

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Sunday school is on break, but there are still educational opportunities for all ages this summer.

To help, contact Karen Stein, Christian Education Director 688-3090 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

Family Class - ROME

90-minute classes on July 12, 19 and 26

The entire family can journey to "Rome" on Sunday mornings in July, 9:15 to 10:45. Explore what it was like for Paul and the early Christians who lived in this great city. "Rome" is a 3-week intergenerational program, but you may attend one or all the classes; each Sunday has a different Bible point and story.

Adult Classes

1-hour at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

- July: MISSION EXPERIENCES
Visit with members of the Laredo (July 12) and Honduras (July 19) mission trips. See their pictures and hear their stories. On July 26, future mission trips will be discussed.
- August: CURRENT EVENTS FOR LUTHERANS. Travis Baker uses articles from "The Lutheran" our denominational magazine. Explore current theological issues such as "God's plan for our lives"

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. Adult studies will be led by Pastor Jen.

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]

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MEETING THE SPIRIT

Women's Bible Study

Martin Luther called the Father *the Creator*, the Son *the Redeemer* and the Holy Spirit *the Sanctifier* - the one who makes us holy. The work of God the Father and God the Son has been accomplished, but the work of God the Holy Spirit is an ongoing process which requires our cooperation.

Growing in knowledge of the Holy Spirit and his work can result in a life-changing experience, and a more intimate relationship with God. A new women's Bible study at Zion introduces us to the Holy Spirit and his role in making us holy, that is, more Christ-like.

This series of ten, one-hour lessons will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 1:30 in Family Life Center Room 101. The series runs July 14-Sept 15.

The study guide, "Meeting the Spirit" will be available in the meeting for \$6.00. To register and obtain a study guide, contact study leader Corrine Sherman, 210-523-9783 [sherman.corrine@yahoo.com].

DIAMOND PLUS ON JULY 7

Fellowship & Lunch for age 75+

The Diamond Plus group meets twice a year for food and fellowship. The next lunch is on Tuesday, July 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 10:00am to meet and greet.

Wear your most patriotic outfit.

Yvonne Moody 481-3530 [yrmoody@aol.com]

ANNUAL CHURCH BARBECUE

Planning Meeting July 9

Plans are already in the works for the annual BBQ on September 20. To get in on the ground floor, come to the Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, July 9. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm. Questions? Contact Shirley Jonas 680-6867 [sajonas@sbcglobal.net]

ZION COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks can still be ordered \$15 each. The cookbook order notebook is on the table in the narthex. You may place your payment in the pocket provided.

CURRENT VACANCIES FOR COORDINATORS

Chris Jones, Volunteer Coordinator, has interviewed staff, council members and others to determine needs of our congregation. Other Coordinators are needed to develop teams to cover different areas and activities. Contact Chris to find out more 695-9384 [chris0416@gmail.com] or on go to Zion's website at www.zionhelotes.org for details.

Areas in need of help include:

- Adult Education
- Historian: gather, organize, catalog, and maintain memorabilia & written records
- Photography: recruit and assign photographers to provide photos for publicity, web, history
- Disaster: coordinate with synod disaster efforts, respond to disaster situations as requested
- Divorce Care
- Education Publicist
- Hospitality Team
- High School Events and Middle School Events
- Kitchen: Organize/maintain kitchens in FLC & Fellowship Hall, stock supplies
- Library
- Rally Day Coordinator: Recruit teachers/subs, co-chair meetings/training events for teachers, assist in classroom assignment/prep
- Small Groups: development of Friends 'n Faith groups
- Sunday School Superintendent
- Vacation Bible School Coordinator
- Worship Support Coordinator



ZION ZIPPERS

Adults age 50+ are invited for fellowship and sharing a potluck supper on the 2nd Monday of each month, in the Fellowship Hall. Events begin at 6:30pm.

The July 13 hosts are Carolyn & Gene Langner, Lillie Wells, and Margie & George Hutchings. The guest speaker is

Karen Peterson, with a presentation on the Battle of the Bulge in WWII. Veterans of this war are invited to share their remembrances.

Bring your potluck dish to share, and stay to hear about the price of freedom from those who know it first-hand.

HOLY LAND PASTORAL RENEWAL PROGRAM

Pastor Dave Schulte has been selected to participate in an opportunity for spiritual renewal in the Holy Land, July 31 through Aug 17.

A pilgrimage involves a journey to a holy site as an act of religious devotion, to deepen faith and clarify a spiritual calling. Pilgrimage is different from travel. A new landscape causes us to examine ourselves, our assumptions, our expectations and hopes with new eyes. We may gather new things on the pilgrimage trail, and we may shed things we realize we no longer need.

By making a journey and stepping outside the normal routines of life, a pilgrimage often provides opportunity to learn deeply about self, ministry, and calling; engage in times of reflection that lead to startling new insights; and encounter with God's Spirit in unexpected ways. Pilgrimage also offers the opportunity for participants to make connections between their own life stories and those of the Bible in ways that they often describe as transforming and renewing.

