

FALL ADULT CLASSES

Variety of classes, groups and times

Sunday Mornings at 9:30

- Through September 6: INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF FAITH. Led by Kathy & Robert Rothen in the Fellowship Hall.
- Beginning September 13: GROWING IN CHRIST ongoing study led by David and Amy Walter in Family Life Center Room 202, upstairs. Elevator is available.
- Beginning September 13: GOSPEL OF JOHN Bible study led alternately by Pastor Dave, Pastor Jennifer and Vicar Neil Cadle in the FH

Tuesday Afternoons for Women at 1:30

- Through September 15 : MEETING THE SPIRIT in FLC Room 101, downstairs. Introduction to the Holy Spirit and his role in making us more Christ-like. Corrine Sherman, 523-9783 [sherman.corrine@yahoo.com].

Monday Evenings at 7:00

- September 14–November 23 : A GARDENER, TWO TRAVELERS AND A CHEAT led by Pastor Dave in FLC Room 101, downstairs. The beginning of a journey through the Bible looking at main characters – Adam, Sarah, Abraham and Jacob.

Wednesday Evening for Women at 7:30

- September 9–October 14: PATHS TO WHOLENESS with Pastor Jennifer and Marlena Guerra in FLC 101. An exploration of spirituality and the many different paths to God. A holistic approach through which you will come to recognize, appreciate and build upon different types of spirituality. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex.

This new study is provided by the Women of ELCA, with a free study book to download and print yourself [www.elca.org]. Click on Women of ELCA at the bottom of the web page.

NURSERY NEWS

Zion's nurseries for toddlers and for infants have three faithful paid staff members. However, Zion relies on volunteers to assist the staff on Sunday mornings. With a sufficient number of volunteers, each person is needed only a few Sundays a year during the 9:30 or 11:00 services. Both teens and adults are encouraged to help in the nursery. Come by the

ZAP: ZION ACTION PACK CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY

Watch bulletins & newsletter for details about these Fall events:

October 24 Trunk or Treat
November 22 Family ADVENTure
Questions? Contact Karen Stein 688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is under way with "Spark Activate Faith," a new curriculum. Each week, children their Bibles to encounter God's word and participate in activities designed to reinforce what they read. "Spark" follows the lectionary readings in worship; the children's lesson parallels what is being read each Sunday in church. This reinforcement gives parents an opportunity to engage their children in conversations about scripture.

As part of the *Book of Faith Initiative*, three-year-old students received a Story Bible to take home on the first day of Sunday School. This Bible storybook is filled with pictures and easy-to-understand language. Teachers will use the same Story Bible in the classroom on Sunday mornings, reinforcing what these youngest students learn at home.

Student Bibles will be presented to third-graders on September 13 during the 11:00am worship service. If you are the parent of a third-grader and did not receive letter with the details please contact Karen Stein 688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

YOUTH STUFF

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

Tenth Avenue North Concert

Saturday, September 12 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 and is due to Travis by Sunday, September 6.

Confirmation Kick-Off

Sunday, September 13 from 9:30am-8:00pm

The day begins with our Morning Lesson in FLC Room 101. After that, we will worship and then have lunch. We will spend the afternoon getting to know our small groups before having dinner and moving into our regular Evening Lesson time from 6:00-8:00pm.

Parents, we will have a meeting from 7:00-7:45pm in the Sanctuary to talk about the year.

Open Gym and Sunday Night Live begins Sunday, September 20.

- Open Gym runs from 5:00-6:00pm
- SNL runs from 6:00-8:00pm.

Church Picnic Service Project

Sunday, September 20 we will collect plates and bus tables during the church picnic. Sign up with Travis for a time.

ONE-DAY MISSION TRIP

Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) Saturday, October 3, 8:00am-12:00pm Sort clothing and shoes in the warehouse. Details forthcoming! Bill Farley, Outreach Team 372-9385 [wfarley@satx.rr.com] or Pastor Jennifer 688-3090 x203 [jgold@zionhelotes.org].

