race Street. Tickets can be ordered through their mission partner church Good Shepherd Lutheran website under their "upcoming events" under the "Sunday Swing" tab, or by calling Good Shepherd (Kenwood) at 891-1700. An incredible musical group, the "Scott Belck and the Cincinnati Swing Orchestra", composed of 14 members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and led by Belck, director of Jazz Studies at CCM, will be performing 2 musical sets for dancing following dinner. Tickets for this important fundraising event are \$275 per couple and \$150 per individual. Corporate sponsorships available and group pricing as well.



SECOND ANNUAL "400 FOR FIRST" FUNDRAISING BIKE RIDE

The second annual 400-mile fundraising bike ride for First Lutheran will take place June 18 – 24 by Mike Wood, long-time supporter (from Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland) of First Lutheran's outreach ministries. Prayer concerns and donations per mile or overall are being accepted by Wood by calling 513-683-4147 or emailing him at capnwoody25@cinci.rr.com. The bike ride will take place from Loveland, Ohio to Gethsemane Abbey in Kentucky.



(This article was from the Morning Sun in Pittsburg, Kansas. Lola was raised in Zion and is the aunt of Zion members Lou Robinson and Shirley Snyder.)

Earning a degree is an accomplishment several years in the making for the more than 1,100 Pittsburg State University students who will graduate this weekend. But one Pitt State grad finally topped that mountain 70 years after she first entered college.

Lola Ide, an 88-year-old Pittsburg resident, crossed the commencement stage at John Lance Arena Friday night during the College of Arts and Sciences graduation to receive her first college degree. The scene was emotional in the packed gymnasium as the crowd rose to its feet for Ide, and each of the wildly cheering students and audience members seemed to walk the stage with her.

"I felt more emotional during the whole thing than I expected," Ide said afterward, as random students approached her to shake her hand and offer their congratulations. "I thought it was going to be anti-climactic after this week, but it felt good and special and real."

Ide's story began in 1941 when she enrolled as a speech and drama major at Capital University, a small Lutheran school in Columbus, Ohio.

"I really wanted to get into radio," Ide said.

But Ide met and married her first husband, Wilbur Lindsley. Because financial aid did not exist then, she said, it was customary for wives to support their husbands while they finished school. After seminary, the couple served churches in New York and Wisconsin and had four children together before Wilbur died in 1960.

Lola met and eventually married Conrad Ide, who also was a minister. Conrad also was a widower with four young children, and they soon added a ninth.

"I loved being a minister's wife," Lola Ide said. "I must have loved it to do it twice!"

Life as a pastor's wife with nine children was busy and full, Lola said. But she never lost her love of learning or her desire to finish the degree she had started.

"Over the years, I kept dreaming I was back in college," Ide said. "In my dreams, I went to about every college in Kansas."

After her Conrad's death in 2004, Ide began to seriously entertain the thought of going back to school. But it was a reunion visit to her old alma mater, as well as

enthusiastic encouragement from her children, however, that inspired her to try. She enrolled at Pitt State in 2006.

Bobby Winters, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor in the Department of Mathematics who was Ide's adviser, said he recognized something special in her.

"I knew right away I wanted to be her adviser," Winters said. "I'm truly going to miss advising her."

And the students, many of whom are 65 years her junior, have made her feel welcome.

"The other students have been wonderful," Ide said. "I've made friends and I've had a wonderful experience."

Now that she's accomplished her long-held goal, Ide plans enjoy herself.

"I'm just going to have fun," she smiled, now surrounded by dozens of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. "It feels good to finish what I started."

Her family members said they couldn't be more excited for her.

"I'm proud of her," said her grandson, Matt Poss. "You just don't imagine going to your grandmother's graduation. I've graduated, but she got a better GPA than me."





CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 2011

- Ron Alcorn, as chair of the ELCA Committee, gave an update. They collected 174 questionnaires. Some members wrote notes on their questionnaire.
- Motion and approved to accept the April minutes with one correction.
- Pastor Landers reported he is attending the SOS Assembly on May 20 and 21. Mentioned the graduates had been recognized with the quilt wrapping.
- Pastor Dave gave information about the Cinco de Mayo auction. He is going to the SOS Assembly as well. He has spoken with Gary Pecuch on family activities to have at Zion.
- Motion and accepted the treasurer’s report as presented.
- Ron Alcorn/Worship & Music: The committee has talked about “What can they do in terms of service to Zion?” There are 16,000 unchurched people in three zip codes in Hamilton.
- Barb Toman/Social Concerns: The blood drive had 24 participants, which exceeded the set goal of 17. The Community Meal Center will now have their meals supplied by Berkeley Square. The center will still need donated desserts. Students from Badin High will volunteer as servers each week, but volunteers are still needed. Zion will still support this community service.
- Lori Rehm/Agape: Twenty-four notes and four visits were made.
- Linda Herget/Youth: The youth made \$640 from the Easter morning breakfast. The next Bonus Sunday is May 29 and they will collect money for school supplies for the underprivileged. They have received \$250 from Kroger for cards Zion members are using.
- Parish Education: Ken Gerold reported that Kathy Chambers will lead Vacation Bible School. Ken is working on plans for the confirmation dinner. Confirmation is June 12.
- Vicki Wheeler/Fellowship: Euchre night was on April 30. A lobster dinner is planned for Saturday, June 4.
- Jon Bartels/Trustee: Presented two proposals for repairing the steeple bells from the Verdin Company. After some discussion motion (Sears, Wheeler) and passed “that the trustees are authorized to initiate a contract with the Verdin Company as soon as pledges of at least \$5,500 are obtained toward payment for this work” Sandy Sanders and Jon will check on any structural repairs tht may be needed.

