



Zion Lutheran Monthly

June 2011



Zion's Bucket List!

“What would you do with \$100 per day to reach people with the gospel of Jesus?” I asked you this question at the end of the worship service last weekend. I’ve been thinking about what I would do with \$100 every day to tell people that, because of what Jesus has done, their sins are forgiven and they will live in paradise forever. One idea I’ve been kicking around up-stairs is to buy the building Planned Parenthood is using in Bridgeville, shut it down, and reopen it as a crisis-pregnancy center or halfway house for recovering addicts. Another idea I’ve had is to heavily subsidize our early-childhood education center, making it easier for larger families to send all of their children to our school to hear about Jesus. We could lend a hand-up to struggling families, provide quality in-home nursing care for people dealing with end-of-life issues, sponsor two seminary students, cover the costs to send teams from our church to places that need human care and relief (like Joplin, Missouri), build a facility for our youth with all the trimmings, enroll in the vicarage program and benefit from a full-time almost-pastor...the possibilities are endless!

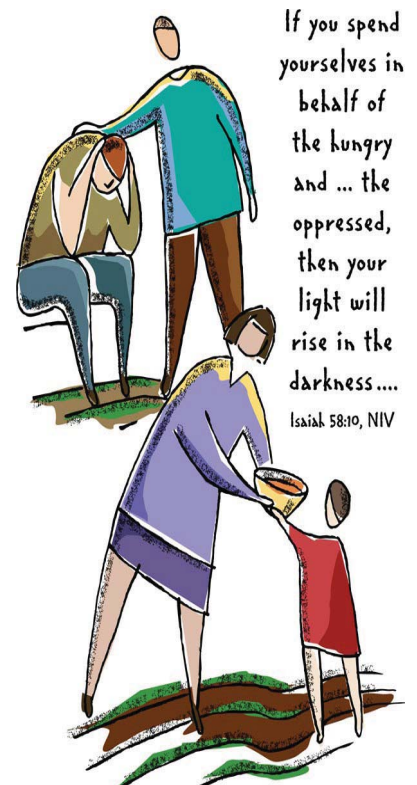
Wouldn't it be nice to have this conversation in reality, instead of in theory?

This month, Alissa and I celebrate our one-year anniversary at Zion. It's hard to believe it's been one whole year already! Time (except for those two sunless months in the winter) has flown by. We could not have asked for a better church to start our life together in marriage; and I could not have asked for a better church at which to be a Pastor. You've given me the freedom to spend time in the Word, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it during the week and then share what I've learned with you on the weekend. I've grown more in my own faith this year than in any other. (Yes, Pastors are still works-in-progress! BIG TIME!) We are looking forward to many more years here at Zion with you, receiving forgiveness and life from our Good Shepherd, who is leading out of the sheep-pen of this age to the pasture of the life of the age to come.

All the best,
In Christ,
Pastor Duncan

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If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and ... the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness....
Isaiah 58:10, NIV

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances



As of May 21, 2011, we are estimating \$30,760 cash on hand. All bills through the end of May 21st have been paid.

May Income	\$40,598.00
May Expenses	<u>\$30,120.00</u>
Favorable to Income	\$10,478.00



We had an unexpected major expense that is not reflected in the numbers above. The parsonage air conditioner stopped working and as many of you know the furnace was on its last leg (25+ years old). We decide to replace the air condition, air cleaner and furnace for around \$7,000. The good news is that the new energy efficient furnace and air conditioner should significantly reduce our gas and electric bills at the parsonage.

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.



Community Outreach

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Redeemer Lutheran Church & School

OPEN HOUSE June 10th 6:30-8:00 PM

Come and visit Redeemer's newly acquired school property in Verona. Teachers and staff will be there to answer any program questions, and sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available as well. This is Redeemer's 'before' Open House celebration. You are also invited to Redeemer's 'after' Open House celebration on Sunday, August 28th.

