

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Acolyte Training January 31**  
at noon in the Sanctuary. Youth in Grade 6 and older are encouraged to serve as acolytes.

**Pie Sale February 14**  
Women of Zion will sell pies after each service, benefitting Lutheran World Relief for Haiti.

**Arts & Crafts Fair March 6**  
Vendor applications are available in the church office or on the web at [www.zionhelotes.org](http://www.zionhelotes.org)

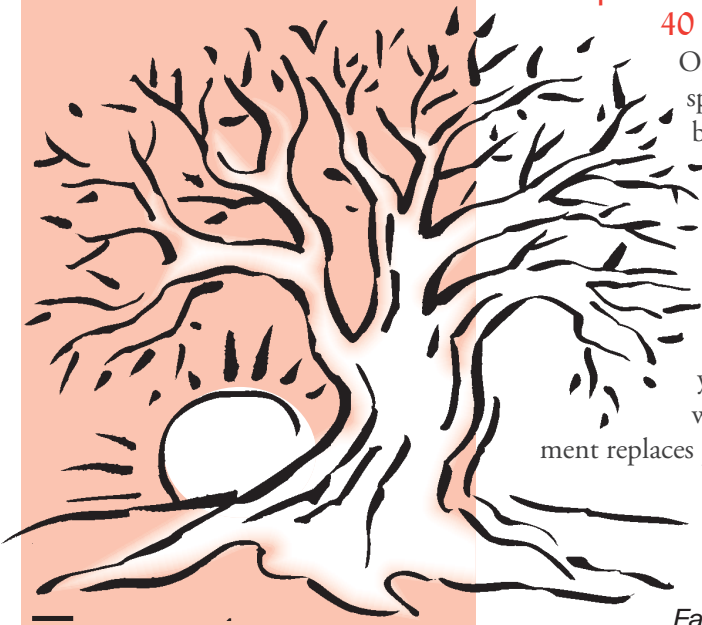
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ZION**  
Zion's 106th Anniversary is on February 13.

**JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS**  
*Based upon Matthew 4:1-11*

**Wednesdays during Lent**  
Lent is the forty-day season of penitence and preparation, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 17 and leading into Holy Week and Easter. The forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness after his baptism, as well as Moses' forty-day fast on Mount Sinai. During this season of Lent, we join with Jesus into his journey in the wilderness.

- February 17 Ash Wednesday  
PREPARE: Fasting as a Spiritual Discipline
- February 24 THE ADVERSARY: Who is Satan?
- March 3 TEMPTATION: Am I Being Tested?
- March 10 STONES TO BREAD: Will God Provide?
- March 17 DARE GOD TO RESCUE YOU: Will God Protect?
- March 24 WORSHIP ME! Will God Rule?

**The Spiritual Discipline of Fasting: 40 Day Discovery**



One of the more ancient spiritual disciplines but often the most neglected, fasting is an outward sign of an inward desire. Through prayer and fasting, the Holy Spirit can transform your life. It is a time when spiritual nourishment replaces physical nourishment. In doing so, we build a closer relationship with God.

*Fasting continued page 3*

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT**

**February 17** 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday services include Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.

**Wednesdays in Lent** 7:00pm Lenten Vesper Service. See Journey With Jesus in the Wilderness article for theme details.

**Maundy Thursday** 12:00 Noon and :00pm. Evening service includes Communion celebration for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Communion Instruction Class.

**Good Friday** 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm. Service of Tenebrae (Darkness)

**Saturday Easter Vigil** Time to be determined

**Easter Sunday** 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

**RECIPE POT LUCK LUNCH**

**January 31 at Noon**  
Everyone is invited to the Zion Cookbook Recipe Potluck, after the 11:00 worship service on January 31 in the Fellowship Hall. To participate, make a dish from the Zion Cookbook, enough to serve 8-10 people. Pick a cookbook recipe from someone you know, make the dish you submitted yourself, or try something completely new. All are invited to participate, whether you submitted a recipe or not.

*Zion Cookbooks are available for \$15 from the church office, 8:30-5:00 Monday-Thursday, and until 3:00 on Friday.*

**SOUPER BOWL SATURDAY***Saturday, February 6*

The Mission Task Force is hosting Super Bowl Saturday to feed the homeless. Your support is needed through your food donations or your time. The team is collecting...

