

Zion's News and Notes

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Mark Schimmel, Pastor

August 2014

Leslie Limmer, Secretary

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

When the time comes for back-to-school I always find myself thinking of and whistling along to that 1996 Staples commercial that plays the Christmas song "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" in the background as two kids look on sadly as their dad joyfully fills up the shopping cart with school supplies.



Well, even though I'm writing this article on the 26th of July I'm looking forward to the last quarter of August when kids here DO go back to school. In fact we were just in Walmart today and they already have their back-to-school supply displays out so I guess it's time to start thinking about that time of the year.

I'm mentioning it in the newsletter not to remind you to get your supplies, but to start you thinking about our very own back-to-school occasion ... the return of Sunday School after a short Summer break!

Sunday School this year is going to be different than what you are familiar with.

We've got a curriculum beginning this year that turns Sunday School on its head! It takes us through the whole Bible in three years, and it's not just for kids anymore! The program is called "Cross Explorations" and it's for all ages ... parents should come with their kids ... grandparents and other adults too!

We'll begin with a rousing opening called "Engage" where everyone is welcomed and gotten excited about learning God's Word through music, worship, prayer and a basic introduction to the Bible story.

Next we'll break into our "Explore" groups and dive into God's Word with Bible story learning, review, and activities. During this time, kids and adults break off by age into small groups for Bible study.

Finally the kids will go beyond the basic lesson with a variety of crafts, games, music, drama, and more in the "Express" period. Think about the kind of fun that the kids (and adults!) had in VBS ... all year long!

I'm excited about it! Kids and adults of all ages engaging, exploring, and expressing God's Word this year in Cross Explorations.

Perhaps back-to-school time really can be the most wonderful time of the year!

See you in church!

Pastor Mark



Where: Zion Lutheran Church
Priddy, Texas

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Date: August 10, 2014

and

Blended Worship/Communion Service

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Date: August 31, 2014

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

There will be no 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in August. See newsletter for Rally Day details September 7th.

Children's Church will continue all summer long.

Thanks,

Jenni



BIBLE STUDY

What: Women's Afternoon Circle

Where: Zion Lutheran Church
Education Building

When: Tuesday, August 19, 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 September newsletter will be on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Leslie Limmer
Zion Lutheran Church Secretary

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



August Birthdays:

- 2 Kelcy Padgett
- 3 Britni Padgett
- 4 Darren Stegemoller
- 5 Cindy Marwitz
Rubie Haile
- 6 Joe Ann Gault
Weston Embry
Nathan Eilers
- 7 Gary Schlee
- 8 Kenneth Stegemoller
- 9 Cherline Drueckhammer
Jerry Seider
- 10 Janette Padgett
Pastor Mark Schimmel
- 13 Pam Meyer
Patty Partin
- 14 Darrell Riewe
- 16 Chase Schuster
- 17 Alesha Borsellino
- 19 Heather Hohertz
- 20 Brady Tyson
- 21 Kathy Isbell
Reese Barnett
- 24 Jack Buchanan
- 25 Seth Schwartz
- 26 Lohman Feist
- 28 Esta Marwitz
Michael Kunkel
- 29 Ruth Witzsche
Jessica Gutierrez
Sharron Hohertz
- 31 Kim Smith
McKenna Holmsley

Anniversaries:

- 10 Scott & Andrea Esse
- 11 Lee Roy & Caroline Schwartz
- 15 Pastor Mark & Carmen Schimmel
- 16 Randy & Naidene Ripley

- 17 Randy & Pam Pope
- 23 Kevin & Sharron Hohertz



VBS THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to all who were involved with Vacation Bible School this year. We had a great turnout every night and we learned about Jesus' Amazing Grace. Thank you to our decorators for putting up decorations to make the stories and VBS come alive. Thanks to the volunteers that took the time to lead the kids, help with crafts, provide a daily meal, snow cones afterwards, and a newsletter everyday.

Also, thanks to everyone that made it possible to go swimming on Friday and to enjoy ice cream afterwards. Thank you to the volunteers that furnished rides to the pool in Comanche.

Everyone working together made it a great memory for the children that they will remember for some time. Being a part of this congregation is rewarding in itself when you have so many volunteers working together for one cause and the cause is the children, the future of our church.

Finally, thank you to the parents. Thank you for sharing your children with us everyday and giving us the opportunity to spend this time with them.

On Sunday, July 20th at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, the youth led us in Worship and sang the songs they had learned during the week. This was a totally awesome Worship Service. The children and youth did a wonderful job of bringing us God's message.



125th Anniversary

Zion will be celebrating it's 125th Anniversary on October 19th of this year. We have a list of committees and their chairpersons: Anyone wishing to help serve on these committees please contact the Chairperson for each committee.

Pictorial Directory: Pastor Mark 325-451-5148 & Doris Crawford 325-966-3326

Food Committee: Carmen Schimmel
325-966-3566

Registration Committee: Adaline Bufe
325-966-3513

Setup Committee: Chairperson needed

Cleanup Committee: Chairperson needed

Parking Committee: Chairperson needed

Please help us make the Anniversary Celebration memorable.

Thank You,

Zion Church 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!



YOUTH GROUP

The youth group is continuing to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. If you are a rising 7th grader through a just graduated High School Senior, come and join us and bring your friends!

Carmen Schimmel



AUGUST SERVICE TEAMS

Head Usher: Doris Crawford

August 3, 2014 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: Margarette Tiemann

Acolyte: Alina Eilers

Crucifer: Evan Eilers

Lector: Soundrea McCarty

Communion Asst: Rubie Haile

Greeter: Adaline Bufe

Usher Team: Council

August 10, 2014 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday/Contemporary Service

Flowers: Lee Roy & Caroline Schwartz

Acolyte: Sydney Partin

Lector: Jhenisa Stegemoller

Greeter: Debbie Tiemann

Usher Team: Rubie Haile & Mildred Peters

August 17, 2014 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: Truman & Deanie Marwitz in
honor of Cindy's Birthday

Acolyte: Kirsten Cline

Crucifer: Makenna Partin

Lector: Vicki Peters

Communion Asst: Kathy Isbell

Greeter: Rubie Haile

Usher Team: Youth

August 24, 2014 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: ????????

Acolyte: Ridge Stegemoller

Lector: Caroline Schwartz

Greeter: Kathryn Davis

Usher Team: Rubie Haile & Mildred Peters

August 31, 2014 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Flowers: Jenni Cline & Cassi Montandon
in honor of Melvin & Gwen Eilers'
anniversary

Acolyte: Bryce Cline

Lector: Kathy Isbell

Communion Asst: Jerry Schwartz

Greeter: Shacky Tiemann

Usher Team: Council

Church Council Comments

The council wants to acknowledge and say THANK YOU to Deanie Marwitz for faithfully locking and unlocking the church and educational building for many years.

We also want to thank Jhenisa Stegemoller for posting the messages on the church sign.

The council also wants to say THANK YOU to various individuals for contributions given to further ministry at Zion.

- The Wilford Schuster Family's generous gift to the Schuster Fund
- Rita Niemann's \$1,000 donation for technology
- Robert Schlee 's \$1,000 donation to Cemetery Fund
- Anonymous donor for \$5,000 gift

The council wants to say THANK YOU to the Family of Danny Marwitz for donating and installing the new playground equipment. What a wonderful addition for the children at Zion! THANKS also to

other individuals who helped with the fence and the completion of this project before the start of VBS.

The council also wants to say THANK YOU to Larry Kunkel and Anthony Tyson for the rapid installation of the new air conditioning unit and projector in the Educational Building. VBS would have been very hot without your willing service.

We truly thank all these individuals for their own individual gifts to Zion!

Congregational Meeting

The council has a called meeting scheduled on Sunday, August 3, 2014, to vote on having the exterior of the church painted and repaired. Please plan to be present at the meeting immediately following church.



Zion Lutheran Church:



Thank you for the Scholarship money that you gave me. It will help with school, supplies, groceries, and other expenses. Thank you for all your support during my growing up years.

