

The Messenger

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church January 2014



Zion Seniors

The Young at Heart, a social group for those 55 and over, will be eating lunch at the Linden Station in Lindenwald on Tuesday, January 28. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:15. Please sign the sheet in the great hall if you would like to go along.

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.



Committee Chair People

Annual Reports are due in the church office by Sunday, January 5, 2014. Thanks for your timely attention to this matter.



New flower charts are hanging in the hallway outside of the lounge. There is a chart for Altar flowers and a chart for flowers on the pedestals. The cost for the two altar vases is \$30 for both and the pedestal flowers are \$15 each. (Note the price reduction. No delivery charge.) If you would like to supply flowers for church, please sign up for the dates you would like them and Julia will call you the week before your date.

2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2014 offering envelopes are available in the great hall. They are in alphabetical order. Please take yours. If you can't find any with your name, please contact the church office and we'll get you some.

January Adult Fellowship



and Game Night

Saturday, January 11, 2014
6:00 p.m. in Zion's Gym

Join us for a variety of chilies,
friends, and fellowship!

Hosted by Joe & Julia Sears

Email: searsj@ohioheart.org (Julia)

Phone: 513-894-9039

Please Bring:

Your beverage of choice

Your favorite (or most unique) chili
Condiments are appreciated too, such as
cheese, crackers, onions, hot sauce, etc.

Your favorite board or card game

Dessert will be provided.

Please sign up in the great hall

The Bible Study on "How to Study the Bible" will meet on December 12 and December 19 at 7:00 in the lounge. After that, we will take a break until February 6. Any questions, please call Derek Conklin 513-520-6077.



Greetings Families of Zion:

After careful consideration, it has been decided that Sunday School for Preschool through 6th grade will take a new approach for the remaining of this Sunday School year. We will be working together to try this new option in order to reach a greater number of children who are at church during this time period and allows those children who would normally be in the Nursery to learn and be productive.

Beginning in January, Sunday School for the above mentioned ages will change to Children's Church. All children will be invited to the Preschool Classroom following the 2nd Reading during the 10:30 am church service. During Children's Church, all children will be taught the weekly lesson, participate in a craft and learn new songs. All children age newborn through pre-potty trained children will still have child care available in the traditional nursery setting.

As with any new approach comes new needs. In this case, we are asking each family to consider volunteering in some way. We would love to have volunteers for teaching (lesson plans provided), donating a snack, etc. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office (in person or by email at zionhamilton@juno.com) or your child's Sunday School teacher by Sunday, December 29th.

Sincerely
Parish Education

Please consider joining in and helping to lead us in our new approach to Sunday School. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office (in person or by email at zionhamilton@juno.com) or your child's Sunday School teacher by Sunday, December 29th.

_____ I am interested in volunteering with the trial of Children's Church program

_____ I would like to teach every week

_____ I would like to teach one week a month

_____ I would like to teach every six weeks

_____ Other. Please contact me at _____

_____ I am not interested in volunteering with the trial of Children's Church program

_____ Other. Please contact me at _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



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.

Women of Zion Women in the Bible

Last year, in celebration of Zion's 170th anniversary, I shared some history behind the Women of Zion's traditions, services and committees. This year my focus will be on Women in the Bible.

Who were some of these women? What can we learn from their frustrations, and struggles? Their homes and lives might look different than ours, but many of the challenges they faced are similar to ours in the 21st century. They, like us, desired to know God and to better understand what He wanted to do in their lives.

Did you know that there are approximately 188 named women in the Bible? Women like Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Ruth and Mary whose stories we know well. There are also many unnamed women. Although nameless, these women also left an impact upon history.

Among these Biblical women are prominent queens, prophetesses, and leaders. There are also mothers, widows, slaves, and tentmakers.

According to classicist Edith Hamilton, the Bible is the only book in the world up to our century which looks at women as human beings, no better or worse than men.

If you want to learn more about some of the women in the Bible, I recommend the magazine of Women of the ELCA, "Gather". Each month's issue, beginning in September, contains an in-depth Bible study on a Biblical Woman.

Portals of Prayer

Copies of this quarterly devotion booklet are available to the congregation in the back of the church, the lounge and the office. The suggested donation is \$2. Everyone is invited to take one, for yourself, and to share with others. Copies are also given to our shut-ins.

