



# Zion Lutheran Church's On the HORIZON

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## Bishop Encourages Disciplined Giving During Tough Times



*"We become more fully the church as we give beyond ourselves— because giving is the essence of our life in God revealed to us in Jesus Christ."*

Speaking to a crowd of 603 voting members and visitors, Bishop Margaret G. Payne opened the 22nd Annual Assembly of the New England Synod on Thursday with a baseball analogy for the days ahead: early innings of treasures within the synod, a mid-game celebration of inspiration from our keynote speaker, workshops and festive Eucharist, and the ninth inning of more workshops, a special recognition, and blessing and sending. After the levity of her opening remarks, Bishop Payne acknowledged that "we are in the midst of some devastating storms in our world today." The economic storm facing our congregations affects the work of the synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Less money means reduced ministry opportunities, but also gives birth to innovative ways to do church differently. Stressing the need to view financial giving as a spiritual issue, the Bishop called for practicing proportionate giving and increasing our efforts to alleviate hunger and poverty. The synod is presently in the third year of a five-year ministry program, *Called to Listen, Called to Live*. Noting the gospel imperative stated at the Transfiguration to listen to the Son of God, Bishop Payne shared stories and resources about the listening that has been going on within our synod territory and how listening leads to renewed life together as we respond to the world. *By Pr. Rebecca Wegner, Good Shepherd, Brunswick, Maine* To see all of the Assembly information go to: [www.nesynod.org/events/synod\\_assembly.php](http://www.nesynod.org/events/synod_assembly.php)

*The Assembly acted on Twelve Resolutions, enjoyed worship, speakers, fellowship and fun!*

## 10th Annual Potluck Supper & Auction—June 6



This Saturday is the annual Congregation Auction. If you've never attended before — you'll have a great time! Can you donate an item or service for the auction? Please let us know. All proceeds from the auction benefit our Camp Calumet Fund — Zion will pay 1/2 of one week's tuition for any active Zion student to attend camp this summer. This means a week of camp is reduced from \$500 to \$250.

## Men's Club Picnic

The Men's Club will sponsor a picnic for all of the men at Zion on Wednesday, June 10 at 6 p.m. Come and join us as we enjoy food and fellowship. Tickets can be purchased from the office, in the Gathering Place or on the evening of the picnic. They are \$10 each. Festivities begin at 6 p.m.

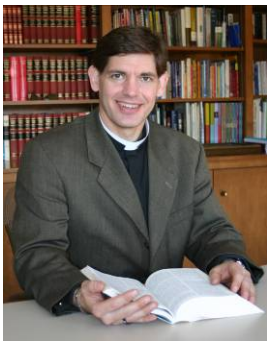
This year we gather to honor Marcel Lalonde who enjoyed this picnic every year.



## Youth Sunday—June 7 at 10:15



Sunday school youth are to come to the lower level of the church for a brunch at 9 am. Prelude music will begin at 10 am and the youth-led service to begin at 10:15. NO communion will offered at this service. There will be communion at the services on Sat. at 4 pm. and Sun at 8 am. **We THANK the TEACHERS** who have taught the faith each week in their Sunday School class.



## Pastor's Corner

On Memorial Day, my Son and I went on what has become an annual event in our family, a father / son back packing trip. We were short on time and it was still early in the season, so we went to Harriman State Park in NY. It was great to be out in the woods and back on a trail. This year however, was a little different. We didn't take a map, we just printed out a hike from the internet and brought a long a GPS. It looked fairly easy, so we thought we could just follow the directions and not need the GPS coordinates. One step after another took us to a fork in the trail, we thought it said to change colors at this trail, but we must have interpreted incorrectly, because soon we were lost on the trail. Eventually, we put some coordinates into the GPS and figured out how far off the designated hiking trail we really were. It took some bush whacking (leaving the trail and going into the woods) to get back to our coordinates and hiking route.

