

Zion's Caring Voice

Volume 2 Issue 11

A Publication of Zion Lutheran Church

June 2005

STEPHEN MINISTRY



1003 Church Street, PO Box 63, Gowrie, IA 50543



Thrivent

WIS ASSEMBLY NOTES

The Western Iowa Synod ELCA 19th Annual Assembly was held May 12-14, 2005 at Waldorf College in Forest City. Members attending from Zion were Pastor Jim Davis, Pastor Don and Marjorie Wahlgren, Cindy Youngquist, Matt Schill (youth delegate), and Bud & Donita Johanson (voting delegates). There were 479 delegates and visitors registered. The theme was *Marked with the Cross of Christ Forever*.

Thursday evening we attended the opening worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church. It is difficult to put into words what a wonderful and moving worship service was experienced! Dakota Road, from Sioux Falls, S.D., led the beautiful music. The sermon was given by Bishop Cleopa Lukilo who is from the Southern Diocese Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. The translator was a student at

(Continued on page 2)

Church Council Minutes

The Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Marsha Farnham, Greta Jansa, Monte Albert, Don Larson, Dick Phillips, Rob Peterson, and Shannon Miller.
Absent: Gary Kuhn

Pastor Jim opened the meeting with devotions using Matthew 28. It emphasized disciple making--showing others a new way of living.

Motion by Monte, seconded by Shannon, to accept the secretary's report. Motion by Dick, seconded by Don, to accept the financial report.

Team reports :

- ❖ *Faith Development:* Pictures are being taken for the mentoring program; 7th & 8th graders raised \$1100 for World Hunger--going 30 hours without food; the last day of SS was May 15.
- ❖ *Church Property:* Discussion of furnace & air conditioning unit for pastor's study; mulch to be secured behind the utility building for use around shrubs.
- ❖ *Caring:* Meeting scheduled for May 25.
- ❖ *Finance and Memorial:* No report.
- ❖ *Long Range Planning:* No

(Continued on page 2a)

Zion's Church Staff

James Davis	Administrative Pastor	352-3932
Rod Meyer	Pastoral Associate	846-6277
Don Wahlgren	Visitation Pastor	352-5245
Cindy Youngquist	Stephen Ministry	352-3612
Cheryl Rasmussen	Secretary	352-3645
Beth Miller	Financial Secretary	879-2410
Terry Mentzer	Treasurer	352-3292
Cindy McCubbin	Custodian	352-5225
Nick & Lindy Lehman	Sr. High Youth Leaders	968-4342
Shannon & Beth Miller	Jr. High Youth Leaders	879-2410
Colleen Palmer	Music Director	352-3598

E-Mail Addresses

Office:	ziongowr@wccta.net
Stephen Ministry:	stephencoop@hotmail.com

Website Addresses

ZION:	www.countrysidecoop.org/zion
COOPERATIVE:	www.countrysidecoop.org

Zion's Council

Marsha Farnham	Chair
Rob Peterson	Vice-Chair
Monte Albert	Greta Jansa
Gary Kuhn	Don Larson
Shannon Miller	Richard Phillips

(Continued from page 1b)

Council Minutes

- report.
- ❖ *Endowed Benevolence:* An additional gift has been added to this fund.
- ❖ *Stewardship:* Pledges have been coming in but we're a little short in covering the budget.
- ❖ *Worship:* July 3 we will have a regular 9:30 service & then a 10:30 service led by Fusion.

Staff Report: No report.

Old Business: No old business.

New business: No new business.

Next meeting: June 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Greta Jansa, Secretary

**REMEMBER
FATHER'S
DAY.
JUNE 19, 2005**



**BIBLE BRIEFING
FOR JUNE
WILL BE
WEDNESDAY
JUNE 1ST
AT 10:00 A.M.**

(Continued from page 1)

Waldorf who did a great job

Friday was filled with meetings, looking at displays in the Atrium, attending forums, and the evening concluded with a banquet in Friendship Hall at Winnebago Campus. Rev. David Miller, editor of *The Lutheran*, was the keynote speaker at the morning session. After lunch, we visited the 34 displays that were at the Atrium. Cindy and Donita worked at the Discovering Hope booth. Cindy was also a panel member for the Discovering Hope forum that told about ways rural congregations can rediscover their purpose. Our Stephen Ministry program and *FUSION* were of interest to many people. People are aware of what is happening at the Countryside Ministry. After the forums we reconvened at the Hanson

(Continued on page 3)

**Zion Women of the E.L.C.A.
Act Boldly!!**

**If You Love Me, You Will
Keep My Commandments**

John 14:15

The Scripture passage today is encouraging, even though Jesus speaks these words to the disciples the night before his death. Jesus tells the disciples, and us, to keep his commandments out of love for him. He then reassures us that we will have the ability to do so because we will have the Holy Spirit forever to help us.

