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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Zion's Good News

OCTOBER  
2009

## Stewardship Sunday October 4th

8:00 a.m. Worship / Communion  
9:00 a.m. Sunday school and Fellowship  
in the Family Center with Make It Simple  
activities for all!!  
10:15 a.m. Worship



## Zion Youth Kick Off

Grades 6-12 (bring your friends)  
October 4th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Klemme Reserve  
Food, Fun, Friends  
The Climbing Wall is BACK!!  
*(Please wear tennis shoes or  
hiking boots to climb the wall..)*

## Wednesday, October 7th

6:30 p.m. in Zion's Sanctuary  
Meeting with Bishop Pederson to  
discuss the ELCA's Churchwide  
Assembly votes on Human Sexuality..



## Sunday, October 25

Germanfest  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dinner





## Simple But Difficult!

In every job I have ever had and within every setting that I have worked during my career, it's always been the overriding rule that if you expected others to "step up to the plate" and perform with quality and class—you had to lead them in a way that showed them how to do just that! I learned this concept from my parents, my mentors, my coaches, and my managers as I grew, and it became a part of my belief system, even though I have difficulty following through with it sometimes. I don't think anyone disagrees that the leadership team is the role model for the other team members and how it approaches challenges will show the others how they should react in those same situations.

God has told us in no uncertain terms how he expects us to show our appreciation for all the blessings he has given us—that's what the Great Commandment is all about. He is telling us that we should make him the #1 priority in our lives before anything else, and when we bring offerings of the fruits of our labor to show that love and respect, those offerings should come from the first fruits—not from what's left over! And he is also telling us that our other obligation is to love others and help them in every way we can.

Very simply, he wants us to show our appreciation by putting the first ten percent of what we earn away and using those gifts to honor him by spreading the Good News of Jesus and helping others.

God has big hands and generosity flows from those hands. They run over with abundant gifts for all people, no holding back, no sense of scarcity, no fear of giving too much, even the willingness to give to us the gift of Jesus. So when we give, we do it with great joy and generosity because there is always more where that came from, in the hands of God.

As your pastor, I can honestly say that God's abundance has overwhelmed me, and giving ten percent or more, while at times has seemed difficult, has caused me no regrets. God has never failed to bless a steward's giving, humble though it may be. In this stewardship month we will be focusing on the simple fact that our abundance of things cannot match the abundance of God's love and blessing. So let's try it!

*Pastor Sue Sidahl*

## Bishop Duane Pederson on Human Sexuality Votes

After long study, conversation, debate, and much prayer, the 2009 Church Wide Assembly made some very difficult decisions regarding Human Sexuality. Bishop Duane Pederson will lead us in a question and answer session on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Zion Lutheran Church. This is an opportunity for clarification of the results of the assembly votes. For further information check the synod web site [www.nwswi.org](http://www.nwswi.org) for a "Tool Kit for Sexuality Discussion." This event is open to other ELCA churches in our area.

## 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 cost of 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 a member of the congregation or call the church office. The dinner began in 1988 with over \$55,000.00 raised since then, and Zion has given gifts totaling over \$45,000.00 to area people.



**More information is on the PINK Germanfest insert.**

**9:00 a.m. Worship will be held on  
Sunday, October 25**

*I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

*Philippians 4:11b-31*



## New Member Sunday

New members will be received on Sunday, November 15th. If you or anyone you know would like to become a member of Zion, please contact the church office at 687-4110.

## Zion's Prayer Shawls

What are they? Who gives them? Who receives them? May I make one?

Get a cup of coffee and join us in the Gathering Area on October 11th at 10 a.m. to learn about Zion's Prayer Shawl Ministry. See the prayer shawls that are available. Learn how they are used to bring spiritual comfort to those in need. For more information call Pat Emon 687-4974 or Pat Tietyen 687-3216



## Bell Choir

Wednesdays

Starting on October 7th at 3:15

Calling all youth in grades 2-6 (note the change in age group). Here is your opportunity to join the bell choir at Zion. You

will learn to play bells by color and participate in special music on Sunday mornings as well as other special events. You don't have to read music, as you will be playing by color. Join us for practice in the Conference Room and let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

## Fair Trade

"Make It Simple" is the October Stewardship Program this year at Zion and the Fair Trade Ministry Team is READY!

We are already 'Simple' with our Self Serve Booth available every Sunday and throughout the week. We will also participate with the Stewardship Team on Sunday, October 4th with our table up and offering our newest coffee, "Organic Ethiopian!" This coffee is an exotic and complex coffee with a heavy body, gentle acidity and hints of vanilla, black pepper, and raspberry. We will have this coffee available to taste at Fellowship that day and bags of the whole bean for sale at our table. Stop by and see us. Chocolate bars will be in next month. Please see Margaret, Grace, or Donna to purchase them.

