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SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

We've kicked off another year of Sunday school! We held Rally Sunday on September 11 with close to 85 children attending. We had four stations set up where the children could make different craft projects and also decorate cookies however they chose. The children made sheep out of their hands that went along with Psalm 23, made a magnetic frame with The Lord's Prayer in it, and also a

foot print that they decorated with shells to go with the "Footprints in the Sand" poem.

We had excellent help this year. The older children just jumped right in and were a great help to the younger ones. We also appreciated the help of the teachers that were there.

We're looking forward to another great year of Sunday school. Thanks to all of the

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968-4342

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Colleen Palmer Music Director
352-3598

Church Council Minutes

The Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, October 18, 2005.

Present: Kim Rolfes, Colleen Palmer, Jeff Petersen, Don Larson, Dick Phillips, Gary Kuhn, Greta Jansa & Pastor Davis.

Absent: Beryl Birkland.

Dick Phillips presided over the meeting. Pastor Jim Davis led devotions using Colossians 1:21-23 & the devotional text titled "Steadfast in Faith". The group was asked to forgive themselves and was challenged to forgive others. It was noted that grace is given to all of us daily and that God doesn't

require us to be what we cannot be. Our attitudes toward others reflect our relationship with God.

Motioned by Gary Kuhn, seconded by Colleen Palmer to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Motioned by Don Larson, seconded by Gary Kuhn to accept the financial reports. An additional \$3000 had been borrowed in order to meet expenses--loan total --\$7500.

Team reports :

- ❖ Faith Development: No report.
- ❖ Church Property: No report.
- ❖ Caring: No report.

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Zion's Council

Richard Phillips Chair

Don Larson Vice-Chair

Beryl Birkland Greta Jansa

Gary Kuhn Colleen Palmer

Jeff Petersen Kim Rolfes

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Council Minutes

- ❖ *Finance and Memorial:* No report.
- ❖ *Long Range Planning:* No report.
- ❖ *Endowed Benevolence:* No report.
- ❖ *Stewardship:* No report.
- ❖ *Worship:* Services are planned through May. Recommendations to have Christmas Eve services at 7:00 p.m. and Christmas day services at 10:30 a.m. Motioned by Gary Kuhn, seconded by Kim Rolfes to accept the Worship Team’s recommendation of having Christmas Eve services at 7:00 p.m. and Christmas Day services at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried: 6-1.

Staff Report: no report.

Old Business: no old business.

New Business: Motion by Gary Kuhn, seconded by Colleen Palmer, to amend section two of the “Continuing resolution regarding Guidelines of the Zion Endowed Benevolence Fund” which currently reads: “The Zion Endowed Benevolence Fund will begin making annual distributions once it reaches \$500,000. Annual distributions shall be the ordinary income earned by the Fund, i.e., the interest and dividends received. Realized gains and/or unrealized gains shall become a part of the “Fund corpus” to read, “The Zion Endowed Benevolence Fund will begin making annual distributions once it reaches \$250,000. Annual distributions shall normally be 5% of the fund. However, the Zion Endowed Benevolence Committee is

authorized to adjust said percentage given extraordinary circumstances.” Motion carried.

Council Orientation meeting will be held Sunday, October 23.

Next meeting: November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Greta Jansa,

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.

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

If your life is unselfish,
if for others you live.
For not what you get,
but how you give.
If you live close to God
in His infinite grace,
You don’t have to tell it,
it shows in your face.
Amen
—Mary Orness
Chairperson

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

1—Bible Briefing..... 10:00 a.m.

- 2—Rachel circle.....7:00 p.m.
Hostess Carla Kamp
Bible Study Mary Larson
- 3—Dorcas & Esther circles together at church..9:00 a.m.
Hostess...Phyllis Rasmussen
Bible Study
..... Marjorie Wahlgren
- Martha circle at senior suites.....1:30 p.m.
Hostess Pauline Carlson
Bible Study.....
..... Maxine Nordstorm
- 10—Project Day.....1:30 p.m.
- 20—Thank Offering Service



The honor of your presence is requested at the come-and-go bridal shower honoring Sarah Hoover on Saturday, the 12th of November, 1:00~3:00 p.m. in the church basement. Sara is the bride-elect of Kyle Kuhn. The couple is registered at Yonkers, Target, & Southern Living.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Dear friends,

As teachers we used to know that September meant the beginning of the school year. Nowadays it means that we're winding down; soon we have national exams for Forms 2, 4, and 6. By the end of November the O-level (Forms 1-4) will be done and get most of December off; Form 6 will be (had better be) preparing for their National Exams that begin the second week of February. There is no clear-cut break with the over-lapping systems; they come, they go, we stay and teach.