As we meditate on this lesson, we need to ask ourselves two questions: The first is: "Do I love Jesus?" And the second is: "What are the commandments that Jesus speaks of?" You know in your heart if you love Jesus; only you can an-

swer the first question.

As to the second question, Matthew reports that Jesus sums up God's law this way: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39). Then, in John 13:34, Jesus offers a new commandment: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Keeping these commandments may be easier said than done, but with the help of the Holy Spirit and our love of Jesus, it may be easier than we think.

Holy Spirit, I need your help to

show my love for Jesus and keep his commandments. Amen

—Mary Orness
Chairperson

Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 1—Rachel** 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Mary Larson
Bible Study Kay Miller
- 2—Dorcas** 9:00 a.m.
Hostess: Carol Barnum
Bible Study
..... Dorothy Anderson
- Esther** 9:00 a.m.
Hostess: Jean Warren
Bible Study Ruth Norine
- Martha** 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: .Delores Gronemeyer
Bible Study:Frances Brown
- 9—Project Day** 1:30 P.M.
- 16—BIRTHDAYS @ GOWRIE CARE
CENTER** 2:00 P.M.
- 24-25—W.I.S. WOMEN'S CONVEN-
TION @ COUNCIL BLUFFS**

GLOBAL MISSION EVENTS

(Continued from page 2)
Missionaries

A Global Mission Event is an adventure, a family reunion full of new faces and challenging ideas, a unique occasion to have fun and learn together with other mission-minded Christians.

At a college or a convention center, a Global Mission Event is a faith community gathered for life together. All activities are right nearby. The GME makes every effort to be accessible and accommodate participants with special needs.

Families are important for a GME, so special programming is designed for children and youth.

Childcare is provided for children through age two. Children's programming is

for kids 3 to 10.

Youth 11 to 14 and 15 to 17 enjoy their own unique programs. Youth groups are urged to register and attend.

The GME in our area this year will be held in Fargo, ND, July 14-17. **Registration deadline is June 24.** For more information, see the brochure and registration sheet in the library. If you have questions, please contact Marjorie Wahlgren or the Cooperative office.

2005 Global Mission Events

Gathered by God's Grace for the Sake of the World



People from around the world learning together through eyes of faith. A great family event with something for everyone. Why not plan your vacation to include one of these fabulous gatherings?

Fargo, North Dakota, July 14-17
Baltimore, August 25-28

Visit www.ela.org/gme for more details or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2642.

Fieldhouse to hear and discuss the resolutions that were presented. Bud was on the Credentials and Elections Committee so he got to count votes. We continued to hear, discuss, and vote on more resolutions at the Saturday session. Many hours of discussion were spent on the sexuality issue. The more discussion there was, the more questions were raised as well as new concerns. We did not feel there were any new specific recommendations coming from the assembly. It is our opinion that there will not be any new bold decisions made at the church wide assembly this year. The opinions and differences are too great. Hopefully, they will decide to live faithfully in the midst of differences. As the Southern Diocese Bishop said, "[We] won't worry about the sexuality issue as there are more important things to worry about." Hopefully next year's session's focus will be on things other than sexuality.

In the election, Cindy Youngquist was elected to the Synod Council. Pastor Jim Davis was elected to the Committee on Discipline. During the closing worship on Saturday, Matt Schill carried the Bible and Cindy was a lector. Attending the assembly was a very busy, interesting, and rewarding event. Your Zion Lutheran delegates were pleased to represent you and let others know what we are doing in our rural area.

Bud & Donita Johanson
 Synod Delegates

Zion Financial Report

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
ACTUAL INCOME	9,905.00	46,548.29
BUDGETED INCOME	14,133.00	56,532.00
ACTUAL EXPENSES	12,966.48	56,887.01
BUDGETED EXPENSES	12,947.68	51,363.72

(The entire line item reports are posted on the bulletin board by Pastor Jim's office. Please take a moment to look at them.)

OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE

The Legion Riders (part of the American Legion) is helping to sponsor Operation First Response. O.F.R. is in need of homemade or purchased cot sized quilts to be included with the First Response Backpacks that will be sent to the American military hospitals and combat hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Quilts which measure approximately 45 inches by 72 inches are a nice useable size for our wounded heroes. (Crocheted or knitted afghans are wonderful too!)

Please be sure to make a tag with your name and address and attach it to the corner of your quilt(s) so the recipient knows who the maker is. This allows the recipient or one of their family members to send a note to you if they choose.

The goal for the Gowrie community is to have 100 made and sent to O.F.R. If you have questions please contact Dick Dean of the American Legion, the church office, Maxine Nordstrom, or visit their website at info@operationfirstresponse.org.

The quilts can be brought to the church and we will make sure they are picked up for delivery.

Please remember that these brave men and women have sacrificed so much for each of us and a good quality quilt is what they deserve!



Faithful Attendance!



MAY

3- & 4-YEAR-OLDS

Ben Carlson
Max Davis
Ivan Hudson

KINDERGARTEN

Myles Davis
Connor Trupe
Kennedy Stearn

1ST GRADE

Josh Carlson
Cassie Zinnel

2ND & 3RD GRADE

Olivia Hanson
Rebecca Nellis

4TH GRADE

Chelsea Anderson

5TH GRADE

Hannah Carlson
Austin Davis
Elizabeth Welter

8TH GRADE

Brandi Carlson
Claire Davis
Katelyn Johnson
Kyla Mohr
Josh Zinnel

Shannon & Beth Miller
Sunday School Superintendents

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Gowrie Community Vacation Bible School will be held beginning July 25 and ending July 28 at Zion Lutheran Church. Children entering preschool and kindergarten (ages 4 & 5) will meet from 9:00—11:30 a.m. each day. Children entering grades 1-6 will meet from 9:00—2:00 each day.

The theme for this year's day camp is *Journey with Jesus*. Riverside Bible Camp counselors will once again be leading our children in their *Journey with Jesus*.



For more information and a registration form please see the enclosed booklet. If you do not have a child in need of the form please pass the form on to someone else in the community. The forms are due back to your church secretary by July 1.

We would like to thank our VBS coordinators, Kim Sandgren (UMC) and Jen Carlson (Zion) for once again heading up this project for our community.

Q: How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Change the lightbulb? We can't change the lightbulb. It was donated by Great Aunt Sophie!

**New Books
in the Church
Library**



New books in May are:

Bible Study Helps:

A Layman Looks at the Lord's Prayer

by Phillip Keller

Same author who wrote *A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm*. Some very helpful insights.

Biography:

Titanic Survivor

by Violet Jessop

Fiction:

The Way of Women

by Lauraine Snelling

Celebrates the resilience and strength of three women in a time of extra-ordinary crisis. (Donated by Paulyne Anderson.)

Sunday School Library

Megillath Esther (A Jewish Queen)

Written in Hebrew and English. Illustrated by Y. Kaufman.

Parents' Note: Please remind your children to return any library books or videos they have checked out from the Sunday School library. We would like to have all of them in by June 1 so we can take inventory.

These items should be placed

in the square container on the lower book shelf in the library area in the church basement hallway or left in the Sunday School office. Thank you.

—Marjorie Wahlgren,
Librarian

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following people for teaching Sunday School this past year. We couldn't have done it without your help and dedication. THANK YOU!!!!

- Natalie Fevold
- Jennifer Carlson
- Jennifer Taylor
- Megan Eastman
- Laurie Towne
- Leanne Keith
- Jocelyn Anderson
- Katie Petersen
- Jen Carlson
- Marsha Farnham
- Christi Carlson
- Kirsten Towne
- Cindy Lindquist
- Shelly Nelson
- Kathleen Johnson
- Kim Rolfes
- Tami Davis
- Dave Anderson
- Janet Carlson
- Jim Carlson
- Andrea Kuhn
- Nels Lindquist
- Beryl Birkland
- Nik Telleen
- Tanner Carlson
- Dick Phillips

And our preschool helpers...

- Pam Kennell
- Beryl and Marilyn Birkland
- Pat Peterson
- Phyllis Rasmussen
- Sharon Carlson
- Marleen Fevold
- Tyler McCubbin



Our graduating high school students from the class of 2005 participated in their baccalaureate on May 15, 2005 at Zion Lutheran Church. *Seated:* Kirsten Towne, Matt Schill, Andy Summers, David Peterson, Jocelyn Anderson. *Standing:* Katie Petersen, Megan Thompson, Becca Fevold, Ashley McCubbin. *Not pictured:* Amber Mosher and Mitch Nordin.

Summer Missionary Coffees

Our 2005 Missionary Coffees will begin on June 5, following the 9:30 worship and will continue throughout the summer. The freewill donations will help support our missionaries, Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen, in Tanzania, Africa.

All ladies are to help serve; please check the serving list for your name. Please bring 2 dozen cookies, rolls, donuts, or bars on the day scheduled. If you cannot serve on that day, please switch with someone and let your chair-

person know of the switch. Men are welcome to help on the serving committees.

Chairpersons are the coordinators for each Sunday and are to remind committee members of the event. Chairpersons, please fill out the book in the south drawer with information on your Sunday.

Thank you!
Greta Jansa
Stewardship Team

JUNE 5

Phyllis Rasmussen, chr.
Ruth Nellis
Janet Nordin
Stacie Nordin
Phyllis Norine
Deb Olson
Helen Nelson
Ann Albert
Pauline Olson

JUNE 12

Marjorie Wahlgren, chr.
Paulyne Anderson
Carol Barnum
Marilyn Birkland
Sharon Carlson
Nikki Welter
Julia Fevold
Ruthann Mohr
Donna Mohr

JUNE 19

Jean Larson, chr
Maxine Nordstrom
Oda Anderson
Kris Cathcart
Shelley Nelson
Nancy Burger
Dorothy Carlon
Linda A. Carlson (Dennis)
Shirley Erb

JUNE 26

Mary Harklau, chr.
Marleen Fevold
Sharon Fevold
Dolores Gronemeyer
Marsha Howard
Carla Kamp

Angela Jepson
Jackie Johnson
Cindy Lindquist

JULY 3

Virginia Amandus, chr.
Mary Larson
Beth Miller
Vicki Mischke
Delores Hoover
Janice Hockemier
Crystal Kinley
Cindy McCubbin
Kay Miller

JULY 10

Joyce Hade, chr.
Pauline Carlson
Janet Carlon
Tami Davis
Kathleen Johnson
Renee´ Fevold
Natalie Fevold

JULY 17

Almeda Gordon, chr.
Jo Fevold
Erin Frahm
Wanda Hade
Julie Mosher
Jen Carlson (Tanner)
Michele Sanchez
Leanne Keith
Sherill Jorgenson
Cindy McCormack

JULY 24—Countryside joint service

Irene Christianson, chr.
Vicki Anderson
Dianna Carlson
MaryLou Carlson

Cindy Fevold
Ruth Fridolfson
Kathy Hanson
Janis Miller
Karen Monson

JULY 31

Dorothy Anderson, chr.
Jennifer Taylor
Sue Anderson
Angie Burger(Chad)
Angela Burger(Tracy)
Kris Carlson
Paulette Carlson
Corinne Jensen

AUGUST 7

Mary Lind, chr.
Marsha Farnham
Christy Carlson
Megan Eastman
Andrea Kuhn
Pat Peterson
Tammara Baade
Martha Norine
Holly Shirbroun

AUGUST 14

Donita Johanson, chr.
Greta Jansa
Jennifer Carlson (Jim W.)
Kim Rolfes
Chris Breeden
Stacy Cline
Sibyl Bauer
Ann Kruse
Shelley Nelson

AUGUST 21—CHICKEN DINNER

Mary Orness, chr.

AUGUST 28

Pauline Johnson, chr.
Linda Carlson
Brenda Anderson
Frances Brown
Colette Bethel
Renaee Lane
Shirley Johnson
Pam Kennell
Angela Kennell
Jenny Carlson

SEPTEMBER 4

Ruth Elaine Sandeen, chr.
Jean Warren
Ruth Norine
Cindy Youngquist
Sandy Thoma
Kathy Peterson
LuAnn Suchan
Patti Bessman
Margaret Telleen

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE DUTIES

1	Julie Mosher
	Sandy Nelson
	Doug Olson
	Rev. Donald Wahlgren
2	Barry Anderson
	Todd Borgen
	Samantha Loreda
3	Nancy Burger
	Carole Thompson
4	Jane Franzeen
	Clarence Olson
5	Joyce Hade
	Kennedy Stern
	Andy Summers
	Sandy Thoma
8	Rex Miller
9	Matt Nellis
	Anthony Shavone
10	Kay Miller
	Marvin Telleen
11	Kevin Bessman
	Hannah Hockemeier
12	Colton Rasmussen
13	Amanda Bessman
	Maggie McCormack
	Dennis Patton
	Logan Suhrbier
14	Patty Bessman
15	Bernard Monson


