

THE ZION STAR

January/February, 2012

Zion Lutheran Church 1015 SW Eighteenth Avenue Portland OR 97205-1708

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A personal word from Sharon and me

Zion members and friends, Thank you for the many good wishes and expressions of kindness over the Christmas holiday. We are so blessed to be at Zion among you! Also, a word of thanks to the congregation for the thoughtful and generous Christmas gift.

Friend in Christ, A Happy and Blessed New Year to you! and all the members and friends of Zion!

Zion is privileged, by God's grace, to begin its 123rd year of proclaiming and celebrating the Gospel, and serving Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, by serving others. It would not be an exaggeration to say, "We are standing on holy ground." The life of Zion congregation is the story of God's providence. We are here today because of God's goodness. We stand in the shadow of those saints of God in Christ gone before us, and we follow the light of Christ to lead us into the future.

As the saying goes, "The sum is made up of its parts." The members of Zion make up who Zion is today. Let each one of us do our part to make Zion, under God, the best instrument we can be for living out and reaching out with the love of Jesus, especially to those who do not yet know Him as Savior and Lord.

As we go forward in the new year, let it be the prayer of each one of us, "Lord, lay some soul upon my heart, and love that soul through me, and may I gladly do my part, to win that soul for Thee." If that is our prayer and practice, then that will be who Zion is in the year of our Lord, 2012. Will you join me in that prayer?

Cordially in Christ,
Pastor Miles



AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD

As this newsletter is going to press, the work is beginning on the remodel of the Parish Hall kitchen. A BIG THANK YOU! to everyone who so generously contributed to make this project possible. We always want to keep in mind that whatever we do at Zion is not an end in itself but for the glory of God and the ministry of His people, to serve the Gospel, among us and through us to others.

Next on the horizon, as most of the members of Zion know, is the major work on Zion's building to make it ADA compliant and more friendly toward people with disabilities. By the end of this year, God willing, the project will be complete, an elevator will be installed, new and more easily accessible men and women's restrooms will be in place, and some other things done that are on the drawing board and tentatively approved by the Voters Assembly. Please be praying that this all goes well. Keep in mind the watchword: "Please be patient, under construction." Undoubtedly, we will need to be flexible while this is taking place.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Portland, Oregon

"Celebrating the presence of God in the heart of the city!"

1884 - Founded as a mission

1886 - Organized as a congregation

1889 - Incorporated by the State of Oregon (April 29, 1889)

2014 - 125th Anniversary of Incorporation

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning An Epiphany Carol, CHANGED

Can you imagine singing the Christmas Carol *Silent Night* to any other tune other than *Stille Nacht (Silent Night)* ... OR ... singing another text to this tune? Most of us also couldn't envision singing the tune of *Joy to the World* (Tune: *Antioch*) with a different text that wasn't Christmas ... although it HAS been done. Just as Christmas carol texts, Epiphany texts often are set to tunes any other texts. The text associated with each other to this tune would seem rather the carols of Christmas memorable, many Epiphany associated "text/tune" category-changing the texts somewhat-word-usage is often done to maintain the cohesive-Texts are also modified in curate theological under-



EPIPHANY

The Epiphany Carol "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" is an example of such a close association with text and tune. This Epiphany hymn by Reginald Heber (1783-1826) first appeared in print in the November 11, 1811 edition of the *Christian Observer*. Later it was included in his posthumous collection of texts entitled, *"Hymns, written and adapted to the Weekly Church Service of the Year (1827)*. Heber's original opening line was "sons of the morning," a reference perhaps to Isaiah 14:12 in which Lucifer is described, or possibly a reference to Job 38:7 in which the "morning stars" and "sons of God" join to praise God for His mighty acts of creation. In the preparation of *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the ILCW (Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship) thought it advisable to change Heber's "sons of the morning" to "stars of the morning" to avoid any theological confusion. Other minor changes from the original include the change from "odors" to "fragrance" since "odors" in our modern context usually means unpleasant smells. The tune MORNING STAR, to which this hymn is set in *Lutheran Service Book*, was written by James Harding (1850-1911) and first published in an American hymnal in 1901, *The New Psalms and Hymns*, a hymnal used by Presbyterians of that time period. This tune has become widely accepted as the prominent tune that is associated with this text – albeit modified to reflect theological and word-usage of our present time. May your Epiphany season be blessed with the light only Jesus provides.

