

MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Sunday, May 30 in Cemetery 2

Members and friends of Zion are invited to attend the United States Navy Memorial Plaque Dedication to honor and commemorate the life of Richard Douglas McCulloch, who was lost at sea on July 17, 1943. Richard is the only member of Zion to lose his life in military service during World War II. The dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 30, at 12:15pm in Zion Cemetery 2.

URGENT NEED FOR VIDEO VOLUNTEERS

Sermon videos on Zion's website are an important part of our public presence. Volunteers are needed to handle the video recording, since the person who has been doing this every week is not available.

We would like to train a team of interested people who could help with this outreach on a rotating basis. There will be a training session on Sunday, June 13 immediately after the last service – about Noon – in the balcony. Please call or e-mail Pastor Schulte [dschulte@zionhelotes.org] to let us know you are coming.

Vacation Bible School 2010

High Seas Adventure!

VBS Details
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- June 21-25, Monday - Friday
- Morning 9:30-12:00
- OR Evening 6:00-8:30pm
- Evening Meal available
- T-Shirts and CDs available
- Register now through June 13, in person or on-line [www.zionhelotes.org]
- Register now! Absolute deadline is June 13. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS OR WALK-INS** during the week.
- Volunteers still needed for both morning and evening



A Workshop for People of ALL Ages
WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES...
June 27, 6:00-8:00pm.

This is not an easy question to dwell on; most of us try to ignore this reality for as long as possible. Yet when the day comes—and it can come at any point for anyone at any age—we're likely to be completely unprepared for the task we must face. As Christians, however, we are encouraged, even commanded, not to fear death. Luther himself exhorted his parishioners to prepare for death throughout life with hope in Jesus Christ.

A few important questions are likely to come up in the event of a loved one's death:

- Is there a will, a living will, and/or a trust that organizes and explains your loved one's wishes and intentions?
- How do you select a funeral home? What are the responsibilities of a funeral home?
- What kind of service does your loved one want: funeral, memorial, graveside? Does your loved one have favorite hymns and scripture passages?

As Luther said, preparing for death – both spiritually and physically – is an important part of life. A few preparations now can make things much easier when the sad but inevitable day comes.

On Sunday evening, June 27, Zion hosts a workshop to answer many of these questions, and help you get prepared in the event of a death in your family. Presenters include:

- **The Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest**, helping people understand wills, trusts, and other estate planning services.
- A funeral services representative to discuss selecting a funeral home and the options they provide.
- Vicar Neil Cadle addressing the spiritual and pastoral side of death and funeral planning.

People of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's never too early to be prepared! **Registration begins June 6; sign up on the kiosk in the narthex** or e-mail Vicar Neil [ncadle@zionhelotes.org].

TAKE STOCK IN YOUTH

Zion youth mission participants will travel to Chicago, Illinois this summer. Projects will include a children's urban summer camp, home maintenance for those who cannot afford it, and an inner-city meal program. Their hands at work become the hands of God, giving a welcoming handshake, a needed hug, a round of applause.

Your investment helps their hands get to Chicago. Purchase a share of stock on June 6 or June 13, and you become part of this mission project. Stockholders will attend a meal and investment report after youth return in late July. Stop by the Stock Exchange in the narthex on June 6 or 13, or contact Travis Baker 688-3090 x206 [tbaker@zionhelotes.org].

WOMEN OF ZION

- June 17: Women's Bible Study new series, *Spiritual Gifts*. This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Come to Family Life Center Room 101.
- RUTH CIRCLE meets on the 3rd Monday in Fellowship Hall at 7:30pm.
- DORCAS CIRCLE is on the 2nd Tuesday in FLC Room 101 at 9:45am.
- MARY CIRCLE meets the 1st Thursday of each month, at 1:30pm. This group takes turns meeting in members' homes.

Barbara Galland [rgalland@satx.rr.com]
 LaVonne Pederson [NPeder5942@aol.com]

THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL

New Six-Week Study begins June 9
"Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God."

These words by Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision, express the prayer he sees as the heart of the gospel that Christians too often neglect. ***The Hole in Our Gospel***, by Richard Stearns, admonishes us that "God chose us to be his representatives. He called us to go out, to proclaim the 'good news' – to **be** the 'good news' – and to change the world.... As Christians, we are carriers of the gospel – the good news that was meant to change the world." From CEO of Lennox China to president of World Vision, Stearns recounts his spiritual journey and awakening to the plight of the poor of the world and calls all Christians to action.

If you would like to explore the book or the ideas it encompasses, join Kathy Rothen and Marlena Guerra in a six-week study starting June 9 at 7:30 pm in the Family Life Center Room 101.

Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex \$10, payable at the first session, covers all materials.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Green layout already printed

Karen Stein, Education Director 688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

Come aboard the S.S. Zion VBS High Seas Adventure!

June 21-25, Monday–Friday
Mornings: 9:30am-Noon (limit 100)
Evenings: 6:00-8:30pm (limit 250)

Set sail for the High Seas! Feel the saltwater spray in your face and hear the sails snap overhead. Barf over the edge as you Experience the deep rolling waters of God's love. Don't miss the ship! Registration DEADLINE IS JUNE 13

- Register in person in the narthex after worship or during weekday office hours OR
- On-line [www.zionhelotes.org]
- T-shirts (optional) are \$10 each. Buy early to get the size you need.
- Music CDs are \$10. Take home all the VBS songs for the week.
- Dress in cool, comfortable clothing; activities will be both indoors AND outdoors.
- MORNING session includes snack, but no meal
- EVENING session does not include snack.
- Supper meal available for purchase beginning June 1. Serving from 5:00-5:45pm.
\$3 for 3-12 years, \$4 adults (13+)
Meal tickets available in narthex or office, not on-line (cash or check).

DEADLINE IS JUNE 13. Absolutely no late registrations or walk-ins are allowed. Don't be disappointed - sign up early!

It's not too late to volunteer. With two sessions running, MANY good men and women are needed to fill all the positions. Contact Karen Stein (above) or volunteer on-line [www.zionhelotes.org] under VBS registration. VBS is a won-

derful way to reach out to our neighbors in the community, and share God's love with them.

New this year is a morning session AND an evening session. The morning is planned for 9:30am to noon, with a limit of 100 children. This is primarily for preschoolers, but there will be groups for older children, too. The morning VBS includes a snack time. The evening session is from 6:00pm to 8:30pm, with dinner available at 5:00pm.

Volunteers can sign up on the display in the narthex, contact Karen Stein in the church office or go on-line [www.zionhelotes.org].

IMPORTANT: Registration ends June 13. Late registrations will not be accepted after June 13. This is to ensure that enough supplies and volunteers are available to make it a safe and successful program for all involved. Don't be disappointed – sign up early! Remember: Late registrants and drop-offs are NOT allowed.

VBS Offering collection for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
- Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"

The children will be putting a kit together as part of the activities. A reminder and list of specific items will be sent home the first day/evening of VBS.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Explore everyday life in ancient Egypt
July 11-August 8

Travel to Egypt on Sunday mornings in July and August, and experience Joseph's journey from a prison to the palace. Classes meet for 90 minutes, from 9:15-10:45 with a variety of activities during each session.

Come to one or all the classes; each week is a stand-alone lesson in itself. Adults and children will learn side by side as families build pyramids, jostle through the marketplace, make mud bricks and join Joseph on the adventure of his life. Registration begins June 20.

PRAYING FOR MISSIONS

by *Marlena Guerra*

On May 6, 2010, the Missions Task Force sponsored the National Day of Prayer Vigil and Service. It was a great opportunity to come together and focus our prayers on all of the missions that Zion supports as well as praying for our city, nation and world. It doesn't stop there. We would like to encourage continued prayer for missions. Each month, the ELCA provides Prayer Ventures, a daily prayer list for Lutheran missions and missionaries throughout our world. You can access this list at www.elca.org, click on Global Missions, then on the next screen resources for global engagement, scroll down to prayer ventures or you can pick up a copy on the new Mission Bulletin Board across from the church office.

YOUTH STUFF

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

Youth Lunch May 30

after the late service. We will choose a restaurant during Sunday school on Sunday, May 23.

Chicago Mission Trip

- **Forms** are due to Travis by Sunday, June 6
- **Mission Trip Meeting & Box Lunch** on Sunday, June 13 at noon in the FLC. We will discuss the details of the trip and what is coming up. Lunch is coming from Jason's Deli, so please sign up for a box lunch on the youth board by Sunday, June 6 and bring \$7.00 to the meeting to cover the cost of lunch.

Vacation Bible School

- **Volunteers** are needed for June 21-28, for morning and evening VBS classes. Questions? Ask Travis or Karen Stein. You can volunteer on-line at www.zionhelotes.org; click on VBS Registration for the interactive form.

