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Thrivent

RALLY SUNDAY

We will be kicking off another exciting year of Sunday School on September 11.

Sunday School is such a wonderful opportunity to make friends and experience God's love through our relationships, activities, and learning. This year we will continue to use a curriculum correlated to the lectionary we use in worship. We hope you will all want to be part of what we have planned for the year.

If you know of any children who might be interested in coming to Sunday School, invite them, or let Beth Miller (879-2410) or the Countryside Ministry office (352-3645) know and we will make certain they are invited.



Church Council Minutes

The Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Pastor Jim opened the meeting with devotions using a Nooma video--a worship resource. The message at hand dealt with broken relationships & the brokenness in the world. It noted that no matter what we do, there is nothing that can separate us from God's love.

Motion by Phillips,

seconded by Albert, to accept the corrected minutes. Motion by Larson, seconded by Kuhn, to accept the financial report as printed.

Team reports :

- ❖ *Faith Development:* no report.
- ❖ *Church Property:* announced that the air conditioner was installed into the office and a repair had been done on the parsonage furnace.
- ❖ *Caring:* asked that this team be allowed to establish a separate discretionary fund.
- ❖ *Finance and Memorial:* no

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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

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968-4342

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879-2410

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Zion's Council

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

report.

- ❖ *Long Range Planning:* No report.
- ❖ *Endowed Benevolence:* No report.
- ❖ *Stewardship:* Discussed stewardship visits that would be taking place focusing on time & talents as well as any concerns of the people.
- ❖ *Worship:* July 24 Joint Countryside service at 9 a.m. at Zion & Joint service at Dolliver Park at 11 a.m.

Staff Report: no report.

Old Business: no old business.


New Business: Motion by Albert, seconded by Peterson to accept proposed changes to the constitution as a recommendation to the congregation.

Next meeting: August 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Greta Jansa,
Secretary

*50th Wedding Anniversary
Open House
Honoring John & Julia Fevold
Saturday, August 6, 2005
5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
In the church basement
Hosted by their children.
Please come and help them
celebrate this milestone
in their life.*



50th ANNIVERSARY

Congregational Forum

A congregational forum will be held on Sunday, August 7 immediately following worship during the missionary coffee hour. This is an opportunity to share joys and concerns and ask questions and also to offer suggestions for agenda items for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 28 immediately following worship.

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



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

In Jesus we see what our heavenly Father is like.

In Jesus we also see what we should be like.

—Mary Orness
Chairperson

- 17—**Birthday Party @ Gowrie Care Center**.....2:00 p.m.
Rachel Circle in charge
- 21—**Staley Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**..... 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 4—**All Circles Bible Study**.....
..... 1:30 p.m.
Serving Committee:
.....Greta Jansa, chair,
Janet Carlon &
Pam Kennell
Bible Study.....Pastor Davis



Women of the Church

Annual Meeting

Zion's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, August 28 immediately following worship. Please plan on attending.



The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.

—Duguet

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Dear friends,

This is our lesson from our trip to America: "Coincidence is sometimes God's fingerprint in the world that the world never understands." For example, set to fly out on Tuesday, we were spending our last day in Seattle in a Barnes and Noble (where else?) when Jean said, "I feel something squishy." "What?" It seems that her tummy was a bit fatter on the right side than on the left. Within a day they'd given her an ultra-sound and had her scheduled for surgery for hernia repair. Isn't that amazing timing? And the world said, "What a coincidence!"

After two weeks of medicals and dentals, once a year we feel like that "Six Million Dollar Man" when, in the TV series, the doctors said of Colonel Steve Austin, "We can make him (them) better than he was (they were) before." The doctors spent

their time and Aetna's money and, behold, they put us back together, patted us on the head, and sent us out to the missionary field for another round.

In this newsletter we can't talk much about being missionaries in East Africa, but we can talk about the unique adventure of trying to be Americans again, if only for a couple of weeks. Marvin went to a Subway Shop and the guy behind the counter asked him, "Zooantunyawnonat?" "What?" Marvin asked. The guy repeated himself, syllable for syllable. "Say it again, slowly?" the missionary asked. Knowing he was dealing with an old goat, the guy asked, "Would you like onion on that?" "Sure," Marvin said. Then the young man asked, "Maceamustaonat?" Said he, "Speak to me slowly, as if I were a complete idiot." He already knew that and so asked if he

wanted mayonnaise or mustard on that sandwich. What he really wanted was English spoken but he accepted the maceamustoni. Also, we were given the gift of going shopping at Barnes and Noble and at The Home Depot. We are not soliciting for ourselves, but if you know others living overseas, that is a wonderful thing to do for them. We bought books we wanted and could never afford and tools, gadgets, and things that we never knew we wanted until we saw them. And then it was time to return home. Suddenly we were back again where people say words like *kitunguu* and *mafuta* instead of onions and mayonnaise and when they say *nyanya* I know they mean a tomato.

We discovered some university level sponsorship and worked from a distance with MGLSS staff on placements for our fourteen 2005 Form 6 graduates. With our two top academic students safely at Concordia College for studies to prepare for teaching, 12 are left searching and waiting for an opportunity to open for them. Several of these have found some help, but not all and not enough. Pray for them and for appropriate opportunities to prepare for a 'position of influence' in their world. They need the vocational training and diploma/degree that will allow them into the Tanzanian employment arena, and thus, begin to serve God and others with all their abilities and talents. This is

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Zion Financial Report

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
ACTUAL INCOME	8,028.00	71,017.87
BUDGETED INCOME	14,132.00	84,797.00
ACTUAL EXPENSES	11,414.65	79,285.60
BUDGETED EXPENSES	12,947.66	77,259.04

(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

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Missionaries

The Legion Riders (part of the American Legion) is helping to sponsor Operation First Response. OFR 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 so

choose.

The goal for the Gowrie community is to have 100 made and sent to OFR. If you have questions please contact Dick Dean of the American Legion, the church office, Maxine Nordstrom, or visit the OFR 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!



that elusive goal of all Tanzanian students that few are able to obtain due to lack of funds and available placements .

We invite and encourage your participation in helping these girls to this final level, the 'gateway level' as Jean likes to call it. Any financial gift of any size becomes useful, given to the University Fund at OPERATION BOOT-STRAP AFRICA. Yesterday Jean had a graduate stop to say she had been accepted at a Livestock Training Institute to study Animal Health, something she has wanted to do since she came to MGLSS. She had seen how her Maasai need a way to keep fewer but healthier cattle which can produce more milk. The total cost for her two-year diploma is \$1700.

Your support of us covers us for an annual four week vacation. We thank you for that as well as for your support of our ongoing ministries here. Classes start in four days and then life gets wonderfully crazy again, but that's OK because we do crazy well. We appreciate all you do for us, your love, prayers, and support.

Love,

Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen, ELCA missionaries serving in Tanzania

p.s. We download e-mails at about 500 bits per second, so this letter, about 28,000 bits, would take about 56 seconds to download. So, please, if you write us do not return our copy of our newsletter. We pay 40 cents a minute to receive. And, please, never send us color items, things that move, or anything but black and white text. Thanks.

Global Mission Event

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the ELCA Global Mission Event that was held in Fargo, North Dakota. This was the first Global Mission Event I have attended.

Before going, numerous people told me that Global Mission Events are the best events the ELCA sponsors. After attending, I can wholeheartedly agree. It was an inspiring event that touched my heart, made me proud of what we are doing as a church and inspired me to become even more involved in the wider mission of our church.

Speakers from around the world gathered to say "Thank you!" to the ELCA and tell us about how the money and personnel we commit to global mis-

sion are changing the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

While in Fargo, I bumped into Ellis and Mary Harklau's daughter, Ann. Ann has attended numerous Global Mission Events. When I asked her why she attends them, she replied, "Because I like being around people who get it."

The people who "get it" are people who understand that what God is calling us to do is to reach out and care for our brothers and sisters in whatever way we can. Thank you for "getting it" and supporting the work of our church through your giving to local and global missions.

