

WORSHIP THEMES IN MAY

May promises to be an exciting time in worship, so you don't want to miss!

- May 3 Earth Day (and the Pastors get "slimed" to benefit Relay for Life)
- May 10 Laredo Mission Team shares their experiences and pictures
- May 17 "Water to Thrive" Youth-led Worship
- May 24 Jesus' Ascension and welcome Rob Mikulski, our new music director!
- May 31 Festival of Pentecost - Communion at all three services

See you in worship!

*Pastor Jen*

DATE NIGHT WITH A BOOK MAY 2

*Study Series for All Couples*

The Date Night With a Book Club kicks off at Buffalo Southwest Cafe (Bandera at Loop 1604) at 5:00 on May 2. After dinner, go to a host's home for a movie and study. Plans are to meet on the first Saturday of each month.

The first study will be Fireproofing Your Marriage [www.fireproofmy marriage.com]. Participants should purchase the book *The Love Dare*, and the separate participation guide at Family Christian Stores before the first meeting. Several copies are on hold under Zion's name.

RSVP to Jana or Rick Marthis, to make sure there's enough seats around the table.

Marthis: 999-5653

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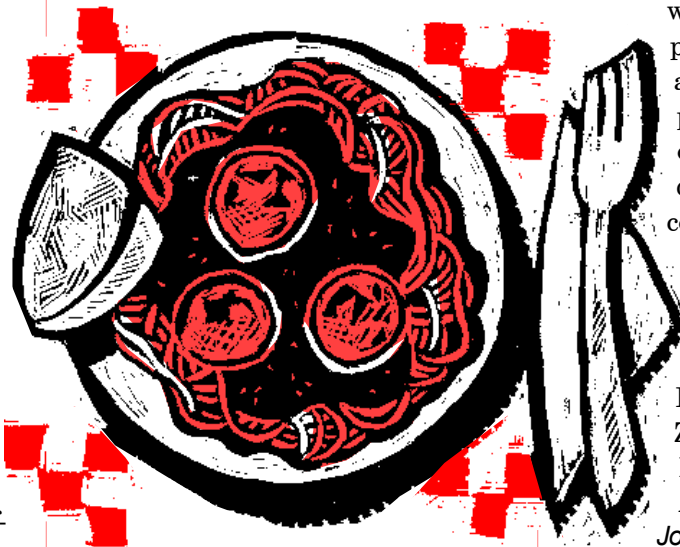
Spaghetti times Two

SPAGHETTI LUNCH MAY 3

Hosted by 2010-11 Confirmation Classes

Get out of the kitchen and help Zion youth with Confirmation camp expenses. Come to the Family Life Center at noon on May 3 for spaghetti with meat or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, salad and tea. Adult meals are \$5, children 3-11 are \$3 (children 2 and under are free). To-go plates available.

Travis Baker, Youth Director  
[tbaker@zionhelotes.org]



SPAGHETTI DRIVE MAY 3-21

*Hot Meals for Homeless May 23*

The Outreach Team is collecting uncooked spaghetti pasta and jars or cans of sauce. These items will be cooked in the Family Life Center on May 23, and then delivered hot to people "under the bridge" downtown, where the homeless are known to congregate.

A donation box will be in the narthex. Any brand of spaghetti pasta or sauce is appreciated.

Michelle Farley [wfarley@satx.rr.com]

RELAY FOR LIFE MAY 8

Join the Zion's Ghostbustin' Team for the 2009 Relay for Life. Stop by the display in the narthex to join the walking relay team, or sponsor other walkers. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 3.

The Relay for Life is Friday, May 8 through Saturday morning, May 9 at O'Connor High School's athletic field. Walk a few laps or spend the night - get details at the signup table.

SLIME THE PASTOR MAY 3 TO FIGHT CANCER!

On Sunday, May 3 the Ghostbusters will slime the "winning" pastor; details will be announced. You can help protect either Pastor Dave or Pastor Jen; place your donation in one of their collection boxes at the Ghostbusters display in the narthex.

