

BRING A FRIEND!

Sunday, November 16 is "Bring a Friend" Sunday
by Pastor Jennifer Gold

God is able to use even the simplest invitations to accomplish great things. Be thinking and praying about people you know - friends, co-workers, family members, neighbors - who may not be involved in a church. Ask God to give you the words to invite them to come to church with you on the 16th. Try the theme of the day. "We're having a 'Bring a friend Sunday' at church next week. Would you like to come with me? I can pick you up if you'd like." Be thinking!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It is time to pre-purchase your Christmas poinsettias for Christmas Eve. Order and dedication forms (envelopes) will be available in the narthex beginning Nov 16; watch for the Christmas box display. Sponsorship deadline is Dec 14.

Red poinsettia plants are \$7 each, and will be delivered to the church. Place your payment in the envelope and complete the dedication or memorial information to be published in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

You may pick up your poinsettia after the 8:30pm Christmas Eve service, or on Sunday, Dec 28.

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT: SHOEBOXES FOR KIDS by Vivian Hand

A 14-year-old girl in Paraguay wrote a note expressing how Operation Christmas Child had touched her life. "I'm very grateful for the beautiful gifts that we received, but the most wonderful thing was to meet Jesus through the bible lessons," she said. "Now I keep talking to others about Jesus, telling them how much God loves them. Some of my friends have already trusted Jesus as their Savior."

In 2007, 7.6 million boxes in 100 countries were delivered to deprived girls and boys. The power of a simple gift - a shoe box containing school supplies, toys and toiletries. Things that we take for granted are treasures to these children.

For the past eight years, Zion has been a part of the worldwide outreach of Samaritan's Purse that touches the lives of millions of hurting children each year through the power of a simple gift. Shoe boxes filled with presents by caring people can bring love, joy and hope to little ones living in some of the most desperate circumstances imaginable. Last year Zion gave 121 boxes (our goal was 120). Our goal for 2008 is 130. Keep the boxes coming. The last Sunday to bring your Christmas shoe box is Nov 16



MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS:

Deadline to Apply is October 31

by Pastor Jennifer Gold

Next summer, Grace Spell, a missionary with World Indigenous Missions (WIM) and I will take a team of missionaries to Honduras. This mission trip is for anyone, including families with children! We will serve as missionaries in an all-girls orphanage, Such Is The Kingdom Ministries (SIKM, sikm.org). Such Is The Kingdom Ministries was founded over twelve years ago with a vision from God to go to Honduras and minister to orphaned and abandoned children in the country.

Project Talitha Cumi (Rise up little girl) is located in the village of El Obispo de Yamaranguila in the state of Intibuca. The orphanage has about 20 girls right now at their mission ranging in ages of 6 to 18. They have a mission house facility that overlooks the mountains and is at 6000' in elevation.

We want to take a team of about 12 people in addition to the leaders, and the trip will take place June 7-14. We will have the opportunity to do Bible study with the girls, share our faith with the help of translators, teach the girls a craft, do small construction projects around the orphanage, help at a feeding center in the village, attend the local church, and do hiking in the area, in addition to a day of being tourists! The trip will cost around \$1200 and our leader Grace will train the team on how to raise support through our networks of relationships inside and outside of the congregation.

I invite the entire congregation to prayerfully consider your role in this mission trip, whether it's serving as a missionary on the team that goes to Honduras, being a part of our missionaries' prayer teams, and/or providing financial support to individual missionaries going to Honduras. This mission trip is a congregation-wide event. It takes the support of every one of us to do missions in God's Kingdom. Please consider where God is calling you to be a part of this!

Applications are being received through October 31st. Pastor Jen currently has three applications in hand and many more still in prayerful discernment. If you would like to receive an application and/or hear more about this wonderful opportunity for serving, contact Pastor Jennifer.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19-20

FLORAL GUILD CHANGES

by Karen Stein

For five years, the Floral Guild has purchased and arranged flowers for Sunday morning worship services, brought in fresh greenery for the Advent Wreath, created the Easter cross and undertaken other floral tasks as needed. It has been a unique opportunity for men and women to use their gifts to serve God. Karen Twiefel organized and led the group until this past February when Karen Stein took over.

