



Zion Lutheran Monthly

April 2012



CHRIST IS RISEN!

This month at Zion Lutheran Church, the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ drowns out everything else. As well it should. Not only does the resurrection of Christ prove that his sacrifice on Good Friday was accepted by God the Father, but it demonstrates the power Jesus has over death. No longer do people need to live in fear that they will cease to exist at the moment of death. No longer do people need to think of their life as something that, if they are lucky, will last 80 or 90 years. No longer do people need to wonder if there is an afterlife. The resurrection of Christ shows that there is life after death. As Christians we believe that, because we have been connected to Christ in his death, we will be connected to him in his resurrection (Romans 6:3-5). We believe that what happened to Jesus is happening and will happen to us.

The message of the cross and empty tomb has always been the most important message anyone could ever hear. But especially in these times of doubt, of the rise of secularism, of hopelessness and of unprecedented worry and angst, the message of Jesus' resurrection needs... NEEDS to be heard!

Just as the resurrection of Christ drowns out everything else we are doing as a church in the month of April, as Christians it should drown out everything else when we tell others what we believe and the hope that we have.

God's richest blessings to you as you celebrate the defeat of death and the guarantee of salvation: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Stephen Ministry

In 1975 Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, saw that people's needs for care in his congregation and community far exceeded what he alone could provide. He developed materials to train nine of his congregation members to provide quality, one-to-one Christian care to individuals experiencing a life crisis. Upon completion of their training, he commissioned them as "Stephen Ministers" and linked them with people with a variety of needs for care. "Stephen Ministry" was so successful in his church that other congregations wanted to become involved. Dr. Haugk then founded the **Stephen Ministries** organization and developed the Stephen Series, which now has been implemented in more than 11,000 congregations representing more than 150 Christian denominations. More than 500,000 laypersons have been trained as Stephen Ministers, who in turn have ministered to more than a million care receivers.

If you are interested in knowing more about Stephen Ministry, or about being trained as a Stephen Leader, please contact Pastor Duncan or the church office!

-Pastor Duncan

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Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

As of March 31, 2012, we are estimating \$8,036.00 cash on hand. All bills through March have been paid.



February Income	\$40,462.00
February Expenses	<u>\$30,240.00</u>
Favorable to Income	\$ 10,222.00



The monthly financial picture looks good, but we did have a few unexpected maintenance expenses relating to the front roof and boiler. Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our community outreach ministry and support local charities and Christian education for youth and adults. This is a great opportunity for Zion to use and share our financial gifts. May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Office Administrator - Opening

As many of you know, Rhonda Campbell, the church and school Office Administrator, will be completing her Master's Degree in Secondary Education from Regent University this year. Rhonda has begun searching for a teaching position in the Virginia area. First, let me take this opportunity on behalf of Zion to congratulate Rhonda in this major accomplishment and thank her for 2 years of service at Zion.

This means that Rhonda's position will be coming vacant sometime in the late spring or early summer. So we are beginning the search process to replace Rhonda now.

If you or if you know anyone that would be interested in applying for this position, please send an electronic resume to Pastor at pastor@zlcb.org and Bob Schmidt at bobschmidt47@gmail.com.

- Bob Schmidt, Chairman

Calling All Kids and Adult Volunteers!!!

Vacation Bible School
June 25th-29th, 2012 – 9:00-12:00
Ages -- 4 years old (before 9/1/12) through 12 years old



Zion's Vacation Bible School program this year is called "Sky". With this program the Bible comes to life in new and powerful ways as kids explore why nothing is impossible with God.

This year, our VBS Committee has adopted a new format in which children of different ages enjoy VBS activities in small "crews". This is a departure from the classroom-style, age-specific approach of past years, and provides more opportunity for kids to interact with, and learn from, children of different ages. It's an exciting change the kids will love!

With this change in format comes a need for additional VBS volunteers this year. We believe that God will use this incredible program to reach many children with the message of his love, so please prayerfully consider your role in VBS! There are many different volunteer opportunities available . . . some working directly with children, others working behind the scenes. Please see the VBS volunteer forms located in the church Narthex, or contact Katie Gielarowski, VBS Director, at 724-713-6523.

To register your children, please complete a registration form (available in the church narthex -- or online at www.zlcb.org/VBS up until 6/20/12) and attach the registration fee of \$10 per child to the form (make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School). Return the completed form and fee to the box labeled "VBS Registration" located in the church narthex and the school lobby, or mail to the church office. In order to ensure the best VBS experience for all children, the number of "crews" is limited, so please be sure to register early to reserve your spot.

