

THE ZION STAR

February, 2010

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Dear members and friends of Zion,

There are several events that stand out in the month of February. I'd like us to think about, and connect, two of them: Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. You can probably guess what I'm thinking.

St. Valentine gave his life out of love and loyalty to the Lord and his Christian faith. Jesus gave His life out of love for us and loyalty to His mission of the salvation of the world.

Love and loyalty go together, don't they? Husbands and wives who really love one another are loyal to each other. Parents love their children and are loyal to them and the calling of being the best parents they can be. I believe that people who love their church are loyal to their church. All the baptized people of God in Christ love the Lord our God who has first loved us and given Himself for us. Daily, then, we need to check out our level of loyalty to our Lord. This month, let's ask ourselves, how does my loyalty to the Lord show itself? Love and loyalty! - think about it.

Your friend, pastor and partner in Christ,

Ty Miles



Anyone interested in helping with a special Valentine Friendship Hour

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MILES or the church office



What Lutherans Believe:

about the Lord's Supper. We believe that when Jesus said, "This is my Body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" that He meant we actually receive His very Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper. We do not believe, however, that the bread and wine are changed into body and blood. We believe that when we come to the Lord's Table we receive four things: bread and wine, and the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, this is a mystery; we would say it's a miracle. None of us can fully comprehend how this can be. We simply believe that it is as the Lord said.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 AM

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EDUCATION HOUR 9:30 AM

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EUCCHARIST

1ST, 3RD, & 5TH SUNDAYS
CHURCH FESTIVAL DAYS

+

GOTTESDIENST

(GERMAN LANGUAGE SERVICE)
SECOND SUNDAY AT 9 AM
SEPTEMBER-JUNE

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9AM—2PM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE ON THE MAX
LIGHT RAIL AT THE
KING'S HILL / SALMON STREET
STATION
(NEAR PGE PARK)

Dear Friends at Zion and of the German-Language Ministry,

Change! We live in times of unprecedented change. Future shock all around—from climate change, political and economic uncertainty, the Haiti disaster, to the alleged clash of civilizations! Yet we dare to sing: “Change and decay in all around see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.” And recall the clarion call of the Lutheran Hour, founded under Dr. Walter A. Maier in the post-Depression era: *Preaching a changeless Christ for a changing world!*

As we move this month from the radiance of Epiphany to our Lord's way to the cross, let me focus on two changes of another order: the momentous change revealed in Christ's Transfiguration, and a personal change in our German ministry.

First, the next German service, Feb.14, falls on Transfiguration Sunday. All its lessons climax in that astonishing mountain-top experience: **Ps. 99; Ex. 34:29-35; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Lk. 9:28-36.** Please read and ponder them, with these questions in mind: What does the Transfiguration mean for Jesus, for the disciples, and for us?

Next, there is a time and a season for all things under heaven: also a time to accept a call and a time to retire. This June, it will be my joy and privilege to have served in our German ministry for 35 years. The Lord has made clear that the right time has come for me to pass on the baton. Zion's Board of Directors has accepted my request to retire from the leadership in the German ministry, God willing, this June.

I'm grateful for all who have shared in this ministry: Zion's pastors, staff, people and uniquely my wife and yoke-fellow Christa. There will be a time for specifics. Praise God that there are willing and capable hands to continue that ministry!

The pivotal change in God's history with the world, in sending his Son with the Good News of salvation, provides context, light and perspective for our German ministry in God's mission with Zion. So back to the inspiring and challenging Transfiguration readings! Then come to worship, and bring a friend.

God's love, strength, joy and
peace in Christ for each new day!

Pr. Hans Spalteholz



Ash Wednesday - A Beginning To an End

Ash Wednesday, which occurs on February 17th this year, begins the Lenten Season which leads up to the triumphant celebration of Easter and Christ’s resurrection. The time of Lent is a penitential season. It is a time that we remember our mortality and sinful nature brought about by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. It is a time that we ponder our need for forgiveness and our need to offer the gift of forgiveness to others. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads and are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. The ashes symbolize “the final end” to something that was once living - reduced beyond recognition. Ashes are displayed by Christians as a symbol of humility and devotion to their Christian faith, remembering that we must die to our intemperate love of worldly ways. We strive to put aside our temptations brought about by vanity, greed, exploitation, anger, and hypocrisy to focus on God’s will for us. We acknowledge our wrongdoings and impermanence. Ashes placed on our foreheads, in the form of a cross, also reminds us that we have hope through the death and resurrection of Christ. It becomes in this “cross-form” a sign of resurrected life in the midst of the bleakness of mortal death. Bowing our hearts in penitence for giving our heart, mind, and soul to our

“loves” other than God (for loving ourselves more than others), we are scrubbed clean through the Eucharistic feast of thanksgiving and forgiveness.