The Ghostbusters Team and Slime the Pastor Project are hosted by Zion's Outreach Team. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Jo Ann Meinert

[jomeinert@earthlink.net]

PET VACCINATION CLINIC

Saturday, May 9 in the Fellowship Hall. Vaccinations will be provided by our very own Kim Klein-Anderwald DVM, of Hooves and Paws Veterinary Clinic in Helotes. For more information on the vaccinations available, please contact Hooves and Paws at 695-4411.

Hosted by the 2010 & 2011 Confirmation classes. Proceeds help offset Confirmation camp expenses.

**ESTHER BIBLE STUDY:**

**IT'S TOUGH BEING A WOMAN**

*Beth Moore Series Repeats This Summer*

An encore presentation of "Esther: It's Tough Being A Woman" is scheduled this summer. Whether you are new to the study series or want to make up sessions you missed, you'll explore the challenges of being a woman today and discover how God is with us, just as he was with Esther.

The series begins on Wednesday, June 3 and runs through August 19 (no meeting June 24 due to VBS). Classes begin at 7:00pm in Family Life Center Room 101. If you want to make up a specific lesson from the previous series, lesson numbers are listed on the church web calendar, beginning June 3 (click on the event for details, [www.zionhelotes.org](http://www.zionhelotes.org)) or contact Kathee Forrest, below.

*Study guides are available at Lifeway Christian Stores, or contact Kathee 697-0988 [kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net]*

**WOMEN OF ZION**

- August 7-9 Southwest Texas Synod Women's Convention at the beautiful wooded Camp Allen Retreat Center in Navasota, northwest of Houston. The weekend convention fee is \$215, and partial scholarships are available. Contact one of these people for details:

Barb Galland ..... 695-8497

LaVonne Pederson ..... 509-3873

Karen Stein ..... 688-3090

- THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Lutheran World Relief effort a success: providers of kits and kit items, quilters, cash donors (\$162 total) and truck loaders and unloaders (65,000 lbs, a thousand more than last year), kitchen help, cooks and box packers and stackers.

*Barbara Galland [rgalland@satx.rr.com]*

*LaVonne Pederson [NPeder5942@aol.com]*

**ZION ZIPPERS**

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 May 11 hosts are Faye & Paul Honig, Mary Mora and Yolanda & Chuck Valley. Holly Schwartz will present a program on Fair World Trade.

*Thanks and apologies go to Florine Nickel and Myrtle Nickel for serving as hostesses at the March meeting. Their names were omitted from the April newsletter.*

**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.

*New Location*

**Ladies Dinner & Movie** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30pm at Red Robin at the Rim, then a movie at the Palladium Theater.

*Jo Ann Meinert 688-6282 [jomeinert@earthlink.net]*

**Young Married Couples** Get together on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month for Bible study, food and fellowship. Couples take turns hosting evenings in their homes.

*Mollie Stavenger 896-1562 [mkstavenger@gmail.com]*

**Dinner Out** On Saturday, May 16 Boston's is the scene at 6:30pm. American menu, including salads, pasta, gourmet pizza, ribs, salmon and more. Boston's is at 1827 N 1604, near Hwy 281 N. Please RSVP to the Chillstroms for May 16.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Restaurant suggestions appreciated!

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

*Sandy or Jim Chillstrom 771-7573*

*[chillstrom@sbcglobal.net]*

**Amiable Assemblers** Put together bulletins every Friday at 1:00pm, and newsletters once a month.

*Dorothy Rode 681-5997 [dorothyrode@sbcglobal.net]*

*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*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Meets on the 1st Monday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Baby Nursery.

