



# Zion Lutheran Monthly

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## “AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY”

As I'm writing my article for this month's newsletter, the upcoming message for Sunday looms in the back of my mind. The message is on the middle part of the Bread of Life discourse from John 6. Fitting that this would be the topic the week the "Pre-Easter" newsletter is due.

Did you know that Jesus uses the phrase: "I will raise him up on the last day" four times in the "Bread of Life" discourse? (Incidentally, this is also the number of times Jesus calls himself the "bread of life.") You could make the case that this part of John's Gospel, instead of being referred to as the "Bread of Life Discourse" should be referred to as the "I will raise him up on the last day" discourse.

The two go hand-in-hand, actually. The "bread" that is Jesus is designed to give us life, just like the rye, white, and wheat bread that we eat sustains life. Only with Jesus, the life he creates, gives and sustains is not temporary.

Easter is right around the corner. The celebration of the resurrection of the Son of God is the highlight of the Christian year. But ask the average Christian what the resurrection of Christ means, and, after looking like a deer in headlights for a second or two, they will say something about either heaven or the forgiveness of sins. And while those are both in the background on Easter, its true meaning is something else... something better. Jesus rose from the dead; a fact that we remember every week, but especially on Easter Sunday. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we will rise from the dead.

Unless he returns soon, we will all have to experience death. But the good news is that death, while tragic, the "wages of sin" and the "last enemy" is not final! The "Bread of Life" will see to it that we do not remain in our graves, but will give us life.

Jesus gives us himself, the "Bread of Life" in this life. But it is not until he will "raise [us] up on the last day" that what he has given us will be manifested. We have this "Bread," that is, Jesus, now. But what he will do for us is temporarily hidden, but it is revealed in his resurrection, and promised in his word.

Raised up on the last day because we have been given the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Duncan

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### Special Services in April

4/6	7:00 pm Lenten Service
4/13	7:00 pm Lenten Service
4/20	7:00 pm Lenten Service
4/21	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
4/22	7:00 pm Good Friday



# Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

As of March 19, 2010, we are estimating \$12,668 cash on hand. All bills have been paid through end of March.



February <b>Income</b>	\$41,661 .00
February <b>Expenses</b>	<u>32,151.00</u>
Favorable to Income	\$9,510.00



Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our outreach ministry and that we can maintain this positive financial picture for 2011.

## New Committees

We are still looking for members of the congregation (women and men - young or old), who are interested in participating over the next few months on one of the seven committees or boards. If you are interested contact the name associated with the focus area below:

### Existing Committees

**In-Reach** – Build and expand the in-reach programs by utilizing the existing Interaction committee. *Contact Dick Wible.*

**Worship Services** – Maintain traditional worship services while exploring new ministry options and worship service trends. *Contact Pastor McLellan..*

**Church and Parsonage Facilities** - Develop a proactive 1, 3 and 5-year maintenance facilities and building plan. *Contact Dick Wible.*

**Youth Ministry and Early Childhood Program** - Develop a vision to expand and improve the current programs and services. Develop new programs and services offering to take advantage of existing staff and facilities. *Contact Dwight Weldon or Pastor McLellan.*

**Outreach** - Build and expand the outreach program around the existing programs and services. *Contact John Gielarowski or Pastor McLellan .*

**Stewardship** – Develop proactive personal and financial stewardship programs. *Contact John Gielarowski.*

**Technology** – Proactively leverage technology to improve overall ministry. *Contact Bob Schmidt .*



If everyone would only give a little time we can continue to grow our outreach ministry by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the community. We pray that you will consider serving Zion so we can “Building the Light of Zion and Let the SON Shine Out!”

~ Bob Schmidt, Chairman

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Would you like to order Easter flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday?

You may do so in honor or in memory of your Loved Ones. Simply fill out the form on the Narthex table and slip it with your payment in the Flower Order Box.

Your flowers will beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning and you can take them home with you after the 10:30 service. Deadline to place your flower orders is Sunday, April 10th.





It becomes so easy to join in the negativism we encounter daily when talking to neighbors, friends, and coworkers. We allow complaints and grouching to become part of our day. We neglect to share the Good News. We are charged to proclaim what God has done for us and for the whole world in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Share with others the Word and share your reasons for hope.

Zion's Preschool is a place where we daily "publish" the "Good News." Children can be heard singing in groups with their teachers, alone as they work, or in the church at chapel. We sing and hear the wonderful words of God's love and promise in song and verse. God's hand is seen at work as the children share toys and possessions, show concern for each other, and demonstrate how easily they forgive each other, following Jesus' model of forgiveness. God has done wonderful things for this

## Notes From the Preschool

church in guiding the school development and growth. He hears and answers our daily prayers. We sing his praise and thank him.

We extend much thanks to the church for sponsoring the Spaghetti Dinner, especially Tracey Harris for

**Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the earth sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord; bless his name. Each day proclaims the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.**  
Psalm 96:1-3

stepping up the plate and orchestrating a successful event. A close estimate is that you raised about \$2,000. This money will go toward a much needed outdoor play area for the preschoolers. It is only through your generous support that the school can continue the quality of education that has become expected of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

We are beginning the last two months of this school year. There are so many activities to be held before

the final day. We are looking forward to Easter activities. There will be egg dying and hunting, butterfly hatching, plant growing, and witnessing the newness of spring in song and story. Through this interaction the children will experience a deeper understanding of Easter. They will have opportunities to witness through these activities, the light of God shining in a dark world.

We have been collecting soap bars during the month of March. So far, the school has collected 220 bars! We are not far behind the church who has collected 237 bars. The soap will be sent around the world through Lutheran World Relief. Also, the children's chapel donation will be sent to help the people of Japan with the terrible tragedy that has befallen them.