The ashes may be washed off, but the cross remains inscribed in our hearts so that we may have the courage to go back into the world to love and serve God, giving Him thanks for the power of His grace and love.

May we all be blessed in the season of Lent by this incredible gift of compassion and love given to us through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

In Christ’s Love,
Kurt and Floy Berentsen

NEW MISSION STATEMENT!

Celebrating the Presence of God in the Heart of the City.

The November 29th, Voters Assembly adopted a new Mission Statement for our congregation. The explanation of each part of the Statement continues from last month:

PRESENCE = recognizes all the ways that God comes to us and is present with us and through us and others. We experience God’s presence in Word and Sacrament, especially His presence in Christ’s Body and Blood. As members of the Body of Christ we also are vehicles of His presence. We sensitize ourselves to see God’s presence in the poor, the hungry, the naked, the stranger, the outsider, the prisoner, the victim, the children, the disadvantaged, the sick, etc.



**LUTHER'S
95 THESES**

LUTHER'S 95 THESES

PLEASE NOTE: THE 95 THESES ARE **NOT** AMONG THE CONFESSIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. ALWAYS keep in mind the setting and context out of which Luther writes these 95 Theses. In 1517, it was a very different world and time in the Church than today.

21. Thus those indulgence preachers are in error who say that a man is absolved from every penalty and saved by papal indulgences. 22. As a matter of face, the pope remits to souls in purgatory no penalty which, according to canon law, they should have paid in this life. 23. If remission of all penalties whatsoever could be granted to anyone at all, certainly it would be granted only to the most perfect, that is, to very few. 24. For this reason most people are necessarily deceived by that indiscriminate and high-sounding promise of release from penalty. 25. That power which the pope has in general over purgatory corresponds to the power which any bishop or curate has in a particular way in his own diocese and parish. 26. The pope does very well when he grants remission to souls in purgatory, not by the power of the keys, which he does not have, but by way of intercession for them. 27. They preach only human doctrines who say that as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory. 28. It is certain that when money clinks in the money chest, greed and avarice can be increased; but when the church intercedes, the result is in the hands of God alone. 29. Who knows whether all souls in purgatory wish to be redeemed, since we have exceptions in St. Severinus and St. Paschal, as related in a legend. 30. No one is sure of the integrity of his own contrition, much less of having received plenary remission.

MISSION ABLAZE!

Fan into Flame

**A word from Reverend Bill Diekelman,
First Vice President of the Lutheran Church
-Missouri Synod**

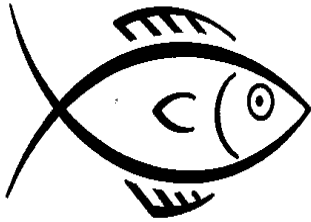


“Greetings on behalf of the global *Ablaze!* movement of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its 32 partner/sister churches around the world! I am pleased to report that as of Dec. 31, 2009, over \$53.1 million has been pledged towards *Fan into Flame* from more than 20,000 donations—praise God!

“We are all aware of how important it is for those who serve as pastors and leaders of the church to be well-trained and prepared. A major emphasis of the *Fan into Flame* effort is to provide funding for the seminaries and training centers of our partner churches around the globe. St. Paul says, “No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11). Previous generations of LCMS missionaries have shared this sure foundation of the Good News of Jesus. Now, it is our turn to help our partner churches build on those foundations by working strategically with their future leaders as they are trained for Gospel outreach.