2014 Women's Booklets

The 2014 booklets will be distributed to women in mid-January and will be available in the Great Hall after that. Each booklet contains the annual program telling about the Women of Zion organization, description of our numerous committees and our on-going projects.

Women of Zion 2014 Board Members

2013 executive board members have agreed to serve in the same capacity for 2014. The board meets the second Monday of each month.

President: Gail Heitz
 Vice President: Open position
 Secretary: Joan Cunningham
 Treasurer: Lori Rehm
 Mission-Action: Anita Snyder
 Mission-Growth: Thelma Martin
 Mission-Community: Joan Boling

The executive board works as a team, sharing the workload of each office.

Installation of board members and committee chairs will take place at both Sunday services in January.

Please contact one of the board members if you would be willing to help on any of our committees.

ZLCW Board Meeting December 9, 2013

The Women of Zion Executive Board met on Monday, December 9. A decision was made to include a brief summary of these board meetings in the Messenger each month.

As of the Dec. board meeting, the Thankoffering donations were \$277.32. Voted to donate half the money to Zion's emergency fund and half to WELCA. The \$50.00 collected at the December General meeting will be donated to Wernle Children's home. Board also voted to donate \$500 to help with the cost of replacing the refrigerator located on the side of the stage.

2014 calendar was discussed. It was decided to try holding our General Meetings on Sundays, beginning at 5 pm. in the hope that more women would be able to attend. The first General meeting will be Sunday, March 16th.

Information was presented on the cost of new tables for the back of the choir room where church council and other groups meet. Several stores were contacted about prices. Eight tables would be needed. After discussion, the board decided not to purchase the tables, but instead to offer the use of eight of our tables, with the understanding that these would be moved back to the gym when needed for big events.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A big thank you to Elaine Carpenter, Gail Ford and Shari Gerold for being hostesses at our December General Meeting. Everyone enjoyed the festive table settings. Also, thank you to Allison Ritz for leading the women in the singing of Christmas carols, to Thelma Martin for preparing the soup, and to all the women who shared their delicious desserts!

Women's General Meeting March 16, 2014

Mark your calendar now to attend our first general meeting on **Sunday, March 16th at 5:00.**

Please note the change in day and time from last year. Watch for more details about this meeting in next month's messenger. All women of Zion are invited to attend this meeting.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

The Book of the Month Club will meet on Tuesday, January 7 to have dinner and a movie in Zion's lounge. Barbeque and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. We will be watching *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*, which we read earlier this year. Everyone is invited to attend. We have a good time.

We'll meet on February 4 to discuss *Alias Grace* by Barbara Atwood. In the novel *Alias Grace*, author Margaret Atwood retells the story of Grace Marks, a real nineteenth-century Canadian woman who was accused of, and spent thirty years in jail for, the murder of two people. These murders were the most sensationalized story of the mid-1800s, and accounts of the trial and aspects of Marks's life were well publicized.

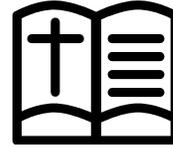
Plan on joining us in the church lounge at 6:30 p.m. for these events. We always welcome new people. Remember, reading and fellowship is good for the mind and soul!



PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

Many thanks to those of you who have been bringing your prescription bottles in. The program has been a great success. 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 developing countries as well as recycling those bottles; making sure they don't end up in a landfill here.



A DEVOTIONAL MOMENT

A Devotion for December 2013

Preparing to Give
by Emma Crossen

Reflection

Growing up, I felt bad for my grandparents, aunts and uncles on my dad's side of the family. At Christmas, they each drew *one* name and received gifts from the *one* person who drew their name. Thankfully, the kids got gifts from everyone! I didn't understand why the adults let this happen. Didn't they want more packages to open on Christmas morning?

Twenty years later, I get it. That's why I'm glad my family set a spending cap on gifts, this year and last year. I like the structure. This way, I don't need to decide how much to spend or for whom to shop. I don't worry about how much they're spending on me. Instead, I focus on the gift and the recipient. What would she enjoy? What do I want to share with him? Is there a book or a restaurant or a game that has brought me joy or new perspective this year that I can give to them?

