

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, February 14, 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

Monday, February 15, 2010

- 6:30 p.m. Pantry Packing
- 7:00 p.m. Catechism

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Pantry Distribution
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Diversity Task Force
- 7:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

- 1:00 p.m. Dominoes
- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir (*Balcony*)
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 18, 2010

- 6:30 p.m. Person to Person (*Lounge*)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, February 19, 2010

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

Saturday, February 20, 2010

- 9-12:00 p.m. Advanced Preaching Class
- 11:30 a.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Sunday, February 21, 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
- 3:00 p.m. Luther League at the Melnick's

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>	Roger Smith
<i>Lector</i>	Eve Gateman
<i>Organist, pianist</i>	Scott Schroeder
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Roger Smith
<i>Adult Bell Choir</i>	Megan Higle
<i>Greeters</i>	Bob and Ann McChesney



Altar Flowers There were no flowers requested this week. There are many openings on the flower chart yet this year. 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 you may have. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for payment and to mark your dedication.

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.

Mid-week Lenten Services

Mid-week services begin this week with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Then mid-week services will continue on Thursday nights beginning February 25. Each night 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.



Pantry Needs You!

We'll need folks to help unload the Gleaners truck Monday (Wayne can call you when it arrives) and to pack bags Monday Night, Feb. 15 starting at 6 p.m. And finally to help with distribution Tuesday Morning, Feb. 16 by 9 a.m.

Adult Bible Class!

Will resume on Wednesday February 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge with Pastor Gateman. Come join us!

Your Chance to Own a Famous Seat!

L. Brooks Patterson, Lem Barney, Dick Vitale, Bubba Baker, Jim Northrup, Ted Lindsay; just to name a few. How would you like to have the very chair one of these men sat in?! We are selling the old folding chairs from the fellowship hall for \$5.00 a piece. While it's true we cannot guarantee that one of those famous rear ends occupied that particular seat, we also cannot say that they didn't. So if you need a conversation piece, something for your trophy room or just need some extra folding chairs for a simple gift of \$5.00 a piece you can have all you want.



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 February 7th was 137.

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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 Higle	
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

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.*



Adult Christian Formation and Lent

A Sunday class for all adults continues 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 is facilitated by Pr. John and augmented by Moose Flores. Please join us this year for a unique experience!



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)

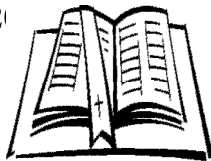
Lessons for Next Sunday 02/21/2

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13



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!



Weathering market volatility

Market volatility points to a basic investing truth: You cannot predict market direction with any degree of certainty or consistency. The key to survival is to have a long-term strategy and follow a few time-proven guidelines to help manage your money and emotions.

Don't panic: If your investment strategy reflects your long-term financial goals, don't make drastic changes or let market swings steer you off course.

Keep investing: Realize that even after markets have dropped, they have rebounded over time. Consider your financial ability to continue investing through periods of low prices. While it does not assure a profit or protect against loss, buying on a regular schedule regardless of price—called dollar cost averaging—may benefit you in the long run.

Diversify: It is important to maintain a good mix of stocks, bonds and cash in your portfolio. Various asset classes perform differently, so the upswings in one may offset the declines in another. While diversification can help spread risk, it does not eliminate it.

Focus on time, not timing: When you invest, do it with long-term objectives in mind. History has proven that a successful investment strategy stays focused and stays invested. Avoid the temptation to buy as the market surges and sell as it dips—market analyses show that timing the market rarely, if ever, works and it can cost you dearly.

Consistently staying invested can help you realize possible positive returns over time. Those who miss out on the market's best-performing days may miss out on significant returns (and growth) of their investments.

Consider the 10-year performance of the Standard & Poor's 500[®] Index (an unmanaged index which measures the performance of 500 widely held common stocks of large-cap companies) from Dec. 31, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2007. Those fully invested over the full 10 years would have enjoyed an average annual total return of 5.91 percent. A \$10,000 investment tied to the index would have grown over that period of time to \$17,756.

By contrast, if an investor missed the 10 best days of the market (happened to pull his or her money from the market on its 10-most "up" days), he or she would have experienced an average annual total return over that 10-year period of negative (0.30) percent. That same \$10,000 investment would have shrunk to \$9,702.

Similarly, missing the 20 best days of the market would have resulted in an average annual total return of negative (3.91) percent, and his or her \$10,000 investment would have declined to \$6,715.

Of course, no individual may invest directly in any index, and past performance is no guarantee of future results. Still, the lesson remains clear: Staying invested in the market is the only sure way to never miss the market's best days.

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