

# Zion's News and Notes



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February 2014

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February is upon us ... here at the church it will be a short month loaded with a full four opportunities for Sunday morning worship as well as weekdays that will be full of planning for one of the two holiest seasons of the year. Lent begins in just a few weeks as Ash Wednesday rolls around during the first week of March. There will surely be more about our plans for midweek services and meals in Lent as we get closer and in next month's newsletter, but since Ash Wednesday comes up so quickly I wanted to put it out there for you to get on your schedule ... plan on being at church Wednesday March 5 at 7:00pm for a service of confession and absolution and the imposition of ashes. The service I've used for the last few years for this evening service is one based on the Ten Commandments as explained by Martin Luther in his Small Catechism ... it's become one of my favorite services of the year.

On a very personal note, we have never made any secrets about the fact that all three of our children are adopted. God's giving us these children and the opportunity to love as our own and to raise them up in the faith and in life has been simultaneously the biggest joy and blessing, as well as a challenge for us.

In some cases when you adopt an older child, there can be some unwelcome baggage that can come with the child from the environment they came out of. Our daughter Ashley came to live with us when she was almost 5 years old. For more than three years we got to know quite a bit about her birth parents through court ordered visitations that in our opinion continued for far too long. We learned through this extended process and from communications with the social workers a history of what kind of life she had before she came to live with us. As a result of this we knew there was a good chance that some of those experiences, along with the genetics she shared with her birth parents might haunt her. In the end, her birth parents proved to be unable to deal with the problems in their lives and it was truly tragic that they did not get the kind of help they needed to cope with their issues ... their lack of being able to deal with their issues resulted in the loss of their children, and their being placed in our care by the State of Connecticut.

Ashley is a very sweet and talented girl who we love with all our hearts, but over the years some of the difficulties she has been dealing with have been getting worse for her. We have been getting help for her and the rest of the family to deal with her through professional counseling, but in the last few months a number of factors have come together that have triggered things that have gotten to the point where she needed more help than we or mere counselors could give her. This past Sunday we brought her to Abilene for an inpatient stay at a mental health facility. We are not sure how long she will need to be there for, but that doesn't matter as long as she gets the help that she so desperately needs.

Please keep our family, and especially Ashley and the team of doctors and mental health professionals that will be working with her in your prayers so that she can overcome these demons that have plagued her for so long.

See you in church!  
Pastor Mark

## **ZION'S TIDBITS**

Congratulations to Traci Tiemann and Travis Betts on their recent marriage. Traci & Travis were married on Friday, January 10, 2014 in Fort Worth. Best wishes to Traci and Travis as they begin their new life together.



Congratulations to all of Zion's Youth who made the honor roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks. They are: Caitlyn Cagle, Bryce Cline, Kirsten Cline, Tanna Cupps, Sage Cupps, Alina Eilers, Erich Eilers, Evan Eilers, Mason Esse, Savanna Esse, Colton Esse, Makenna Holmsley, Allison Hopper, Kendel Hopper, Mitchel Hopper, Kate McNeel, Kay McNeel, Rylie Padgett, Jayci Padgett, Makenna Partin, Dusty Partin, Sydney Partin, Codi Perkins, Walker Peters, Ashley Schimmel, Melody Schimmel, Louis Schimmel, Karissa Seider, Aris Shelton, and Kyler Shelton. Way to Go! If you aren't included on the list above, please let me know if you make the honor roll so that I can add your name to the list.



## **CEMETERY WORK-DAY**

The Cemetery Committee has scheduled a work day for February 22, 2014, starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be putting pre-emergent for Grassburrs and working on graves at both cemeteries. We need all available helpers, fertilizer spreaders, shovels, and rakes.



What: Women's Afternoon Circle

Where: Zion Lutheran Church  
Education Building

When: Tuesday, February 18, 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.



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 March newsletter will be on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Leslie Limmer  
Zion Lutheran Church Secretary



### February Birthdays

- 4 Kathryn Davis
- 6 Glenn Putnam
- 8 Melanie Holmsley  
Robin Partin
- 10 Tammy Miles
- 11 Isabel Ake
- 14 Jennifer McNeel
- 15 Melvin Pax
- 16 Gladys Struempfer
- 17 Kristen Fleet  
Antin Hicks
- 18 Suanne Martin  
Jayci Padgett  
Jake Schwartz  
Traci Tiemann
- 21 Matthew Bosse
- 24 Cindy Riewe
- 25 Cade Perkins
- 26 John Ivy Jr.  
Betty Stanley
- 27 Vicki Peters  
Rosa Linda Ratliff

### Anniversaries:

- 16 Travis & Kelli Wilburn
- 17 Craig & Mindy Hopper
- 20 W.J. & Anita Hopper

**Zion Lutheran Church is on  
Facebook and now we have a new  
website [www.zionpriddy.com](http://www.zionpriddy.com).**

## **FEBRUARY SERVICE TEAMS**

Head Usher: Bradley Shelton

February 2, 2014 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Flowers: ???????