The limit helps me focus on why I'm giving gifts in the first place. For me, it's about anticipation and preparation during Advent. It's about stepping into the year ahead with joy, gratitude and new life, and taking time to reflect on what I have to share, all rooted in God's abundant giving to us.

The limit also helps me remember that I shouldn't put all my gift-giving thought and energy into one holiday. Rather, the preparation of Advent and gift giving of Christmas can be practiced for the rest of the year. How can I give to my loved ones year-round? How can I be more attentive to their needs throughout the year and more eager to share when I find something they would enjoy?

How can I put the same thought and deliberation into my charitable giving, to give with joy and gratitude and focus on the needs of the organization, whether it is my congregation, Women of the ELCA of another organization?

Prayer

God of Advent, as we prepare to receive Jesus born into the world, prepare us for the holy work of giving and receiving in our families, our congregations, and our communities. Amen.

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

Our new door entry system is installed and working. Thank you to Greg Conrad and Kevin Heitz. While we worked hard to make it a smooth transition, there could be keys that don't work. If you find your key card doesn't work, please call Julia in the church office. We can get your card activated. If you have a key you no longer need, please return it to the office. It can be reused.

We are having more security equipment installed. It's not here yet, but it only works if we use it correctly. Since we had two break-ins in December, it is critical that everyone set the alarm when they leave the building. If the alarm had not been set the nights of the break-ins, the person would have had as much time as he needed to go through our building. As it was, the alarm was going off so he knew he had to hurry and didn't get away with much.

I will be setting the alarm every day when I leave work. If you are coming to the church and using your key, please make sure you know how to turn off the alarm. If you need a refresher course, please see Julia. I can show you how to use it.

We all have to be diligent about this and keep our building safe for everyone. Thanks.



Missionary Corner

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" Genesis 1:1-2

This is an amazing beginning! In the ancient world the waters represented the chaos. God is over the waters. The people in the ancient world thought the light ruled everything. In fact, they considered darkness something bad. God created light and He is over our fears.

The ancient people were asking, "God, where are you in the midst of this chaotic world?" And, many times, we ask the same question. And He always answers with the same story of the beginning. He rules over your children. He rules over your finances. He rules over your life. He rules the Earth. It's as if God is saying, "Why are you afraid? Don't you remember I ruled over the chaos? I've always been here. I'm still at work!"

Maybe you are skeptical or even afraid when you think of the year 2014. Maybe you have great plans or you are just planning to survive the next 12 months. We worry about evil, but we must let God take control. We worry about the future, but God has already been there. On the sixth day when God saw that everything was good, He was including us too.

May your trust be in Him and may you have a wonderful year!

Love in Christ,
Jose Luis and Christy Sanchez

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



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, please contact Karen Conklin, 513-863-0532.

Reminder from Tails From God ministry. There is a box in the Great Hall for donations to Animal Friends Humane Society. Clorox bleach, powdered laundry soap, all sizes heavy garbage bags, AAA Duracell or Energizer batteries, and first class postage stamps are always on the "wish list." Any questions, call Karen Conklin, 513-863-0532.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Please be advised that we are actively seeking stable and consistent Nursery Attendant(s) at this time. We appreciate your patience as we work to find a high quality candidate to fill this position. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Kathy Chambers or the church office. In the meantime, we are doing our best to supply substitute nursery attendants when available.

170TH SIGN CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Happy New Year! In 1895 a campaign for stain glass windows was began to celebrate 50 Years of Zion. In the 50's a campaign to enlarge our church with an educational building wing and chapel to celebrate our 150th Anniversary began. August 11, 2013 marked our actual 170th Anniversary date. We began the sign campaign in January, 2013 as our generation's way to celebrate. We just wanted to give you an update that we have hit the halfway mark. We would like to encourage everyone to consider giving toward this project. So many of you have given already, thank you for collecting your pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and dollars and then giving them to this cause. May God Bless us all as we work together to shower Hamilton with God's love. *Your 170th Taskforce*

Have you remembered

Zion

in your Will?



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. Thanks.



The following gifts have been given to Zion.