In Christ's Love-Light,
Kurt and Floy Berentsen

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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)
THIRD SUNDAY AT 9 AM
SEPTEMBER-JUNE

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9AM—2PM
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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





HEALTH MATTERS

The Walk to Jerusalem

On February 12, 2012, the Health Ministry Team of Zion will sponsor a Health Ministry Sunday. In addition to highlighting the importance of taking good care of ourselves and being concerned about the wellbeing of others, we will officially launch "The Walk to Jerusalem." During Lent we traditionally travel with Jesus to Jerusalem. This year we will literally move in that direction together logging our miles along the way. Everyone, young and old, can participate. Even other forms of exercise will count toward our goal. Invite your neighbors, friends and fellow workers to be part of your team. The distance is 6,927.28 miles (3320.28 if we decide to "fly" over the ocean). Along the way, we will exercise our physical bodies by walking, exercise our spiritual bodies by praying and exercise our minds by learning about countries and cultures. Since it is a 12 week program, we will keep walking past Easter and reach Jerusalem in time for the Ascension. *Get out your walking shoes. The people of Zion are on the move.*

A Banner Day

Pastor Miles had just begun his sermon. For some reason on that particular day I became fixated on the banner hanging behind the pulpit. Since I sit near the back of the church, I had difficulty making out the words. So I squinted and concentrated on each letter with the hopes of putting it all together. I quickly picked up on all the "thy's" in the saying. Eventually I made out the words "love, Lord, heart, soul, strength." This was taking quite a bit of effort on my part and felt like an eye exam in my doctor's office. Finally it all snapped into place: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself." As I congratulated myself on solving this puzzle, I heard the word, "Amen!" I had no idea what the sermon was about; however, the saying on the banner is now etched in my mind. It was a banner day.



From Bruce Strade



Compassion Forum Series in January

On 4 Sundays beginning January 8, 2012, during the 9:30 Sunday School/Bible Class time, there will be a series of forums on the topic of compassion. The format will include video presentations on various aspects of compassion as seen from different religious traditions,

followed by discussion facilitated by Bruce Strade. The series will begin with Karen Armstrong's Prize-winning talk on Ted in which she launched the Charter of Compassion. In the subsequent weeks participants will view and discuss the following topics:

- The Balancing Act of Compassion* – Rabbi Jacki Tabick
- The Profound Journey of Compassion* - Swami Dayananda Saraswati
- Compassion and the True Meaning of Empathy* – Joan Halifax
- Reconnecting with Compassion* – Krista Tippett

If you are interested in attending these forums, please let either Pastor Miles or Bruce know so that we can schedule the space.

QUOTES WORTH NOTING

"If there is a kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer nor neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

William Penn

The sun rises, even as it sets.

Anonymous

"What was once enjoyed and deeply loved, we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

Helen Keller

Know the 10 Warning Signs: Early Detection Matters



In this workshop, attendees will gain an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's and what to do if they or someone they know has signs of the disease. Video footage of real people who are living with the early stages of dementia and their families will be shown addressing fears and myths associated with Alzheimer's disease. The workshop will cover the following topics:

- The 10 warning signs
- Basic overview of Alzheimer's disease
- Risk factors
- What is involved in getting a diagnosis

Benefits of early detection, including accessing available treatment, planning for the future and participating in clinical trials are also addressed.