The Floral Guild now includes Kathee Forrest, Anita Roberts, Brandy Frandsen, Denise Greco, Barbara Galland, Faye Honig, Rebecca Stein and Karen Stein. However, with Karen's employment as Christian Education director, she is no longer able to dedicate the time required to organize the Guild, and changes are in store for 2009.

The Floral Guild will continue to share the job of creating arrangements through the end of the year. Kathee Forrest has agreed to take on the responsibility of purchasing the flowers each week until then.

Beginning in January, though, floral arrangements will be supplied by a local commercial florist, House of Blooms on Loop 1604 at Bandera. Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$30 per arrangement, with a maximum of two altar arrangements per week. "Additional" flowers are no longer available as of January 2009. The Floral Guild will continue to handle seasonal needs for Advent, Christmas and Easter.

The ordering and payment process for Altar Flowers remains the same as before; the Altar Flower order book is in the narthex on the Usher cabinet. Select the date you wish, write your dedication info, and place payment in the provided envelope. Please indicate if you wish to take home your flowers, or leave them to be taken to shut-ins or others in need of a day-brightener.



WOMEN OF ZION

by Barbara Galland &
LaVonne Pederson

Nov 20 Women's Bible Study

"Women of the Old Testament" meets on the third Thursday of every month at 10:30am. All women are invited to join us in Family Life Center Room 101 for the next study on Nov 20.

Nov 22 LWR Quilt Sewing

Sew together simple tied quilts for donation to Lutheran World Relief. A great way to learn and practice your sewing skills, and meet others at Zion. Meets on the 4th Saturday of each month. Recipients use these quilts for bedding, shelter, room dividers, hammocks and more.

Nov 23 Thankoffering Service

Thankofferings have been a tradition in our churches since the early 1900's. It's a time for all women to give a special thank you too God for all he has done for us. Thankofferings will be collected at all three services on Nov 23. Collections support programs dealing with world hunger, clean water, diabetes and others.

Dec 13 Christmas Tea

The annual Women's Christmas event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 13 at 4:00pm in the Family Life Center. Entertainment includes Zion's Children Choir.

PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION

Saturday, November 22 at 10:00am.
All are invited.

HEALTH NOTES

by Rhonda Knisley

Asthma is a chronic lung disease that involves inflammation and narrowing of the airways, and increased mucus production. Symptoms can include a tight feeling in the chest, wheezing, trouble breathing, or coughing. Some asthmatics have a chronic cough but never wheeze. Diagnosis is made based on your medical history, physical exam, chest x-ray, and pulmonary function tests.

Certain conditions called triggers can exacerbate asthma symptoms. A few triggers are cigarette smoke, perfumes, odors from gasoline or household cleaners, sinusitis, gastric reflux, exercise, and allergens. Treatment involves controlling the symptoms. Rescue medications are inhaled short-acting bronchodilators that work quickly. Oral corticosteroids may be needed to control a flare-up. Long-acting controllers taken daily may help decrease symptoms. These may include inhaled steroids and long-acting bronchodilators, antihistamines, or leukotriene antagonists. Recording your symptoms and use of rescue medications can help your physician treat you more effectively.

CANDLE SALE FUND-RAISER

Benefits Youth Attending 2009
National Gathering

The annual Ranch House candle sale is on! Zion youth have scents ranging from Sparkling Citrus to Dickens Christmas, in a variety of candles and crystal potpourri, small to large. Scented sprays are new this year. Ranch House is a Kerrville family business using soy-based waxes and natural oil scents. High-school youth are taking orders now through Nov 16, with delivery in time for Christmas gifts. Follow your nose to the table in the narthex in November, or ask any high-school youth around Zion.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW/ MARCH 7, 2009

The 5th annual craft show is now accepting applications from vendors of hand-crafted jewelry, furniture, clothing, home decor and more. Forms are available on the church website or from youth director Travis Baker (tbaker@zionhelotes.org 688-3090).

ZION'S YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRIES TO PERFORM AT FIESTA TEXAS

On Saturday, Dec 20, our Youth Music Ministries will perform at Six Flags Fiesta Texas as part of their *Holiday in the Park, Stars of the Season* program. The park is open from 4:00-10:00pm and the Choir will perform at 7:00pm.

Anyone who would like to come and watch and support the group and enjoy the park for the day can purchase a discounted Friend and Family ticket in advance for \$15.99. Watch for the display in the narthex in November, or contact Dave Oberhauser.

Friends 'N Faith Groups

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. Find out more from the people listed, or from the church office.

New Group

MOM – Mother's of Munchkins: Pray, Play, & Serve Group

Moms of young children gather every Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the Toddler Nursery to pray for one another, have adult conversation while their children play together, and provide opportunities to teach their children the value of serving and giving to others. For more information, contact MOM leader, Sheila McMahan (skmcmahan@sbcglobal.net 695-5186) or see Pastor Jennifer.

Dinner Out

Dinner Out is adults who enjoy dining out at local restaurants. Try a place you've never been before, new food, new culture.

Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month; Nov 15 is at Sarovar Indian Cuisine Restaurant, 10277 Ironside off I-10 and Wurzbach. . Sandi & Jim Chillstrom will make reservations (771-7573 or 695-6310 chillstrom@sbcglobal.net); contact either of them at least one day before the event.

Mom's in Touch Prayer Group

Mom's in Touch International is a group of mothers who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children and the schools they attend. We know our children face much pressure at school and "to stand in the gap" through prayer is the best gift we can give to them. Call Priscilla Hale at 601-4304. The group meets Friday mornings from 10:30-11:30 in the Hale's home at 5214 Roan Field, San Antonio.

Other Friends 'N Faith Groups

- Game Groups Card & domino games, 1st Monday afternoon at 1:00, 4th Monday evening with early supper at 3:30 Golden Corral. Algine Perry, 695-4422.
- Young Married Couples Get together on the 3rd Friday of each month for Bible study, food and fellowship. Couples take turns hosting evenings in their homes. Oct 17 activities are at the Brodbecks. RSVP to Juton 695-2616 or Juton.Buescher@nisd.net.
- Zion POP Zion Parents withOUT Partners. Katja Ierome, 771-7866 or katja_amani@yahoo.com
- Ladies Dinner & Movie 1st Monday at 6:30pm at Applebee's, then a movie at the Silverado Theater. Jo Ann Meinert at jomeinert@earthlink.net.
- Amiable Assemblers Put together bulletins every Friday at 1:00pm, and newsletters once a month. Dorothy Rode, 681-5997 and Sonja Shimkus, 277-0413.
- Mah Jongg Learn and play this Asian tile game with Pat Bangart, 695-6100. Meets in members' homes.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets on the 1st Monday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Baby Nursery. Dorothy Rode.

CARDS AND LETTERS

I would like to thank Pastor Jen for her prayers and phone calls during the time of my back surgery and for Pastor Dave's concern during my recuperation. Also, I would like to thank the wonderful members of Zion for the cards I received. Andy and I were very fortunate to have chosen Zion as our church home.

I have learned how back surgery really worked to slow me down. The hope I have is that it won't be for very long.

Again thanks so much and may God bless everyone.

Zelda Hentschel

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

Just a note to thank you all for your kindness while I was recuperating from my leg operation that turned into an infection. I am well on my way to healing and want to say "Thanks a Million" for all your help with food and get well cards.

I also want to thank Pastor Jennifer Gold for her visits and prayers.

I am hoping to get back on my feet soon and able to go to church.

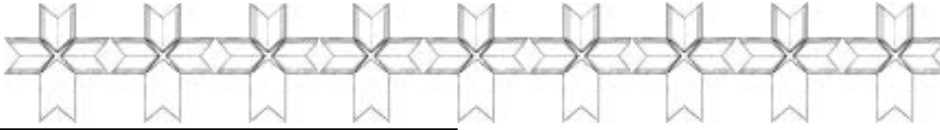
Edythe Foss & Wilbert Foss

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of our clients at the Casa Helotes Senior Center, I would like to extend our thanks to the people who brought us that wonderful barbeque meal last week. Everything was absolutely delicious! We had several requests for the recipe for the copper-penny carrots. We're delighted that you support us in this way. We try very hard to keep down our expenses while providing nutritious meals to the seniors, so your contributions mean so much to us.

Thanks again,
Sincerely,

Nancy K. Smith

Secretary
Casa Helotes Senior Center



Director of Christian Education
Karen Stein
 Church Office 688-3090 ext. 205
kstein@zionhelotes.org

ZAP FAMILY ADVENT-ure

Sunday, Nov 16 at noon
 Share some quality family time as you prepare for Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting and reflecting on Jesus' coming. Bring the entire family after the 11:00 service for a soup lunch and several different Advent crafts to make. Get into the holiday spirit with seasonal music and fellowship. Help your family prepare their hearts and minds for Christmas as we discuss the importance of the season of Advent. Sign up on the kiosk or at the display in the narthex so that plenty of supplies will be available.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We are in need of one more teacher for the older 4-year-olds. If you are interested in helping with this age group, please call Karen at the church.

FIRST GRADE CLASS SPLIT

The First Grade Sunday school class has been split into two separate classes. Both classes now meet in Church #2, just past the Kindergarten classrooms. Enter from the Leslie Road (front) side of the building and walk down the carpet towards the "chapel" area. Teaching teams are Patty & Scott Hodge and Sheila & Keith McMahan.

NURSERY NEWS

Our new Baby Nursery caregiver is Katie Cotcher. She has worked with children since she was twelve years old and is a friend of Laura Schlesinger, our nursery coordinator. Please introduce yourself to Katie and make her feel welcome.

FAMILY COMMUNION WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

A Communion workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 19 in the church sanctuary. This one-hour workshop provides parents and children with the opportunity to learn about the sacrament of holy communion.

At 7:00pm that on Nov 19, parents will meet with Pastor Dave in the sanctuary; children will be with Pastor Jennifer or Suzi Lockamy in the Fellowship Hall for age-appropriate instruction. At 7:30, everyone comes together for further family instruction and a practice run-through.

Participating families must RSVP to ensure enough materials and assistance. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex, or contact the church office by phone or e-mail. Registration deadline is Sunday, Nov 16. Child care for younger children will be provided; please indicate if your family needs child care.

CRAFT ITEM NEEDED

Need 6^{oz} yogurt containers for a Breakfast With Santa craft (Dec 6). Bring CLEAN containers to the mailroom next to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION

Hurricane Ike destroyed the children's section of the Galveston Public Library. Kristan Sweet's class at UTMB-Galveston is collecting new and gently used children's books to restock the shelves. Look for the collection box in the narthex near the bookshelves, or contact Mary Sweet MaryS@mcmi-sa.com. Bring your donations by Oct 31.

JUST 4 YOUTH!

Youth Director

Travis Baker
tbaker@zionhelotes.org
688-3090

ALL YOUTH

Open Gym and Sunday Night Live

Keep your Sunday evenings free for Open Gym and SNL! Open Gym runs from 5:00-6:00pm and features basketball, volleyball, some hang-out time and other games. Come on out and have a great time!

At 6:00 we move into our separate (by grade) evening activities. Those in 6th and 7th grade head upstairs to Room 204, while Confirmation youth go over to the Sanctuary. High school (grades 10-12) meet in FLC Room 203.

No Open Gym or SNL on Sunday, Nov 23. You'll have to walk off that extra pie on your own.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Junior High Youth Gathering

We say middle school around here, but you know what it means

The annual Mid... uh... Junior High Gathering is at Camp Chrysalis starting on Friday, Nov 7. Registered participants should meet at Zion at 6:00pm to load up and head out. It will be a great weekend having fun, worshiping and growing in our faith. Return time is Sunday, Nov 9 around 1:30pm.

HIGH SCHOOL

Senior High Gathering

The time has come to look towards December and plan for the Senior High Gathering. This year we will be staying at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi. The dates for this gathering are December 28-30. The cost for this event is \$110. After Oct 26, talk to Travis to get on the waiting list.

CONFIRMATION

Small Group Fellowship Events

There will be no class on Nov 2 because of small group fellowship events that night. Be talking with your Guides and Jr. Guides about what you would like to do.

Confirmation Schedule

Morning Lesson (9:30)

November

2 Samuel and Saul

9 King David

16 Solomon

23 Israel

30 Judah

December

7 Judah

14 Exile and Return

Evening Lesson (6:00)

Small Group Fellowship Events

(no evening class)

David and Nathan

A Split Kingdom

Thanksgiving Break

Job

Large Group Event

Christmas Break

CAM CORNER

Christian
Assistance
Ministry

by Susan
Johns

I have been a volunteer at Christian Assistance Ministry since 2006 and have loved every minute of it. When I retired after 35 years in education, I made a commitment to find an organization where I could use my talents to serve the Lord. That organization is CAM where I work as the front desk receptionist. In this capacity, I am the first person that clients and other persons in the community encounter when they come to CAM, and this initial contact can make a lasting impression regarding what kind of ministry CAM really is. I am responsible for speaking to each client and preparing their folders for the interviewers as well as sorting and distributing mail to many of our clients.

We can average 160 clients in one day who come from all walks of life and age groups. Let me just name a few that I have encountered: young teenage mothers with newborns who need formula and diapers; Vietnam War veterans who are transients and need a sack lunch or a change of clothes; former prison inmates who need a Texas Photo ID in order to apply for a job; evacuees from Hurricane Ike who were living in shelters in San Antonio; families who need clothing or groceries or financial help to pay their rent or electricity; the 75 year old man who lives on the street or at the Salvation Army and thanks me profusely for giving him food to eat; the mother who needs help with paying for the expensive medication that her child needs to take for his illness; the young man who has been homeless and now can afford his own apartment; or the woman who tells me that she is very blessed just to be alive today. I even assisted a former student

of mine who had been in jail. It is amazing to me that the majority of these individuals have such a strong faith in God along with positive attitudes. This definitely makes me think twice before I complain about anything and I thank God for everything that He provides for me. He is indeed an AWESOME and LOVING Father!

If you have a desire to put your faith into action through helping other people in need, please consider being a volunteer at CAM. Positions that are in need of volunteers are interviewers, pantry workers, receptionists, recorders, and warehouse workers. To volunteer and obtain more information about these positions, please contact Dalia Trevino, Volunteer Coordinator, at 222-1553 or camministry@yahoo.com.

In addition, items that are always needed are food, clothing for men, women, and children, hygiene items, sheets, towels, dishes, pots and pans, and baby items. We do not take furniture. These items may be placed in Zion's mail room next to the Toddler Nursery or taken to CAM which is located at 110 McCullough. Finally, I would like to thank the various school organizations who have held food and clothing drives and donated the items to CAM.

As disciples of God, being a volunteer at CAM or donating needed items is a beautiful way to serve our Lord and Father. Because CAM operates as a ministry, the volunteers also assume the role of ministers to those whom they serve.