- Vegetable soup or vegetable beef soup and packages of instant rice (to be combined in large pots)
- Coats and blankets

Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex to volunteer to cook in the FLC or to serve soup downtown!

**30 HOUR FAMINE***February 19-20*

Join the Mission Task Force for a 30-Hour Famine Friday and Saturday, February 19-20 in the Family Life Center. Fasting begins at 6:00am Friday and ends at 1:00pm on Saturday.

More than 1 billion people in the world don't get enough to eat. That's one of every seven people on the planet. The 30-Hour Famine is a test of what it is like to really be hungry. It is to help us get a better understanding of those living below the poverty line.

All confirmation-aged youth and older (that includes adults!) are welcome to come to the overnight famine activities. If you can't participate in the events, please support this cause with a monetary donation. All proceeds will go to hungry families in Haiti.

Even though fasting, there will be an eye-opening night full of fun! It'll be a great way to bond with old friends, and make new friends while learning about the seriousness of hunger and what we can do to help fight it!

In the morning, we will prepare a meal to take downtown to the homeless while we ourselves are still hungry. This will give us a better idea of what it's like to walk in their shoes. If you'd like more information, want to sign up or would like to make a monetary donation please visit the display table in the narthex starting Sunday, January 31.

**DISCOVERING GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE:***You and Your Spiritual Gifts*

What are Spiritual Gifts? Spiritual gifts are God's empowerment of God's people for God's work. More specifically, spiritual gifts are unique endowments from the Holy Spirit, generously shared with Christians in community for building up the body of Christ in practical ways.

Every Christian has at least one unique spiritual gift waiting to be discovered. Zion's Stephen Ministry is offering an eight-hour course, DISCOVERING GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE: YOU AND YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS. This course is designed to help people find their gifts and fully understand God's call. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Each session combines lecture, discussion and practical application. Participants will find clues to their gifts through the Haugk Spiritual Gifts Inventory and other gift-discovering activities. The eight modules include:

- What Does God Want Me to Do with My Life?
- Who Am I?
- What Makes Me Unique?
- Unwrapping Your Gifts Package
- Spiritual Gifts in the Spotlight
- Love Personified
- Your Calling
- God's Vision and our Vision Coming together

Wednesday evenings, February 10 through March 31

5:45–6:45pm or 8:00–9:00pm.

Come early for a simple, Lenten soup supper from 5:15-5:40

Do you wonder what God wants you to do with your life? By learning about your spiritual gifts, you can recognize your deepest passions and wield the strongest capabilities given to you by the Holy Spirit. The church is Christ's body. Just as a human body performs most effectively when all its "members" are healthy and functional, so the church

needs each Christian member to know and use our gifts. In order for our congregation to be effective, we need to affirm each person's spiritual gifts and encourage each other to use them.

St. Paul wrote: Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed... There are varieties of gifts... activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (1 Corinthians 12:1,4,11)

Join us for an exciting 8-week discovery beginning Wednesday, February 10 and continuing through Lent to Holy Week on March 31. Classes Materials need to be ordered, so please sign up on the kiosk in the narthex. And yes, you are gifted!

Contact *Kathee Forrest*, 867-2779 [[Kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net)]. Sponsored by *Stephen Ministries*.

**PRAYER GARDENERS NEEDED**

Zion's Prayer Garden is a blessed space on our church campus. To better maintain the grounds, volunteer gardeners are needed for general maintenance such as:

1. Watering
2. Picking up trash
3. Spraying weed killer
4. Feeding the plants
5. Trimming rose bushes
6. Checking supplies
7. Keeping everyone informed of needs

One volunteer is needed each month to serve as garden coordinator. The "gardener of the month" may work alone or enlist others to help. For those of you in small groups, please spread the word that help is needed to keep our garden growing and beautiful.

Right now there is some work needed in cutting down the passion vine and other plants for new growth in the spring and assessing what plants need to be replaced. A Prayer Garden workday is on the calendar for March 20 and 27.

Many thanks to Pat Lusk, Evelyn Shaw, Brent Leaming and the many that I don't know of who helped the Prayer Garden make it through the drought this past summer. Through your efforts, the garden fared pretty well for being so hot and dry.

