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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion's Good News

October
2007

Germanfest

Sunday, October 28th
Serving from 11:00
a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Carry-outs available
from 11:30 a.m.
to 1 p.m.



Serving Sauerkraut, Pork Hocks, Pork Roast,
Gravy, Potato Dumplings, Applesauce, Rye
Bread, Assorted Bars, Coffee and Milk

Tickets: Adults \$8.00
Children (5-12): \$3.00
Preschool: Free

Worship will be held at 9:00 a.m.

More information on page 3.

Who Could Forget the Offering?

It was early in my call here at Zion and it happened quite innocently. One Sunday morning I had just finished the benediction and was ready to dismiss the congregation when a curious thing began to take place. Members of the congregation didn't leave in a mad dash for the coffee and fellowship time. They stood in place looking almost a little embarrassed. Finally, they held up their offering envelopes and someone informed me that I'd forgotten the offering that morning. We all had a good laugh on me that day, took the offering, and off we went.

At fellowship, the laughter went on and then one person said to me, "I felt like worship wasn't done, wasn't complete without the offering." What a profound statement!

When we see the offering as an act of worship, it helps us put everything into proper perspective. The offering is not just an interruption in the worship service; it isn't just something we need to get out of the way so we can get to the real business of worship. When we give, we worship God with thankful hearts. When we give, we respond in joy to the great gift of love that God has given us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Giving is a joyful, thankful part of worship.

It happened quite innocently that Sunday morning, but the laughter and fun surrounding my mistake helped us to bring joy to our giving. I know I was certainly impressed with a congregation that wouldn't leave until they had a chance to worship a gracious God by their giving.

As we look at this year's stewardship theme, "Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share," I hope we clearly see that our offering becomes a means of telling the story to others locally and worldwide, and that we will continue to share our gifts with joy.

Pastor Sue



Germanfest

A word to newcomers: If you are new to Zion you may not have heard about Zion's Germanfest Dinner. Once a year the members of Zion serve a traditional German meal of sauerkraut and pork hocks. In preparation for the meal, members are asked to sell tickets, contribute to the cost of the meal, and volunteer in serving the meal. Proceeds from the dinner are placed in a "Crisis Fund". Grants for those who experience a crisis (fire, illness, etc.) are taken from the fund and are given to non-members living within the Stratford School District OR to members of Zion regardless of where they live. If you would like to know more about the Germanfest Dinner, ask any member of the congregation or call the church office. The dinner began in 1988 with over \$50,000.00 raised since then, and Zion has given gifts totaling over \$30,000.00 to area people.

Germanfest Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale during the Germanfest dinner. If you can make baked goods it will also help the Community Fund. Please bring any items to the Gathering Space on Saturday, October 27th or Sunday, October 28th. It is a great help if items are priced ahead of time.

Germanfest Help Wanted

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex to sign-up for areas you would like to work in (for preparation before or on the 28th), times you can work, food donations or monetary donations to cover the cost of the meat. You can also contact Bob and Donetta to volunteer or make a donation.

Food Includes: 300 lbs of potatoes, 55 lbs unbleached flour, 12 gallons milk (whole and 2%), 3 lbs coffee, 10 dozen eggs, 14 lbs of butter, 20-14 oz bags of unseasoned bread cubes, many pans of bars, homemade applesauce and meat donations.

Help us advertise

Posters are available in the narthex. It would be helpful if you could take one or two and put up in your work place. Thanks.

Needed: Brown paper bags for carry-outs. Please drop off in the narthex or the church office.

ONLY 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 28th

“Wednesday Nite Live”

Every Wednesday the Youth & Family Team invite all youth from Grade 6 through Grade 12 to come and hang out at Zion from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be a time for you to come, relax and have some fun with your friends. The Family Center as well as the Youth Room will be open to you and your friends. Food and beverages will also be available.



There is a new and easy way to raise money for Zion just by searching the Internet, with GoodSearch.com. GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

It's simple. You use GoodSearch.com like any other search engine—the site is powered by Yahoo! - but each time you do, money is generated for Zion. Each search will raise \$.01 for Zion. That might not seem like much, but if 100 of us search four times a day, we will raise about \$1,460 in a year!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Zion Lutheran (Stratford) as the charity you want to support and verify. Be sure to spread the word to your friends.



