

# THE ZION STAR

September, 2009

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Dear members and friends of Zion,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! How was your summer? We hope this September STAR newsletter finds you in good health and experiencing much happiness in your life. I don't know how many times I have heard the expression in the past few days, "I can't believe the summer is almost over. Where does the time go?" Yes, we always heard, didn't we, that the older you get the faster time goes. How true!

The question is, "What are we doing with the time God is giving us?" Are we good stewards of the precious gift of time? Do we spend our time in God-pleasing ways? Is our life characterized by our love for God and our love for others? Are we serving our Lord and serving our neighbor? Are we taking good care of ourselves in order that we may be able to care for others? Are we sharing our faith with the opportunities God gives us on a daily basis?

I'd like to share a verse with you that I have had posted in a prominent place for many years so I would keep it in mind. You may have heard it: "*I shall only pass this way but once, if there is any good that I can do, and kindness I can show, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again.*"

God bless you as we move forward in the month ahead.

Your friend and partner in Christ,  
Ty Miles, pastor



## **What Lutherans Believe:**

Adiaphora – pronounced "ah-d-ah-for-a" is a term used for those things of which the Bible does not say if they are right or wrong. There are things, of course, in the Bible where it is clearly right and in accord with God's will, or wrong and contrary to God's will. The ten commandments are such an example. On the other hand, there are many things, topics and issues, where the Bible is silent. We call those, "Adiaphora" – they're neither right nor wrong according to Holy Scripture. So what do we do with them? Always we look at the context, the setting, the end result, the bigger picture. We ask, "Does this serve the Gospel witness?" While something may be within my Christian freedom to do or not do, how does it effect others? If it is going to hurt someone, particularly in their Christian faith, then I need to let Christian love for others be my guide. On the other hand, if someone refuses to listen to God's Word and wants to force their own opinion on me, I do not want to enable them to embrace an unbiblical view by what I choose to do or don't do. Two Christians may have a different opinion or decision on something adiaphora – that's okay, and can become a topic of discussion. However, where the Word of God has not spoken on something, let no Christian force their personal opinion on another, or think they are more "Christian" than the other person who has a different opinion.



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 AM



### EDUCATION HOUR 9:30 AM



### 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)

## ***Friends at Zion and of the German Service, greetings, grace and peace in Christ!***

May your summer have blessed you with double R&R, not only rest and relaxation but also renewal and re-creation! Renewal for Zion's German-language ministry began in unexpected tangible form last June. Let me share the sequel of this gift and blessing.

As you may know, our German hymnals have gradually been running out, or is it perhaps walking out! Our edition was that of the Hannover Regional Church, whose liturgy is like ours, but it is out of print. The new German edition of 1994 adds many new hymns and worship resources. To adopt or not adopt it! With our modest needs would we even begin to make enough use of the new edition to justify acquiring it? But every effort to find replacement copies for our dwindling supply hit dead end. What to do? -- Pray!

Then a wonder began to germinate. Dr. Marcus Schaper had come to attend our services during his two-year stint as young visiting professor at Reed College from Germany and noted our need. Past June he returned from orientation in his new call at the Evangelical *Akademie* in Loccum, Germany, to wrap things up at Reed. To our delight and surprise, he backpacked two boxes (27 lb!) of used hymnals for us. His mother, Gudrun, lector in several congregations in the Hannover Region, had collected personal copies from some of the members and a few left over at those churches. What a gift and blessing!

In our June service we formally received and dedicated them with grateful joy. We did so with a psalm that celebrates music, hymnody and the righteous rule of God, by inserting verses appropriately, and thus "singing to the Lord a new song":

After vv 1-3, which with the music of lyre and harp praise the Lord's love and righteousness:

Reader: What a treasure of songs, old and new,

Pastor: and of music, Lord, in our hymnals!

**Congregation: We praise and bless your holy Name.**

After vv 4-5, which delight to sing of the Lord's wondrous works and profound thoughts:

R: These hymnals were personally donated, collected and brought here for us.

**C: With joy we thank the organizing donor and her congregations.**

R: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,

**C: and his love endures forever!**

After vv 7-13, which note how the godless spring up like grass and evildoers flourish—only to perish,

But that God endures forever and plants the righteous like palm trees in the Lord's courts:

R: Through this gift from brothers and sisters in the faith

P: we are blessed with a tangible sign of the world-wide (ecumenical) Church.

