

IN BRIEF

- The 5th Grade Sunday School class hosts a “Blessing of Pets” on Sunday, October 4 in the Prayer Garden at 3:30pm. Pastor Jennifer and Vicar Neil will bestow the blessings.
- Christmas Cantata rehearsals begin Oct 7 at 8:00pm, at the end of Adult Choir rehearsal. The Cantata will be presented on December 12 (Saturday evening) and December 13 at the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services.
- San Antonio Family Endeavors provides school holiday child care in Zion’s FLC on Columbus Day, Thanksgiving week, Christmas weeks, etc. Contact S.A.F.E. at 431-6466 [safamilyendeavors.org]
- Lutheran Campus Ministry provides Christian fellowship for college students, Sunday evenings in FLC Room 101. San Antonio Lutherans provide a home-cooked meal or local restaurant gift certificate to feed about 10 students. Contact Yvonne Moody to help 481-3530 [yrmood@aol.com].
- Your Sunday registration is the only record the church has of your worship attendance. For efficiency in entering data in the church computer, please complete a separate form or slip for each last name in the household, and include first names of children.
- To join the E-mail Prayer Chain, e-mail a note to the church office [zion@zionhelotes.org].
- Youth host the first Fall Arts & Crafts Show on November 7. Vendor applications are in the office or on-line [www.zionhelotes.org].
- The next Diamond Plus luncheon for those age 75+ is December 7.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is Stephen Ministers are the After People. Stephen Ministers are there:

- ...after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...after the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”

- ...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away - and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

If you hear God calling YOU in this piece to receive Stephen Ministry care, contact Pastor Jennifer Gold.

If you hear God calling YOU in this piece to become a Stephen Minister, the next training class begins in January 2010. Come see us at our table in the Narthex after services Sunday Oct 18–Nov 8 for an application form.

FIND YOUR PLACE AT THE MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, November 1

Interested in music? How about crafts? Wish you could get to know more folks here at Zion? Want to learn more about our faith? Mark November 1 on your calendar to remind you of your opportunity to see everything that's happening at Zion, ask questions, and make connections. Out on the lawn will be representatives from all the different groups and ministries to talk to you about the many possibilities to get involved here at Zion.

Watch the bulletin and website for details.

If you are a group or ministry leader, contact Chris Jones to ensure you'll have a space [chris0416@gmail.com] or 210-695-9384.

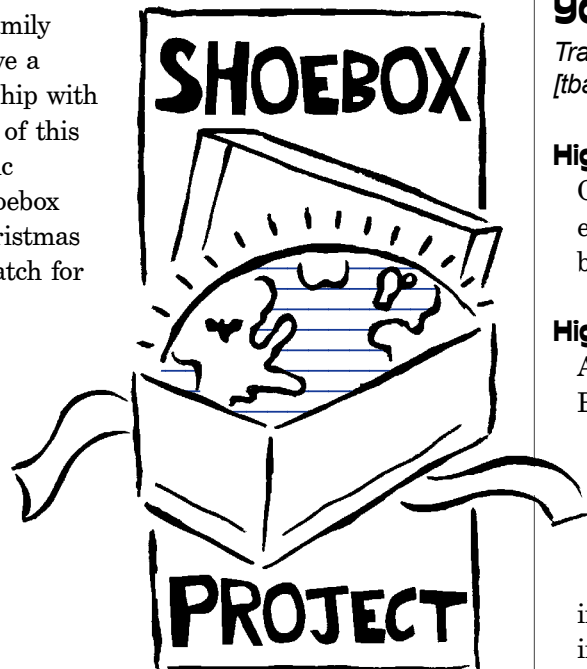
THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOXES FOR KIDS

by Vivian Hand

As we plan for our Christmas giving, please allow me to invite you to join in this year's Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes for Kids project. For the past nine years, Zion has been a part of the worldwide outreach of Samaritan's Purse that touches the lives of millions of hurting children each year through the power of a simple gift. Shoeboxes filled with presents by caring people can bring love, joy and hope to little ones living in some of the most desperate circumstances imaginable.

As wonderful as it is to bring smiles and laughter to these children, Operation Christmas Child is ultimately about sharing the life-changing message of God's greatest gift - His Son, Jesus Christ. Many thousands of children and family members now have a personal relationship with Christ as a result of this unique evangelistic ministry. The shoebox gift is a great Christmas family project. Watch for the display in the narthex.



HALLOWEEN CARDS

The Outreach Team will have a cute Halloween card available for handing out with your candy treats. The cards contain information on the back about Zion. Pick up a packet or two from the narthex to spread the word. They will be available beginning Oct 11.

WOMEN OF ZION

- Oct 1: **Mary Circle** at 1:30 in members homes (first Thursday)
- Oct 13: **Dorcas Circle** at 9:45 in Room 101 (first Tuesday)
- Oct 15: **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.
- Oct 19: **Ruth Circle** at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (third Monday)
- Nov 22: **Thankoffering Sunday**, the day we bring to God our special offering for all the blessings He has given us through the whole year.
- Dec 12: **Christmas Tea** from 3:00-5:00pm in the FLC, for ladies and girls of all ages. "Dress up" for an afternoon tea with fellowship, praise and refreshments. Details will come later.

Barbara Galland [rgalland@satx.rr.com]

LaVonne Pederson [NPeder5942@aol.com]

YOUTH STUFF

Travis Baker, Youth Director 688-3090 x206

[tbaker@zionhelotes.org]

High School Lunch Oct 4

On Sunday, Oct 4 all high school youth are invited to enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. The place will be decided; contact Travis if you have a suggestion.

High School Volleyball Oct 25

At St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 16320 Huebner (near Bitters) 2:00-4:00pm. Zion will play against youth from other Lutheran churches in the area.

Middle Schoolers:

Register for Gathering

The deadline to register for the Junior High Gathering is Sunday, Oct 4. The actual Gathering is Nov 13-15 in Kerrville. Talk to Travis if you haven't signed up.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is plenty of room in all Sunday School classes. Children are exploring the Bible and applying it to their lives through our new curriculum "Spark Activate Faith." The Sunday school lessons parallel the Bible lessons in worship each Sunday, giving children and parents an opportunity to engage in discussions about the Bible.

CHILDREN'S BIBLES STILL AVAILABLE

Three-year-old students received a Story Bible on the first day of Sunday School, and third-graders were presented Student Bibles on September 13 during worship. If your third-grader was unable to attend that presentation, student Bibles are available from their Sunday School teachers.

The young children's Spark Story Bible can be ordered through Zion at a discount price from Oct 4–Oct 25. We need at least 25 copies ordered to receive the discounted price of \$18.00 each (prepaid). Look for the display outside between the Chapel and Church 2 on Sunday mornings at 9:30, or out front under the portecochere after the 11:00 worship service. During the week, contact Karen Stein 688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org].

FALL ADULT CLASSES

ACE: ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sundays at 9:30

- **Growing in Christ.** Amy & David Walter continue their ongoing series in Family Life Center Room 202, upstairs. Elevator is available.
- **Gospel of John.** Pastor Dave, Pastor Jen and intern Neil Cadle alternate teaching each week in the Fellowship Hall.

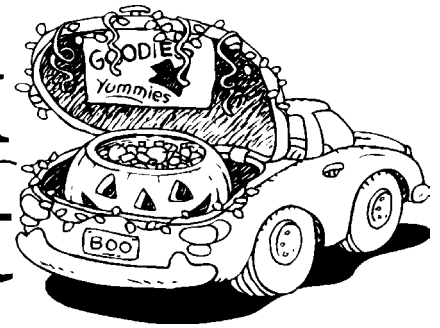
Other Adult Classes

- **A Gardener, Two Travelers and a Cheat.** 7:00pm Mondays in FLC 101. Led by Pastor Dave, through Oct 5.
- **Paths to Wholeness** with Pastor Jennifer and Marlina Guerra, Wednesdays in FLC 101 at 7:30pm, through Oct 14.
- **A Lamenter, a Dreamer & 2 Pretty Good Leaders.** 7:00pm Mondays in 101. Led by Pastor Dave, Oct 19–Nov 16 (no class Nov 2).

ZAP: ZION ACTION PACK

Child & Family Ministry

Trunk or Treat



Saturday, October 24

Are there fewer and fewer Trick or Treaters in your neighborhood each year? Do you miss the delighted expressions you get when you toss pounds of sugar into someone's bag? Do you like to decorate, but no one else appreciates your efforts? Then you should consider bringing your car trunk or tailgate to Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 24.

"Trunkers" should park in the back parking lot along Loop 1604, to hand out candy to costumed children. Vehicles should be in place by 5:30pm; the parking lot and Loop 1604 driveway will be blocked off for you. Decorations are encouraged, but not required. Pick a fun theme and add what you like: Music! Lights! Costumes! Crafts! Carnival Games! Some creative ideas are at [trunkortreat.homestead.com].

Zion's children and their friends and families are invited to Trunk or Treat from 6:00–8:00pm. Plan to park in the Leslie Rd parking lot out front - the Loop 1604 driveway will be blocked. For supper, fresh-grilled hot dogs will be \$1.00 each, with chips, sodas and bottled water for 50¢.

As in years past, the ZAP committee asks for donations of wrapped candy to hand out to the children. Watch for the big yellow bucket in the narthex. "Trunkers" can sign up at this display, too.

Questions? Contact Heather Lotts, 543-8763

[hjlotts@sbcglobal.net] or Karen Stein at 688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

FAMILY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 18

The pastors host a Family Communion Workshop for parents and children on Wednesday, November 18. The workshop begins at 6:30pm in FLC Room 101. For the first half hour, parents will meet with Pastor Dave in FLC Room 101 while Pastor Jennifer takes the children to Room 202 for instruction. During the second half hour, everyone comes together for family instruction and a practice run-through. Each family will receive resources to take home for further discussion.

To ensure enough materials, families must RSVP by Sunday, Nov 15. Sign up on the kiosk or contact the church

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 October 12 hosts are Mary Mora, Sonja Shimkus, Linnell Sloan-Brewton, Joe & Norma Rosentritt and Dorothy & Elias Rode. After supper, Vicar Neil Cadle will talk about his life and how he came to Zion.

Bring a dish for the potluck supper, your dinnerware, and a good appetite!

CURRENT VACANCIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Chris Jones, Volunteer Coordinator, has interviewed staff, council members and others to determine needs for our congregation. Contact Chris to find out more 695-9384 [chris0416@gmail.com] or on go to Zion's website at www.zionhelotes.org.

Adult Education Coordinator

Assist with curriculum selection, recruit teachers, track attendance

Church Historian

Gather, organize, catalog, and maintain memorabilia & written records

Church Photography Coordinator

recruit and assign a team of photographers to cover events and provide pictures for use in publicity, website, history

Disaster Coordinator

Recruit a team, schedule/coordinate training, coordinate with synod disaster efforts, respond to disaster situations as requested

Divorce Care Coordinator

Assist with curriculum selection, recruit and train facilitators, publicize and coordinate ongoing classes/small groups

Education Publicist

Design and produce publications regarding educational opportunities, assist with writing newsletter and other articles

Hospitality Team Coordinator

Recruit team who can plan and execute events outside of regular, annual events as needed

High School Events Coordinator

Plan and coordinate events for high school youth

Kitchen Coordinator

Organize/maintain kitchens in FLC & Fellowship Hall, stock supplies

Library Coordinator

Inventory books, develop lending procedures, recruit team to provide assistance during peak attendance time, evaluate new & donated materials

Middle School Events Coordinator

Plan and coordinate events for middle school youth

Rally Day Coordinator

Recruit teachers/subs, co-chair meetings/training events for teachers, assist in classroom assignment/prep

Worship Support Coordinator

attend worship planning meetings, assist in recruiting/training participants

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'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]

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

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 [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]

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEEDS PRN

CAM is in desperate need of men's jeans, tennis shoes, diapers, travel-size hygiene items and extra-extra large (XXL) women's clothing and undergarments.

Clothing and household items may be used, in good condition. Underwear should be new.

- Men's jeans/pants (esp. sizes 30-35)
- Shoes, esp. tennis shoes and work boots
- Jackets, sweaters
- Men's new underwear (esp. size 32/34)
- Women's new underwear and socks
- Women's bras
- Men's T-shirts (size medium)
- Children's clothing, esp. boys' pants/jeans
- Towels and sheets, all sizes
- Pots and pans, kitchen tools
- Travel-size hygiene products
- Women's feminine products

Food should be "in date" and unopened

- Baby formula (with iron) & diapers
- Cereal (ready to eat), oatmeal
- Pasta & rice
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Canned tuna, chicken, meat, chili & soup
- Lunchbox size fruit, pudding
- Peanut butter, jelly

Drop off small items in the CAM basket in the narthex. Bring larger items, bags, and boxes to the mailroom, near the restrooms.

CAM FUN FUND-RAISER

Saturday, October 3

The CAM Northwest Barbecue Dinner Dance and Live Auction will be on Saturday, October 3 from 6:00-9:00pm at University United Methodist Church. Admission is a free-will offering. Attendees may also pledge donations of items that CAM needs.

This will be a fun way to learn about CAM's needs and services. You may reserve a table and invite others who might enjoy learning about CAM and lending their support.

To reserve a table, or if you have other questions, contact Marcia Hare at (210) 695-9814 or CAM NW Director Diana Anzollitto Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00am-3:00pm at (210) 697-5771.

CARDS, LETTERS AND E-MAILS

Dear Congregations of Zion Lutheran, Pastor Gold and sister Alice Parsons,

We wanted to take this time to acknowledge the many blessing that you have always sent our way. You have so bravely weathered many storms with us in the Laredo area and for this we are forever grateful. We are sending you plenty of well wishes to your congregation and to your many programs that so gracefully help those in need.

Once again, when we needed your help you were so generous and without hesitation gave us all your support. During a four week period Mrs. Alice Parsons helped 20 of our members. Because of your dedication to these students many of them were motivated to not stop there. This motivated some members to look forward to next year's classes, some of them decided to continue and finish their GED, and others learned to interact with others and learn another culture during the relationship that there was between teacher and student.

Your presence and teachings were truly appreciated; you will never know the difference that you have made in these students lives.

Again, Thank you on behalf of our community and of the students you touched. May the Grace of our Lord be with you always!

Respectfully,

Pastors Moises and Mariana Mendez
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THANK YOU TO...

...Dale Stein, Jr. and Dale Stein III for painting the yellow safety strips in the front of the Chapel, Church 3 and the Fellowship Hall.

...Dave Brewton and Ed Kimball for helping with maintenance issues during Brent's medical leave.

...Bobby Klein and Doris & Vernon Enderlin for hauling donations to CAM.

SPECIAL BARBECUE THANKS

from Shirley Jonas

Thanks to everyone who participated in Zion's barbecue: workers, people who donated items, purchased items, purchased meal tickets, did cleanup, participated in the adult and children activities. I hope everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship and had fun.

Thank you TO Shirley Jonas for her time and effort in making the BBQ a rousing success! Under her management, approximately six-hundred meals were served, not to mention all the events and activities keeping us entertained well into the afternoon.

MEMBER MILESTONES FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Christian Sympathy To

- ✘ Tony Pillado upon the loss of his mother, Marie Pillado.
- ✘ Bekki Hazelrigg upon the loss of her grandmother, Marjonie Tillmann.

Baptized This Month

Aug 30 Addison Shayne Palluch

Hospitalized Members

- Chuck Angelini
- Pat Bangart
- Mary Ellen Burke
- Ruth Lampman
- Elias Rode
- Jannette Smith

ZION 2009 COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks are available from the church office during weekday business hours, 8:30-5:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-3:00 on Friday. Books are \$15 each.

CARE OF CREATION WORKSHOP

Registration deadline November 6

The SW Texas Synod hosts a Care of Creation Worship on November 21. The workshop is at Peace Lutheran Church, 4542 E. Houston St. Learn about better earthkeeping practices at home and church, community gardening, alternative energy, and more.

Register by Nov 6 on-line [swtsynod.org/article198862.htm] or contact Stacey Cone 512-749-6962 [stacey.cone@gmail.com] or Pastor Michael Lawrence-Weden of Peace Lutheran Church at 210-661-3726 [peacelcsa@juno.com].

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 Aug 09 \$69,516
 Actual Contrib Aug 09 \$72,288
 Giving Goal Jan-Aug 09 ... \$584,953
 Actual Contrib Jan-Aug 09 .. \$551,076
 YTD Difference -\$33,877
 2008 Aug Actual Contrib. \$66,863

•Building Fund

Aug 09 Income \$21,630
 BF cash on hand \$60,239
 FLC Loan Bal. 8/31 \$593,742

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2009* 624
 YTD avg 2008 597

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.

November CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, October 16.

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

Rev. David Schulte	Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Gold	Pastor
Vicar 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, and Brass
Kim Olsen	Accompanist
Brent Leaming	Facilities & Grounds
Trisch Moy	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant
Kat Stockert	Nursery Attendant
Chris Jones	Volunteers

2009 CHURCH COUNCIL

Suzi Lockamy	President
Jim Chillstrom	Vice President
Karl Nentwich	Secretary
Michelle Farley	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 Kneifel	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)
Pastor Jennifer Gold	Stephen Ministry
Mollie Stavenger	Small Groups
John Evans	Sunday School Super.




Lutheran Campus Ministry of San Antonio
 Jennifer Bauer, Director
 210-688-3090 x220



Kids of the Kingdom Dayschool
 Gail Anderson, Director
 210-688-9171

OCTOBER QUICK CALENDAR

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

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Mary Circle, Baptism Workshop | 16 | Young Married Couples |
| 2 | | 17 | Dinner Out |
| 3 | Prayer Team*, Quilting for LWR* | 18 | |
| 4 | Pet Blessing, Youth evening activities* | 19 | Ruth Circle |
| 5 | Game Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Ladies Dinner/Movie, Bible Study with
Pastor Dave* | 20 | Church Council Meeting |
| 6 | | 21 | |
| 7 | Crafty Bunch*, Women's Bible Study*,
Cantata Rehearsals* begin | 22 | |
| 8 | | 23 | |
| 9 | | 24 | Trunk
Treat  |
| 10 | | 25 | Reformation Sunday |
| 11 | Blood Pressure Check | 26 | Game Group |
| 12 | Zion Zippers | 27 | |
| 13 | Dorcas Circle | 28 | |
| 14 | | 29 | |
| 15 | Women's Bible Study: Parables | 30 | |
| | | 31 | |
- *Weekly activities

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