



# Zion Lutheran Monthly



July 2011

## POWER 10

Crew is the only sport you can win sitting down and moving backwards. It was also the only sport I played in high school and college. The sport has become the poster child for teamwork and hard work. And as simple as the sport is (point-A to point-B faster than the other boats), there is strategy. When the coxswain (the small person at the back of the boat facing forward) either sees his boat being overtaken by another boat, or when he sees his boat gaining on another boat, he calls out a "Power 10." A "Power 10" is when the rowers give 110% for 10 strokes. It's a call to go all-out, leave nothing behind, and push yourself beyond your limits. Power 10's win races. When a rower hears the coxswain call out a Power 10, he gets a rush, followed by excitement, pain, and finally, victory.

When it came to our salvation, Christ gave the best "Power 10." He gave everything he had for us, held nothing back, and left nothing behind. St. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." Paul's not talking about material wealth, for Christ was never materially wealthy. Paul's talking about Christ giving up everything for us; rich to poor in every imaginable way so that we might receive what we did not earn, get what we did not deserve, inherit what belongs to Christ: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The crucifixion was Christ's Power 10 for you.

As a church, we have taken on the challenge of paying off our mortgage debt almost three years ahead of schedule; January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2012. We are doing this to free up a shade over \$3,000 for ministry each month. We are already in a good position financially; this will make a good thing better. This is our opportunity for a Power 10. This is our opportunity to increase the impact we will have in Jesus' name in the lives of people who have not yet heard the best news they will ever hear. This is our chance to, in Jesus name, change and save lives. Most churches struggle to make payroll and fight to maintain their current level of ministry. This is our chance to do what few churches ever have the chance to do.

**Zion: POWER 10!!!**

Grace and Peace,  
In Christ,  
Pastor Duncan

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

### Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

# Voter's Meeting Outcome



On June 26, 2011 the Voter's of Zion approved the 2011/2012 fiscal budget that included:

- An average of 3% salary increases for church and school staff
- Increase in Eastern District ministry and outreach programs
- One major capital project - carpet installation
- New combined position - Director of Preschool and Youth Ministry
- New teacher for a new "Transition" class
- Small increase in school tuition



We were pleased to present another break-even budget (\$398,627 expense equal \$398,627 revenue), but we were especially pleased to announce for the third year that we had no carry-over expenses from the previous budget year and that the school continues to be self-funded. This was accomplished throughout the year with increased Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) giving, special gifts and strong expense control.

We also announced a new program under the leadership of Paul Klemash to "Retire the Mortgage". So keep an eye open for information being sent this summer on the program specifics.

Just a reminder, as we enter into summer vacations, we tend to see a giving decrease, so we encourage you to remember Zion while you are away on vacation, since our expenses don't go on vacation. Please continue to pray for Zion that we are able to end this new budget year with a positive cash flow.

Special thanks to the Budget Committee Paul Klemash, Neil Ackerman, Kim Luedeman, Dick Wible, Dwight Weldon, and Mike Sterba

Chairman  
Bob Schmidt



10 William & Robin Kammerer	1976
12 Paul & June Rilius	1975
16 Norman & Helen Erbrecht	1949
16 Tom & Shirley Bicusky	1999
17 John & Katie Gielarowski	1993
20 The Rev. Donald & Dianne Matzat	1963
26 Russell & Joan Kovach	1958
26 Paul & Nancy Klemash	1980

1 Lawson Luedeman	9 Roberta Stewart	16 Timothy Albert
3 Corey Larson	10 Anthony Vallelunga	20 Paul Hayes
3 Joann Brookfield	11 Clara Hayes	23 Lara Luedeman
3 Karen Bauer	11 Dione Vallelunga	24 Doris Oelschlager
4 USA!	12 Mamie Papeaka	26 Kristen LaJeunesse
5 Timothy R. Albert	14 Michelle Wolfmueller	30 Eric Hunsberger
7 Eric Rose	15 Charlotte Wolfmueller	
8 Roxanne Burgh		
8 Megan Hartman		
8 Richard Trudel		
8 Valerie DeRosa		
9 Neil Ackerman		
9 Florence Boehme		