Each morning the pilgrimage group will make an excursion to places related to Jesus' ministry, leaving the remainder of the day for private and group study, reflection and worship under the guidance of the pilgrimage chaplain. The emphasis of this program is on reflection, retreat, and renewal - not on tourism! Only selected sites are visited.

The purpose of this program, fully funded by the CF Foundation and happening at no cost to our congregation, is to provide pastors in mid-career with an opportunity for spiritual renewal in the context of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Of the twenty pastors chosen for this program, none has been to the Holy Land before. They represent urban, suburban, small-town and rural congregations of many denominations: Presbyterian, United Methodist, Christian Reformed, Episcopal, Baptist, Lutheran, Non-denominational (ordained Baptist), Missionary Baptist, and United Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ). The largest church represented boasts about 4600 members; the smallest one feeds 50 souls.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets on the 1st Monday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Baby Nursery. Dorothy Rode 681-5997 [dorothyrode@sbcglobal.net]

Date Night with a Book 1st Saturday for dinner at a restaurant and then to a hosts' home for a study based on the movie "Fireproof" and the Love Dare Challenge that accompanies it. Jana or Rick Marthis 999-5653 [jmarthis001@satx.rr.com]

Ladies Dinner & Movie 1st 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 3rd 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. 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

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

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

ZPOP: Zion Parents withOUT Partners Events planned with the kids and for adults. Katja Ierome 771-7866 [katja_amani@yahoo.com]

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. Restaurant suggestions appreciated!

On Saturday, July 18, the Dinner Out group meets at Stonewerks in The Rim. The varied menu includes salads, deli items, seafood, and steaks. RSVP to the Chillstroms, below.

Karen or Bill Cool 520-7910 [kcool@satx.rr.net]
Sandy or Jim Chillstrom 771-7573 or 695-66310 [chillstrom@sbcglobal.net].

YOUTH STUFF

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

Upcoming Events:

- July 5 Confirmation Camp at Chrysalis in Kerrville
- July 22 National Youth Gathering in -26 New Orleans
- August Back-to-School events, TBA
- Aug 27 Youth Choir resumes, Thursday evenings

2009 Confirmation Class Picture Needed

A group pictures of the 2009 Confirmation class is needed for the church records. If you have a group picture from Confirmation Sunday, we would appreciate a copy. Please bring them by the office or e-mail them to Travis.

WOMEN OF ZION

- July 16 Women's Bible Study on the *Parables of Jesus*. This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Come to Family Life Center Room 101.
- 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; partial scholarships are available. Registration deadline is June 30. Contact one of these people for details:
Barb Galland 695-8497
LaVonne Pederson 509-3873
Karen Stein 688-3090

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LaVonne Pederson [NPeder5942@aol.com]

CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAILS

By means of this note we would like to thank you and your leaders of your church that visited us and to the congregation in general for your help in our missions in Laredo. Thank you for being part of the construction of the glory of God in this part of the border.

We have utilized three computers in El Cenizo for the leaders that study, so they can do their homework, the other three have been taken to the leaders in Nuevo Laredo so that they can receive materials by internet and reproduce them so that they can use them in the communities of faith that are starting up.

Thank you for your support to the mission in Laredo. God bless you greatly.

In the love of God,
(Rev.) Mariana Méndez
Mision Luterana en Laredo

I would like to thank Pastor Dave and Pastor Jen for their phone calls and visits during my recent hospital stay. They have both been a blessing and I thank them and the other members of Zion for their prayers and thoughtfulness. By the grace of God I'll be back soon.

Pat Gobar

MEMBER MILESTONES FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Christian Sympathy To

✦ Vivian Hand upon the loss of her mother, Marguerite Abbott

Baptized This Month

May 24 Devin Alexander Cleveland
May 24 Wyatt Monroe McKenzie
May 31 Theodore Elial Stavenger

Hospitalized Members

- Barb Galland
- Jan Gass
- Margie Hutchings
- Kathy Ott
- Bob Preston
- Jannette Smith
- Marilyn Wright

New Baby

Y Congratulations to Holly & Ron Bailey on the birth of a son, Joseph William on May 21

Weddings

God's blessings on:

- ✦ Katye Neill & Jordan Rittimann, married on May 23.
- ✦ Rebecca Cantu & Brad Harlan, married on June 20.

ZAP: ZION ACTION PACK CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY

Movie Night August 1

Like a drive-in without the car: the Zion Action Pack will show "Bedtime Stories" on Saturday evening, Aug 1. Look for the display in the narthex later in July.

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



- ...Staci Shumaker's Northside Suburban Little League team, the Riptides, was undefeated for the entire season, and earned the City Championship. Staci plays center and left field.
- ...Katje Ierome was inducted into Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success. Katje attends NW Vista College, and owns a business.
- ...Erica Dietzel came in the top 20 out of 500 in the Extemporaneous Commentary Division of the National Forensic League Speech & Debate Tournament. She is on the Debate Team at Taft HS.

GOLF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lutheran Social Services is looking for volunteers to join their 5th Annual Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit planning committee. This golf benefit raises funds and awareness for New Life Children's Center, a residential treatment center for troubled girls ages 11-17. Most of the children at New Life have been victims of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse.

This year's golf benefit will be held Nov 2 at Fair Oaks Ranch. Committee members meet once a month for about an hour. For more information, contact Kristy McKinney at (512)459-1000.

PAPER RECYCLING

The paper collection dumpster is in the parking lot next to Church 2. We have recently discovered that this bin is for paper only, *no cardboard or corrugated board* of any kind. Office and school papers, newspaper, magazines and acceptable. Specific items are posted on the yellow & green Abitibi bin.

CELL PHONE & EYEGLASS RECYCLING

Drop your recyclable donations in the basket near the library shelves

Prescription eyeglasses are collected and refurbished by the Lions Club. Cell phones are refurbished and recycled through several programs.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Your cans benefit programs at Zion. A collection drum is in the lower parking lot, next to the pump cage. Please bag your cans, and flatten them if possible.

INVESTMENT REPORT

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for May 09 \$71,212
 Actual Contrib May 09 \$74,512
 Giving Goal Jan-May 09 ... \$377,654
 Actual Contrib Jan-May 09 .. \$356,826
 YTD Difference -\$20,828
2008 May Actual Contrib. \$63,349

• **Building Fund**

May 09 Income \$22,345
 BF cash on hand \$60,925
 FLC Loan Bal. 5/31/09 \$643,096

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2009* 590
 YTD avg 2008 595

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.

August CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, July 17.

THANK YOU TO...

...all who helped with the Family Picnic on May 31, especially Yvonne Moody and the ZAP committee.

...Amy & David Walter for teaching on the Apostle Paul in June.

SPECIAL VBS THANKS TO...

...each of you who brought the bayou to life and made "Crocodile Dock" a huge success. 235 children participated and everyone enjoyed the week. No one will forget our lovable "Skeeter" who shared the Bible points each day. From snacks to games, to Bible stories, videos and crafts, I saw wonderful and excited children engaged in learning or having fun. Each night there 65 station leaders and 74 Crew Leaders plus some extra volunteers that just filled in where needed. Again, **THANK YOU!**

Karen Stein

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 Ministry
Rob Mikulski	Music Ministry
Jennifer Bauer	Lutheran Campus Ministry
David Thamm	Handbells, Men's Choir, Brass
Elyse Hearn	Woodwinds
Kim Olsen	Accompanist
Lindsay Ackels	Youth Choir
Scott Lassiter	Praise Team
Brent Leaming	Facilities & Grounds
Kat Stockert	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant
Trisch Moy	Nursery Attendant

2009 CHURCH COUNCIL

Suzi Lockamy	President
Jim Chillstrom	Vice President
Karl Nentwich	Secretary
Sue Brandenburg	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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QUICK JULY CALENDAR LIST

A complete printed calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center in the narthex, or at www.zionhelotes.org

July

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Crafty Bunch every Wednesday | 15 | |
| | Esther Bible Study every Wednesday | 16 | Women's Bible Study: Parables |
| 2 | Mary Circle | 17 | Young Married Couples |
| | Praise Team every Thursday | 18 | Dinner Out Group: Stonewerks |
| 3 | Office Closed | | |
| 4 | Independence Day | 19 | Sunday Worship |
| | | 20 | Ruth Circle |
| 5 | Worship, No Sunday Classes | 21 | New Bible Study Series: Meeting the Spirit |
| 6 | Afternoon Game Group | 22 | Youth Gathering in New Orleans |
| | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 23 | |
| | Ladies' Dinner & Movie | 24 | |
| 7 | Diamond Plus for all age 75+ | 25 | Quilt Sewing for Lutheran World Relief |
| 8 | | | |
| 9 | Baptism Workshop | | |
| 10 | | | |
| 11 | Prayer Team every Saturday | 26 | Sunday Worship |
| | | 27 | Supper & Game Group |
| 12 | Blood Drive & Blood Pressure Check | 28 | |
| | Intergenerational Sunday School begins | 29 | |
| | Adult Class Series: Mission Trips | 30 | |
| 13 | Zion Zippers for all age 50+ | 31 | |
| 14 | Dorcas Circle | | |

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Zion's Mission: Energized by grace, God's unconditional love, we freely give our lives

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Growing in Christ

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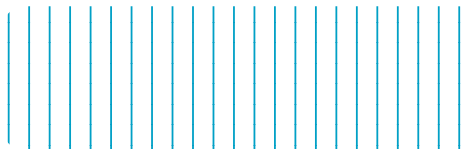
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