

CHRIST IS COMING – PREPARE!

Advent is a time of anticipation. Anticipation doesn't take place in a vacuum, though. For there to be anticipation there must be something or someone coming. We don't just feel or think anticipation; we live it. In other words, when we anticipate a coming, we prepare.

During this Advent we live in anticipation of the final coming of Christ by pleading, preparing, proclaiming, and participating in his coming.

November 30 - Advent 1:

Plead for the Coming

December 7 - Advent 2:

Prepare for the Coming

December 14 - Advent 3:

Proclaim the Coming

December 21 - Advent 4:

Participate in the Coming



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00pm

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. That includes preparing the sanctuary - hanging garlands, placing candles and decorating the Christmas tree with Zion's hand-crafted set of chrismons.

Chrismons are more than ornaments. Chrismons symbolize many aspects of Christianity: the Chi Ro are Christ's Greek initials, the anchored cross is God's steadfast faithfulness, the Shell symbolizes baptism.

Join in this Advent tradition, the Hanging of the Greens, on Wednesday, Dec 3. Come to the sanctuary at 6:00pm. The tree will be up and ready to decorate.

You can find more information on chrismons and instructions to make them on the internet. Search for chrismons.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Sponsorship Deadline Dec 19

Many Zion members and friends wish to share their poinsettias at Christmastime. In past years, these people shop for the perfect plant,

water it to keep it alive, label it, and bring it to the church the day before Christmas Eve. All this at the busiest time of the year!



You now have an easier way to share a poinsettia with the church; pre-purchase a plant to be delivered to the church for you on Christmas Eve.

Order and dedication envelopes are now available in the narthex near the red-and-gold Christmas box. Poinsettia plants are \$7 each. Dedications and memorials will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

- Use one envelope per each plant and dedication, please. Don't double up.
- Place the payment for all your plants into one of your envelopes, and drop them into the poinsettia box by Friday, Dec 19. That's it!

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



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

Here is an invitation for ladies of all ages to share

together in a cup of Christmas Tea! Tea time is 4:00pm on Saturday, Dec 13 in Zion's Family Life Center. Come as a guest and be seated with seven other women and girls, or host your own table!

Hostesses set a festive table under the theme of "Christmas Peace." Bring your Advent or Christmas decorations and set a candlelit table for eight. Use your best china or bring plastic Christmas plates: you decide how formal to make *your* teatime table. Invite your children, family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to your table; extra seats will be filled in with other guests.

The tea service includes a variety of hot and cold "teacup" beverages, appetizers and sweets. Zion's Children's Choir will put you in the spirit of the Christmas season, along with reflections by Pastor Jennifer and singing carols together.

A monetary offering will be collected and shared between women's ministries at Zion and New Life Treatment Center. *New Life* is a residential treatment center for teenage girls suffering from emotional and behavioral problems due to abuse and neglect. Suggested physical offerings are phone calling cards, winter jackets, long sleeve t-shirts and socks to benefit the girls of New Life. Sizes range from adult medium through large and extra-large.

Guests and hostesses, sign up now in the narthex to reserve your seat, or a table to decorate! For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer or Karen Stein in the church office.

The prophet Isaiah foretold (9:6), "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

HABITAT HOUSE FOLLOW-UP

by Chris Hale, Zion Habitat Coordinator



The Habitat House dedication was Saturday, Nov 8. The house was completed and the family was very excited. The Lutheran Cluster gave a housewarming gift to the family, a Wal-Mart gift card in the amount of \$150.

The family was ecstatic! Also, they loved the quilt that the Zion Quilting Bees made for them. They said it was a special gift that will always be treasured. They would like us to be sure and thank all those who donated and worked on their house; they said it was a dream come true.

"Our" family went above and beyond in the work they did to get their house. Habitat families must earn 300 hours of "sweat equity" prior to construction beginning on their own homes. Felicia and Juan earned more sweat equity hours than any other recipients of a home; they worked 457 total sweat equity hours! Habitat gave them a new lawn mower for their hard work and dedication. They were the only family to receive the award.

