

Zion's News and Notes

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The Pastor's Ramblings - January 2014

A New Year ... A Milestone for Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome to 2014! Perhaps it seems like a long time, or maybe it seems like you are just getting used to writing 2013 on your checks. Ready or not, here it is!

As I was setting up my office, under some papers on the shelf, I found a document in a frame. It was rather dusty and a little neglected. It contained a certificate signed by a couple of officials from the Texas Synod of the ELCA, rejoicing in the 100th anniversary of the congregation. It was signed on October 1, 1989 and I'm sure it was sent out or delivered so it would be here for the actual anniversary date.

For some of you I bet it may seem like Zion just celebrated its 100th anniversary ... surprise! This is the year of the 125th anniversary.

In this milestone year I'd like us to keep in mind the words of the Psalmist and King, David ... the words of Psalm 145. There is much to digest in the 21 verses of this Psalm, but as an over-arching theme for this anniversary year I place before you verse 4:

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."

On October 26, 1889 this congregation was founded. 125 years of ministry in the area in and around Priddy ... and around the world!

This congregation has faithfully supported the preaching of the Word of God and reached out with the healing, helping, and loving hands of Jesus over these many years, and in this anniversary year we need to be conscience of how we will continue that mission to the next generation.

Sure, we will have great potluck suppers and time to come together and celebrate; but that should be secondary to a renewed commitment to the mission of the church. For without that mission focus a congregation begins a decline and starts to become a private chapel. In the few months I've been here I can tell that that is not the focus of this congregation. This is a vibrant group of people willing to serve and be the body of Christ here in this community and to the world in which we are sent.

In this 125th anniversary year we will show that this congregation is alive and renewed daily; declaring the mighty acts of God to the next generation.

See you in church!
Pastor Mark

BABY CARE KITS

Lutheran World Relief is on hand helping those affected by the typhoon in the Phillipines. They have sent four shipping containers filled with quilts, personal care kits, baby care kits, and school kits. During Lent this year we collected and assembled 50 of the personal care kits. Our quilting circle are diligently assembling quilts and collecting soap for shipment to Lutheran World Relief headquarters, We would like to collect items for the baby care kits during the months of December and January. Below are the items that are included in these kits.

- Two lightweight cotton T-shirts
- Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath size bars (4 to 5 oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Perhaps you have friends or relatives that might have some of these items. Any donations would be appreciated. Also, it is suggested that the sizes vary, up to 24 months so that the kits are more useful as the child grows.

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What: Women's Afternoon Circle

Where: Zion Lutheran Church
Education Building

When: Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Bible Study will be on the Third Tuesday of each month. All women are welcome and encouraged to join us.

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If you have any tidbits of information that needs to be included in the newsletter. Please give articles to me before or after Church or slip it under my office door in the Education Building. The Deadline for the February newsletter will be on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Leslie Limmer
Zion Lutheran Church Secretary

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January Birthdays

3	Evan Eilers
5	Faith Littlejohn
7	Jami Howell
8	Rita Grelle Patricia Kunkel
10	Gina Pax Pam Pope
12	Jarrett Isbell Mildred Peters
13	Krystal Butler
17	Lisa Clendenen Margarette Tiemann
18	Alexia Gutierrez Erich Eilers
19	Justin Tiemann
21	Wesley Peters Pat Blackmon
22	Gerry Draper
24	Linda Janner Brian Tiemann
26	Pamela Hohertz
28	Kayley Howell
29	Gary Bufe
31	Payton Montandon

Anniversaries:

22	Bill & Joe Ann Gault
30	Lohman & Vernell Feist

JANUARY SERVICE TEAMS

Head Usher: Doris Crawford

January 5, 2014 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Flowers: Karen Bufe in memory of Brad Bufe

Acolyte: Rylie Padgett

Crucifer: Evan Eilers

Lector: Pam Pope

Communion Asst: Shacky Tiemann

Greeter: Dorothy Bosse

Usher Team: Council

January 12, 2014 The Baptism of Our Lord/
Contemporary Service

Flowers: ????????

Acolyte: Makenna Partin

Lector: Leslie Limmer

Greeter: Caroline Schwartz

Usher Team: Dorothy Bosse & Vernell Feist

January 19, 2014 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Flowers: Moerbe Family in honor of Margarette Tiemann

Acolyte: Erich Eilers

Crucifer: Kendel Hopper

Lector: Vicki Peters

Communion Asst: Jerry Schwartz

Greeter: Anita Hopper

Usher Team: Youth

January 26, 2014 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Flowers: Carl & Linda Janner

Acolyte: Bryce Cline

Lector: Jhenisa Stegemoller

Greeter: W.J. Hopper

Usher Team: Council

Youth needed the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We are needing the youth to help with ushering responsibilities on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The youth that are present in church will be responsible for ushering during offering as well as after the dismissal of church. Please plan on attending to help!



