

Zion Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP - During the offering, please sign the fellowship book in the pew (*one name per line, including all children*), enter the date in the upper right corner and pass to the person next to you. Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in both services. God tells us that we should have both unity in the faith we confess and in the belief that Jesus gives us His body and blood in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins. All confirmed members of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations are welcome to commune with us today. Other guests are asked to please speak with the Pastor before communion. Thank you! **For those who prefer, Non-Alcoholic White Wine** is available in the center portion of each communion tray.

RESTROOMS are located in the lower level; Women's is straight back in the lounge area, and the Men's is off the hallway to the church basement.

INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—Young children experience worship in the same way as they experience the rest of life—with their senses. "Worship Bags" for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They're located at the balcony stairs. Pick one up before the service, and please return it when the service is over.

In light of recommended precautions by the MN Department of Health, please do not feel obligated to shake hands when greeting others upon entering church, during and following worship. During this highly contagious flu season, limiting your greeting to verbal interaction is completely acceptable. Thank you for respecting the concerns of others. Hand sanitizer stations are located by the guest book stand and by the bulletin mailboxes.

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:

- Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins, also for **Laurel Cooper, Alan Jopp, Lorna Guetzkow, Lyn Hahn, Marla Quaas, Reseda Wickenhauser, Ray Dummer, Lowell Haga-Leas, & Leon Franke.**

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$10,089.96; Building Fund: \$107.00; Building Maintenance: \$25.00; Bethesda: \$1.00; Seminarian: \$25.00; School/Preschool tuition: \$4,362.50.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the firstfruits of all your income. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10.

TREASURER'S REPORT

LINE OF CREDIT (@ Security Bank)	\$ 150,000
AMOUNT USED	110,000
LOAN PMNT 1/15/2010 (\$10,000)	
AMOUNT AVAILABLE	40,000
YEAR TO DATE (July-Feb.)	
Receipts	\$514,749.81
Expenses	\$517,269.11
Amount Short/Over	(\$ 2,519.30)
FEB. 2010 RECEIPTS (inc. tuition)	\$ 56,057
FEB. 2010 EXPENSES	\$ 71,953
NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$ 15,896)
AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 13,211
AMOUNT RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY	\$ 10,268
AMOUNT SHORT/OVER	(\$ 2,943)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

PORK CHOP DINNER, today, 11 am - 1 PM at Mayer Lutheran High School. Tickets are \$10-Adults, \$5-Ages 6-12, Free under 6. Tickets are available from Louis Honebrink.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to receive your H1N1 flu shot! Carver County Public Health is holding a special H1N1 Flu Clinic tomorrow, March 15 and Monday, March 29 from 10 AM to 5:30 PM. This FREE clinic will be held at the Carver County Public Health office in Chaska and is open to the general public from ages 6 months to adult. Appointments are required. Please call Carver County Public Health for an appointment or for additional information at 952-361-1329.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES -- Last Words of Christ
March 17 - Pastor Eric Nelson preaches on "The Promising Word"; **March 24** - Pastor Dave Erbel preaches on "The Suffering Word"

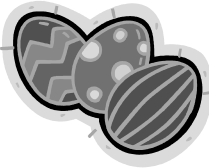
NEW MEMBER CLASS—Welcome to Worship...

Central to the make-up of our congregation is our worship life. Understanding our worship life gives direction to our daily life. Knowing how God serves us with his Word and sacraments allows us to go out into our community and world to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore Zion asks all perspective new members (and invites any current members) to go through this 10 week process in order to understand and rejoice in the distinct nature of our worship and faith life at Zion and thus partner with us as we endeavor to be witnesses to Jesus Christ to those in our community, those in our lives and "even to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Classes will be held on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM at the school starting next Sunday, March 21. Please contact the church office (952-657-2566) if you would like to attend.

The 2010 EASTER FAIRE is only 2 weeks away!

Please join us on Saturday, March 27th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Zion School Gym for loads of fun. All children through 6th grade are invited to attend. Feel free to bring a friend to help us celebrate spring, new life, and Easter. We are still in need of cookie bakers, individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs, and many volunteers. If you have signed up to bring any items, please remember to drop them off at our table in the Narthex. If you are able to volunteer your time and talents at the event, please sign up at our table as well. If you are interested in finding out how you can help us out, please contact Deb Templeman (952-657-2400). Thanks!

Easter Breakfast—The Junior and Senior Youth Group will be hosting an Easter Breakfast from 7:30am to 8:30am in the Zion Day School Gymnasium on Sunday, April 4th. The breakfast that will be served will be waffles, pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk, and juice. Please, come and bring friends and family to enjoy a wonderful breakfast as a part of your Easter celebration.



A Night On The Town 2010—This will be something you won't want to miss. Food provided by Biaggis of Eden Prairie. Entertainment and music provided by Jim Strehlke's Alpensterne. All for the benefit of the Zion Youth Ministry. This will all take place at the Mayer Community Center on Saturday, May 22 from 6pm to 10pm. Tickets go on sale soon! So, please mark your calendars and don't miss out on what will most definitely be A Night On The Town to be remembered.