Acolyte: Ally Hopper

Crucifer: Aris Shelton

Lector: Debbie Tiemann

Communion Asst: Debbie Tiemann

Greeter: Kia McCarty

Usher Team: Council

February 9, 2014 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany/  
Contemporary Service

Flowers: ???????

Acolyte: Rylie Padgett

Lector: Carolyn Tiemann

Greeter: Mildred Peters

Usher Team: Tammie Cloud & Paula Kunkel

February 16, 2014 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Flowers: ???????

Acolyte: Makenna Partin

Crucifer: Evan Eilers

Lector: Soundrea McCarty

Communion Asst: Rubie Haile

Greeter: Vernell Feist

Usher Team: Youth

February 23, 2014 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Flowers: ???????

Acolyte: Erich Eilers

Lector: Mildred Peters

Greeter: Caroline Schwartz

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!



Where: Zion Lutheran Church  
Priddy, Texas

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Date: February 9, 2014

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



## **Ash Wednesday Worship and Lenten Services**

Ash Wednesday falls, on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year. We will begin the season of Lent with a services of communion and ashes at 7:00 PM that evening.

Lenten Services will continue every Wednesday evening through April 9<sup>th</sup>. Maundy Thursday will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Good Friday services will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and Easter will take place on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone is encouraged to join us in worship each Wednesday evening as we travel through this season of preparation for the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord.



## **MEALS AT LENT**

The youth is planning on preparing food prior to Lent Services on Wednesday evenings beginning in March.

We will have a short meeting following worship services on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

If you are interest in helping with preparation, clean up, or in any way please plan on attending this short meeting in the Educational Building.

Thank you,  
Jenni Cline

Dear Members of Zion:



Our family would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the love and support shown to Danny and our family over the past three years. The compassion we received from our church family and friends through cards, calls, flowers, memorials, and unending prayers has been overwhelming and our family has been blessed by each of you in a special way. Thank you also for the delicious meal that was prepared for our family and friends. We are so blessed to have a church family like Zion.

The Marwitz Family



#### MEMORIALS RECEIVED:

In loving Memory of Danny Marwitz:

Cemetery Fund .....	\$35.00
Scholarship Fund .....	\$20.00
Kitchen Fund .....	\$50.00
Building Fund .....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund .....	\$220.00
Children's Youth Fund .....	\$50.00
Playground Fund .....	\$445.00

In loving Memory of Wilford Schuster:

Cemetery Fund .....	\$60.00
Scholarship Fund .....	\$85.00
Building Fund .....	\$50.00
Memorial Fund .....	\$610.00
Children's Youth Fund .....	\$50.00
Piano/Music Fund .....	\$25.00

In loving Memory of Pamela Henke:

Children's Youth Fund ..... \$50.00

In loving Memory of Wayne Shelton:

Children's Youth Fund ..... \$50.00

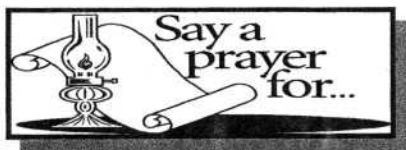


### God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us  
Was not a bunch of flowers;  
It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.  
His gift was to become a man,  
So He could freely give  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.  
He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true--  
To love our friends and enemies  
And love our Savior, too.  
So as we give our Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and King;  
The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.







Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

**Joy and Thanksgiving:**

Everyone celebrating birthdays & anniversaries

For the Marriage of Traci Tiemann to Travis Betts

**Strength and/or healing:**

Jeanie Hohertz

Andrea Esse

Judy Pax

Joe Ann Geeslin

Melvin Eilers, Sr.

Kenneth Stegemoller

Harold Krueger

Jackie Krueger

Sherry Gattis

Cade Perkins

Henry Meyer

Carson Padgett

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

Gladys Struempler, Wilfred Struempler, 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:

Elmeree Elliott

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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On behalf of the congregation, Pastor Schimmel, the Church Council & Leslie wish to express a special "thanks" to all council and committee members who faithfully fulfilled their terms of service to Zion this past year.



Bill Eilers, Council, Scholarship Committee  
Nominating Committee

Cody Stegemoller, Council & Nominating Committee

Shacky Tiemann, Nominating Committee

Mildred Peters, Nominating Committee & Finance Committee

Caroline Schwartz, Nominating Committee

Lana Schwartz, Nominating Committee

Jerry Cupps, Property Committee

W.J. Hopper, Property Committee

Jeff Schwartz, Finance Committee

Stanton Marwitz, Scholarship Committee

Jenni Cline, Scholarship Committee

Vernell Feist, Cemetery Committee

Jerry Schwartz, Cemetery Committee

Without their dedication to their call as Christians and their willingness to serve our church, we would have a difficult time getting our business done. When you see them, please offer them your congratulations on a job well done.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion	3	4	5 6:30 pm Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service	10	11 9:00 am Quilting Circle	12 6:30 pm Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion	17 5:00 pm Delta, Kappa, Gamma Meeting	18 9:00 am Quilting Circle 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle	19 6:30 pm Choir Practice	20	21	22 9:00 am Cemetery Work Day
23 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	24	25	26 6:30 pm Choir Practice	27	28	Notes: