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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion's Good News

November
2007

NOVEMBER EVENTS

All Saints' Sunday

November 4th at the 8:00
and 10:15 a.m. Services

Liturgy of Remembrance and Communion

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 4th at 9:00 a.m.
Council Member Vote

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. at
Ebenezer United Church of Christ
East of Stratford on Hwy 153
then North on Hwy M



Christ the King Sunday

November 25th at the 8:00 and
10:15 a.m. Services

Turn Your Clocks Back

Saturday night, November 3rd



Thankful Living

November: Thanksgiving Day, harvest times, awareness of blessings, gratitude for all gifts. It is significant and necessary for us to ponder deeply our attitude of thanksgiving.

When we reflect quietly and honestly, we can be overwhelmed by all that God has given us. Why is it so hard for us to remember that we have not earned a single thing—all is a gift?

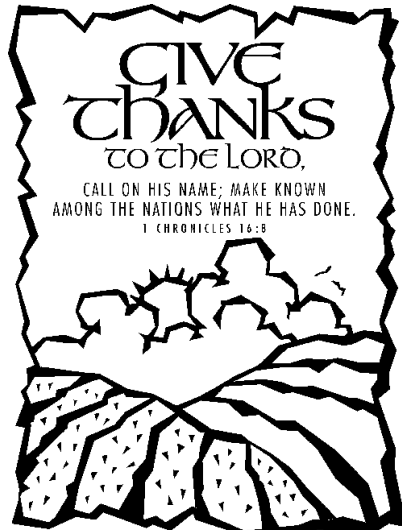
God is lavish in love, generous in the outpouring of goodness. When we turn to God's Son, Jesus Christ, we see open arms reaching to us with love that calls us to open our arms.

At times I am saddened by the way “things” have such power in our lives. How much is enough? Do we need all the collections, electrical gadgets, the extra everything? What is enough? We seem to feel that we just don't have enough. God calls us to recognize his abundance where we tend to see scarcity.

November is a good time to remember and to thank our generous God. This time of year we “hear first” and then see geese going south along with all the other flocks of birds whose hearts lean toward the sun. They are in tune with the inside timing. We need that same gift of inner sensing so that we can be aware of our leaning toward the “SON” who teaches us the value of thanksgiving.

As you reflect on all the ways that God has been generous to you and as you seek to open your arms and hands in some small way, may your heart grow in the wisdom that thanksgiving brings.

Pastor Sue



All Saints Sunday

“All Saints’ Sunday” will be celebrated at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 4th at both services. As part of the morning liturgy we will remember those friends and members of Zion who have died in the past year, and those whose names have been submitted by loved ones. You may light a candle in memory of loved ones during the service. You may call the church office to submit names of loved ones you want to remember by 9 a.m. on Nov. 2nd.

Congregational Meeting November 4th

A special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing new Church Council members and one Trust Fund member will be held on Sunday, November 4th between services at 9:00 a.m.

If you would be interested in any of these positions, please contact the church office or any Council member.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship November 21st at 7:00 p.m. At Ebenezer UCC

On Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. you are invited to attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, East of Stratford on Hwy 153 and North on Hwy M (in their new church building). For years our congregation has joined with Ebenezer and St. Joseph's Catholic Church for this service. Through the word of God, hymns, prayers and fellowship, we share our common conviction that life, and all we have, is a gracious gifts from God. There will be a time of fellowship following the service. The offering this year will be designated to Jordan Bauman who has been diagnosed with cancer.



Thanks

- To Pete Leick for work on the parking lot.
- To Norbert Lee & Leon Tietyen for installing the sound system in the Family Center.
- To Nancy Schoenherr for the great sign used at Germanfest.
- To Kristi Ormond for the work on the signs in the parking lot.

Wedding

On September 20th, 2007 John Paul Spring and Laura Giese were married at Zion Lutheran Church. Congratulations and may God bless them as they begin their lives together.

A Service of Thanksgiving

On Tuesday, October 16th, a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Laurence Thompson was held at Peterson Funeral Home in Edgar. Laurence was born February 14, 1919 and died October 15, 2007. May God grant him eternal rest and his family the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Sympathy

We extend our Christian Sympathy to Larry and Jean Hoppenworth upon the death of Larry's father.

Baptism

On Sunday, September 16, 2007, Riley Jacob Spindler, son of Lee and Stacey Spindler received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Riley's sponsors are Amy and Ryan Cournoyer. Riley was born July 5, 2007.

Zion's Live Nativity



Again this year, the Live Nativity will be a Zion event. We are looking for children (suggested age—Kindergarten and up), teens, young adults, older adults and senior adults to participate in Zion's Live Nativity. Men and women, boys and girls can participate in this event. Sign up the whole family to participate.

