

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, May 10, 2009

"God's Work, Our Hands" This Week at Zion

Sunday, May 10th, 2009 Mother's Day!

9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)

Monday May 11th, 2009

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

Tuesday, May 12th, 2009

7:00 p.m. Good For Your Soul Gang
7:00 p.m. Yoga (*Nursery*)
7:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Wednesday, May 13th, 2009

9:00 a.m. Fill In The Blanks - Home school group
7:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Yoga (*Nursery*)

Thursday, May 14th, 2009

6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir (*Balcony*)
7:00 p.m. Good Neighbor Gardening Group
7:30 p.m. Adult Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, May 15th, 2009

6:45 p.m. NA (*Fellowship Hall*)

Saturday, May 16th, 2009

9-1:00 p.m. New Member Class
12:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Sunday, May 17th, 2009

9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)

Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

<i>Presiding Minister</i>	Pastor Paul F. Gateman
<i>Preaching Minister</i>	Pastor John Meulendyk
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Walter Jackson
<i>Lector</i>	Cathy Gateman
<i>Organist, pianist</i>	Scott Schroeder
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Roger Smith
<i>Adult Bell Choir</i>	Megan Higle
<i>Greeters</i>	Patricia Herhuth & Gail MacInnes



Altar Flowers
Flowers are placed on the alter this week by Ronald Corey in memory of Grandma Carter and Grandpa Jewell; and in memory of Linda Krasa in honor of Mother's Day from her daughter Katie.

There are still plenty of dates available on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. Once you put your name on the chart—please leave a note in the office if you would like a dedication in the weekly Tidings and any flower preference. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for your convenience and ease.

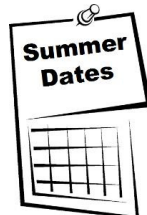
A Brief History of Rachel's Day

Rachel's Day is usually observed at the beginning of May. This year we are observing it with Mother's Day, a fitting combination. The day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17, in which the matriarch Rachel grieves for her children. Rachel's Day is a time to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear. It's also a time to regain hope, symbolized by the blue ribbon, by setting our priorities to put children's welfare first and fulfill our baptismal promises that we made as parents, sponsors, and congregation. We promised to make God the center of their lives by our teaching and our example.

It started in 1994 in one congregation, Bethel West in Chicago, and spread from there. In 1996 W/ELCA resolved that a church-wide observance should be held each year. We continue to do that in order to broaden awareness of the violence suffered by children and to encourage taking action to address it.

Save the Dates:

- ✓ Summer Worship Services will be held at 9:30 starting May 31. And there will be no Christian Formation classes until Sept.
- ✓ VBS will be June 29-July 2, dinner at 5:30
- ✓ The Church Picnic Service will be July 26. We need volunteers to organize the picnic & many helping hands to make it happen. Please let the church office know if you are willing to help.
- ✓ Golf Outing August 9th—more details coming.



The Children's Choir & Bell Choir will have an end of the year party on May 18th at 6 p.m.



Lessons for Next Sunday 5/17/2009

Acts 10:44-48 (1st reading)
Psalms 98:4
1 John 5:1-6 (2nd reading)
John 15:9-17 (Gospel)



NOISY OFFERING

This month's noisy offering collected at the beginning of the service, will go towards our Utility Bills. Each month we will focus on a different part of the budget or ministry. Please save and bring your change on Sundays.



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www.fernzion.org - Check it out!

A Reconciling in Christ Community



Zion Staff

Pastor	Paul F. Gateman	ext. 101
Pastor	John Meulendyk	ext. 102
Secretary	Sonya Ferris	ext. 100
Organist	Scott Schroeder	
Adult Choir	Roger Smith	
Youth Choirs & Handbells	Megan Higle	
Nursery	Julie Baaki	
Custodian	Fred Reed	
Office Volunteer	Gail MacInnes	

Prayer Requests

If you have a specific prayer request, please contact one of the following Prayer-Ring Members:

Rosie Draudt (248) 399-2147
Shirley Nesseth (248) 435-6744
or e-mail: fernzionoffice@earthlink.net



If you would like to be added to the prayer list or know of someone, please submit their full name in writing and include your name and relationship. We will be updating the prayer list at the beginning of each month so someone you may have added to the list may disappear. However, just resubmit their name if prayers are still needed.

**Please note these are for specific requests. In order to be added to the printed prayer list, see prayer list below.*

- Kenny Anderson - member
- Dorothy Caddell - member
- Robbie Cay - mother of Jerry Miles
- Julie Estigoy - daughter of Shirley Nesseth
- Alice Garlock - mother to Sandy Ayers
- Lee Hetrick - member
- Vernice Jackson - member
- Walter Jackson - member
- Betty Lepage - member
- Larry McBride Sr. - father of Larry McBride Jr.
- Irene Motson - mother of Sherry Fremont
- Elsie Niemi - member
- Marion Smith - mother of Roger Smith
- Helen Steinke - member



COFFEE HOUR

We have coffee hour every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. We invite everyone to stop downstairs and get caught up with your fellow Zion family members and/or meet our visitors.

Zion Needs You!

There are so many ways to be involved in worship here at Zion— from coffee hour hosts, ushers, greeters, readers, worship participants and more. Please consider signing up for one of these on the sign up sheets or leave a note in the office. We ask that all special worship changes are submitted 3 weeks in advance
Thanks!

***Please note ~ Prayer requests may be turned into the office at anytime. When prayers are no longer needed, please let us know so that a prayer of thanksgiving may be offered, and then the name may be removed from the list.*

ANNOUNCING A CHURCH BASEMENT RENOVATION

Our Zion church basement tends to be a bit drab and dreary rather than the warm, inviting and exciting place we would like it to be.

Church council, along with some others, has decided to take on the project of doing some limited renovations in order to make it a more welcoming place.

Our first step will include some small construction projects, and we are seeking help!

If you or someone you know has some construction expertise, experience, or simply willingness to help, we would love to hear from you!

We would like to keep costs down, or in the event that hiring people is necessary, we would like to employ Zion members.

Please contact Carissa Gaden, Jeanine Ingram, Rick Jacobi, Karen Martens, or Bob McChesney if you can assist us.

We know that you are wondering who is paying for this project in these touch economic times.

Council decided to move forward in faith recognizing that these changes are important to our outreach efforts and ministry to our members and community.

Happily, we have already received funding to hire an interior designer and have begun working with Caroline Smith of Caroline, Inc. in Royal Oak.

Memorial funds will be used for new furniture as well, and we have the start of a fund toward new chairs to replace the metal folding ones.

Of course, we will need some funds for other aspects of the project, including construction materials, some carpeted areas, paint, and replacement of all of the existing folding chairs.

We promise to be frugal with your money if you are moved to donate toward this project!

How much would you be willing to give toward a brighter environment or, more importantly, toward a more comfortable chair for those coffee hours?

Prayerfully consider and contact us, or place an offering marked "Basement Renovation" into the offering plate.



EVERYONE

Please sign the red attendance book at the end of the pew and pass it down. Also remember to fill out a communion card when you receive communion.

NEW MEMBER CLASS!

A class for those interested in becoming members of Zion and also for those who would like a Lutheran (Zion) refresher on **May 16th, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served for coffee and "breakfast" and a luncheon will be offered. (What a deal— all for free!) If you are interested mark the date. If you know of someone be sure to tell them.

Worship & Music Camp for kids Grade 2-6
August 10-13, 9-3, at Holy Cross
Lutheran Church, Livonia.

This is a venture of the SE Michigan
Synod of the ELCA and is lead by
nationally renowned musician



Michael Burkhardt. The program seeks to prepare young children in grades 2-6 to lead worship with confidence through electives in cantoring, drumming and choral experience. The program is cross cultural and works in conjunction with kids' ears, eyes, and movement of their bodies.

Tuition is \$75 per participant if registered by May 31st. After May 31st tuition is \$80. For families with more than 2 children the cost for each additional child is \$45.

Registration forms are in the church office. For further information, please contact Pr. John or check out the website:
<http://heartshandsvoicescamp.org>

The greeting card rack in Fellowship Hall has been organized by type of card for your convenience. Many are available, so look through them, and give a donation for those you select to Heidi Rogers. Money collected will defray postage costs for cards Heidi sends to shut-ins on our behalf.

If you have cards that you can't use, please add them to the rack in the appropriate types.

Spirit of Hope Community Kitchen will host a fundraiser cruise May 17th, 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$22, or \$25 at the door and include dinner, raffles and more. Call 313-964-3113 or email urloved@sbcglobal.net