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2012

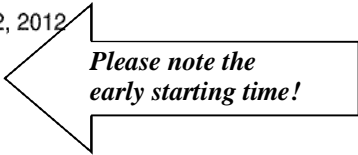
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Presenter: Krístrún Gröndal

Location: Zion Lutheran Church

1015 SW 18th Ave
Portland, OR 97205

For information call 503.416.0201 or 1.800.272.3900
For information on classes offered by the Alzheimer's Association go to:
www.alz.org/oregon



Early Detection Matters

Classes are FREE— donations are welcomed

Peanut Butter Christmas

Zion's response to the need for peanut butter was incredible. 134 jars of Peanut Butter were brought to the narthex. While the peanut butter tree building skills of the church secretary are obviously lacking the generosity of the members and friends of Zion WAS NOT! These donations will be delivered to the Food Bank to help those less fortunate in our area.



February promises to be a great month at Concordia University!

Looking forward to February, please make note of two special upcoming events:

The inaugural *Governor Vic Atiyeh Leadership in Education Awards Dinner* will take place February 9 at the Left-bank Annex in NE Portland. This event will feature special guest speaker, Geoffrey Canada of the Harlem Children's Zone. For more information, please visit www.cu-portland.edu/vale/.

The 50th Anniversary of the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament (LEST) will take place February 16 through February 18. Begun in 1962, this tournament gathers over 1,000 students from 19 Lutheran elementary schools in four states to participate in a variety of events including basketball, music, art, math, science, spelling, writing, drama, dance, swimming, and more. For more information, please visit www.cu-portland.edu/lest/



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Concordia Theology Faculty Offer Opportunities to Participate in Spring Classes

Come join our faculty and students (*for free!*) in one or more of the following spring semester theology classes meeting from January 10 through May 4:






REL 325 New Testament Writings: Romans and Galatians
REL 349 Renaissance and Reformation

For more detailed information and to let us know you will be attending, please email Professor Brandt at PBrandt@cu-portland.edu.

REL/HST 389 Classical Greece and Rome
REL 221: History and Literature of the New Testament and Early Christianity

For more detailed information and to let us know you will be attending, please email Dr. Thomas at MiThomas@cu-portland.edu.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Gathering  <i>New Year's Day</i> 11:00 WORSHIP	2 4-8pm Girlchoir	3 10:30am Bible Study 11:45 Zion Guild 3-8pm Girlchoir	4	5 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	6 6pm Support Group	7
8 9:30 Education Hour 11:00 WORSHIP 1:00pm Youth Confirmation at St. James Lutheran 3:00pm Lutheran Choral Assoc Concert at Peace Lutheran	9 4-8pm Girlchoir	10 3-8pm Girlchoir 7:00pm Book Club	11 6pm Support Group	12 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30	13	14  Youth Ski Outing
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ZION GUILD



The Guild's annual Christmas luncheon on December 6th was a merry affair with festive holiday décor, great food and company, music and caroling. Items were gathered for our shut-ins' Christmas bags, to be distributed soon, along with their most popular gift - poinsettia plants.

Our Silent Auction event brought in more than \$1,000 to our Treasury towards funding the Guild's many charitable projects. If you participated in this fundraiser, Thank You!

The congregation met the challenge of raising a matching \$25,000 to the initial seed money gift towards the kitchen remodel and by the time you read this construction will have begun. Praises!

Remember, we meet at 11:45 following Bible Study on the first Tuesday of each month. Bring a brown bag lunch to the Parish Hall and monthly hostesses will provide dessert. On January 3rd we welcome Judy Lorenz, who will speak on missions and relief efforts in Guatemala. Drop in if interested in getting to know more about Zion Guild

Patti Hillier

LWML hits \$100 million "mite"-fund milestone

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League announced that it has received \$100 million in mites since the organization's founding in 1942. The milestone includes funds from the 40 LWML districts nationwide as well as those received on the national level at the LWML's office in St. Louis.

To date, contributions to the LCMS women's auxiliary have been used to support Christian outreach in 42 countries on five continents.