Thanks also to those who attended the Women of Zion Christmas Tea; through your gifts, an esperanza plant has been donated to the Prayer Garden, which will be planted as soon as the weather is warm.

If you feel called to serve in this way, contact Kathee Forrest, 867-2779 [kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net].

*Peace and joy,  
Kathee Forrest*

## MEMBER MILESTONES

### *For Your Prayers*

#### Our Christian Sympathy To

- ✘ Joanne Harris upon the loss of her brother Max Toepperwein.
- ✘ Margaret Harrison upon the loss of her uncle Kenneth "Sarge" Browning, and of her brother-in-law Sterling Harwell.
- ✘ Marilyn Skipper upon the loss of her husband Harold.
- ✘ John Siedo upon the loss of his sister, Kathleen Cavoli.
- ✘ The friends and family of Dorothy Collins.

#### Hospitalized Members

- Bob Jackson
- Chris Jones
- Don "Bogie" Jones
- Austin Robinson
- Charles Segler
- Jack Zenner

#### New Baby

Congratulations to:

Christine & Peter Wohlers on the birth of a son, Peter Dennis, III on December 3

Scarlette & Marcus Wyatt on the birth of a daughter, Payton Lee on

#### *Fasting continued*

On February 14, Pastor Jennifer will lead a one-day Sunday morning adult class on fasting. Fasting is also the sermon topic on Ash Wednesday, when the 40-day fast begins. Consider these steps as you discern if God is calling you to transformation through fasting:

#### *Step One: Be Open*

In prayer leading up to the fast, ask God to reveal to you the purpose of the fast. Is it for spiritual renewal in your life, for guidance, for healing, for the resolution of a problem, for grace to handle a difficult situation? Through fasting and prayer, we humble ourselves before God so the Holy Spirit can work within us as individuals and even help our congregation grow spiritually.

#### *Step Two: Commit*

Jesus fasted forty days and reminded his followers to fast. If you feel called to try this, pray about the kind of fast you should undertake. Before you fast, decide up front

- How long to fast: one meal a week, one day a week, several weeks.
- Type of fast, such as water only, clear liquids, juices, certain foods (i.e. the "Daniel fast" is only water and vegetables). One may fast from material things that get in the way with time with God, such as TV, computer, etc.
- How much time each day you will devote to prayer and God's Word.

Making these commitments ahead of time will help you to sustain your fast in the face of temptations and life's pressures.

#### *Step Three: Prepare Spiritually*

Here are several things to prepare your heart for fasting:

- Confess your sins and live in God's forgiveness (I John 1:9)
- Forgive others (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; 17:3-4)
- Pray (I John 5:14-15)
- Put your life in God's hands and be transformed (Romans 12:1-2)
- Meditate on the attributes of God's love, power, wisdom, faithfulness, grace, compassion, etc. (Psalm 103:1-13)
- Begin your time of fasting and prayer with an expectant heart (John 14:21)

#### *Step Four: Prepare Physically*

Fasting requires reasonable precautions. Consult your physician first if you are on a prescription medication, have a chronic ailment, or pregnant or nursing. Some persons should never fast without professional supervision. During a fast from food, prepare yourself for temporary mental discomforts, such as impatience, crankiness and anxiety. Expect some physical discomforts such as fleeting hunger pains, dizziness, the "blahs," headaches, weakness, tiredness, or sleeplessness. As you continue to fast, you will likely experience a sense of well-being both physically and spiritually. However, if you have a need to break the fast temporarily, pick up where you left off—God's grace is sufficient. Don't beat yourself up!

#### *Step Five: Expect Results*

As you humble yourself before the Lord, repent, pray, and seek God's face; and as you consistently meditate on God's Word, you will experience a heightened awareness of His presence. The Lord will give you fresh, new spiritual insights. Your confidence and faith in God will be strengthened. You will feel mentally, spiritually, and physically refreshed. You will see answers to your prayers.

**WOMEN OF ZION**

- February 3: The Crafty Bunch resumes weekly Wednesdays at 9:30am. Fellowship and “goodies” are provided. Pick a project from the craft closet, or bring you own to work on. Plenty of supplies are available. Bonnie Harrell, 684-7197.
- February 7: Lutheran World Relief collection begins. Pick a leaf from the tree that will be in the narthex, and supply the item listed. Items will be assembled into various “kits” for infants, schoolchildren, sewing and basic hygiene. With the recent disaster in Haiti, LWR supplies need to be replenished for distribution there, and all over the world.  
Every Saturday the LWR quilt group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am. Everyone is invited to join them to assemble these tied quilts. Sheets and batting are needed for the quilts, which are used not only for sleeping but shelter, room dividers, storage and more.
- February 14: WOZ will sell pies for Lutheran World Relief for Haiti. LWR is often the first group to respond and the last one to leave a disaster area. We will make pies in the Family Life Center on February 12 and 13, starting at 9:30 in the morning. You may also bake your pie at home or even buy one to donate. More details will be in the Sunday bulletins.
- February 18: Women’s Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus. This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Come to Family Life Center Room 101.
- March 13: Spring Event. Activities include assembling and packing items for LWR kits, and lunch.

Thank you for the great response to our Christmas Tea. Thanks to Pastor Jennifer and Karen Stein for doing so much to organize the event, and to all who helped clean up when all was finished. The offering was \$1,681, half of which went to the *Magdalena House*, a transitional home for women and children who suffer from emotional and behavioral problems due to abuse or neglect.

*Barbara Galland [rgalland@satx.rr.com]  
LaVonne Pederson [NPeder5942@aol.com]*

**EDUCATION NEWS**

*Karen Stein, Education Director  
688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]*

**5th Grade Communion Classes**

Beginning February 7, fifth graders will receive instruction on the Sacrament of Holy Communion during the regular Sunday School class time at 9:30am. Older children who have not received instruction are also invited to attend this four-week series. Jana Marthis and Molly Stavenger co-teach the class

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| February 7-28   | Communion class in modular classroom 3.   |
| March 7         | Field trip to the sacristy behind the altar to learn the behind-the-scenes-aspects of communion |
| March 14        | Spring Break  |
| March 21        | Bake bread during class at 9:30. At noon, students and parents meet with the Pastors.           |
| April 1 (Thurs) | Class members will take Holy Communion together at the Maundy Thursday service, 7:00pm.         |

A detailed letter will be mailed to 5<sup>th</sup> graders’ families by February 1. If your older child wishes to participate, contact Karen Stein at 688-3090 [kstein@zionhelotes.org].

**ZAP: ZION ACTION PACK****CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY**

*Children ages 3 through 11 years are invited to participate in ZAP events.*

**Sunday, February 7****Valentine Lunch and Craft Event**

Pizza will be served at noon in the Family Life Center. After lunch, children (and adults), may choose and paint a beautiful piece of ceramic art from Clay Casa. \$10 includes paint, ceramic piece, firing and lunch. Lunch only is \$2.00. Sign up at the heart poster in the narthex. Deadline for signup and payment is February 4.

**Sunday, March 7**

Lent Event Resurrection Eggs

**Sunday, March 28**

Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, May 23**

Family Picnic

**Monday –Thursday, June 21 – 25**

Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, September 12**

Rally Day Event

**Saturday, October 30**

Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, November 21**

ADVENTure Retreat

**SMART DISCIPLINE PARENTING WORKSHOP**

*Tuesday, March 23 in the Family Life Center*

Helping parents raise great kids. Zion’s Education ministry is bringing the nationally acclaimed Smart Discipline Program for Parents to Zion. Details coming soon. Contact Karen Stein 688-3090 [kstein@zionhelotes.org].

**NURSERY NEWS**

Our church nursery is in need of some more volunteers. Do you like children and can help out for an hour on Sunday mornings? If so contact Trisch Moy 210-364-5425 [trischmoy@yahoo.com] to volunteer.

## FRIENDS 'N FAITH

There's much more to Zion than Sunday mornings. Friends 'N Faith groups provide a set of ready-to-meet friends with interests similar to yours.

### Date Night with a Book

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday for dinner at a restaurant and then to a hosts' home for a study based on the book *Love and Respect*. The next gathering is February 6. Start at Buffalo Southwest Cafe (Bandera at 1604) at 5:00pm. After dinner, continue to the Gold's home for discussion and dessert. Jana or Rick Marthis 999-5653 [jmarthis001@satx.rr.com).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Baby Nursery. Dorothy Rode 681-5997 [dorothyrode@sbcglobal.net]

### Ladies Dinner & Movie

4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30pm at Red Robin at the Rim, then a movie at the Palladium Theater. Jo Ann Meinert 688-6282 [jomeinert@earthlink.net]

### Young Married Couples

Get together on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month for Bible study, food and fellowship. Couples take turns hosting evenings in their homes. Mollie Stavenger 896-1562 [mkstavenger@gmail.com]

**Amiable Assemblers** Put together bulletins every Friday at 1:00pm, and newsletters once a month. Meet in the church office. Sonja Shimkus 277-0413 [shimkuss1956@satx.rr.com]

**Mah Jongg** Learn and play this Asian tile game. Meets in members' homes. Pat Bangart 695-6100

### Game Groups

Card & domino games, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoon at 1:00, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evening with early supper at 3:30pm at the Golden Corral. Games are in FLC Room 101 or the Fellowship Hall. Algine Perry 695-4422.

### Campers

Head to the woods several times a year, usually over school holidays. Brett Kraemer 496-6806 [Kraemerb@kci1.com]  
Ted Moody 481-3530 [ted.moody@hcahealthcare.com]

### ZPOP:

#### Zion Parents withOUT Partners

Events planned with the kids and for adults. Katja Jerome 771-7866 [katja\_amani@yahoo.com]

### Dinner Out

is for adults who enjoy dining out at local restaurants. Try a place you've never been before, new food, new culture. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Restaurant suggestions appreciated!

Karen or Bill Cool 520-7910 [kcool@satx.rr.net]

Sandy or Jim Chillstrom 771-7573 or 695-66310 [chillstrom@sbcglobal.net].

## The Little Church Mouse is spreading the news that...



... Emily Rennert received the Pacesetter Award from Texas Lutheran University.

...Betty Hanson will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 25. You can send her a note or card at her home:

Betty Hanson  
5607 Timberhurst  
San Antonio TX 78250

...Emily Smith received an athletic scholarship for softball to Texas A&M. She will be a freshman there in Fall 2010.

## YOUTH STUFF

Travis Baker, Youth Director 688-3090 x206 [tbaker@zionhelotes.org]

### High School Lunch

Sunday, February 7 from 12:00-2:00pm. Restaurant will be chosen that day.

### February 7 and 14

No Open Gym, SNL or Confirmation on

### Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, February 14 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

### 30-Hour Famine

Friday, February 19 at 7:00pm to Saturday, February 20 at 1:00pm in the FLC. Begin fasting at 6:00am and come together for a lock-in. Experience a small dose of what more than one billion people live with daily. Saturday morning we will prepare a meal and take it downtown to feed the homeless. Then, when we are finished serving, we will break our fast with a meal together in the FLC.

### Kickball with Amazing Grace

Sunday, February 28 at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church on Potranco Road. Their high school group has challenged ours to a kickball match in their field. Come out and let's show them how great of a team we are!



**ZION ZIPPERS**

Monday, January 11  
at 6:30pm

Adults age 50+ are invited for fellowship and sharing a potluck supper on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each

month, in the Fellowship Hall. Events begin at 6:30pm.

The February 8 hosts are Peggy Dame's team - you know who you are! For this month's pot luck meal, please use a recipe from the Zion Cookbook.

Guest speakers are award-winning wildlife photographers Sharon & Bill Draker. Last September they took the Grand Prize in the Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo contest.

**Kids of the Kingdom**

**Day School**

Located at Zion Lutheran Church

**SUMMER & FALL REGISTRATION**

begins February 15 for active members of Zion, along with a 10% discount on tuition. Public registration begins February 22.

- Part-time & full-time pre-k programs
- Daycare available for ages 6 weeks - 4 years
- Open 7:00am – 6:00pm, Monday through Friday

Call Kids of the Kingdom at 688-9171 for more information.

**CARDS, LETTERS AND E-MAILS**

Some men leave their mark on the world by the way they live and the difference they make in the lives they have touched.

Calvin was one of those men. Your cards, calls, contributions and prayers have proven that he touched all of us in one way or another.

Our family has been truly blessed by your gifts and the continuing celebration of his life. We wish to express our sincere gratitude.

*In Christ's Name,  
Mildred Galm and Family*

On the occasion of her 100th birthday this month, the family of Beatrice Hanson praise God and express gratitude for His blessings of the long and healthy life of their mother and grandmother.

*Corrine Sherman  
Laura and Katie Velazquez*

My sincere thanks to my dear friends for your calls, cards and kind words at the death of my uncle in December and brother-in-law this month. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

*Margaret Harrison*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, calls, thoughts and concerns during my recent extended hospital stay. The hip replacement went fine, but then everything turned off; hence the long hospital stay. Thanks be to GOD for the skill and dedication of many wonderful doctors. Frequent therapy is helping me regain my strength and endurance.

Special thanks and appreciation to Pastor Dave, Pastor Jennifer and Vicar Neil for their visits, prayers and for bringing us communion. I am also very grateful to the prayer shawl group for the beautiful shawl and to the confirmation class for their visit and the

little Christmas tree.

We continue to be blessed for the support from our Zion family. Again, I thank you all!

May God continue to bless Zion.

*Cliff Trimble*

Dear Pastor and Congregation, On behalf of the missions in the Laredo area we want to wish you the best this 2010. May this year be full of blessings and success for you and your families. We know that we are blessed to have you be a part of the greater picture with our programs here in the Laredo missions.

This year over 800 children received a Christmas gift thanks to dear friends like you. Your congregation took the time and made the effort to hand a child a merry Christmas. We are aware that our country is facing tough times and many families had to face hardships, yet your congregation was so willing to help our children. This year we want to tell you that we appreciate your gifts, prayers, and most importantly your presence in the missions here in the Laredo area.

To many of our families your gifts were the only ones their children received and there is no other greater feeling to know that you made that difference. We appreciate your love and support. May you always be a huge presence in our missionary work here on the border.

*Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. --Ephesians 5*

In the love of Christ,

*Rev. Moises and Mariana Mendez  
Misiones Luteranas in Laredo*

**STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING**

On January 14 Stephen Ministry training began for a group of nine lay people from our congregation. This is in addition to our three current active Stephen Ministers and two Stephen Leaders. This training for caring ministry was developed by Stephen Ministries St. Louis.

Over the next few months, our Stephen Minister trainees will receive extensive training in Christian caring skills. Some of the areas they will cover in the training include listening effectively, dealing with feelings, confidentiality, using the resources of Christianity, being assertive, and a number of topics dealing with specific life crises. Throughout, the training will emphasize the theology of caring for the whole person.

Following the training, these men and women will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregation and community, with people experiencing such problems in life as hospitalization, grief, depression, loneliness, and many other life crises. Working under the pastors' guidance and supervision, the Stephen Ministers will extend the capacity of our congregation to care.

The people who are attending this Stephen Ministry training and committing to two years as Stephen Ministers are Bill Blaker, Stephanie Brandt, Bill Farley, Bekki Hazelrigg, Katja Jerome, Dorothy Krumbholz, Trisch Moy, Fred Pfeil and Pat Ruha. Our current Stephen Ministers, Algine Perry, Corrine Sherman and Donn Carmichael will participate in the class for continuing education.

If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry training and care giving, contact Stephen Leader Dave Newman 684-0614 [newman@tooeasy.net] or Pastor Jennifer Gold, 688-3090 [jgold@zionhelotes.org].

**INVESTMENT REPORT**

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Dec 09 ..... \$95,573  
 Actual Contrib Dec 09 ..... \$88,745  
 Giving Goal Jan-Dec 09 ... \$892,377  
 Actual Contrib Jan-Dec 09.. \$835,630  
 YTD Difference..... -\$56,747  
*2008 Dec Actual Contrib. \$82,781*

• **Building Fund**

Dec 09 Income ..... \$31,454  
 BF cash on hand ..... \$70,054  
 FLC Loan Bal. 12/31/09 ... \$523,8006

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Year to date average 2009\* ..... 609  
 YTD avg 2008 ..... 564

**PUBLICATION DEADLINES**

Please include author/contact information on all submissions to Julie Rode-Hickey [jrodehickey@zionhelotes.org]

Sunday bulletin deadline is NOON the preceding Wednesday.

March 2010 CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, February 12.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR WEDNESDAYS OF LENT**

When you receive your March/April offering envelopes you will notice there are no envelopes for the five Wednesdays of Lent. To cut costs, we have eliminated these envelopes from our order. When comparing the number of envelopes used versus the number printed and mailed, it was just not a wise expense. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will still be included.

