



Zion Lutheran Church's On the HORIZON

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Congregational Meeting

Please be sure to join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 12 following worship. We will be voting on the 2009-2010 budget and electing new Council members. We will be electing the following Officers: Vice president, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors to be elected are: Christian Fellowship, Membership & Witness, Worship and Education. We hope you'll be a part of these important decisions.



Celebration Brunch for the Salerno's



Nick and Claire Salerno, long-time members of Zion Lutheran, will be leaving us in August for a new life in Missouri. A brunch will be held in their honor following the service Sunday, July 19 to celebrate the time and talents Nick and Claire have shared with us and to wish them well. A sign-up sheet for items needed is located in the Gathering Place. Anyone willing to assist with the set-up may contact Sandy Darling at 621-4342 or Gail Fissette at 621-0656.

Summer Worship Schedule & Office Hours

Our **summer worship schedule:** Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Summer office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9a to noon.

Son Rock Kids Camp VBS

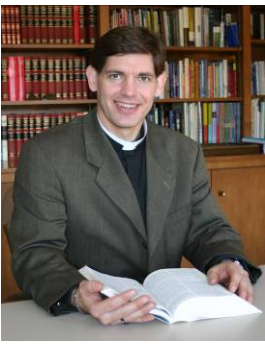
VBS dates are July 20th to July 24th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There will be four evenings of classes, snacks, games, singing and crafts for the children registered. On Friday the 24th of July there will be a FAMILY picnic followed by an ending program where the children show all of us what they have learned during the week in songs and praise. Registration will continue till July 12th so please sign your children and their friends up as soon as possible. We are blessed with wonderful volunteers this year and all are looking forward to guiding the children in following Jesus. Registration cost is \$25 per child with maximum of \$70 per family.



Our Giving Tree was a big success again this year. Thank you to all that "picked" leaves to donate items for crafts and snacks. There are two bins to deposit your items at the registration table as you come in the main door of church. They are marked for the appropriate items so please bring your "leaf or leaves" items in as soon as you can. Thank you again. It takes all of God's people to make VBS happen each year.



**Apple Harvest Barrel washing will be Saturday,
August 29 @ 9 am, in the church parking lot.**



Pastor's Corner

I was reading an on-line devotion and came across this paragraph. *Like the set of a television show, behind the scenes, where the camera doesn't go, life can be a messy network of plastic, metal, and wood—a flimsy façade—held together with cheap material and duct tape. Phony living could happen in your house or*

my house or any house . . . even the White House. Phony-ness can find a way in. From the Pastors, Role, Soul and Home by Chuck Swindoll. We put on a good face for the world, we clean the house, but usually have a junk room, where we can close the door and pretend that everything has it's place. Movie and TV sets look so real, but just a few feet beyond the façade the phony building is exposed. This summer as you take time to vacation, relax, get caught up. Don't fool yourself that you can live without the power of God's love in your life. When that idea takes root, it's like getting out the duck tape. The one we call Christ, Lord, Savior, Jesus, sees right through the masks we wear to our broken, hurting hearts. If I were to set up the cameras behind the scenes of your private life, what would everyone see? Scary thought? Jesus sees it right now and still loves you. This is Good News. Something we need even in the middle of the summer.



Baptism of Alyx Jennings 6/14/09

Pastoral Acts in June

Funeral

6/22/09 Russell Kitchen

Baptisms

6/14/09 Alyx Jennings

Weddings

6/20/09 William SanGiovanni & Kirstin Walonoski

Forty and Frittertastic: This is our fortieth year of making Apple Fritters. Come and help us make our fabulous fritters on our fortieth. The Apple Harvest dates are: October 2 –11th. Save time now on your calendars—because we need your help. Next AH meeting is Aug. 13 at 7 pm.

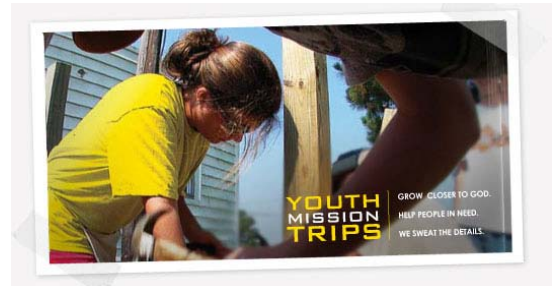
First Communion For 4th Graders on Oct. 31 or November 1



First Communion instruction will begin in the fall. Classes for 4th graders will be held on Saturdays, October 10,17, 24 from 6:00—7:30 p.m. here at Zion. Students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, October 31 or All Saints Sunday, November 1. Parents of 4th graders will receive a letter with more details during the month of August. Save the dates now on your fall calendars. We will be creating a glass to use for first communion, baking bread and learning more about what it means to come to God's table of grace.

Martinsburg, West Virginia Youth Work Camp-"Reveal"

Ten high school youth and three adults will venture to Martinsburg, West Virginia July 26—August 1.. We will be partnering with 400 other youth to do home repair projects during the week. This year's theme is **"Reveal"**. The concept is taken from Luke 4:18-19 *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."* Please keep us in your prayers during our week of service. We hope to go again next year, looking at New Hampshire or Maine — sign-up will be this fall for the summer of 2010.