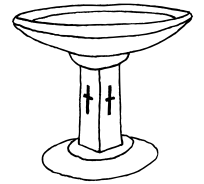


## Pastoral Acts Baptisms

Brennan Noah Zimmerman, the son of Joshua and Kariann Zimmerman, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, September 19th. Brennan was born July 11, 2009. His sponsors are Nathan Grajkowski and Kristiane Grajkowski.

Mason Wayne Kramer, the son of Landon and Jessica Kramer, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 20th. Mason was born June 15, 2009, and his sponsors are Cory Christian and Heather Kramer

Reese Marie Spindler, the daughter of Lee and Stacey Spindler, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 27th. Reese was born July 27, 2009, and her sponsors are Jim and Cory Wiseman.



## Service of Thanksgiving

The funeral service of Janet Connor was held on Monday, September 7th at Rembs Funeral Home, Marshfield, with Pastor Sue presiding. Janet was born on August 8, 1931, and entered eternal life on September 3, 2009. We extend our Christian sympathy to her husband, John, and her other family members.

*Simplicity is more than time management. It's more than wholistic health. It's more than quality time versus quantity time, self-care versus social reform. Simplicity requires us to become more focused—to serve one God instead of many. Simplicity coaxes change in the core of our being as we begin to question some widely held assumptions and ask ourselves:*

- \* *What are the values that guide my actions?*
- \* *What is my fair share?*
- \* *When is "enough" enough?*
- \* *Why don't I feel good?*
- \* *How can I live a more integrated faith?*
- \* *Who are my neighbors, and do I really care about them?*

*(From Preface of "Tis a Gift to Be Simple: Embracing the Freedom of Living With Less," Barbara DeGrote-Sorensen and David Allen Sorensen, Augsburg Press, 1992.)*





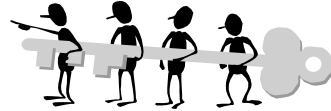
**Council Minutes**

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, September 21, 2009. President Rhonda Thompson called the meeting to order. Devotions led by Wendy Spaeth. Leadership Training – “Aim of Learning”

- Secretary’s Report:M/S/C
- Treasurer’s Report : M/S/C
- Thank you’s sent to Pete Leick, Barbara Solsaa from LSS, Norbert Lee, and Mike & Karen Rock
- Get well card to Grace Carpenter
- Pastor’s Report
- Parish Associate Report
- Committee Reports: M/S/C
- Agenda Addition—YMCA Pryme Time Letter, Fellowship Sign up, Snow Removal, Sound System,
- Habitat for humanity date chosen for volunteers to do clean up on November 7th.
- Nominating Committee formed to find candidates, election November 8th.
- Stewardship request names of volunteers from each committee for Stewardship Event
- Germanfest update, October 25, 2009
- YMCA Pryme Time 2009-2010 letter on intention and usage
- Fellowship Sign up—Teams to volunteer
- Snow Removal—Todd Krause hired for 2009-2010 year
- Sound System—Discussion has begun about updates.
- Next Meeting October 12, 2009
- Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Busche

**With The 4 Keys**



**Caring Conversation**

Share one kindness from your day, either one you did or one that another offered to you.

**Family Service**

Go through your closets and find some clothes in good shape to give away to others who are in need of clothes.

**Family Devotions**

Do an alphabet of praise by naming something you are thankful for that begins with each letter of the alphabet.

**Rituals & Traditions**

Try a no TV week. Turn off your television and spend more time together.

**Building Update**

Payment Date	Start Balance	Payment Amt	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
6-11-09	\$771,376.48			\$10,000.00	\$761,376.48
7-1-09	\$761,376.48	\$6,285.19	\$3,849.73	\$ 2,435.46	\$758,941.02
8-1-09	\$758,941.02	\$6,285.19	\$3,948.05	\$ 2,337.14	\$756,603.88
9-1-09	\$756,603.88	\$6,285.19	\$3,936.69	\$ 2,348.50	\$754,255.38
Total monthly principal payments				\$ 52,713.58	
Total of extra principal payments				<u>\$156,500.00</u>	
Amount of principal paid 6/1/07 - 9-28-09				\$209,213.58	
MIF Checking acct balance as of 9-25-09				\$ 28,948.66	

**BENEVOLENCE**

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual (9-17-09)</u>	<u>Percent</u>
LSS	\$1,800.00	\$1,559.00	86.61%
<b>Missionary</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,268.00</b>	<b>121.94%</b>
<b>Crossways</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,925.00</b>	<b>101.32%</b>
World Hunger	\$4,000.00	\$2,112.00	52.80%
Mission Partners	\$ 750.00	\$ 606.00	80.80%

**Bold items mean we have met our goal.**



## PARISH EDUCATION

First Communion Classes March 14, 20, 21  
Rite of First Communion March 28th.