Redeemer Lutheran School
700 Idaho Drive
Verona, PA 15147

412-828-9323 www.redeemer-oakmont.org

11 Richard and Ruth Trudel	1966
11 Rick and Vickie Buzzelli	1988
18 Bob and Bernice DeBoe	1955
19 Ken and Carolyn Wuerthele	1971
21 Eric and Kylene Rose	2008
23 Brent and Marianne Miller	1989
23 Steve and Lori Gauger	2001

2 Elsie DallaPiazza
2 Carrie Lemonovich
3 Samuel Kottler
3 Janet Walleck
5 Jean Endler
6 Blanche Sheldon
6 Hailey Smidt
7 Joshua Gielarowski
7 Robin Kammerer
7 Dolores Preaux
8 Janet Oelschlager
11 Kylene Rose

15 Andrea Vogel
15 Janet Zreliak
20 Victor Herschaft
21 Phyllis Hartman
22 Nathan Smidt
24 Stephen Kovach
24 Claire Lemonovich
24 Elizabeth Lemonovich
24 Kate Lemonovich
24 John Q Lemonovich
25 Sarah Ali
25 Megan Richards
26 Nadene Hartman

26 James Lynch
27 Lois Dittmer
28 Kim Erbrecht
29 Gladys Cimarolli





Notes From the Board of Education

New Preschool and Youth Director – Tracey Harris

We are pleased to announce that Tracey Harris has been hired as the new Director of Zion's Preschool and Assistant Youth Director. Tracey has over 7 years of experience as a preschool teacher and aide and 2 years in youth ministry. As the youth leader she organized and participated in the National Youth Gathering, Youth Fundraisers, and Local Retreats. She also has 11 years of business experience as Office Administration Manager, Marketing Communications Representative and Technical Writer. Tracey has a BA degree in Journalism and Marketing from Duquesne University.



We are excited about Tracey taking over the leadership role for both the Preschool and Youth Ministry. Tracey is married to Dan and has 2 children, Ryan and Sydney, and they are members of Zion Lutheran church.

New Early Childhood 5-Year Old "Transition" Program Teacher - Peggy Glasser



We are pleased to announce that Peggy Glasser has been hired as the new Early Childhood 5-year old "Transition" Program teacher. Peggy has over 33 years of experience in early childhood development. Peggy was responsible for launching Zion's original preschool ministry in the South Hills community. Peggy also developed, taught, and brings with her a program for our new 5-year old "Transition Program". Peggy has a BA degree in Elementary Education from Concordia College.

We are excited about Peggy joining the outstanding preschool teachers/aides team. Peggy is married to Tom and has 4 children, Lee, Chad, April, and Aaron, and are members of Ruthford Lutheran church.



ZION GOLF OUTING

Although we did not have one last year, golf outings have been a tradition here at Zion for many years. The Evangelism/Fellowship Committee is willing to sponsor a Mens/Ladies outing this season if there is enough interest.

Sooooooooo....please let Dick Wible or Bill Bishop know by Sunday, June 5, 2011 if you would like to golf. Make sure you give either of them your phone # or e-mail address.

The Committee will work out the details, including possible dates, and get the information to you ASAP! THAT'S IT!

DICK WIBLE-- (412) 831-9947 (HOME)
(412) 841-3147 (CELL)
CWIBLE71@AOL.COM (E-MAIL)

BILL BISHOP-- (412) 257-5089 (HOME)
(412) 398-1796 (CELL)
BBISHOP@EXPERIS.COM (E-MAIL)



This year, Zion's Vacation Bible School:

BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE

will be held August 8th-12th and we are in need of volunteers. There are many ways that you can help. We still have need in the following areas:



- 1 preschool teacher
- 4 preschool teachers helpers
- 1 Kindergarten teachers helper
- 1 1st Grade teachers helper
- 2 Recreation helpers
- 3 Nursery helpers

Volunteer forms are available in the church narthex and the school lobby.

ZION NIGHT AT PNC PARK

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011—7:05 P.M.
THE BUCS VS THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS



For the 10th straight year, the Evangelism/Fellowship committee is sponsoring Zion night at the Ball Park. This year's event will include FIREWORKS after the game, and, as usual, we will be providing a bus that will be leaving the church parking lot at around 5:45 P.M. We've arranged for a block of 60 tickets in section 310 in the second deck just beside the first base line. With the fireworks presentation after the game, we would expect to be arriving back at the parking lot around 11:30 P.M.

