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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Zion's Good News

NOVEMBER  
2009

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### All Saints' Sunday

November 1st

8:00 and 10:15 a.m. service

Liturgy of Remembrance and Communion



### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 8th, at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Vote



### Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

### Christ the King Sunday

November 22nd

Holy Communion

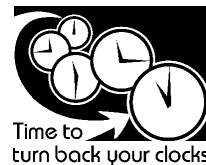
8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services



### First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29th, 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services.

Theme: "The Advent Conspiracy"



**Turn Your Clocks Back on  
Saturday Night, October 31st.**

## What's This Church Coming To?

We've heard comments like, "What's this world coming to?" Now I hear, "What's this church coming to?" It's made me ask the question again, "What is the purpose of the church?" The church exists for one purpose: To call the whole world into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ by way of the cross. In other words, we are calling the whole world, not just the part we like or the part that is like us. And we are not calling the world to an institution; we are calling it into a renewed and reconciled relationship with God. The church grows out of this central purpose. This is lived out daily by telling the story, working for justice and advocacy for our neighbors, and showing care and compassion for society.

I have heard this purpose described as a tree. The shape and structure is like that of a tree, with a root structure, a trunk, and two major cluster branches.

Worship is, of course, the root system. That is, the encounter with Christ in work, sacrament, prayer, music, and community. The roots sink deeply into the river of life and provide both the beginning and the ending of the church's life together. The root structure is extendable into many directions with a whole array of possible forms and styles, but always with Christ and Christ alone as its grounding relationship.

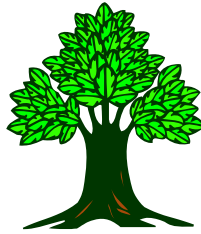
One of the major clusters of branches can be called the "ministry branch." This represents everything we do and say that proclaims the Good News to those who have already heard God's saving message.

The other major cluster of branches can be called the "mission branch." This represents everything we do and say that proclaims the good News to those who are outside of the faith.

And perhaps you guessed it; stewardship is the trunk of the tree that connects worship with mission and ministry. Stewardship is more than a support structure. It is the transfer mechanism, the open channel through which all of the life, hope, and grace received in worship rises into our mission and ministry as an offering.

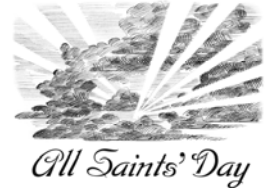
Having just finished our MAKE IT SIMPLE stewardship emphasis, I want to thank all of you for making our trunk strong and providing for the mission and ministry at Zion.

What's this church coming to? This is the Lord's church, and the Lord has work for us to do. Thanks be to God for God's Spirit in us that calls us to root our lives in worship and reach out in mission and ministry. And thanks be to God for God's abundant gifts to make it happen.



## All Saints' Sunday

"All Saints' Sunday" will be celebrated at Zion on Sunday, November 1st, at the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services. As part of the 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.



## Congregational Meeting—November 8th

A special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing new Church Council members and two Trust Fund members will be held on Sunday, November 8th, 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 25th at 7:00 p.m.

at St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Thanksgiving

On Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m., you are invited to attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Stratford.

For years our congregation has joined with Ebenezer United Church of Christ, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and St. Andrew'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 gift from God. There will be a time of fellowship following the service. The offering this year will be designated to the Stratford Food Pantry. **Please also bring a non perishable food item to the service.**

## 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.



### **Bell Choir**

Zion's Bell Choir will practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room (by the offices) until 9:15 a.m. (during music for Sunday School).

### **ZLC Praise Choir**

New adult and teen members are always welcome to the choir. Attend the rehearsals that work into your schedule.

November Rehearsals:

- Nov. 1            9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 5            7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 8            Between Services after Congregational Meeting
- Nov. 15           9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 22           Sing at Contemporary Worship Service at both services
- Nov. 29           9:00 a.m.

### **Zion's Worship Serving Schedule**

Please call the church office (687-4110) if you have any changes or you cannot serve as scheduled on the worship serving schedule.

Zion is trying to email your serving requirements weekly. If you have an email address that we do not have, please contact the office. If you prefer us not to email you, please also, let us know. Thank you.

### **My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness**

An Advent devotional booklet entitled, "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" will be available for you to use during the Advent season. Copies of this devotional will soon be on the table in the narthex.

