

IN BRIEF

- The Congregational Meeting is on November 8 at noon in the Sanctuary. Agenda items include Church Council and Cemetery Board elections, and approval of the 2010 Spending Plan. Voting members are those who have attended worship within the past 12 months, and who have been confirmed.
- The Women's Crafty Bunch Christmas sale is November 15.
- The Diamond Plus luncheon for those age 75+ is December 7.
- The Assemblies of God Hispanic Mission provides tutoring for elementary grades in Zion's Family Life Center on Thursday evenings. Phone 647-0370 for details.
- The church office is closed November 26-27 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Christmas Eve poinsettia order forms will be in the narthex this month. You may sponsor a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one.
- The Angel Tree will sprout on November 15. Help make Christmas nicer for children and seniors at our sister mission congregation in El Cenizo, Texas.

MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, November 1

Use your extra daylight savings hour to wander through the Ministry Fair on November 1. Activity, fellowship and ministry groups will be out with displays and information about what they do. Come to the front lawn* and see what's up around Zion.

**In case of inclement weather, the Ministry Fair will be moved indoors.*

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, November 15. Sign up on the kiosk or contact the church office. Child care will be provided for younger children.

FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

Saturday, November 7

10:00am-4:00pm

By popular demand, the annual Spring sale has been expanded to a pre-Christmas Fall event! Vendors booths include wood furniture and decor, jewelry, baby items, candles, glassware, ceramics, and many Christmas items.

Zion youth and their families provide assistance to all vendors, serve breakfast, lunch and snacks, and will help load your car with large items. Proceeds go toward mission trip expenses for these youth in Chicago next July.

Tell your friends and neighbors, and come to the Family Life Center on Saturday, November 7, rain or shine!

A few outdoor vendor spaces are still available; contact Travis Baker 688-3090 x206 [tbaker@zionhelotes.org].



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.

ZION COOKBOOKS

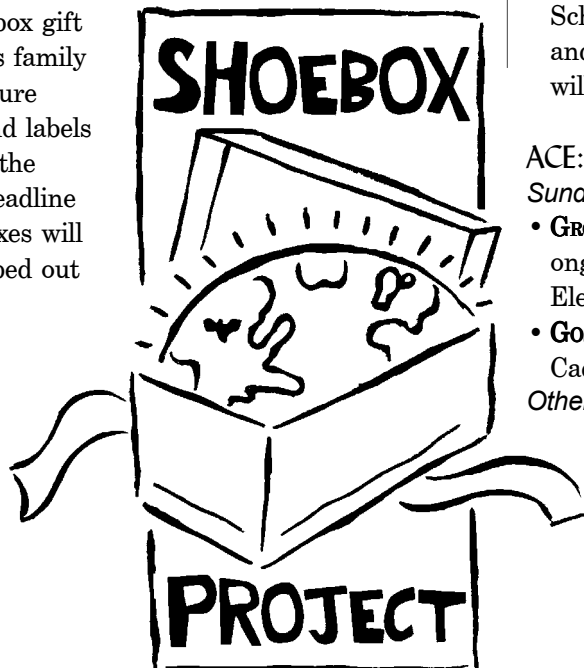
Cookbooks are available for \$15 each. Pick one up from the church office during weekday business hours, or from the table after worship on November 8 or November 15.

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT: SHOEBOXES FOR KIDS

Deadline is November 15

As we plan for our Christmas giving, please allow me to invite you to join in this year's 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, this project 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. Get a brochure with instructions and labels from the display in the narthex. Shoebox deadline is November 15. Boxes will be packed and shipped out on November 16.



ZION ACTION PACK

Child and Family Ministry

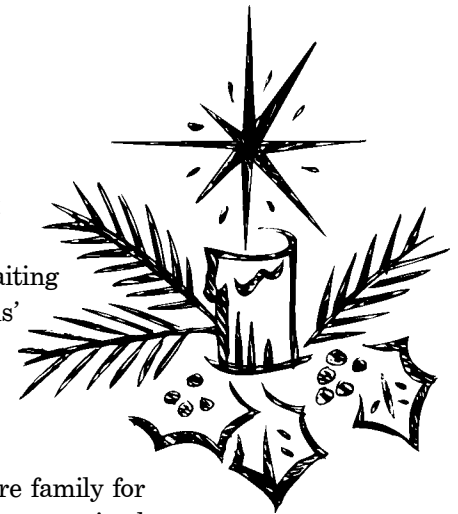
ADVENT-ure Retreat

Sunday, November 22 at Noon

Advent is a time of waiting and reflecting on Jesus' Birth. Share some quality time with your family as you prepare for the Christmas

season. Bring the entire family for a pot-luck soup lunch at noon in the Family Life Center. Help your family prepare their hearts and minds as we discuss the importance of Advent and make several Advent crafts.

Sign up at the display in the narthex so we will have plenty of supplies available. Questions? Amy Walter 641-5035 [akwenglish@yahoo.com] or Karen Stein 688-3090 ext 205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org].



Sunday School Upcoming Events

Details about these events will be announced through notes sent home and in next month's newsletter.

- **Birthday Party for Jesus**, December 20 at 9:30am in the Family Life Center.
- **Children's Christmas Program**, December 20 at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. Karen Stein will visit the Sunday School classes to find out who is interested in speaking and acting roles in the Christmas program. Rehearsals will be scheduled.

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 Vicar Neil Cadle alternate teaching each week in the Fellowship Hall.

Other Adult Classes

- **A LAMENTER, A DREAMER & TWO PRETTY GOOD LEADERS** Monday evenings at 7:00pm FLC Room 101, through November 16 (no class November 2). Pastor Dave & Vicar Neil present the Biblical characters of Rachel, Joseph, Moses and Joshua.

DIAMOND PLUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 7

All who are age 75+ are invited to the Diamond Plus Lunch and Fellowship on Monday, Dec. 7 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Music Director Rob Mikulski will help spread the holiday spirit with seasonal music, and Vicar Neil Cadle will join the group for fellowship.

WOMEN OF ZION

November 1: The Women of Zion will be at the **Ministry Fair** after each worship service. Find out about women's activities such as the Christmas Tea on December 12, Bible study Circles, collections for Lutheran World Relief and fellowship events.

November 5: **Mary Circle** at 1:30 in members homes (first Thursday)

November 10: **Dorcas Circle** at 9:45 in Room 101 (second Tuesday)

November 12: **Women of Zion Board meeting** at 10:00 in Room 101.

November 16: **Ruth Circle** at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (third Monday)

November 19: **Women's Bible Study** on the Parables of Jesus. This group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:30am, with a different Parable each month. Come to Family Life Center Room 101.

November 22: **Thankoffering Sunday**, the day we bring to God our special offering for all the blessings He has given us through the whole year.

December 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]

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Zion's Music Ministry presents the 2009 Christmas Cantata, "Sing the Songs of Bethlehem" by Scott K. Lee. The Adult and Men's Choirs, Praise Team, Youth and Children's Choirs, along with Zion's musicians will be joined by members of the San Antonio Symphony and the San Antonio Metropolitan Ballet Company.

"Sing the Songs of Bethlehem" will be presented three times: December 12 (Saturday evening) and December 13 at the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. Make this spiritual presentation a meaningful part of your preparations for Christmas, and invite your family and friends to join you.

CHRISTMAS HARP CONCERT DECEMBER 11

The San Antonio Harp Ensemble will be at Zion on Friday, December 11 at 7:00pm. This free concert will take place in the sanctuary, with fifteen grand harps. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy so large a group of harpists this side of heaven!



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 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 & Bill Cool 520-7910 [kcool@satx.rr.net] or Sandy & Jim Chillstrom 771-7573 or 695-66310 [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 [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 Jerome 771-7866 [katja_amani@yahoo.com]



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, but come earlier to visit. Bring a covered dish to share and your own plates and utensils to speed cleanup if you can; paper plates and utensils are available, too.

The November 9 hosts are Carolyn & Gene Langner, Dorothy & Charley Anderwald, Peggy Dame and Karen Oster. After supper, we'll hear Bexar County Deputy Sheriff Garcia regarding fraud, scams and the elderly.

Country Music Christmas Show

All are invited

The Zippers have a bus and reserved seating at the Aztec Theater for the Classic Country Music Christmas Show on December 18. Cost is \$61 each if thirty people attend. If more attend, price will drop! Zipper treasurer Kay Morris is collecting payments - contact her at 767-1804 or Shirley Jonas at 680-6867.

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 November 6 online [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].

YOUTH STUFF

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

Fall Craft Fair November 7

Fundraiser for High School Mission Trip

10:00am-4:00pm. Setup is Friday night from 5:30-8:00pm. Arrive on Saturday morning, ready to work, at 7:00am.

Junior High Gathering

November 13-15. Meet at Zion to travel to Camp Chrysalis together.

Senior High Gathering Deadline

Register by Sunday, November 22 to attend the Gathering in Austin from December 23-30.

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

...Katie Velasquez made third chair clarinet in the SAISD Middle School District Band. In addition, she earned second chair in the Regional Middle School Choir.

...NISD's newest elementary school, named in honor of Charles Kuentz, will be dedicated November 11. Lori Gallegos is the school principal.



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.

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.

Small Group Coordinator

Revitalize current Friends in Faith groups, assess need for additional affinity groups, recruit facilitators, ensure continued viability.

Worship Support Coordinator

Attend worship planning meetings, assist in recruiting/training participants.

CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAILS

Thanks to all the Good Samaritans that helped me with my disabled car on Sunday, in late September. The Lord has plans for each of us, every hour!

You all know who you are.
Thank you again.

Alaine Perry

Dear Friends of Mystic Park (Nursing Home),
Thank you for sharing the beautiful altar flowers with the residents of Mystic Park. We have all enjoyed their beauty. Thank you for thinking of us! God bless.

Kathy Lewis

Activity Director, Mystic Park

SENIOR FEST 2010

Saturday, January 30

A great opportunity for Lutherans to celebrate with Senior Fest 2010.

Speaker Rev. Dr. Peter W. Marty explores the theme, "Finding Purpose in our Later Years - Without Manipulating the Will of God." Workshop topics include Simple Living / Downsizing by Rev. Merle Franke, Finishing Strong by Rev. Dr. Darrel Gilbertson, Late in Life Challenges by Nancy Wessum, Senior Resources by Kathy Johanns, Prayer by Barbara Schultz, Senior Nutrition and Bible Study by Rev. Hugh Beck.

Registration, which includes lunch is \$25.00 per person (\$30 after January 18). Talk to Pastor Dave for more information.

You can learn more about the leadership of Dr. Marty at [www.gracematters.org]. Host for this Lutheran Celebration is Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail, Austin, Texas 78759.

MEMBER MILESTONES FOR YOUR PRAYERS**Our Christian Sympathy To**

✠ Lillie Wells and David Gass upon the loss of their sister, Linda Becker.

Baptized This Month

September 27 Riley Nicole Corcoran
October 18 Lexi Morgan Symank

Hospitalized Members

- June Albert
- Chuck Angelini
- Judy Gavin
- Ray Hengst
- Bogie Jones
- Cliff Trimble
- Dottie Williams

New Baby

b Congratulations to Kim & John Martinez on the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Grace on September 23.

n Stacie & Beau Blair on the birth of a son, Brooks Anderson on September 30.

Weddings

God's blessings on:

✠ Debbie Christian and Pastor Dave Schulte who were married at Zion on October 9.

2009 BBQ FINANCIAL STATEMENT

from September 20, 2009

INCOME

<i>Advance Tickets</i>	
Adult: 365 at \$7	\$2,555
Child: 98 at \$3	294
<i>Door Tickets</i>	
Adult: 182 at \$8	1456
Child: 100 at \$3	<u>300</u>
TOTAL TICKETS	\$4,605

Silent Auction	815.85
Desserts	341.54
Crafts	486.05
Sodas	125.52
Food	405.50
Country Store	124.50
Plants	<u>47.50</u>
TOTAL	\$6,951.46

EXPENSES

Food, paper goods	2,780.93
Carnival	<u>1,203.28</u>

TOTAL	\$3,984.21
PROFIT	\$2,967.25

Submitted by Shirley Jonas, Coordinator

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

To join the E-mail Prayer Chain or to request prayers, e-mail a note [zion@zionhelotes.org] or phone 688-3090. When requesting prayers, please have the permission of the person to be prayed for.

INVESTMENT REPORT

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Sept 09 \$68,892
 Actual Contrib Sept 09 \$61,949
 Giving Goal Jan-Sept 09 .. \$653,845
 Actual Contrib Jan-Sept 09 . \$613,025
 YTD Difference -\$40,820
 2008 Sept Actual Contrib. \$65,793

• **Building Fund**

Sept 09 Income \$21,386
 BF cash on hand \$59,965
 FLC Loan Bal. 9/30/09 \$574,987

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2009 679
 YTD avg 2008 688

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.

December CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, November 13. January 2010 deadline is on Friday, December 11.

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
Mollie Stavenger	Young Married Couples
Bev RoselZion 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

NOVEMBER QUICK CALENDAR LIST

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

November

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| 1 Daylight Savings Ends
Ministry Fair
Youth evening activities* | 8 Blood Pressure Check
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING |
| 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry
Afternoon Game Group
Ladies' Dinner & Movie
Bible Study with Pastor Dave*
Brass Ensemble* | 9 Zion Zippers
10 Dorcas Circle
13 Junior High Gathering
Laredo Mission |
| 3 Handbells*
Men's Choir* | 14 Bulky Trash
15 Christmas Craft Sale
Shoeboxes for Kids Deadline |
| 4 Crafty Bunch*
Adult Choir*
Cantata Rehearsal* | 16 Ruth Circle
18 Family Communion Class
19 Women's Bible Study-Parables |
| 5 Mary Circle
Children's Choir*
Youth Choir*
Praise Team* | 20 Young Married Couples
21 Dinner Out
22 Thankoffering
New Members Received
ZAP Advent-ure |
| 7 Fall Arts & Crafts Show
LWR Quilt Sewing*
Prayer Team* | 23 Supper & Game Group
Last Bible Study with Pastor Dave
26 Thanksgiving Day Dinner |

* Weekly events

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Serving for Christ

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