In memory of **Ralph & Dorothy Jones**

For the Radio, Organ, Open Door Pantry Funds: Todd & Beverly Jones

In memory of **Gini Rullman**

For the Gini Rullman Memorial Garden Fund: Stan Rullman

***It doesn't hurt to have a little
Biblical humor to start the
day....***

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a Little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.



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

Name:

John Adams
 Beverly Allen
 Leslie Andrew
 Millie Ante
 Guy Belew
 Marge Belew
 Lorainne Blanchard
 Lee Boling
 Ella Boynton
 Linda Brandt
 Katie Land Brooks
 Janet Buchheit
 Sandy Bunger
 Nicole Carson
 Maiya Christiansen
 Gardner Cole
 Dave Cornett
 Jane Day
 Charles Douthit
 Jack & Evelyn Duvall
 Lucy Emrick
 Quenten Fabiano
 Kelly Farler
 Karin Bartels Filipas
 Lyla Follmer
 Bob French
 Mike Frye Jr
 Debbie Gibson
 Linda Gibson
 Robert Gifford
 Lois Godby
 Wilma Hawkey
 Jack Hiles
 Marsha & Russell Isaacs
 Shirley Kaelin
 Shelby Kane
 Maxwell Keck
 Emma Keck
 Debbie Keehner
 Lee & Melba Keehner
 Elnora Kehr
 Ava Kemen
 Brian Kerestan
 Randy Kleinsmith
 Sadie Knott
 Jimmy Kollstedt
 Edmund Loge

Requested by:

Tillie Adams
 Greg Allen
 Lindsey Gibson
 Member
 Ingrid Sanders
 Lori Rehm
 Gail Konrad
 Joan Boling

 Julia Sears
 Sandy Ziepfel
 Member
 Elaine Carpenter

 Susie Pflaumer Hassett
 Ingrid Sanders
 Gail Konrad
 Gail Konrad
 Cheryl Griesinger
 Members
 Kathy Chambers
 email
 Member
 Member
 Marcia Helsinger
 Kathy Frye
 Member
 Julia Sears
 Lindsey Gibson
 Member
 Gail Konrad
 Kathy Frye
 Member
 Joe Sears
 Member

 Jean Keck
 Jean Keck
 Melba Keehner
 Members
 Member
 Joe & Julia Sears

 Vicki Wheeler
 Kathy Frye
 Gail Konrad
 Brenda Savage

J.C. Lockett
 Mark Lykins
 Jasper Maffeo
 Frank Martin
 Mary Martin
 Fred McCollum
 Marjorie McGill
 Joy Merrill
 Michelle
 Kevin Miller
 Pete Mosher
 Betty Mullen
 Chris Onyett
 Mitch Parker
 Sandy Parker
 Kathleen Peck
 Robin Pendergest
 Terry Pfizer
 Joyce Pinter
 Poleti Family
 Kim Proeschel
 Judy Ramsey
 Sophia Ellen Riggs
 Candy Robinson
 Maribeth Robinson
 George Sanchez
 Greg Savage
 Marge Schick
 Ed Schmidt
 Erica Schulze & family
 Mark Schumacher
 Frederic Seif
 Del Smith
 Heather Spurlino
 Patty Sroufe
 Ruth Stanton
 Dennis Steele
 LaVerne Stewart
 Jackie Isaacs Stout
 Kaitlin Sunderhaus
 Debbie Sunderman
 Janet Thompson
 Helen Timmer
 Paul Waechter
 Robert M. Weidner
 Caroline Wendelken
 Harry Whitaker
 Jim Wilkins
 Geri Willis
 Karin Zapf

Gail Konrad
 Gayle Ford
 Mary Snavley
 Member
 Marjorie McGill
 Nancy Wenning
 Member
 Member
 Phil & Karen Pflaumer
 Angie Lauer
 Kara Konrad
 Debbie Ferguson
 Darlene Onyett
 Member
 Member
 Libby Huston
 Angie Lauer
 Helen Timmer
 Member
 Frank Martin
 Helen Timmer
 Kara Konrad

 Barbara Blair
 Betty Ross
 Member
 Ingrid Sanders
 Member
 Member
 Frank Martin
 Member
 Laura McAdams
 Marcia Helsinger

 Member
 Vicki Wheeler
 Member
 Member
 Member
 Darlene Onyett
 Gail Konrad
 Nancy Wenning
 Member
 Member
 Robert Weidner
 Member
 Julia Sears

 Frank Martin

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Leslie Andrew** (friend of Lindsey Gibson); **Dr. Moseler** (professor of Kara Konrad); **Helen Rust** who passed away on October 27; **Johnny Line** (father of Diane Line) who passed away on November 27; **Mike Barker** (former Zion member) who passed away on November 30; **Bob Cutshall** (former Zion member) who passed away on November 18; **Bob Byrne** (friends of the Pflaumers) who passed away on November 29; **Betty Geiser** (step-mother of Gayle Ford & Janis Dehner) who passed away on December 14; **Jean Mueller** who passed away on December 24; **Marli Rice** who passed away on December 24; and **Doris Van Natta** who passed away on December 27.

Continue to pray for those in the armed forces: **Michael Brown, Alex Duwel, Andrew Copas, Joe Copas, Megan Snyder, Ben Boyce, Justin Follick, Kevin Niemann, Nick Ford, Lisa Johnson Lowery, Dustin Lowery, Bradley Gill.**

Congratulations to **Chris Ramsey and Kara Konrad** on their December 28 wedding. Please pray for them as they begin their life together.

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.

BLESSINGS ABOUND

Here are blessings members have reported in the last month...

God has answered a prayer.	<i>Helen Timmer</i>
Thank God for safe travel.	<i>Susie Hassett</i>
The 10:30 Christmas Eve service was beautiful! Thanks to all who made it truly special.	<i>Carolyn Soupene</i>



Reasons Not to Mess With Children

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, he's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."





Thanks to our December bulletin stuffers: Joan Boling, Thelma Martin, Tom & Barb Toman, Cindy Burkhart, Beth Hilbert, Katie Hilbert, and Lori Rehm.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered (either on a regular basis or as a sub) during the calendar year 2013 to deliver Meals on Wheels to the home-bound in our community. Your time, availability and willingness has been appreciated by Partners in Prime as well as the client who is receiving the meals. Of course, I have appreciated your dependability as well.

The following are the individuals who have volunteered this year:

- Tammy & Mike Adams
- Inas & Carl Clark
- Karen Conklin
- Kay & Ron Erbeck
- Marcia & Bob Helsingner
- Karen & Phil Pflaumer
- Lori Rehm
- Carolyn & Dave Schul
- Carolyn Soupene
- Marge & Ray Withrow
- Erich Wittig

Zion is responsible to deliver meals five days per month, the second full week of each month (Monday through Friday). The route starts at Partners in Prime on Ross Avenue in Hamilton at 9:30 and in most cases is completed in about an hour. Two people deliver together each day. If you would be interested in volunteering to serve as a substitute, please contact Julia in the church office or me at 844-6395 or jcoe2@cinci.rr.com if you can help in this ministry. Thank you. *JoAnette Coe*

I would like to thank the Women of Zion for the lovely gifts delivered for Thanksgiving.

I would like to add a big thank you to those who have sent cards for my birthdays etc. and to the people who have taken the time to sign the congregational cards. They are much appreciated.

Praying for a good and peaceful year.

Yours in Christ,
Adeline Maggart

A big thank you to the Women of Zion for the lovely vase of flowers and box of Esther Price candy. Also a nice visit with Marcia and Bob Helsingner who delivered the goodies.

Florence Hofmann

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Hanging of the Greens. There weren't as many people this year but it was a great crew and we got a lot done in a short time. Then we had a delicious lunch of soup and hot dogs. Thanks to all who made donations. Our church looked beautiful and I hope everyone enjoyed it each week during Advent and Christmas.

Thank you...I was blessed. Thanks to each and every one of you. Have a wonderful Christmas. Much love to you all.

Wanda Cochran

Dear Julia,

Please give my thanks to the Women of Zion and the Agape Committee for their kind attention to me. A friend is waiting for this note so a hurried "good bye" and thanks.

Sincerely,
Carla Weusthoff

Thank you to everyone who were involved with the Christmas Eve services. I was at the late service and I know it was beautiful. Thanks to Paul Stanbery and all the musicians for the beautiful music. Thanks to Phil Pflaumer, Beth Allen, and Kevin Heitz for leading the 10:30 worship. Thanks to Beth Hilbert, Nathaniel Kaelin, Samantha Bowling, Grant Sharratt, Allison Ritz, Emily Sears, Lisa Debord, Beth Debord, and Stephanie Heitz for reading the lessons. Thanks to all the ushers, acolytes, and elders who helped with the service. Thanks to Cheryl and Ashley Griesinger for taking care of the poinsettias. What a glorious celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Purse for the staff this year. It was truly appreciated.

Thank you to all who supported the Salvation Army through their Christmas Angel program. Zion members sponsored 40 angels and when some of the gifts were stolen, re-sponsored 17 of those children. Thank you for your generosity.



MILESTONE ATTENDANCE

Preschool

Jenna Purkiser 15x	George Sanchez 10x
Caitlin Frye 10x	Kathryn Frye 10x
Sammy Platt 5x	Samira Platt 5x

Grades 1-6

Abby Purkiser 15x	Alex Brunner 5x
Zachary Savage 10x	



**Council Minutes
November 12, 2013**

Present: Joan Boling, Bill Carpenter, Lori Rehm, Ron Erbeck, Emily Sears, Jessica Purkiser, Joe Sears, Bob Herold, Leanne Bowling, Mike Ford, Gayle Ford, Robin Kaelin, Wayne Huston, Shari Gerold, Kathy Chambers & Derek Conklin **Excused:** Ron Alcorn, Bennie Bowling, Mike Frye, Phil Pflaumer & Barb Toman

- **Call Committee:** There have been two phone interviews.
- **Motion** (J Boling/S Gerold) and passed to accept October minutes as presented.
- **The Special Appreciation Award** was passed from Lori Rehm to Bob Herold for his quiet work behind the scenes.
- **Motion** (G Ford/J Sears) and passed to accept treasurer’s report.
- **Budget Meeting:** Member Cheryl Griesinger’s letter was read regarding recommendations for salaries on budgets and council took it into consideration. Phil Pflaumer and Gayle Ford will lead an audit on our books in 2014.
- **Motion** (L Bowling/B Carpenter) and passed to accept the budget.
- **Motion** (J Boling/J Purkiser) and passed to give Julia Hilbert a bonus (\$2,000.00).
- **Evangelism/PR Report:** There have been several on the website asking for genealogy information. Julia has been trying to help facilitate these but it is getting overwhelming.
- **Worship & Music Report:** An electric piano has been purchased from the Carl Engel Memorial Fund for Choir.
- **Visitation Report:** 11 letters and communion visits set up. Cards went out to all for Thanksgiving.
- **Youth & Family Fellowship:** Trunk or Treat was again a great success in giving away the bags, post cards and candy. We need to begin to consider the money for the bags now to prepare for next year.
- **Parish Ed Report:** Open Door Concert was a great success, it raised \$18,000.00. The Nominating Committee is at work. They are looking for a President, Vice President and two deacons. There was an in-depth conversation about the possibility of changing Sunday school to Church School and having it during the 10:30 service instead of having Sunday school.
- **Trustees Report:** It was decided that we need the comprehensive report back on what needs to be done

before a Capital Improvement Campaign is presented. Some things noted: electric work needed, chandeliers need to be refurbished, report from chiller guys. A fridge has been bought and is on the stage. Women donated \$500.00 toward the \$1200.00 cost. We are at 48% of the sign goal. Clean Up Day, 10/19, the office and stage were cleaned and the sanctuary received a good coat of polish.

- **Motion** (R Kaelin/G Ford) and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Monthly statistics

**Financial Stewardship
(as of November 30, 2013)**

	Income	Expenses
2012	\$16,764.83	\$28,060.15
2013	\$18,648.39	\$18,386.37

YTD Operating Funds

	Income	Expenses	Balance
2012	\$204,867	\$293,825	
2013	\$193,554	\$169,080	-\$29,606.29

Attendance Averages (December)

Church Atten.	Sat. Comm.	Sun. Comm.	Sunday School
120	10	104	16

Members Released (12/10/5/2013)

Ralph Johnston

Wedding (12/28/2013)