Sincerely,

Walker Peters



Dear Scholarship Committee and Zion Lutheran Church:

Thank ya'll very much for your support throughout my life and for choosing me as one of the recipients for this year's Scholarships. I am so thankful God blessed me with such a loving and supportive church to grow up in. I will always keep your love, guidance, support, and my faith in God in my heart to guide me as I begin the next stage in my life. I am very excited to see what God has planned for me!

Love,

Caitlyn Cagle



Church family,



Thank you for the scholarship money you gave me for my final semester of college. Your love and support have been appreciated very much over the past years. I look forward to seeing where my journey takes me after college.

God Bless,

Kayla Bufe



Our family would like to give a huge "Thank You" to everyone who took part in getting the playground and fence put up. A special thank you to the Cline family for taking our "vision" and turning it into more than we imagined! We know that this playground will help make many memories and we couldn't think of a better way to honor Danny.

The Marwitz Family



Dear Zion Lutheran Church members, family, and friends:

The Cookbook Committee wishes to express their thanks to all of you who submitted recipes for the new 125th Anniversary Cookbook. Without your help and delicious recipes the cookbook would not have been possible. We hope everyone enjoys the cookbook. We are hoping to have the new cookbooks available for the 125th Anniversary Celebration on October 19th. Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,

The Cookbook Committee





Beth and I would like to express our gratitude to Jenni Cline and all the volunteers for the wonderful VBS week our girls participated in at Zion Lutheran Church. We know how much time and effort is put into organizing and planning this event and would like to say "Thank You" for your hard work and dedication to our youth and community. Our family is so blessed to be able to worship with such a loving and caring church family, which allows our children to grow in the love of Christ every week during Children's Church. Thank you again for loving and helping the children of our congregation.

Sincerely,

Ashley and Beth Seider



MEMORIALS RECEIVED:

In loving Memory of Danny Marwitz:
Playground Fund \$500.00

In loving Memory of Lisa Clendenen's Mother:
Playground Fund \$40.00



Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Joy and Thanksgiving:

Everyone celebrating birthdays & anniversaries

Strength and/or healing:

- Victor Limmer
- Melvin Pax
- Gary Schlee
- J.C. Partin
- Anna Lou Schlee
- Edna Striepe Eidiem
- Karen Tiemann
- George Roberts
- Travis Tiemann
- Truman Marwitz
- Judy Pax
- Kenneth Stegemoller
- Sherry Gattis
- Cade Perkins
- Henry Meyer
- Carson Padgett
- Esta Marwitz, Evelyn Riewe and Ethel Schoen, nursing home in Comanche
- Gladys Struempfer, Wilfred Struempfer, and Opal Schrank Shut-Ins
- Charlene Tiemann, nursing home in Goldthwaite
- For all of Zion's non-members dealing with medical problems

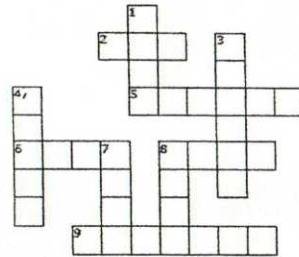
Compassion and peace in grief:

- Family of:
- Lisa Clendenen's mother
- Melvin Eilers, Sr.
- those grieving the loss of a loved one

Wisdom in leading:

- President of the U.S.
- All the leaders of the world

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
9. Not deep

DOWN

1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
4. Covered with stones
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

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| PATH | CROP | SOIL | THORNS | ROOT |
| SHALLOW | FARMER | SEED | SOW | ROCKY |



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Children's Worship Bulletin

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Word Search Puzzle

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

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| PLANTS | SCORCH | FARMER | THORNS | CROP |
| WITHER | BIRDS | ROOT | CHOKE | SOIL |
| FELL | PARABLE | SCATTER | SEED | GREW |
| ROCKY | SHALLOW | GOOD | SOW | PATH |



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| 3 10:30 am Holy Communion Called Congregational Mtg. | 4 | 5 | 6 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service | 11 | 12 9:00 am Quilting Circle | 13 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 10:30 am Holy Communion | 18 | 19 9:00 am Quilting Circle 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle | 20 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 10:30 am Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Practice | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 10:30 am Blended Worship/Holy Communion | Notes: | | | | | |