

THE ZION STAR

May/June, 2011

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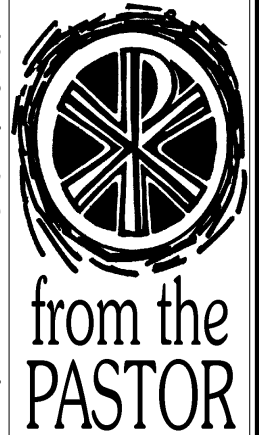
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“Jesus lives, the victory’s won!” Everything changed that first Easter morning. Sure, many things are the same- sickness, sadness, wars, bloodshed, disappointments, doubts, failures, broken relationships, hunger, etc., etc., etc. But now, even those things are changed in that Jesus has won the victory over sin and all its consequences, death and the devil himself. As Paul tells us in Romans 8:37, **“We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.”**



Always keep in mind, Jesus lives, the victory’s won! Whatever may come your way, whatever you may have to face, no matter the situation or circumstances that surround you, just remember, **Jesus lives, the victory’s won!**

**In the joy and peace of the risen Christ,
Ty Miles, pastor**

COMING SOON

Zion will host the **Pastors’ Conference of the Puget Sound and Oregon Region of the Northwest District, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,** for their Holy Communion worship on **May 11th, 7:00 PM.**

The congregation is invited to join them. District President, Rev. Paul Linnemann, is the guest speaker.

As many as 150 pastors and their wives will be here at Zion.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

The Lord blessed us with 138 people in our Good Friday worship! That number exceeds Good Friday attendance going back many, many years. Then came Easter! We had 305 in our Easter morning worship celebration! WOW! The church was “full.” That number exceeds Easter attendance going back as many as 30 years or more. We kneel before the risen Lord and give Him all the glory. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

May 8th, at 10:00am

Will be a joint Friendship Hour for the German and English congregations between the Services. The ladies and girls will be served by the men and boys. A sign up sheet to help is in the Parish Hall.

German Ministry

Liebe Freunde in Christo! Dear Friends in Christ!

We are now into the Easter Season of the Christian Church Year, that time of celebrating the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Ever since the time of the Early Church, Easter is the most important festival of the Church Year, because it celebrates the most important event in all of history, the Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. The heart of Jesus' message in word and action was the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven, that new reality where we will all live in perfect wholeness, peace, and love toward God and one another. We and all creation will be redeemed from our bondage to death and corruption, freed for a whole new dimension of reality with God. The Resurrection is so crucial because, as St Paul explains in 1 Cor. 15, if Christ was not raised from the dead and there is no resurrection of the dead after this life, then the whole basis for our hope has been in vain, we are yet in our sins. Without Easter and the Resurrection none of the rest of Jesus' life makes sense – Christmas and the Incarnation, the Crucifixion on Good Friday, it all makes no sense without the Resurrection at Easter.


“He **is risen**,
he is not here.”

MARK 16:6

But what exactly is the nature of the Resurrection, that of Jesus and our own? As St Paul describes carefully and helpfully, it is a bodily Resurrection, that is, we ourselves in our total being shall be resurrected, brought to a whole new reality of life. However, it is not a physical body, but a spiritual body which we shall receive in the Resurrection...we shall be given a body like that of the resurrected Jesus, an imperishable, immortal body which will never die or see corruption. We will still be ourselves, recognizable as our selves just as Jesus was recognizable to his disciples, but we shall have glorious spiritual bodies, beyond all pain, suffering, sin, sickness and death. We cannot know exactly what that will be like, since we can only experience our present physical bodies. But it will have capabilities far beyond what our present physical bodies can achieve, for while Jesus was able to be seen and do physical-looking things in his resurrected body, he also was able to pass through walls and closed doors, and finally ascend to heaven, which we in our present physical bodies obviously cannot do.

What a glorious promise we have – the promise of eternal life with God in his heavenly Kingdom given to us as a pure gift of grace. The promise of that wonderful fellowship of all the saints with one another, with creation, and with God. AND the promise of a new perfected spiritual body. May our Easter celebrations find joy and peace not only in the gift of salvation, but in the coming of that New Age of God's Kingdom where we shall be raised to those new spiritual bodies.

Gottes Segen (God's blessings)
Pastor Norman Metzler

A View from the Pew

Bruce Strade

The “Filler” Family

In Portland unused land is becoming scarce. Since there is not a lot of open space for new subdivisions, contractors are buying homes on oversized lots and putting in what are called “filler” houses. When I see such houses, I am reminded of the policy at Zion to keep families together for communion, which is a really a nice touch. If there are fewer spots left at the table than can accommodate a family, the ushers diligently search for single people to fill-in. I have become accustomed to being a “filler.” As a matter of fact, I call myself part of the Filler Family. When I think about it, however, I realize that we are all members of the Filler Family. It's called the Body of Christ.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

11 AM



EDUCATION HOUR

9:30 AM



EUCHARIST

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
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LIGHT RAIL AT THE
KING'S HILL / SALMON STREET
STATION
(NEAR JELD-WENN PARK FORMERLY
PGE PARK)

EASTER to PENTECOST

What a joyful and festive Easter Sunday celebration we witnessed at Zion with the increased size of the choir and the addition of the Columbia Brass to our festival service. We joyfully celebrated the resurrection of our Savior through worship, music, flowers, and processions. The sum of these truly created a triumphant Easter festival worship. This mountaintop event may seem to diminish over the subsequent Sundays of the Easter season when in reality, Easter Sunday may only be the beginning of wonderful things to come as we wait for the celebration of God's gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 14 : 15 – 30, we read the words of Jesus promising the Holy Spirit to abide with mankind. The Spirit of Truth will not be accepted or known to those of the world since it can't be seen, but those who believe in the resurrected Christ will know him, since he will live and abide in them. After this promise in Chapter 14, Jesus continues to teach about our connection to him and to one another. In John 15 we read many references to our "connectedness". Several verses read:

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me can do nothing".

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love".

¹² "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you".

These verses point to our need to live our lives with a sense of connection with Christ and with one another. Just as Christ was teaching the apostles how to serve by loving Him and one another, he was preparing them for the work ahead of spreading the gospel to the world. Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain ..." (15:16) How were they going to be able to accomplish this? Jesus instructed in verses 4 & 7, "Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself: it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me". "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you". With these instructions Christ also makes a promise of a personal outcome in verse 11, "These things I have spoken to you, that My JOY may remain in you, and that your JOY may be full".

May God richly bless us as we continue our Easter celebration of JOY knowing that we are connected to Christ and to one another through his promise of an ultimate JOY of serving him through serving one another in a blessed connectedness through our Christian faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ's Love,
Kurt and Floy Berentsen

Please keep Kurt and
the Concordia Choir in your prayers for
safe travel during their concert tour of
Germany and Austria





BLESSING of the Animals

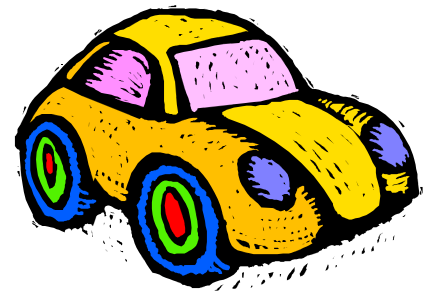
will take place on Saturday, May 7th, at 10 AM, in the courtyard in front of the church building. This year we are opening the event up to the public. If you would like to help, please contact the Pastor.

HOME BIBLE STUDY

As announced in our last Zion STAR, we are offering a Home Correspondence Bible Study. Thus far we have three people who have expressed interest and we will begin sometime during May. Contact the church office if you are interested. Lessons will be sent to your home for you to complete and send back to the church; another lesson will follow. We will begin with the letters of **First, Second, and Third John.**

PARKING IN THE MAC

We have a long standing arrangement with the Multnomah Athletic Club to use their parking garage on Sunday mornings during worship. If anyone asks you about it when you park there, just kindly inform them that the MAC has this arrangement with Zion. Keep in mind, however, that parking in the MAC is only for Sunday morning worship, unless other arrangements have been made for a specific time other than Sunday morning.

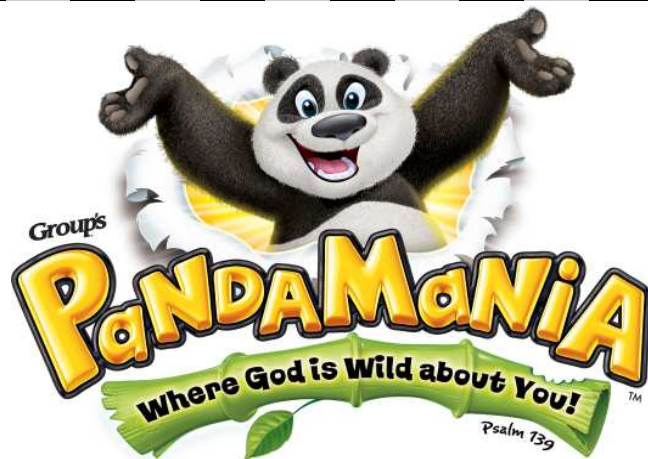


PARKING TICKET

Please know that Zion's use of the U Park Parking Lot for Sundays is from 8 AM to 1:00 PM. If your car is in the lot after 1 PM you have to pay or you may get a ticket. Please keep this in mind when you are visiting at the Friendship Hour.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

will begin July 10th, following the 10 AM Summer Service. This class will be specifically for anyone not really familiar with the Bible who would like to learn more about how to use and get the most out of Bible reading, study, and meditation.



Vacation Bible School at Zion

June 27th through July 1st

9:00 am to noon

Kids ages K-5th grade

Contact the church office for more information

"Keeping Up with the Guild"



Spring Guild activities have been busy for the group, and bittersweet over the last couple of months. On a positive note, we enjoyed interesting and informative meeting programs: In March our own Suzanne Hofer demonstrated her magical sewing machine that embroiders amazing craft projects, and in April Mick Luce explained and brought us up to date on Zion Lutheran's Endowment Fund. Following our normal practices, we also served refreshments after a few church functions, happily at the recognition of Rev. Rumsch's status as Pastor Emeritus of Zion, and with great sorrow after the funeral of Bob Wagner, husband of our own Carol and father of our own Tracy Contino. We continue to keep the family in our thoughts and prayers as they cope with their tremendous loss.

Guild members' frequent contributions to the congregation's gatherings continually highlight just how lucky we are to enjoy the talents of our "master bakers."

One of the first to come down to Fellowship Hour recently, I encountered an entire table laden with freshly baked treats, quickly assessing at least two which were those daunting "yeast-risen" wonders. Knowing Lorraine Duato was the day's hostess, I asked her which of them she had made. "All of them," she replied. **All of them?!** And others in our group are known for their brownies, lemon bars, etc. Of special note, Vivian Fleener's oft-requested coffee cake and Ellen Hall's orange and cranberry-studded oatmeal cookies, a personal favorite. Don't be intimidated from signing up to host coffee hour by following a particularly lavish array, however. These women love to bake and have never hung up their aprons even after their families were raised and out of the house. The coffee hour task should in all fairness be shared by more of the congregation so it doesn't fall on the same people week after week. Packages of cookies picked up at a market are absolutely, gratefully welcomed. Please do your part if you enjoy our fellowship hour. It's only fair, and it isn't difficult. Ask any of us or call Tracy in the church office.

The fascinating topic of "Understanding Our Muslim Neighbor" brought Pastor Ty and 6 Guild members to the LWML Spring Rally co-hosted by Trinity Lutheran & St. Michaels on April 2. Our May meeting, as usual due to Lincoln HS's testing in our parish hall, will be held at a restaurant. As last year, we're gathering at Albertina Kerr Center for what we know will be a festive, delicious lunch. Since we've booked their private room, a short business meeting will be held to include presentation of the following slate of officers for the coming Guild year: Present board members Sharon Miles, Secretary, Carol Wagner Vice President, and Anita Weber, Treasurer will be continuing in their respective positions; Naomi Hidden has agreed to assume the role of President, so my term will end as of June. Amenable to continuing their present roles are Tera Waldon, Shut-ins liaison and Lorraine Duato, Good Shepherd liaison. We are blessed to have such a talented and devoted leadership roster. Elections behind us in May, officers will be installed by Pastor Ty at the June "birthday luncheon" which is traditionally a pot-luck salad meal before the business meeting. We plan on enjoying the fellowship and function of these last two meetings before we go dark for the summer, to resume on September 6th

Look for more Guild news in the Star's September/October issue and have a blessed and safe summer. As the song goes, "See you in September."

Patti Hillier

President

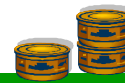
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS COME TO ZION

Once again this year Zion will host the seniors from Lincoln High School throughout the month of May for their International Baccalaureate program testing. This is another way in which Zion serves the community. We pray that when students come they will sense that this church cares about them and stands in a servant role. Also, it gives us the opportunity to greet the students and, perhaps, make a positive connection.

FOOD GATHERING

Zion is once again participating in the Nob Hill Business Association's annual food drive throughout the month of May to benefit NWPM emergency food program: Emergency Food Pantry, Home Delivery Program, Food for Kids Backpack Program. The collection barrel will be in the narthex.

Food Gathering the entire month of MAY (see page 4)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 WORSHIP 1pm Youth Confirmation	2	3 Lincoln High School Baccalaureate Testing in Parish Hall 3-8pm Girlchoir	4 10:30 Zion Guild Luncheon at Albertina Kerr 4:30 Worship Committee	5 Parish Hall No Choir or Bells	6 6pm Support Group	7 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 10:00 am
8 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 GERMAN SERVICE 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 WORSHIP 2:00pm Marshall Union Manor Girlchoir Concert 3:30 pm	9 Lincoln High School IB Testing in Parish Hall 4-8pm Girlchoir	10 3-8pm Girlchoir 7:00pm Book Club	11 7:00pm Pastors Conference Worship Service at Zion	12 Lincoln High School IB Testing in Parish Hall Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	13 Parish Hall	14 Girlchoir 'Music in the Making' Concert 12:00 pm Tickets available
15 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 WORSHIP 1pm Youth Confirmation	16 4-8pm Girlchoir	17 10:45am Bible Study 3-8pm Girlchoir 5:30pm Board of Elders	18 Lincoln High School IB Testing in Parish Hall 5:30pm Board of Directors	19 Lincoln High School IB Testing in Parish Hall Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	20 Parish Hall	21 Girlchoir 'Showcase' Concert 2:00 pm Tickets available
22 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 WORSHIP	23 LHS IB Testing I 4-8pm Girlchoir	24 3-8pm Girlchoir 7:00pm Book Club	25 6pm Support Group	26 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	27	28
29 LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 WORSHIP	30 Memorial Day 4-8pm Girlchoir	31 3-8pm Girlchoir	MAY 2011			

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE 2011			1 4-8pm Girlchoir	2 4-8pm Girlchoir Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	3 6pm Support Group	4
5 Food Gathering 9:30 Adult Bible Study 11:00 WORSHIP	6 4-8pm Girlchoir	7 10:45am Bible Study 12:00 Zion Guild 3-8pm Girlchoir	8	9 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	10	11
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19 FATHER'S DAY SUMMER SCHEDULE 8:30 Education Hour 10:00 WORSHIP	20 4-8pm Girlchoir	21 10:45am Bible Study 3-8pm Girlchoir 5:30pm Board of Elders	22 5:30pm Board of Directors	23 No Bells or Choir	24	25
26 Wedding Anniversary Sunday SUMMER SCHEDULE 8:30 Education Hour 10:00 WORSHIP	27	28	29	30 9am to NOON	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	
	4-8pm Girlchoir	3-8pm Girlchoir 7:00 pm Book Club	6pm Support Group	No Choirs		

Many Thanks!



We want to express our thanks to everyone who gave of their time and talents over the past couple months, the altar guild, ushers, acolytes, crucifers, offering counters, especially our spring cleaning and Easter decorating, the children's Easter egg hunt set up by our high school youth and CU student David LaFore, the wonderful Easter breakfast provided by the members of Zion's Thrivent chapter which had matching funds for the free will offering toward the Northwest Portland Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, and Kids' Backpack programs. Certainly, this also includes everyone in the music ministry (organ, choir, handbells, instrumentalists) of Zion, and elected and appointed leaders of Zion who serve so faithfully and willingly. What a blessing to be a part of Zion and have the sense that we are part of something much bigger in the hands of the Lord than any of us can do individually. God bless everyone who has been so generous in their participation.