### **Care Packages for New College Freshmen and Servicemen and Women**

The Evangelism Team will be sending packages of goodies out to our new college freshmen and servicemen and women. If you would like to contribute items such as granola bars, hot chocolate packets, etc., we will be making up packages on Sunday, November 8th, between services. Please have items at the church in the new kitchen by 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 8th.

### **Pastoral Acts Service of Thanksgiving**

The funeral service of Grace Carpenter was held on Saturday, October 17th, at Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Sue presiding. Grace was born on June 11, 1937, and entered eternal life on October 13, 2009. We extend our Christian sympathy to her husband, Jim, and their family.

### **Thank You**

A warm and sincere thank you to Pastor Sue and members of Zion Lutheran Church for their prayers, personal support, service work, cards, food donations, and memorials concerning the illness and death of Grace M.E. Carpenter who was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother.

Jim and Family

### **Weddings**

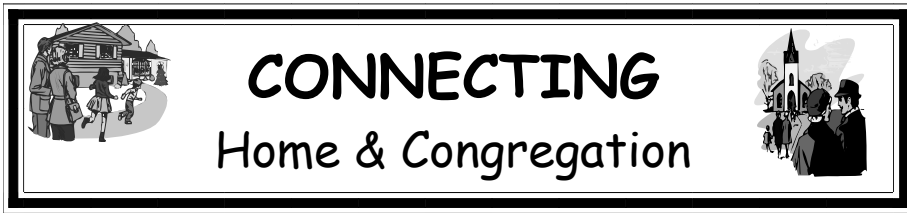
On Thursday, October 1st, Lindsey Langreck and Ryan Hess were married at Zion Lutheran Church.

On Saturday, October 3rd, Danielle Weidman and Shawn Bridenhagen were married at Zion Lutheran Church.

### **The Advent Conspiracy**

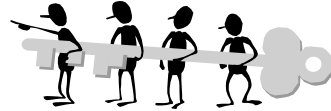
The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Welcome to the Advent Conspiracy.

- Worship**—November 29    Jeremiah 22:14-16; Luke 21:25-36
- Rebel**—December 6     Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 6:17-23
- Give**—December 13    Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-18
- Love**—December 20    Micah 5:2-5; Luke 1:39-55



**Council Minutes**

**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**  
Each day list three blessings you as a family have been given. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for these blessings.

**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
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
10-1-09	\$754,255.38	\$6,285.19	\$3,797.11	\$ 2,488.08	\$751,767.30
10-2-09	\$751,767.30			\$ 5,000.00	\$746,767.30
Total monthly principal payments				\$ 55,201.66	
Total of extra principal payments				<u>\$161,500.00</u>	
Amount of principal paid 6/1/07 - 9-28-09				\$216,701.66	
MIF Checking acct balance as of 9-25-09				\$ 24,617.71	

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, October 19, 2009. President Rhonda Thompson called the meeting to order. Devotions led by Patti Kuyoth. Leadership Training – “Our Mission Continues Together”

- Secretary’s Report:M/S/C
- Treasurer’s Report : M/S/C
- Thank you sent to Neil Kolbeck for installation of toilet and stump grinding at the cemeteries, and to Dan Wieland and Darla Leick for leading the worship services during Pastor’s illness.
- Adoption of Agenda
- Habitat for Humanity work date November 7th.
- New Member Reception on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Nominating Committee candidates: Joel Jurgensen & Keri Manecke
- Budget Reports finished Oct 15th
- Wedding Request #1 M to not have pastor preside S/C Request #2 M / to table request S/C
- New position Ministry Coordinator M immediate posting of position. Position when filled can hold job until two weeks after congregational meeting if position is voted down by congregation S/C
- Host will make sure that all serving duties are covered.
- Next Meeting will be November 16th
- Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Busche

**BENEVOLENCE**

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual (10-16-09)</u>	<u>Percent</u>
LSS	\$1,800.00	\$1,652.00	91.78%
<b>Missionary</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,766.00</b>	<b>136.17%</b>
<b>Crossways</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$2,075.00</b>	<b>109.21%</b>
World Hunger	\$4,000.00	\$2,363.00	59.08%
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 6	Nov. 1	“Luther’s Life”
3 Year Olds	Nov. 22	“Prayers”

These students, along with parents, will have their Baptismal Journey during Sunday school, following music (9:15 a.m.) in the Family Center.

**Reminder: Baptismal Journeys begin after music.**  
**Music is from 9:00—9:15**  
**Baptismal Journeys 9:15—10:00**

### Sunday School Calendar

Nov. 1	Baptismal Journey for Grade 6
Nov. 15	Staff Meeting
Nov. 22	Baptismal Journey for 3 year olds
Nov. 29	Hunger Sunday Activities in Family Center

### J Team

October 28th at 3:15 p.m.  
Game/Devotion—Finding God in the Chaos  
Activity—Pumpkin Prayer and Trivia Game  
Snacks: Food: Miller & Kilty Families  
Beverage: Dasler Family

### 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.

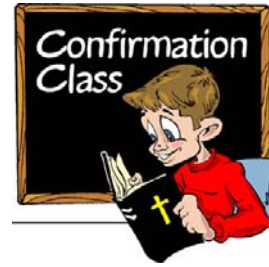


### Christmas Treat Bags

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 175 treat bags are made up.

## Confirmation Electives Classes held in the Conference Room Nov. 18 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Serve Fellowship Meal at St. Vincent de Paul’s



### Confirmation Core

Core Classroom: Nov 4, 11  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### Advent Services

Sundays: November 29, December 6, 13 & 20  
Wednesdays: December 2, 9, & 16

### Disciples for Christ

Our October meeting was a chance for three generations to enjoy fellowship together. Our disciples and mentors took a meal to one of our senior members. Many stories were shared about how times have changed and much valuable advice was given. When our youth were asked if they would have wanted to grow up in the 1930’s and 40’s they all replied “no” because parents were too strict and they would have had to work so hard. One disciple reflectively stated, “No, because Catholics and Lutherans weren’t allowed to be friends.” Sometimes we need to remember that time has brought about some positive changes too.

### Christmas Program CD’s

As a gift, last year the Parish Ed Team gave each Sunday school family a CD of the Christmas Program.

This year we will be offering a CD of the program to anyone who would like one. We will have order blanks in each classroom and in the narthex by **November 1st**. Donations are accepted (suggested donation is \$5.00) for the CD. Place the completed order blank in the box that is available in the narthex.

All proceeds will go toward the Christmas treat bags and other Christmas items needed.

**Deadline for ordering is December 13, 2009**

### Zion’s Puppets Entertaining People Squad News

November 4, 2009 Practice 6-7:15  
November 11, 2009 Practice 6-7:15  
November 18, 2009 Practice 6-7:15



### 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:

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|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 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.

### Parents—November 29th—Hunger Sunday

**We will be outside, so please dress your children appropriately.**

### 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.

### 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



### Fair Trade

It's that time of year again! The holidays are around the corner. Check out the Fair Trade Booth where you will find fresh drip and whole bean coffees, Organic Teas, and Hot Cocoa Mix. We are bringing back for the holidays our packaged snacks: Roasted Salted Pecans, Organic Roasted Almonds, and Organic Dried Sweetened Cranberries. Check out our Fair Trade table on Sunday, Nov. 15th for these goodies. We are also going to have a great 'stocking stuffer', Dark Chocolate Minis! And of course plenty of our regular size chocolate bars! For those of you who have tried our great Hot Cocoa Mix or those thinking of trying it, here's a recipe you might like to try:

### 5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake

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| 4 T flour | 4 T sugar | 2 T Equal Exchange Hot Cocoa |
| 3 T milk  | 1 egg     | 3 T oil                      |
|           |           | 1/4 tsp vanilla              |

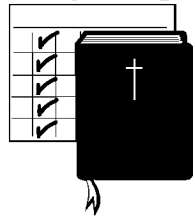
Combine flour, sugar and cocoa in a ceramic mug. Add the following, mixing well after each: egg, milk, oil and vanilla. Put mug in microwave and cook for 3 minutes on high. The cake will rise over the top of the mug. Allow to cool a little before serving. Eat directly from the mug or tip onto a plate to serve. Add whipped topping or chocolate syrup.

Zion's Fair Trade Ministry wants to thank our congregation for all the support during this second year of our LWR Ministry. For all the fairly traded coffee and snacks purchased thru the LWR Coffee Project, Equal Exchange gives 20 cents per pound back to LWR for projects supporting small-scale coffee farmers. In 2008, this totaled \$63,111. Way To Go!!