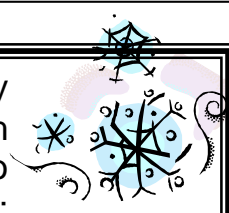
"Today we look forward to the mission work of the Lord set at the 2011 LWML Convention with a mission goal for the 2011-2013 biennium of \$1.825 million to support 19 grants," said LWML President Kay Kreklau. "While the amount of funds raised has increased over the years, the mission today is the same-helping to reach out to share the joyful news of Christ around the world."

Kreklau said today's LWML members, also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, "share the same mission consciousness, mission education, mission inspiration and mission service, as they join the early leaders to joyfully serve the Lord."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NWPM

- Our community garden is a roaring success that supplements our pantry with tasty, nutritious fresh produce. People consistently prefer the produce picked from our garden over any other we offer.
- Several food drives are in the works to replenish our food warehouse with non-perishable foods.
- This fall, we partnered with nurses from Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center to deliver flu shots to more than 100 vulnerable Portlanders who would not otherwise receive a vaccine.
- We compensate for reduced federal subsidies to the Oregon Food Bank by spending more than \$1,300 each month to feed people in need.
- Our "Food for Kids Backpacks" continue to provide weekend food for children and their families living in transitional housing. Thanks to the backpacks, kids arrive at Chapman Elementary School on Monday morning nourished and ready to learn.
- We deliver more than 50 food boxes each month to grateful isolated elders.
- Our tireless volunteers continue to serve neighbors in need with friendly visits and light housekeeping

SNOW DAYS PLEASE NOTE - as in the past, if the weather becomes snowy and icy, and there is a question as to whether or not we are having a Church Service, call the church phone and listen to the message machine within two hours before the Service is scheduled to begin. The church phone number is: 503.221-1343. You might want to keep this handy just in case you need it.





Christmas



Donations

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS to everyone who participated in the various opportunities we had at Zion for Christmas gifts given out of love for Christ and love for people! For the refugee family from Somalia, and the goodies for the women and children of Rosehaven.



The Abdi, Abdiwahab family arrived in Portland from Somalia September 13, 2011. The family of 10 (6 of the 8 children are pictured above) are part of the refugee program through Lutheran Community Services. Families in this program have suffered persecution either because of their religious or political beliefs. LCS assists these people in acquiring the basic necessities, through many sources including donations from Zion.



Thank you to *Bruce Strade, Pastor Miles* and *Leslie Burgoine* for transporting the gifts to the family!

Donation Receipt forms for tax purposes are available. Please contact the Church office.

IN OUR PRAYERS AT ZION

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

- *Loren Myhre
- *Donna Myhre
- *Inez Lucker
- *Ed Weber
- *Lacy Hall
- *Ellen Hall
- *Ken Oekerman
- *Brian Boe
- *Lorene Albright
- *Roger and Kay Doyle
- *Jacob Harwood
- *All those who have gone before us
now in heaven
- *the homeless
- *Portland Symphonic Girlchoir
- *Jim Faugstad
- *Brent Richeson
- *family of Luella Hellwege
- *family of Nicholas Baker
- *all children of Zion and their families
- *our Zion Sunday School ministry



January Birthdays

- 1/1 Evelyn Wimer
- 1/5 Chris Harris
- 1/6 Russ Black
- 1/8 Linda Hastings
- 1/9 Daniel Stoppenhagen
- 1/17 Brent Keller
- 1/18 Lacy Hall
- 1/21 Victor Lewis
- 1/31 Denise Pillette

February Birthdays

- 2/6 Elaine Lewis
- 2/14 Rick Piper
- 2/15 Jessica Thurston
- 2/18 Mick Luce
- 2/24 Trudy Schidleman
- 2/27 Alycia Keller

January & February

Anniversaries

- 2/7 Jim & Susan Westerberg

If we missed anyone's birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office and let us know.



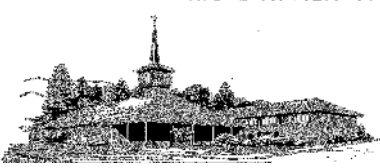
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Join us!

Sunday mornings

Education Hour - 9:30 am

Worship - 11:00 am