ROB MIKULSKI SELECTED PARTNER IN EVANGELICAL WORSHIP

As a part of the ongoing renewal of worship in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a new resource is being developed. Two representatives from each of the 65 synods in the U.S. will serve as Partners in Evangelical Worship (PEWs). PEWs will create a network to build relationships and embrace the ELCA's principles for worship, while honoring the flexibility of serving local contexts.

Bishop Ray Tiemann has appointed Zion's music director Rob Mikulski to serve as one of the two representatives for the Southwestern Texas Synod. In June, Rob will join other PEWs from around the country for a week of seminars and workshops at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Houston. Rob will then serve as a resource for other congregations within the Southwestern Texas Synod through our home here at Zion Lutheran. With worship being central to our identity and to every aspect of our ministry, we are excited about this next chapter for worship renewal.

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



...Damon Peterson was elected to the 2010 Alamo Rugby Club Hall of Fame.

...Katja Jerome is on the Honor Roll at NW Vista College, majoring in Criminal Justice. She also received a Volunteer Award from the SAPD.

...Dylan Hickey made the Dean's List for Spring 2010 at Southwestern University. She is majoring in Early Childhood Education.

...Garrett Ihnen has received the Presidential Scholarship Award from TLU. He graduates from Taft High School in June, and will attend TLU in the Fall.

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEEDS

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

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

- Men's jeans/pants (esp. sizes 30-35)
- Shoes, esp. tennis shoes and work boots
- Men's underwear (esp. boxers size 32/34)
- Women's new underwear, socks, 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

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

SANDY "SAM" MIKULSKI TO TEACH VOICE AT ZION MUSIC ACADEMY

Sandy "Sam" Mikulski has finally been reunited with her family here in San Antonio. Now that she is in town, she is excited to continue the work she is so passionate about. She has spent her entire life in the music and theater industry. By age three, Sam could be heard singing on radio station WJOB. Since then her career has expanded to include over fifty productions, playing such roles as the narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Rhetta in *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, Oolie/Donna in *City of Angels* (Best actress Award – Excellence in Theater Foundation), Florence in *Chess*, Paula in *The Goodbye Girl*, *Broadway on Broadway* and New York's City Center. She has sung backup vocals for Lorrie Morgan and Andy Williams. In addition to releasing two solo CDs, Sam co-wrote and co-produced a fund-raising CD entitled "We Are One" utilizing over 400 school-aged children.

Sam has taught musical theater in public schools, and at Indiana State University. While in New Jersey, Sam established The Fine Arts Connection a performing arts school just outside of New York City. Sam's students have been seen in movies, television, national advertisements, and on Broadway. In fact the current Broadway cast of *Billy Elliot* (Winner of 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical) has eight of Sam's students in it.

Sam is now taking on new private lesson students in San Antonio. She will be teaching through the Zion Music Academy established here at Zion Lutheran. Anyone interested can contact Sam at mikulski@earthlink.net or through the church office at 688-3090.

JOIN ZION'S MUSIC ACADEMY

Are you a music teacher? Are you interested in lessons? You can become part of Zion's Music Academy. Contact Rob Mikulski 688-3090 [rmikulski@zion-helotes.org].

MEMBER MILESTONES

For Your Prayers

Our Sympathy

Gilbert Gass upon the death of his wife Dorothy, who also sister-in-law to Lillie Wells and David Gass.

Marriages

March 20 Reenie Talbot & Michael Beard
April 10 Brenda Messerli & Steve Wilson

Hospitalized Members

- George Briley
- Keith Deer
- Marge Friebe
- Bill Hunger
- George Hutchings
- Chris Jones
- Donna Lampman
- Lorna Lusk
- Damon Peterson
- Lucille Pinson

Thank You to...

...Ed Kimball and Bobby Klein for taking two truckloads of donations to CAM.
...Vernon Enderlin for hauling aluminum cans to the recycling center.
...Lillie Wells, Florine Nickel and Myrtle Nickel for baking cookies for the Synod Assembly.

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 (June 7) at 1:00pm in the Baby Nursery. Dorothy Rode 681-5997 [dorothyrode@sbcglobal.net]

Date Night with a Book Dinner at a restaurant and then to a hosts's home for a study based on the book *For Couples Only: Eye Opening Insights about How the Opposite Sex Thinks* by Shaunti & Jeff Feldhahn. The next gathering is June 5. The restaurant has not been decided, but we'll end up at the Casey's for discussion and dessert. RSVP to Jana or Rick Marthis 999-5653 [jmarthis001@satx.rr.com]
July Date Night is moved to July 10 due to Independence Day Holiday

Ladies Dessert & Movie 4th Monday at 6:30pm. June 28 is Dessert and a Movie; start at Culver's on DeZavala at I-10, and then a move at Huebner Oaks Theater. Get details from 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. Trisch Moy 364-5425 [trischmoy@yahoo.com] or Beth Blaylock 595-1328 [bethblaylock@hotmail.com]

Amiable Assemblers Put together bulletins every Friday at 1:00pm, and newsletters once a month. Meet in the church office. 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 (June 7) at 1:00, 4th Monday evening with early supper at 3:30pm at the Golden Corral (June 28). 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]

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, June 19 the Dinner Out group meets at Hermann Sons Steak House, 577 Hwy 90E, one mile east of Hondo. A great Texas family steak house, good prices and a nice salad bar. Tracy or Doug Jones 679-9759 [tracywjones@live.com]

ZION BARBEQUE

Sunday, October 3

The name and date have changed, but the food and fun live on! Zion's annual picnic is now the annual barbeque, and is scheduled for the first Sunday in October. New this year are Bingo with furnished prizes, and "Trash & Treasure" with your donations. Start cleaning your closets now!

Shirley Jonas, BBQ Coordinator
680-6867 [sajonas@sbcglobal.net]

ZION ZIPPERS

Monday, May 10 at 6:30pm



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 June 14 hosts are Mary Mora's team. Bring your dish to share for the potluck, and stay for entertainment and information. There's plenty of room for all.

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.

ZION COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks may be purchased in the church office for \$15 each. Church office hours are 8:30-5:00 Monday through Thursday; the office is open until 3:00 on Friday.

INVESTMENT REPORT

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Apr \$85,835
 Actual Contrib Apr \$74,604
 Giving Goal Jan-Apr \$312,966
 Actual Contrib Jan-Apr \$279,884
 YTD Difference -\$33,082
2009 Apr Actual Contrib. \$78,938

• **Building Fund**

Apr 10 Income \$16,189
 BF cash on hand \$54,769
 FLC Loan Bal. 4/30/10 \$442,383

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2010 843
 YTD avg 2009 838

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.

July 2010 CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, June 18.

CHURCH STAFF

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, Brass
Kim Olsen	Accompanist
Brent Leaming	Facilities
Sara Hickey	Housekeeping
Trisch Moy	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant
Sophia O'Hara	Nursery Attendant
Chris Jones	Volunteer Coordinator

2010 CHURCH COUNCIL

Suzi Lockamy	President
Susan Johns	Vice-President
Carolyn Pfeiffer	Secretary
Michelle Farley	Treasurer
Bonnie Harrell	
Chris Jones	
Jerry Nelson	

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
Barnie Gavin	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
John Evans	Adult Education
Bev Rosel	Zion Zippers (50+)
Algine Perry	Game Group
Jimmy Weimer	Cemetery Board
<i>Position Open</i>	Zion Action Pack (ZAP)
Pastor Jennifer Gold	Stephen Ministry



Lutheran Campus Ministry of San Antonio
 Jennifer Bauer, Director
 830-377-0205



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

JUNE QUICK CALENDAR

View complete calendar at www.zionhelotes.org

- 1 Mission Task Force
- 2 Crafty Bunch*
- 3 Mary Circle
Baptismal Workshop
Stephen Ministers' Bible Study
Praise Team*
- 4
- 5 Prayer Team*
Couples' Date Night with a Book
- 6 **Sunday Worship & ACE**
- 7 Afternoon Game Group
Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 8 Dorcas Circle
Local Mission Team
- 9 "Hole in the Gospel" Bible Study
begins*
- 10
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- 12
- 13 **VBS Registration Deadline**
Blood Pressure Check

- 14 Zion Zippers
- 15 Church Council
- 16
- 17 Spiritual Gifts Bible Study
Mission Task Force
- 18 Newsletter Deadline
Young Married Couples
- 19 Dinner Out Group
- 20
- 21 Vacation Bible School Begins
Ruth Circle
- 22 VBS
- 23 VBS
- 24 VBS
- 25 VBS
- 26
- 27 **Funeral Workshop**
- 28 Supper & Game Group
Ladies' Dinner & Movie
- 29
- 30

*Weekly Event

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Energized by grace,
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we freely give our lives

*Bringing to Christ
Growing in Christ
Serving for Christ*

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