### Baptismal Journey

Grade 4	Oct. 11	“Acolyte Training”
Kindergarten	Oct. 18	“Prayer Pillows”

These students, along with parents, will have their Baptismal Journey during Sunday school (9 a.m.) in the Family Center.

### Sunday School Calendar

October 4	Stewardship Sunday, Family Sunday School
October 11	Gr. 4 Acolyte Training Teachers Meeting
October 18	Kindergarten Bapt. Journey “Prayer Pillows” S.S. sing 8 a.m.—3 year to 1st grade 10:15 a.m.—2nd—6th grade
October 25	No Sunday school—Germanfest

### J Team

October 28th at 3:15 p.m.  
Game/Devotion—Finding God in the Chaos  
Activity—Pumpkin Prayer and Trivia Game

### Globe Offering

This semester (September through December) 20% of the globe offering will go to the Stratford Food Pantry. Thank you to all the children/youth who give toward the globe offering. Your generosity helps so many less fortunate than us.



### Thanks

Thank you for once again donating school supplies to the Stratford Family Resource Center to help those in need this school year. We value the connection that we have with your church and are grateful for your help.

Melissa Schmidt,  
Stratford FRC Coordinator



## Confirmation Electives Classes held in the Conference Room

6:00—7:30 p.m.  
October 7 “Dating Game”  
October 14 “Prayer Shawls”  
October 21 “What is a Lutheran”

### Confirmation Core

Retreat: October 9, 10  
Core Classroom: October 28, Nov 4, 11  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### Disciples for Christ

October 18th at 5:30 p.m.  
Evening with Elderly Each mentor and disciple will take dinner and visit an elderly member of our congregation.

### Web Information

The Sunday school schedule, Baptismal Journeys, and other information are on Zion’s website ([www.zionlc.com](http://www.zionlc.com)) under Children’s Ministry. Also, the Confirmation booklet and Disciples for Christ booklets are under Youth Ministry in the Confirmation information downloads.

### Art & Craft Drop Off Tub

We will have a tub located just inside the East Entrance of the Sunday School Area (in the corner before going downstairs). If anyone has left over craft or art type items that you will not use, please consider dropping them off for Sunday school usage. Thank you.

**Sunday, October 4th**  
Parents, students, teachers & assistants  
meet in the Family Center at 9:00 a.m.



### 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 November 22nd.

Items needed are:

- Flour
- Cold Cereal
- Hamburger Helper
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Hot Chocolate
- Ravioli's
- Bath Soap
- Chef Boyardee ABC's/123's
- Mayo/Miracle Whip
- Dish Soap
- Tooth Brushes
- Tooth Paste
- Paper Towels
- Juices

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

### Zion's P.E.P. (PUPPETS) Squad Schedule of Events

- October 7 Practice at 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
- October 8 No School - Prop work day
- October 14 Practice 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
- October 18 Children's Sermon at 10:15 a.m.  
"Make it Simple" Stewardship
- October 21 Practice 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
- October 28 Practice 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

### Godstock 2009

NW Synod of WI High School Youth Gathering



High school youth mark your calendars!  
 Pete Eide is the headliner this year.  
 He is a Christian singer.  
 There will also be an awesome lineup and great workshops.  
 More information will be coming.  
 Watch your mail!!

### Holocaust Survivor Eva Mozes Kor November 10<sup>th</sup>—7:00 p.m. Columbus Catholic High School

Here is your chance to listen to a Holocaust Survivor: Eva Mozes Kor and her twin, Miriam, were born in Portz, Romania in 1934. Portz was occupied by the Hungarian Nazi guard in 1940. Eva and her family were loaded with other Jewish prisoners onto cattle cars and delivered to the Auschwitz Nazi death camp. Shortly after their arrival the girls were ripped from their mother, whom they never saw again.

Eva, Miriam, and approximately 1500 sets of twins became human guinea pigs in genetic experiments directed by Dr. Josef Mengele, with most dying as a result. Eva became deathly ill, but sheer determination kept her alive, helping Miriam survive. Only 200 children were alive at the liberation of Auschwitz on January 27, 1945. Eva and Miriam were among them. Come and hear her story.

### Thanks

- ☺ Thank you to Pete Leick and his helpers for the work resurfacing the parking lot.
- ☺ Thanks to Norbert Lee for years of service to the property and rental committees and for recent work on the furnace.
- ☺ Thank you to Mike and Karen Rock for the purchase and installation of blinds in the Family Center.
- ☺ Thank you to Neil Kolbeck for grinding out the tree stumps at both cemeteries.

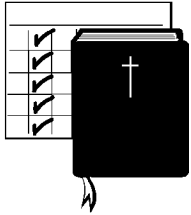
*Sometimes we become the flimsies people. We vest our hopes in the "fleeting flimsies" of this life - a new car, new clothes, new equipment. Our search for hope is sufficiently desperate that we cannot see hope in the present, the immediate, or distant future. We do not even see hope beyond the river. When we feel cut off from all of these courses of hope, we move from one fleeting flimsy moment to the next, seeking solace in the material things of this life.*

*The problem of our time is primarily a vacuum of hope, not a focus on materialism. People invest their hopes in material things not because they think there is something enduring in them but because they are looking for hope - even when it is fleeting, flimsy, and momentary. (From "Stewarding the Gift of Hope and Materialism," by Rev. Kennon Callaban.)*



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
“Through the New Testament”  
A Study of Acts for Adults**

**WEEKLY  
Study Group**



Acts tells the story of the early days of the Christian church. It traces the growth of the church from a small group of Jewish believers in Jerusalem to a worldwide movement that included both Jews and Gentiles. Our study will look at the issues and conflicts addressed in the early church. We will also be discussing if those issues and conflicts still occur today.

Those of you who have “Through the New Testament” material, please bring it along with you.

“Through the New Testament” material will also be available the first day of our Study.

This Study begins September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the conference room. Please join us for this Study.

**Soul Support**

On Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14 & 15th, I went to the Northwest Synod’s Soul Support in Bayfield, WI. What a wonderful time. The weather was wonderful! We learned some administrative experiences that should be helpful. Pastor Carol Peterson gave us all a book she wrote called “Eddie’s Wake.” I can’t wait to start reading it. We had some shopping time, had a Fish Boil, and then met for a craft evening. I even learned how to make a hand bag out of Duck Tape. Tuesday morning we headed to Ashland for worship with Pastor Paul from Saron Lutheran Church and had a labyrinth experience. Pastor Carol talked with us again and after lunch we were sent off with laughter from Cheryl Sikorski. I thank you for this experience to rest, renew, and reconnect with secretaries in our synod.

Wendy Drexler



*Simplicity sets us free to receive the provision of God as a gift that is not ours to keep, and that can be freely shared with others.*

*(From “Celebration of Discipline,” by Richard J. Foster.)*



“Our House” is a new offering for this year.

“Our House” will take place on Sunday mornings between worship services (9:00 a.m.) in the Family Center.

The goal of “Our House” is to strengthen and encourage our families’ futures.

**November 15th** —“Economic Update” (Overview of where we are and how to navigate the changing economic environment.)

**February 21st**— “A Parent’s Guide to Myspace.com and Other Cyber Space Spots” (A step-by-step look at MySpace so parents know how it works and how to protect children from potential dangers.)

**April 25th**— “How Do I Save for My Children’s Education?” (Educating parents on the current costs of education and exploring alternatives for funding.)

**May 9th**— “My Life, My Plan” (Helping us decide what is important in our financial life and developing a plan to do it.)

**Habitat for Humanity**

Here is your chance to see the new home that is being built for Don Guldán on Hwy. M in Rozellville. On November 7th, we are looking for a group of people to do the final cleanup before the home is dedicated. This should only take a couple of hours to do. Please contact Ellen Leick by email at [peleick@verizon.net](mailto:peleick@verizon.net) or call at 687-4020 if you are interested in helping. Don is the brother of Esther Miller.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

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

### **Blood Pressure Check and Glucose Testing**

Fourth Tuesday of each month, from 1:30-3:30  
at the Stratford Library by a nurse.  
The blood test requires a 2 hour fast. Free of charge.  
Call for information

### **Steak Feed**

The Stratford VFW will have its monthly steak feed  
on the first 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.

### **Harvest Dinner**

St. John, High Steeple Church  
N on Hwy 97 and E on Huckleberry Road  
Sunday, October 4th from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Roast Beef and all the trimmings including pie

### **Pancake Brunch**

St. John's Lutheran Church  
1 mile East of Hwy 97 on Hwy N, Edgar  
October 11th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Potato & Buttermilk pancakes, sausage, cheese,  
applesauce, bars, and beverage

### **Harvest Moon Square Dance & Chili Feed**

October 24th starting at 6:30 p.m.  
Ebenezer United Church of Christ  
Corner of Hwy 153 and Hwy M  
Chili Dinner, Hayrides, Silent Auction, Dance featuring Rib Ticklers  
ABC Hoedowns

### **Great Things Are Happening Here**

A special community appreciation open house at  
Marshfield Public Library  
Sunday, November 15th 1:00—4:00 p.m.

### **YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

Church Office Hours:  
Monday—Friday  
7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP ON  
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	Goes out early Monday morning.
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