Three Days of Prayer

LCMC Service Coordinator, Mark Vander Tuig, has asked all of the congregations in LCMC to consider setting aside time each day of January 7, 8, and 9 for prayer.

On those days the church will be open all day so that everyone in the congregation may have an opportunity to engage in prayer in thanksgiving for the past and asking for God's blessing for the future. There will be prayer booklets at the church to help in this

Come at any time you are able, but there will be one service at church each of the three days. The times and the themes of the days are as follows:

- January 7 at 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm - Confession – Psalm 145:8
- January 8 at 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Petition/Intercession – Psalm 145:9
- January 9 at 8:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Vision/the work of the Holy Spirit - Psalm 145:18

If you are unable to make it to church on these days, please set aside a time to participate in prayer wherever you are able. *Isaiah 56:7 "... My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."*



Church Tech

Last month, the church council asked me to start working on some improvements in our use of technology. The first step was the creation of a website for the church. This has been done and can be accessed at www.zionpriddy.com. The website includes a calendar of events, some information about us, some links to other useful websites, and room for expansion into other technologies like sermon podcasts and live streaming of worship services.

Next is the development of a couple of technologies to use in worship and outreach. I am putting together a proposal that will come before the congregation annual meeting to purchase and install a couple new computers with up to date church and office software, a video system to allow us to live stream broadcast our worship services on the Internet, and projectors and screens to allow us to use presentation software in worship.

Technology can be done well and in a way that enhances worship - and it can be done poorly and be a distraction. This is one of the things I've put a lot of thought into and have seen examples of both well done and poorly done uses of technology. If you have any concerns about this please talk with me about it. I'll be happy to explain my vision for how to implement these systems at Zion and have them be a blessing to us all!

See you in church!
Pastor Mark



**Zion Lutheran Church is on
Facebook and now we have a new
website www.zionpriddy.com.**



Where: Zion Lutheran Church
Priddy, Texas

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Date: January 12, 2014

Please come and join us. We would
be glad to have you.



Mark your calendars and plan to
attend

What: Zion's Annual Church Meeting

When: January 26, 2014

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Our Congregation's Annual Meeting has
been set for Sunday, January 26, 2014 We
will have a "covered dish" luncheon in the
Education Building at 11:45 a.m. At 12:30 p.m

we will conduct the business meeting.
Everyone is invited to come and attend this
meeting and all confirmed members are
encouraged to participate and vote on the
issues put before the meeting. Please be
watching your bulletins for further updates on
correct date.



It's that time of year.
All Zion's
committees need to start
meeting to
prepare their reports for
the Annual Meeting
which will be held
January 26, 2014.
Deadline for submission
of reports will be Sunday,
January 19, 2014.

Thanks for your willing service to
our church and prompt attention to this
necessary task.



Flower Chart

The New Flower Chart is ready for
people to start signing up for flowers for
this year. You can sign-up to have flowers
in memory of or in honor of someone, or
just because. Thank you to all of Zion's
members who have purchased flowers in
the past year. The flowers were truly
beautiful.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Danny Dale Marwitz, a long-time member of Zion's community of faith, was laid to rest on Friday, December 20, 2013, at St. John's Cemetery. Danny died in the faith on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. He is survived by his wife Cindy Marwitz, children and spouses Stanton & Jenna Marwitz, Ryan & Missy Marwitz, and Jacob Marwitz, Grandchildren Spencer and Stella Marwitz, Jaxon Gunter, Easton and Myles Marwitz, parents Truman & Deanie Marwitz, sister and husband Karen & Anthony Tyson, and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.



Wilford Weston Schuster, a long-time member of Zion's community of faith was laid to rest on Monday, December 23, 2013, at Zion Cemetery. Wilford died in the faith on Thursday, December 19, 2013. He is survived by children and spouses Vance & Kim Schuster, Ronald & Linda Schuster, and Dale Schuster, Grandchildren & Spouses, Werner & Branda Schuster, Darren Schuster, Nicole & Kris Sparks, Faith & Jeremy Littlejohn, Chase & Kaylin Schuster, Jade and Kenisha Schuster, Great-Grandchildren Madilyn Schuster, Gage and Grace Sparks, Thomas Cross & Case Knox Littlejohn, Sister & Spouse Ramona & Milton Schwartz, Sister-in-law Esta Marwitz, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



MEMORIALS RECEIVED:

In loving Memory of Danny Marwitz:

Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Scholarship Fund	\$190.00
Kitchen Fund	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$70.00
Memorial Fund	\$30.00
Playground Fund	\$635.00

In loving Memory of Wilford Schuster:

Cemetery Fund	\$70.00
Scholarship Fund	\$10.00
Kitchen Fund	\$45.00
Building Fund	\$115.00
Memorial Fund	\$145.00

In loving Memory of Lorenze Family & Tom Sisco:

Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
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In loving Memory of Ed & Ida Dearson:

Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
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Thank you to the Decorations Committee for the beautiful decorations this Advent & Christmas season. Thank you to the Sunday School and Jenni Cline for the program, and Thank you to the individuals who contributed to the Goody bags this year.

Sincerely,

Zion Church Council



Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Joy and Thanksgiving:

Everyone celebrating birthdays & anniversaries

Strength and/or healing:

Andrea Esse

Judy Pax

Joe Ann Geeslin

Melvin Eilers, Sr.

Kenneth Stegemoller

Sandy Wagner

Harold Krueger

Jackie Krueger

Sherry Gattis

Cade Perkins

Henry Meyer

Carson Padgett

Esta Marwitz, Evelyn Riewe and Ethel Schoen, nursing home in Comanche

Gladys Struempfer, Wilfred Struempfer, Elmerie Elliott and Opal Schrank Shut-Ins

Charlene Tiemann, nursing home in Goldthwaite

For all of Zion's non-members dealing with medical problems

Compassion and peace in grief:

Family of:

Danny Marwitz

Wilford Schuster

those grieving the loss of a loved one

Wisdom in leading:

President of the U.S.

All the leaders of the world

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New Addresses

We recently had some of our members move into nursing facilities:

Charlene Tiemann
Goldthwaite Health & Rehabilitation
1207 Reynolds Street
Goldthwaite, Texas 76844

Judy Pax
Brownwood Nursing & Rehab
101 Miller Street
Brownwood, Texas 76801

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Dear Members of Zion:

Thank you for the prayers, food, calls, visits, and cards during my recent surgery and recuperation.

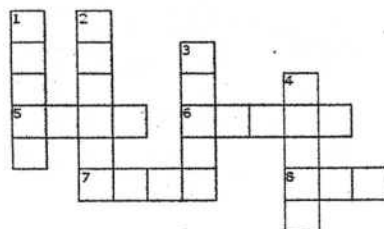
All the prayers and thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lorena Schwartz

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

5. A period of time sixty minutes long
6. One who steals something
7. Man in the Bible who built an ark
8. The period from sunrise until sunset

DOWN

1. The time period from sunset until sunrise
2. To come back
3. To look or observe attentively or carefully
4. To be prepared or available for service or action

READY	WATCH	DAY	HOUR
THIEF	RETURN	NIGHT	NOAH



What time is it?

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Children's Worship Bulletin

What Time Is It?

Matthew 25:31-46

Word Search Puzzle

U Q Q Y G R I N D I N G X I O
H E A V E N C Y S F I C J W Q
H E X P E C T O O J I U J C B
M A R R Y I N G N R E A D Y I
C D G Z R H Y M T H I E F P Y
A Z E I A F C J K S E M O Z T
A O H O K A Y P I M T P A O H
D N N E L T F K O R Y Z M C R
R S G Q U H L C M J P F T U Y
I R W E Y E O R B K E A O A Z
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G T J Y K G E P E O P L E E F

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NOAH	DAY	DRINKING	COME	MARRYING
GRINDING	WOMEN	ANGELS	MEN	THIEF
FLOOD	EXPECT	SON	EATING	HOUR

Your Church Name
Church Address
City

Kids Corner

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Feb 2014 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30 pm Choir Practice	3	4
5 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion	6	7	8 6:30 pm Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service	13	14 9:00 am Quilting Circle	15 6:30 pm Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion Deadline for Annual Reports to be submitted	20	21 9:00 am Quilting Circle 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle	22 6:30 pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion 11:45 am Potluck Luncheon/ Annual Meeting	27	28	29 6:30 pm Choir Practice	30	31	Notes: