

# THE ZION STAR

July / August 2011

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

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“Keep faith alive!” You may have heard that expression. The question is, “How do we do that?” While it is true that the power of the Holy Spirit is what keeps our faith alive, there are things which the Holy Spirit uses to keep our faith alive, the neglect thereof can hinder our faith and even result in our falling from the faith. The Holy Spirit uses, what we call, “The Means of Grace” to bring us to the faith and keep our faith alive. The Means of Grace are God’s Word and the Sacraments. These are the “tools” the Holy Spirit uses to keep faith alive.

Tools in a tool box or drawer don’t do much good unless or until they are used. How do we “use” God’s tools of Word and Sacrament? We use the Means of Grace in worship, Bible study, prayer and our devotional life, in the fellowship of believers, in sharing the Gospel, in serving the Lord through serving people in Christian love and humbleness of heart, and in living the new life in Christ. A living faith is never in a vacuum.

Every once in a while we hear about a bridge or building collapsing. Often the cause is the neglect of maintenance. The same can happen if a Christian neglects to maintain their faith through neglect of the use of God’s Word and Sacraments. Friend of Jesus, don’t let that happen to you! Keep faith alive! - See you in worship.

Cordially in Christ,  
*Ty Miles, pastor*



## **Health Ministry Committee Meets**

With the encouragement of the Elders, the Zion Health Ministry Committee had its inaugural meeting on Sunday, June 5, 2011. In attendance were Barb Foster, Gary Burgoine, Naomi Hidden, Miriam Greene, and Bruce Strade. The group explored the purpose of Health Ministry, as well as the function of the Committee. The members also considered some possible areas of focus and decided on specific activities to work on. Everyone agreed that as stewards of God’s creation, we need to take good care of ourselves and care about the well-being of others. We are called to be a healing community, which includes wholeness and wellness.

The group agreed to work on the following:

- Write an article in the newsletter to let Zion members know that we are here and include a feature in future newsletters on Health Matters.
- Develop a procedure and process for dealing with medical emergencies during church activities, including the eventual purchase of an AED.
- Collect materials on emergency preparedness with the goal of developing a plan for Zion and resources for members.
- Explore the prospect of a Health Ministry Sunday this Fall.

Anyone interested in joining the Health Ministry Committee or suggesting things they might consider, contact Bruce Strade or one of the members.



## German Services move to the third Sunday of the month:

At the request of the Pastor of the German congregation, Rev. Dr. Norm Metzler, and with the consensus of the people who attend the German Service, beginning in September the German Service will take place on the third Sunday of the month, September through June, rather than the second Sunday. The third Sunday falls closer to the holidays of Reformation, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, and not so close to New Year's (the January Service has been a low attendance Sunday in the past).

Liebe Gemeindemitglieder!

Dear Members of the Congregation!

It is my privilege and joy to share a few thoughts with you in our bimonthly newsletter here at Zion. The German worship service and congregation is very grateful to Zion for its wonderful hospitality in hosting our German service each month. We have enjoyed the joint coffee hour gatherings, again in May.

With summer we take a break from the monthly German worship schedule, and will resume the worship again in September. HOWEVER, please note the change, we are moving from the SECOND Sunday of the month to the **THIRD** Sunday of the month, which will be September 18<sup>th</sup> this year. We decided to make that move because of a number of calendar considerations: we often move the Christmas service in December to the third Sunday anyway to be closer to Christmas; starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September allows for things to settle in to the "regular" Fall schedule a bit more; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after New Year's day often comes close to New Year's celebration, so a bit more distance from that celebration timewise might be helpful. We'll be working on that.

As we pause, it is good to give thanks to God for those who have served us well. First of all, thanks to our organist Floy Berentsen for her faithful and excellent music ministry in the German service...particularly since she is not fluent in the German language! We also give special thanks to God for our brother George Muenich, who assisted me mightily in preparing the monthly German services this past year. We are saddened by the loss of George in our midst; he died May 13 of this year of an apparent massive stroke. We thank God for allowing George and Erika to share their gifts in the German service; George will be missed very much. We look forward to the reunion with him in Paradise.