Visit Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/VBS for important information on this year's Vacation Bible School. Questions??? Contact Katie Gielarowski, VBS Director, at 724-713-6523 or zionlutherankids@yahoo.com.

Notes From the Preschool

Happy spring!! Can you believe the wonderful weather we've had this month? It has been awesome! The children have had a chance to go outside and look at the new growth starting on the trees and to watch the flowers start to bud. Excitement is definitely in the air.

With spring here, so is the last few months of school... where does the time go? With Dads & Donuts behind us, we are now preparing for the Spaghetti Dinner & Art Show and Moms & Muffins. For those of you that do not have any plans on Friday the 13th of April (don't let the date scare you away!!), we are planning a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner Buffet. This year, we are making a few changes. First, it will be buffet style (and yes, you can go up for seconds) and second.... we are adding a second kind of pasta and

sauce....Fettuccini Alfredo (yum!). So if you decide to make your way to the buffet table for a little more, please feel free to taste both. We will also have our famous meatballs for the spaghetti with marinara. Tickets will be on sale in between services on Sunday, and after services on Wednesday in the fellowship hall. You can also see me anytime during the week at school. We are also looking for volunteers, there is a sign-up board in the narthex of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The collection of soap for Lutheran World Relief is over. Thank you so much for your generous donations. I don't think I've ever seen so much soap! I am so proud of my preschool children, they raised almost two times the amount they did last year. They did an awesome job!



The church was just too much for us to handle this year. I guess you really did not want to get beat by a bunch of 2, 3, 4, and 5 year olds. But seriously, thank you so much for the friendly competition, it was a lot of fun! We will be shipping the soap to Lutheran World Relief this month.

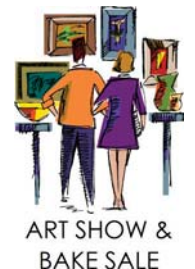
We are still looking for some office equipment for our new preschool class in the fall. If you have anything that you would be willing to donate, please let me know.

Have a blessed Easter!
Tracey Harris
Director



The annual Zion Preschool **SPAGHETTI DINNER BUFFET**, accompanied by an art show and bake sale, will be held on **Friday, April 13** with three available seating times: 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, and 6:30-7:30 (take-out is also available). This year, we will do a "buffet-style" dinner, including spaghetti with marinara & meatballs and Fettuccini Alfredo. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under (children 2 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased at the school office or between services in the undercroft. Please contact Tracey Harris @ 412-221-4776 or tharrissyd@verizon.net if you would like to volunteer to help.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! At our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, we've always ended our delicious meal with some fabulous deserts. If you would be willing to donate "something sweet" to our cause, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the church on Thursday the 12th, or by 1:00 Friday afternoon, the 13th.



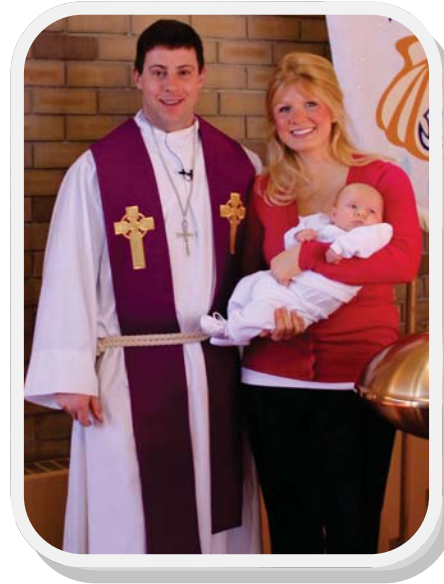
ART SHOW &
BAKE SALE

Baptized in the Triune God



Maci Jean Stovash, born on January 4, 2012, was welcomed into our congregation through infant baptism on Sunday, March 4.

Baptized in the Triune God



Thomas Walter McLellan, born on January 25, 2012 was welcomed into our congregation through a recognition of infant baptism on Sunday, March 11.