New Member Sunday

New Members were received on Sunday, September 23rd at the 10:15 a.m. service. New members are: Troy & Kathy Ballerstein, Sheri Chrouser, Jay, Beth, Abby & Matthew Fish, Nancy Krause, Lita Landwehr, Doreen Luepke, Jodi, R.J. & Ryan Schiller, Dan Skrenes, Gene Smazal, Brian, Peggy, Carrie & Megan Stroetz, and Jon, Charmaine, Kaitlyn & Devin Ulrich.

Assisting Minister Training

Training to become an Assisting Minister will be held on Monday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Anyone who is interested in becoming an Assisting Minister is invited to attend the training. If you are interested and cannot attend the training, please contact Grace Carpenter and training will be arranged to fit your schedule. Assisting Ministers assist Pastor Sue with the worship. They participate in the liturgy, read the lessons and help serve communion. They are scheduled to serve on Festival Sundays and special days of the church calendar. If you have any questions about being an Assisting Minister, contact Grace.

Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, Oct 4th at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7th during Sunday school hour
Sunday, Oct. 14th during Sunday school hour and sing for both services
Sunday, Oct. 21st Lead Contemporary Worship service at 8 a.m.
NO Rehearsal between services
Thursday, Oct. 25th at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 28th sing for Reformation Sunday
NO rehearsal due to Germanfest Dinner



After School Program

The Marshfield YMCA in collaboration with Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting an after school childcare program right here at Zion! Each day after school the children will be escorted from either of the Stratford schools by licensed childcare staff to Zion Lutheran Family Center where they will receive a snack, get help with homework, have the opportunity to play outdoors or participate in large muscle indoor activities, play games and be involved in creative art centers. The program will meet the needs of working parents in a safe and fun environment. For more information you may contact Dawn Justman at ymca_djustman@charter.net or 387-4900.

Home Communion Team

The Home Communion Team will meet on Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference room. Each month home communion members bring communion to members in nursing homes or those at home and unable or find it difficult to get to church. Pastor Sue also brings them communion each month. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Grace Carpenter at 687-4348. New members or anyone interested in being on the Home Communion Team is invited to attend the meeting.



Snack List

The following families are responsible for snack during Sunday school (please have it there by 8:30 a.m.). Please be available to help distribute snacks for the helpers and pick up and clean kitchen after distribution. Each family is to bring enough for about 50 children.

- Oct. 7 Sara Mercer and Keith Ehrike Families
- Oct. 14 Marty Ferris and Keith Spaeth Families
- Oct. 21 Bryce Ford and LaSee/Dahlke Families
- Oct. 28 Germanfest—No Sunday School



Sunday School Calendar

- Oct 7 Sunday School / Teacher's Meeting
- Oct 14 Sunday School / Sunday School sing
3 year—1st grade sing at 8:00 a.m.
2nd—6th grade (Jesus' Joyful Jammers")
sing at 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 21 Sunday School
Baptismal Journey—6th grade - "Luther's Life"
- Oct. 28 Germanfest—No Sunday School

The J Team

The J Team for grades 3 through 5th grade will be held on Wednesday, October 31st at 3:15 p.m. Snacks, games (Moon Balloon), devotion (Working Together) and activity (Make pumpkin pies for fellowship) will be held.

Confirmation Electives 6 - 7:30 p.m.

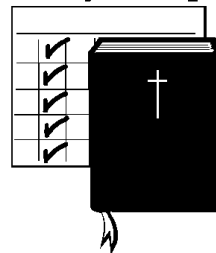
- October 17 Build a Baptismal Chest
- October 20 Build a Baptismal Chest
- October 31 Drama for Worship



Confirmation Core 6-8 p.m.

- Classroom: October 10, 17, 24 "Law and Gospel"

WEEKLY Study Group



Bible Study - Peacemaking

What do you think of when you hear the word peace? Quiet streams? Calmness? Tranquility or the absence of war?

If we were to discuss peacemaking without Scripture as a guide, we might discuss stress management, muscle relaxation, retirement planning or how to make friends. Biblically, however, peacemaking begins with and is an integral part of the vision of shalom—God's plan for us and the world.

Biblically, peace comes through the cost and risk of deep caring. Compassionate peace inevitably results in working for justice and reconciliation rather than stress reduction. It comes through the cross and the scandal of crucified love rather than through planned defense against those we fear or those with whom we differ.