“*Fan into Flame* funds helped make a major impact in seminaries and training centers in many places: China Lutheran Seminary in Taiwan completed its new eight-story building; *Fan into Flame* funds are building the entire first phase of the new campus for the Ghana Lutheran Seminary; The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria’s seminary in Koltushi, Russia, is being expanded; Central Asia Lutheran Seminary, in Bishkek, Kazakhstan, recently dedicated the building for the seminary which also houses its first permanent church building, Concordia Lutheran; Concordia Seminary in Nagercoil, India, is receiving funds for upgrading facilities and curriculum; and, the current space at Concordia Seminary of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina will be expanded.”

Watch future issues of the Zion STAR for more information on this ministry outreach of sharing the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ with 100 million uncommitted people throughout the world by the year 2017 (the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation).



HOW THE LORD CONTINUES TO MULTIPLY THE LOAVES AND FISHES!



We have recently received word from the Northwest Portland Ministries, with whom we partner in serving our community, that last year we averaged giving food to over 800 people per month, we provided 14,392 rides and were able to help elderly adult stay independent, provided 8,388 meals served by 1,970 volunteer hours at Loaves & Fishes Irving Street, with social activities for seniors, and the 2009 Christmas dinner hosted at Congregation Beth Israel served 442 meals on site, and 112 home delivered meals, with 204 volunteer hours. There are thirteen faith community partners, of which Zion is one, and thirteen community partners. Watch the March issue of the Zion STAR for a listing of our partners in Northwest Portland Ministries. Our first Sunday of the month food collection is part of this program. What a privilege we have to be a part of such precious, vital, important, and godly work!

Monthly Distribution NWPM Food Programs	
Program	# people
Food Pantry	419
Food for Kids	160
Harvest Share	109
Mini-Pantry	50
food box delivered	80
Monthly total	818



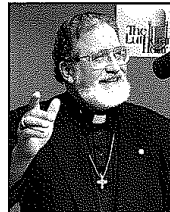
Our love and prayers are herewith extended to Wendy and all the family of Pastor Steve Krueger. The Rev. Krueger, passed on to eternal life January 5, 2010, after his battle with cancer. "Pastor Steve" was born September 9, 1949, in Blue Island, Illinois. He is survived by his beloved wife, Wendy, and his three sons, Martin, Michael and Matthew. Steve was also blessed with two wonderful daughters in-law, and three most cherished grand-daughters, his parents, Ed and Ruth; brother, David and sister, Deborah. The Rev. Stephen Krueger served as a Pastor of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. His legacy in the ministry has blessed the lives of many across the states and the world, especially his congregations in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Oregon and California. After his years served in duties as parish pastor, Steve furthered his calling in the ministry as a hospice Chaplin in Florida. His words, convictions and blessings have touched the lives and hearts of the living and dying of the many he has served. Memorial services took place at Calvary Lutheran Church in Apollo Beach, Florida. A floral cross was sent in celebration of his ministry at Zion. Reverend Krueger served as pastor of Zion from 1997 to 2002.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY 2010

FEBRUARY 7th

You Are a Witness Acts 1:8

You are a witness—and for more 90 years, Lutheran Hour Ministries has extended and multiplied the testimony of faithful Christian witnesses like you. Here's a snapshot of the ways that is continuing today:



The Lutheran Hour® program proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners on more than 900 radio stations, on XM Satellite Radio, on the American Forces Network, and over the Internet.

LHM's **Woman to Woman®** program offers hope and help for the great challenges facing women today. It can be heard on nearly 300 stations as well as on the Internet.

Para el Camino is a Spanish-language broadcast of **The Lutheran Hour** and is heard over radio stations and Web sites based in the United States, Latin America, and Europe.

LHM Men's NetWork provides resources to help congregations invite men and re-engage them in the life of the church. Issues of faith, leadership, family, and community are presented in language and contexts that resonate with men.

International Ministry Centers in more than 30 countries spread the Gospel through culturally appropriate means. Most ministry center staff members are volunteers; many share their faith at great personal risk.



When you join LHM in *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*, your witness and ours are multiplied! Please prayerfully consider giving to Lutheran Hour Ministries today. In appreciation for your donation, LHM will send you a photo-frame magnet emblazoned with our **LHM Sunday 2010** theme: "I Am a Witness." For more information, visit www.lhm.org.