Chris Ramsey and Kara Konrad

Deaths of Zion Members

Helen Rust (died 10/27/2013)

Regina Mueller (died 12/24/2013)

Marli Rice (died 12/24/2013)

Doris Van Natta (died 12/27/2013)



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Rev.14:11 - Rev.15:3

Mark of the Beast

T	D	E	H	A	R	V	E	S	T	K	R	A	M	A
C	E	S	H	C	L	U	S	T	E	R	S	U	I	W
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S	S	S	M	O	K	E	H	D	P	A	A	E	E	R
U	E	N	O	L	L	T	E	F	L	B	L	V	D	S
O	L	W	N	D	A	E	A	T	E	O	G	A	S	H
I	B	O	U	R	D	I	V	L	O	R	D	E	M	I
R	L	R	W	S	T	T	S	R	D	R	V	H	B	P
O	O	C	B	H	I	U	G	U	A	I	M	S	E	P
T	O	A	F	R	S	H	O	R	E	M	W	E	A	R
C	D	U	I	E	I	L	A	C	A	U	P	T	N	O
I	L	P	J	D	C	D	E	R	N	P	I	A	B	T
V	S	A	L	T	A	R	L	G	P	E	E	E	E	O
S	T	N	I	A	S	T	U	E	N	S	Y	S	R	R
D	A	E	L	K	C	I	S	T	S	A	E	B	Y	S

ALTAR	ANGELS
BEAST	BLESSED
BLOOD	BRIDLES
CLOUD	CLUSTERS
CROWN	FAITHFUL
DEEDS	GRAPES
GLASS	HARVEST
GOLD	HEAVEN
HARPS	MIXED
JESUS	PATIENT
LABOR	PLAGUES
LORD	SAINTS
MARK	SMOKE
OBEY	STADIA
SPIRIT	SWUNG
SICKLE	TEMPLE
REAP	TORMENT
WRATH	WORSHIP

MARVELOUS
VICTORIOUS
RECEIVES

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Date	Acolyte 8:00 a.m.	Acolyte 10:30 a.m.
January 5	Usher Team	Eric Bowling
January 12	Usher Team	Tarin Lauer
January 19	Usher Team	Alex Bruner
January 26	Usher Team	Marissa Lombardi

Altar Guild: Laura Sharratt, Karla Schmidt

Ushers: Sandy Sanders & team (8:00)
Kaelin Family & team (10:30)

Lectors: **Jan 5** Gail Heitz (8:00); Thelma Martin (10:30)
Jan 12 Mike Heitz (8:00); Holly Frye (10:30)
Jan 19 Peggy Thomin (8:00); Ken Gerold (10:30)
Jan 26 Gayle Ford (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)

Greeters: **Jan 5** Anita Snyder (8:00); Lori Rehm (10:30)
Jan 12 JoAnette Coe (8:00); Joe & Joni Copas (10:30)
Jan 19 Kathy Debord (8:00); George & Janis Reed (10:30)
Jan 26 Sandy & Ingrid Sanders (8:00); Todd & Jessica Purkiser (10:30)

Eucharist **Jan 5** Wayne & Patrice Huston (8:00); Ken & Shari Gerold (10:30)
Assistants: **Jan 12** Anita Snyder, Stephanie Heitz (8:00); Robin Kaelin, Carolyn Soupene (10:30)
Jan 19 Tillie Adams, Wayne Huston (8:00); Kathy Chambers, Shari Gerold (10:30)
Jan 26 Stephanie Heitz, Patrice Huston (8:00); Phil Pflaumer, Marge Withrow (10:30)

Radio: **Jan 5** Lou Robinson
Jan 12 Adam Reed
Jan 19 Ron Alcorn
Jan 26 Charles Kaelin

Nursery: Eric & Samantha Bowling

Bulletin **Jan 3** Joan Boling
Stuffers: **Jan 10** Barb & Tom Toman
Jan 17 Ruth Larson, Thelma Martin
Jan 24 Lori Rehm, Cindy Burkhart
Jan 31 Sandy Parker

Offering **Jan 5** Joan Boling, Shari Gerold
Counters: **Jan 12** Gayle Ford
Jan 19 Gayle Ford
Jan 26

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Equip
all people for witness and service.

