

ZION NEWSLETTER

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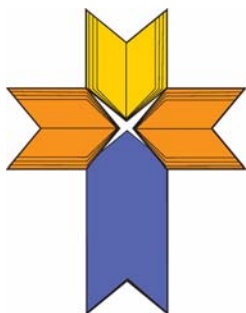
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Pentecost



Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

A man is wise indeed when he resolves to let God help him in his weakness in order that he might discover the power to overcome them. That is the real secret of victorious living. We are not able in our own strength to handle the situation, but God is.

We must make sure that God has a chance to work in our hearts and guide our lives in the proper way. We cheat ourselves when we make only a partial commitment to Him. We rob ourselves of much joy when we are not willing to go all the way in total Christian consecration.

One night a little boy called to his mother and said, "Mommy, will you leave the light on?"

"No, Danny," she replied, "you don't need any light; you are supposed to sleep."

"But, Mommy, I can't see," he protested, "the dark gets in the way." Smiling at his words, she kissed him goodnight, assuring him again that he needed no light.

As that mother went back to her work that evening she could not help but think of all the time the darkness does get in the way. The darkness of sin comes to cast its black shadow over life. Many times we are tempted to neglect our prayer life and the reading of God's Word. Caught up in the pleasures and activities of the world, we do not even have time to hear the Word of the Master who is daily knocking at the door of our hearts.

Constantly He comes to us offering His help. He is the only source of strength that can alleviate the pain of our sin-sick souls. Sometimes it hurts our pride to admit that we are not self-sufficient. However, only if we are willing to surrender totally to Him will He be able to gain entrance into our hearts to help us. God must work from within, if our fears are to be conquered and if our hopes are to survive. But once we have experienced the rich life which He is able to provide for us, we will never intentionally want to leave Him or forsake Him.

Lord, keep us from half-hearted commitment and sin-darkened lives; May we rather open our hearts totally to You and live strengthened by Your power and made secure by Your love..

Your servant in Christ - *Pastor Kudart*



**I can do all things
in Christ
who strengthens me.**
Philippians 4:13

Sunday Services of Divine Worship at Zion

Sunday, August 2, 2009 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:
To Be Announced

Lessons:
Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35

Hymns:
901 - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
644 - "The Church's One Foundation"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
920 - "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"



Sunday, August 23, 2009 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:
"St. Bartholomew -
Come and See"
(John 1:43-51)

Lessons:
Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13

Hymns:
651 - "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"
649 - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymn:
677 - "For All the Saints"
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"



Sunday, August 9, 2009 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:
"I Am The Bread Of Life"
(John 6:35)

Lessons:
1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51

Hymns:
"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"
693 - "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Distribution Hymns:
618 - "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"
636 - "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
918 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



Sunday, August 30, 2009 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:
"Put On The Whole Armor Of God"
(Ephesians 6:11)

Lessons:
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:14-23

Hymns:
655 - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
664 - "Fight the Good Fight"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymns:
660 - "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
662 - "Onward, Christian Soldiers"
"O Christ the Same"



Sunday, August 16, 2009 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title & Text:
To Be Announced

Lessons:
Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

Hymns:
803 - "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
685 - "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
715 - "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES - Please join us at 9:15 AM between services:

Fellowship Hall - Continuing study on the Book of Romans with Rev. Manfred Rembold.

Family Room - Continuing study on the Book of Philippians with Doug Peters.

Young Adult Bible Class - Room 14 (northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall) - Continuing study on "Critical Decisions."

Sunday School classes for children age two through high school begin at 9:15 AM in assigned classrooms.



**ALL HOME GROUP
BIBLE STUDIES ARE
RECESSED
UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday, August 2, 2009
Congregational Potluck, 11:30 AM**

Sponsored by The Board of Christian Education

Voters' Meeting, 12:30 PM

All members of Zion are welcome to attend.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 28
 Worship - 182 (73 + 109)
 Holy Communion - 134
 Sunday School - 68

Sunday, July 5
 Worship - 175 (52 + 123)
 Sunday School - 64

Sunday, July 12
 Worship - 205 (85 + 120)
 Holy Communion - 160
 Sunday School - 91

Sunday, July 19
 Worship - 171 (55 + 116)
 Sunday School - 74



Christmas in July!! Help Faith Mission! Boxes have been placed around the church to receive your donations of paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper/plastic plates and cups, plastic-ware, money, gift cards (Kroger, Giant Eagle, Walmart, Meijer, etc.). This mission project will continue through Sunday, August 1st.

