
TLU DAY

Sunday, January 24

Celebrate Lutheran higher education by lifting up our very own Lutheran university here in south Texas – Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas!

University president Dr. Ann Svennungson will preach at all three worship services on January 24. Admissions staff will meet with high school students and their parents to talk about college application processes in general, and to talk with them about the true value of a Lutheran university. And all the TLU alumni here at Zion will have a chance to meet the president over a light lunch after the late service.

TLU is an important extension of our mission as Zion Lutheran – God's Work, Our Hands, for the Sake of the World! What makes TLU special?

- A sense of community with an engaged student body
- A rigorous academic program
- An environment where students are enabled to grow in faith and life.
- Exclusively undergraduate university of the liberal arts, sciences and professional studies
- A diverse student body of 1,400 students
- Classes average fewer than 20 students, taught by highly qualified professors, not graduate students
- 184-acre park-like campus
- Located in Seguin, near San Antonio and Austin
- Recognized repeatedly in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of America's best colleges, and by *The Princeton Review*, which has named TLU to its "Best Western Colleges" list.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

2010: RWANDA

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19

In June of 2009, a team of fifteen traveled to Honduras for Zion's first international mission trip, and the transformation that took place within the congregation and in the hearts of each person on that team was overwhelming! Now it's time to put together Zion's second international mission trip, this time to Rwanda!

While in Rwanda, we will have a variety of ministry projects including construction work, holding Bible studies under the trees for street kids, ministering to widows, and working on economic development, as well as reconciliation ministry for Rwandans affected by the genocide. In addition, we'll take one day to see the country, and perhaps go on an African safari.

The exact dates of the trip have not been determined, but will likely be in September or October 2010. Children age nine years and older are welcome to be a part of this mission team if accompanied by a parent. The trip itself will be 10-12 days, and cost between \$2,000-\$2,500. That includes all transportation, food, lodging, water, tours, and insurance. Preparation for the trip includes fund-raising activities for the mission, so do not let the cost of the trip inhibit your interest.

Grace Spell, WIM Missionary Leader, and Pastor Jennifer will host an interest meeting on Sunday, January 17 at 5:00pm in Zion's Baby Nursery/Conference Room. Following that meeting, applications will be accepted along with the \$100 non-refundable application fee. Come find out more

at the January 17 meeting, and discern through thought and prayer if this is something God is calling you to do. And I promise you, your life with God will be transformed!

Pastor Jennifer

ROATAN MISSION TRIP

by Marlena Guerra

After returning from the Honduras Mission trip this past summer, I felt God leading me in the direction of taking a medical mission trip. I began praying and looking for opportunities to serve. I kept coming back to a website for an organization out of South Carolina called VIMM, Volunteers in Medical Missions. It is based through a medical school and sends groups of doctors in training, nurses and others all over the world for medical missions.

I applied and was accepted to go on a medical mission to Roatan, Honduras. I will meet up with a team of twelve in Atlanta on January 16, 2010 and travel with them to work at a medical clinic. On past trips, the teams have seen 400-600 patients in 4 days! We will be working with the Vessels of Mercy Hospital, in French Caye [vesselsofmercyinc.org].

I recently read an article on how the people of Honduras have suffered greatly with the political upheaval. They were already in great need and things have only gotten worse. Roatan, a resort island, has suffered due to loss of tourism revenue.

As I go to serve, I hope that you, my church family, will pray for me and this mission. Also if you would like to help, I will be collecting the following over-the-counter medications/supplies: Tylenol, ibuprofen, clotrimazole cream, hydrocortisone cream, vitamins (adult

and children), rewetting eye drops, Tums (antacids), antibiotic ointment, band-aids, muscle rub and pregnancy tests. I can also use stickers, pencils and toothbrushes to pass out to the children. There will be a box in the narthex to drop these things off from December 27 until January 10.

I am excited about this opportunity to serve in God's mission!

Marlena Guerra



ZION ZIPPERS

Monday, January 11 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 January 11 hosts are Peggy Dame's team - you know who you are! After supper, we'll be entertained by the Fire on the Mountain Cloggers. The Fellowship Hall will be rockin'! Bring your dish for the potluck and bring your friends. There's plenty of room for all.

RECIPE POTLUCK LUNCH

January 31 at Noon

Everyone is invited to the Zion Cookbook Recipe Potluck, after the 11:00 worship service on January 31 in the Fellowship Hall. To participate, make a dish from the Zion Cookbook, enough to serve 8-10 people. Pick a cookbook recipe from someone you know, make the dish you submitted yourself, or try something completely new. All are invited to participate, whether you submitted a recipe or not.

Zion Cookbooks are available for \$15 from the church office, 8:30-5:00 Monday-Thursday, and until 3:00 on Friday.

ZAP: ZION ACTION PACK
CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY
Karen Stein, Education Director
 688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

Potluck Brunch & Planning Meeting

To make ZAP events successful, parents and other adults are needed to plan and carry out these events. The 2010 planning meeting is on January 9 at 10:30am. Meet in Room 101 of the Family Life Center, and bring a breakfast/brunch dish to share.

Children ages 3 through 11 years are invited to participate in ZAP events.

Nursery

The nursery staff is in need of volunteers to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you like helping with small children, then volunteering in the nursery might be the place for you.

Contact: Trisch Moy 256-1532

Education News

As we enter the season of Epiphany, when the secular world is done with Christmas, we as Christians are still celebrating the wonderful news of God in human form as Jesus Christ.

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL classes will learn about Jesus and how he came to help us discover who God is and why he loves us. Lessons cover Jesus' baptism and his first miracle at the Wedding of Cana.
- David & Amy Walter continue the GROWING IN CHRIST adult series in FLC Room 202 (upstairs, elevator available), Sunday mornings at 9:30.
- SUNDAY MORNING PASTORS' CLASS: THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN Pastor Dave, Pastor Jen and Vicar Neil alternate in leading an adult class each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come join us for some lively discussion of faith and life.

Jan 3 & 10... The book of First John

Jan 17... *The Last Lecture**

Jan 24 & 31... *The Shack**

Feb 7... Simplicity as a Spiritual Discipline

Feb 14... Fasting as a Spiritual Discipline

Feb 21... Prosperity Gospel

Feb 28... Satan: Can the Devil Make Me Do It?

Mar 7 & 14... Books That Did Not Make the Bible & Why

Mar 21... Praying the Psalms

** Best if these books have been read before the session*

2010 Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 21 to Friday, June 25.

Mark your calendar now and look for more details soon.

WOMEN OF ZION

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

- January 21: 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.

CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAILS

Special thanks to Pastor Dave, Pastor Jennifer and to the many friends at Zion for all the prayers, cards and phone calls after my surgery. All this made the long stays in the hospital and rehab center a bit easier.

With love, Ruth Lampman

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your prayers have been heard and answered by our gracious Lord. My cancer is in COMPLETE REMISSION. I am so grateful for your care during the past year - pastor's visits and communion, prayer shawl, cards, letters, telephone calls. Your support has been a comfort to me and my family. We are truly blessed to be loved by so many at Zion. Please continue to pray that my recovery will progress and that I will regain my strength. May God bless you, everyone.

John Rushfeldt

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 host's home for a study on the book *Love and Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. The next gathering will be on January 2 at 5:00 at Grimaldi's at the Shops at La Cantera. After dinner we will continue on to the Marthis' house in the Hills of Sonoma Ranch for dessert and our book study. Please read the first two chapters of the book in preparation. RSVP to 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. 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]

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, January 16, the Dinner Out group meets at Old Alsatian Steakhouse in Castroville, 1405 Angelo Street. RSVP to the Chillstroms, below.

- Karen or Bill Cool 520-7910 [kcool@satx.rr.net]
- Sandy or Jim Chillstrom 771-7573 or 695-6310 [chillstrom@sbcglobal.net].

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

...Erica Dietzel received the Valero Alamobowl \$3,000 Scholarship

**YOUTH STUFF**

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

SA Luth Youth Basketball Blitz

Annual tournament at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church on San Pedro at the Oak Shadows exit.

January 3

High School1:00-3:00pm
Middle School3:00-5:00pm

January 10

Middle School1:00-3:00pm
High School3:00-5:00pm

January 17

High School1:00-3:00pm
Middle School3:00-5:00pm

Confirmation, Open Gym and SNL

All resume on Sunday, January 3. Open Gym starts at 5:00 for everyone in grades 6-12; Sunday Night Live groups for grades 6-7, for High School, and Confirmation are at 6:00.

Confirmation Service Project

Work at the San Antonio Food Bank-Saturday, January 9 from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Summer Camp Fundraiser Meeting

Parents and youth meeting on Sunday, January 17 at 5:30pm in the FLC. Fundraising events help with camp expenses.

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 [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

Library Coordinator

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

High School Events Coordinator

Plan and coordinate events for high school youth

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

Sunday School Superintendent (Fall 2010)

Placing new/visiting children in classes, coordinate subs as needed, collect offerings, assist in curriculum selection/ordering, assist in Rally Day activities

Vacation Bible School Coordinator

VBS is June 21-25, 2010

Worship Support Coordinator

attend worship planning meetings, assist in recruiting/training participants

MEMBER MILESTONES FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Christian Sympathy To

- ✘ George Hutchings and the family and friends of Margie Hutchings
- ✘ Pat Angelini and the family and friends of Chuck Angelini
- ✘ Kathy Grove upon the loss of her father, Russell Ruoff

Baptized This Month

Nov 29	Julianna Marie Krueger
Nov 29	Evelyn Grace Martinez
Dec 6	Jordan William Bice

Hospitalized Members

- Gloria Blair
- Calvin Galm
- Penny Hunger
- Peggy Hornsby
- Don "Bogie" Jones
- Ruth Lampman
- Chuck Segler
- Mary Sarli
- Cliff Trimble

Weddings

God's blessings on:

- ∞ Kendall Sweet & Eric Fritsch, married on November 22
- ∞ Michelle Lucas & John Stumpf, married on December 5

**THANK YOU FROM
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Shoebboxes for Kids**

Millions of boys and girls around the globe live in difficult circumstances and are in desperate need of hope. Whether they are slum dwellers in Calcutta or orphans in Johannesburg, they long to know they are loved

Zion has made a difference in 197 children's lives somewhere in the world this past Christmas. These simple gifts help to open the door to introduce children and their families to Jesus Christ. Local believers follow up with evangelistic programs and many precious boys and girls as well as their families are coming to faith in Jesus Christ

San Antonio sent 23,119 boxes this Christmas. It is an overwhelming joy to me to know Zion has made an impact in 197 children's lives in countries where we are unable to go.

Thank you for making an eternal difference in these precious lives, "for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14b, NIV).

I am amazed how God can use a small gift-your gift to touch a child's heart. May God bless you in your giving.

Vivian Hand

- Thank you to Dean Hearn for folding 200 shoeboxes.
- Thank you to Susan & Curtis Nickel for their help and support in the Shoebox Project.

INVESTMENT REPORT

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Nov 09 \$69,159
 Actual Contrib Nov 09 \$70,243
 Giving Goal Jan-Nov 09 ... \$796,804
 Actual Contrib Jan-Nov 09.. \$746,885
 YTD Difference..... -\$49,919
 2008 Nov Actual Contrib. \$73,453

• **Building Fund**

Nov 09 Income \$20,975
 BF cash on hand \$59,574
 FLC Loan Bal. 11/30/09 \$542,130

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2009* 629
 YTD avg 2008 591

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.

February 2010 CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, January 15.

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
Elyse Hearn	Woodwinds
Kim Olsen	Accompanist
Brent Leaming	Facilities & Grounds
Trisch Moy	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant
Kat Stockert	Nursery Attendant
Chris Jones	Volunteer Coordinator

2010 CHURCH COUNCIL

Suzi Lockamy	President
Michelle Farley	Treasurer
Bonnie Harrell	
Susan Johns	
Chris Jones	
Jerry Nelson	
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
Position Open	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



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



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

JANUARY QUICK CALENDAR

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

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|----|--|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | New Year's Day - Office Closed | 12 | Dorcas Circle |
| 2 | Prayer Team* | 13 | |
| | Couples' Date Night with a Book | 14 | |
| 3 | Youth Open Gym*, Confirmation* and Sunday Night Live* resume Lutheran Campus Ministry* | 15 | Young Married Couples |
| 4 | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 16 | Dinner Out |
| | Afternoon Game Group | 17 | |
| | Brass Ensemble* | 18 | Ruth Circle |
| 5 | Undecorate Sanctuary | 19 | Church Council |
| | Handbells* | 20 | |
| | Men's Choir* | 21 | Women's Bible Study |
| 6 | Adult Choir* | 22 | |
| 7 | Mary Circle | 23 | |
| | Children's Choir, Youth Choir* | 24 | TLU Day at Zion |
| | Praise Team* | 25 | Supper & Game Group |
| | Baptism Workshop | | Ladies Dinner & Movie |
| 8 | | 26 | |
| 9 | Quilt Sewing for LWR* | 27 | |
| | Prayer Team* | 28 | |
| 10 | Blood Pressure Check | 29 | |
| 11 | Zion Zippers | 30 | |
| | | 31 | |

*Weekly Events

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Energized by grace,

God's unconditional love,

we freely give our lives

Bringing to Christ

Growing in Christ

Serving for Christ

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