Sometimes our faith journey is like this. We think it will be easy and we can use our own strength and power to keep our faith journey going. It isn't long and we find ourselves on a trail taking us away from where we really wanted to be. It all begins with a few steps and before you know it—we're off course. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit to get us back on track. This summer as you take time to enjoy family, rest and relax, beware of veering off course. Ask the Holy Spirit to be your guide. Pastor Debner's blog: <http://jamesdebner.blogspot.com>



Kroll baptisms 5/16/09 with sponsors Steve & Le Ann Kroll

## Pastoral Acts in May

### Baptisms

5/16 Robyn, Richard, Bryndle, & Keaton Kroll

### Weddings

5/2/09 Nicholas DiGeronimo & Erika Sirotnak

### Confirmation of 11 students

5/31/09

### New Members

5/31/09 welcomed 15 new members



## Thank You from Vicar Olsen

Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Zion,

It has been my great joy and privilege to serve as your Yale Divinity School intern these past two years. Your encouragement, support, and enthusiasm have been instrumental in my pastoral formation and I shall not soon forget any of you.

Thank you for all of the graduation gifts, cards, flowers, and kind words. I especially thank you for the luncheon you held in my honor. I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of your love and affection.

I know I am ready to be a full-time vicar this upcoming academic year because of the time I have spent at Zion. I will remember our time together with fondness — especially during your big celebrations — Christmas, Easter, and Apple Harvest.

I will miss you but not forget you. May you know the peace of Christ that passes all understanding.

*Laura Olsen, Vicar, Zion Lutheran 2007-2009*



## Congratulations Graduates!



Congratulations to the following graduates: From High School: Rebecca Arscott, Ryan Charamut, Ana Dauphin, Abigail Debner, Megan Gibbs, Joseph Harvey, Melissa Hastie, Christopher Hotchkiss, Kristie Hotchkiss, Shannon Johnson, Andrew Manke, Tyler Mankus, Joshua Morelli, Adam Saucier, Christina Webster,

From College: Matthew Benoit and Kaitlin Zdeblick.

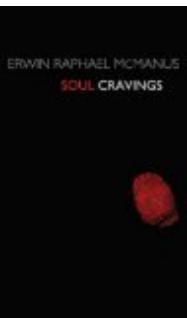
If we have missed a graduate, let the office know and we will publish it next month.

## Summer Worship Schedule & Office Hours



**Beginning June 14** we will begin our **summer worship schedule**—Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Also beginning June 14 office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to noon.

## Book Club Meets Again on June 18



The discussion group will be exploring "Soul Cravings" by Erwin McManus, on June 18 at 7 pm. Hope to see you in June. For information on McManus's work, visit [www.awakenhumanity.org](http://www.awakenhumanity.org).

The author "takes us into a journey of the human spirit and explores our deepest cravings of our souls; he tackles our biggest questions on intimacy, love, ambition, destiny, origin, meaning, life and death."

We can spend our whole lives trying to satisfy the one insatiable part of our being, our soul craving. Our capacity for spiritual experience both proves our need for something greater than ourselves and leaves us wanting when we fill it with anything but God. Soul Cravings is a powerful, down-to-earth exposition that interprets our need for intimacy, meaning, and destiny as common sense apologetics pointing to the existence of and our need for God. The book will deeply stir the reader to consider and chase after the spiritual implications of their soul's deepest longings.

## Council Positions Will be Open

The following Council positions will end their term on June 30, 2009: Christian Fellowship, Membership & Witness, and Treasurer. Please prayerfully consider serving on your Church Council and speak with Pastor Debner for the details of the open positions.



## Confirmation 2009

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009, Zion celebrated with eleven students the Rite of confirmation.

*Danielle Charamut, Laura Fillion, Zachary Gehrken, Austin Gentile, Rachel Harvey, Sarah Hurley, Abigail Judd, Matthew Kall, Kristin Moller, Katelyn Ragazzino, and Taylor Waters*

# Worship Servants for June

Date	Communion Assistants	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes
6/7	Carra Rockwood (8) No communion @ 10:15	Michelle Gladue (8) Youth Sunday	Robert Steindl & Frieda Fries (8) Russ & Ashley Christensen (10:15)	Caroline Barry & Hannah Pelegano (10:15)
6/14	Karin Thompson (9)	Linda Klopp (9)	Mike Kurtz & John Sirotnak (9)	
6/21	Lisa Gentile (9)	Linda Graham (9)	Andy Nicholas & Mike Babon (9)	
6/28	Barbara Welton (9)	Steve Long (9)	Jim Suess & Steven Long(9)	

Altar Guild in June: Colleen Jones & Linda Graham

## Welcome, New Members!

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to Zion. They were received in worship on May 31. Pam & Jeremy Carlson, James & Leanne Gmeindl, Missy & Christian Jannetto, Scott, Robyn, Davis, Bryndle, & Keaton Kroll, Carl Peterson, and Roger & Christine Peterson.



Christian grew up in Waterbury and currently lives in Terryville with his wife, Missy. His hobbies include photography, music, reading and football. He's a huge fan of old television programs and films. Christian is always looking for new ways to learn. He's good with his hands and has the knack to repair and build many things. Christian works in retail management.

Missy grew up in Southington and now lives in Terryville. She just married the love of her life, Christian, here at Zion on April 18! She was baptized at Zion on April 11 and is really looking forward to becoming a Zion member. Missy enjoys scrapbooking, concerts, cooking and baking. She loves children and enjoys working with them — she has been a nanny for the past 4 years.



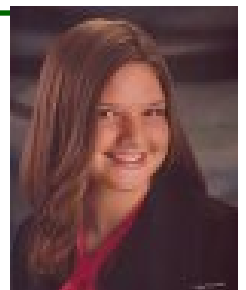
Roger grew up in Southington and resides in Plantsville. His hobbies include music, gardening, trivia and reading. He is involved in fantasy sports groups and enjoys attending sporting events. Roger is a cost accountant.

Christine grew up in New Britain and currently lives in Plantsville with her husband, Roger, and their son, Carl. She enjoys reading, gardening and crafting.

Carl lives in Plantsville with his parents, Christine and Roger. His hobbies include sports, movies, music, electronics and fantasy sports. Carl is a student. **Welcome!!**

## The Debner Family invites EVERYONE to a Graduation Celebration

Pastor and Barbara Debner invite the whole congregation to join with us in celebrating Abigail's graduation from high school and to wish her well as she continues her education at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. Everyone is invited to join us on **June 27, Saturday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the church basement for a reception in her honor.** You have been Abigail's family for the past 15 years and our celebration would be incomplete without you. We hope everyone will be able to join our celebration.



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**Info & events**

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Zion is affiliated with the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, one of over 11,000 congregations in the ELCA.

We worship every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly at all services. Sunday School and Adult Study Hour: 9 a.m., except during the summer. Summer Sunday worship at 9 a.m.

**Staff**

The Rev. James Debner	Pastor
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## June Sermons:

Disciples are Believing — Belonging — Becoming

June 7	Living in Fear
June 14	Living in Faith
June 21	Living and Working with Others
June 28	Living in Hope

## Son Rock Kids Camp VBS

July 20-24, 2009



High above the cluttered schedules and ringing cell phones of ordinary life is **SonRock Kids Camp** — an outdoor adventure like no other! As **SonRock** campers, our students will learn how their lives can be transformed by God’s love for them. Campers will build bonds of friendship with each other and with caring counselors as they discover that their true identities are not formed by where they go, what they can do or what others think. Like the apostle Peter, they will explore who they are in Jesus Christ — the most important relationship of all. Because of His love for us, He is the rock upon which we can build our lives! Registration has begun! Campers should be a least 4 years old through inbound 4<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be a table in the Gathering Place to register your children. Registration will be \$25/child and \$70/family.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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