I am grateful for your love and support of the German ethnic ministry at Zion. May you all have a good summer, times for relaxation, renewal, and living intentionally as the beloved children of God.

Gottes Segen (God's blessings)

*Pastor Norman Metzler*

German Ministry Assistant

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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  
OFFICE MANAGER: TRACY CONTINO  
STAR EDITOR: PASTOR MILES

### 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)

## Praise God for/with Music!

"Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and the lyre, praise him with the tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of the cymbals, praise him with the resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." (Psalm 150)

Praising God is such a wonderful opportunity we have as Christians. He has given us so many abilities to accomplish this in so many creative ways, especially through the musical arts as the psalmist outlines in Psalm 150. Floy and I have always enjoyed being involved in preparing and presenting music in worship, but our music ministry at Zion Lutheran is truly special for us. The church family at Zion Lutheran genuinely appreciates and supports musical offerings in classical worship and the music ministries of the choir and handbells continue to grow each year in size and abilities. For Floy and I to be a part of this exciting music ministry at Zion is truly a blessing for us.

As the choir and handbell ensembles take a summer break from weekly rehearsals and Sunday morning worship presentations, we would like to thank the members of the choir and handbells for their dedicated participation in the music ministry of Zion Lutheran this past year. Their offerings of music in Zion's worship services have been a blessing to all. You may wish to let these ensemble individuals know how much we appreciate their musical contributions to the worship services.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the choir will come together to present special music in a "God and Country" worship service that will focus on our thanksgiving to God for the abundant blessings we share as Americans. Additional singers from the Concordia University choirs will join Zion's choir to create this special festival choir of about 40 singers.

Floy and I wish abundant blessings on your summer and once again thank the congregational family at Zion for the opportunity for us to share in the music ministry at Zion.

In Christ's Love,  
Kurt and Floy Berentsen

## Book Club



It is never too early to read a compelling book especially when the author is Karen Armstrong. Armstrong is a prolific writer about various religions including Christianity, Islam and Judaism. She has written about the Crusades, Muhammad, Buddha, Jerusalem and St. Paul and authored A History of God, The Battle For God, and The Case For God. Her latest book, published last year is Twelve Steps To A Compassionate Life. But who is this woman and how did she become such a noted author? Run over to your favorite bookstore and pick up a paperback copy of The Spiral Staircase. This is her second memoir taking up with her often difficult adjustment to secular life after seven years in a convent. We learn how she was changed by her convent experience and how she stumbled into comparative theology and her current career as noted author.

Zion's Book Group will begin a discussion of The Spiral Staircase, on Tuesday, September 13th at 7 P.M. We always welcome new members and would love to have you join us.



## "Keeping Up with the Guild"

The Guild finished up a busy, productive year with a packed hall salad potluck featuring a bountiful table which had to be augmented with extra seating. Although the agenda was quite full with action items and installation of new Board members, we welcomed several guests including Irene Hall's guest Nancy Haught. Mrs. Haught is a writer for The Oregonian's Religions Editor, and author of the recent front page article on The King James Version of the Bible which featured the Halls and Pastor Miles. All birthdays were celebrated and the afternoon ended with a lovely hymn sing-along led by Pastor Ty.

Naomi Hidden will preside over the Guild for the next 12 months, assisted by Carol Wagner, Vice President; Sharon Miles, Secretary; and Anita Weber, Treasurer. Lorraine Duato will continue to act as Bethesda/Good Shepherd liaison and Tera Waldon continues her long-standing outreach to our congregation's shut-ins.

We continue our relationship with Rosehaven, the downtown women's shelter, under the able guidance of Karen Graham, Human Care and Special Needs coordinator. The Guild has been planning for our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary special gift to Zion. Regarding plans for a long-awaited kitchen remodel, the "Kitchen Cabinet" met on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with two prospective contractors and Property Manager Brian Fleener to strategize on the best possible outcome at an affordable price. With God as the Captain and an able committee as deckhands, we sail into this project with high hopes, a bit of seed money, and dreams of an updated, fully functional, airy and organized space so crucial to the church's day- to -day operation. A fundraising campaign will soon be underway.

