

Upcoming Events

**Cheesy Jane Fundraiser**

Monday, April 12. Place your order at lunch or supper, present your server with a Zion Youth coupon, and Cheesy Jane gives 25% of every order to Zion. You get a great meal, Cheesy Jane gets a great customer (you), and more Zion youth get to go to Camp Chrysalis this summer. Fliers will be distributed in April and at [www.zionhelotes.org](http://www.zionhelotes.org).

**City Councilman at Zippers**

Monday, April 12. District 7 representative Justin Rodriguez will speak at the Zion Zippers on April 12. See page \_\_\_.

**Camping with Friends 'n Faith**

April 23-25, Fiesta holiday for schoolchildren. See page \_\_\_.

**Zion 101**

*Inquirers & New Member Class* begins April 25. Four-week series for both curious Christians and live-long Lutherans who may want to become members of Zion. Indicate your interest on your attendance form or contact the church office.

**Olympic Potluck**

April 25 at noon. Zion member Justin Olsen is also a member of the 2010 Olympic gold medal-winning 4-Man Bobsled Team. Bring a dish to share for lunch and stay to hear Justin answer questions about his experiences.

**HOLY WEEK**

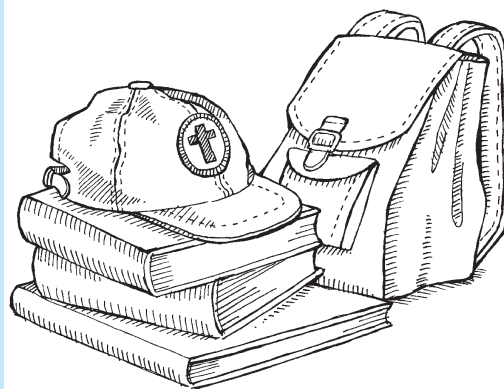
- March 28 **Palm Sunday**  
April 1 **Maundy Thursday** 12:00 noon and 7:00pm. Celebration for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Communion class participants at the 7:00 service  
April 2 **Good Friday Service of Tenebrae** 12:00 noon and 7:00pm  
April 3 **Easter Vigil** 7:30pm, just before sunset.  
April 4 **Easter Sunday** morning worship 6:30am, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am.  
April 5 *Church Office closed*

**SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK BACKPACK PROGRAM**

*April 18-May 9*

More than 13 million children “food insecure,” or at risk of going hungry without school meal programs. Pick up a gallon-size baggie and list of ready-to-eat, nutritious items. Fill up the bag, and schoolteachers will discreetly slip them in the backpacks of their food insecure students to help tide them over weekends and holidays at home.

*See page \_\_ for more local, regional and global mission outreach functions.*



**APRIL MEDITATION SERIES**

*Peace in God's Garden:*

*Prayer, Praise and Planting*

Meditations on Wednesday evenings in April from 7:00-8:00pm. Wear comfortable clothes for exploring the garden and some light gardening using plants from the Bible. Kathee Forrest 867-2779 [[kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net)].

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

*Sunday evenings beginning April 25, 6:00-8:15pm*

Every Christian has at least one unique spiritual gift waiting to be discovered. Zion's Stephen Ministry is offering a three-week series, 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. 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.

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.

*Sign up in April on the kiosk in the narthex, or contact Kathee Forrest, 867-2779 [[Kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net)]. Sponsored by Stephen Ministries.*

**WHAT IS LITURGY?**

by Rob Mikulski, Director of Music Ministries

What is liturgy? Where does our liturgy come from? What impact does this have on Lutheran worship? Recently I had the privilege of meeting with our confirmation class and teaching two lessons on liturgy. During our brief time together we wrestled with these questions. As is often the case with teaching, I found myself still considering these topics long after the time with the students had ended.

When defining liturgy, a clue can be found in the word itself. The word *liturgy* comes from the Greek *laos* meaning people, and *ergon* meaning work. *Liturgy* literally translated means “work of the people”. Our confession of sins, singing of hymns, listening to God’s word, confession of faith, prayers, all the various components of the service, make up the “work” people offer as worship to God through our Lord and Savior. Isn’t it interesting to consider worship as “work”? In the Lutheran church we are literally called to “work” on Sunday mornings or whenever we are in worship. We are called to give of ourselves, to engage, and to actively participate. We are in worship to work collectively offering up our praise, thanksgiving, and prayers.