Please feel free to use a LOVE envelope from the pews or any envelope of your own. Offerings are still recorded to your contributions statement except when unidentified loose money is placed in the offering plate.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. David Schulte	Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Gold	Pastor
Vicar Neil Cadle	Pastoral Intern
Suzie Wyatt	Administrator
Julie Rode-Hickey	Publications
Dean Hearn	Secretary
Linda Spears	Office Assistant
Karen Stein	Christian Education Ministry
Travis Baker	Youth Ministry
Rob Mikulski	Music Ministry
Jennifer Bauer	Lutheran Campus Ministry
David Thamm	Handbells, Men's Choir, Brass
Elyse Hearn	Woodwinds
Kim Olsen	Accompanist
Brent Leaming	Facilities & Maintenance
Sara Hickey	Housekeeping
Trisch Moy	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant
Kat Stockert	Nursery Attendant
Chris Jones	Volunteer Coordinator

**2010 CHURCH COUNCIL**

Suzi Lockamy	President
Susan Johns	Vice-President
Carolyn Pfeiffer	Secretary
Michelle Farley	Treasurer
Bonnie Harrell	
Chris Jones	
Jerry Nelson	

*Council meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each month. Minutes are posted on kiosk in narthex.*

**COORDINATORS**

Geri Dalum & Marilyn Toepperwein	Memorials
LaVonne Pederson & Barbara Galland	Women of Zion
Jo Ann Meinert	Outreach Ministry
Barbara Klein	Bereavement
Dale Stein	Sound Team
Mary Ann Schmitt	8:00 Ushers
<b>Position Open</b>	9:30 Ushers
Sarah Nichols & Dennis Kneifel	11:00 Ushers
Susan Johns	Altar Guild
Kathee Forrest	Floral Guild
Gena Sanchez	Acolytes
Pat Bangart	Welcome Center
Amy & David Walter	Adult Education
Bev Rosel	Zion Zippers (50+)
Algine Perry	Game Group
Jimmy Weimer	Cemetery Board
Heather Lotts	Zion Action Pack (ZAP)
Pastor Jennifer Gold	Stephen Ministry



Lutheran Campus Ministry of San Antonio  
 Jennifer Bauer, Director  
 830-377-0205 jbauer@zionhelotes.org



Kids of the Kingdom Dayschool  
 Gail Anderson, Director  
 210-688-9171

# FEBRUARY QUICK CALENDAR

A complete printed calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center in the narthex, or [www.zionhelotes.org](http://www.zionhelotes.org)

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| 1 | Afternoon Game Group<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>Brass Ensemble*  | 10 | Spiritual Gifts Soup Supper & Bible Study*                         |
| 2 | Handbells*<br>Men's Choir*  | 11 |  |
| 3 | Adult Choir*  | 12 | Pie Baking   |
| 4 | Mary Circle<br>Children's Choir, Youth Choir*<br>Praise Team*<br>Baptism Workshop<br>Stephen Minister Training*   | 13 | Pie Baking   |
| 5 |   | 14 | Pie Sale for Haiti<br>New Members Received<br>Blood Pressure Check |
| 6 | Souper Bowl: Feeding Homeless<br>LWR Quilt Sewing*<br>Prayer Team*<br>Couples' Date Night with a Book   | 15 | Ruth Circle  |
| 7 | Bloodmobile<br>ZAP Family Lunch & Craft Event<br>Youth Open Gym*, Confirmation* and<br>Sunday Night Live*<br>Lutheran Campus Ministry*<br>Financial Peace University* | 16 | Church Council   |
| 8 | Zion Zippers  | 17 | Ash Wednesday Services   |
| 9 | Dorcas Circle<br>Local Mission Team   | 18 | Women's Bible Study-Parables<br>Global Mission Team                |
|   |   | 19 | Young Married Couples<br>30-Hour Famine begins                     |
|   |   | 20 | Dinner Out   |
|   |   | 21 |  |
|   |   | 22 | Supper & Game Group<br>Ladies Dinner & Movie                       |
|   |   | 23 |  |
|   |   | 24 | Lent Worship*  |
|   |   | 25 |  |
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