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SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

The Western Iowa Synod School of Evangelism will begin with a retreat October 13-15, 2006, at the Carrollton Inn, Carroll. Congregation teams of 2-4 people (both lay and clergy) are invited to participate. Through discussion, community



examinations, spiritual gift exploration, prayer, and personal reflection, teams will formulate an effective strategy for intentional evangelism. Does this sound exciting to you? Talk to Pastor Jim or the church council about forming a team to be part of the first-ever WIS School of Evangelism! Details and registration forms are available from the synod office, 712-732-4968, or call the church office for more details.

Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met August 22, 2006 with all members present. Pastor Jim led the group in devotions.

Motion by Gary Kuhn/Kim Rolfes to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Motion by Beryl Birkland/Colleen Palmer to

approve the financial statements.

Team Reports:

- ◆ *Faith Development Team:* Reported on a successful Vacation Bible School, thanks to the efforts of Jen Carlson, Kim Sandgren, and many others. They also noted that Sunday School would begin Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ *Church Property Team:* No Report
- ◆ *Caring Team:* No Report
- ◆ *Finance & Memorial Team:*

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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
- 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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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

- No Report
- ◆ *Long Range Planning Team:* No Report
- ◆ *Endowed Benevolence Team:* No Report
- ◆ *Stewardship Team:* No Report
- ◆ *Worship Team:* Reported that the Fall schedule will begin in September.

Staff Report:

No Report

Old business:

No Old Business

New business:

- ◆ Motion by Gary Kuhn/ Colleen Palmer to establish a Companion Congregation Covenant with an ELCA church in Tanzania.
- ◆ Motion by Colleen Palmer/ Jeff Petersen to approve the resolutions printed that will

be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting Sun, August 27, 2006.

- ◆ Motion by Don Larson/Kim Rolfes to recommend to the congregation at the annual meeting, the revisions of the by-laws of the church constitution in Chapters 11 and 13.
- ◆ Motion by Jeff Petersen/Beryl Birkland to adopt the agenda for the annual meeting on August 27, 2006.

◆ Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Greta Jansa, Secretary

**OUR VISION:
CARING FOR ALL
GOD'S PEOPLE,
ONE BY ONE**

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

- 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!!



You're Called!—

He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.' Luke 10-2&3

Jesus could have done all sorts of things to spread the Gospel. But He didn't. Instead, Jesus called disciples to tell other people. Jesus' instructions sound simple and straight forward. Rejection, scorn and hardship come along with the work. And to this day, some hearers reject the Gospel Message and scorn its messengers. WHY!!!

Because the natural mind, aware of sin, except God's punish-

ment. Or full of "pride," it feels entitled to God's favor. Without His gift of faith, we cannot even begin to believe, let alone share, the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Yes, Jesus could use another form to get his word out, but instead, He calls you. He calls me. He calls people to tell other people. He gives us the marvelous power and privilege to work in His harvest field.

Wherever I am, in whatever the place, Lord, make me a witness of your saving grace.

Amen.

—Mary Orness
Chairperson

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 3—Bible Briefing**..... 10:00 a.m
- 4—Rachel Circle**.....7:00 p.m.
Bible Study Pam Kennel
Hostess Pam Kennel
Co-Hostesses Mary Larson
- 5—Dorcas Circle**9:00 a.m.
Bible Study .. Colleen Palmer
Hostess.... Virginia Amandus
- Esther Circle**.....9:00 a.m.
Bible StudyJean Larson
Hostess..... Mary Harklau
- Martha Circle** 1:30 p.m.
Bible Study Mary Orness
Hostess..... Ingrid Hunter
- 12—Dayton Oaks Retreat**.....
.....9:00 a.m.
- 18—Birthday Party Care Center**
Rachel Circle.....2:00 p.m.
- 19—Project Day** 1:30 p.m.
- 28—Christian Woman Speaks**
..... 8:30 a.m
- 31—Bible Briefing**..... 10:00 a.m

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books in the Church Library



CHURCH LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions in our library include:

FICTION:

Alaska Quest Series:

No. 1. "Summer of the Midnight Sun"

No. 2. "Under the Northern Lights"
by Tracie Peterson

BIOGRAPHY:

"Mary Slessor— Light for the Dark Continent"
by Sam Wellman

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

"Healing Bodies and Souls"
by Daniel Hale and H.G. Koenig
(donated by Rev. Robert Schmeiser

in memory of Clarence and Naomi Strand)

MUSIC CDs:

(donation from Thrivent Financial)
"Celebrating Musical Heritage of the Lutheran Church"

Includes 6 audio CDs representative of the 16th through 20th centuries and an accompanying booklet with background information about some of the influences on Lutheran music of each century.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY

Paperback Book:

"Mandie and the Dangerous Imposters"

by Lois G. Leppard

—Marjorie Wahlgren
Librarian

Remember when checking out a book from Zion Library to write your name and the date on the card in book pocket. Then put card in box on desk under last name of the author of the book. Please return books to the library desk when you finish reading.

