



MAY
is
Mission
Month



**SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK
BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Now through May 9

There some children who look forward to school only because they know they will eat that day. Weekends and holidays may be a hungry two or three days if a parent is unable to feed the family.

You can help a child in our local neighborhood. Fill up a gallon-size plastic bag with nutritious, read-to-eat food to help hungry schoolchildren make it through the weekend. Teachers will discreetly slip them into the backpacks of food-insecure students. Pick up a list of recommended foods at the display in the narthex.

BIBLES & CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN

Collection now through May 16 for the Lutheran Mission in El Cenizo near Laredo, Texas

- Sponsor a Spanish-language Bible. A \$5 donation will purchase a family Bible or study Bible for Sunday School teachers.
- Children's new and gently used clothing will be collected and distributed by Zion's Mission Team on their May 21-23 mission trip.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6 Vigil and Service to pray for our city, our nation and our world.

Vigil begins at noon in the sanctuary with continuous prayer through 6:30pm. Sign up for a 30-minute block to pray in the sanctuary. Prayer guides will be provided, and written prayer requests taken. At 6:30pm, Stephen Ministers will be available to meet and pray with individuals. The Vigil culminates in a worship service of prayer at 7pm.

RELAY FOR LIFE

May 7-8 at O'Connor High School

Sign up to walk or sponsor a walker on the Zion team. Luminarias are \$10 to place in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Stop by the table in the narthex.

BAKE SALE FOR RWANDA MISSION

Mother's Day, May 9

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**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.

BAKE SALE ON MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 9

Support Rwanda Mission Team by baking and/or buying

On Sunday, May 9 the Mission Team sponsors a bake sale to raise funds for the trip to Rwanda in September. We need donations of cakes, pies cookies, brownies—or whatever is your specialty—to sell after each church service.

The Mission Team looks forward to ministering in Rwanda and you too can be part of our team by supporting our bake sale with your donations and/or your purchases. When you contribute to our missionary's outreach in this way, you are participating in reaching those who will be touched by the love of God!

Bring your donation to the FLC kitchen either Saturday morning, May 8, 9am -12 noon, or Sunday morning as early as possible. Dessert lovers can purchase treats for Mother's Day, after each worship service.

Sign up in the narthex to bring your baked goods so we know to expect you on Saturday or Sunday. Proceeds from the sale will go to support the traveling expenses of group members and purchase supplies.

WOMEN OF ZION

- May 20: Women's Bible Study begins a new series, *Spiritual Gifts*. This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Come to Family Life Center Room 101.
- LWR Update: A grand total of 57 health kits were put together, along with donations of \$543 to cover shipping costs for kits and quilts to Project Comfort. Thanks to Jill Nunneley for delivering all of Zion's boxes to TLU in Seguin.
- 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.

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NEW BIBLE STUDY

The Hole in Our Gospel begins June 9

You may have heard Pastor Jen reference the book *The Hole in Our Gospel*, and many of you may have even read the book. In June, Kathy Rothen and Marlena Guerra will lead a six-week Bible study exploring the book. Classes will be Wednesday evenings at 7:30 starting June 9.

The Hole in Our Gospel was written by Richard Stearns, once the CEO of Lennox China and now the president of World Vision. It is the story of how he came reluctantly to this position and how we can change the world one person at a time.

What does God expect of us? *The Hole in Our Gospel* challenges Christians to expand their faith into a public and transforming relationship with the poor. "The gospel proclaimed by Jesus was so much more than a private transaction between God and us," Richard Stearns writes. "It was a vision of a changed people challenging and changing the prevailing values and practices of our world."

The stories, Scripture and statistics recounted in *The Hole in Our Gospel* will inspire readers to see God's heart for the poor. As Christians, we will consider how we can do the same. Registration begins May 2.

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.

MEMBER MILESTONES

For Your Prayers

Our Christian Sympathy to...

- ✘ Clif Lampman upon the loss of his sister-in-law Helga Lampman
- ✘ Allison Duysen upon the loss of her mother.
- ✘ Margaret Harrison upon the loss of her nephew, Brian Cardwell

Baptized This Month

April 11 Jake Emerson Smoot
April 18 Jane Autumn Griffith

Hospitalized Members

- Kristeen Davis
- Bill Hunger
- George Hutchings
- Clif Lampman
- Janet Muery
- Ruth Neeley
- Leslie Neill
- Toby Nimitz
- Lucille Pinson
- Dottie Williams

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Karen Stein, Education Director
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[kstein@zionhelotes.org]

ZAP: ZION ACTION PACK
CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY
Family Picnic May 23

Bring the whole family to celebrate the beginning of summer. Activities include a rock climb/slide and a moon bounce. Lunch is freshly-grilled hamburgers or hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, dessert and a drink. \$5 for adults \$3 for ages 3-12; children age 2 and under are free. Please sign up on the display in the Narthex for accurate food counts.

Thank you to Angie English, Kristin O'Donnell, Sherry Schofield and Michelle Szymanski for organizing the Easter Egg event, and to the ZAP committee members for helping out that day. A special thanks goes to Garrett Johnson for being the bunny and to all the Junior High, Confirmation and High School youth who helped hide the eggs. A BIG thanks to all who donated eggs and candy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
High Seas Adventure!

June 21-25, Monday-Friday

It's time to think about Vacation Bible School! We need many good men and women to serve on this voyage as crew leaders, storytellers, craft, game and music leaders and galley help in the kitchen. VBS is a wonderful 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 or contact Karen Stein in the church office. On-line registration begins May 10 (www.zionhelotes.org). You may register in person in the narthex beginning May 16.

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.

5TH GRADE COMMUNION CLASS

Congratulations to all who completed communion instruction and received Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday:

Allison Barry	Jeanette Nunneley
Shannon Bryant	Jenna Pagel
Katherine Gangnuss	Kayla Patterson
Tristan Garcia	Isabella Peterson
Andrew Kraemer	Emily Pullin
Trevor Meier	Sophia Salinas
Skylar Mendez	Jared Taylor
Ashley Moody	Kyle Taylor
Jordan Murray	Kira Teel
Jordan Nimitz	

Sincere thanks go to Jana & Rick Marthis for sharing their talents as teachers for the Communion class.

COMMUNION CLASS
SERVICE PROJECT

As part of the communion class studies, the students were asked to serve their community. The class chose to hold a food drive for Christian Assistance Ministry. The students passed out bags to the congregation and collected non-perishable goods. On Palm Sunday an offering of collected items was presented by the students. All the bags and items collected (filling up one pick-up truck and three cars) were taken to the CAM warehouse on Good Friday. They received a tour of the facility by CAM director Dawn White. Thank you to all who donated, and to those who went to CAM.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult classes will continue through June, every Sunday morning at 9:30

- **GROWING IN CHRIST** ongoing series led by John Evans in Family Life Center Room 202, upstairs, Elevator available.
- **THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN.** Pastors, Vicar Neil and others present a different topic each week:
 - 5/2 Erica Benavides: SA Food Bank's School Backpack Program
 - 5/9 Vicar Neil: What do Baptists Believe? Pt 2
 - 5/16 Brian Moy: TBA
 - 5/23 Vicar Neil: Micah the Prophet
 - 5/30 Pastor Jen: What is the Trinity?

- **INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL** July 11-August 8
Travel to Egypt and experience Joseph's journey from a prison to the palace. Come one or all the Sundays; 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.

CARDS, LETTERS AND E-MAILS

Thank you, Zion family, for the kindness and love shown at the funeral of Patricia Hand Milford. God bless you all. Our sincere thanks to all those that helped with the luncheon on March 20. We are grateful for the wonderful meal provided and the outpouring of love and sympathy extended by family and friends.

*Thank you,
Gaye Milford Cowell,
Stephanie Milford, Gloria Anderson,
Jimmy Hand and families*

We want to thank you all for your prayers and visits while Jerry was in the hospital.

Karen & Jerry Oster

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' 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 May 1. The restaurant has not been decided, but we'll end up at the Buescher's home in San Antonio Ranch for discussion and dessert. Jana or Rick Marthis 999-5653 [jmarthis001@satx.rr.com]

Ladies Dinner & Movie 4th Monday at 6:30pm. April 26 is Dessert and a Movie; start at Marie Callenders (Huebner). 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. 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, May 15, the Dinner Out group meets at Auden's Kitchen, a neighborhood eatery located in the Stone Oak area at 700 East Sonterra Blvd., No. 1117. RSVP to Tracy or Doug Jones 679-9759 [tracywjones@live.com]

**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 May 10 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.

YOUTH STUFF

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

Youth Worship May 16

Rehearsals are

- Sunday, May 2 at noon *and*
- Saturday, May 15 at 10:00am

Youth Lunch May 30

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

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. Volunteer early to head up a committee. Shirley Jonas, BBQ Coordinator 680-6867 [sajonas@sbcglobal.net]

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 & EYEGLOSS 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.

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

...Ellis Hickey and Rachel Iwanicki were inducted into the National Honor Society at O'Connor High School.



INVESTMENT REPORT

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Mar \$84,923
 Actual Contrib Mar \$64,693
 Giving Goal Jan-Mar \$227,131
 Actual Contrib Jan-Mar \$205,280
 YTD Difference -\$21,851
2009 Mar Actual Contrib. \$79,938

• **Building Fund**

Mar 10 Income \$20,527
 BF cash on hand \$59,098
 FLC Loan Bal. 3/31/10 \$460,647

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2010 686
 YTD avg 2009 583

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.

June 2010 CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, May 21.

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



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 Gail Anderson, Director
 210-688-9171

MAY 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 | LWR Quilt Sewing | 12 | |
| | Prayer Team* | 13 | |
| | Couple's Date Night with a Book | 14 | |
| 2 | Spiritual Gifts Bible Study* | 15 | Dinner Out Group |
| 3 | Afternoon Game Group | 16 | |
| | Prayer Shawl Ministry | 17 | Ruth Circle |
| | Brass Ensemble* | 18 | Church Council |
| 4 | Handbells* | 19 | |
| | Men's Choir* | 20 | |
| | Praise Team (changed this wk only) | 21 | El Cenizo Mission Trip |
| 5 | Crafty Bunch* | 22 | |
| | Adult Choir* | 23 | ZAP Family Picnic |
| 6 | National Day of Prayer Vigil and
Worship Service, begins at noon | 24 | Game Group |
| | Mary Circle | 25 | |
| | Children's Choir* | 26 | |
| | Youth Choir* | 27 | |
| 7 | Relay for Life at O'Connor | 28 | |
| 8 | | 29 | |
| 9 | Bake Sale for Rwanda Mission | 30 | |
| 10 | Zion Zippers | 31 | Memorial Day- office closed |
| 11 | Dorcas Circle | | *Weekly Event |

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Energized by grace,
God's unconditional love,
we freely give our lives

*Bringing to Christ
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Serving for Christ*

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