When considering the history of liturgy we need to look back thousands of years. Our liturgy (with its ancient roots) is divided into two major parts. The Liturgy of the Word derives from the Jewish synagogue service and is made up of scripture readings, psalms, and prayers. In Luke 4: 14-21 we have an account of Jesus in the synagogue, reading from the prophet Isaiah. The Liturgy of the Meal is the sharing of bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Holy Communion has its roots in Jesus’ Passover meal with his disciples on the night before his death (Matthew 26:26-29). In breaking down these two major parts further, the confirmation class discovered over twenty references to scripture from which our liturgy emerges. God has given us instructions! How we worship as Lutherans is deeply rooted in scripture and in the practices of the early church. The form has changed over the centuries however the basic structure stays the same: God’s spirit calls us together, God speaks to us through his Word, God feeds us, God sends us out to do his work. It is through active participation in God’s Word and Sacrament that we are transformed.

So how does all of this impact what we do? Good liturgy serves as a constant reminder that our worship is to remain God-centered. Worship can quickly become about what we feel we need to get out of it versus what God has called us to put in to it. One member here at Zion recently said to me, “I feel by learning the liturgy we actually learn how to worship”. As Pastor Dave commented in a sermon not too long ago, “It is not ABOUT us, however it absolutely is FOR us.” I look forward to working with all of you in worship.

**LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH EVENTS**

Look for displays in the narthex each month

**April 18–May 9: San Antonio Food Bank Backpack Pro-**

**gram.** More than 13 million children “food insecure,” or at risk of going hungry without school meal programs. Pick up a gallon-size baggie and list of ready-to-eat, nutritious items. Fill up the bag, and schoolteachers will discreetly slip them in the backpacks of their food insecure students to help tide them over weekends and holidays at home.

**May 15: Lunch Under the Bridge**

Prepare a meal in the FLC kitchen and caravan downtown to serve it to San Antonio’s homeless people. Several ways to help: donation food or money, prep meals, set up tables and serve. Details coming; Michelle Farley wfarley@satx.rr.com or Jo Ann Meinert jo\_meinert@yahoo.com.

**REGIONAL MISSION OUTREACH EVENTS**

May 7–8: American Cancer Society Relay for Life Celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease. The team camps overnight at O’Connor HS and take turns walking or running around the track. Because cancer never sleeps, Relay for Life doesn’t either. Join the Zion team as a survivor or a participant, or donate your support. Visit the registration table in the narthex or contact Carol Carmichael [knee9@hotmail.com].

**EL CENIZO TRIP MAY 21-23**

Pastor David Schulte will accompany the Zion team to El Cenizo, our sister congregation near Laredo. In Laredo, the team stays at the Lutheran Mission House, which hosts us for a nominal fee and provides a comfortable place to stay.

Saturday, spend the day at the Lutheran church in El Cenizo on various work projects: a Bible day-camp, food bank, construction, painting and gardening. On Pentecost Sunday, we will worship with the congregation, and return to San Antonio that afternoon.

\$100 per person includes transportation, lodging, meals and projects. Register in the narthex through April 11. Payment is due April 25.

Marlena Guerra 380-4360 [mmrcjguerra@sbcglobal.net].

**GLOBAL MISSION NEWS**

Zion’s next global mission trip will be to Rwanda in September of 2010. The team includes:

Evelyn Shaw will be 81 years old at the time of the trip, an awesome testimony to people that there is no age limit to serving God!

Sheri Gardner is a mother of two. She has a medical background and is excited to move from sitting in the pew on Sun-

days to serving God beyond these walls.

Stephanie Brandt is a trainee in Stephen Ministry with a heart for those who suffer in life.

Donn Carmichael was on the last mission trip to Honduras and is a Stephen Minister.

Janet & Gary Williams are excited to do this trip and grow closer to God together. Gary is a pianist for Praise Team which will be a great way to include the music ministry. Janet has a gift of intercessory prayer she's eager to use.

Jo Ann Meinert, current chair of Zion's local outreach team, has a heart for missions and is also involved in the youth programs.

Karen Stein, Zion's Director of Christian Education, is eager to bring back her experience and share in the area of education.

