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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. (At LHS guest cards can be found on the tables in the lobby. Please complete the card and put in offering plate on the table.) Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at the 8:00 service. 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. At LHS restrooms are located in the lobby, to the right of the auditorium entrance.

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): \$10,030.42; Building Fund: \$355.00; Building Maintenance: \$115.00. "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-Jan.)	
Receipts	\$458,692.37
Expenses	\$445,315.72
Amount Short/Over	\$ 13,376.65
JAN. 2010 RECEIPTS (inc. tuition)	\$ 59,019
JAN. 2010 EXPENSES	\$ 68,249
NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$ 9,229)
AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 13,211
AMOUNT RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY	\$ 9,806
AMOUNT SHORT/OVER	(\$ 3,405)

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK)

March 7, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING TODAY, at 6:30 PM (at church) for the purpose of extending a Call for the position of Administrative Director.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES -- *Last Words of Christ*
March 10 - Pastor LeRoy LePlant preaches on "The Fulfilled Word"

March 17 - Pastor Eric Nelson preaches on "The Promising Word"

March 24 - Pastor Dave Erbel preaches on "The Suffering Word"

ZION LWML meets Wednesday, March 10, 8:00 PM in the church basement following the Lenten Service. We invite all ladies to join us. Agenda includes Mite Gathering and Devotion, plans for our April events, and review our 2010-2011 program booklet.

PORK CHOP DINNER, Sunday March 14, 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.

Vibrant Faith - Calling one and all! You may have noticed in recent bulletins, a certain insert about a Vibrant Faith Conference. This is a conference which focuses on the God-given role of parents: to pass on the Christian faith to their children. It is a fantastic opportunity being provided by the Minnesota South District of the LCMS while being facilitated by the Youth and Family Institute. Please seriously consider joining me at this conference as we all partner with one another to pass on the Christian faith to the next generation. Details regarding this conference are as follows: When: Sat. March 13 from 8:30am to 3:30pm (Lunch is included). Where: Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, MN. How much? Free to those that sign up in the narthex. But please don't delay, the registration deadline is Sunday, March 7. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adam Gless. Thank you.

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).

Easter Breakfast—The Youth of Zion would like to cordially invite you, your family, your neighbors, and anyone else you may be able to think of to the annual Easter Breakfast. It will take place on Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunday) from 7:30am to 8:30am in the Zion Day School Gymnasium. So, please come join us for a delicious breakfast. Thank you.

Save The Date—The Zion Senior Youth would like to invite you to save the date: Saturday, May 22nd from 6pm to 10pm. The Senior Youth will be hosting a night of dinner, music, dancing, and more. You won't want to miss this one! More details to come...

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.

Have you marked your calendar for March 27, 2010 yet? The **EASTER FAIRE** is quickly approaching. We will hold our annual event in the Zion School Gym from 2:00 -4:00 pm. All children through 6th grade and their families are invited to attend. We will be making Easter crafts, decorating cookies and egg hunting. Come join the fun and remember to bring your friends and neighbors. Please check our table in the narthex for our wish list (pink half sheet). We will have a basket underneath the table for your donations (individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs, etc.). Prayerfully consider helping us out with your time and talents on the day of the event as well. We need many volunteers to make everything run smoothly. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Templeman (657-2400).

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.

BETHESDA THRIFT STORE now located at 4749 Co. Rd. 101 is accepting donations Tues-Saturday from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Drive to the back of the store, to the door with 4749 on it. **WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS!** Phone service is now available at the new store--same number--952-939-0988. **STORE MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS IS MARCH 19 AT 10 AM.** Tuesday, April 6 is **GRAND OPENING!**

The *Christian Living Resource Center* has Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Wedding and anniversary cards. Individual cards are also available. Check out our gift items including The Lutheran Study Bible, Lutheran Service Books, Prayer Books and Children's Valentine and Easter books. We are located at the bottom of the stairs of the lower level of the church. 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 - HOEF--** 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.

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 Woodford... **National Lutheran Schools Week,** March 7-13: Monday - *Open House*, 9-5:30, *Spelling Bee* 9 AM (Gr. 1-4), 1 PM (Gr. 5-8), *Pizza, Pop, Performance*, 5:30 PM, Geography Fair Mon-Wed... **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, Feb. 1st to Feb. 17th for current Zion and New Germany families. After that date enrollment will be open to community residents. There are a limited number of children allowed in each class. Please send in completed registration form with fee to reserve your spot for 10/11 school year. Questions, call Kris at 952-657-2339.

Come join us! Zion School servant event! Wednesday, March 10th at 1:30 in the school gym we will be making 500 sandwiches to give to homeless people on the streets of Minneapolis through the organization of 363days.org. If you would like to donate items for the event, please take a slip of paper from the display boards in the back of church.

6th Annual Zion PTL Plant Sale-- This year the PTL plant sale will be done through pre-sale orders only! Order forms are located on a back table, pick one up when you have a cookie. All orders need to be turned in to the school office by Friday, March 12th. Please distribute to your neighbors if they weren't at church today. No need to hand in payment until you pick them up. Plants will arrive before Mother's Day!

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.

BAPTISM TODAY, 8:00 AM — We welcome *Kylie Marie Jopp* into God's family today through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Kylie, born February 14 is the infant daughter of Grady & Melissa (Scheele) Jopp who will be joining our Zion family following our upcoming New Member Class. Sponsors for Kylie are Ryan Jopp, Tony Scheele and Kelsey Scheele.





SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

during the week of March 7, 2010

<i>Today:</i>	<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i>	
	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School & Bible Classes	9:15 AM
	Worship at Mayer Lutheran High School	10:30 AM
	Family Ice Skating at Waconia	2:00 PM
	5 Love Languages Marriage Group	3:00 PM
	Fireproof Marriage Group	6:30 PM
	Special Voters' Meeting	6:30 PM
<i>Monday:</i>	School Open House	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Spelling Bee, gr. 1-4	9:00 AM
	Spelling Bee, gr. 5-8	1:00 PM
	Pizza, Pop, Performance Night	5:30 PM
	Financial Peace University	6:30 PM
	Choir	8:00 PM
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Circuit Pastors Conference at LHS	8:30 AM
	Quilting	9:00 AM
	Jr. Youth Action Team	7:00 PM
	Sr. Youth Action Team	7:30 PM
	Dartball vs. NYA	8:00 PM
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Chapel	8:25 AM
	Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Quilting	1:00 PM
	363days.org Service Project	1:30 PM
	Mid-week Confirmation	4:00 PM
	Lenten Worship	7:00 PM
	LWML	8:00 PM
<i>Thursday:</i>	Faculty Devotions	7:15 AM
<i>Saturday:</i>	Vibrant Faith Workshop at Emmanuel, Hamburg	8:30 AM
<i>Sunday:</i>	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School & Bible Class	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM

Today's Light Readings for the week:	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Exodus 34:1-35</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Exodus 35:1 - Exodus 36:38</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Exodus 37:1 - Exodus 38:31</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Exodus 39:1 - Exodus 40:38</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Leviticus 1:1-17</i>
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Leviticus 2:1 - Leviticus 3:17</i>
Readings for next Sunday:	<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. Adam Gless, Rev. LeRoy LaPlant, Rev. Lucas Woodford

Elder: Dave Trende

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

Acolytes: Haley Snow
Breanna Grimm

Power Point: Dillon Derner