The event runs from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6th. This event is in conjunction with the Stratford "Christmas in the Park" held at Klemme Park. The community looks forward to our Live Nativity each year.

A sign up sheet is in the narthex. We would like at least 20-24 people to sign up. The more we sign up, the less time each will have to spend out in the cold. You do not have to stay for the full two hours. Come for 45 minutes to an hour, then go enjoy the festivities at Klemme Park.

A supper for those participating in the Live Nativity begins at 5:00 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.



Germanfest

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Germanfest dinner a success.

A total of 15 children, 332 adults were served in the family center, and 213 were carry-outs, making a total of 560 people served. Please hand in any extra tickets and/or money as soon as possible so we can finish our totals.

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets

The Stratford Food Pantry would like to know if you know of anyone who has a need for a Thanksgiving dinner. Baskets will be delivered to anyone in need. Please call Tom at 687-3333 or Loraine at 687-3568 by November 14th.

Puppet Ministry News at Zion

Sunday School Performance:

Zion Puppeteers will be performing for the Sunday School Students on Sunday, November 18 during the Sunday School hour. Come check us out.

Christmas Fellowship and Bake Sale:

Zion Puppeteers will be hosting fellowship and a bake sale in December. Watch for further information.

Practice Schedule:

November 7, 2007

5:00 Supper

5:30-6:30 Practice

November 14, 2007

5:00 Supper

5:30-6:30 Practice

Mark your Calenders:

March 28-29, 2008—Puppet Festival, Bloomington, MN



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.
- Nov. 4 Paul Poppy & Scot Gebelein Families
- Nov. 11 Wes Manecke & Chuck Foley Families
- Nov. 18 Keith Grell & Joel Jurgensen Families
- Nov. 25 Rod Huther & Ted Dasler Families



Sunday School Calendar

- Nov. 4 Sunday School / Teacher’s Meeting / Acolyte Training
- Nov. 11 Sunday School / Grade 4 “Lord’s Prayer”
- Nov. 18 3 year—1st grade sing at 10:15 a.m.
2nd—6th grade (“Jesus’ Joyful Jammers”) sing at 8:00 a.m.
- Nov. 25 Sunday School / Hunger Sunday

The J Team

The J Team for grades 3 through 5th grade will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 3:15 p.m. Snacks, games (Thankful Game), devotion (Thumb Wrap) and activity (Elder House) will be held.

Snacks: Griesbach & Foley Families, Beverage: Hughes Family

Confirmation Electives 6 - 7:30 p.m.

- Nov. 7 “Where Do I Go To Find”
- Nov. 14 “Symbols of Faith”
- Nov. 28 “Make a Banner”

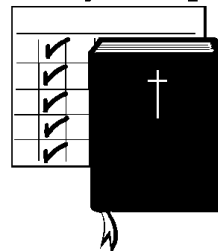


- Nov. 21 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at Ebenezer United Church of Christ

Christmas Treat Bags

Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas Treat Bags that are given to the Sunday school classes at the Christmas Program may do so. Mark “Treat Bags” on your contribution envelopes. You may also donate, fruit, popcorn balls or candy. About 140 treat bags are made up.

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 continues its eight week session on “Peacemaking” 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.

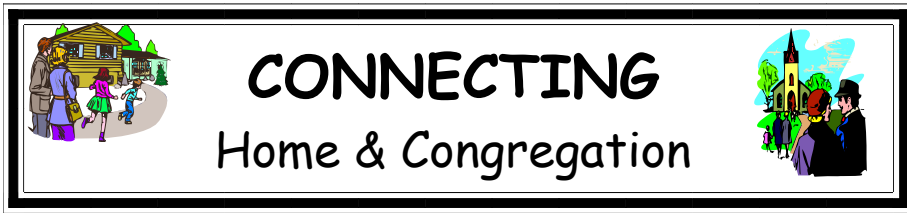
“Wednesday Nite Live”

Wednesday Nite Live will be held on November 7 and November 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Due to Advent Services and Christmas, Wednesday Nite Live will not be held the rest of November and all of December. We will resume Wednesday Nite Live after the First of the Year.



Ministry Opportunities

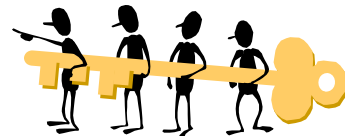
Jan Lee will be our liaison for our sister congregation in Mpenda and our link with the synod. She is looking for people to help her. Please talk to her or call the church office if you are interested. 687-4110.



Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, October 15 2007. President Marty Ferris called the meeting to order and Rod Huther led devotions. Pastor Sue led the leadership training.