LIVING THE QUESTION

We would like to invite you to join us for what promises to be an exciting and stimulating year of adult education. The third Sunday of every month will be an open forum discussion about any of the articles in that month's Lutheran magazine. This will provide us with an opportunity to discuss a wide variety of topics relevant to our faith.

The rest of the Sundays we will be using a curriculum entitled *Living the Questions*. *Living the Questions* is a 12-week DVD and web-based small group study exploring beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to be stuck. Ideal for Christian invitation, initiation and spiritual formation, *Living the Questions* will help seekers and "church alumni/ae" alike in discovering the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic.

Join us in *Living the Questions* each Sunday morning at 9:15. (Sunday's when there is choir we will start at 9:30.)

Zion Financial Report

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
ACTUAL INCOME	8,334.00	103,642.91
BUDGETED INCOME	13,618.00	109,459.00
ACTUAL EXPENSES	11,264.48	105,678.78
BUDGETED EXPENSES	13,479.85	108,981.17

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

Morning News

We interrupt this newsletter with earth shattering reports—



The channel 7 morning news hour has several top stories

that are taking place in Bethlehem. The first story is that Caesar Augustus has issued a decree that a census will take place of the entire Roman world. The second story reports on the birth of the new Savior. Stay tuned for further details as they become available—

Come to the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday December 10, 2006 @10:30 A.M and see what good news the Channel 7 Morning News Hour will bring.

Watch your bulletins and mail for practice dates and times to be announced later this month.



Confirmation Sunday for 9th grade students will be Sunday, November 12, 2006.

Please call the church office by October 8, 2006 if your child is planning on being confirmed. The church office would like baptismal dates and sponsors names to verify what we have on record is correct. Please also return the Partnership Covenant to the church office prior to Confirmation Sunday.

Those wishing to be confirmed will meet with Pastor Jim on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. Picture forms will be sent home on the 25th and need to be returned on the 8th. If you have questions contact the church office.

2006 Annual Meeting

Zion Lutheran Church's annual meeting was held Sunday, August 27, 2006 following church services with 71 in attendance. Chairman Dick Phillips opened the meeting. Pastor Davis led the congregation in prayer.

The Nominating Committee's report was reviewed. Three additional names were added to the new nominating committee. They were Dave Anderson, Marjorie Wahlgren, & Gregg Norine. Motion by Ray Norine, seconded by Mary Orness, to accept the official ballot which included the following: Church Council--Ann Albert & Claire Davis; Auditor--Vicki Anderson; Western Iowa Synod Delegates--Bud Johanson, Donita Johanson,

& Tyler McCubbin; Nominating Committee--Greta Jansa, Dick Phillips, Dan Rasmussen, Dave Anderson, Marjorie Wahlgren, & Gregg Norine; Twin River Valley Conference Representative--Sharon Carlson; Countryside Ministry Council--Greg Carlson. Motion by Ray Norine, seconded by Margaret Telleen, to cast a unanimous ballot.

An announcement was made that the council approved the formation of a companion congregation covenant relationship with the Mbinga Lutheran Parish in Tanzania.

Various team reports were reviewed.

Motion by Dick Phillips, seconded by Margaret Telleen, to adopt the changes in the by-laws

that relate to Chapters 11 & 13 of the Constitution.

Motion by Don Larson, seconded by Beryl Birkland, to adopt the by-law that establishes the Zion Capital Fund. The purpose of this fund is for maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds.

Motion by Dale Anderson, seconded by Kim Rolfes, to adopt the proposed resolutions for 2007.

Motion by Ray Norine, seconded by Dick Johnson for adjournment.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Annual Business Meeting



Respectively submitted,
Greta Jansa,
Secretary

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



This month we are happy to introduce you to more new members of our church family.

Welcome to Jeff and Terri McGuire of Farnhamville. Jeff works for Streit Construction and Terri for Security Savings Bank. They have 3 married children and 5 grandchildren ranging in age from 2-12 years. Jeff likes to hunt and golf. Terri especially enjoys

doing cross-stitch. Of course, they both enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

Zion also welcomes Andy Taylor. He and his wife Jennifer live in Gowrie. Their children are Ivan Hudson (5 years) and Izaiah (3 years). He is a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad. Their family is very important to both Andy and Jennifer. They enjoy camping and watching football.

Welcome to all our new members.



Dear Zion Church,

Congratulations on your 135th anniversary. It was such a joy for Deb and I to be present for the lunch. I was sorry I was not able to be present in the morning as I was scheduled to speak at Augustana in Manson. Thanks so much for paying for the meal for Deb and I. It was a real joy to visit with people during meal time. God's blessings to you in the years ahead.

In Christ,
Rev. Jim and Deb Knudson

HATUA KWA HATUA NEWS

BY CINDY WELLS, WIS

Companion Synod Coordinator

After completing his year of committed service as the synod's Companion Synod Coordinator, Pro Paul Rothfusz has resigned. During this year, Pr. Rothfusz traveled to Tanzania twice and brought our relationship forward in many valuable ways. We now have a wonderfully talented Tanzanian resident coordinator in place, bank accounts opened, 18 companion congregation relationships developed, 30 first-semester girls school scholarships in place, pen-pal relationships between synod youth and students at the girls school, a second group of travelers going this fall, and many more friendships in Tanzania. This service required

an incredible amount of time and energy. The synod is extremely thankful for Pr. Paul's effort and commitment which greatly blesses the whole Hatua Kwa Hatua/Step By Step program! Asante sana (thank you very much), Pro Rothfusz! Plans for a new coordinator will proceed this fall after Bishop Last returns from sabbatical.

New Resident Coordinator

We now have a very talented Tanzanian trained both as a pastor and as an administrator at Tumaini University - to assist and manage the many components of our Hatua Kwa Hatua program. His name is Pr. Gabriel Nduye. His assistance will be immeasurable as he manages project funds, enhances

overall communications, attends to various project details, etc. Pr. Gabriel will be the glue and the shoes that allow our relationship to keep moving forward Hatua Kwa Hatua!

Companion Congregation Workshop

Eighteen WIS congregations have now signed Companion Congregation Covenants! As we enter into this wonderful realm of deeper relationships with our Tanzanian brothers and sisters, the synod is offering a workshop on Nov. 18, from 10:00-noon, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. We will discuss preferred models, best practices, communication issues, and an array of other information that will assist in the development of such a relationship. If you have entered the companion congregation program or are anticipating doing so, please feel free to attend. Be sure to inform the synod office prior to Oct. 1 on your attendance numbers.

Joyful Music Makers

BEGINNERS AND SONSHINE BELLS

- Sept 4 after school
..... Chelsea snack
- 11after school beginners
only..... Katie snack
- 18 .. after school both groups
..... Rebecca snack
- 25 .. after school both groups
..... Allie C. snack

There is a total of 8 people. I will provide the drink each time so you only have to worry about the snack. The first week of the month it will only be the 5th and 6th graders. The second week will be only the beginners. That way, I can spend more time with each of the groups and maybe some individual practice. When

both groups are practicing on the same day, I will work with the beginners first so they will be done by 4:30. The Sonshine group will be done then by 4:45. If you have any questions, please call me.

MORNING GLORY BELLS

- Oct. 1practice after church
- 8Play in Church
- 15..... Off
- 22.....practice after church
- 29.....practice after church

I'm glad to be back working with you. There will be some adjustments this year, but I feel that you will be a good sounding group. Thanks for your participation.

VESPER RINGERS

- Oct. 4..... Off
- 11 6:30 practice
- 18 6:30 practice
- 25 6:30 practice
- 29 PLAY IN CHURCH

As always, you are a great group to work with. Thank you for your time and talents!

SR. CHOIR

Sunday, October 15 – PRACTICE AT 9:00 – SING IN CHURCH. Invite someone to sing with us. It's only once a month. Let's get the choir loft FULL!

YOU ARE WANTED!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you carry a tune, even in the shower, we could use your help with the Choir. It would be great to see some Jr. High and Sr. High students involved also. It's only once a month for a half hour practice and then we sing that Sunday. If you truly want the choir to continue to provide the music that this church is use to, we need PEOPLE involved!

—Colleen

College Student Fund



Thank you for the donations that I have received so far in helping with the college fund for our members. I appreciate your response! Several people have asked how many members of our

congregation are in college so I thought I would include a list here:

Sarah and Matthew Fevold; Jocelyn and Stef Anderson; Nicole, Megan, and Tyler Thompson; Matt Schill; Kirsten Towne; Megan Peterson; Seth, Shelby, and Rebecca Fevold; Emilie and Trent Nelson; David Pe-

terson; Tyler and Krystal Rasmusen; Natalie and Katie Petersen; Courtney and Ashley McCubbin; Megan Schill; Brian Norine; Andrew Summers; Scott Palmer; Dylan Nelson-Sease; Arron Ware; Ryan Darnell.

Keep these kids in your thoughts and prayers. It would be wonderful if you would send them a note from time to time besides what I send. Let them know they haven't been forgotten.

Once again, thank you for your response!

— Colleen Palmer

Dayton Oaks Retreat

All women of Zion are invited to the Dayton Oaks Retreat on Thursday, October 12. The theme this year is *What is Your Dash?* This is a great time to reflect on your faith and what it means to you with all the beautiful fall colors at Dayton Oaks.