In the last newsletter, a number of you commented on our joy at seeing our first university graduates, those wonderful women. This is also the season of the newest girls coming; these skinny, little, bald-headed kids wrapped in a blanket, looking scared. I know they cry at night to be away from home, but they never show that to us. What I see are big round eyes looking up at me that seem to say, "Oh! My! God!" and they start to back

away from me. I probably weigh as much as any three of them combined. But they are the image of what faith is because we know what they might become.

The future is a 65 pound girl who doesn't understand a single word I say. At the Maasai Girls Lutheran Secondary School, God produces miracles as in all ministries of the Kingdom. We don't know when or how, we only know that it happens. Seven new little girls came on Sunday, six more on Monday, and we had twenty by Tuesday, forty-four by the end of the week. It is their older sisters here (as they call each other) who take them under their wings, maybe who teach them to fly. It is the African way, to take care of your younger sisters.

We thank you for making it possible for us to be here, to see this, to experience it.

And then there are moments here when success is sad. At AA, my good friend John B. (if you want to read his words, go onto the web for the Arusha

Times and look for the AA articles) has left me. Brits came down and offered him a job with a salary five times more than what we paid him to oversee the AA operations. Sober for seven years now, married and with a 2-year-old daughter, he is now running a library, classroom, clinic, and computer lab in a neighboring town. With his departure, I have resumed leadership for the Monduli meetings. There are now four members who come weekly to these meetings, three of whom speak very little English and one who speaks very little Swahili. They probably read at a second grade level; in Swahili I'm not that high. We take turns reading from the Swahili books someone sent us. One reads and the other three help him pronounce the words. Apparently it's easier to read if you're not the one reading. It must sound chaotic, everyone trying to talk at once. Well, chaotic except for the laughter. John's departure leaves a big hole

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Sunday School Kickoff

teachers and helpers who are volunteering their time with the children. You all do a fantastic job with them.

We still are in need of one teacher for the spring quarter for the 8th graders. They are doing a video based program this year that has really been going well. Please consider teaching this class. They are really a great bunch of kids. We are also in need of helpers for the preschoolers for the months of March and May.

Shannon & Beth Miller
Sunday school superintendents

Zion Financial Report

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
ACTUAL INCOME	7,752.00	96,640.37
BUDGETED INCOME	14,133.00	127,195.00
ACTUAL EXPENSES	10,217.16	105,649.99
BUDGETED EXPENSES	12,947.66	116,102.02

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

LEAF RAKING

The Senior High Youth group will be raking yards in November. If you would like to have your yard raked please call



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TEEN

the church office to get your name on the list. Watch your bulletin for the exact date.

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

WOMEN OF FAITH

The ladies of our church who attended the Women of Faith Conference in Des Moines are hosting an evening of highlights from the conference.



The evening will include a light supper which will cost \$7.00 per person and a movie of highlights from this wonderful conference.

Plan on joining us on Sunday, November 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the **FUSION** building. Advance reservations are required by calling the church office at 352-3645.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

It's that time of year again. The Christmas Program practices will start on Wednesday, November 2. This is



Christmas Program

for Sunday school children through grade 6. We will have practice on the following dates: November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 7 from 4:00—5:00 p.m. We will also practice on Sunday, December 11, (the day of the program) during Sunday school. Hope to see everyone at all the practices. If you have any questions please call Jennifer Carlson (352-3685) or Sharon Carlson (359-2976).



LIBRARY NEWS

CHURCH LIBRARY

New books in October include:

Bible Study:

A Layman Looks at the Lord's Prayer

by Phillip Keller

Devotional:

Every Day with the Savior (large print)

by Rudolph Norden
(Mainly on the New Testament and Psalms.)

Home and Family:

Feathers from My Nest

by Beth Moore

(A mother's reflections on her life and parenting.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY

Ma Goes to Bible Camp

by Jackie Coggins

(Ma is a large dog.)

Mandie and the Long Good-bye

by Lois Leppard

Hymns for a Kid's Heart

(hardcover)

by B. Wolgemuth

& Joni E. Tada

(Stories behind some of our favorite hymns. Includes a CD of twelve of these hymns.)

REMINDER to those who have had library books out for more

than one month (especially in the Sunday School Library). Please return these books soon so others may also enjoy them. Put them in the container for Returned Books on the lowest shelf in the Sunday School Library in the basement hallway or on the desk in the Sunday School Superintendent's office. Thank you.

—Marjorie Wahlgren
Librarian

Give us, O Lord, thankful hearts which never forget Your goodness to us. Give us, O Lord, grateful hearts, which do not waste time complaining.

—Thomas Aquinas

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE

One of the ministries at Zion I am most excited about is our Faith Development Program. I can already see the fruits of this program and, as we continue to strengthen this program, the harvest will grow. Our dream for the Faith Development Program is to surround every child in our congregation with people who are praying for them, mentoring them and working with them in small groups. There they discover the gifts God has given them and ways in which they can use their gifts to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We are confident that through the ministry of those involved in this program that God will bless us by empowering us to pass on the faith to the next generation.

One of the areas in which we struggle is the small group component. We currently have only two people who are willing to work with small groups of 7th and 8th grade students. This limits our ability to develop the peer relationships that are such an important part of our faith community.

Would you please consider being a part of this vital ministry? We will provide you with all the resources and support you need. It is also an exciting opportunity to grow in your faith.

Please consider helping. We really do need you.

Talk to Pastor Jim for more information.

—Pastor Jim



We received a couple of thank you notes from college students who received cards of encouragement and a gift certificate to Pizza Hut.

Thank you for the gift card to Pizza Hut. It was nice of you to think about the college kids. Pizza is always something good to have.

Thanks,
Jill Palmer

Zion Congregation,

Thank you very much for the card and Pizza Hut gift card. Your thoughtfulness and support is really appreciated. I am having a great time here at DMAACC, but miss everyone at Zion.

Thanks again,
Jocelyn Anderson

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Missionary News

in our work. And this is the insult to the injury: I am the one who recommended him to the Brits! Sadly, I rejoice for him. But AA continues, with or without John or me. But, oh, you should hear our meetings!

And, a final story that tickles my heart: I am currently teaching English structure at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School. One of my students, a Maasai boy, about 6 feet 4 and 120 pounds, said to me, "You look like Babu [Grandfather] Simonson (ELCA missionary pastor since 1955 and he still hasn't gone home)." I took it as a compliment, although J. David Simonson may not. I said, "I am bigger, he is smarter."

Then my student told me that Rev. Simonson had baptized him and his family. The kid is about 19. I guessed, "Loliondo?" He nodded, probably amazed that I'd know from whence he came.

In 1992 when Jean and I spent a year here on her sabbatical from Trinity Lutheran College (formerly LBI) in Seattle, we attended the Maasai baptisms up in Loliondo. The story made the cover of The Lutheran. He was one of the kids being baptized, one of the nearly thousand who were baptized. Thirteen years later, we are together again. David Simonson is about 75 now, I'm still bigger than he is and he's still smarter. But we both love the role Jesus can play in the lives of the coming generations. It is a

reminder that Christ is not for today alone, but for the tomorrows as well as the yesterdays.

We pray God's blessings on you and the reality of His presence in your lives, family, and work. We move, as a church, toward the Advent Season, a most beautiful time of the year. I am grateful to be a Christian, to be a missionary, and to be alive. As missionaries it is our privilege to help others find hope for a future that sometimes seemed so hopeless. May we share that hope with you all. Thank you.

Love,

Marvin Kananen and
Jean Wahlstrom
ELCA missionaries whose privilege
it is to serve in Tanzania



Choir Schedule

I love this time of the year, the colors, the smells, and Thanksgiving. I can just smell the turkey and pumpkin pie already. I hope you enjoy your family gatherings and don't forget to thank someone who has been special to you. Most of all thank our Father for the many blessings that have been given to us. I personally want to thank each of you for sharing your talent with me and the congregation. This congregation is truly blessed with unbelievable talent! I'm so thankful that you give of yourselves. This makes my job so much fun.

—Colleen

SONSHINE BELLS

November 2, 9, 16 Practices will be a little before the Christmas Program Practice and I might keep them until 5:15.

November 23 school gets out at 12:30 but I would like to practice that afternoon until at least 1:30 or a little later.

November 30 & December 7 will be scheduled around the program practice.

ATTENTION: I want this group to ALL BE IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 to practice with the Morning Glory Bells. These two groups are doing a song together on Dec. 11 for the Christmas program. Please make every effort to have your child there for this.

MORNING GLORY BELLS

Nov. 6 practice after church
 13 practice after church
 20 practice after church
 27 **NO PRACTICE**—Thanksgiving weekend

VESPER RINGERS

Nov. 2 6:30 practice
 6 **PLAY IN CHURCH**
 9 Off—I think we'll see how the Christmas selections are going.
 16 6:30 practice
 23 Off—Thanksgiving Eve
 30 6:30 practice—we will probably be practicing with the Glory Bells for the Community Christmas Concert.
 Dec. 4 **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



COSMIC BOWLING

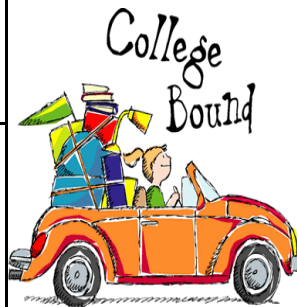
The FLY (5th & 6th grade) youth group went cosmic bowling in the newly remodeled bowling alley in Gowrie for their September event. Sixteen youth and their friends came to showcase their bowling skills. They were a lot of fun to be with and we were very pleased with the turnout. Even some past 5th & 6th graders attended! It was great to see them there.

Watch your mailbox for details of upcoming events for the FLY group.

Shannon & Beth Miller
 FLY Youth Group Coordinators

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We need your help to purchase some new Christmas decorations. Many of our Christmas decorations have faithfully served for so many years that it is time to allow them to retire. A fund has been started to buy new ones. If you are willing to help us, please place your donation in one of the envelopes marked "Christmas Decorations" that are available on the table at the back of the church and then drop it in the offering plate or at the office.



If you have a student who has left for college this fall, whether they are a freshman, sophomore, junior, or

senior, we would like their address so they can continue to be contacted by their home church. Please call the church office with your information. Thank you.

Confirmation Sunday for 9th grade students will be Sunday, November 13, 2005.



Please call the church office if your child wishes to be confirmed. Please return the Partnership Covenant to the church office. Include baptismal sponsors, date, and confirmation bible verse on a separate sheet of paper. If you have questions, please call the church office.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2 Pauline Olson
Jennifer Taylor
3 Paulyne Anderson
Collette Bethel
Tammy Johnson
4 Darwin Carlson
Alan Larson
Margaret Pirie
5 Todd Anderson
Matt Schill
Kirsten Towne
7 Dianna Carlson
Neeley Hanson
8 Maria Towne
9 Don Larson
Stacy Miller
12 Harley Patton
Cassie Zinnel
13 Marleen Fevold
14 Crystal Kinley
Megan Thompson
Connor Trupe

15 Katie Albright
Kent Moustgard
Kyle Wallace
16 Chelsea Anderson
Carol Barnum
Andrew Kinley
17 Sam Peterson
18 Nels Lindquist
19 Aaron Darnell
John Fevold
Scott Palmer
22 Dale Miller
23 Richard Carlon
24 Bruce McCormack
25 Joey Kinley
26 Ashley Anderson
Suzanne Petersen
Monica Yoder
27 Ryan Carlson
Brian Norine
Ann VanHoff
29 Angie Kennel
Cindy Lindquist
Jeni Rasmussen
30 Taylor Clough
Lynn Jensen
Amanda Kinley

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

NOVEMBER DUTIES

GREETERS

6 Lonnie & Paulette Carlson
Jake Wabeke & LeRoy Larson
13 Paul & Kathleen Johnson
Mike & Terry Mentzer
20 Trent & Marsha Farnham
Clarence & Helen Nelson
27 Wanda Hade & Gary
Mary Lind & Delores Gronemeyer

USHERS



Steve Lane
Tom Larson
Paul Fevold
Gary Carstens
Bob Gordon

6 Kris Cathcart
13 Women
20 Ann Kruse
27 Shelby Fevold



LAY READERS

GOWRIE CARE CENTER



6 Chris & Cindy Fevold
20 Clarence & Pauline Olson

MISSIONARY FOR A DAY*

1	Clarence & Pauline Olson	26	Mary Lind
2	Pauline Olson	28	Angie Kennel
18	Nels Lindquist	29	Cindy Lindquist
19	Scott Palmer		
22	Nels & Cindy Lindquist		We have lots of room for more "Missionaries for a Day" this month. Please sign up today!!!
23	J. R. Carlon		

* 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.



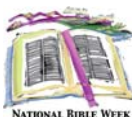



Don Larson & Dick Phillips

Zion's Caring Ministry

November 2005



		<p>1</p> <p>7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Briefing 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study 3:00 PM Friendship Haven Devotions 7:00 PM Svenska Clubben Meet.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:00 PM Christmas Program Practice 6:30 PM Vesper Bells 7:00 PM Rachel Circle 7:30 PM FUSION Sonshine Bells after school & after Christmas practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas & Esther Circle 1:30 PM Martha Circle</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship Wartburg Junior High Youth Event</p> 
<p>6</p> <p>9:15 AM Discovering Hope Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Zion Sun.Schl. 10:30 AM Zion Worship 10:30 AM Vesper Bells Play 11:30 AM Morning Glory Bell Practice 2:00 PM Community Christmas Concert Practice 5:30 PM Women of Faith - Dinner & Movie 6:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation meeting 7:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00 PM Christmas Program Practice 7:30 PM FUSION NO Vesper Bells Sonshine Bells after school & after Christmas practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:30 PM Project Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Junior High Youth Gathering for WIS</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 PM Bridal Shower for Sarah Hoover bride-to-be of Kyle Kuhn Junior High Youth Gathering for WIS</p>
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