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, Andrew Mazurick, Joshua Morelli, Adam Saucier, Christina Webster, From College: Matthew Benoit and Kaitlin Zdeblick.

Hammonasset Camp Out September 11-13, 2009

The deadline for this year's Youth Hammonasset campout is JULY 15. If you are in grades 8-12 and would like to attend, or you're an adult and would like to chaperone, please call the office at 682-5759 for a form. The registration fee has been reduced this year to \$35. We must receive your form and registration fee by July 14 in order for our registration packet to be postmarked by the 15th, ensuring our spot. Please call the office if you have any questions.



Good News Garage

Attention NASCAR and/or Oprah fans! Did you catch Hal Colston on the Oprah Winfrey show on Tuesday, May 19 talking about Good News Garage? If you did, you saw this big surprise: Rick Hendrick's walking up on stage and handing Hal a gift check plus the promise of 10 "nearly new" 2008 Chevy Impalas as a contribution from Hendricks Motorsports to deserving clients of Good News Garage. GNG has begun a thorough vetting process to identify truly needy potential recipients within the program's states (all New England states except Maine). If you know of someone living in the five states who is in desperate need of a car in order to gain financial self-sufficiency, contact mmann@lssne.org or 781-997-0814. They'll put you in touch with the people making these difficult decisions. Reprinted from LSS Live

New England Youth Quake and Zone

The 2010 New England Quake (Middle School) and Zone (High School) event will be held January 29-31, 2010 at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, MA.

The theme is **Do. Love. Walk.** The theme verse comes from Micah 6:8 which reads, *"He has shown you what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to DO justly, to LOVE mercy, and to WALK humbly with your God."*



The early-bird registration fee is \$124 if we receive it by October 15. After October 15 the registration price is \$139. Anyone who wishes to register after November 11 will pay the late price of \$154. Please send in a check



made out to Zion Lutheran if you are interested in attending.

UPCOMING PROJECTS: This summer will bring many opportunities to use your talents to help with projects around the church. Create a library in the Gathering Place class room; Remove and re caulk around the foundation of the Gathering Place addition; Remove contents of apple harvest container and move to new container; Wash outside windows; Help with the parking lot; Expansion of church seating under the balcony; Redo the fountain area by the front door of church.

Worship Servants for July & August

Date	Communion Assistants	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes
7/5	Carra Rockwood	Jeanne Garrett	Lisa & William Miller	<p>Acolytes: On Sunday mornings in the summer. Please check before worship begins to see if you can help acolyte during the service.</p>
7/12	Nancy Benoit	Linda Graham	Doug & Kyle Graham	
7/19	Lisa Gentile	Michelle Gladue	Paul Groll & Joe Miscia	
7/26	Barbara Welton	Linda Klopp	Steven Tosta & Nicholas Tosta	
Altar Guild in July: Frieda Fries				
Date	Communion Assistants	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes
8/2	Carra Rockwood	Linda Graham		
8/9	Bonnie Zownir			
8/16	Joyce Suess			
8/23	Karin Thompson			
8/30	Lee Sirotnak	Michelle Gladue		
Altar Guild in August: Lois Davis				

Thank You

Sunday School News

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help so much to pay for college. I really appreciate it and the mission trip I wrote about really had a positive impact on my life. Thanks again, —*Ana Dauphin*

Thank you so much for my scholarship. I am very excited to continue my education at Wittenberg in Ohio. Wittenberg matched Zion's gift of \$500 to make an even bigger impact on this years college bill. Thank You so much, —*Abby Debner*



Sunday School is in recess for the summer — see you in September!

Zion's Rally Day September 13, 2009

Rally Day for Sunday School is Sunday, September 13 at 9 a.m. Children will be introduced to their teachers and classrooms. Classes will begin the following Sunday, September 20. Parents will be required to fill out registration forms for each student to ensure safety before September 13.

Click on our

New “Calendar” Link

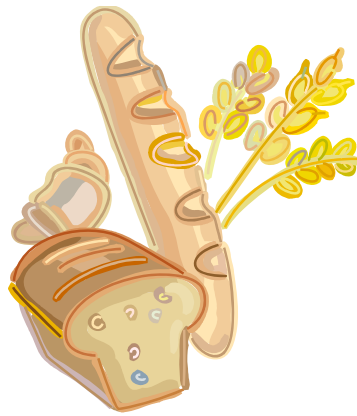
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Info & events

July & August Sermons:

- July 5 His Grace is Enough
 July 12 Truth Telling can be Costly
 July 19 A Vacation to Remember
 July 26 Pastor Baumgartner (Pastor Debner @ WV Mission Trip)
- August 2 The Problem with Signs
 August 9 Pastor Baumgartner (Pr. Debner Vacation)
 August 16 Jesus: Liar, Lunatic, Legend or Lord
 August 23 Faith needs Courage and Perseverance
 August 30 The Greatest Love Story

Bread for Life Evening Meals



Bread for Life will offer evening meals on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Friendship Hall (back of Masonic Temple Hall at 76 Main St.)

Bread for Life requests reservations for the first few weeks until they know how many people to expect. Contact them at 276-8389 for reservations or questions.

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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.

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