*Dorothy Rode 681-5997 [dorothyrode@sbcglobal.net]*

**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.

*Algine Perry 695-4422.*

**Campers** Head to the woods several times a year, usually over school holidays.

*Brett Kraemer 496-6806 [Kraemberb@kci1.com]*

*Ted Moody 481-3530 [ted.moody@hcahealthcare.com]*

**ZPOP: Zion Parents withOUT Partners** Events planned with the kids and for adults.

*Katja lerome 771-7866 [katja\_amani@yahoo.com]*

**DIAMOND PLUS JULY EVENT**

Adults age 75+ are invited for fellowship and lunch on Tuesday, July 7. Invitations will be mailed to all who fall in the age range, but save the date on your calendar. Come celebrate the country's birthday and meet the new music director, Rob Mikulski (arriving in mid-May).  
*Yvonne Moody 481-3530 [yrmoody@aol.com]*

**PASTORAL INTERN COMING IN AUGUST**

Neil Cadle was born and grew up in Ravenswood, West Virginia, a small factory town on the Ohio River. Shortly after graduating from high school, he joined the US Navy where he served as a Machinist's Mate onboard the USS Josephus Daniels (CG-27). After the Navy, Neil received his bachelor's and master's degrees in geography from Marshall University in Huntington, WV and then worked as a spatial analyst and computer-based cartographer, mainly for 9-1-1 and public safety agencies. He also attended Texas State University, and so he is familiar with south Texas weather!

Growing up Baptist, Neil switched to a Lutheran church in 2004 and became convinced of God's truth through its solid theology and message of hope. Neil experienced his call into ministry in late 2005 and began his seminary studies in 2007. After two years of classroom studies, he is very excited to start his internship at Zion in August. He's also looking forward to the Texas climate, history, and especially the people. His hobbies include music, sports, and reading.

**FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP CHRYSALIS**

*Join Pastor Jennifer and her family August 2-6*

Parents and kids, grandparents and grandkids, the whole family - A family vacation has never been so easy! Head to Camp Chrysalis for a week of relaxation, rekindling family relationships, and sharing in God's creation. Camp activities are always a hit. Choose from canoeing, swimming, archery, hiking, the climbing tower, and arts and crafts. Families also have the option of exploring the Texas Hill Country with outings planned by the Camp Chrysalis staff where you can take your whole family or leave the kids with the staff. Bible studies are tailored to every age.

Put August 2-6 on your calendars now, and watch for a signup/registration later.

- Adults and youth completed gr 6: \$150
- Youth completed gr K-5: \$125
- Preschoolers: free
- Family maximum: \$550

Find out more at [www.crosstrails.org]

*Pastor Jennifer Gold 688-3090 [jgold@zionhelotes.org]*

**Christian Education**

*Karen Stein, Director of Christian Education 688-3090 x 205  
 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]*

**FAMILY PICNIC**

*May 31 at Noon on the Church Campus*

Bring the whole family to celebrate the beginning of summer. Activities include a rock climb/slide and a moon bounce. Lunch is freshly-grilled hamburgers or hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, dessert and a drink. Just \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 3-12; children age 2 and under are free

Sign up by May 27 on the display in the Narthex.

*Yvonne Moody [yrmoody@aol.com]*

*or Karen Stein, above*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CROCODILE DOCK**

*Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light, June 21-25*

It's already time to think about Vacation Bible School! Many more volunteers are needed to make this event happen. VBS is a wonderful way to reach out to our neighbors in the community, and share God's love with them. Volunteers can sign up on the kiosk in the narthex now, or contact Karen Stein in the church office.

On-line registration begins May 3 [www.zionhelotes.org]. You may register in person in the narthex beginning May 17. Registration ends June 14. Late registrations will not be accepted after June 14, to ensure that enough supplies and volunteers are available to make this a safe and successful program for all involved. Don't be disappointed - sign up early! Late registrants and drop-offs will not be allowed.

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COMMUNION CLASS**

Congratulations to all who completed communion instruction and received holy communion on Maundy Thursday:

Trey Balzen	Taylor Hodge	Joshua O'Hara
Austin Bohrer	Matthew Krueger	James Olsen
Hunter Carter	Abigail Lewis	Lauren Rager
Kendalle Chase	Logan Lucas	Colton Rehfeld
Terry Coram	Beth Martinez	Kyle Schindler
Hannah Farley	Jonathon McIntyre	Sam Shelstad
Jenna Frost	Kristen McKenzie	Kristofer Stein
Joshua Guerra	Michelle Moore	Kyra Steubing
Tricia Hilbig	Reagan Nentwich	

*Sincere thanks go to Jana Marthis and Juton Buescher for sharing their talents as teachers for the Communion class.*

**ZAP THANKS**

Thank you to Angie English and Audrey Tarter for organizing the Easter Egg event, and to the ZAP committee members for helping out that day. Thanks also go to big bunny Garrett Johnson, rabbit wrangler Keri Peterson, and to the Confirmation youth who hid the eggs. A big thank you goes to all who donated eggs and candy.

## YOUTH STUFF

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

## CONFIRMATION YOUTH

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, May 3 after the late service in the FLC. Plates are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (3-11). To-go plates available. Proceeds benefit those going to Confirmation camp at Camp Chrysalis this summer.

### Pet Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, May 9 in the Fellowship Hall. Vaccinations will be provided by our very own Kim Klein-Anderwald DVM, of Hooves and Paws Veterinary Clinic in Helotes. For more information on the vaccines available, contact Hooves and Paws at 695-4411. Proceeds benefit those going to Camp Chrysalis this summer.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

National Gathering Forms are due back to Travis by Sunday, May 24

### SWT Synod Assembly

#### UNITED IN MINISTRY:

#### GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

Pastors Schulte and Gold, along with our other voting members – Suzi Lockamy, Jim Chillstrom, and Chris Jones – will attend the synod assembly in McAllen on May 16-17. This assembly is the regional governing body of our church and is composed of 40% clergy and 60% non-clergy voting members. A special offering will be gathered to support border ministry poverty projects.

It is expected to be an interesting assembly as actions, including resolutions regarding the ELCA's study documents on human sexuality, will flow up to the bi-annual Churchwide Assembly to be held in Minneapolis in August of this year.

We ask your prayers for our voting members and the whole assembly as we seek to set direction for mission and ministry in the years ahead. For more information go to: [www.swtsynod.org/assembly](http://www.swtsynod.org/assembly).

## CARDS & LETTERS

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, get-well wishes and get-well cards received during my recent hospitalization. Also, thank you to Pastor Dave for his visit and prayer while I was in the hospital. All were greatly appreciated. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care always. Thanks again.

*In Christian Love, Janice Wells*

Dear Zion Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful shawl and the prayers prayed during the construction. I will cherish it forever.

*Robbie Nelson*

I would like to thank all the volunteers of the bereavement committee who provided their time, food and wonderful assistance during the reception following our mother's funeral service. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity was greatly appreciated during this sad and difficult time.

*With love, the Family of Dorothy Wade*

The family of Joyce Deer wishes to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who visited Joyce during her illness, especially Pastor Dave and Pastor Jen. Special thanks go to Joi Shumaker and JoAnn Harris for their help and care of Joyce and me during Joyce's chemotherapy. The many memorials, cards, kind words, and food provided, especially for the luncheon after the memorial service, were appreciated, as well.

I personally would like to thank all who helped with a wonderful tribute to my love. I was overwhelmed with the support and caring show of love for Joyce.

*May God bless all, Keith Deer*

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

...Olivia Willms was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Stevenson Middle School.

...Amanda Willms was inducted into both the National Honor Society and Spanish NHS at O'Connor High School.

...Lizzie Nichols got her braces off. Smile!



**MEMBER MILESTONES FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**Our Christian Sympathy To**

- ✘ Keith Deer and Kathryn Sisler upon the loss of his wife and her sister, Joyce Deer
- ✘ Pastor Jennifer Gold upon the loss of her grandfather Erwin Sagebiel
- ✘ Kathy Bryant upon the loss of her mother Janet Klein
- ✘ Shawn Spaeth upon the loss of his grandfather

**Baptized This Month**

- March 29 Kendalle Taylor Chase
- March 29 Jonathon Michael McIntyre
- April 19 Makenna Violet Sturdevant

**Hospitalized Members**

- Jake Apodaca
- Calvin Galm
- Margie Hutchings
- Caryn Ketay
- Robbie Nelson
- Kathy Ott
- Robert Preston
- Shannon Rios
- Janice Wells

**INVESTMENT REPORT**

**•General Fund**

Giving Goal for Mar 09 ..... \$82,277  
 Actual Contrib Mar 09 ..... \$82,854  
 Giving Goal Jan-Mar 09 .... \$224,076  
 Actual Contrib Jan-Mar 09 .. \$206,376  
 YTD Difference ..... -\$17,700  
*2008 Mar Actual Contrib. \$85,478*

**•Building Fund**

Mar 09 Income ..... \$21,465  
 BF cash on hand ..... \$65,920  
 FLC Loan Bal. 3/31/09 ..... \$684,711

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Year to date average 2009 ..... 583  
*YTD avg 2008 incl. Easter ..... 827*

**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.

June CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, May 15.

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

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 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, Choirs, Brass |
| Elyse Hearn        | Woodwinds                |
| Kim Olsen          | Organist                 |
| Lindsay Ackels     | Youth Choir              |
| Scott Lassiter     | Praise Team              |
| Grace Muñoz        | Custodial Operations     |
| Brent Leaming      | Facilities & Grounds     |
| Kat Stockert       | Nursery Coordinator      |
| Katie Cotcher      | Nursery Attendant        |
| Trisch Moy         | Nursery Attendant        |

**2009 CHURCH COUNCIL**

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|------------------|----------------|
| Suzi Lockamy     | President      |
| Jim Chillstrom   | Vice President |
| Karl Nentwich    | Secretary      |
| Sue Brandenburgh | Treasurer      |
| Chris Jones      |                |
| Brett Kraemer    |                |
| Carolyn Pfeiffer |                |

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

**COORDINATORS**

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Geri Dalum & Marilyn Toepperwein   | Memorials              |
| LaVonne Pederson & Barbara Galland | Women of Zion          |
| Jo Ann Meinert                     | Outreach Ministry      |
| Barbara Klein                      | Bereavement            |
| Dale Stein                         | Sound Team             |
| Mary Ann Schmitt                   | 8:00 Ushers            |
| Dave Brewton                       | 9:30 Ushers            |
| Sarah Nichols                      | 11:00 Ushers           |
| Susan Johns                        | Altar Guild            |
| Kathee Forrest                     | Floral Guild           |
| Gena Sanchez                       | Acolytes               |
| Pat Bangart                        | Welcome Center         |
| Amy & David Walter                 | Adult Education        |
| Bev Rosel                          | Zion Zippers (50+)     |
| Algine Perry                       | Game Group             |
| Jimmy Weimer                       | Cemetery Board         |
| Heather Lotts                      | Zion Action Pack (ZAP) |
| Chris Jones                        | Volunteers             |



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 Jennifer Bauer, Director  
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Kids of the Kingdom D  
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#### QUICK MAY 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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|---|--|----|---|
| 2 | NEW! Couples' Date Night   | 10 | Mothers' Day<br>Blood Pressure Check                |
| 3 | Earth Day<br>Slime the Pastor<br>Spaghetti Lunch<br>Blood Drive                                  | 11 | Zion Zippers  |
| 4 | Afternoon Game Group<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>NEW PLACE Ladies Dinner & Movie                 | 12 | Dorcas Circle                                       |
| 5 | Handbells (every Tuesday)<br>Men's Choir (every Tuesday)   | 14 | Baptismal Workshop                                  |
| 6 | Crafty Bunch (every Wednesday)<br>Adult Choir (every Wednesday)<br>Brass Group (every Wednesday) | 15 | Young Married Couples                               |
| 7 | Mary Circle<br>Praise Team (every Thursday)  | 16 | Bulky Trash<br>Dinner Out                           |
| 9 | Pet Vaccination Clinic   | 17 | Youth Sunday  |
|   |  | 18 | Ruth Circle   |
|   |  | 19 | Church Council                                      |
|   |  | 21 | Women's Bible Study                                 |
|   |  | 23 | Hot Meal for Homeless                               |
|   |  | 25 | Memorial Day - Office Closed<br>Supper & Game Group |
|   |  | 30 | Outreach Movie Night                                |
|   |  | 31 | Last Sunday School<br>ZAP Family Picnic             |

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grace, God's unconditional  
love, we freely give our lives

*Bringing to Christ*

*Growing in Christ*

*Serving for Christ*