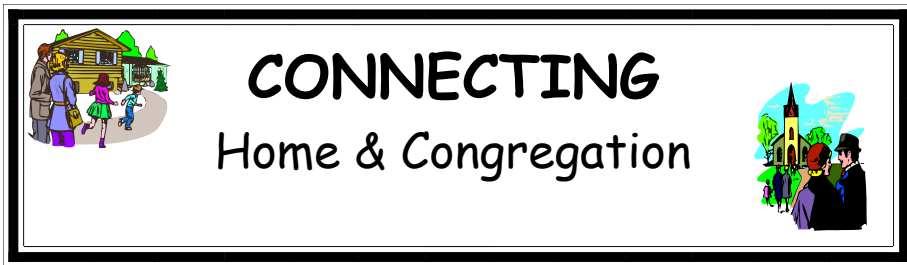
The Tuesday morning Bible study group will begin an eight week session on "Peacemaking" on September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the conference room (*next to the offices*). We invite you to join us for this study.

Daily Discipleship Adult Bible Study

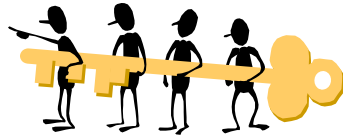
Daily Discipleship is an adult Bible Study held each Sunday morning, beginning on September 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the new Conference room by the offices. Daily Discipleship takes a look at the Gospel text for that Sunday and deepens our journey in God's word. Information and background for the text will be given in hand out form. The class will be facilitated by Pastor Sue and other lay members.

Acolytes Trained

On Sunday, September 23rd, seven 4th graders completed Acolyte training. They are: Courtney Doll, Wyatt Ehrike, Tianna Hughes, Alexyn Krueger, Brianna LaSee, Amandalee Miller and Megan Stroetz. In November they will begin to be scheduled to serve as Acolytes. One of the older, more experienced acolytes will serve with them and be their mentor. Parents, if you prefer your child be scheduled for the 8 a.m. or the 10:15 a.m service, please call the church office 687-4110 or Grace Carpenter 687-4348. Make-up training will be held on Sunday, November 4th for those unable to make the last training.



With The 4 Keys



Caring Conversation

Take home for each family member the "Stories to Tell" cards. Have family members write their story and then take turns talking about what you wrote and why.

Family Devotions

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Do you have a favorite blanket? It's probably soft and warm. It makes you feel safe. God is like your favorite blanket. He is a comforter. He wraps you in his love. He makes you feel safe and warm.

Rituals & Traditions

Make Sunday family day. Start the day by attending church and Sunday School.

Family Service

Share extra "trick or treat" candy. Divide your kids' candy and fill a fancy tin with some of their extra candy. Have them give it to a needy friend or person.

Ministry Opportunities

We are looking for someone who is interested in our sister congregation in Mpenda and would be our link with the synod. For more information call the church office.



Zion Council is looking for new council members. If anyone is interested in serving on the council, please contact the church office (687-4110) or any current council member.

Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, September 17, 2007. President Marty Ferris called the meeting to order and Diane Shanks led devotions. Pastor Sue led the leadership training.

During the meeting the council:

- Secretary Report M/S/C
- Treasurer Report M/S/C
- Our new building has been featured in a brochure for VuePoint Architecture and Boson Companies.
- The new website is up and running and has had approximately 5500 hits to date.
- Family Center Sound System – The system is here and in the process of being installed. There will be an area in the storage room designated for the equipment.
- Nominating Committee – Pat, Diane, Marty and Rhonda met and will be contacting several individuals to place their name on the ballots for Council.
- Budget – Council members will be working with their committees on the budget for 2008.
M/S/C to adjourn

Respectfully submitted by,
Rhonda Thompson

| | BENEVOLENCE | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| | <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Actual (9-13-07)</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
| LSS | \$1,800.00 | \$ 1,443.25 | 80.18% |
| Missionary | \$3,500.00 | \$ 2,502.00 | 71.49% |
| Crossways | \$1,900.00 | \$ 1,688.50 | 88.87% |
| World Hunger | \$6,000.00 | \$ 3,211.78 | 53.53% |
| Mission Partners | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.10 | 100.01% |

THANKS and



HUGS to...

- Thanks to everyone who helped with our work day on Sunday, September 15th. The grass got planted, plants and mulch went in on the east side of our Sunday school wing and work was done on the bell towers.
- Thanks to Donna Schrameyer, Pat and Leon Tieten for planting flowers in the meditation garden. Thanks to those who donated plants for the garden.
- Thanks to Barb Jannusch for creating the stained glass located in the hallway by the Meditation garden.
- Thanks to June and Rich Krueger for putting the shelves together for the dry storage room in the kitchen.
- Thanks to Dan & Deb Wieland for the donating plants, mulch and brick on the east and north side of the new building
- Thanks to Harold & Barb Wrensch for providing boxes for Box City.
- Thanks to the men who put the sound system in the Family Center.
- Thanks to June Krueger for the talk given to the homeless at Box City.
- Thanks to the kids and parents who painted the Youth Room. It looks great!!!
- Thanks to Dennis Spindler for donating the landscape fabric for our landscaping around the church.

Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share

Tell us about a person who has had significant impact on your life, especially your faith life. Someone who, through their caring or counsel, through their witness or words, through their actions or advice, has helped to shape who you are, why you are, and how you got to this moment. There could easily be more than one.



Cards are available in the narthex or write it on a card and send to the church office or drop it in the church offering.

Thanks



New Web Page Design www.zionlc.com

Zion's new web page is available for your use! Please take the time to enjoy the new features. The web site information will be current and informative. Committees can let the church office know if they want something included on the web page.

Zion's Web Site

Zion's web site (www.zionlc.com) has been given a face lift. If you haven't yet been on the website, please do so.

In order to protect individual privacy, Zion's web site will have the following safeguards:

- Web page photos may include only first names.
- Photos may not include a person(s) phone number or address.
- Web pages may not contain any person(s) e-mail address links, unless written approval is obtained from the person(s).
- Photos may not include any information which indicates the physical location of a person(s) at a given time, other than attendance at a particular event.
- No **individual** person's photo will be used without written permission from that person. If that person is a minor, written permission must be obtained from the parents or guardians. Staff member names can be published only with permission of the staff member in question. Staff can choose not to have their e-mail address "hot linked" on web publications.

Notice: If you do not wish photos of you or your child(ren) to appear on Zion's website, please send the church office written notice that states: I do not want any photo of me or my child(ren) posted on Zion's website.

Server Information

New servers such as ushers, greeters, etc. often have questions about serving. Following are some of the questions and answers asked by new servers. It is also a reminder for experienced servers.

- *When do I/we need to be at church?* Ushers and greeters should be there by 7:40 a.m. for 8 a.m. worship and 10 a.m. for 10:15 a.m. worship. Greeters are ALL members of the congregation. Acolytes: 7:45 a.m. for 8 a.m. worship and 10 a.m. for 10:15 worship. Bell Ringers 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Readers, Communion Assistants, Basket Bearers: 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- *How do I/we know what to do?* Ushers: Instructions are located on the pulpit side coat rack. Also a mentor will be assigned to guide you on your 1st Sunday. Communion Assistants—contact Grace Carpenter at 687-4348. Basket Bearers: Instructions are mailed to your home. All others—contact the church office or Grace Carpenter.
- *What do I/we do if I cannot serve?* Each month in Zion’s newsletter is the serving schedule. A good habit is check each newsletter when it comes out and note when you serve during the month. Let the church office or Grace know if you cannot serve on your scheduled day and we will get a replacement. You do not have to wait until the week you serve. Also, call in last minute changes or illness as soon as possible. You may also exchange your scheduled time with another server or get your own replacement. Let the church office or Grace know who is replacing you.
- *Where do I/we sign up to serve?* Call the church office or Grace. We welcome new servers at any time.

Stratford Library News

- * October is Big Read month, featuring the book “My Antonia” by Willa Cather. Stop in and pick up a copy and see what the Big Read is all about. Stratford library will have a pioneer craft program on Tuesday, October 9th at 3:30 p.m. at the library K—6th grade are invited to learn about pioneer life and enjoy historical stories and a craft.
- * On Monday, October 15th at 1 p.m. the Stratford Book Club will discuss the book “My Antonia”. All ages are welcome.
- * Starting Monday, October 15th at 10:15 a.m. Stratford Library will be offering for five weeks “tales for twos”. The program is designed for children 24 months to 35 months. Short stories, music and finger plays are all part of the twenty minute program. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Puppet Ministry News at Zion

Sharing our Gift of Puppetry:

Thank you to the puppeteers, Brandon Foley, Mikayla Foley, Marisa Miller, and Jan for sharing our gift of Puppetry with the students of Stratford Elementary and St. Joseph’s. They were involved in 7 performances for the Stratford Historical Society’s History of Dolls and Puppet Presentation. It was a great experience for the puppeteers and students.

Practice Schedule:

October 10, 2007

5:00 Supper

5:30-6:30 Practice

October 24, 2007

5:00 Supper

5:30-6:30 Practice



March 28-29, 2008—Mark your Calenders:
Puppet Festival, Bloomington, MN

Building Update

| Payment Date | Start Balance | Payment Amt | Interest Paid | Principal Paid | Ending Balance |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 7/1/07 | \$962,195.79 | \$ 6,285.19 | \$ 4,843.93 | \$ 1,441.26 | \$ 960,754.53 |
| 7/17/07 | \$960,754.53 | | | \$10,000.00 | \$ 950,754.53 |
| 8/1/07 | \$950,754.53 | \$ 6,285.19 | \$ 4,998.15 | \$ 1,287.04 | \$ 949,467.49 |
| 9/4/07 | \$949,467.49 | \$ 6,285.19 | \$ 4,863.66 | \$ 1,421.53 | \$ 948,045.96 |

| COST SUMMARY FOR 2006 ADDITION | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$1,214,719.97 | Cost for building |
| \$ 2,111.37 | Builder's risk insurance |
| \$ 2,607.00 | Closing cost |
| <u>\$ 26,923.28</u> | Construction loan interest |
| \$1,246,361.62 | |

Meditation Garden Update

Our Meditation Garden is coming along nicely with a beautiful pathway, benches, reflective mirror, fountain and a few flowers! We will be ready to add a few flowers and bushes with fall and spring planting. If you have any perennials such as hostas, columbine, astilbe, day lilies, coneflowers, black-eyed susans, bleeding hearts, coral bells, lady's mantle or others you currently have in your garden that you'd be able to split, please contact Donna Schrameyer (693-5706 or cos921mo@dwave.net) or the church office (687-4110). The list will be coordinated and we'll let you know when we're ready for you to split them and the planting to start. If your perennials have flowered this year, they can be transplanted in early fall and still get a strong root structure to come beautifully in the spring. The plant divisions should be kept moist and shaded until planting. Others may be divided and planted in the spring.



Blood Pressure Screening

At the Stratford Community Hall 9:30—11:00 a.m.
2nd Wednesday of the month—October 10th.

Steak Feed

The Stratford VFW will have its monthly steak feed
on the 1st Tuesday of each month—October 2nd.

Community Outreach Meal

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer will serve a free meal on the 4th
Tuesday of each month, October 23rd from 5:00—6:30 p.m.

Marshfield Optimist Club Breakfast

Sunday, Oct 7 at the Eagle's Club
8 a.m. to 12 noon
Adults \$6; children 5-12 \$3.50; Under 5 free

Pancake Breakfast

St. John, ELCA, W1000 Hwy N, Edgar, WI
Sunday, Oct. 14th from 8 a.m. to 12:30
Potato & buttermilk pancakes served with real maple syrup, sausage,
cheese, applesauce, bars, coffee & milk
Adults: \$5.50 (\$6.50 at the door) Children 6-12: \$3.00 and under 6: free

Pancake Feast and Craft Sale

St. Andrew's Parish, Rozellville
Sunday, October 14th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Neises Hall, D1872 Hwy C, Rozellville
Potato and buttermilk pancakes, sausage, cheese and the trimmings.
Prizes throughout the event.
\$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for under 5

Fall Harvest Dance

St. Joseph Parish, Stratford, will host a Fall Harvest Dance on
Friday, October 19th from 7 –10 p.m. at Country Aire Ballroom
(corner of Hwy 97 and Cty Rd P). Music will be provided by the
Don Frodl Orchestra. Free Admission! Food and beverages will be
available. Activities will include raffles, games and kids crafts.

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

Church Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
Summer Worship: 9:00 a.m.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The 21st of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Thursdays by 9:00 a.m.

WEEKLY E-MAIL

Goes out on Monday early morning.
If you would like to receive it, please
email janicelee@zionlc.com