**C: For this fellowship in the gospel we praise you, O Lord.**

After vv 14-15, which celebrates that those so planted will be fruitful even in old age, stay fresh,

and proclaim, "the Lord does right ; he is my rock, and there is no injustice in him":

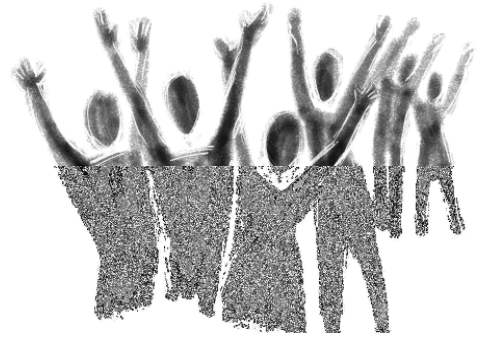
P: And so we gratefully dedicate these once retired hymnals to renewed use

**C: to the glory of God and to joyful worship in his Name.**

So renewed and replenished, we gratefully resume German services Sept. 13, 9:00 a.m. The Sunday's lessons—Ps **116:1-9**; **Isaiah 50:4-10**; **James 3:1-12**; **Mark 9:14-28**—let us experience cries to God for rescue, the vital struggle for faith and trust, and the amazing difference it makes. Worship in action! Let me invite you to ponder especially the **Psalm**, and the **Isaiah** and **Mark** passages. What do they say to you, what questions they stir up?

*Auf Wiederseh'n!* and bring a friend to worship: *Gottes-dienst*, our worship (service) of God and at the same time God's service of love and rescue of us all.

In grateful anticipation, in His service,  
Pr. Hans Spalteholz



## ZION GUILD TO HOST AUTUMN TEA

The Zion Guild will present an Autumn Tea on Saturday, October 10, from one to three o'clock in the parish hall of Zion Lutheran Church.

***Women and girls of all ages who are members or friends of Zion Congregation are invited.***

A variety of teas, accompanied by sweet treats and tea sandwiches, will be served at one o'clock. Tea tasting and a brief program on the history of tea will follow.

The event will be staged around an exhibit of vintage clothing, including wedding gowns, and old photographs and other articles of historical significance assembled to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of Oregon's Statehood which is being observed this year. Anyone wishing to add something to the exhibit should contact Ellen Hall by Sunday, October 4.



*"Circle your calendar for October 10 now," says Guild president Patti Hillier, "and plan to bring your mother, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter, sister, aunt, niece, or best friend to this fun event."*

# MUSIC MINISTRY AT ZION LUTHERAN

## Music Ministry Update at Zion Lutheran

Zion's music ministry will once again resume with rehearsals and sharing music in worship after a summer break. The adult choir and handbell ensemble will begin Thursday rehearsals starting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Zion's adult choir and handbell ensemble presented musical gifts last year that were truly inspiring in worship, and we would like to share this musical ministry opportunity this year with additional ensemble members.

I have heard many wonderful voices in congregational singing that would make a perfect addition to Zion's choir. I also know that several people with musical gifts in the congregation would serve well in the handbell ensemble. I invite you to strongly consider becoming involved in the choir and/or the handbell ensemble this fall. Knowing how difficult it may be for many who have busy schedules, I am not asking for a year-long commitment. I only ask that you "try-it-out" for a few months to determine if this is a ministry that you will be blessed in serving ... even as you serve God and others in a worship/music leadership role. Please speak to me (Kurt) if this is something that you would like to try. The handbells meet from 6:30 'till 7:30 and the choir meets from 7:30 'till 8:40PM. Both rehearsals are on Thursdays.

In July, we had the dedication of the organ-chimes which was a generous gift from an anonymous donor. The chime-tubes themselves are well over 50 years old and were part of the previous pipe organ at Zion. A new mechanical mechanism that is responsible for striking the individual chimes was purchased and installed in late June. We were able to meld the existing chimes with the new chime striking-mechanism. Although we had a few technical glitches throughout the installation process, the organ chimes are now assimilated into the pipe organ at Zion Lutheran and are a wonderful meditative addition for use in worship services.

Floy and I thank you all for your enthusiastic support of the music ministry at Zion through your participation, words of affirmation, prayers, and love gifts. May God continue to bless the music ministry at Zion Lutheran Church even as we strive to bless Him in our offerings of worship and praise.

In Christ's Love,

Kurt and Floy Berentsen



**September 10th**

**Got Anxiety?**  
**Let Go & Let God!**

As children conclude their summer vacations and begin to make preparations for the beginning of school, we all share in this societal cycle. Although most children will bemoan the end of the summer break, they all look forward to a fresh beginning. They look ahead to a new grade level, new teachers, new friends, new learning opportunities, and new opportunities availed at their older age. It is an emotional mix of excitement for the new and anxiety of the unknown that fills their minds as they make their preparations for school. Since attending school is not an option, they prepare themselves for school as best they can, often with considerable angst.

As children of God, although we may be older than school-aged children, our lives are not all that dissimilar. If we have committed resources for our livelihood through a job, we may be looking ahead to changes made by our employers or changes in our job responsibilities. We may be looking ahead to new job responsibilities, personnel, management, training, or opportunities. No one can say that any of this would not instill in most of us both a sense of excitement for the new as well as anxiety of the unknown. Since choosing to not be employed is not an option, we prepare ourselves as best we can, often with considerable angst. Most of us cannot change many of the situations of which we are part. We only have options in how we deal with the situations. Pastor Miles's insightful sermon on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> spoke of our need to not worry and to have faith that God will provide sufficiently for needs. This care shown by God includes both our physical and emotional needs. In Matthew 6:34 we read, *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.* Jesus tells his disciples in Luke 12:25,

*Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? This leaves us to ask, "why should we then feel anxious in our situations of change".*

One reason may be that, even if we have a certain measure of faith in God, our human condition makes it sometimes difficult for us to determine those things which we have control to change and those which we don't. As we determine through prayer the "less changeable" situations, God who is faithful to his promises, can provide us comfort in knowing that He will provide us with an ability to deal with these situations.

In God's Word, we learn of His promises. In prayer, we seek to gain a greater measure of personal faith in His promises, faith to alleviate worry and to "let-go" and let-God be central in our thoughts and emotions. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7.

Kurt Berentsen



***Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership (CALL)***

is sponsoring three significant events this fall the you may want to mark on your calendars and plan to attend:

- Sunday, September 27: The 11th Annual Fall Mission Conference
- Friday and Saturday, October 30-31: The Inaugural CALL Symposium
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 12-14: Peacemaker Ministries' Conflict Coaching and Mediation Seminar

CALL is an exciting new partnership between Concordia University and the LCMS Northwest District. CALL is intended to be a resource for all Lutheran congregations, as well as a safe place for creative dialog concerning the critical issues facing our Lutheran churches here in the Northwest in our post-church world.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE CALL 503.493-6571 OR [www.cu-portland.edu](http://www.cu-portland.edu)

# IT'S HAPPENING HERE



## REMEMBER

Zion is gathering for our Christmas TOY DRIVE. We are getting an early start to take advantage of any shopping available at thrift stores or local sales or internet bargains. Look for NEW TOYS in original packages and bring them into Zion to add to our collection. NO gift wrap please.

## ***A FENCE FOR THE FRONT COURTYARD***

Brian Fleener, our Property Director, in response to the Voters Assembly action, has been working with proposals for a fence for the front courtyard of the church property. It has become increasingly apparent that there is need for this kind of security to protect this area, and especially for the protection of the copper entrance doors with the design in repousse of ascending angels— which are virtually irreplaceable. Brian will make his presentation at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Voters Assembly for action. IN THE MEANTIME, Brian is available at the Friendship Hours for discussion and sharing of the drawings.



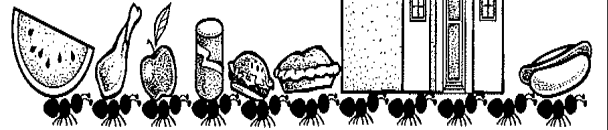
We want to acknowledge and thank the family of Jean Greene for the memorial in the Gift of Pipes

## **THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE SUNDAY**

Last June 28<sup>th</sup>—Great occasion!  
 ... We added up all the years of marriage represented by the people present and the number reached 1,176 years! We hope to repeat this again next year, the last Sunday in June.

**SEPTEMBER 13**

# All-Church Picnic



## **POTLUCK**

Please bring something to share.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

As a result of our dinner together August 24<sup>th</sup>, we are off to a great start for a Men's Fellowship at Zion! Our next event will be a Men's Fellowship Dinner at Zion, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. Lacy Hall will lead a devotion, there will be a brief video presentation about what it means to be a man of God, followed by a time of sharing our faith together. We encourage all the men of Zion to come, participate, and bring a friend!

## **SEPTEMBER**

- Ed & Anita Weber 9/ 2/1949
- Lacy & Irene Hall 9/ 3/1948
- Curtis & Martha Reid 9/16/1984

## **ANNIVERSARIES**



## HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

### “Compassion in Action”

When given the assignment to create a new direction for Human Care Ministry at Zion, I was both honored and humbled by the task. Having been apprised of the history of this ministry at Zion Lutheran Church, I could see where and when Zion had been very actively engaged in this ministry and then, where there have been some periods of drought.

We are coming out of one of those periods and for that reason, it has been very important to carefully consider where the energy and time of our congregation should be devoted. I am truly excited and encouraged that we have the spirit of giving and will meet the challenges before us in the Portland community at this very crucial moment. I am hopeful that our Zion family will participate with enthusiasm and a spirit of mercy and compassion in these new missions. I have investigated some options over the past month and thus far chosen 3 different missions.

Seeking places in our surrounding area was a focus of mine and I discovered a few really wonderful organizations that are already doing great work right in our neighborhood! So why not help these good people by offering our service and our time to benefit their existing programs? What I hope to accomplish in this next year is the creation of partnerships between Zion members and these established organizations.

Here are the mission opportunities with all 3 places:

#### **#1 Northwest Portland Ministries**

Zion has a long history with NWPM and therefore rejuvenating and continuing a relationship with them seemed very appropriate. On August 5<sup>th</sup> a group of twelve of us from Zion went on their annual “Tour of Programs” and learned all about the different services they provide to the needy in our Northwest neighborhood. We visited the Loaves and Fishes site where we ate with volunteers and people from the street who walked in and were welcomed for a meal. We learned that there is an opportunity for us to help with meals as well as work in the food pantry housed next door in the basement of First Immanuel Lutheran Church. We then visited the larger food pantry which sorts donations and helps fills the “backpack” project for schoolchildren. Once a week children can get a donated backpack filled with food and goodies for their family and themselves.

We also visited a government-subsidized apartment building already adopted by a local church in the neighborhood in the “adopt-a-high rise” program. As a congregation you can sponsor an apartment building and help with the many needs of those who live there. This could be anything from shopping, to gardening or organizing special parties and events for them. There are many other opportunities and you can read about them on their website.

For more information on Northwest Portland Ministries visit : <http://www.nwpm.org/>

#### **#2 Rosehaven**

I discovered Rosehaven through my searching and after a couple of visits (one with Irene Hall) decided that it was the kind of place that really fits our congregation, especially with the many wonderful ladies from our church who have so much to offer in the way of time, talent and love.

Rosehaven is not a shelter for women and children but a place for them to find safety, guidance and services. They provide meals, clothing, health care, job and housing assistance and beyond that, they provide solace and comfort to many weary and stressed women who are in a tough spot in their lives. They have a “hospitality” time from 9-12 pm every M-T-W and this is when they mostly welcome volunteers. The staff at Rosehaven is dedicated, loving and compassionate and they do their work to the glory of God. If some of you did not get a chance to hear Sister Cathie and Ellen Lubrano (the founder and volunteer coordinator) speak at our Friendship hour a few Sundays ago, I direct you to the poster board in the hall to read more about Rosehaven and the other missions we are embarking upon.

A group of women from Zion visited Rosehaven for a morning to get to know it better and it was a most enlightening and fulfilling morning for all. I am confident that as a group or individually, we will be putting our energy into helping these women who so very much need companionship, encouragement and the kind of presence that we can provide as Christ’s witnesses. Please direct your attention to the list of needs at Rosehaven and the box for those donations in the Fellowship Hall.

<http://www.rosehaven.org/>

#### **#3 Kenyan Deaconesses**

This will be a mission that will hopefully get geared up this Fall. I envision this as a most meaningful alliance for Zion. Once I receive the profiles of the deaconesses from Dr. Arthur Just and Pamela Boehle-Silva we will be better able to create a plan of action to help them in their work.

The history of Zion’s relationship with Kenya was established through David Chu Chu who has been a friend of Zion and visited and received gifts in the past from our congregation. Extending that relationship through Pastor Just (my brother) and Pam (a friend and parish nurse) who go to Kenya yearly and work with David Chu Chu and the group of deaconesses was an opportunity I did not want to pass by.



### Relay for Life—American Cancer Society

On Saturday, July 19, at Willamette Park, our Zion Lutheran Church team, "The Crusaders", composed of 16 volunteers, gave their time, energy, and support toward making this walk a very rewarding and successful event.

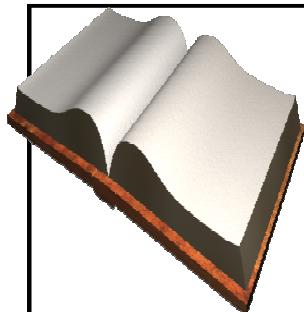
Thanks to Ben & Teresa Hein, Karen & John Graham, Larry & Barbara Foster, Tera Walden, Pastor & Sharon Miles, and Lacy & Irene Hall. Also a special thanks to Walt, Tracy, Patrick and Lindsey Contino for setting up the canopy, table and distinctive banner for our Zion site. Not only did they set up the site (the Contino's), they

walked more than 40 times around the designated track at the park. Luminarias around the park with names of loved ones added their own quiet but bright remembrances!

We celebrate the fact that we exceeded our goal by raising more than \$1,500.00 to aid in the research for a cure for cancer in the near future.

In keeping with the words of Jesus we gave out bottles of cold water to many who participated in the relay. Adding a very visible sticker to the bottle, with Zion's name and other important information PLUS the words "Saved by GRACE. Gods Riches At Christ's Expense" gave reason and meaning for all of the efforts of the day at Willamette Park.

Finally, thanks to all volunteers, to families and friends of volunteers, for the gifts of cash and checks! We had a beautiful day!



### **ZION CHOSEN TO RECEIVE BOOKS**

Zion has been chosen by the Northwest District staff to be the recipient of a generous gift of books from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO, for our church library. Among

the books are the following in the area of theology: *Concordia, The Lutheran Confessions – The Augsburg Confession – What Luther Says – Worldviews, A Christian Response to Religious Pluralism*; also, devotional books: *The LORD Will Answer – Treasury of Daily Prayer – Reading the Psalms with Luther*; in the area of children's books: *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories – A Child's Garden of Prayer – Little Visits with God – A Picture of God 3 in 1; Teens Pray*; and many others. Please be sure to stop by the Church Library, located two doors down from the Conference Room, and make use of the wonderful resources we have with our books, videos, and CDs as we continue to build our Church Library.

### **Blessed Are**

### **The Peacemakers Seminar**

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**Saturday September 12, 2009**

**9:00-2:00 p.m.**

**Suggested Donation \$15.00**

**Lunch Available for \$3.00**

Saturday September 12, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This seminar will be led by Pastor Ron Norris, trained Reconciler from the Northwest District, Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. The seminar will deal with issues concerning conflict, forgiveness, and reconciliation. It is a seminar that could potentially impact every aspect of your life.

### **Faithful Savior Ministries**

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## NEW MISSION STATEMENT ???

Is it time for Zion to have a new mission statement? Our current mission statement has served the congregation for many years. But how many of our members know our mission statement, as fine as it is? A suggestion has been made that we may want to adopt a new statement that will likewise serve us well in the years ahead. This is what has been suggested:

### **“CELEBRATING THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.”**

Both the Board of Elders and the Zion Board of Directors are recommending for adoption this proposed mission statement to the next Voters Assembly, following the morning worship on October 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time an “unpacking” of the meaning of the proposed mission statement will be presented for consideration, discussion, and possible adoption.

## ZION'S 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

In the year of our Lord, 2014, Zion will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of incorporation! Indeed, this will be a very significant occasion. Five years away, and yet we know how quickly those five years will go by, and soon it will be 2014, Think how quickly time has gone since 2000; now we're almost at 2010. In anticipation of this great event in the history of Zion, and in order that the celebration be “done right” in a most God-glorifying and God-pleasing way, the Zion Board of Directors, at its August meeting, has appointed Bob Wagner to serve at the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chairperson. And Bob has accepted! Our next step will be the formation of the committee, and then the developing of plans for the celebration. We want everyone from the congregation to be a part of this joyful time. Your input and participation will be most welcome. Please keep this in your prayers.



<i>Gary Burgoine</i>	9/ 2
<i>Darcy Martin</i>	9/ 4
<i>Diana Spielman</i>	9/ 6
<i>Birgit Teubner</i>	9/ 6
<i>Sharon Miles</i>	9/10
<i>Erin Waldon</i>	9/10
<i>Tyrus Miles</i>	9/14
<i>Camille Burgoine</i>	9/15
<i>Carol Wagner</i>	9/15
<i>Tracy Contino</i>	9/16
<i>Courtney Biggar</i>	9/20
<i>Martha Reid</i>	9/24
<i>Teri Biggar</i>	9/25
<i>Katharine Strange</i>	9/28
<i>Ted Grams</i>	9/29

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

We have had the following in our prayers at Zion this past month: Ruth Hyde, Larry Foster, Marta Wiek, Ron Ashton, Irene Hall (90<sup>th</sup> birthday), Tony Dienstel & Lanora Ball wedding, family of Steve Henderson, Garnet Oekerman, and Christa Spalteholz. We also prayed for our food donations (givers, recipients, and food bank volunteers), our Vacation Bible School, and our Service of Worship at the Marshall Union Manor.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Yes, we are going to observe Grandparents Day on September 13<sup>th</sup>! Soooooo, kids, be sure to bring your grandparents to church with you that morning – and, remember, Sunday School begins that day, 9:30 and worship is at 11 AM. Also, that's our CHURCH PICNIC Sunday. *Games and prizes for everybody!*



## ***CHECK OUT THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE***

Concordia Publishing House will be releasing the *Lutheran Study Bible* around Reformation Day, the end of October. You might be thinking: "What? Another study Bible!" This one is different.

As its foundation it uses the increasingly popular English Standard Version (ESV). The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in convention adopted the ESV as the translation of choice for the *Lutheran Service Book*, and CPH uses it in their resources. The study notes and resources for the *Lutheran Study Bible* were written from the ground up by Lutherans with a distinctly Lutheran perspective. Christ is the focus of the entire Bible and study notes. There are Law/Gospel notes, references to the Lutheran Confessions and to the Church Fathers?

Preorders are on sale for the hardback copy at \$34.99 (regular price after October will be \$54.99). If you would like to check out a Sampler, there is one for view in the Parish Hall by the order signup sheet. Zion's deadline to submit order (with payment) is September 17<sup>th</sup>. We have to order in cases of ten copies. Please make your check out to Zion Lutheran Church, put it in an envelope and make sure we get it in the church office.

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We have the chance to create a special connection with these women based on the fact that we will know firsthand what their needs are in their work as Lutheran deaconesses tending to the many impoverished, sick, and needy people in their villages in Kenya. There are gifts that are practical and gifts of the spirit. These people in Kenya live and thrive more on their spiritual nourishment than anything else. It is my goal to establish a connection through a program I am informally calling "Adopt-a-Deaconess" where a Zion family or a group can focus on a particular Deaconess and not only establish a correspondence through writing and email, but also find donations of medicines, supplies, books, or whatever they have noted as their greatest needs. My long-term goal with this mission is to someday take a trip with members of Zion to Africa so that we can bring them goods and finally meet these wonderful women whose work is so admirable!