- Ron Erbeck/Trustee: The courtyard has been cleaned up. An angel statue has been placed in the courtyard in memory of Elizabeth Evans from her daughters and granddaughter. A downspout on the Ludlow Street side of the church has been fixed. There is a leak in the steeple that will be fixed.
- Joe Sears/Trustee: Joe continues to gather information on costs on moving the air bellows for the organ out of the damp basement. Triangle Sign will add Pastor Dave’s name to the outside sign on the front corner of the church.
- Julia Hilbert has gone through Zion’s list of membership names in an effort to make our numbers closer to being correct. Currently we show a membership of over 1,000 but we know that number is not accurate. She gave council four pages of names to review and possible move some to an “Inactive List”. If these members would start attending Zion again, their names can easily be moved back to the “Active List”. Council is reviewing the list.
- Ken Gerold shared a letter from Paul Waechter regarding Zion’s parking lot and an approved motion from December 2007 to designate a Parking Lot Maintenance Fund. Cheryl will research the minutes from December 2007 and report her findings to the appropriate council members.
- Motion (Robinson/Bartels) and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Monthly statistics

Financial Stewardship (as of April 30, 2011)

	Income	Expenses
2010	\$23,060.19	\$32,645.60
2011	\$22,159.40	\$29,873.01

YTD Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses	Balance
2010	\$90,254	\$103,489	
2011	\$87,876	\$112,347	-\$27,550.38

Attendance Averages (March)

Church Atten.	Sat. Comm.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
159	21	108	41

Funeral

Helen P. Grace (died 5/17/ 2011; funeral 5/21/2011)

Wedding

Jeffery Sandlin & Jennifer Crawford (5/21/2011)

Release of Membership (5/10/2011)

Ron & Debbie Kadzielewski

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

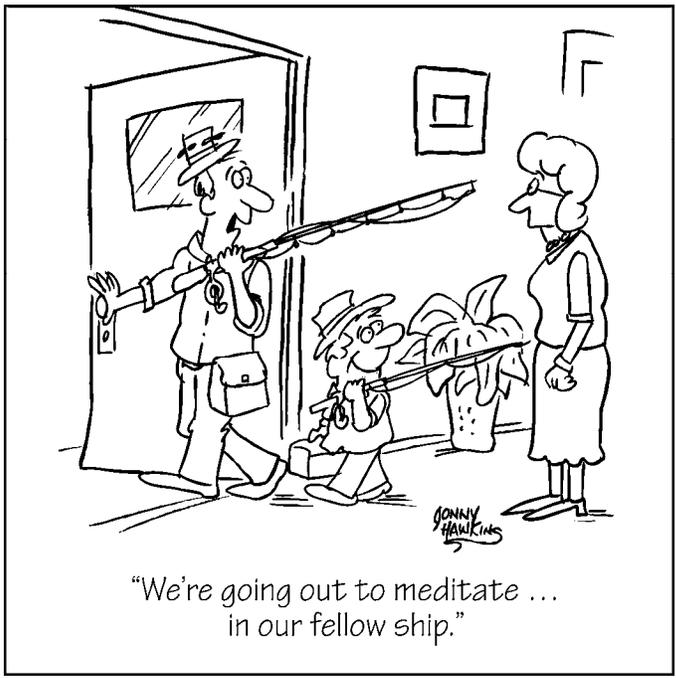
- Laura Allen..... On dean’s list fall 2010 semester at Ball State University.
- Andrew Copas..... Received the J. Walter and Edna Wack Memorial Scholarship.
- Andrew Copas..... Will enroll in the Ohio University simultaneous Membership Program and as cadet in the Ohio University ROTC Program.
- John Ross..... Helps at YWCA Family Literacy Program.

For complete articles, check the bulletin board. Anyone having information or articles concerning activities or achievements of Zion members are asked to drop them off at the church office or give them to Shirley Kaelin.

PLEASE NOTE: When paying for flowers which you ordered for the church, please DO NOT include it with your offering. Please put the flower money or check in a separate envelope, clearly marked as flower payment, and include your name. This can then be put in the offering plate, or given to Julia. Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, please return any plastic containers that the flowers come in, including pedestal flowers. We return them to Flower Corner to be reused. Thanks.