Pastor Jennifer Gold

WIM Leader, Grace Spell, a missionary for the past 10 years and current Short-term Missions Director for World Indigenous Missions, her gift is to teach congregations how to be mission-focused and to lead teams on mission trips around the world. We are blessed to have her using her gifts here at Zion.

Working alongside the Lutheran Church of Rwanda and other ministries, Zion's mission team to Rwanda will be doing reconciliation ministry with widows and orphans and possibly helping in the building of the schools and women's centers. In addition, they will be worshipping with the people of Rwanda and witnessing the power of healing forgiveness as perpetrators and victims of the genocide worship side by side.

Team members ask for your prayerful support and financial support as we meet monthly to prepare for the trip. If you would like to make a contribution to the team, please see Pastor Jennifer or place an offering in a LOVE envelope and mark it "RWANDA support."

## OUR LUTHERAN PRESENCE IN HAITI Lutheran Disaster Relief

Just thought you might like to know what we've been doing in Haiti. This clip is from Bishop Tiemann's report from the spring Conference of Bishops.

*"Our presence in Haiti has been there for a long time in a new, emerging Lutheran church body in Haiti, with the Florida-Bahamas Synod being the Companion Synod. The ELCA has been providing approximately \$.5 million annually of World Hunger funds for a number of years. Over \$6 million has been given since the earthquake, with \$3.8 million specifically committed for immediate response. The remainder will be used for long-term response (as some agencies are now leaving), particularly matching needs for clean water, housing, health care, agricultural development, etc. One couple sent a \$100,000 gift for Haiti through Lutheran Disaster Response, who said there was no doubt in their minds that LDR would be the best steward of that gift."*

\$6 million! And I don't believe that counts what the Thrivent members (Lutherans) gave directly through Thrivent which was another \$2-3 million!

*Pastor Dave*

## EARTH DAY AT WOODLAWN LAKE Saturday, April 17, 10:00am-4:00pm

Admission is free to this Fiesta event. Activities include ecological information and earth-friendly giveaways such as:

- Bicycles\*
- Plants and trees
- Vegetable and flower seeds
- Hybrid car\*

Sponsored by the City of San Antonio. Woodlawn Lake Park is in the 1100 block of Cincinnati Avenue.

The Earth Day Committee is in need of volunteers. Contact Shirley Jonas 680-6867 [sajonas@sbcglobal.net] This is a great way for students to receive community service hours.

*\*Must be present to win bike or car*

## WHAT KIND OF PERSON WOULD RECEIVE THE CARE OF A STEPHEN MINISTER?

A man like **Abraham** who had to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life.

A woman like **Sarah** who faced a major change in life at an advanced age and needed someone to listen to both her joy and apprehension.

A man like **David** who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.

A woman like **Hagar** who was abandoned along with her child and needed someone to offer her hope and remind her of God's presence.

A man like **Elijah** who thought he was all alone and needed a still small voice to encourage him.

A woman like **Hannah** who struggled with her inability to bear a child and needed someone with whom to share her sadness and pain.

A man like **Job** who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.

A woman like **Esther** who was faced with a major decision and needed someone who could listen to her concerns and offer encouragement.

A man like **Paul** who knew the unending distress of a thorn in the flesh and needed someone to rejoice when he rejoiced and to weep when he wept.

A woman like **Martha** who was burdened by the demands of daily life and needed someone to help her regain sight of what was most important.

A man like **JESUS** who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, and loneliness and needed an angel of God to minister to him.

A man like **YOU**. A woman like **YOU**.

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you or someone you know, please see or call Stephen Leader, Dave Newman or Pastor Jennifer.

## ETERNITY CANDLE

### Lighting and Dedication on the Vigil of Easter

by *Vicar Neil Cadle*

Many people have noticed the recent removal of the large candle from the sanctuary and have been asking why. Good eyes and good question! This large Paschal Candle is one of the oldest symbols in the church. In the early church, candles were used during their evening prayer services (all services were held in the evening in those days). Not only were candles a practical source of light, they were also symbols of God's presence among God's worshiping people. Exodus chapters 25 & 27 describe the different lamps that were placed in the tabernacle as the visible symbols of God's presence and leading in the wilderness.

This practice quickly spread to the use of a special large candle being lighted on the Vigil of Easter to symbolize Jesus, the light of the world, illuminating the darkness. The Paschal Candle is used during the Sundays of the forty days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension (the season of Easter)—the days that the resurrected Light "walked among us."

