



Zion Lutheran Monthly



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Witness, Mercy, Life Together

This is the new slogan for the LCMS, the Synod to which we belong. I like the new slogan. It properly delineates three aspects of the Christian life that are shared by all who are in Christ. We are all called to witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus; we are all called to love our neighbor and care for the body of Christ; and none of us is an island of faith unto him or herself, we are in Christ together.

As to the last aspect of this new slogan: LIFE TOGETHER, I want to draw your attention to what we, as members (and long-term guests and friends) of Zion are doing and have done as part of our "Life Together."

In the last year, we have supported the Bridgeville Food Bank, the Pittsburgh Community Lutheran High School, Lutherans for Life, Lutheran World Relief, a family whose son passed away from cancer, a church worker who had cancer, a member of our congregation going into the teaching ministry of the church, and supporting the set-up of a new preschool classroom right here at Zion. This is not to toot our proverbial horn, as if we have done monumentally more than other congregations bearing our Savior's name, but rather is a sure sign that the Lord is working through us to change and save lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have also been blessed to support a camp that proclaims Christ by helping out with a special needs camp they held last summer as well as landscaping a nature trail for their future guests to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. We are supporting our District's camping ministry (Camp Pioneer) so that children, adults and families can escape the hustle and bustle of daily living to a place where the name of Christ is spoken and his Gospel proclaimed for much needed spiritual, physical and mental refreshment. We also supported the on-going work of the Pastoral Leadership Institute to train existing pastors to be missional leaders in their congregations with a view to reaching more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Please pray for our continued "Life Together" at Zion; that the Lord would give us the privilege of being used by Him in the work of his kingdom.

In Christ,
Pastor Duncan

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Stephen Ministry Training Schedule

Updated Stephen Ministry Training Schedule

- 1:30-6:30pm 10/6
- 12-5:00pm 10/14
- 1:30-6:30pm 10/20
- 6:30-9:00pm 10/26

Tentative Stephen Ministry Training Schedule

- 12-5:00pm 11/3
- 12-5:00pm 11/10
- 6:30-9pm 11/15
- 12-5:00pm 11/17

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

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| August Income | \$ 46,400.00 |
| August Expenses | <u>31,709.00</u> |
| Favorable to Income | \$ 14,691.00 |



As of September 30, 2012, we are estimating \$7,729.00 cash on hand. All bills through September have been paid.

Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our community outreach ministry, support local charities and Christian education for youth and adults. May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Bob Schmidt

Chairman

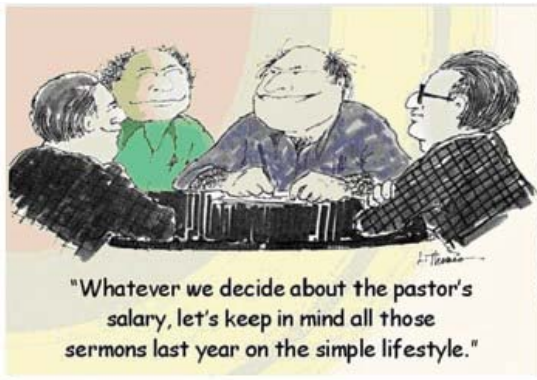
Pastor Appreciation Day

Sunday, October 14, 2012

Pastor Appreciation Day provides an excellent opportunity for the members of our church to affirm their love and appreciation for those who are called by God and our church to lead us. Traditionally, the month of October has been designated as

It is Biblical for a church to recognize and honor the godly leaders who faithfully serve the flock of God. Paul wrote the following words to the church at Thessalonica:

"Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work..." (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)



Remember to thank Pastor Duncan on October 14, and throughout the rest of the year, too! Here are some suggestions how:

- Say thank you!
- Pray for him
- Serve in the church
- Become a friend to him
- Honor his wife and family
- Honor his anniversary at the church
- Take time to show your appreciation
- Or even buy him something special!

Notes From the Preschool

We're back and ready to rock and roll this year!

We started our year a little differently. Instead of teachers doing "home visits" prior to school starting, we opted to do "in-school" visits. The teachers set up a time for the student and family to come and "visit" their new classroom and teachers. Our hope was that this would eliminate some of the first day jitters of having to separate from mom or dad for the first time. It was a huge success, and something that we will continue in future years.

We have all settled nicely into our new school year. This year we have two PreKindergarten classes, three Preschool classes (a first for Zion) and two Small Step classes for a total of 89 students. We will also start two new programs this October. We will now be offering a PreKindergarten enrichment class which will meet from 11:30 to 2:00 on Wednesday afternoons. This program has been designed to expand on the academic and communication skills be-

ing introduced in our PreK class. Mrs. Paula and Mrs. Peggy will lead the class and further enhance the child's learning focusing on math, music and language arts. We will also be offering a "Moms Morning Out" program on Friday mornings, specially developed for our Preschool and Small Steps students. Moms (or dads, grandparents, sitters...you get the idea) can now have an extra morning to themselves while their child is spending the morning filled with lots of play time and plenty of activities.

Ladies and Gentleman...start your engines...and that's how we started our annual 15th Road Rally. The Road Rally is one of our fundraisers we do each year to help financially support special activities or projects at the school. This year, all of the proceeds will go to the new playground slated to start this Spring. The children brought their bikes, trikes, big wheels, or anything with wheels...and off they went. They raced around the track with all the excitement of the Indy 500. Some



of the children actually completed over 30 laps (some even ran those laps) and enjoyed every minute of it. Afterwards, they were treated to a special chocolate brownie...just in time for their afternoon naps.

We have again been blessed with a wonderful staff dedicated to our students and to our school. Kari Gresh has joined our staff as an aide in Mrs. Peggy's class, and Miss Janet is back, and healthy! Praise God! Please keep our staff and school in your prayers as we minister Christ to these young children.

Blessings,

Tracey Harris
Director

A Successful Oktoberfest!



Zion's 4th Annual Oktoberfest was a great success and the largest turnout to date! We thank God for a wonderful day of fun, fellowship, and outreach to the community. Thanks to all the folks who helped by preparing the site prior to the event; providing food, drink, and games; serving during the event; and cleaning up afterwards. In addition, members of the congregation donated items that went into the raffle baskets which are greatly appreciated. This event could

not have happened without the Lord working through each of you! Finally, a big thank you to our local business sponsors who donated generously to our event. When you visit these



businesses, please be sure to thank the manager/owner for their support of Zion's Oktoberfest fundraiser! This year's business sponsors include: Bee'z Restaurant, Burgh's Pizza & Wing Pub, Family Christian Stores, Hickory Heights Golf Club, Northwest Savings Bank, Shop N Save (S. Fayette store), Tambellini Bridgeville Restaurant, and Warchol Funeral Home.

Fall/Harvest Celebration

Friday October 26 at 5:00 pm

Zion Picnic in the Pavilion!

Enjoy an all-expenses-paid, family friendly evening with food, pumpkin carving contest, piñatas for the kids, and a face painter. Fun for the whole family--and bring your friends!



The evening will be highlighted by an open fire, and it will close with vespers around the fire.

Come one, come all!

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Below are the 2013 – 2015 slate of candidates. The slate of candidates will be reviewed and approved at the Sunday, October 28, Voters meeting.

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| Chairman | Bob Schmidt |
| Financial Secretary | Nancy Klemash |
| Recording Secretary | Megan Pasquini |
| Elders | Vic Herschaft John Gielarowski James Neill Ken Wuerthele Brian Pasquini |
| Trustee | John Lemonovich Wayne Oechslein Richard Wible |
| Board of Education | Dwight Weldon Sandy Quinlan |

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| 1 Dale Miller | 16 Samuel Jenkins |
| 2 Aidan Dilbert | 16 Sara Jones |
| 3 William Bishop III | 16 John Lemonovich |
| 3 Jodi Fitzgerald | 17 Donald Jones |
| 3 Dwight Weldon | 18 Wayne Oechslein |
| 4 Stephanie Ivancza | 19 Carolyn Wuerthele |
| 5 Rebecca Ivancza | 21 Lois Sauro |
| 7 Dorothea Heslop | 22 Jennifer Eliker |
| 8 Carolyn Wible | 22 Patricia Neill |
| 9 Aaron Hunsberger | 23 Kristy Ivancza |
| 10 Daniel Jenkins | 26 John Gielarowski |
| 10 Diana Schmidt | 26 Lindsey Liberatore |
| 11 Dylan Walsh | 29 George Boehme |
| 12 Sheryl Piper | 30 Laurie Coleman |
| 13 Renee Trudel | 30 Sharon Koop |
| 14 LaVerne Eckels | |
| 14 Steve Gauger | |
| 14 Craig Scott | |
| 15 Kimberly LaJeunesse | |



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| 1 George and Florence Boehme | 1955 |
| 3 Donald and Sara Jones | 1992 |
| 9 Frank and Dione Vallelunga | 1993 |
| 11 Wayne and Kathleen Conn | 1997 |
| 13 Ross and Christine Chilcott | 2007 |
| 16 Walt and Joann Brookfield | 1951 |
| 17 Lou and Judy Schrecker | 1970 |
| 18 Wayne and Barbara Oechslein | 1975 |
| 19 Greg and Salina Howcroft | 2002 |
| 19 James and Stephanie Eckels | 1996 |
| 18 James and Sarah Lynch | 1956 |
| 22 Eric and Michelle Hunsberger | 2005 |
| 23 John and Carrie Lemonovich | 2004 |



Service Participants

October

Greeters & Acolytes

| DATE | TIME | GREETERS | ACOLYTES |
|-------------|----------|---|---------------------|
| October 7 | 8:00 AM | Brent & Marianne Miller, Millie Thielet | Missy Radovich |
| | 10:30 AM | Brian & Megan Pasquini & family | Jennifer Fitzgerald |
| October 14 | 8:00 AM | Bill & Melanie Becker | Joshua Gielarowski |
| | 10:30 AM | Ken & Carol Wuerthele | Ryan Harris |
| October 21 | 8:00 AM | Ron & Judy Meier | Grant Geregach |
| | 10:30 AM | Bill & Susie Bishop & family | Mitchell Fitzgerald |
| October 28 | 8:00 AM | Joyce Wood | Anthony Vallelunga |
| | 10:30 AM | Rich & Sandra Quinlan & family | Josiah Ackerman |
| November 4 | 8:00 AM | Bob & Nancy Spotti | Missy Radovich |
| | 10:30 AM | Mark & Laurie Coleman | Sydney Harris |
| November 11 | 8:00 AM | Clara Hayes | Joshua Gielarowski |
| | 10:30 AM | Dan & Tracey Harris & family | Jennifer Fitzgerald |

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| ELDERS | Rob Oelschlager |
| ALTAR GUILD | Marianne Miller, Judy Meier |
| USHERS @ 8:00 am | Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager |
| USHERS @ 10:30 am | Neil Ackerman, Chuck LaJeunesse, Bian Pasquini, Lois Sauro |

November

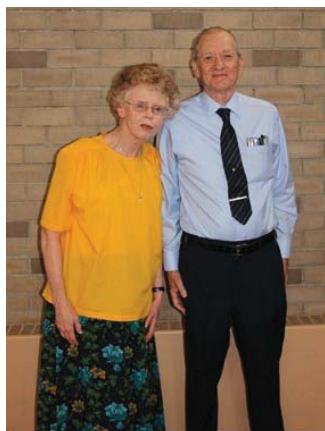
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| ELDERS | John Gielarowski, Jay Anderson |
| ALTAR GUILD | Kathleen Conn, Shelley James |
| USHERS @ 8:00 am | Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet Zreliak, Larry Zreliak |
| USHERS @ 10:30 am | Joe Gielarowski, Rachel Klemash, Steve Kovach, Andy Weldon |

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.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Barbara and Peter Fisher



Ted and Marian Siek



Ben and Megan Meyer



John, Anna, Kari, Max Gresh

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Visit **ZLCB.ORG**

For updated information
throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan

Youth News



**Youth
Ministry**

Our Mission Trip for the summer of 2013 is almost ready to be revealed! What I can tell you now is that it is going to be in the Adirondacks (a 7,000,000 acre park in upstate New York) and will involve manual labor similar to what we did last

I can also tell you that you won't want to miss it! We'll work hard, play harder, and enjoy some of the most beautiful country our great nation has to offer. Everyone is welcome to attend and the cost will be very, very low!

Check out this space for more information, details, and the meaning of life. (Which is Jesus... just making sure you were paying attention.)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday October 14**. The "item of the month" is baking supplies. 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.

If you've enjoyed Bible-in-a-Year, just wait until you see what we've got planned for next year (and the year after that)!!! I don't want to give it away now, but here's a hint: our Confirmation students do this every week.

NEXT YEAR...

SOFTBALL

Interested in SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL? We are assessing the interest level in joining a church softball league starting next spring. Let the church office (or Pastor Duncan) know if you would be interested in playing in a laid back co-ed league! Batter up...

Did you know that our website (zlc.org) is updated daily? You did? Well, did you know that it contains the text for our Bible in a Year readings? You did? Well... did you know that it contains the audio for those readings? Of course you did. Well... did you know that has pictures from recent Zion events? But did you know that our web site is the #1 reason people give as for why they visited Zion for the first time? A big THANK YOU to Brent Miller for managing the content of our web site! If you haven't yet, go check it out!

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