Scrumptious servings of strawberry shortcake greeted everyone at the Hospitality Hour on Father's Day Sunday. We will resume official meetings and Guild activities in September.

Patti Hillier  
Outgoing President

## **Update on Human Care Ministry**

From Karen Graham 503-580-1689

### **Zion Ladies Guild Luncheon**

On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Ellen Lubrano of Rosehaven made a presentation to the ladies luncheon. Ellen spoke historically about the formation of Rosehaven, and then brought us all current on how many women are being served on a daily basis at this crisis and intervention center for women. It was an inspiring and motivating talk, a call to action for us to continue our allegiance with Rosehaven!

Zion should be proud that we are associating ourselves and helping the women of Rosehaven do their work, either by donating funds to them or by giving them clothing, personal care items or the gift of our time and effort. Thank you to all who have left bags of donations! They are much appreciated!

### **Coming soon**

If you are interested in volunteering for the **SUMMER PICNIC IN THE PARK**

It is happening on **TUESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00pm** @ Couch Park in NW

*Rosehaven is in need of food donations and people to help out with serving and visiting with the guests as they enjoy a summer picnic.* I would love to get a small group together to be present and help and perhaps bring some food. More information is on the Human Care board in the Fellowship Hall and a sign-up sheet.

### **Downtown Compassion**

**SATURDAY-July 9th 9:00am to 3:00pm**

Please look over the details of this event on page 5 and let me know if you would like to volunteer!

If you have questions, you can call or email me:

Karen Graham- 503-580-1689

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**THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT OF HUMAN CARE MINISTRY !**



## LOOKING FOR A Bible Study?

### HOME BIBLE STUDY

Our Home Correspondence Bible Study has begun. The first series is a study of the Epistles of John. We do a chapter at a time. A study sheet is mailed to your home, you do the Bible reading and study, send the question sheet back, I'll make some comments and send it back to you with the next lesson.

*Contact the church office if you are interested.*

## DISASTER RELIEF

If you would like to contribute to our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod tornado relief effort, you may call toll free: 888-930-4438, or send a check to:

LCMS World Relief and Human Care, "Tornado Disaster Relief"  
PO Box 66861  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

will begin July 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 understand the Bible, and get the most out of Bible reading, study, and meditation. We'll meet for four Sundays, following the morning worship, until 12:15 PM.

## DOWNTOWN COMPASSION

Saturday, JULY 9, 2011 ~ 9am to 3pm

MEMORIAL COLISEUM

**VOLUNTEERS FROM ZION WOULD BE APPRECIATED**



### FACT SHEET

**What:** Downtown Compassion is a one-day free medical clinic focused on serving the uninsured, under-insured, and homeless members of the community. Operating under the umbrella of Compassion Connect, Downtown Compassion is one of ten annual faith-based and community sponsored clinics in the Portland-metro area. Currently, Compassion clinics are held annually from April – October.

**Focus:** Uninsured, under-insured and homeless community of the Central City area of Portland. The estimated attendance for 2011 Downtown Compassion clinic is 2,500.

**When/Where:** Memorial Coliseum, Portland, OR Saturday, July 9th, 2011 from 9am – 3pm

**Websites:** [www.downtowncompassion.org](http://www.downtowncompassion.org) [www.compassionconnect.com](http://www.compassionconnect.com)

**Services provided:** Medical services are provided by volunteer professionals. Follow-up is provided to ensure guests receive much needed on-going care by connecting them with other services in Portland.

#### Medical

- o Primary Care visits
- o Pediatrics
- o Foot Care
- o Immunizations
- o Imaging Services
- o Pharmacy (via discount pharmacy gift-cards program)

#### Social Services

- o Haircuts
- o Pet Crating
- o Personal and Hygiene Items
- o Clothing Bank
- o Bicycle Clinic

**Childcare** (while parents/guardians are receiving services)

#### Lunch Meal

##### Needs:

- Sponsorship
- 500 Volunteers
- o Medical / Dental professionals
- o Non-Medical volunteers are needed in every area of the clinic
- o Medical and non-Medical Translation

#### Dental Care

Vision exams

#### Chiropractic and Physical Therapy

Follow-Up for on-going medical and social service needs.

