

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, January 31, 2010

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

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- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner

Monday, February 1, 2010

- 7:00 p.m. Catechism

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

- 7:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir (*Balcony*)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Class (*Lounge*)

Thursday, February 4, 2010

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, February 5, 2010

- 6:45 p.m. NA (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:45 p.m. Al-anon (*Teen Room*)

Saturday, February 6, 2010

- 9-12:00 p.m. Advanced Preaching Class
- 10:00 a.m. Bread and Soup prep – Luther League
- 11:30 a.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Sunday, February 7, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 12:00 p.m. Luther League Outing



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Olivia Nicole Gilbert, with her parents Omar and Maureen Gilbert, and Godparents Alexander Keith and Emily Stone.

Annual Meeting Today!

Right after service stay right here for the annual meeting reviewing our year & looking forward to 2010 together, then come downstairs where the great food is already simmering away & fellowship with your Zion family & friends. You should have received an annual report in your mailbox last week, some extras are available.

Soup Orders Due!

Soup Orders for the Luther League's fundraiser "Souper Bowl of Caring" are due **today!** Please fill out the order form in your bulletin & put in the offering or give to Stephanie Melnick or leave in the office.

Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

Presiding Minister	Pastor Paul F. Gateman
Preaching Minister	Pastor John Meulendyk
Assisting Minister	Tom VanDeGrift
Lector	Linda Jackson
Organist, pianist	Scott Schroeder
Chancel Choir	Roger Smith
Adult Bell Choir	Megan Hagle
Greeters	Mary Hartsig and Maryhelen Carper



Altar Flowers
The flowers on the altar this week are from Dave & Carol Wunderlich In Memory of dad, Vernon L. Schmoke, Lt Col. USAF– retired.
If you would like to sponsor flowers for that special date to honor or remember an important person or event, sign up 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.

Zion's Mission Statement

Zion Lutheran's commitment is to glorify God by reaching out to our family and community to provide a Christian atmosphere through spiritual growth, learning and service. As a community of the people of God, the members of Zion Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (*Galatians 3:28*). Christ has made us one.

Still Searching

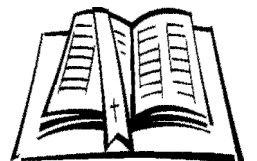
The projector is still missing from the office. If you used it recently and have any knowledge of where it is hiding please let us know, or return it to the office. Please be sure someone is here to lock it up!



Please sign the red attendance book at the end of the pew and pass it down. Also remember to fill out a card when you receive communion. Attendance on January 24th was 143.

Lessons for Next Sunday 01/31/2010

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



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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	
Bells & Youth Choir	Megan Hagle	
Nursery	Julie Baaki	
Custodian	Fred Reed	
Office Volunteer	Carol Wunderlich	

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: zionoffice@earthlink.net

**Please note these are for specific requests, not to be added to the printed list on the right..*



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.

Alice Anderson - member
Kenny Anderson - member
Anton Anderssen - member
Chris Binkowski - friend of Charles Senseman
Margaret Bukoski - mother of Ann Rogers
Dorothy Caddell - member
Shirley Cannon - aunt of Carol Wunderlich
Robbie Cay - mother of Jerry Miles
Patrick Early - Uncle of Wayne Early
Julie Estigoy - daughter of Shirley Nesseth
Edward Fitzpatrick - father of Susan Radzilowski
Jeanette Forton - friend of Carol & Dave Wunderlich
Theresa Fulgenzi - partner of Dawn Lyman
Alice Garlock - mother to Sandy Ayers
Lee Hetrick - member
Vernice Jackson - member
Walter Jackson - member



Adult Christian Formation and Lent

A new Sunday class for all adults will begin on Sunday February 7 at 9:15 a.m. We will meet to engage the contemplative practices of Lent as well as meditate on Scripture and the writings of Theologian Henri Nouwen in the book *Lent and Easter*. The class will be facilitated by Pr. John and augmented by Moose Flores. Even if you have never attended a class before, please join us this year for a unique experience!

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the food pantry this month! It can't happen without you & you all really pitched in and made a difference this month! Keep up the great work! Hard to believe it's right around the corner again, with registration on February 9th, packing on the 15th & distribution on the 16th.



All Zion members and friends. Please save the following dates on your calendar!
Saturday, March 6 - Cabaret Night and
Friday, April 30 - Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction.
These are two FUN fundraising events for Luther League. We hope you can join us! More details to come!



Mid-week Lenten Services

Mid-week Lenten services are coming soon. Ash Wednesday is February 17th, then the mid-week services will be held on Thursday nights beginning February 25. All mid-week services will begin with a soup supper at 6:00 p.m., and service at 7:00. If you can help prepare or clean up for the soup suppers please contact Fran VanFossan.



COFFEE HOUR

We have coffee hour every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please join us and get caught up with your fellow Zion family members and visitors.

***** PLEASE SIGN UP *****

A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall- please take time to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour. Check the kitchen refrigerator and cupboards to see what is available. To be more eco-friendly, please use mugs, stainless flatware, and the new washable juice cups! (stored above the warming ovens)

To my Zion Family,
Your prayers, kind words, cards, and emails following the loss of my father January 3 in Florida have more meaning than you can imagine. Although family members and dad's church family surrounded me physically and emotionally your support provided and continues to provide extra strength. Thank you.
Jeanine Ingram

J.C. Leach - member/Barbara Leach
Betty LePage - member
Larry McBride Sr. - father of Larry McBride Jr.
Catherine McKeever - sister of Ceil Mac-Smith
Betty Mostellee - sister of Ann Rogers
Elsie Niemi - member
Marge Pertner - member
Perk Robins - brother-in-law of Nancy Doyle
Marion Smith - mother of Roger Smith
Helen Steinke - member
***Please note ~ Prayer requests may be turned into the office at any time. When prayers are no longer needed, please let us know so that a prayer of thanksgiving may be offered.*

From the Mailbag: What a lovely prayer shawl! It has been shown to a number of residents. Thank-you, Ruth and Zion congregation, for remembering me!

I'm 91+ and still able to write, but I walk with a cane or walker. I am content with my apartment, but I miss Ferndale and my friends there. Love from June Couzens



Green Idea!

The red cups and flower Oasis (green foam) our flowers come in each week can be reused a few times. If you order flowers for the altar, you can return your dry foam & cups to the office to send back to our florist to reuse. Every little bit helps!

SOLICITING AUCTION ITEMS AND IDEAS

The Luther League is currently soliciting businesses for donations of items for the silent auction, to be held April 30th. We are approaching all of those who have donated in the past, but it's always good to have new items and ideas! Tickets, gift certificates and themed baskets are particularly good items. If you have any business contacts or suggestions of new ideas, please contact Katie Brisson at katie@brisson.com or 248-544-2343. Thank you!

Ring in the New Year with financial resolutions!

With the New Year comes the opportunity to improve your financial well-being. Here are five financial resolutions to get you started:
Establish your 2010 financial goals, including your retirement and overall savings goals. Post them where you'll see them often.
Establish a budget based on what you spent last year, taking rising gas, heating and food prices into account.
Cut back on debt by paying off a credit card balance, foregoing unnecessary purchases or adding \$50/month to your mortgage payment.
Prioritize major purchases you want to make and figure out how to pay for them out of your current income.
Review your will or estate plan to ensure it reflects your current life situation.

For help achieving your 2010 financial plan, contact Catherine Gateman, CLU, FIC, Financial Consultant, at 734-432-7777 ext. 103 or catherine.gateman@thrivent.com today or visit thrivent.com.