<http://thefriendsofmercy.blogspot.com/2009/02/lutheran-deaconess-work-in-kenya-caring.html>

The work is just beginning!! I invite all of you to read about these ministries and to prayerfully consider a way in which your time and talent may be used. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall if you would like to be included in information about upcoming ideas and events. Establishing some smaller "work groups" or "volunteer groups" to find a time and purpose to volunteer together is a goal in this next month. As many we are stronger.

**I welcome ideas from all of you and am also seeking a few willing people to help me in the leadership and organization of the Human Care Ministry!**

If you would like to help me out with this, I need and welcome your participation.

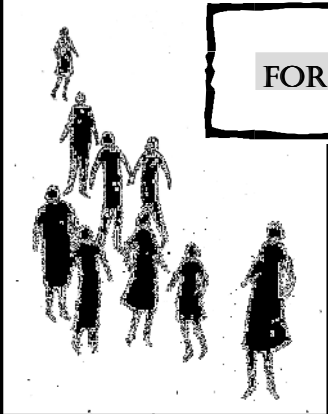
In these times of great suffering and want it is especially important to remember the riches we have been given as Christians, and consider those who suffer and are in need.

**1 John 3:17-18**

*If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

Thank you for becoming a part of this and please call me with any questions or suggestions.

In Christ,  
Karen Graham  
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**FOR WOMEN**

The Zion Guild will kick off its fall season with a planning session on Tuesday, September 1, at noon, in the parish hall.

Guild meetings are at noon on the first Tuesday of each month, September through June, usually in the Parish hall. The program includes a brown bag lunch with dessert and beverages served by hostesses for the day, a presentation by a member or guest speaker, and a business meeting. The mission of the Zion Guild is to provide women of the congregation opportunity for Christian growth, witness, and service in a setting where friendship is fostered.

Patti Hillier is current president of the Guild (formerly Ladies Aid) which was organized in 1886 as an auxiliary organization of the congregation. It is a charter member society of the Lutheran's Women's Missionary League.

All women who are communicant members of Zion Lutheran Church may become members of the Guild. Associate membership, without vote, is available to women who are communicant members of Zion but are unable to attend day-time meetings and to non-communicant members, as well. Guests are always welcome at Guild events.

Most Guild members attend the Bible Study for Women which Pastor Miles conducts at 10:45 a.m. on the first and the third Tuesday each month from September to June.

The Interstate Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold a retreat on Saturday, October 3, at St. John Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Washington. Registration is at 8:45am. The retreat will be held until 3:00pm, with a break for lunch. Carpool arrangements will be announced.

Pastor Ty Miles, who is Counselor for the LWML Interstate Zone and Bible study leader for the October 3 retreat, said that the sessions based on the theme, "Hooked on Jesus," will offer practical information on how to share one's faith. The Rev. Bob Swearer, new pastor of St. John, will lead opening and closing devotions.

All women of the Interstate Zone, which includes Portland city congregations and several in Southwest Washington, are invited. Chicki Di-enstel, LWML zone president, said that a special project is planned for high school girls attending.

The LWML operates on several levels: in individual societies, such as the Zion Guild, at the zone level (congregations in a geographic area), at the district level, and nationally. A report on the national convention which met in Portland in June, 2009, will be presented at the October 3 event.



**It Happened in AUGUST**

Zion purchased the corner lot at S.W. 18th and Salmon to build a church (Aug. 1889); hosted the organizing convention of the LCMS Northwest District (Aug. 1899); and dedicated its Ott organ (Aug. 2005).

**and in SEPTEMBER**

The Synod's first missionary for the Pacific Northwest arrived in Portland (Sept 1881); and Zion opened a parochial school—the LCMS first parochial school in the Pacific Northwest (Sept. 1899).

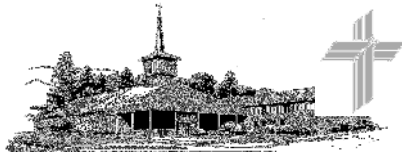
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<b>FOOD GATHERING</b> Communion Sunday	Labor Day	Board of Elders 5:30	Board of Directors 5:30	Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30		
<i>FALL schedule</i> 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Grandparents Day <b>9:30 Education Hour</b> <b>11:00 WORSHIP</b> Potluck Picnic		Bible Study 10:45		Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Communion Sunday				Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30		
27	28	29	30			
	Men's Fellowship Dinner 5:30					