LIBRARY

A few dedicated volunteers are needed to maintain the library. If you have an interest in Christian literature and your skills include organizing and patience, contact Karen Stein 688-3090 x205 or 696-8159 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

ZION COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

- Pick up your pre-paid cookbook(s) in the narthex. Please make sure your name is checked off.
- Cookbooks are available for sale, \$15 each. Stop by the table in the narthex, or pick up a few at the BBQ.

WOMEN OF ZION

- September 17: 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.
- September 26: Sew and tie quick quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Finished quilts will be sent overseas where needed to be used for bedding, shelter and more. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am.

Barbara Galland [rgalland@satx.rr.com]

LaVonne Pederson

[NPeder5942@aol.com]



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 September 14 hosts are Kay Morris, Florine Nickel, Myrtle Nickel, Marguerite Casella, Joanne Harris, Shirley Michalczak and Shirley Jonas. After supper, Brigitte Koehler "tells it like it was" – growing up in Germany.

BBQ Reminder for Zippers

Bring canned sodas for the soda cooler - major brands, please. Volunteers will be needed to sell sodas, too.

ZION HAS IT ALL THIS FALL!

Want to learn more about our faith? New and continuing Adult Education classes are available at a variety of days and times. On September 13, our pastors and intern will begin a new study on the GOSPEL OF JOHN. Amy & David Walter continue their previous series, GROWING IN CHRIST. Pastor Dave begins a Monday night study on the main characters at the beginning of scripture. Pastor Jen and Marlana Guerra start up a women's series, PATHS TO WHOLENESS on Wednesdays.

Interested in music? Director Rob Mikulski is excited about the talent he's already heard, and he knows there's more out there. Singers of all ages can participate the Children's Choir, the Youth Choir, the Adult Choir or the Praise Team. Play an instrument? Check out our Brass Ensemble, Praise Team band, or the Handbell Choir. Rehearsals have begun - check the calendar or music schedule on page 4 to jump in. Keep an eye out for the rehearsal schedule for the Christmas cantata which will include the San Antonio Metropolitan Ballet. Contact Rob Mikulski for details 688-3090 x211 [rmikulski@zionhelotes.org].

Crafty? We have groups for fellowship and crafting, to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort. Contact the church office for contact information for group leaders.

Handy with your hands? We need your expertise on the Habitat House! Zion's "assigned" work day is September 18, but many hands are needed through October 31. Contact JoAnn Meinert to volunteer, 317-2819, [jomeinert@earthlink.net]

Looking for fellowship? There are groups who get together for lunch and games, for dinner, dinner and a movie, to play games. The office can help you connect with leaders of these groups.

Have a gift to share? We need volunteer managers! We need folks to coordinate the efforts of volunteers in adult education, church history, photography, disaster response and education, divorce care, hospitality, youth events and fund-raising, kitchen organization, church library, Vacation Bible School, and worship. Contact Chris Jones at 695-9384 [chris0416@gmail.com] to get involved!

THANK YOU TO...

...Sally Schwab, Joanne Harris, Mary Ann Schmitt, Linnell Brauchle, Stephani Shumaker, Staci Shumaker, and Shirley Jonas for cleaning the kitchens and taking inventory of equipment in the Fellowship Hall and the Family Life Center.

...all the adult Summer Sunday School teachers: Kathee Forrest and the Laredo mission participants, Pastor Jen and the Honduras mission folks, Travis Baker with his articles from "The Lutheran" and Kathy & Rob Rothen for the Book of Faith Rediscovered.

USHERS NEEDED

When a visitor steps through the front door, the first person they see is usually an usher. More ushers are needed for all services, but especially at 9:30 and 11:00.

To volunteer, sign up on the kiosk or contact:

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| 9:30 | Dave Brewton 681-3627
[slobrew10@satx.rr.com] |
| 11:00 | Sarah Nichols 691-0349
[jeffandsarah@earthlink.net]
Dennis Kneifel 830-510-6004
[dmkneifel@earthlink.net] |
| 8:00 | Mary Ann Schmitt 684-9150
[schmittwilliam@sbcglobal.net] |

MUSIC NOTES

by Rob Mikulski, Music Director

All of our music groups have rehearsals underway.

- **BRASS ENSEMBLE** is open to intermediate/advanced brass players. Monday at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.
- **HANDBELL CHOIR** is open to high school students and adults. Tuesday at 6:30 in the Sanctuary Balcony.
- **MEN'S CHOIR**
Tuesday at 7:45 in the Music Apse.
- **ADULT CHOIR**
Wednesday at 7:00 in the Music Apse.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** grades 2-5.
Thursday at 5:00 in the Music Apse.
- **YOUTH CHOIR** grades 6-12.
Thursday at 6:00 in the Music Apse.
- **PRAISE TEAM** contemporary Christian music.
Thursday at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions regarding the music ministry at Zion, contact Rob Mikulski, 688-3090 x211 [rmikulski@zionhelotes.org].

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

A well-trained choir of children can be quite inspirational in corporate worship. To hear the pure voices of children produce freely floating tones in perfect unison or in harmony is one of the most uplifting of musical experiences. Children can actively participate in worship by listening, singing, and praying as full partners in the worshiping community.

The Children's Choir here at Zion rehearses on Thursdays from 5:00-6:00. They will sing approximately once a month at the 9:30 or 11:00 service. The Children's Choir will also be involved with the Christmas cantata, "Sing the Songs of Bethlehem" to be presented in December.

YOUTH CHOIR

To fulfill its most noble and uplifting potential, the Christian youth choir must be approached as an activity that focuses on the worship of almighty God as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Like the Children's Choir, the youth will be active in worship by listening, singing, and praying as full partners in the worshiping community.

The Zion Youth Choir is for students in grades 6-12. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00. They will sing approximately once a month at the 9:30 or 11:00 service. The Youth Choir will also be involved with our cantata "Sing the Songs of Bethlehem".

MEMBER MILESTONES FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Christian Sympathy To

- ✠ Carmen Lott upon the loss of her mother, Patsy Ortega.
- ✠ Shirley Hengst upon the loss of her brother, Malcolm Meier.

Baptized This Month

- July 26 Joseph William Bailey
Colton James Wheland
- August 2 Andrew David Weissmuller
- August 9 Lacie Marie Valadez
- August 23 John David Martin III

Hospitalized Members

- Charley Anderwald
- Becky Brauchle
- Cailin Fasone
- Buddy Howard
- Margie Hutchings
- Bev Rosel
- John Rushfeldt
- Mackenzie Schneider
- Marion Toepperwein

New Baby

b Congratulations to Leslie & Kenny Bice on the birth of a son, Jordan William on August 1.

Weddings

God's blessings on:

- ✠ Kari Galm and Ryan Muelle, married at Zion on August 8.
- ✠ Stephanie Richmond and Ross Roark, married at Zion on August 22

HELP WANTED!

Church advisors tell us that large churches can be impersonal and intimidating but that involvement in small groups within the church is the best way to ensure each member is connected to the church and to each other. As Zion has grown and continues to grow, we know that small groups are key to our congregation. We have it stated in our vision - "A Community of Communities Where Everyone Has a Place to Belong."

We are looking for an organized, outgoing person to coordinate Zion's small groups. We need someone to connect with all existing Friends 'n Faith and other small groups to ensure we have up-to-date information about contact persons, meeting times and locations, and to ask groups if they have needs. Then, we would like to work with you to create and sustain new groups as needs and interests arise. Please contact Chris Jones 695-9384 [chris0416@gmail.com] if you're interested or feel called to this key position.

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.

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, September 19, the Dinner Out group meets at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, in the Rim Shopping Center on IH-10. This upscale Italian restaurant has been open for only a few months, but it is extremely busy and very popular. The atmosphere is terrific, and the food is wonderful with some

unusual Italian entrees as well as the familiar ones.

RSVP to Sandy or Jim Chillstrom 771-7573 or 695-6310 [chillstrom@sbcglobal.net]. **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's 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. Algine Perry 695-4422.

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

Brett Kraemer 496-6806

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ZPOP: Zion Parents withOUT Partners

Events planned with the kids and for adults. Katja Ierome 771-7866

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CARDS, LETTERS AND EMAILS

I appreciate your prayers, thoughts and cards over my 9 weeks of hospitalization. Thank you so much, Pastor Dave, for chasing me down from hospital to rehab to the hospital and back to rehab. Thank you, Pastor Jen for coming to see me and offering communion. That meant so much to me.

I have really enjoyed my prayer shawl. It has brought so much comfort to me.

I have a long time for a full recovery from my back surgery., so please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Kathy Ott

Our sincere thanks for the calls, prayers, cards and concerns as we recover from the car accident. We thank our Zion friends and family for your support theses last few months. We are blessed to have such caring friends. God bless.

Roger & Jannette Smith

FROM BISHOP TIEMANN

Dear friends in Christ,

The 2009 Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis this past week has been filled with important decisions. The Full Communion Agreement with the United Methodist Church was approved by 95%; faithful servants of Christ were elected to the ELCA Church Council and many churchwide units and committees; Carlos Peña of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod was re-elected as Vice President on the fourth ballot, and many more.

As you many already know, the social statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," was approved exactly by a 2/3 vote on Wednesday. Implementing resolutions were also approved. Debate before the vote was long and forthright. A decision that will have significant impact on this church concerns the approval of the four resolutions on Ministry Policy. Briefly, this church voted 1) to be committed to bearing one another's burdens, loving our neighbor, and respecting the bound consciences of all; 2) to allow congregations, who choose to do so, to provide for the blessing of same-gender relationships; 3) to allow for persons in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders; and 4) to provide for processes that will implement these challenges (which will begin to take shape at the November Church Council meeting).

The debate on these resolutions was passionate and extensive. Honest conversations on the plenary floor and in non-legislative sessions helped us talk and listen to one another. It was an example of what is meant by bound conscience with those with whom we disagree. As an extension of those conversations, the synod has a gathering with rostered leaders already planned for September 1. I trust that you will hold that gathering in prayer, as your rostered leaders begin processing what these decisions mean for members and congregations in our synod. I ask that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we practice the words of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:12-14, "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

In Christ,
Bishop Ray Tiemann

FROM PASTOR DAVE

As you may have heard, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA has been meeting this past week in Minneapolis. The CWA is the highest governing group for our denomination, meeting every two years – it is composed of 40% clergy and 60% laity.

At this year's assembly, following almost 15 years of hearings and studies and discussions, the assembly has voted to lift the ban on partnered gay clergy.

What will this mean for our congregation? Well, in the big picture, nothing changes. What we are about is the proclamation of the gospel, the Good News of God's saving love. That is our identity. That is our purpose, now and in the future. That is and will continue to be our focus. Our unity is not in our agreement over issues. The reality of our unity is our baptism into Jesus Christ. We are bound together by something larger than ourselves. We are the baptized people of God! And we look forward to continuing to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in our words and in our deeds. We pray God's blessings as we seek to be his Good News people.

Pastor Dave

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.

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.

INVESTMENT REPORT

•General Fund

Giving Goal for Jul 09 \$70,944
 Actual Contrib Jul 09 \$61,657
 Giving Goal Jan-Jul 09 \$515,437
 Actual Contrib Jan-Jul 09 \$478,788
 YTD Difference -\$36,649
 2008 Jun Actual Contrib. \$60,358

•Building Fund

Jul 09 Income \$15,881
 BF cash on hand \$54,430
 FLC Loan Bal. 7/31 \$606,624

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2009* 605
 YTD avg 2008 548

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.

October CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, September 18.

CHURCH STAFF *Email addresses for Staff & Council at www.zionhelotes.org*

Rev. David Schulte	Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Gold	Pastor
Neil Cadle	Pastoral Intern
Suzie Wyatt	Administrator
Julie Rode-Hickey	Publications
Dean Hearn	Secretary
Linda Spears	Office Assistant
Karen Stein	Christian Education Ministry
Travis Baker	Youth Ministry
Rob Mikulski	Music Ministry
Jennifer Bauer	Lutheran Campus Ministry
David Thamm	Handbells, Men's Choir, Brass
Elyse Hearn	Woodwinds
Kim Olsen	Accompanist
Brent Leaming	Facilities & Grounds
Trisch Moy	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant
Kat Stockert	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 & Dennis Kniefel	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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