With The 4 Keys



Family Devotions

At the table share something that you are most thankful for this past year. End with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Our Father in Heaven,
 We give thanks for the pleasure
 Of gathering together for this occasion.
 We give thanks for this food
 Prepared by loving hands.
 We give thanks for life,
 The freedom to enjoy it all
 And all other blessings.
 As we partake of this food,
 We pray for health and strength
 To carry on and try to live as You would
 have us.
 This we ask in the name of Christ,
 Our Heavenly Father. Amen

Caring Conversation

As a family, discuss the difference between “being thankful” and “feeling thankful”.

Rituals & Traditions

During the Thanksgiving Season put a jigsaw puzzle out on a table for everyone to help put together.

Family Service

Create a “Thanksgiving basket” for a friend or relative who will not be with you on Thanksgiving.

Our Appreciation

Zion members, we’d like to share a story about a number of faithful and generous people—and you are one of them! Over the last several weeks, Zion has shared stories about our life and ministry together. We talked about grateful and graceful giving.

Thank you for your participation and response through the estimate of giving cards. Many families responded to God’s gifts by sharing some of their blessings with our ministry. It is by freely sharing our blessings that we respond to God’s grace and set an example for others.

We appreciate your part in making Stories to Tell & Gifts to Share successful. We hope you will continue to participate in and support Zion’s ministries.

The Stewardship Team

During the meeting the council:

- Secretary Report M/S/C
 - Treasurer Report M/S/C
 - Thanks to Stewardship Team for work on Stewardship Campaign.
 - Sound System in Family Center and Church. Thanks to Norbert Lee and Leon Tietyen for setting up.
 - All Budgets are in.
 - Germanfest ready to roll. No Cheesecake this year!! Carryout’s will be at the East entrance.
 - Only 3 candidates for New Council members. Need more!!
 - Growing God’s Children Conference. Looking for people to go.
 - Cards will be mailed to members of Synod staff that are leaving.
 - Discussion on additions to staff. Intern, training a church member, adding to Jan’s hours. Decided to look at increasing Jan’s hours and hiring an intern. Will start a task force following Annual meeting.
 - Germanfest Crisis Fund gift to go to Jordan Bauman who has cancer.
 - Crossways delegate is needed.
- M/S/C to adjourn

Respectfully submitted by,
 Rhonda Thompson

	BENEVOLENCE		
	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual (10-11-07)</u>	<u>Percent</u>
LSS	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,486.25	82.57%
Missionary	\$3,500.00	\$ 2,643.00	75.51%
Crossways	\$1,900.00	\$ 1,681.50	95.55%
World Hunger	\$6,000.00	\$ 3,596.78	59.95%
Mission Partners	\$ 750.00	\$ 780.10	104.01%

“Christmas Around the World”

The Sunday school Christmas program “Christmas Around the World” will be held on December 16, 2007 at 10:15 a.m. worship service. The program features how different countries around the world celebrate Christmas which include: Australia, Mexico, Sweden, Germany, Finland, France, China, England and Hawaii and finishes with the Christmas story. Practice for the Sunday school students will be held during the Sunday school hour on Dec. 2 and 9th. Parents please make every effort to have your child at these practices. If your child brings home parts to learn, please help them learn them.

After the program on Dec. 16th, there will be a short social for the students, parents, grandparents, friends and congregation members. We ask each Sunday school family to bring a dozen cookies/bars for this social. Christmas treat bags will be given to all the children during this time.

If anyone would have any costumes, flags or cultural items from the above countries that we could borrow for props for the program, please contact Esther Miller at 387-4851. Also people are needed to help with props and lighting for the program.

Hunger Food Pantry Drive

The Parish Education Team would like to give back to our community with a food drive for needy families in the area. All items will be given to our local food pantry and given out to needy families over the holiday season. Please bring all donations to church by Nov. 18th.

Items needed are:

Pancake Mix	Cake Mixes	Macaroni & Cheese
Pancake Syrup	Hot & Cold Cereal	Spaghetti
Sugar	Hamburger Helper	Spaghetti Sauce
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	Jelly
Shampoo	Tooth Brushes	Tooth Paste
Kleenex	** Please NO dented cans, baby food or medicine.	



Let's make this a learning experience with lots of fun for the children of Zion. Thanks for helping.

Parish Education Team

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.

Library News

The church library is located near the gathering area in the new addition. It is always open. Anyone may go in at any time and you may browse or check out materials yourself. (The light goes on automatically when you enter). If you wish to borrow an item, write your name and the date on the card and drop it in the slot on top of the desk. When you are finished using materials, just bring them back and place them in the Book Return on top of the desk.

We have been busy withdrawing some of the older items and purchasing some new items. Following are some recent additions.

Winter Birds by Jamie Langston Turner **Fic/Tu**. A well written novel about an elderly lady who moves in with relatives for the remainder of her life.

God's Politics by Jim Wallis **7/Wa**. A timely book that challenges American policies on current political issues.

Sailing Acts by Linford Stutzman **13/St**. A journey by sailboat visiting all the places traveled by the Apostle Paul.

What is Heaven Like? by Beverly Lewis **+/Le**. A beautifully illustrated book for children.

The Nativity Story (DVD). 101 minutes. Recommended for family viewing even though there may be a few moments not suitable for small children.

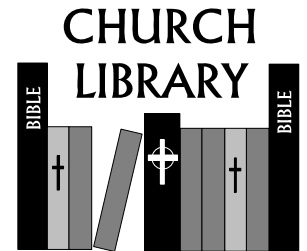
Behold the Man: a journey into history seeking the real Jesus (DVD) 43 minutes. For adult education or small study group discussion.

Be Still and Know that I Am God (DVD) 93 minutes. Discussions on prayer, particularly contemplative prayer. Ideal for leaders of small groups.

Mother Teresa (DVD). 115 minutes. A dramatized biography of a modern day saint suitable for all ages.

Several **Veggie Tale** videos on life lessons for kids.

Questions? Contact Judy Polege or Pat Tietyen



NURTURING HOME and CONGREGATION

A One Day Conference

December 1st at First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OR

Dec. 2nd at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake 2 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA

For maximum impact, bring the whole team!

Bring your pastor, paid staff, congregational leaders, parents, godparents, youth leaders, education team, family ministry team, and other ministry volunteers.

Clergy... discover a holistic vision of discipleship, partnering home and congregation to nurture faith.

Parents, Grandparents, Baptismal Sponsors and other faith mentors... discover practical, daily ways to live faith together.

Christian Educators... discover new ways to equip all the generations to nurture faith, grow in faith and live well in Christ.

Children, Youth and Family Ministers... discover tools and practical skills that engage children and youth in the mission of the church.

FEATURING: Dr. David Anderson, from the Youth & Family Institute as well as a team of passionate leaders from within our synod.

Funding provided by the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, Milwaukee

We encourage you to attend this conference. Please call the church office by November 18th if you are interested. If you have any questions please call Jan at 687-4110.

Central Chamber Chorale

The Central Chamber Chorale invites you to the Chorale's Fall Concert at one of the following locations:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Medford on

Friday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church in Wisconsin Rapids on

Saturday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church in Marshfield on

Sunday, November 11th at 7:30 p.m.

The concert program will feature Revolutionary Portrait by Robert De Cormier, Festival Magnificat by Daniel Pinkham, O Magnum Mysterium, by Morten Lauridsen along with music of the season. The Marshfield Area Drumming Circle will join the chorale in two numbers.

Hospice Walk for Hope & Love

Walk in Memory of In Honor of Someone You Love

Monday, November 12th

House of the Dove Hospice Home, 613 Western St. Marshfield.

5:30 p.m. Registration, with walking beginning at 6 p.m. (approximately 1 mile). 6:30 p.m. Tree lighting ceremony acknowledging all the people served in Hospice during the past year.

Stratford H.S. Music Dept. presents

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

Stratford H.S. Gym

Friday, Nov. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Adults \$6.00 Students \$3.00

Building Update

Payment Date	Start Balance	Payment Amt	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
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
10/1/07	\$948,045.96	\$ 6,285.19	\$ 4,823.76	\$ 1,461.43	\$ 946,584.53
10/8/07	\$946,584.53			\$15,000.00	\$ 931,584.53

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
<u>\$1,246,361.62</u>	

Blood Pressure Screening

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

Steak Feed

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

Community Outreach Meal

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

Melody Gardens Skateland

Christian Music Skate Date: November 23rd 7:30 to 10 p.m.
Admission \$2.75, skate rent \$.50

Harvest Dinner

Immanuel Lutheran School Hall
604 S. Chestnut Ave, Marshfield
Sunday, November 11th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, green beans,
cranberries, bread, pies and beverages.
Bazaar, silent auction and bake table in hall
Adults \$8, children under 12 \$3, preschool—free

Community Spaghetti Dinner

Proceeds will go to Camp Heartland and Salvation Army
Peace Lutheran Church & Pizza Hut are teaming up to serve the dinner
on Sunday, Nov. 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran
Church, F1843 Huckleberry Road, Edgar.
Spaghetti, Garlic bread, salad, bars, beverage.

Open House

Ebenezer United Church of Christ's will be dedicating their new church
building with an Open House on Sunday, November 11th from 12:00
to 2:30 p.m. Service of Dedication will be at 3:00 p.m. with a meal
following the service. To reserve a place at dinner please call 687-4114
or email EUCCRSVP@verizon.net as soon as possible.

Stratford Library

Come join the Stratford Library for "Talking Turkey" on Nov. 13th
at 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving stories and crafts are being planned.

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