Registration and coffee is at 9:00 a.m. Come for a day of relaxation, inspiration, and fun. Hope to see you there?

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Julia Fevold
 3 Cheryl Meyer
 Robert Sell
 4 Myles Davis
 Megan Peterson
 5 Jean Larson
 7 Tom Schill
 8 Ashley Vought
 9 Greg Anderson
 Jayden Cline
 10 Max Carlson
 Richard Johnson
 Myrtle Peterson
 11 Karli Gorsline
 Shannon Miller
 12 Chad Carlson
 Cheryl Rasmussen
 13 Marsha Howard
 Josh Zinnel
 14 Jared Carlson
 Amy Davis
 Lawrence Nelson
 15 Chase Camp
 Ashley Thompson
 Mariah Welter
 16 Desirae Dirks
 Paul Johnson Sr.
 Jim Peterson
 Kevan Smith
 17 Elizabeth Stanek
 19 Ethan Rasmussen

20 Dean Rydman
 Leigh Weipert
 21 Noah Heggen
 22 Andrew Cockrum
 Rachel Schill
 23 Tom Larson
 Steve Will
 24 Ivan Hudson
 Bob Schill
 25 Jen Carlson (Tanner)
 Ryan Larson
 26 Meredee Baade
 Renee' Fevold
 Gary Welter
 27 Rita Peterson
 28 Cindy McCormack
 Korryn Mohr
 Tyler Thompson
 29 Jeanne Bloomquist
 30 Dan Nordin
 Matt Nordin
 31 Brenda Anderson
 Austin Davis
 Vicki Hansen
 Erica Nordin
 Allie Schill

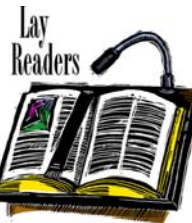
If your birthday was missed or you would like a birthday included, please call the church office so we can update the computer. Thank you!— Cheryl

OCTOBER DUTIES

GREETERS

1 Bob & Sherri Schill
 Pastor Don & Marjorie Wahlgren
 8 Steve & Renae Lane
 Jeff & Ann Kruse
 15 Lonnie & Paulette Carlson
 Ingrid Hunter & Loretta Youngquist
 22 Trent & Marsha Farnham
 Steve & Ruth Ann Mohr
 29 Ellis & Mary Harklau
 FrancesBrown & Shirley Johnson

Chris Fevold
 Bob Schill
 Lonnie Carlson
 Jeff Kruse
 Kyle Kruse
 Merlyn Jensen
 Tanner Miller



1 Laurie Towne
 8 Mary Larson
 15 Claire Davis
 22 Ann Kruse
 29 Paulette Carlson



GOWRIE CARE CENTER

8 Bob & Almeda Gordon
 22 Ned Palmer

MISSIONARY FOR A DAY*

5 Jean Larson
 8 Davis Family
 12 Cheryl Rasmussen
 14 Lawrence Nelson
 21 Loretta Youngquist
 31 Davis Family






We have lots of room for more "Missionaries for a Day" this month. Please sign up today!!!

*** 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



<p>1</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Zion Worship 11:30 AM MG Bells following worship 12:00 PM First Communion Class 7:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 AM Gowrie Care Center-Taped Service 7:00 PM Stephen Minister Training </p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Briefing 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study 1:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision Class 7:00 PM Svenska Clubben Meet.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00 PM Sonshine and Beginner Bells 7:00 PM Rachel Circle 7:30 PM FUSION</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas & Esther Circle 1:30 PM Martha Circle</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Zion Worship 12:00 PM Endowed Benevolence Dinner for Grantees 12:30 PM Crop Walk 7:00 PM "Connections" @ FUSION bldg MG Bells play in church</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Stephen Minister Training </p> 	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00 PM Sonshine and Beginner Bells 6:30 PM Vesper Bells 7:30 PM FUSION</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Dayton Oaks Retreat</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Zion Worship 11:30 AM MG Bells following worship 1:30 PM Global Mission Event @ Zion 6:30 PM Lutheran Men in Mission 7:00 PM Fusion Team meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Stephen Minister Training </p> 	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study 7:00 PM Zion Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:00 PM Alzheimer's Meeting @ Gowrie Care Center 4:00 PM Sonshine and Beginner Bells 6:30 PM Confirmation Meeting 6:30 PM Vesper Bells 7:30 PM FUSION</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 AM Christian Woman Speaks KVFD 1400 AM Radio</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Zion Worship 10:30 AM Vesper Bells Play 11:30 AM MG Bells following worship Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 AM Gowrie Care Center-Taped Service 7:00 PM Stephen Minister Training </p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:30 AM Prayers for Peace 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Briefing 11:30 AM Pastor Text Study</p>	<h1 style="color: blue;">Zion's Caring Ministry</h1> <h2 style="color: blue;">October 2006</h2>			