We want the Lord to know we bless his name and we want to tell all the amazing things that he has given us. In the words of Charles Wesley: "O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemers praise!"

In His Service,  
Carole Davis, Director



8	Jeff and Pamela Larson	1989
12	Frank and Elaine Ivancza	1975
13	Chuck and Debra LaJeunesse	1984
18	Dale and Alice Miller	1977
21	Bill and Melanie Becker	1984
24	Jim and Patricia Neill	2001
26	Carl and Karen Bauer	1969
29	Jay and Kim Anderson	2006

2	Tom Richards
4	David Hutula
5	Samantha Walsh
6	Millie Thielet
6	Michelle Hunsberger
6	Alyssa Mance
7	John Endler
8	Rae Murphy
11	Rachel Klemash
13	Simon Kern
13	Jeffrey Larson



13	Joshua Walleck
14	Ryan Albert
15	Josiah Ackerman
16	Sara Vallelunga
16	Jay Anderson
18	Joseph DePalma
18	Lauren Liberatore
18	Ava Pasquini
18	Louis Schrecker

21	Harry Jones
22	Joan Cisko
23	Kim Anderson
24	Pamela Larson
24	Robert Morgan
26	Felicity Neill
27	Andrew Weldon
27	Norman Erbrecht
28	Bob Schmidt
28	Bethany Schrag
29	Ryan Harris



# Help the church and preschool raise money!

Next time you come to church, bring your old magazines, catalogs, newspapers, old mail, office and school papers and put them in the Green and Yellow Paper Retriever bin at our location. We earn money for the paper we recycle with Paper Retriever.



## What can I put in the Paper Retriever Bin?

- NEWSPAPERS/INSERTS
- MAGAZINES/CATALOGS
- OFFICE/SCHOOL PAPERS
- MAIL
- PAPERBACK BOOKS
- SHREDDED PAPER (in a plastic bag)

## What can NOT be put in the Paper Retriever Bin?

- PHONEBOOKS
- CARDBOARD
- TEXTBOOKS/HARD COVER BOOKS
- PAPER TOWELS/NAPKINS/TISSUES
- PLASTICS/METALS/GARBAGE

# Service Participants in April

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
April 3	8:00 am	Gene & Sharon Koop	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Bob & Nancy Spotti	Molly Oelschlager
April 6	7:00 pm		Anthony Vallelunga
April 10	8:00 am	Clara Hayes	Sara Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Neil Ackerman	Ryan Harris
April 13	7:00 pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald
April 17	8:00 am	Bill & Carol Schrag	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Richard & Sandra Quinlan	Sydney Harris
April 20	7:00 pm		Anthony Vallelunga
April 21	7:00 pm		Joshua Gielarowski
April 22	7:00 pm		Missy Radovich
April 24	8:00 am	Larry & Janet Zreliak	TBA
	10:30 am	Jim & Mary Lou Neill	TBA
May 3	8:00 am	Joan Kovach	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Brian & Megan Pasquini	Mitchell Fitzgerald

<b>ELDERS</b>	Tom Erbrecht & Paul Klemash
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich, Carolyn Wible
<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Paul Hayes
<b>USHERS @ 10:30 am</b>	Joe Gielarowski, Rachel Klemash, 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) of the change.



Callista Marie Chilcott, born on January 27, 2011, was welcomed into our congregation through infant baptism on Sunday, March 6th.



Callista with her proud parents, Ross and Christine Chilcott.

The Family of George Burgh thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

Dear Members of Zion

Thank you to everyone for their cards and prayers after the passing of my husband J. George Burgh. A special thank you to Pastor Duncan for his visits and "chats" with George. And we want to thank all those who helped for the luncheon after the funeral, namely, Mary Hutula, Lois Sauro, Dick Wible, Janet Oelschlager, Jim Oelschlager, and any and all whom we forgot to mention.



We have truly been blessed with a wonderful family here at Zion.

God Bless You All.  
In Christ's Love,

~ Roxanne Burgh  
Salina and Greg Howcroft  
& Paul, Kristi, Carson, and  
Brandon George Burgh



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For updated information throughout the month.

**The Rev. Duncan McLellan**



# Youth News

## LIMIT



### Youth Ministry

We have some updates for the Lutheran Island Mission Trip, scheduled for 6/25-7/1!

There are a couple of information meetings for those who are considering going. The first one is April 17<sup>th</sup> after the late service in the church Undercroft (basement). We'll go over the details of the trip and answer any questions you might have. The second LIMIT meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> after the late service in the church Undercroft (basement). This is the "Commitment" meeting where we will have people sign up and commit to going on the trip.

The cost for LIMIT is \$300 and includes transportation and meals, lodging and "program" when we get to the camp. We're keeping the costs low by using private vehicles to drive to and from Lutheran Island Camp. If you want to drive your vehicle, the church will cover the cost of your expenses at Lutheran Island Camp (\$270). Half of the \$300 will be due on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the second half on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If finances are keeping you from going on this trip, please speak with Pastor Duncan!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank drive is Sunday, April 10. The "item of the month" is rice, noodles, and beans. 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 Lutheran Early Childhood Center has opened up registration to the general public for the next school year. Registration packets are available in the office. If you know of anyone who might be interested in sending their children to the pre-school, please inform the office of their name and address so that we can mail them an information packet. Registration forms are also available online at [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The following 2011 dates are still available to sponsor the **Eternal Light**: May 15, July 31, August 7, & August 21 and the **Altar Flowers**: May 15, June 5, June 12, & July 31. See Nancy Klemash to sign up!

Did you know that Zion has an email 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.

## EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletter is now available online at [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org). Inform the church office of your email address in order to receive the newsletter via the cyber highway. Let's save money and trees!