FOODSHELF SUNDAY is March 21. Please remember to bring your items for the Watertown Friends for Life Foodshelf next Sunday. Zion recently delivered 226# & \$50.00. *Thank you for sharing Jesus' love in this way!*

MN Ablaze! Register Now!! Invite a group of friends, bring your family, and register now for our second statewide Minnesota South and North District *Ablaze!* outreach event, Saturday April 10, 2010, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plymouth, 10 am to 4 pm. The day focuses on faith-sharing under the theme "Living Water" as offered by Jesus in John 4:10. Key-note speakers Dale Meyer, Dean Nadasdy, Ben Griffin, will challenge and bless you. Breakout sessions will offer faith-sharing training. Optional Friday night servant events are available, plus a house band, singing, fellowship, prayer time, children's programming, childcare, dramas and video clips, food, and a Ministry Fair. You are also invited to stay for the Saturday night (5 pm) worship services at Beautiful Savior. Check out our page on Facebook! More information and registration is available at www.mnablaze.org or call 952-435-2550.

LIVE/SILENT AUCTION JULY 18, 2010 – Time to start planning for the outdoor service with chicken dinner, live/silent auction and bake sale. All Zion members are invited to donate items for the auction. Consider donating your time or talents to clean someone's house, mow their lawn, rack leaves, etc. This year's net proceeds are designated for purchasing new sound equipment in church to be used for church and school services. Thrivent matching funds have been requested. If you have items to donate, please call any member of the Stewardship Board, Darleen Wandersee, Teresa Jopp, Tim Argabright, Sally Tewes, or Gary Hoese.

Time to order Easter Lilies to decorate our altar for Easter Sunday. They are \$11.00 each. A sign up sheet can be found by the guestbook. Make checks out to Zion Altar Guild. Give money to Jill Boettcher or put in Bruce Boettcher's mailbox. If paying with cash please put money in a marked envelope. Lilies will decorate the altar for Easter morning services.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the 13th Annual **CRUSADER CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT** scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11 at **Island View Golf Course in Waconia**. 1:00 PM Shotgun start. \$110/golfer or \$400/team includes: 18 holes of golf and cart, dinner following tournament and Silent & Live Auction items. For more information or registration, please contact Craig Anderson, 952-334-2942 or Renae Johnson, 952-657-2251, ext. 222. For sponsorship opportunities, call Reane Johnson at number listed. Proceeds support the Mayer LHS technology fund.

The *Christian Cards and Gifts* located downstairs has Confirmation invitations, cards and gifts. We have boxed and individual Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding and Anniversary cards. Check out our gift items for Easter as well as Children's prayer books and Lutheran Study Bible. Barb Argabright or Ann Schuette will be available on Sunday mornings between services to help you with your purchase, or with any special order request.

ELDERS FOR 2010 & their membership responsibilities follow:

A - F-- Dale Kutzke (952-657-2176)
G - HOF-- Joel Brunner (952-657-2788)
HOES - K-- Dave Trende (952-955-1025)
L - Q-- Randy Jones (952-353-2708)
R - S-- Eric Ernst (763-658-2500)
T - Z-- Dean Schuette (952-657-2324)

Please give "your elder" a call any time you have questions or concerns. Thank you!

Get on board the ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN. We are planning to have a clothing and quilt collection in March. All types of good, clean, wearable clothing including shoes are needed. Items that are always in short supply are infant and children's clothing, summer clothing for people of all ages, quilts and blankets and new cotton underwear and new socks for all ages. Items received are distributed to needy people throughout the world. About 50% of the donations stay in the United States and 50% is shipped overseas. Presently the storage unit in Mayer is empty. In April of 2009 a load of 678 boxes of clothing and bedding were shipped to Belarus. In November 2009 we emptied the storage of 380 boxes of clothing and bedding and 13 beds from the Elim Home in Watertown to be shipped to Kyrgyzstan.

Any items brought to church can be placed in the Northeast corner of the narthex. Cash donations are always needed for shipping. For more information call Louis Honebrink, 657-2379.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Thanks to the generous contributions of Zion members, who contributed a little over \$10,000, we have achieved our goal of \$9,420 for the Thrivent One-Time Grant matching funds in just 7 weeks. Zion Lutheran School will receive \$4,710 of matching funds based on achieving this goal. Zion had until 6/30/2010 in which to raise the funds, but achieved the goal in 2 months. This is the last of the Thrivent Matching Funds program under the GivingPlus program. Thrivent Choice is the new program to be introduced this spring. Watch for more information regarding Thrivent Choice in future bulletins/newsletters. Again, thank you for your generous contributions in supporting Zion Lutheran School.

COAT CHECK -- Please check the coats left on the coat rack in the Northeast corner of Zion narthex. If they are not claimed, they will be taken to the Bethesda Thrift Store.

PLEASE NOTE: All April Calendar & Newsletter items are due to Marlene by Monday, March 22. Her email address is mejopp52@gmail.com.

Zion LWML will be selling pie at the Mayer Fire Department Fish Fry on the 28th. LWML members are each asked to donate 3 pies. Any member from the congregation that would like to donate a pie may bring it to the community center on Sunday the 28th in the AM. Thanks so much for the many pies you have contributed in the past for the Firemen's Fish Fry!

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"... Zion's website www.zionmayer.org... If you or anyone you know would like a 2010-2011 registration form or more information, please call the school office, 952-657-2339... **Join us for Chapel**, Wednesday mornings at 8:25. Next week's chapel is led by Pastor Gless... **Kindergarten Registrations** for the 10/11 school year are now being taken—Questions, call Kris at 952-657-2339... **Preschool Registration**—3 yr. old and 4 yr. old classes are filling fast! (only 1 opening remaining for the 3's and 7 openings remaining for the 4's) Please send in completed registration form with fee to reserve your spot for 10/11 school year. Questions, call Kris at 952-657-2339... **GAME SCHEDULE:** Mar. 15, vs. Chaska; Mar. 16, at Cologne; Mar. 18, vs. Watertown (boys); Mar. 19, boys Tourn. at Trinity, Waconia... **THANK YOU** to anyone who donated items or volunteered their time for the 363days.org. It was a fantastic servant event! We made approximately 700 sandwiches in 15 minutes. What a great way to serve those right in our own area. Your generosity was SO appreciated!! -Mrs. Thomas



ZION VOTERS met last Sunday evening and voted to extend a Call to Sean Martens of Trinity, Lone Oak in Eagan, MN.

Mayer Lutheran High School is seeking a part time Woodworking/Shop teacher. Interested individuals can contact Kevin Wilaby, Principal about the position (952-657-2251 x317) or send their resume to (kwilaby@lhsmayer.org).

Need help in planning or updating your will and estate plan along with including your congregation and other ministries? The Planned Giving Staff of Concordia St. Paul is available at no cost to assist you in these matters from a Christian perspective. Contact Nathan Laible at 651-641-8256 or email laible@csp.edu or Glenn Thiel at 651-641-8758 or email at thiel@csp.edu.

ZION VOLUNTEERS (two) will be needed at Bethesda Thrift Store this Tuesday, March 16 along with St. John's NYA volunteers, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the new store in Minnetonka. Tuesday, March 30, Zion will be responsible for supplying five volunteers. This Friday, March 19, is a 10:00 AM store meeting for all volunteers. Tuesday, April 6, is the Grand Opening of the Bethesda store's new location at 4749 Co. Rd. 101. Donations can be taken to the back of the store Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

BUFFET DINNER & SILENT AUCTION, Saturday, March 20, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, at Emanuel Lutheran School in Hamburg. Ticket price is \$8 in advance (available at the school or State Bank of Hamburg) and \$10.00 at the door.

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS, Sunday, March 28, 3 PM at St. James Lutheran Church, in Howard Lake. Join in this opportunity for musical fellowship and lift your voices in praise while singing some of your favorite hymns. Guest musicians this year include Mrs. Ruth Mackie-organist, Rev. Mark Loder-soloist, & the Senior Choir of St. John's, Howard Lake. There will be no offering gathered, but those attending are asked to consider bringing a food item to benefit local food shelves.



SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

during the week of March 14, 2010

<i>Today:</i>	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School & Bible Classes	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
<i>Monday:</i>	Altar Guild	6:30 PM
	LHS Choral Concert	7:00 PM
	Choir	8:00 PM
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Quilting	9:00 AM
	Staff Meeting	1:30 PM
	Sunday School Encouragement	7:00 PM
	Bible Class at Church	7:30 PM
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Chapel	8:25 AM
	Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Quilting	1:00 PM
	Mid-week Confirmation	4:00 PM
	Lenten Worship	7:00 PM
<i>Thursday:</i>	Faculty Devotions	7:15 AM
	All Boards	7:00 PM
<i>Sunday:</i>	<i>Food Shelf Sunday</i>	
	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School, Bible Class & New Member Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM

<i>Today's Light Readings for the week:</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Leviticus 4:1 - Leviticus 6:30</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Leviticus 7:1 - Leviticus 9:24</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Leviticus 10:1 - Leviticus 11:47</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Leviticus 12:1 - Leviticus 15:33</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Leviticus 16:1 - Leviticus 17:16</i>
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Leviticus 18:1 - Leviticus 19:37</i>
<i>Readings for next Sunday:</i>	<i>Isaiah 12:1-6</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</i> <i>Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i>

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Lucas Woodford, Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Joel Brunner

Greeters: 8:00 Rod & Lois Maetzold, Mark Gutzke Family, Adam Maetzold, Dan Maetzold, Dan Theisen
10:00 Norville & LaVonne Luebke, Rex Guthland Family, Jason Hoese Family

Organist: Mrs. Helen Bunge

Keyboard: Mrs. Tracy Shipler

Acolytes: Cole Peters
Alissa Thaumert

Laura Grimm
Jacob Carlson

Power Point: Lauren Wisch

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