P.O.C.A.S. FINALS WEEK

Thursday, Dec 4 at 6:00pm

Parents of College-Age Students get together for fellowship with friends that understand what it means to have "adult children." The group will put together finals-week treats to help keep our students alert—nothing beats that sugar rush! Bring 2-3 bags of cookies, candy and snacks, and we will assemble goodie bags to take home and mail or give to your child.

Meet in the narthex at 6:00pm on Thursday, Dec 4. RSVP to Karen Zook (metro phone 830-612-3525 or zooknook@wildblue.net).

DIAMOND PLUS LUNCHEON DEC 10

The Diamond Plus group gets together twice a year for fellowship and lunch. All who are age 75+, along with a spouse or "date" will receive an invitation in the mail for this Christmas event. The get-together begins at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, Dec 10.

Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, Dec 2, 688-3090 or zion@zionhelotes.org.

SEND A SINGING CHRISTMAS-GRAM BY THE YOUTH CHOIR

For a \$20 donation, you can send the Youth Choir to the home of another church member, a friend, a family

member or a neighbor to spread the Good News and the Joy of the Christmas Season. The recipient of the Singing Christmas-Gram will be given a Christmas card signed by the Youth Choir, a candy cane and four Christmas carols.

Christmas-Grams are limited to neighborhoods near Zion—look for the display and map in the narthex or make arrangements through Travis Baker or Julie Rode-Hickey at the church office, 688-3090. Caroling dates are Monday, Dec 15 and Sunday, Dec 21.

This event is hosted by the Youth Choir, but others are welcome to join in the caroling and spirited fun! Contact Travis or Julie at the church office, above.

Proceeds from this fund-raiser are to go towards fees and expenses for the YouthCue Baylor Festival of Youth Choirs in February 2009. YouthCue is an opportunity to sing high-quality music with a three-hundred voice choir, accompanied by the Baylor Symphony Orchestra. The festival is hosted by Baylor University and YouthCue, "a non-profit interdenominational organization which seeks to 'radically impact the lives of youth' through the youth choir experience."

**WOMEN OF ZION**

by Barbara Galland & LaVonne Pederson

A blessed Christmas to all!**Dec 18 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 Jan 15.

Jan 10 Saturday Quilt Sewing for LWR

Meet on Saturday mornings in the Fellowship Hall* at 9:00am. If you've never put together a quilt, this is a way to learn. If your stitches are "12 to the inch" this is a way to share your skill with others. Lutheran World Relief collects tied quilts from congregations around the country. These are "rough and ready" quilts made quickly from large pieces. Quilts will be used for warmth, for room dividers, for hammocks, for shelter and more. Bring your own machine if you like.

* Some weeks are in Family Life Center Room 101 at 10:00 - check the Zion calendar or call Barb Galland, 695-8497.

Spring LWR Collection

Each year, WOZ collects items for kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief, which distributes the kits where needed. Kits include sewing supplies, infant layettes, health & hygiene supplies and more. Watch for a list of kit requirements, and start collecting bars of soap.

April 14 LWR Trucks at Zion

Lutheran churches from all over southwest Texas bring their quilts and LWR Kits to Zion. Boxes will need to be loaded into two semi-trucks that day - one day only.

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE

Available at discount through Dec 21

Augsburg Fortress is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of the new Lutheran Study Bible. This exciting new Bible features the NRSV translation as well as introductions, notes, and articles written by over sixty Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians.

This resource is designed to invite readers to experience the Bible and its message through solid background material, unique Lutheran insights, and opportunities for faith reflection. Reader-friendly, inviting, and engaging, this is the perfect study Bible for both youth and adults who want to encounter Scripture in a fresh and new way!

Resources include four types of study notes:

- The World of the Bible explores the historical, cultural, and geographic background of a particular passage.
- Biblical Concepts explain key words or themes in the context of other parts of Scripture.
- Lutheran Perspectives highlight Lutheran theological insights and catechetical connections drawn from particular passages.
- Faith Reflections provide commentary and questions that encourage life application.

You can get a Lutheran Study Bible for a greatly reduced price - \$25 vs. \$34.99. A sign up sheet is on the kiosk in the narthex. Sign up by Dec 21; pay when Bibles are delivered.



