



# Zion Lutheran Monthly



July 2012

## July Surprise!

July is a great month for vacations. School is out, the days are long, the temperatures high, and there's a big world out there that needs visiting and exploring. Church usually plays along with the summer motif and slows things down a bit so you don't miss anything while you are gone chasing the Ideal Family Vacation.

This year is going to be different. This year, Zion has a lot of things planned for the month of July! We've got baptisms and new members joining our congregation. There are several weddings planned. The SUMMIT will happen in this month, taking over 20 people from Zion to Illinois to change and save lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enjoy a week of fellowship, hard work and hard play together. We will also send people to Stephen Ministry Leader Training at the end of the month.

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In other words, you won't want to take a Summer Vacation away from your church family. The sanctuary might be a little uncomfortable, but the spiritual blessings of what God is doing far outweigh the physical heat.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this month and praising God with you for the wonderful things He is doing in and through the people of Zion Lutheran Church!

Grace and peace,  
In Christ,  
Pastor Duncan

## PRAISE REPORT FROM VBS!

"This year, Sky VBS was absolutely amazing!! 83 children learned that Everything is Possible with God and that "No matter who you are, how you feel, what people do, what happens or where you are - TRUST GOD!! To ALL who donated their time, talents and items, I am so thankful that God chose you to bless this meaningful and exciting outreach program! So, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

~Katie Gielarowski, Zion VBS Director"



**You!**

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



May <b>Income</b>	\$31,382.00
May <b>Expenses</b>	\$38,685.00
Unfavorable to Income	\$7,303.00

## BUDGET REPORT

We had an unfavorable situation that was due to a number of one-time expenses like: Good Friday offering distributions, taxes, workman comp payment, and VBS expenses.

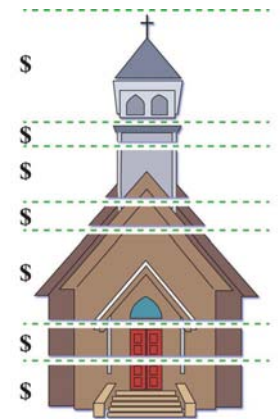
As of June 30, 2012, we are estimating \$10,845.00 cash on hand. All bills through June have been paid. This means we are heading into the next budget year with a small surplus.

- Bob Schmidt, Chairman

### Voter's Meeting - Outcome

On June 24, 2012, the Voter's of Zion approved the 2012/2013 fiscal budget that included:

- Overall budget increased from last budget by 10%
- Average salary increases of 2% for church and school staff
- Support for Camp Pioneer ministry and outreach programs
- Increase support for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
- Two capital projects – sanctuary sound system upgrade & storage unit
- Support for youth ministry programs
- Increase in school tuition and number of students
- Additional teacher salary for a new "3 year olds" class



**Budget for the New Year**

We were pleased to present another break-even budget (\$442,029 expense equal \$44,029 revenue), but we were especially pleased to announce for the fourth year that we had no carry-over expenses from the previous budget year and that the school continues to be self-funded. This was accomplished throughout the year with increased Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) giving, special gifts and strong expense control.

The new Kingdom fund will receive 80% of the previously budgeted dollars from the retired mortgage. This fund will promote and enhance the Kingdom of God through charitable giving, Christian education (adult and youth), missions, community outreach, etc. The other 20% will be transferred to the Trustee fund to support the maintenance on the church and school facilities.

The retirement of the mortgage 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!

Just a reminder, as we enter into summer vacations we tend to see giving decrease, so we encourage you to remember Zion while you are away on vacation, since our expenses don't go on vacation. Please continue to pray for Zion that we are able to end this new budget year with a positive cash flow.

Special thanks to the Budget Committee: Neil Ackerman - Chairman, Paul Klemash, Kim Luedeman, Dick Wible, Dwight Weldon, Mike Sterba and Pastor.

- Bob Schmidt, Chairman

# Service Participants

# JULY

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
July 1	9:00 am	Bill & Melanie Becker	Jennifer Fitzgerald
July 8	9:00 am	Sam Dragan	Ryan Harris
July 15	9:00 am	Janet Hickey	Mitchell Fitzgerald
July 22	9:00 am	Elsie DallaPiazza	Sydney Harris
July 29	9:00 am	Rose Steranko	Grant Geregach
August 5	9:00 am	Dick & Carolyn Wible	Josiah Ackerman
August 12	9:00 am	Larry & Janet Zreliak	Jennifer Fitzgerald

<b>ELDERS</b>	Paul Klemash & David Hutula
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Clara Hayes & Mary Hutula
<b>USHERS @ 9:00 am</b>	Joe Gielarowski, Rachel Klemash, Steve Kovach, Andy Weldon

# AUGUST

<b>ELDERS</b>	Frank Vallelunga & Jay Anderson
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	TBA - volunteers needed
<b>USHERS @ 9:00 am</b>	Steve Gauger, Dan Harris, 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@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) of the change.



1 Lawson Luedeman	10 Anthony Vallelunga	7 Vince & Ginny Kimberland	1995
3 Karen Bauer	11 Sam Dragan	16 Tom & Shirley Bicusky	1999
3 Joann Brookfield	11 Clara Hayes	16 Norman & Helen Erbrecht	1949
3 Corey Larson	11 Dione Vallelunga	17 John & Katie Gielarowski	1993
5 Timothy R. Albert	12 Mamie Papeaka	20 The Rev. Donald & Diane Matzat	1963
7 Eric Rose	15 Brad Boyle	26 Paul & Nancy Klemash	1980
8 Roxanne Burgh	15 Bob Liberatore		
8 Richard Trudel	16 Timothy Albert		
9 Neil Ackerman	18 Emily Trentini		
9 Florence Boehme	19 Lindsey Kovach		
	20 Paul Hayes		
	23 Lara Luedeman		
	24 Doris Oelschlager		
	26 Ella Hunsberger		
	26 Kristen Lajeunesse		
	30 Eric Hunsberger		



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**The Rev. Duncan McLellan**

# Youth News



**Youth Ministry**

## SUMMIT

The SUMMIT is rapidly approaching! For those of you who are going, I need your \$100 deposits by the 15th of the month. We will also be meeting on the 15th after the worship service and before Bible Class to cover the last minute details of the trip and pass out SUMMIT itineraries.

If you would like to go but haven't spoken to me yet, please do so ASAP!

-Pastor Duncan



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

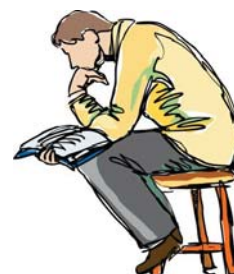


## FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday, July 8th**. The "item of the month" is fruit juices & drinks. 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.

## Pastor Wayne Hoffman - Retires after 37 Years

Many of you knew Pastor Hoffman who was installed at Zion on June 29, 1975 and spent the first 10 years of his 37 years of ministry at Zion. Zion was his first church out of the seminary.



During his 10 years at Zion he provided a strong vision and leadership in which God produced amazing things for Zion. During this period of time we started our first building expansion project and opened a new Lutheran elementary school. We were so blessed to have such a wonderful leader, preacher, and teacher of the Word of God.

We wish God's Blessing and good health on Pastor Hoffman, Noel and his family. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter this new stage of their lives.

- Bob Schmidt, Chairman