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BISHOP LUKILO

Bishop Lukilo and General Secretary Timias Mhomisoli, from the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, recently spent a day in Countryside Ministry. Ana Joyce Mbise, who served as interpreter, accompanied them. Ana Joyce is from Tanzania, but is currently a student at Waldorf College in Forest City. Ana Joyce spoke at Fulton last fall for the Twin Rivers Valley Global

Mission Event.

The purpose of the visit was to build relationships and to provide our visitors with an opportunity to see how we are doing cooperative ministry. It was also exciting to hear about the wells that have already been drilled in Tanzania as a result of the Western Iowa Synod's well-drilling project. Ana Joyce has also met Jean Wahlstrom and

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Church Council Minutes

The Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Marsha Farnham, Dick Phillips, Shannon Miller, Rob Peterson, Monte Albert, Don Larson

Absent: Greta Jansa, Gary Kuhn.

Pastor Jim opened the meeting with devotions from Matthew 9. Its message is no one is too insignificant for God's grace.

Monte made a motion to accept previous minutes, seconded by Don. Dick made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Shannon.

Recognition of Zion as the top percentage for mission support of regular giving in the Western Iowa Synod, 17.9%

Team reports :

- ❖ *Faith Development:* is still waiting for their pictures and comments on the enthusiasm for young people to help with communion.
- ❖ *Church Property:* Olson has measured for the new furnace; mulch around the church, Monte will organize work party.
- ❖ *Caring:* Meeting for Fishers for Jesus will be announced, match up people for

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Zion's Church Staff

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| 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 |

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| COOPERATIVE: | www.countrysidecoop.org |

Zion's Council

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

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Council Minutes

- individual needs.
- ❖ *Finance and Memorial:* May giving was encouraging.
- ❖ *Long Range Planning:* No report.
- ❖ *Endowed Benevolence:* No report.
- ❖ *Stewardship:* 74 giving units have pledged \$94,294.00, previous history indicates we will be close to our budget.
- ❖ *Worship: FUSION* team will be hosting community worship service on July 3rd @ 10:30 a.m. They will also serve a pancake breakfast from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ *Cooperative Worship:* will be July 24. Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. at Zion and 11:00 a.m. at Dolliver Park. A potluck will be held following

worship at Dolliver.

Staff Report:

- ❖ We hosted Bishop Cleopa Lukilo and General Secretary Timias Mhomisoli from the ELCT Southern Diocese of Tanzania on June 3. Their translator, Ana Joyce Mbise will be invited back to speak at Zion and *FUSION* about Tanzania. She is a Tanzanian currently enrolled at Waldorf.
- ❖ Pastor Jim and Nick Lehman attended the Calvin Institute for Worship Renewal Grant Workshop on June 13 – 17.
- ❖ Pastor Jim will be presenting a workshop at Celebrating Rural Life, the ELCA Small Town and Rural (STAR) Ministry Alliance Annual Meeting that will be held July 28 – 30 at Bethany College in

Lindsborg, Kansas.

- ❖ Pastor Jim will be attending the ELCA Global Mission Event in Fargo, North Dakota from July 14-16. He will be sponsored by the ELCA and will receive training in order to function as Western Iowa Mission Partner Coordinator.

Old Business: No old business.

New business: everyone will receive an informational sheet for serving leadership positions for the upcoming annual meeting, August 28th.

Next meeting: July 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Don Larson,
Secretary pro-tem

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

Those of us who accept God's challenge know our giving is a token of our trust in the Lord. Our confidence is in God Himself, not in his blessings. We cannot out-give God!

—Mary Orness
Chairperson

Upcoming Events

JULY

- 7—All Circles Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m.
- Serving Committee:
.....Almeda Gordon, Tami Davis, Colleen Palmer

Bible Study..... Pastor Davis
9—Christian Woman Speaks on
KVFD.....8:00 a.m.

NOTE: The Cluster meeting has been changed to October 1st.



Women of the Church

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Bishop Lukilo

Marvin Kananen, missionaries who serve at the Maasae Girl's School in Arusha, Tanzania. It was exciting to hear about the work we are doing in that country.

Thank you to everyone who met with Bishop Lukilo and Timias. A special thanks to Monte and Ann Albert for hosting them for dinner.

Zion's Guiding Principles:

1. Jesus is Lord.
2. Each person is a child of God.
3. Everyone is welcome.
4. Love changes us.
5. Everyone has gifts to offer.
6. The world needs the vision we have to offer.
7. We exist to serve others.

GLOBAL MISSION EVENTS

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.

Held 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.

Bishop Last to Visit Zion

Bishop and Mrs. Last will be joining us for worship and fellowship on Sunday, July 31. Bishop Last will preach at worship and then he and Colleen (Mrs. Last) will give a presentation on their recent trip to Tanzania.

Please plan to join us for worship that day and give Bishop and Mrs. Last a warm welcome to Zion.

Congregational Forum

A congregational forum will be held on Sunday, July 17 immediately following worship. This is an opportunity to share joys and concerns, ask questions and offer suggestions for agenda items for our Annual Meeting which will be Sunday, August 28 immediately following worship.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

If you cannot attend, you may submit joys and concerns, questions or suggestions for agenda items to the church office. Please submit them in writing.

Zion Financial Report

| | <u>MAY</u> | <u>Y.T.D.</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| ACTUAL INCOME | 16,441.58 | 62,989.87 |
| BUDGETED INCOME | 14,133.00 | 70,665.00 |
| ACTUAL EXPENSES | 10,951.94 | 67,870.95 |
| BUDGETED EXPENSES | 12,947.66 | 64,311.38 |

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

OUR MISSION IS TO CARE BY:
REACHING OUT TO OTHERS
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
IN A CHRIST-CENTERED
COMMUNITY
EMPOWERING TO SERVE

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 the O.F.R. 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!



Mission Work News

Pray for all those taking part in the Global Mission Event this month in Fargo, N.D. Leaders of small groups, speakers, international guests, and other participants will be gathering there July 14-17.

The theme for the two Mission Events this summer is "Gathered by God's Grace for the Sake of the World." This year tsunami recovery is a focus of the GME.

Tattered, abandoned fishing nets are strewn across the beaches of India. People who used to fish are gathering the nets into piles, hoping to receive new nets so they can return to their work at sea. Everyone who attends the GME will receive a piece of these nets as a memento of the havoc and hope created by the tsunami. The hope, emerging from the generosity of the ELCA and regional Lutheran churches working with tsunami survivors, will be celebrated at the GME.

Ms. Vidhya Rani, Secretary of the Women's Desk of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, will be a featured speaker and presenter at these gatherings.

Remember to pray for our missionaries Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen also as they travel back to Tanzania to resume their teaching duties this month after a brief trip to the U.S. Also give generously to the mission coffees at Zion this summer to help support them in their work.

—Marjorie Wahlgren

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.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened to us.

—Helen Keller

ZION LEADER IN MISSION SUPPORT

The 2003 Western Iowa Synod Assembly adopted the following resolution: **RESOLVED**, that the Western Iowa Synod Stewardship Committee recognize congregations that meet the 15% challenge in its annual Assembly Report, using the most timely statistics available, that the Assembly might affirm their witness and learn about their practices.

Congregations that were recognized at the 2005 Western Iowa Synod Assembly were:

| Congregation | Mission Support | Mission Support as a % of reg. giving |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Gowrie, Zion | \$26,318 | 17.9% |
| Avoca, Trinity | \$20,420 | 16.3% |
| Lytton, Emanuel-St. John | \$16,851 | 19.4% |
| Le Mars, Christ | \$8,078 | 15.2% |
| Moorhead, Bethesda | \$7,672 | 18.2% |
| Kiron, Bethel | \$7,000 | 16.1% |
| Fort Dodge, Church of the Damascus Road | \$245 | 16.3% |

Our congregation also gave significant gifts to missionary support, the Heifer Project, Church of the Damascus Road, projects in Tanzania and numerous other mission efforts.

Thank you for your compassion and your generosity. These gifts represent important steps in pursuit of our vision of “Caring for all God’s people, one by one.”

Slow Food Days

A boy asked his grandfather, “What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?”

“We didn’t have fast food when I was growing up,” the grandfather replied. “All the food was slow.”

“So where did you eat?” the boy asked.

“It was a place called ‘home,’ ” the grandfather explained. “Your grandma cooked every day and when grandpa got home from work, we sat down with our kids at the dining room table, prayed, and then ate together. And if our kids didn’t like what she put on their plates, they were allowed to sit there until they did like it.”

Reprinted from
The Joyful Noiseletter

SECRET ANGELS

A big thank you is extended to our “Secret Angels” we have had this last Sunday School year. It is a lot of fun to receive that special gift during class time once a month. We appreciate even more that you keep us in your

caring thoughts and prayers. Please keep doing that for us so we can keep on growing as Christians.

Thanks again,
Preschoolers through 4th graders
Zion Sunday School



Real joy comes not from ease of riches or from the praise of others, but from doing something worthwhile.

~Sir Alfred Grenfell

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

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
Renae Lane
Shirley Johnson
Pam Kennell
Angela Kennell
Jenny Carlson

SEPTEMBER 4

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

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

—Author Unknown

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY DUTIES

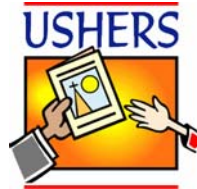
1 Ruth Nellis
Justin Nordin
Canyon Pepples
2 Rachel Mischke
3 Brenda Hade
4 Tyler Rasmussen
Heath Telleen
5 Ray Norine
6 Don Watts
7 Jill Colpitts
Ruth Fridolfson
8 Carla Kamp
9 Gwen Palmer
10 Tracy Burger
11 Todd Bingham
Wanda Hade
Kathy Hanson
Bryce Rasmussen
Carson Suchan
12 Sherrill Jorgensen
13 Tammara Baade
Matthew Fevold
Brian Lane
14 Jenna Carlson
Janet Nordin
Matthew Picard
Roslyn Vinchattle
15 Mary Lou Carlson
16 Chad Burger
Mike Fisher
Pete Jorgensen
Amber Mosher

17 Jerry Carlson
Holly Shirbroun
Andy Taylor
18 Arron Ware
Loretta Youngquist
20 Alexa Beach
Bob Gordon
21 Willis Carlson
Dustin Hoover
22 Jenny Carlson
Randy Nelson
Janet Skoog
24 Glenn Anderson
Chris Fevold
Ned Palmer
25 Debbie Rossmanith
June Urelius
26 John Kennell
27 Blaine Bethel
Brienna McGuire
28 Jodi Will
29 Seth Fevold
30 Rod Baade
31 Sue Summers

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

3 Dick & Maxine Nordstrom
Bob & Almeda Gordon
10 Don & Virginia Amandus
Randy & Shelly Nelson
17 Steve & Kris Cathcart
David & Kim Rolfes
24 Paul & Jo Fevold
Beryl & Marilyn Birkland
31 Russ Petersen & Leon Skoglund
Nels & Cindy Lindquist



Ellis Harklau
Greg Anderson
Ryan Larson
Kenneth Pedersen
Bob Sease

3 Linda Carlson
10 Dave Anderson
17 Russ Norine
24 Katie Albright
31 Jennifer Carlson
(Jim)



GOWRIE CARE CENTER



3 Lawrence & Barb Nelson
17 Bob & Almeda Gordon
31 Everett & Joyce Hade

MISSIONARY FOR A DAY*



4 Tyler Rasmussen
10 Nik & Laurie Telleen

17 Holly Shirbroun
18 Loretta Youngquist
20 Bob Gordon
22 Nels & Cindy Lindquist
23 Ned Palmer
24 Glenn Anderson

* 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.





Monte Albert & Gary Kuhn

Zion's Ministry July 2005




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| 1 Cindy on Vacation | 2 5:00 PM Worship 8:00 PM FUSION Teen Dance |
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| 3 8:30 AM Pancake Breakfast @ city park sponsored by FUSION 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Missionary Coffee 10:30 AM Community worship service @ band shell sponsored by FUSION | 4  <i>Independence</i> DAY | 5 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study | 6 7:30 PM FUSION | 7 9:00 AM All Circles Bible Study 5:15 PM Caring Team @ Second Cup | 8 | 9 8:30 AM Chris- tian Woman Speaks KVFD 1400 AM Radio |
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| 10 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Mission- ary Coffee 4:00 PM Youth group meeting 7:00 PM "Connections" @ FUSION bldg | 11 9:30 AM Gowrie Care Center- Taped Service 3:00 PM Doubt- ing Thomas 7:00 PM FUSION Team | 12 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study | 13 7:30 PM FUSION | 14 Global Mission Event | 15 Global Mission Event NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  | 16 5:00 PM Worship Global Mission Event |
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| 17 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Missi- onary Coffee Global Mission Event | 18 7:00 PM Stephen Minister Meeting | 19 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study 7:00 PM Zion Council | 20 9:00 AM Staff meeting 7:30 PM FUSION | 21 2:30 PM Gowrie Care Center Devotions | 22 | 23 |
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| 24 9:00 AM Coopera- tive Worship @ Zion 11:00 AM Coop- erative Worship At Dolliver Park Potluck following | 25 9:00 AM VBS Day Camp @ Zion 9:30 AM Gowrie Care Center- Taped Service 3:00 PM Doubting Thomas 7:00 PM Stephen Minister Meeting | 26 7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 9:00 AM VBS Day Camp @ Zion 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study | 27 9:00 AM VBS Day Camp @ Zion 7:30 PM FUSION | 28 9:00 AM VBS Day Camp @ Zion  | 29 | 30 |
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| 31 9:30 AM Worsh- ip with Bishop & Mrs. Last 10:30 AM Missi- onary Coffee |
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