#### Prayer


### FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Contact Karen Graham- 503-580-1689

Zion Human Care Ministry

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>JULY</b>			<b>2011</b>		30 SPECIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL 7pm	1 VBS Last Day 6pm Support Group	2
3 Food Gathering 9:00 Education Hour 10:00 WORSHIP	4 	5	6	7	8	9	
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 4:30pm CHURCH OFFICERS RETREAT	4	5 6pm Support Group	6 Girlchoir 3pm
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28 9:00 Education Hour 10:00 WORSHIP	29	30	31 Girlchoir Retreat 4pm			



# May & June PRAYERS AT ZION

Upheld in prayer over the past two months:

- ◆ The family of Bob Duncan
- ◆ Inez Lucker
- ◆ Jim Piazza
- ◆ Loren and Donna Myhre
- ◆ Concordia University Choir tour
- ◆ The dedication of new hymnals  
and new Communion Rail and cushion
- ◆ Janet Mueller
- ◆ Peace, particularly in those parts  
of the world in turmoil struggling for freedom
- ◆ Mother's Day
- ◆ Joshua Traxel
- ◆ Roger
- ◆ All travelers
- ◆ Our Youth Confirmation Class
- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Kathy Gutwig
- ◆ Tornado victims and rescue workers
- ◆ All men and women serving our  
country in the military
- ◆ Garnet Oekerman
- ◆ Marg Sande
- ◆ Christina Perez
- ◆ Tami Piazza
- ◆ Our Sunday School ministry
- ◆ Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Father's Day



## July & August Anniversaries

- 7/5 Ruth Ann & Gordon Campbell
- 7/25 Mira & Richard Wiegmann
- 8/1 Suzanne & Jonathan Jensen
- 8/10 Marilyn & Gerald Risberg
- 8/12 Donna & Loren Myhre
- 8/15 Karen & John Graham
- 8/19 Ashley & Andrew Stiles
- 8/24 Michelle & Rick Piper



## July Birthdays

- 7/3 Ruth Ann Campbell
- 7/3 Ed Krieger
- 7/3 Marilyn Risberg
- 7/4 Curtis Reid
- 7/7 David Bennett
- 7/10 Jeff Hastings
- 7/12 Marilyn Fleener
- 7/13 Suzanne Hofer
- 7/18 Christian Hidden
- 7/18 Jim Westerberg
- 7/26 Larry Foster
- 7/27 Ed Beall
- 7/29 Jennifer Thomas
- 7/30 Lynn Hyde

## August Birthdays

- 8/1 Bruce Hofer
- 8/2 Bruce Strade
- 8/3 Karen Risberg
- 8/4 Garnet Oekerman
- 8/5 Lorene Albright
- 8/5 Brenda Pfahl
- 8/7 Trenton Batey
- 8/7 Irene Hall
- 8/9 Caroline Jensen
- 8/10 Lucile Lewis
- 8/11 Tera Waldon
- 8/16 Ben Hein
- 8/19 Scott Jensen
- 8/20 Elizabeth Hidden
- 8/20 Inez Lucker
- 8/22 Anita Weber
- 8/23 Gerald Risberg
- 8/24 Ellen Hall
- 8/25 Mike Curtis
- 8/27 Ruth Hyde

## Baptism Dates

### July

- Kristine Maher 7/1
- Julie Bennett 7/12
- Ed Weber 7/13
- Cameron Yao 7/22
- Patrick Contino 7/31

### August

- Ruth Ann Campbell 8/1
- Rena Rossi 8/1
- Teresa Hein 8/6
- Walter Contino 8/16
- Scott Jensen 8/31

God bless  
your  
special day!



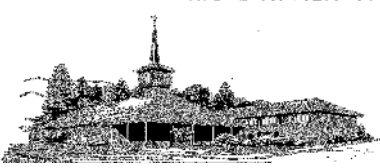
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**JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**FESTIVAL WORSHIP**

**10:00AM**

**Special musical presentation**