MARCH & APRIL PRAYERS AT ZION

The following have been in our prayers since the last STAR:

- Ruth Hyde
- Irene Hall
- Loren & Donna Myhre
- Bob Duncan
- Inez Lucker
- James Piazza
- Brian Boe
- Gretchen Swears
- Elsie Wiebusch
- Jay Miles
- Jacob Harwood
- Arlene Young
- Hugh Pillette
- Janet Mueller
- Tammy Piazza
- Lorene Albright
- Kathy Gutwig
- All our shut-ins
- The family and friends of Bob Wagner
- Japan in aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami
- Kurt and Floy Berentsen
- Jim (brother of Kris Maher)
- Yashanee Vaughn and family
- "Installation" of Rev. Dr. W.A. Rumsch as Pastor Emeritus of Zion
- New members (11) of Zion
- Those experiencing hunger and the food bank Zion supports
- Men & women serving in the military
- Peace and justice for countries in turmoil
- The Easter message of "Fear Not" in the hearts and lives of all God's people

IMPORTANT DATES

May Birthdays

- 5/1 MacLane Thurston
- 5/3 Cela Hendrickson
- 5/10 Cameron Yao
- 5/10 Elsie Wiebusch
- 5/13 Samantha Bennett
- 5/13 Joan Black
- 5/24 Dianna Spielman
- 5/24 Carson Taylor
- 5/25 Vivian Keller
- 5/26 Lisa Wagner
- 5/27 Walt Contino
- 5/29 Marilyn Blechschmidt
- 5/29 Ken Oekerman

June Birthdays

- 6/2 Katherine Jensen
- 6/7 Michelle Piper
- 6/8 Alex Lamb
- 6/11 Vivian Fleener
- 6/11 Monte Hidden
- 6/14 Julie Bennett
- 6/16 Robert Lundgren
- 6/27 Kristine Maher
- 6/29 Patrick Contino
- 6/30 Jonathan Jensen



& Birthdays Anniversaries

Baptism Dates

May

- Leslie Burgoine 5/1
- Jordan Dahl 5/1
- Elsie Wiebusch 5/10
- Greg Bruce 5/11
- Pamela Jensen 5/11
- Jade Dudley 5/20
- Trenton Batey 5/25
- Marilyn Blechschmidt-Wilson 5/29

June

- Bea DuVall 6/1
- Vivan Fleener 6/1
- Vivian Keller 6/1
- Julien Oesch 6/3
- Samantha Bennett 6/9
- Roslyn McKean 6/11
- Carson Taylor 6/14
- Jonathan Jensen 6/18

May & June Anniversaries

- 5/6 Alycia & Brent Keller
- 5/10 Naomi & Monte Hidden
- 5/13 Kathryn Boe & Bob Duncan
- 5/13 Sheila & Alex Lamb
- 5/18 Joan & Russ Black
- 5/26 Teresa & Ben Hein
- 6/1 Julie & John Bennett
- 6/12 Barb & Larry Foster
- 6/15 Kristine & Steven Maher
- 6/15 Pam & Scott Jensen
- 6/16 Retta & Steve Braun
- 6/24 Sharon & Ed Beall
- 6/26 Sharon & Ty Miles
- 6/28 Linda & Jeff Hastings
- 6/29 Jody & Doug Martin

God bless your special day!



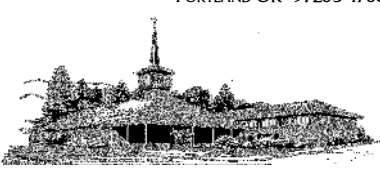
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Blessing of the Animals ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ May 7

Mother's Day Service ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ May 8

Voters Meeting ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ June 12

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS ★ June 19

Wedding Anniversary Sunday ★ June 26

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BEGINS ★ June 27