HEALTH NOTES

by Rhonda Knisley

Tis' the season for cedar fever in south Texas. The mountain cedar pollinates in the winter months, with the highest pollen counts from December through February.

Cedar fever is actually an allergic reaction to these cedar pollens. Symptoms may include itchy eyes and nose, nasal congestion and post-nasal drip, and sneezing and coughing. Your physician may recommend or prescribe an antihistamine, decongestant, bronchodilator, or allergy shots.

If you actually have a fever, you may have developed an infection and should consult your physician. Other measures you may consider are to keep your doors and windows closed, vacuum and damp dust your house regularly, stay inside as much as possible, and shower and change your clothes if you spend a lot of time out of doors. Using a HEPA filter or running your air conditioner may also help.

ADVENTURE TRAVEL

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

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

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 Tour
July 24-30	San Francisco & Tahoe
Aug 7-17	Amish Country, Lancaster & Philadelphia
Sept 5-13	Rushmore & Black Hills of SD Bus Tour
Oct 9-16	New England Fall Foliage
Nov 3-9	Branson Christmas
Nov 27-Dec 4	Alpine Christmas 2010
Aug 24-Sept 4	Heart of Europe & Passion Play in Oberammergau
Sept 3-14	Heart of Europe & Passion Play in Oberammergau

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

Nov 2-7	Branson & Eureka Springs
Dec 6	Vespers
Dec 14	Hill Country Christmas Lights
2009	
Feb 7-12	Western Caribbean Cruise
Feb 19	Bald Eagle Vanishing River Cruise
Mar 7-12	Spring Break Western Caribbean Cruise
Mar 29-Apr 4	New Orleans
Apr 22-30	Niagara Falls, DC & NYC
June 11-15	Palo Duro Canyon, Santa Fe & Ruidoso NM
June 21-28	Mexican Riviera Cruise
July 25-Aug 1	Hawaiian Island Cruise
July 26-Aug 2	Western Caribbean Cruise
Aug 8-19	Alaska Cruise & Denali Land Tour
Sept 17	USS Lexington in Corpus Christi
Oct 3-10	New England Fall Foliage
Oct 15-26	Mediterranean Cruise
Nov 8-13	Branson
Nov 28-Dec 3	Western Caribbean Cruise
Dec 5	Vespers
Dec 12	Salado Shopping & Lights
2010	
Jan 10-17	E. Caribbean (Bahamas)
June	Passion Play in Eureka Springs
Sept 4-19	Austria, Switzerland & Oberammergau

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

Join a Beth Moore Bible Study!

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman

Beth Moore, popular Bible study leader, provides an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you.

Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it is tough today. Beth peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to us. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

This 10-week interactive study led by Pastor Jennifer features personal daily assignments and weekly group sessions, with video presentations by Beth Moore. The series begins Wednesday, Jan 14 and continues through April 1. Meet in Room 101 at 7:30pm; child care will be available upon request.

A sign-up for the study and child care will be up in the narthex soon. Participants Books are available at any Life Way store; the nearest store is on I-10 in the Rim Shopping Center.

Invite a girlfriend to join you and come along as we study God's Word together in a world where "it's tough being a woman!"

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

- **MOM: Mothers of Munchkins**
Moms and kids meet in the Toddler Nursery to play and pray! Current Bible study is "Mom to Mom: Growing Together." Wednesdays at 9:30am, beginning Dec 3. Sheila McMahan skmcmahan@sbcglobal.net or 695-5186
- **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. Contact Juton 695-2616 or Juton.Buescher@nisd.net.
- **ZPOP: 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.
- **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. Contact the Cools (520-7910 kcool@sbc.rr.net) or the Chillstroms (771-7573 chillstrom@sbcglobal.net) if you have a restaurant suggestion.

- **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, 681-5997.
- **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.