Throughout the rest of the church year, the Paschal Candle is kept by the baptismal font and lighted at baptisms and funerals to remind us of God's promise of resurrection to life everlasting. Look for the Paschal Candle's appearance during our Easter Vigil and the Sundays during the Easter season, and let it remind you that the light of Jesus Christ truly has overcome the darkness of sin and death!

Just as Exodus describes the use of different candles—one of which was to burn perpetually—we will dedicate and light a newly installed Eternity Candle as part of our service of the Vigil of Easter. Eternity Candles can be found in many Lutheran churches and, like the lamp described in Exodus 27, serves as a symbol of God's continued real presence where God's people worship together. The Eternity Candle will remain lit at all times—a powerful reminder of God's

unending promise and presence in our worship space. It is our prayer that both the Eternity Candle and the Paschal Candle—these ancient symbols of our faith in God's presence—will be meaningful as we worship together here at Zion.

## THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 6

*A Call to pray for our city, our nation and our world*

The community is invited to a National Day of Prayer Vigil and Service on May 6, hosted by Zion's Mission Task Force. The prayer focus will be expanded to include missions throughout our country and the world, resonating with the words of Isaiah 30:18, "Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"

The Vigil will begin at noon in the sanctuary with continuous prayer through 6:30pm. A signup sheet will be the Narthex to volunteer for 30-minute blocks of time to pray in the sanctuary. Prayer guides will be provided for participants and a box will be in the narthex for prayer requests. At 6:30pm, Stephen Ministers will be available to meet and pray with individuals. The Vigil will culminate in a worship service of prayer at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

This is a wonderful reminder of the power of prayer. If you are unable to join the Vigil in person, please take some time out of your day to pray wherever you may be. It is estimated that more than two million people attended more than 40,000 observances organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers in 2009. At state capitols, county court houses, on the steps of city halls, and in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stopped their activities and gathered for prayer. We will provide handouts with prayer requests to take home for you to pray, as well.

The National Day of Prayer has been observed in our nation for many years. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an

annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

This is an exciting endeavor to get us focused on missions and supporting those missions through prayer. Sign up begins April 18 and continues through May 2.

## DINNER OUT

Dinner Out is adults who enjoy dining out at local restaurants. Enjoy new restaurants, interesting food and great conversation. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Restaurant suggestions appreciated!

On Saturday, April 17, the Dinner Out group meets at Houlihan's, 938 Loop 1604 near Blanco; American food with an Asian influence. RSVP to the Joneses below.

Tracy or Doug Jones 679-9759  
[dpj52@live.com] Sandy  
or Jim Chillstrom 771-7573 or 695-66310 [chillstrom@sbcglobal.net].

## SOLAR WATER HEATER RETREAT -APRIL 23-25

You are invited to join the Southwestern Texas Synod's Caring For God's Creation Task Force and Men In Mission on a free retreat at Ebert Ranch April 23-25. At a perfect time in spring to enjoy the ranch, you'll also get to participate in revelatory Bible studies, go on nature walks, and enjoy guest speakers as you learn about solar energy and help install a solar water heater for conservation at the ranch. The retreat is open to all congregation members synod-wide."

To register, look for the solar panel icon on the synod's website: [www.swtsynod.org](http://www.swtsynod.org). For more information, contact Stacey Cone: [stacey.cone@gmail.com](mailto:stacey.cone@gmail.com).

## 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.

**Campers** Make your reservations now for the April 23-25 camp out over the Fiesta school holiday. South Shore campground is on Lake Bastrop. Phone Texas Parks and Wildlife Reservation Center at (512) 389-8900 to make your own reservations now, and be sure to mention you are with Zion Lutheran Church.

Brett Kraemer 496-6806 [Kraemerb@kci1.com]  
Ted Moody 481-3530 [ted.moody@hcahealthcare.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]

**Date Night with a Book** The next gathering is April 10 for dinner at a restaurant and then to a hosts's home for a study based on the book *Love and Respect*. Contact Jana or Rick Marthis 999-5653 [jmarthis001@satx.rr.com] for details.

**Ladies Dinner & Movie** Meet on the last Monday of the month for great food and great female fellowship! Don't be shy – all are welcome. We are expanding to experience to different restaurants and theaters, taking turns between the Silverado, Palladium at the Rim and Huebner Oaks theaters. Check with Jo Ann Meinert [jo\_meinert@yahoo.com] if you're not sure of locations. Events begin at 6:30pm  
April 26: Marie Callenders for dessert and Huebner Oaks  
May 31: Red Robin and the Palladium

**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.

**ZPOP: Zion Parents withOUT Partners** Events planned with the kids and for adults. Katja Jerome 771-7866 [katja\_amani@yahoo.com]



## ZION ZIPPERS

Monday, April 12 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 April 12 hosts are Shirley Jonas' team. San Antonio city councilman for District 7 Justin Rodriguez is the guest speaker. Everyone at Zion is invited to the Zippers' meeting, as Zion is located in District 7.

Bring your dish for the potluck and bring your friends. There's plenty of room for all. Join us for an evening of fellowship, food and fun.

## CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAILS

Beatrice Hanson and her family express thanks for the many birthday cards sent in honor of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and for the prayers offered during her illness and recovery. We are grateful to God for her long and healthy life. Thank you Pastor Dave and Vicar Neal for your visits during Mom's hospitalization.

*Corrine Sherman and Laura Velasquez*

## MEMBER MILESTONES *For Your Prayers*

### Our Christian Sympathy To

- ✘ Dick Gallard and family upon the loss of his brother Don
- ✘ Margaret Harrison upon the loss of her sister-in-law Anne Rancher
- ✘ Gloria Anderson and Jimmy Hand upon the loss of their sister Patricia Milford

### Baptized This Month

Mar 7 Parker Grace Fults  
Mar 14 Kira Nicole Teel  
Mar 14 Connor Dwaine Tel

### Hospitalized Members

- Paige Alexander
- Chris Jones
- Dora McKenzie
- Jerry Oster
- Sally Schwab
- Dottie Williams

### Weddings

God's blessings on:

- ∞ Reenie Talbot & Michael Beard, married on March 20

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

...Suzi Lockamy was named NISD Middle School Teacher of the Year!



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**YOUTH STUFF**

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

**Confirmation**

Banquet RSVP and Picture Deadline: Sunday, April 4

Confirmation Retreat: Friday, April 9-Saturday, April 10, 7:00pm-9:00am

Confirmation Banquet: Saturday, April 17 at 6:00pm in the FLC

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, April 18 at the 11:00am service

**Cheesy Jane Fundraiser**

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**No Open Gym or SNL on April 4 and 18.**

**Need Community Service Hours?**

The Earth Day Committee is in need of volunteers for the April 17 Earth Day at Woodlawn Lake. Contact Shirley Jonas 680- 6867 [sajonas@sbcglobal.net]

**ZAP: Zion Action Pack**

Child & Family Ministry

Karen Stein, Education Director

688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

**Communion Classes Reminders**

April 1 (Thursday)

Class members will take Holy Communion together at the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship. Meet in Baby Nursery at 6:30 to receive certificate and flowers. A reception follows the service in the Fellowship Hall.

April 2 (Friday)

Communion Class members will take a field trip to deliver the bags to CAM's downtown facility and take a tour. Meet in Zion's parking lot at 9:15am. We will be back to Zion by noon. CAM is downtown at Grace Lutheran Church.

**Sunday School Holiday April 4**

No class on Easter Sunday. Take time to participate with your family in all our Easter Events being planned.

**Family Picnic May 23**

An old-fashioned end-of-the-school-year family picnic is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 at noon. Sign up at the display in the narthex, after Easter.

**Vacation Bible School**

Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25

*High Seas Expedition- Exploring the Mighty Love of God*

Come join us starting on Monday, June 21 as we set sail for an adventure on the high seas. Feel the ocean spray on your face, hear the sails snap overhead and experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love.

We are looking for many good men and women to serve on this voyage as crew leaders, storytellers, craft, game and music leaders, and galley help in the kitchen. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the kiosk right now. Questions? Contact Karen Stein (above).

**Summer Sunday School – Family Style**

Travel to Egypt this summer and experience Joseph's journey from prison to the palace. Join us July 11 to August 8. Come to one or all the Sundays; each lesson is different and you do not need to be there every week. Adults and children will learn side-by-side as families build pyramids, jostle through the marketplace, make mud bricks and join Joseph on the adventure of his life.

**WOMEN OF ZION**

- April 15: Women's Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus. A new study series begins in May. This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Come to Family Life Center Room 101.
- April 10 The San Antonio Conference is at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Seguin, 9:00am-3:00pm. Six different workshops and seminars are available, including:
  - The Lodge, a residential treatment center for abused and neglected children.
  - Tied Quilts
  - Prayer, presented by our own Vicar Neil Cadle.
 Contact Barbara Galland 695-8497 or LaVonne Pederson at 509-3873 to register and to carpool, if desired. Registration is \$12.

**Lutheran World Relief**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the collection of items for LWR, assembling and boxing up kits or in any other way. We made up 40 school kits, 13 sewing kits, 63 layettes, 51 health kits, 37 quilts, plus 104 lbs. of soap. Money received goes to help with shipping expenses. The donation site this year is TLU in Seguin on April 7.

Happy Easter to all and God's blessings on each and every one of you.  
 Barbara Galland [rgalland@satx.rr.com]  
 LaVonne Pederson [NPeder5942@aol.com]

**MARY CIRCLE**

Anyone is welcome to join the Mary Circle. You do not have to do the Bible studies if you feel uncomfortable doing them. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1:30pm in our homes. Contact any member of our circle (or the church office) if you are interested in joining our group.  
 Geri Dalum 684-4338 [gdalum@texas.net]

**INVESTMENT REPORT**

- **General Fund**
  - Giving Goal for Feb ..... \$71,332
  - Actual Contrib Feb ..... \$65,862
  - Giving Goal Jan-Feb ..... \$142,208
  - Actual Contrib Jan-Feb..... \$140,587
  - YTD Difference.....-\$1,621
  - 2009 Feb Actual Contrib. \$65,568
- **Building Fund**
  - Feb 10 Income ..... \$23,070
  - BF cash on hand ..... \$61,648
  - FLC Loan Bal. 2/28/10..... \$481,361

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Year to date average 2010 ..... 644  
 YTD avg 2009 ..... 592

**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.

May 2010 CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, April 16.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Kim Olsen          | Accompanist                   |
| Brent Leaming      | Facilities & Grounds          |
| Trisch Moy         | Nursery Coordinator           |
| Katie Cotcher      | Nursery Attendant             |
| Kat Stockert       | Nursery Attendant             |
| Chris Jones        | Volunteer Coordinator         |

**2010 CHURCH COUNCIL**

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|------------------|----------------|
| 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**

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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+)     |
| Alaine Perry                       | Game Group             |
| Jimmy Weimer                       | Cemetery Board         |
| Heather Lotts                      | Zion Action Pack (ZAP) |
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# APRIL 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 | <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>Worship at Noon and 7pm<br>Mary Circle<br>Youth Choir*                    | 9  | Confirmation Retreat   |
| 2 | <b>Good Friday</b><br>Worship at Noon and 7pm   | 10 | Couples' Date Night  |
| 3 | Floral Guild, Prayer Team*<br>Combined Easter Choir Rehearsal<br><b>Easter Vigil Worship 7:30pm</b> | 11 | Blood Pressure Check<br>No Evening Youth Activities                  |
| 4 | <b>Easter Sunday</b><br>Morning Worship at 6:30, 8:00,<br>9:30 and 11:00                            | 12 | Cheesy Jane's Fundraiser for Youth<br>Camp, 11am-8pm<br>Zion Zippers |
| 5 | Office Closed<br>Game Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>Brass Ensemble*                               | 13 | Dorcas Circle  |
| 6 | Handbells*, Men's Choir*  | 15 | Women's Bible Study-Parables   |
| 7 | Crafty Bunch*, Adult Choir*<br>Peace in God's Garden Meditation<br>Series begins at 7pm             | 16 | Young Married Couples  |
| 8 | Children's Choir*, Youth Choir*<br>Baptism Workshop<br>Stephen Ministers*<br>Praise Team*           | 17 | Confirmation Banquet<br>LWR Quilt Sewing                             |
|   |   | 18 | Confirmation Sunday  |
|   |   | 19 | Ruth Circle  |
|   |   | 20 | Church Council   |
|   |   | 25 | Olympic Potluck<br>Spiritual Gifts Bible Study Begins                |
|   |   | 26 | Game Group<br>Ladies' Dinner/Movie                                   |

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