April Anniversaries

7	Tim & Carrie Albert	2006
8	Jeff & Pam Larson	1989
12	Frank & Elaine Ivancza	1975
13	Charles & Debra LaJeunesse	1984
18	Dale & Alice Miller	1970
21	Bill & Melanie Becker	1984
24	James & Patricia Neill	2001
26	Carl & Karen Bauer	1969
29	Jay & Kim Anderson	2006

Congratulations on the retirement of a former Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church:

Dr. Wayne Hoffman

On June 30, 2012, Dr. Hoffman will be retiring after 37 faithful years of service in the ministry. Dr. Hoffman was the pastor here at Zion from 1975-1985. He will be retiring from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Well wishes can be sent to:

Our Savior Lutheran Church
2645 Old Jacksonville Road
Springfield, IL 62704

Service Participants

APRIL

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
April 1	8:00 am	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	Sam Dragan	Josiah Ackerman
April 4	7:00 pm		Mitchell Fitzgerald
April 5	7:00 pm		Ryan Harris
April 6	7:00 pm		
April 8	8:00 am	Bill & Carole Schrag	Grant Geregach, Sara Vallelunga, Crucifer: TBA
	10:30 am	Jay & Kim Anderson	Jennifer Fitzgerald, Joshua Gielarowski Crucifer: Joe Gielarowski
April 15	8:00 am	Ron & Judy Meier	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	Vogel Family	Mitchell Fitzgerald
April 22	8:00 am	Carl & Karen Bauer	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Gauger Family	Sydney Harris
April 29	8:00 am	Bob & Nancy Spotti	Grant Geregach
	10:30 am	Michael & Deborah Sterba	Josiah Ackerman
May 6	8:00 am	Susen & Missy Radovich	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Bob & Diane Schmidt	Ryan Harris
May 13	8:00 am	Vallelunga Family	Grant Geregach
	10:30 am	Quinlan Family	Jennifer Fitzgerald

ELDERS	Robert Oelschlager & Paul Klemash
ALTAR GUILD	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich, & Carolyn Wible
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Steve Gauger, Dan Harris, Loren Luedeman, & Jim Oelschlager

May

ELDERS	Ken Wuerthele & Jim Neill
ALTAR GUILD	Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe, & Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, & Jack Oelschlager
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Ross Chilcott, Susan 'Sam' Dragan, Robert Oelschlager, & Richard Quinlan

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.



April Birthdays

4	David Hutula	13	Simon Kern	21	Harry Jones
5	Samantha Walsh	13	Jeff Larson	23	Kim Anderson
6	Michelle Hunsberger	13	Joshua Walleck	24	Pamela Larson
6	Alyssa Mance	14	Ryan Albert	24	Robert Morgan
6	Millie Thiolet	15	Josiah Ackerman	26	Felicity Neill
7	John Endler	16	Jay Anderson	27	Norman Erbrecht
7	Sandra Quinlan	16	Sara Vallelunga	27	Andrew Weldon
8	Rae Murphy	18	Joseph DePalma	28	Bob Schmidt
8	Richard Quinlan	18	Lauren Liberatore	28	Bethany Schrag
11	Eric Geary	18	Ava Pasquini	29	Ryan Harris
11	Rachel Klemash	18	Louis Schrecker		

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Visit **ZLCB.ORG**

For updated information throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan

Youth News



SUMMER MISSION TRIP!

It's not too soon to make plans to go on this summer's Mission Trip (SUMMIT) to Camp Cilca in central Illinois. We'll leave Zion Lutheran on the 22nd of July and return on the 28th. While at Camp Cilca (which is an LCMS camp) we will have the opportunity to serve Christ by providing manual labor for work projects around the camp. We'll also have the opportunity to serve Christ by assisting a group of handicapped children who will be coming to the camp to hear about Jesus.

There's something for everyone on this Mission Trip (especially when you throw in a day in Chicago and a day at Cedar Point following our time at the camp); all ages, interests, skills and abilities.

If you're interested in going on the trip, we will have a meeting to cover the details and cost on the 22nd of April after the 10:30 service. If you can't make this meeting, please contact Pastor Duncan or the church office!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday, April 8th**. The "item of the month" is rice, noodles, & 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.

The **Good Friday Offering** this year will be split among a few charities: The Bridgeville Food Bank, Pittsburgh Area Lutheran High School, the Pregnancy Crisis Center, and postage for the Lutheran World Relief soap project. If you would like your Good Friday Offering to go towards these charities then please use the designated envelope marked Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

TRUSTEE'S WORK DAY

The Trustee's will be holding a **WORKDAY** on Saturday, April 14th. Helpers are needed for outside clean-up and mulching around the grounds. Please bring along gloves, rakes, shovels, and/or wheel barrels.

Many helping hands will make for faster jobs!

Please contact Wayne Oechslein @ 412-221-1584 if you have any questions.



The EGAF Committee is sponsoring a Mother's Day Bake Sale at Broniak & Kraf on Saturday, May 12th. More details to follow.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES

Zion's Night at the Ballgame is coming up on Friday, June 22nd. The Pirates will be facing off against the Detroit Tigers. The Youth Group will be taking a group photo on the field. More details to follow!