MUSIC REHEARSALS**Youth Choir (Middle & High School)**

Sunday 4:30pm

Music Apse

Lindsey Ackels, Ted Moody and Chris Gold

Handbells

Tuesday 6:30pm

Sanctuary Balcony (upstairs)

David Thamm 670-0643

Men's Choir

Tuesday 7:30pm

Sanctuary Choir Loft

David Thamm 670-0643

Adult Choir

Wednesday 7:00pm

Music Apse

David Thamm 670-0643

Brass Group

Wednesday 8:15pm

Sanctuary Choir Loft

David Thamm 670-0643

Children's Choir (Grades 2-5)

Thursday 5:30pm

Music Apse

Carrie Jasso 509-0423

Praise Team

Thursday 7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir Loft

Scott Lassiter 913-4331

Woodwinds

Rehearsals scheduled as needed.

Contact Elyse (below)

Elyse Hearn 520-4436

JUST 4 YOUTH!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Open Gym and Sunday Night Live

will take a break during the month of December. We will resume on Jan 4.

Confirmation

Confirmation Christmas Party Dec 7

All who are currently in Confirmation classes are invited to celebrate Christmas together at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Meet at the downtown restaurant at 2:00pm to enjoy a great meal and hang out for a while.

After lunch, we'll head over to Rivercenter Mall with our small groups to pick out gifts for Angel Tree recipients (from our sister congregation near Laredo). If you have a question in the meantime, contact Travis or your own Confirmation Guide.

High School

Breakfast with Santa

As a fundraiser for our trip to the National Gathering, we will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec 6. Set-up is on Friday night (Dec 5) from 7:00-9:00pm.

The event will run on Saturday from 7:30-10:30am (yes, in the morning). This is a great fundraiser and a

great activity to do for our community, so make plans to be involved.

Senior High Youth Gathering

We will head down to Corpus Christi for the annual High School Gathering on Dec 28-30. We will meet after the late service to load up the cars and travel together. We will have a great time having fun, worshiping and growing in our faith.

Christmas Caroling

The Youth Choir invites all youth to head out to people's houses for Christmas Caroling. This is a Youth Choir fundraiser, but there's plenty of fun for everyone. The dates for this are Monday, Dec 15 and Sunday, Dec 21. Look for the table in the narthex to sign up. See page 3 for details on *Christmas-Grams*.

On caroling nights, we will meet at the church and carpool to the different houses and sing our hearts out in celebration of Christ's birth. Times will be announced.

Director of Youth Ministries

Travis Baker

Church Office 688-3090 ext. 206
tbaker@zionhelotes.org

Confirmation Schedule 08-09

MORNING LESSON (9:30)

December

7 Judah
14 Exile and Return

January

4	Annunciation, Magi, Birth of Jesus	Culture of Jesus' Time
11	Jesus' Nazareth Sermon	Wilderness Temptations
18	Beatitudes	Jesus Calls the First Disciples
24	----- Large Group Service Event -----	
25	Service Event Debrief	

EVENING LESSON (6:00)

Confirmation Christmas Party
Christmas Break

A Birthday Party for Jesus!

The party is on Sunday, Dec 21 at 9:30am in the Family Life Center. All children are invited for games, crafts, a live nativity and birthday cupcakes. The party will be a fun way to experience the joy of Jesus' birth.

Each class will have the opportunity to participate in some manner with the nativity actors. The children will present real gifts to the Baby Jesus (to be given to local charities). Teachers will send invitations with specific information about the event.

Due to the shortened fall-winter planning period, this event is held in place of an evening Christmas program.

Sunday School Holiday

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, Dec 28. Classes will resume on Jan 4, 2009. I pray you all have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Karen Stein

ZAP: ZION ACTION PACK

Planning Meeting & Pot-Luck Brunch

The Zion Action Pack relies on interested parents and other adults to plan and carry out events. The planning meeting for Spring 2009 events is on Jan 17 at 10:00am. Come to Room 101 of the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite dish to share for a pot-luck brunch.

To find out more about ZAP and other children's ministries, contact Karen Stein (below).

Director of Christian Education

Karen Stein

Church Office 688-3090 ext. 205
kstein@zionhelotes.org



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.

December hosts will be Shirley Jonas, Kay Morris and Debra & Jim Rennert. Bring side dishes and dessert; ham and turkey are provided at the December gathering. The program will be BUNCO! Y'all come and party with us!

November Meeting Review

by Dorothy Rode

The Zippers meeting Nov 10 was a celebration of God, country, and veterans, as well as those who supported our veterans. Good ol' American oldies (music, that is) and decorations of the red, white, and blue were all around. The Anderwalds, Pedersons and Rushfeldts were hosts for the evening, with a program to honor and appreciate all who were involved in our country's battles. Tables were set up for display of memorabilia and some of the hosts were still able to wear their uniforms!

After the usual birthday and anniversary celebration and items of business, President Bev Rosel welcomed visitors and reported on the ill. Pastor Jennifer led us in prayer for the meal of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings - lotsa good cooks among us. Dinner music of patriotic songs was a fitting background and much enjoyed.

The program began with Shirley Rushfeldt leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and all sang "America the Beautiful." Veterans were asked to stand and were roundly applauded, followed by conversations with and about our veterans of the armed forces. Each branch was honored with its' theme song and the country's "Star Spangled Banner" in conclusion. It was a beautiful and thought-provoking evening.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to:
Elizabeth & Ryan Casey on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Dyan on Nov 7.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the family of Zion!

- ◆ Griffin Paul Deitch, baptized on Nov 9.
- ◆ Emma Jane Putnam, baptized on Nov 16
- ◆ Samuel Stanley Putnam, baptized on Nov 16.

WEDDING

🔔 Congratulations to Michelle McCarty and Andrew Faust who were married on Nov 8.

HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

- Gail Josephson
- Amber Moody
- Anissa Moore

IN SYMPATHY

Our prayers and condolences go to:

- ✘ Cindy Galm upon the loss of her brother, Gary Orlowski
- ✘ Margaret Harrison upon the loss of her sister-in-law Jeane Ayers
- ✘ Cliff Trimble upon the loss of his brother, Harold Trimble
- ✘ Brett Kraemer and Steve Eckhardt upon the loss of their grandfather and uncle, Harvey Eckhardt.
- ✘ Dan Mock upon the loss of his brother-in-law Primo Chavez.

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

THANK YOU TO

...Willie McQuien for replacing the glass and the wood moulding in the Church 3 front doors.

CARDS & LETTERS

Dear family at Zion,
How blessed we are to be a part of a church family as caring as you are. I cannot tell you how much your cards, visits, calls, food, and most of all your prayers have meant during my recent illness. Thank you so much. I know that with your support and God's healing hands we will be able to beat this. Pastor Dave and Pastor Jen, you are wonderful! The Holy Spirit is truly at work in our midst. I look forward with the hope and assurance of God's grace to returning to worship and service at Zion soon. God's blessings to you all.

Gail Josephson

OPENING THE BOOK OF FAITH Pastor-Led Class Begins in January

The 2007 ELCA churchwide assembly voted to embrace a five-year initiative called "Book of Faith." Pastor Schulte was a participant at this assembly. The vision for this five-year initiative is:

That the whole church become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered, and sent by the Word.

In keeping with this plan, the pastors will lead a Sunday morning Adult class on the Book of Faith from Jan 4-Feb 22. The class meets at 9:30am in Room 202, upstairs in the Family Life Center. An elevator will be available. Come and join us as we begin our exploration Opening the Book of Faith!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

Building for the Future

Anniversary Update

by *Kathee Forrest*

At Zion, we are blessed with physical evidence of our congregation's faithfulness; the Chapel built by Zion's founders in 1906, Church 2 built by their children and grandchildren, and our present sanctuary built to shelter their great-grandchildren and the expanding community—a heritage of growth.

On October 28, 2007, at a memorable worship service at the O'Connor High School's Vickery Ag Center, our congregation committed to our three-year stewardship program (Under Construction: Building for the Future). Under Construction's goal is to pay off the existing debt of our Family Life Center, so that we could move forward with much needed building expansions. Following our worship, we celebrated with food and fellowship. It was indeed a historical day for Zion.

Upon the one-year anniversary of this event, we can reflect on our continuing faith to expand our church facilities and reflect on our continued support of our 104-year old church.

BENEFITS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"Lord, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will for this church?"

Through prayer, we seek God's will for our lives. We hope to make a difference. We want to help, to reach out to those in need. We want to stop pain, to foster spiritual growth, to expand mission outreach in our communities, and to enable every person to know that they are cared for, and loved – particularly in times of need. That is part of our church's mission: Bringing to Christ - Growing in Christ – Serving for Christ

Through the UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Building for the Future stewardship program, you can build a legacy now and for the future. We desperately need more space to meet our growing needs. Your prayerful response and gifts will more quickly launch our

expansion into new facilities so we can increase our ministries and thus benefit our community, family, friends and loved ones.

If you did not have an opportunity to participate last year, pledge cards have been updated to cover the final two years of the three-year campaign period. Yellow pledge cards & envelopes are in the narthex—give your completed card to an usher or to the church office.

We celebrate with thanksgiving the pledges we received last year of \$909,000. As the first year of our three-year period closes, we are well on track. With continued, faithful giving, we are on a course to exceed the original pledged total! God's work through our hands, for the sake of the world.

Prayerfully consider how to help your church – your prayers, presence, gifts – maybe gifting the cost of one less pizza or dinner out per month! Only an increase in stewardship will enable us to pay down the principal more quickly, and save in interest costs.

**INVESTMENT REPORT
OCT 2008**

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Oct 08	\$72,170
Actual Contrib Oct 08	\$59,860
Giving Goal Jan-Oct 08	\$703,182
Actual Contrib Jan-Oct 08 ...	\$671,274
YTD Difference	-\$31,908
<i>2007 Oct Actual Contrib. \$57,645</i>	

• **Building Fund**

Oct 08 Income	\$23,723
BF cash on hand	\$62,346

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2008	627
YTD average 2007	655

CHURCH STAFF *E-mail addresses for Staff & Council at www.zionhelotes.org*

Rev. David Schulte	Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Gold	Associate Pastor
Suzie Wyatt	Administrator
Julie Rode-Hickey	Publications
Dean Hearn	Secretary
Linda Spears	Office Assistant
Karen Stein	Christian Education
Travis Baker	Youth
Jennifer Bauer	Lutheran Campus Ministry
David Thamm	Handbells, Men's Choir
Elyse Hearn	Woodwinds
Grace Muñoz	Custodial Operations
Brent Leaming	Facilities & Grounds
Laura Schlesinger	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant

2008 CHURCH COUNCIL

Suzi Lockamy	President
Jim Chillstrom	Vice President
Karl Nentwich	Secretary
Sue Brandenburg	Treasurer
Henry Brauchle	
Ed Kimball	
Brett Kraemer	
Belynda McKenzie	
Mary Ann Schmitt	

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

COORDINATORS

Gerri Dalum & Marilyn Toepperwein	Memorials
LaVonne Pederson & Barbara Galland	Women of Zion
Jo Ann Meinert & Chris Hale	Mutual Ministry
Barbara Klein	Bereavement
Henry Brauchle	Sound Team
<i>Position Open</i>	8:00 Ushers
<i>Position Open</i>	9:30 Ushers
Sarah Nichols	11:00 Ushers
Susan Johns	Altar Guild
Karen Stein	Floral Guild
Gena Sanchez	Acolytes
Pat Bangart	Welcome Center
Tabatha West & Karen Iwanicki	Sunday School
Amy & David Walter	Adult Education
Bev Rosel	<i>Zion Zippers (50+)</i>
Algine Perry	Game Group
Bonnie Harrell	Z-Bee Quilters
Jimmy Weimer	Cemetery Board
Heather Lotts & Tabatha West	Zion Action Pack (ZAP)

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 6, 7:30-10:30am

Santa's coming to Zion's Family Life Center. A pancake breakfast is served continuously, while the youth host craft and activity tables. Bring your own camera for a snapshot with Santa.

Event tickets are \$4 per person. Tickets are available after Sunday worship, on weekdays in the church office, and at the door on Dec 6.

Hosted by Zion High School youth to offset costs for the 2009 National Gathering in New Orleans



CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

- December 21 regular Sunday worship services at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am
- December 24 Wednesday Christmas Eve Worship Services with Candlelight, Carol & Holy Communion at 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30pm
- December 28 Sunday services of lessons and carols at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am.

Church office hours

December 24	8:30 - noon
December 25	Closed
December 26	Closed
December 31	8:30 - noon
January 1	Closed