# Service Participants

## JULY

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
July 3	9:00 am	Lois Sauro	Jennifer Fitzgerald
July 10	9:00 am	Elsie DallaPiazza	Anthony Vallelunga
July 17	9:00 am	Lois Klemash	Joshua Gielarowski
July 24	9:00 am	Brian & Megan Pasquini	Ryan Harris
July 31	9:00 am	Larry & Janet Zreliak	Mitchell Fitzgerald
August 7	9:00 am	Joyce Wood	Sydney Harris
August 14	9:00 am	Jim & Marylou Neill	Jennifer Fitzgerald

<b>ELDERS</b>	Paul Klemash & Jay Anderson
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Clara Hayes & Lois Dittmer
<b>USHERS</b>	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein, & Larry Zreliak

## AUGUST

<b>ELDERS</b>	Bill Bishop & David Hutula
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	August 7, 14: Judy Meier, Marianne Miller, & Millie Thielet. August 21, 28: Lois Dittmer, Clara Hayes.
<b>USHERS</b>	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, & Paul Hayes

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlc.org of the change.

Pittsburgh Lutherans For Life  
First Trinity Lutheran Church  
535 N. Neville St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all so very much for the generous monetary gift that you recently sent to our chapter of Lutherans for Life to send one Bethesda resident to Summer Camp. Your Good Friday collections reflect your commitment to make a difference in the lives of God's precious children. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is matching any funds that we raise toward this worthy cause. First Trinity has raised \$751.00 to date and with your help, we will be able to send at least five residents to Summer Camp this year. We look forward to working with you in the future to protect life in the Greater Pittsburgh Area.



~ Leigh Spittel, Secretary & Treasurer  
Pittsburgh Lutherans For Life #255

Life Scout Daniel Spittel  
Boy Scouts of America Troop 373

Dear Members of Zion,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support in helping me complete my Eagle Scout Project. In the end, I was able to reach my stated goal by collecting over 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses. As a whole your parish donated 38 pairs of eyeglasses to my collection drive. Your parish, along with many others in our district, was one of the main reasons I was able to achieve my goal. Your support has given people around the world the chance to receive a new pair of eyeglasses, even if they could not afford them. By helping me complete my Eagle Scout Project, I am now eligible to become an Eagle Scout.

Thank you again for collecting eyeglasses for New Eyes for the Needy and my Eagle Scout Project.

Sincerely,

Daniel Spittel  
Life Scout, Troop 373



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For updated information throughout the month.

**The Rev. Duncan McLellan**



# God Bless Zion's GRADUATES

**Nick Coyle** graduated from Canon-McMillan High School on June 4, 2011. Nick will be attending Waynesburg University majoring in Communications (Sports Broadcasting/Sports information Option).

**Dan Jenkins** graduated from South Fayette High School on June 3, 2011. Dan will be attending Duquesne University majoring in Journalism.



**Amber Seibel** graduated from South Fayette High School on June 3, 2011. Amber will be attending Lycoming College studying Archeology/Anthropology. She will be part of the Lycoming Warriors Volleyball team.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank drive is **Sunday, July 10**. The "item of the month" is fruit juices and drinks. You are also welcome to help at the Food Bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 and 12:00 at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Zion Night at PNC Park! **Saturday, July 23 leaving at 5:30 p.m.** The Bucs VS the St. Louis Cardinals. This year's event will include FIREWORKS after the game. Contact Dick Wible or any EGAF committee member for further information.

### PIRATES GAME

### VBS

There is still time to register for Zion's VBS program, Big Jungle Adventure. VBS will be held **August 8-12** from 9:30am to 12:00pm for children from preschool to Grade 6. The fee per child is \$5.00. Registration forms are available in the church and school lobbies, the church office, and online at [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs).

Zion Lutheran will be hosting a "Dinner & Movie" Blood Drive conducted by the Central Blood Bank on **Saturday, July 16th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. All registered donors will receive a coupon for a free dinner entrée at the Stone Pepper Grill and a free movie ticket for the Carmike theater. Come out and donate to this vital community outreach.

### BLOOD DRIVE

### EMAIL & PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that Zion has an email and phone prayer chain standing at the ready to pray for your needs? Martin Luther said that "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness." Lay hold of God's willingness and send an email to [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) or call the office with your prayer requests.