—Pastor Jim

It Is Back To School Time



It's time to be making school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please help us make as many school kits as possible.

Items needed for each kit are:

- ⇒ 1 notebook of ruled paper approximately 8.5 X 11" containing 100-150 sheets,

or two 70-page notebooks

- ⇒ 1 pair blunt scissors
- ⇒ 1 12-inch ruler with centimeters on one side
- ⇒ 1 pencil sharpener
- ⇒ 6 new pencils with erasers
- ⇒ 1 eraser approximately 2.5 inches long
- ⇒ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- ⇒ 1 box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons

Place your contributions in the blue plastic container labeled for Lutheran World Relief in the back of the church. If you do not care to shop, monetary contributions are welcomed. You may give them to Mary Lind, treasurer, or leave them in the church office.

sistance to educate women and girls of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Southern Diocese. It passed by a large majority.

Other business included electing a new president, Judy Lang of Ft. Dodge, and re-electing our present treasurer, Marge Dykstra of Akron. Four new board members were tapped as well, Marcia Klimes of George, Marilyn Nielsen of Algona, Dixie Petersen of Exira and Maxine Lampe of Storm Lake. Outgoing President Elfrieda Saylor received a standing vote of thanks for her four years of service. She encouraged all congregational units to send at least one representative to the Tri-synod Women's Convention next June at Wartburg College, Waverly.

Our Bible study, led by Pastor Arlyn Norris of Treynor, was on the nature of the story we are to tell. He emphasized how God confronts us with the significance of His story in relation to our lives, particularly in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Then our guest speaker, Jenny Herrick, a "nurse, consultant, educator and clown" demonstrated the importance of humor in our lives to help keep us healthy and give us a better perspective on our problems. She concluded her talk by giving red clown noses to all our board members and officers. The convention offering totaled \$6,390, to be divided among the National Office, Lutheran Services of Iowa and the Women's Seminary Scholarship Fund. This year three women seminarians each received \$1500 scholarships.

Many thanks for the opportunity to attend this convention in Council Bluffs. We hope several of you will be able to go to Wartburg College next June.

—Marjorie Wahlgren

REPORT OF WESTERN IOWA SYNOD WOMEN'S CONVENTION

On June 25th one hundred seventy women (and a few men) attended the convention at St. John Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. We began with 15 minutes of hymn singing centering on our theme, "Tell the Story" (of Jesus and His love). Opening worship followed with Pr. Stephany Sanborn of Mineola bringing the message on Mark 16:14-18. She stressed that all of us are to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection and gift of new life.

Churchwide representative Susan McRae, who serves on the Communications Committee, brought greetings from Jersey City, N.J. She described the na-

tional board as a group of women who "volunteer our time, talents and gifts and work together in making decisions." "We are also women of prayer," she added. Bishop Last also brought greetings from Tanzania and thanked us women for our generous gifts to help the Christians there, especially the women and girls. By June 20th, over \$8400 had been given for our special project of leadership training for those women. Additional offerings brought to the convention raised this total to \$11,261. A resolution was proposed to give all money above \$5,000 to refurbishing a former rice plantation for a school campus and providing as-

Summer Missionary Coffees

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Freewill donations from our 2005 Missionary Coffees are used to 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 two dozen cookies, rolls, donuts, or bars on the day scheduled. If you cannot serve on that day, please switch with someone and let your chairperson know of the change. 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 7

Joyce Hade, chair
Marsha Farnham
Christy Carlson
Megan Eastman
Andrea Kuhn
Pat Peterson
Tammara Baade
Martha Norine
Holly Shirbroun

Colette Bethel
Rena Lane
Shirley Johnson
Pam Kennell
Angela Kennell
Jenny Carlson

SEPTEMBER 4

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

AUGUST 14

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

AUGUST 21—CHICKEN DINNER

Mary Orness, chair

AUGUST 28

Pauline Johnson, chair
Linda Carlson
Brenda Anderson
Frances Brown



We are in need of a Sunday School music teacher. If anyone is interested please call Beth Miller (879-2735). This would be a great opportunity for a high school student to earn "Dollars for Scholars" hours.

Some mice died and went to heaven and they were given little tiny go-carts to get around in.

Some cats also died and went to heaven. The cats were asked, "How do you like heaven?" "We like it," they replied, "especially the meals on wheels!"

There was a little girl in church with her mother. She said, "Can we go home?" Her mother said, "No, why?"

The little girl said, "I'm going to be sick." Her mother said, "Go around the corner of the church by the bushes."

She came back right away and her mom said, "You didn't go to where I told you. Were you sick?" asked the mom. The little girl said, "YES! But when I got to the door there was a box that said, 'For the Sick' so I used it."

A man was sitting on the riverbank drunk. The minister came by and thought he'd dunk him in and sober him up.

He put him down and brought him back up and asked him; "Did you see God?"

"NO!" said the drunk. So he dunked him down again and brought him up and asked him if he'd seen God and again the drunk said; "NO!"

So he thought he'd dunk him again and hold him a little longer. This time when he brought him up and asked him, "Did you see God?" the drunk said, "NO! Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

—Contributed by
Doris Wiklander

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST DUTIES

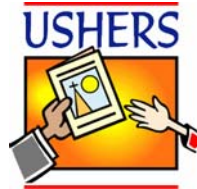
1 LeRoy Larson
Steven Peterson
2 Tami Davis
Steve Hade
Lisa Hartwig
Jodi Peterson
3 Marilyn McCubbin
4 Tom Rasmussen
Kiaya Seger
6 Janelle Wallace
7 Heather Pirie
8 Scott Zinnel
10 Ruth Amandus
Nash Davis
12 Gary Kuhn
13 Tony Borgen
Clarence Nelson
Taylor Warehime
14 Katelyn Johnson
Bianca Loreda
Nate Schill
17 Christina Dirks
Lindsey Johnson
Collin Nordin
18 David Peterson
19 Greg Carlson
Albert Dirks
Tiffany Lane
20 Marsha Farnham
Tim Olson
Scott Peterson
Don Schill

22 Benjamin Carlson
Joshua Carlson
Linda A. Carlson
Ryan Darnell
Gabby Dorsey
Derrek Rasmussen
Stephanie Suhrbier
23 Pauline Carlson
24 George Kullberg
Barbara McMahon
Beth Nordstrom
Deb Will
25 Dianne Crouse
Stephanie Hade
26 Haylee Kraft
Krystal Rasmussen
28 Darrel Mischke
Maxine Nordstrom
30 Tracy Hockemeier
Adam Silberstein
Alex Silberstein
Darrel Suhrbier
31 Jeff Kruse
Pat Peterson

**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

7 Tanner & Jen Carlson
Shirley Erb & Doug Bloomquist
14 Dave & Trena Anderson
Brandi Troupe & Cindy Youngquist
21 Alan & Nancy Burger
Rob Peterson & David Nelson
28 Monte & Ann Albert
Kyle Kuhn & Holly Shirbroun



Dan Rasmussen
Tim Olson
Dave Anderson
Jim Carlson
Courtney McCubbin

7 Marjorie Wahlgren
14 Gene Thoma
21 Kyla Mohr
28 Dennis Barnum



MISSIONARY FOR A DAY*

2 Davis Family
12 Gary Kuhn
13 Ilene Lundblad
14 Loretta Youngquist
18 David Peterson
20 Marsha Farnham
21 Don & Ann VanHoff
22 Nels & Cindy Lindquist
23 Joshua Carlson
26 Krystal Rasmussen
27 Lawrence & Barb Nelson
28 Maxine Nordstrom
31 Pat Peterson

*** 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.**



GOWRIE CARE CENTER

14 Shannon & Beth Miller
28 Bob & Almeda Gordon










Monte Albert & Gary Kuhn

Zion's Caring Ministry

August 2005



	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3:00 PM Doubting Thomas	7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study 7:00 PM Svenska Clubben Meet	7:30 PM FUSION	1:30 PM All Circles Bible Study  <i>Women's Bible Study</i>		5:00 PM Worship 5:00 PM John & Julia Fevold 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Rod vacation						
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