JOB OPENING

CAM has a position open for part-time warehouse clerk. This employee works with volunteers and donors in the food and clothing warehouses. Apply in person at Christian Assistance Ministry, 110 McCullough, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

CAM SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS

Special collection Nov 2-16

CANNED VEGETABLES

Beans, all types
Peas
Tomato products
Corn
Carrots
Mixed Veggies

CANNED MEATS & SOUP (10-15oz)

Tuna
Chicken
Ham
Stew

CAN/JAR/INDIVIDUAL CUPS FRUIT

Fruit cocktail
Applesauce
Peaches
Pears
Pineapple
Apricots

OTHER

Pasta, spaghetti, noodles
Pasta sauce
Macaroni & cheese box
Ready-to-eat cereal
Oatmeal (18oz)
Peanut butter (18oz)
Jelly

LUNCHBOX SIZE, POP-TOP

Pork & beans (8oz)
Juice (6oz)

ALWAYS NEEDED AT CAM

Pots & pans
Plates & bowls
Cooking & eating utensils

Children's clothing
Children's school uniforms
Women's clothing (large sizes)
Men's clothing (slim sizes)

New socks
New underwear

Grocery bags (remove receipts)

ADVENTURE TRAVEL

All are invited to join the Adventure Travel Group on these excursions.

Contact Shirley Jonas (680-6867 or sajonas@sbcglobal.net) about these trips:

Dec 6	Vespers
Dec 14	Hill Country Christmas Lights
<i>2009</i>	
Feb 19	Bald Eagle Vanishing River Cruise
Mar 7-12	Western Caribbean Cruise (Spring Break)
Mar 29-Apr 4	New Orleans
Apr 23	USS Lexington
June 11-15	Palo Duro Canyon, Santa Fe & Ruidoso NM
June 21-28	Mexican Riviera Cruise
July 25-Aug 1	Hawaiian Island Cruise
Aug 8-19	Alaska Cruise & Denali Land Tour
Oct 12-25	Mediterranean, Greece & Turkey Cruise
<i>2010</i>	
Jan 10-17	Eastern Caribbean Cruise
Sept 4-19	Austria, Switzerland & Oberammergau

Contact Brigitte Koehler about these trips, 520-0736 or travel-with-brigitte@juno.com:

Oct 18-26	Las Vegas/Grand Canyon Bus Tour
Nov 1-7	Branson Christmas Bus
Nov 10-22	Italian Vistas - Rome, Naples, Florence, Venice & Switzerland
Nov 30-Dec 7	Western Caribbean
<i>2009</i>	
Feb 27-Mar 17	Chilean Fjords & Strait of Magellan
Apr 14-20	Branson in Spring
Apr 24-May 2	Copper Canyon Adventure
May 7	Painted Churches, Schulenburg Day Trip
May 15-25	Niagara Falls, Toronto Bus
July 24-30	San Francisco & Tahoe
Sept 5-13	Rushmore & Black Hills of SD Bus Tour
Oct 9-16	New England Fall Foliage
Nov 27-Dec 4	Alpine Christmas
<i>2010</i>	
Aug 24-Sept 4	Heart of Europe & Passion Play in Oberammergau
Sept 3-14	Heart of Europe & Passion Play in Oberammergau



The Zion Zippers meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. All who are 50 years or older (and their significant others)

are invited to join and participate in the activities. A potluck supper is shared at 6:30pm, followed by a business meeting and program. If you admit to being over 50, you're welcome!

In November, Zippers will furnish the turkey and ham, with participants filling in the rest of the menu—Thanksgiving time! It will also be a time for the honoring of veterans and hearing from them as to their service to our country. November hosts are the Anderwalds, Rushfeldts, and Norm Pedersons. The program will be a surprise!

October Meeting Review

by Dorothy Rode

Beverly Rosel welcomed all members and guests, birthday and anniversary celebrants and called upon Pastor Dave to bless the bountiful food laid before us—mmmm! Approximately 50 people were present, along with a new couple, and all were fed.

Hostesses for this meeting were the Koehlers and the Bohnes. Mention was made of the Onion House Restoration dinner later this month at the Leon Valley Center on Evers Rd. Gloria Anderson has tickets.

Mary Sweet reported that the hurricane that hit Galveston destroyed all childrens' books at the library there. She will have a box in the narthex to receive donations of used (or new) children's books for this cause.

The evening's program was presented by Pastor Dave and he had us thinking about our brain's functioning and how to keep it in good working order. Interesting activities brought us to our feet and turned us into "pretzels." The brain is an organ that needs exercise by our thinking "outside of the box," departing from the routines we get into in our everyday living. He suggested to try using the opposite hand when brushing your teeth, writing, or eating. It puts new 'grooves' in that wonderful organ that needs exercise just like the rest of our body. An interesting and thought-provoking presentation. Think about it, y'all. Come and join with us next month on Nov 10, when we will be surprised!

CHURCH BBQ 2008

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the barbeque. It was a team effort with many of the volunteers doing much more than was expected of them. Thanks again for all of the work.

Mary Ann Schmitt
2009 Coordinator

Quilt Drawing Winner:

Evelyn Shaw

BBQ FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	
Pre sale tickets	
Adults (2777)	\$1939.00
Child (57)	171.00
At door tickets	
Adults (185)	1480.00
Child (44)	132.00
Food sold	504.00
Soda	102.16
Crafts	630.50
Plants	260.00
Desserts	202.70
Quilt	403.00
General store	<u>213.75</u>
Total income	\$6038.11
Expenses	
Bounce	200.00
Petting zoo	200.00
Bread	42.50
Food	2436.81
Paper goods	58.82
Truck rental	350.03
Gasoline	24.06
Total expenses	<u>3312.22</u>
Profit	\$2725.89

Zion Music Academy

Private instrument instruction in trumpet, flute, piano and guitar for children youth and adults. Beginner and intermediate lessons available to all members of the community, as well as Zion. Twenty-minute lessons are \$10 per session, and half-hour lessons are \$15. Contact the instructors below to schedule:

- Trumpet: David Oberhauser
doberhauser@zionhelotes.org
688-3090
- Flute: Elyse Hearn
520-4436
- Piano: Kelly Oberhauser
koberhauser@zionhelotes.org
372-0229
- Guitar: Seth Greco
695-9683

CLIP AND SAVE!

MUSIC REHEARSALS

Kelly and/or David Oberhauser direct music groups, except as noted.

Youth Choir (Middle & High School)

Begins Aug 31

Sunday 4:30pm

Music Apse

Handbells

Begins September 2

Tuesday 6:30pm

Sanctuary Balcony (upstairs)

David Thamm, Director

670-0643

Men's Choir

Tuesday 7:45pm

Sanctuary Choir Loft

David Thamm, Director

670-0643

Adult Choir

Begins Sept 3

Wednesday 7:00pm

Music Apse

Children's Choir (Grades 2-5)

Thursday 5:30pm

Music Apse

Praise Team

Thursday 7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir Loft

Rehearsals to be scheduled. Contact director for information.

Brass Group

Orchestra

David Oberhauser, Director

688-3090 x 211 or 415-6885

Woodwinds

Elyse Hearn, Director

520-4436

Kelly & David Oberhauser:

Church Office 688-3090 ext. 211

Kelly koberhauser@zionhelotes.org

David doberhauser@zionhelotes.org

WEDDINGS

✠ God's blessings on Scarlett Stiles and Marcus Wyatt, who were married at Zion on Oct 4.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the family of Zion!

- ◆ Elijah David Minica baptized Oct 12
- ◆ William Carlton Spaeth baptized Oct 19

HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

- Mildred Galm
- Zane Gold
- Martha Hicks
- Dorothy Jackson
- Arthur Leis
- Yvonne Thamm
- Carolyn Thronson

IN SYMPATHY

Our prayers and condolences go to:

- ✠ Bonnie Harrell upon the loss of her brother, Guy Swanson
- ✠ Shirley Homeier-McBrayer upon the loss of her father.

May God's promise of the resurrection offer you comfort in this time of sorrow.

HELP A CHILD READ

The OASIS inter-generational tutoring program is in need of adult tutors to help school children increase their reading skills. Volunteers are needed at schools in every neighborhood.

For details, contact:

Gloria Jennings
Intergenerational Programs
256-2335
Macy's Furniture Galleries
6161 NW Loop 410

The Little Church Mouse is Spreading the News that...



...Rachel Iwanicki and Christian Zuniga will be serving as Duchess and Duke in the 50th SA Lutheran Coronation on Nov 15. If you would like to purchase tickets or a program to the event, please contact Karen Iwanicki at 680-8137.

...Jannette & Roger Smith have a new granddaughter, Cadia Noel Johnson born Oct 2 to Dannette & David Johnson.

CHURCH OFFICE INTERNET PROBLEMS COMING TO A CLOSE

As of Oct 25, the church office internet is still down. A new provider has been selected, but installation will be another several weeks.

In the meantime, staff members are using their home computers to check e-mail and update the website after hours. If you need an immediate response during office hours, please phone 688-3090. Voice mail is always available.

OTHER CHURCHES' EVENTS

Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to their annual sausage supper and bazaar on Thursday, Nov 6. Serving is from 3:00pm-7:00pm, and to-go plates are available. Adult plates are \$7, children age 10 and under are \$4. Trinity is at 5520 S. Flores at Compton, 924-1722.

Matching funds for the event will be applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church hosts "Removing the Veil of Islam." Guest speaker is Kim Idrees, Texas Missionary-at-Large to Muslim Women, and a former Muslim. This seminar is for women and teens, high-school age and older, on Saturday, Nov 15 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Shepherd of the Hills, 6914 Wurzbach. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and includes lunch. Child care is available upon request, no charge. Contact Frona McGuire, 614-3742 x203 or fmcguire@shlutheran.org.

**INVESTMENT REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2008**

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Sep 08 \$66,199
 Actual Contrib Sep 08..... \$65,793
 Giving Goal Jan-Sep 08 ... \$631,012
 Actual Contrib Jan-Sep 08 \$650,610
 YTD Difference -\$19,598
2007 Sep Actual Contrib. \$69,971

• **Building Fund**

Sep 08 Income \$31,201
 BF cash on hand \$69,844

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2008 634
 YTD average 2007 665

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Please include author/contact information on all submissions. E-mail to jrodehickey@zionhelotes.org.

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December CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, Nov 14.

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by Julie Rode-Hickey

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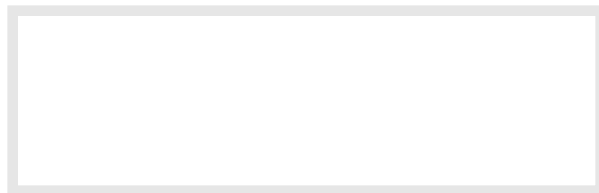
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOV 9

Meeting begins immediately after the 11:00 worship service, at noon in the Sanctuary. Child care available. Agenda items include election of council and cemetery board members, council president and approval of the 2009 spending plan.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The church office is closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving holidays.

In observance of Christmas, the office will be closed Dec 25 and 26. Check with the office for individual staff persons vacations.

SANTA INVITES YOU FOR BREAKFAST

Saturday morning, Dec 6 beginning at 8:00am in the Family Life Center.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

- Shoeboxes for Kids. See page 1. Deadline is Nov 16.
- Thanksgiving food collection for Christian Assistance Ministry Nov 2-16. See page 7 for shopping suggestions.
- Angel Tree gifts for Mision Luterana in the Laredo area. Pick a gift tag from the tree beginning Nov 16.
- Military personnel overseas. Watch for easy-to-mail gift suggestions and dates.

GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Workshop open to all

The holidays often bring up buried issues relating to grief and loss. Rev. Kay Johnson presents a one-time workshop on dealing with these issues. This class is open to all - no registration required. 7:00pm on Monday, Nov 10.