SUPPORT THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN HAITI



Sharing
the Love of
Christ
with those
in need.

*Zion Youth
Group*

We are proud of our Zion Youth Group!!!

In response to the disaster in Haiti, the Youth Group of Zion baked, frosted and packaged a multitude of items to fundraise with a bake sale. The money raised, (\$302.45 to be exact!!) was sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care Disaster Response to aide the earth quake victims.

THANK YOU - EVERYONE
for your generous support!

from the Stewardship Director

Thank you

Please accept my "thank you" for all the support you have given to Zion Lutheran Church over the past year, and the many years before that, also. It has made our church stronger; we are better able to meet our mission. It has enabled us to operate regularly; the board can stay within budget. And it reflects so well on the congregation; yet in the spirit of our faith, dare we say so? No, for I think it would be truer to say that you and the members around you did the right thing.

Again, and again, and again. Please allow me to express my appreciation for doing just that.

Thank you!

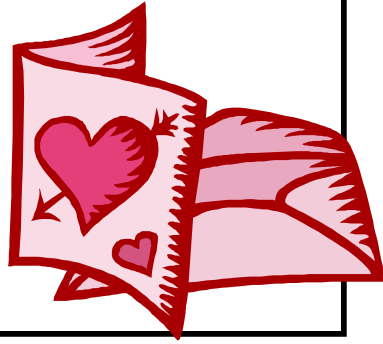
Bob Pete,
Stewardship Director

IT'S HAPPENING HERE

USED GREETING CARDS,

****CHRISTMAS AND ALL OTHERS****

are being collected in the basket in the Parish Hall to give to Snowcap for use with seniors and their projects. - only the front of the card is needed.



ZION RECYCLES!!

We received word last month from our waste disposal company that our recycling capability has been enhanced to include plastic and metal. These items, along with the paper we already recycle, can be disposed of in the cardboard recycling receptacles located around the building.

Please note that glass items need to be recycled in a separate manner and should simply be placed in the yellow recycling bin near the kitchen door.

HOME BIBLE STUDY

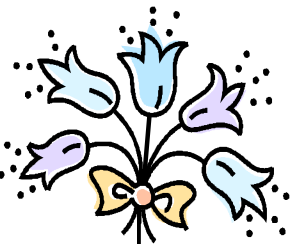
We have the opportunity for a home Bible Study in North Portland. Please call the church office, or speak with the pastor, for further information.



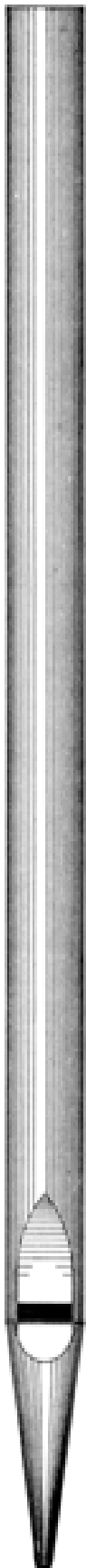
Volunteer

HELP IS NEEDED for our Friendship Hours to provide refreshments, serve, set-up and clean-up. If you are able to help with any of this, please contact the church office. Also, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteering on a particular Sunday. *We appreciate your participation.*

THE FLOWER CHART for this New Year is in the Narthex. Members and friends of Zion are encouraged to provide flowers – perhaps in honor of someone or a special occasion – for our Sunday worship. Please contact the church office if you need help or have any questions. There is also an information sheet by the Flower Chart.



Organ Completion Project



It was 2005, August 14th, when Zion's "Martin Ott Opus 104" organ had been installed and was dedicated. At the time there were some parts that were not installed, due to the financial situation at the time, with the hope and prayer that they day would come when the rest of the organ could be completed. Zion's Voters Assembly has made the decision that the time is now! We are so very blessed with the music ministry we have at Zion, and the outstanding capability of our organist, Floy Berentsen, it is a natural that we take the next step in faith and finish what was begun years ago. I believe that we can do this, fellow members and friends of Zion. Yes, it's a challenge (approximately \$60,000), but I believe that together with prayer and sacrificial giving above and beyond our regular budget offerings, we can do it! Let's not go to the Endowment Fund, let's do this ourselves!!! Just think of the sense of accomplishment and the "thrill of victory" when we reach the goal and dedicate the completed organ. What a great way to begin reaching our goals for the 125th Anniversary of Zion! - goals that have yet to be determined and adopted by the congregation. The organ builder, Martin Ott, will be coming to Portland this summer to do the installation for the completion of the organ. Before the dedication, let's have enough money in the bank, or pledged, to offer this tremendous gift of God, this marvelous instrument of music, paid in full! So far we have \$17,000 toward the goal! Yes, I believe we can do it! Do you share this vision? Let's *just do it!*

- Pastor Miles

It Happened in February

- 1942 The Rev. H.H. Koppelman died on February 17, having served as Pastor of Zion from 1909 to 1942.
- 1965 Pew bibles (King James Version) donated by a young Zion family were dedicated Feb. 1.
- 1967 The Rev. W. A. Rumsch was installed on February 5th as the seventh full-time called pastor of Zion.






From the Zion Archives

IN OUR PRAYERS AT ZION

The following have been in our prayers in morning worship at Zion during the past month:

- Christmas Services and reaching out to the unchurched with the Christmas Gospel
- The family of Helene Labby, the oldest member of Zion - 96 years, who was baptized (1913), confirmed (1927) and raised in Zion
- The family of Wes LeMatta (friend of Bob Duncan)
- Inez Lucker
- Christa Spalteholz
- The family of Sylvia Maher (mother of Steve Maher)
- Slim Albright
- Charlotte Ivy (sister-in-law of Margaret Olson)
- The family of Ted Jones (brother of Anita Weber)
- Victims' families and the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti as well as rescue workers
- Martin Luther King Jr. weekend emphasis
- Trenton Batey (one of the children of Zion)
- Vern Morasch
- The family of Pastor Steve Krueger (died January 5, 2010, former Pastor of Zion)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:45 Bible Study 12 noon Guild Brown Bag Luncheon		Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	6:30pm Support Group	LWML Zone Board at Zion
Communion Sunday 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lutheran Hour Sunday 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 Worship Altar Guild Meeting following worship		7pm Book Club	4:30pm Worship Committee 6pm Support Group	 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	Lincoln's Birthday	
Valentine's Day 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	President's Day	10:45 Bible Study	 WEDNESDAY 7:30pm Service	Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30		
Communion Sunday 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 Education Hour 11:00 Worship	Washington's Birthday	Board of Elders 5:30 7pm Book Club	Board of Directors 5:30 6pm Support Group	 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30		
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FOOD BOX MINISTRY 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 Worship Voter's Meeting FOOD BOX DELIVERY						

February





Human Care Ministry Update

Submitted by Karen Graham
Director of Human care & Special Ministries

New Years Update

Proverbs 11:24-25 □ One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Wonderful news to report from our Human Care Ministry in December! We received many generous donations of Christmas gifts toward the ROSEHAVEN and NORTHWEST PORTLAND MINISTRY Gift bags and a few of us had a great time at their Christmas party helping set up, serve food, play games and celebrate with singing and fellowship! ROSEHAVEN very much appreciated Zion's efforts during the Fall season and then with the holiday needs. My thanks go out to all who help Rosehaven on a regular basis; Irene Hall, Margaret Olson and Retta Braun.

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you. Mother Teresa

Human Care Ministry GOALS FOR 2010:

To continue our good work at **Rosehaven** and increase our participation!

To continue our "**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**" food box filling and delivery with Northwest Portland Ministries and broaden our collaboration with them.

To begin a mission of helping the **Diakonia-Kenyan deaconesses** under the leadership of Pastor Michael ChuChu.

MISSION SUNDAY- March 14th will provide the congregation with information on the goals and hopes of our partnership with the Diakonia.

To increase participation of **Zion's YOUTH** in outreach.

To make concrete & meaningful efforts to bring compassion and mercy as Our Lord has asked of us, to the many suffering and needy.

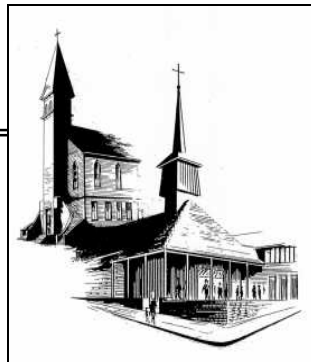
WHAT IS **SIGHT?**.....(Stop Illegal Global Human Trafficking)

Doug Vitro, our Concordia University student is a part of this group that is dedicated to creating awareness and helping in the cause of the illegal trafficking of human beings. Specifically, he is looking to raise **\$500** to attend the **NOT FOR SALE** Academy to learn more about this cause and be able to educate others to work towards the eradication of human trafficking.

Please see Doug and find out more about how you can support him!!

THANK YOU & PLEASE WATCH OUR BOARD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL for opportunities to participate in the Human Care Ministry of Zion.

KAREN GRAHAM- kjustg@aol.com- 503-580-1689



125th ANNIVERSARY OF ZION APPROACHES

The February 28th Voters Assembly will be asked to approve the make up of the 125TH Anniversary Committee for Zion. We have some wonderful and exciting things ahead as we approach the year 2014, which will mark the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Zion with the state of Oregon.



HOW ABOUT THESE

"One-Liners"

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

Exercise daily by walking with the Lord.

Never give the devil a ride, he will always want to drive

Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/6	Elaine Lewis
2/9	Sam Ellingson
2/14	Rick Piper
2/15	Jessica Thurston
2/17	Jeff Heller
2/18	Mick Luce
2/24	Trudy Schidleman
2/27	Alycia Keller

Happy Anniversary to

2/7 Jim & Susan Westerberg

TAKE AND BAKE

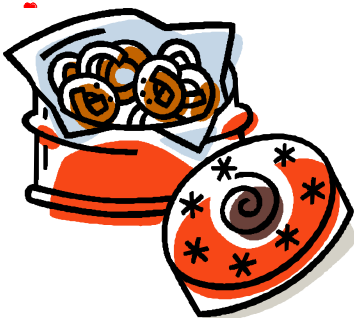
"... For God loveth a cheerful giver." II CORINTHIANS 9:7

Speaking of CHEERFUL . . . We want to say a hearty thank you to those of you who have responded to "Take and Bake" ! You have taken the cookie tins and baked your own favorite cookie recipes. Our members have responded with enthusiasm as they enjoy our Sunday Friendship Hour.

Let's keep up the enthusiasm for our "Take and Bake" idea! We are asking that all members who love this fellowship time will also GIVE...by TAKING his/her turn in the idea of giving back to others. The cookie tins will be available on the fellowship table.

**AGAIN WE SAY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU
CHEERFUL GIVERS!**

Your Friendship Hour
Committee,
Margaret Olson
Lacy & Irene Hall



YEAR END STATISTICS

As of December 31, 2009, Zion Congregation numbers 165 members (147 Confirmed members, 18 children).

In the past year there were 3 infant baptisms, 4 youth confirmations, 1 wedding, 5 deaths (4 were members). The average Sunday Worship attendance was 110.

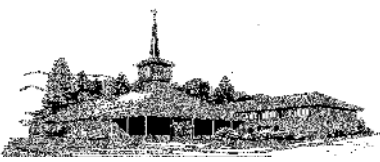
(One year ago Zion's membership was 147 and the Sunday attendance was 96.)

**THANKS BE
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INCREASE!**



Celebrating the presence of God in the heart of the city

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Return Service Requested

THE ROAD TO CALVARY

Our Lenten theme this year is titled, "The Road to Calvary." We will visit various stops along the way from when Jesus first "set His face toward Jerusalem." The season of **Lent** is meant to remind us of the great cost of our salvation, the seriousness of our sinful condition, and the sacrifice of the very Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, into suffering and death on the Cross, that our sins are forgiven and we are His own here in time and forever in eternity. We will begin our Lenten journey on the road to Calvary at the Lord's Table on **Ash Wednesday**. The Service is at 7:30 PM; come, join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we travel in faith the road that Jesus walked. This is our only evening Service until Holy Week - Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Sunday Services will keep us on the road to Calvary.

THE **ZION STAR**



Ash
Wednesday
Service

February 17th
7:30pm

Parking for this evening service is available at the lot opposite the church entrance on the other side of the Max tracks .