



Zion Lutheran Monthly



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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.”

St. Paul writes these words in his second canonical epistle to the church at Corinth. I had the privilege of preaching on this text last month, as it was one of our memory verses. More than most, this text stuck out to me as a wonderful picture of the kind of savior we have.

This verse reminded me of the TV show “Undercover Bosses.” In this show, CEO’s of various companies would take entry-level jobs in their corporation to experience first-hand what their employees faced on a daily basis. They also got to listen to employees share their candid opinions about “the man.”

In laying aside the riches of the attributes of his divine nature—it’s power, wisdom, and omnipresence—Christ entered our world like an Undercover Boss would enter the workplace of his company as an entry-level grunt, under the guise of anonymity. In this “poverty” of his State of Humiliation (as the theologians like to call it), Christ lived for over three decades, experiencing and observing what you and I do and how you and I live. He experienced the heartbreak and grief, the joys and celebrations that fill in the gaps of everyday living. He grew up learning to walk, talk, and go about his day. He made friends, worked with his hands and celebrated things like marriages. He became like us; he became poor. But his poverty as the God-man knew nothing greater than suffering and death, tasting the punishment of sin for all mankind. He experienced the ultimate poverty of being forsaken by his Father.

And now you and I, in the words of 2 Corinthians 8:9, have become rich. We have been given the forgiveness of sins, fellowship with God, and the promise of resurrection to eternal life. Such riches are beyond our ability to comprehend, and far beyond our ability to earn. They are a true gift, given by the one who so loved the world that, though he was rich became poor, so that we, through his poverty, might become rich.

In Christ,
Pastor Duncan



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The Zion Lions Softball Schedule:

- May 2nd @ 6:45
- May 7th @ 8:15 and 9:45
(Double-Header!)
- May 15th @ 8:15
- May 21st @ 8:15
- May 30th @ 8:15
- June 5th @ 8:15
- June 13th @ 6:45
- June 18th @ 8:15
- June 26th @ 8:15
- July 10th @ 8:15
- July 17th @ 6:45
- July 23rd @ 6:45
- Aug. 1st @ 6:45

Come out and support the team!



Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

Chairman's Report

April Income	\$43,963.00
April Expenses	<u>46,950.00</u>
Unfavorable to Income	(\$ 2,987.00)

The unfavorable result was caused by transferring \$4,809 to both the Kingdom and Trustee funds.

All bills through May 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



2013-2014 Bowling Season



Wait, wasn't the 2012-2013 bowling banquet over just a few weeks ago? Yes, but we still need a league president, treasurer, and secretary. Without these posts filled, we cannot have a bowling league for the 2013-2014 season, which starts in late August or early September.

League President: We're reluctant to call the job a "figurehead" position, but the league president is only responsible for signing the contract with the bowling alley before the season begins, and signing for the distribution of funds after the season is over. It doesn't get much easier than that. (retiring president, Pastor Duncan McLellan)

League Treasurer: Before each bowling session, the treasurer collects bowling fees from each bowler and records the amount in a journal. After each bowling session, the treasurer counts the money and presents it to the bowling alley. The alley acts as our banker during the season (so you don't have to go to a bank or keep the money at home). At the end of the season the treasurer makes sure all the bowlers are paid up and that the bowling banquet is fully funded. (retiring treasurer, Mary Lou Neill)

League Secretary: Before the bowling season begins, the secretary organizes the teams. During the season, the secretary collects the results of the evenings league play and presents them to the alley. The alley then tabulates the results, and supplies print outs of the leagues standings, averages and other statistics. At the end of the season, the secretary plans the bowling banquet. (retiring secretary, Marianne Miller)

Pastor Duncan, Mary Lou Neill and Marianne Miller will be happy to train you in your new duties. You can e-mail Marianne Miller at brent.mar@verizon.net if you're interested in any of the three positions.

Thanks to Pastor Duncan, Mary Lou Neill and Marianne Miller for their years of service to the league!
Brent Miller

WE HAVE A NEW HOME...

...for our vicar! There's a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary with what we want to collect for David, Jenna and Leah's home. The list includes: 3 small window air conditioning units, washing machine and dryer, ironing board, iron, vacuum cleaner, broom w/ dustpan and mop, small kitchen table with four chairs, highchair (for Leah), microwave oven, pots and skillet, cutting board, flatware and sharp knives, dishes for four people (or more), small sofa or loveseat, end table(s), lamp(s), two small upholstered chairs, floor lamp(s), small entertainment center (less than six feet wide), queen-size bed with box springs, queen bed frame, chest of drawers, night stand(s), double bed with box springs, double bed frame, small desk, office chair, bookcase, patio furniture, picnic table, lawn chairs, outdoor grill, one outdoor welcome mat, three door entrance mats, and two hanging plants for front porch.

The sign-up sheet for this list is located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

If you would be so generous as to provide one (or more) of these items, you can either contact the church office or sign-up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

Our scheduled drop-off dates for the items are June 23rd and July 14th. If you can't make either of those dates, contact Pastor Duncan to arrange delivery.

Thank you for your generosity!



2	Elsie DallaPiazza	11	Vickie & Rick Buzzelli	1988
2	Carrie Lemonovich	11	Richard & Ruth Trudel	1966
3	Janet Walleck	16	Curt & Catherine Watters	2001
5	Jean Endler	18	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	1955
6	James Oelschlager	19	Ken & Carolyn Wuerthele	1971
6	Hailey Smidt	21	Eric & Kylene Rose	2008
7	Joshua Gielarowski	23	Steve & Lori Gauger	2001
7	Dolores Preaux	23	William & Nancy Koester	2012
8	Janet Oelschlager	23	Brent & Marianne Miller	1989
11	Kylene Rose	20	Victor Herschaft	
12	Derek Nicodemus	21	Phyllis Hartman	
15	Andrea Vogel	22	Nathan Smidt	
15	Janet Zreliak	23	Barbara Messerschmidt	
18	Ben Meyer	24	Stephen Kovach	
		24	Claire Lemonovich	
		24	Elizabeth Lemonovich	
		24	John Lemonovich	
		24	Kate Lemonovich	
		24	Penney Miller	
		25	Sarah Ali	
		25	Megan Richards	
		26	Nadene Hartman	



Stephen Ministry Corner

May was an exciting month for Stephen Ministry at Zion! In addition to providing Christ-centered care to a number of our church family, we were able to begin providing care to residents at Concordia Lutheran Ministries of the South Hills.

For those who are not familiar with it, Concordia Lutheran Ministries is an LCMS non-profit enterprise that operates a number of facilities in the greater Pittsburgh area (as far away as Akron, OH). They provide different levels of care and assistance for residents ranging from independent living to physical rehabilitation to those suffering with dementia.

Our Stephen Ministers will spend time with residents who do not see their family and friends as often as they would like, who are experiencing grief, or who simply want someone to talk to and pray with. We look forward to providing Christ-centered care for this group of very special people in our community!

Please keep the Stephen Ministry at Zion in your prayers.

If you would like to know more about having a Stephen Minister to talk to and pray with, please contact me via e-mail or phone.

Pastor Duncan McLellan
Stephen Leader



Biography of a Vicar . . .

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! My name is David Schultz and it brings me great joy to serve as Vicar at Zion Lutheran Church this upcoming year. As I prepare to serve at Zion I would like to share with you a little bit about myself and my family.

I grew up in Wood River, Illinois, about twenty minutes from Saint Louis. My dad is pastor at St. Paul in Wood River and my mother is a Lutheran teacher. I have three siblings; an older brother, younger brother, and younger sister. Some of my hobbies include; playing sports, gardening, and spending time with my family. Also, growing up so close to Saint Louis has made me a very big Cardinals fan. I enjoy going to games and look forward to watching them play at PNC Park.

I began my parochial education at Trinity Lutheran School. Following grade school, I went to High School at Metro East Lutheran High School. I participated in Basketball, Football, and Band. Upon graduating from Lutheran High I attended Concordia University Chicago. At Concordia, I studied Theology and Biblical Languages.

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Service Participants

JUNE

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
June 2	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	George, Jane, & Michael Kozak John & Kari Gresh & family	Missy Radovich Jennifer Fitzgerald
June 9	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joyce Wood Bill & Nancy Koester	Grant Geregach Sydney Harris
June 16	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Kovach Lois Klemash	Anthony Vallelunga Mitchell Fitzgerald
June 23	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Larry & Janet Zreliak Jim & Marylou Neill	TBA Ryan Harris
June 30	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Carl & Karen Bauer Lois Sauro	TBA Jennifer Fitzgerald
July 7	9:00 AM	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	Josiah Ackerman
July 14	9:00 AM	Brian & Megan Pasquini & family	Grant Geregach

ELDERS	Michael Sterba, Robert Oelschlager
ALTAR GUILD	Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Bill Becker, Josh Gielarowski, Barb & Wayne Oechslein
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris, Vince Kimberland, Chuck LaJeunesse

JULY

ELDERS	Paul Klemash, Jay Anderson
ALTAR GUILD	Clara Hayes, Mary Hutula, Penny Miller
USHERS @ 9:00 am	Steve Gauer, Joe Gielarowski, Loren Ludeman, Jim Oelschalger

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.

*Bio
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While at Concordia I met my wife Jenna. Jenna studied Lutheran Elementary Education. Jenna and I both graduated from Concordia in 2011. Following graduation we were married on June 24th in Waterford, Michigan. After our Wedding, Jenna and I moved to Saint Louis as I began my studies at Concordia Seminary. Jenna currently teaches 2nd grade at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Collinsville, Illinois.

Jenna and I welcomed our first child, Leah Dianne, on Tuesday April 23, 2013. Leah became a part of God's family on Mother's Day, May 12th, through the waters of Holy Baptism. Jenna and I enjoy watching Leah grow and we rejoice in a Savior who loves her.

I am excited to be Vicar at Zion Lutheran Church this coming year. I look forward to meeting and getting to know the Saints at Zion.



Thank You, Zion!

Dear Zion Lutheran Church congregation,

Twenty years ago I was asked to consider teaching the three year-old preschool program here at Zion Lutheran Church. It was much to consider since my only early childhood education had come from the University of Life. Having raised three of my own children and over twenty of the neighborhood children through home-care, my youngest was about to enter first grade. It seemed God had been preparing me for this new path in my life, even though I did not realize it at the time.

I prayed for God to guide me in this decision and began the search for His answer. The result was where you would expect; in His word. After preparing two devotions to read for Zion's Dial-A-Devotion ministry I found out I was not able to attend the recording session; this was all in God's plan. Had I recorded these devotions as planned I would have filed them away and they would not have been within my reach to stumble upon them. God used them in answer to my prayer.

In the first devotion I was reminded that God has promised us even more than His own Son. He's promised us power through the Spirit—power that will help us do all that He asks of us—power that will strengthen our weak knees and faint hearts. As Paul put it; "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13. "So what does God expect of you today?" The devotion went on. Does it seem like a bit too much? Do you feel backed into a corner? Remember all He asks from you is everything. And all He offers you is the power to do just that.

If that wasn't enough to bless me with encouragement the Lord sent these additional words; At such a time when fear grips your heart and your faith weakens and wavers pray that the Lord will open your eyes that you may see. There's no less of a force surrounding you on the front lines of the battlefield as there was in Elisha's day. But all you really need is the One who promised never to leave or forsake you, the One who said, "Lo, I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. You don't need an army on your side when you've got the King of kings.

I was installed as the Preschool teacher in August of 1993. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7

I give thanks to God for this awesome opportunity to serve Him here as Preschool Teacher at Zion Lutheran Church for the past twenty years. During 2001 and 2011 I attended night and summer classes and I give thanks to God for blessing me with the encouragement and stamina I needed for earning my degree in Early Childhood Education. My style of teaching has evolved over the years but the message that Jesus loves you remains my constant focus.

Zion has been a big part of my life for the past thirty-some years and I thank God for you all. Having a celebration of the past twenty years was a great joy. Thank you to everyone who had a part in not only making this day so special, but also for all the support and love you have given me along the way.

In Christ's Love, 'Mrs. Barb'



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For updated information throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan

Youth News

It's time to register for Vacation Bible School!

You can find registration forms for summer 2013 in the church Narthex or on the church's website at [zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs).
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday June 9**. The "item of the month" is Paper Products. 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's Vacation Bible school children will be collecting monies in order to bring God's Word to children in India. This year, we are asking Zion's congregation to help out, too! Beginning June 9th, there will be a collection jug for loose change donations. Monies collected will be used towards "God's Word for You" Bible books written in the Hindi language.

OPERATION KID-TO-KID

VBS

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to lead children from station to station - no preparation necessary except to have fun! Anyone 7th grade to adult is welcome to help. Please see our sign up sheet in the narthex. Remember to mark your calendars for our Crew Leader meeting and FREE t-shirt pick up on Monday, June 3rd from 6:30 - 7:30pm!

Please pray for Erin Everett, a friend of Lauren Becker, and Erin's son, Wyatt William Wansor, born on April 11, 2013. Before Wyatt's birth, he had been diagnosed with a genetic disorder called a lymphatic malformation, preventing him from sucking, swallowing, and blocking his airways. He has already undergone the first of many surgeries. Please pray for Wyatt and his family, that the procedures would be successful and that they can afford all medical expenses.

You can see pictures of Wyatt and his mother here: <http://www.gofundme.com/2zgi7w>.

PRAYERS