18	Kristi Bingham
	Ashley Carlon
	Marvin Jensen
	Steve Lane
19	Travis Goodale
	Mary Orness
21	Gayen Borgen
	Amy Carlon
	Cory Mohr
	Trent Nelson
	Leon Skoglund
22	Rob Peterson
23	Tera Picard
	Karlie Warehime
24	Joel Amandus
25	Troy Jepsen
26	Paul Johnson, Jr.
	Nathan Picard
	Dora Wicklander
27	Nick Carlson
28	Terry Mentzer
	Holden Miller
	Ruthann Mohr
29	Dan Rasmussen
30	Trena Anderson

If your birthday was missed or you would like a birthday included, please call the church office so we can update the computer. Thank you!— Cheryl

GREETERS


5	Leonard & Greta Jansa
	Margaret Telleen & Mary Orness
12	Ray & Phyllis Norine
	Dale & Kay Miller
19	Dennis & Crystal Kinley
	Steve & Kris Cathcart
26	Ned & Colleen Palmer
	Jim & Jennifer Carlson

USHERS




	Greg Carlson
	Jim Peterson
	Seth Fevold
	Bruce Towne
	Greg Towne

5	Irene Christianson
12	Russell Norine
19	Emilie Nelson
26	Bruce Towne



LAY READERS



GOWRIE CARE CENTER

5	Margaret Telleen
19	Willis & Sharon Carlson

MISSIONARY FOR A DAY*



Support our missionaries

1	Rev. Donald Wahlgren
2	Dick & Maxine Nordstrom
21	Margaret Telleen
22	Nels & Cindy Lindquist
26	Ned & Colleen Palmer
29	Pauline Johnson



Shannon Miller & Greta Jansa


*** Zion is in need of more members to sign up for "Missionary for a Day". All you need to do is sign your name next to a date on the Missionary Calendar in the library. Gifts range from 50 cents to whatever amount you wish to give.**

Zion's Ministry


June 2005


REMINDER:
Starting June 5, 2005 worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by our missionary coffee hour at 10:30 a.m.

1 7:00 PM Rachel Circle 7:30 PM FUSION	2 9:00 AM Dorcas & Esther Circle 1:30 PM Martha Circle	3 9:00 AM Bishop Lukilo visiting Countryside Ministry	4 5:00 PM Worship
---	---	---	-----------------------------

5 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Missionary Coffee 4:30 PM Youth Group 6:00 PM Talent Night & Ice Cream Social	6 3:00 PM Doubting Thomas	7 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study	8 7:30 PM FUSION	9 1:30 PM Project Day	10	11 2:00 PM 70th Birthday Party for Kay Miller 
---	-------------------------------------	--	----------------------------	---------------------------------	-----------	--

12 9:30 AM Worship (MAD Camp to perform) 10:30 AM Missionary Coffee 7:00 PM "Connections" @ FUSION bldg	13 9:30 AM Gowrie Care Center-Taped Service 7:00 PM FUSION Team Pastor at Calvin Institute of Worship Grant Workshop	14 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace Pastor at Calvin Institute of Worship Grant Workshop	15 7:30 PM FUSION NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Pastor at Calvin Institute of Worship Grant Workshop 	16 2:00 PM Birthdays @ G.C.C. 2:30 PM Gowrie Care Center Devotions Pastor at Calvin Institute of Worship Grant Workshop	17 Pastor at Calvin Institute of Worship Grant Workshop	18 5:00 PM Worship
---	--	--	--	---	---	------------------------------

19 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Missionary Coffee 7:00 PM Youth Group 	20 Cheryl on Vacation	21 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study 7:00 PM Zion Council Cheryl on Vacation Worship Team	22 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Church of Damascus Road 7:30 PM FUSION	23	24 Senior High Youth to Dolliver Park W.I.S. Womens Convention at Council Bluffs, Iowa	25 Senior High Youth to Dolliver Park W.I.S. Womens Convention at Council Bluffs, Iowa
---	---------------------------------	--	---	-----------	---	---

26 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Missionary Coffee 6:30 PM Lutheran Men in Mission	27 9:30 AM Gowrie Care Center-Taped Service 3:00 PM Doubting Thomas Cindy on Vacation	28 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study 7:00 PM Faith Development Team Cindy on Vacation	29 7:30 PM FUSION Cindy on Vacation	30 7:00 PM Gowrie Area Arts Council Performance @ Zion Cindy on Vacation	
---	---	--	--	---	---