### Thanks

- ☺ Thank you to Neil Kolbeck for replacing the toilet in the upstairs bathroom.
- ☺ Thanks to Leon Tietzen for taking the photos and printing them for Zion's Christmas cards.
- ☺ Thanks to Lori Lang, Jan Lee, Brenda, Holly, Paul & Rose Huther, Nona Zeppelin, and June Krueger for adding their creative touch to complete Zion's Christmas Cards.
- ☺ Thanks to Harold Wrensch for making the Visitor Information board for the narthex.

## WEEKLY Study Group



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

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.

We will meet in the conference room. Please join us for this Study.

### 2009-2010 Youth, Adult & Family & Crafting Retreats

Crossways Camping Ministry is offering a wide range of retreats to help meet the needs of the individuals, families, congregations and communities. With Crossways, retreat guests learn about their faith, about themselves, and live in community with others. Invite a friend or family and sign up for a great retreat today! You may go to [www.CrosswaysCamps.org](http://www.CrosswaysCamps.org) to check out what is available or there are some flyers in the narthex you may pick up.

### Dedication of Habitat Home Set for Sunday, November 8th

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity has scheduled a dedication and blessing for the home of Don Guldán and sons on November 8th at 3:30 p.m. This house will be the home of Marshfield Habitat's fifteenth partner family. It is located on County Highway M, two miles south of Rozellville at D2948 County Trunk M. The dedication will be followed by a tour of the home and light refreshments. You are cordially invited to attend.

### Ministry Coordinator

Zion is looking for someone to work about 12 hours per week at \$10 per hour. This is a temporary position with the likely possibility of it becoming permanent. This person would be responsible for being the wedding coordinator, work with the teams to make sure tasks are complete, recruit volunteers and schedule people for services. If interested in this position, please call the church office or send a resume to Zion.



“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.

### Economic and Investment Outlook Update

When you have a better understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends, you can make more informed investment decisions.

#### Join us for a free financial education event

Economic and Investment Outlook Update is an educational event that will provide you with an overview of:

- How the changing economy can impact investment markets.
- How emotions can affect decisions and when to get professional financial guidance.
- The strength of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its prudent approach to investing.

This one-hour event will be presented by Thrivent Financial representative Mike Stecker, Financial Associate. No financial products will be sold. This is an educational experience.

**When:** Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

**Where:** Zion Lutheran Church - Family Center

### Germanfest 2009

Germanfest was held on October 25 this year with a total of 478 adults and 6 children served. Out of that number, 206 were carry-outs. \$766.25 was made in the bakery sales and \$5,043.00 in tickets and donations. The expenses were \$1,056.25. Thanks to **ALL** the helping hands that makes this day happen. A special thanks to Bob and Donetta Ulrich.

### Coats Needed

Do you have any gentle used coats you no longer wear or need? There is a need for coats for children and adults. Please bring any coats to the church and put in the box in the Gathering Space. Thanks so much!

### **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.

### **National Adoption Month**

November is National Adoption Month and to celebrate Catholic  
Charities is giving a fee reduction of \$200 for any adoption that begins  
in the month. Catholic Charities adoption programs unite domestic and  
international children with loving, Christian families. To learn more  
about the blessings of adoption, please join us on November 10th at 6  
p.m. at the Marathon County Public Library, Wausau Room, for a free  
informational meeting. For more information or to RSVP, please con-  
tact Andrea at 715-849-3311, ext 4.

### **Sister Cities' Annual Rummage Sale**

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 502 W McMillan  
Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Donated items may be brought to the church on Friday, Nov. 20th be-  
tween 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### **Soup Supper**

Chili & Chicken Dumpling  
Wednesday, Nov 4 3:30—8:00 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church, Hwy 10 West, Marshfield

### **Harvest Dinner**

Sunday, Nov. 15th 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School  
604 S Chestnut Ave, Marshfield

### **YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

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

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Rhonda Thompson  
V. Pres.: Blaine Aschenbrenner  
Secretary: Kathy Busche  
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**WORSHIP 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.**

**SUMMER WORSHIP ON  
SUNDAY AT 9:00 a.m.**

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<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	
The 21st of each month.	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>	
Thursdays by 9:00 a.m.	
<b>WEEKLY E-MAIL</b>	
Goes out early Monday morning. email wendy@zionlc.com to get it	
<b>Please keep the office updated:</b>	
	• Address & email changes
	• Births, Deaths, Hospitalizations
	• Phone / Cell changes