Total cost per person will be \$19.00 (this is one dollar less than last year!). This cost includes \$14.00 for the ticket and \$5.00 to cover the cost of the bus.

Come join us for one of the Zion Fellowship events of the year, and don't forget to sharpen up on your Pirate trivia. We'll have "THE PIRATE QUIZ" for everyone to fill out on the bus. Get the highest score and win a valuable prize.

SEE YOU THERE. YOU MUST SIGN UP BY **JUNE 23, 2011** to hold your tickets. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex, or you can contact Dick Wible, the church office, or any Evangelism/Fellowship Committee member.

Service Participants

JUNE

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
June 5	9:00 am	Wayne & Kathleen Conn	Joshua Gielarowski
June 12	9:00 am	The Harris Family	Ryan Harris
June 19	9:00 am	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	Mitchell Fitzgerald
June 26	9:00 am	Ron & Judy Meier	Sydney Harris
July 3	9:00 am	Lois Sauro	Jennifer Fitzgerald
July 10	9:00 am	Elsie DallaPiazza	Anthony Vallelunga

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.

ELDERS	Jim Neill & Bill Bishop
ALTAR GUILD	Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula, & Elsie DallaPiazza
USHERS	Jim Oelschlager, Dan Harris, & Loren Luedeman

JULY

ELDERS	Paul Klemash & Jay Anderson
ALTAR GUILD	Clara Hayes & Lois Dittmer
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein, & Larry Zreliak

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Dear Members of Zion Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Shenandoah project. We appreciate your partnership with us to make sure that the children and families of our area continue to receive a quality Lutheran education in Pittsburgh. This project is just an extension of what the members of Zion are doing in their early childhood program. More children will be exposed to the love of Christ, and there is nothing but good that can come from that.

We must continue to work together to build the Kingdom, and we hope that your support will encourage others to join the efforts. There is still much work to do, and many additional resources to gather, but we are confident that this is by the Lord's design. He has provided for us each step of the way.

We invite you to join us for future celebrations at our second campus in Penn Hills.

Blessings in Christ,

Gail Hozer
 Principal

A Special Thank You:

Janet and Larry Zreliak would like to thank all of our church family for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and words of comfort in the loss of Janet's mother. It is a blessing to have a church family to surround you in time of need. A special thank you to Pastor McLellan and Rhonda Campbell for being there for us and everything you did.

As of June 18th Norman and Helen Erbrecht will have a change of address. Please make a note of their new address:

Norman & Helen Erbrecht
 104 Twin Ponds Lane
 Bridgeville, PA 15017

Zion Lutheran Church

3197 Washington Pike
Bridgeville, PA 15017
Phone: 412-221-4776



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For updated information throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan



Youth News



Youth Ministry

LIMiT

If you're planning on going on the LIMiT trip, please contact Pastor Duncan or the church office **ASAP!**

The cost of the trip is \$300.00; drivers get their cost covered by the church.

We leave from Zion on June 25th @ 9:00am and will be back on either the 1st or 2nd of July after spending a week at Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, Minnesota, doing renovation-type work at the camp and doing outreach in the community.

We will need your \$150.00 deposits by this weekend; the balance is due 6/21.

The trip is geared for high school aged youth, but is open to all members and friends of members of Zion.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank drive is Sunday, June 12. 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.

Donate your used eyeglasses to those in need. You can drop your used eyeglasses in the box located in the narthex through Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

**NEW EYES
FOR THE NEEDY**

SUMMER CAMP

There is still availability in the following **Preschool Summer Camps**:

Small Steps Music Camp (June 7-9, 9:00-11:30 am) for children 2-3 years old who have already been to Small Steps class. Cost is \$45.

Fun & Games Camp (June 13-17, 9:00-11:30 am) for children 3-5 years old. Cost is \$80.

Mozart Math Camp (June 20-24, 9:00-11:30 am) for children 3-5 years old. Cost is \$80.

Registration forms are available in the office.

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@zlcg.org or call the office with your prayer requests.

**EMAIL & PHONE
PRAYER CHAIN**

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletter is available online at zlcg.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!