The mission of Zion is to
Encourage
 a growing faith in Jesus Christ and to
Equip
 all people for witness and service.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
June 5	Tristan Lauer	Allison Sears
June 12	Maria Sharratt	Chris Huston
June 19	Malachi Herget	Jared Smith
June 26	Patrick Huston	Nicholas Lombardi

Altar Guild: Shari Gerold, Lisa Gerold

Ushers: Mike Hetiz & team (8:00)
Volunteer Needed (10:30)

Lectors: **June 5** Anita Snyder (8:00); Joyce Wittig (10:30)
June 12 Gretchen Radler (8:00); Phil Pflaumer (10:30)
June 19 Stephanie Heitz (8:00); Lou Robinson (10:30)
June 26 Karen Seckel (8:00); Ron Alcorn (10:30)

Greeters: **June 5** George & Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Mike & Laura Sharratt (10:30)
June 12 Karl & Mary Alice Schmitter (8:00); Charles & Shirley Kaelin (10:30)
June 19 Anita Snyder (8:00); Barbara Blair, Christin Blair (10:30)
June 26 Mike & Gayle Ford (8:00); Kathy Chambers, Barb Shearer (10:30)

Kitchen Cleanup: Volunteer Needed

Elders: **June 5** Barb Toman (8:00); Donna Wolfe (10:30)
June 12 Tillie Adams (8:00); Ron Alcorn (10:30)
June 19 Barb Toman (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)

Eucharist Assists: **June 5** Gretchen Radler (8:00); Robin Kaelin (10:30)
June 12 Patrice Huston (8:00); Robin Kaelin (10:30)
June 19 Tom Toman (8:00); Phil Pflaumer (10:30)

Radio: **June 5** Greg Allen
June 12 Doug Erbeck
June 19 Ron Alcorn
June 26 Lou Robinson

Nursery: Emma Merchant, Jessica Wheeler

Bulletin Stuffers: **June 3** Joan Boling
June 10 Barb & Tom Toman
June 17 Joy Merrill
June 24 Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart

Offering Counters: **June 5** Bill Carpenter, Lori Rehm
June 12 Ken Gerold
June 19 Bill Carpenter, Don Keck
June 26 Robin Kaelin



Zion Lutheran Church radio broadcast is now streaming live on the internet. Go to www.WHOH.com and click on the listen live button or go to www.zionhamilton.org to link to the broadcast. Now you can take Zion with you when you're away from home.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY

Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
July 3	Julie Allen	Chris Huston
July 10	Allison Sears	Malachi Herget
July 17	Patrick Huston	Nick Lauer
July 24	Nicholas Lombardi	Jared Smith
July 31	Tristan Lauer	Maria Sharratt

Altar Guild: Barbara Shearer, Kathy Chambers

Ushers: Wayne Huston & team (8:00)
Allen Roberts & team (10:30)

Lectors: **July 3** Cindy Burkhart (8:00); Lisa Gerold (10:30)

July 10 Peggy Thomin (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)

July 17 Gail Heitz (8:00); Jenna Landers (10:30)

July 24 Greg Allen (8:00); Thelma Martin (10:30)

July 31 Gayle Ford (8:00); Joyce Wittig (10:30)

Greeters: **July 3** Kathy DeBord (8:00); Phil & Karen Pflaumer (10:30)

July 10 Karen Seckel, Rick Streit (8:00); Joe & Julia Sears (10:30)

July 17 Dave & Carolyn Schul (8:00); Volunteer Needed (10:30)

July 24 Mary Snavley (8:00); Gary & Robin Kaelin (10:30)

July 31 Bob & Marcia Helsinger (8:00); Don & Jean Keck (10:30)

Kitchen Cleanup: Lori Rehm

Elders: **July 3** Tillie Adams (8:00); Ron Alcorn (10:30)

July 17 Anita Snyder (8:00); Donna Wolfe (10:30)

Eucharist **July 3** Wayne Huston (8:00); Robin Kaelin (10:30)

Assists: **July 17** Craig Jones (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)

Nursery: Emma Merchant, Jessica Wheeler

Bulletin **July 1** Joan Boling

Stuffers: **July 8** Barb & Tom Toman

July 15 Joy Merrill

July 22 Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart

July 29 Sandy Parker

Tornado in Joplin, Missouri

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

An outbreak of tornadoes tore across the Midwest this weekend, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota.

Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled parts of the community, killing at least 89 people. Residents say the city is completely unrecognizable.

The building that housed an ELCA congregation has been destroyed, according to its pastor. Please keep the Rev. Bill Pape and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin in your prayers.

This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms.

ELCA Disaster Response is already assessing the situation in Joplin and other areas affected by severe storms and flooding. Your gifts are needed to help provide for the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by these disasters.

All of your gifts, 100 percent, designated for "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used for emergency and long-term assistance following these storms. Please give generously and continue to pray for those whose lives have been uprooted by this disaster.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Ways to Give

Check or money orders sent to:

ELCA Disaster Response

39330 Treasury Center

Chicago, IL 60694-9300

Write "**U.S. Severe Storms**" on your check's memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online at www.elca.org/springstorms

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