Our **Call Committee** has received information on four of the eleven names on our Call List from the Ohio District. More information will be forthcoming.



When the total goal is reached for the Cambodia missionaries, then we have a \$4,000 goal for Synod's

Ablaze/Fan into Flame Offering, which will support the opening of new missions international, national, Ohio, and central Ohio. You may continue to use the Mission envelope that is placed into your church mailbox at the beginning of each month. Thank you for you for your generosity in doing the Lord's work.



	May	June
RECEIPTS	\$25,711	\$19,173
EXPENDITURES	\$19,579	\$20,499
DIFFERENCE	\$ 6,132	\$<1,324>

Financial Summary

Cambodia Mission Offering: The total gathered to date for our Cambodia missionaries - Rev. Chuck & Jeannette Groth - is \$5,816; our goal is \$6,000.

Hear "The Lutheran Hour" on Sundays at various stations and times.



Station	City	Freq	Band	Day	Time
WFCO	Lancaster	90.9	FM	Sun.	5:00 PM
WCLT	Newark	1430	AM	Sun.	9:00 AM
WLW	Cincinnati	700	AM	Sun.	7:00 AM
WRPO	Russell Point	93.5	FM	Sun.	11:30 AM
WHIZ	Zanesville	102.5	FM	Sun.	7:30 AM
WHIZ	Zanesville	1240	AM	Sun.	7:30 AM

Website at www.lhm.org. The broadcast is also podcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts/>

Themes for the Month ➤

- Sunday, August 2 - "Proof" (John 6:30-32)
- Sunday, August 9 - "A Letter to Jordan" (Ephesians 5:2)
- Sunday, August 16 - "Nowhere Else To Go" (John 6:66-69)
- Sunday, August 23 - "Who Says?" (Mark 7:5-7)
- Sunday, August 30 - "Stand Firm" (Ephesians 6:10-20) - Guest Speaker: Rev. Chuck Schlie

2009 Vacation Bible School

God's Always Doing Great, Exciting Things (G.A.D.G.E.T.) at *Gadget's Garage*. Join us on July 27 to July 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:45-6:30.

There will be an offering each evening, with the proceeds going to a Lutheran school in India.



August is the last month that we will be collecting the toiletries for the **LSS Food Pantry of Southeast Ohio**. Collection boxes are placed by the front and back doors. Thank you to those who have already brought in items.



ACTIVITY ON AUGUST 1ST for those who just finished 9th Grade through those who just graduated from High School. This is a farewell event for the High School Graduates

On August 16th immediately after the 2nd Service (12:00) there will be a **YOUTH GROUP COOKOUT** for Junior and Senior High Youth Group Members and their families. Come for food, fun, and fellowship. Hamburgers, beverages and table service will be provided. Please a dish to share; Junior High bring an appetizer or dessert and Senior High bring a side dish.



All 7th and 8th graders will begin their **Confirmation Classes** on Saturday, September 12th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, and every Saturday thereafter. There will be a brief meeting with the parents on that first Saturday at 9:00 AM.



Zion Family Picnic

August 30, 2009

Eat at 1 p.m.

Play 'til 4 p.m.

**Blendon Woods Metro Park
Hickory Grove Shelter**

All members and friends of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church are invited and welcome to attend the Annual Church Picnic sponsored by the Parish Activities Board.

Bring your own main course (if you desire to grill your meat, there will be a grill and charcoal provided). Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, and your own plates and utensils. Lawn chairs and sunscreen are recommended! Drinks will be provided.

From I-270, take State Route 161 exit (30B) toward New Albany onto E. Dublin-Granville Road. Go 1.6 miles then take the Little Turtle Way exit and turn right. Go to Old State Route 161 and turn right. Entrance is 1/2 mile on the left.

FUN GAMES! FOOD! FELLOWSHIP!

Fall Adult Information Class



There will be a Fall Adult Information Class that will be organized in early October for those who would like to learn more about our Church. This class will be an overview of our teachings drawn from the Bible. There is no obligation to join our church, but these classes may lead to church membership. Members are also invited to the classes to review. Please give the names of interested persons to the church office or to the Pastor.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting a series of Financial Education opportunities for Lutherans in Central Ohio. The first is August 11th, 2009, 6:30 PM, at Berwick Manor, 3250 Refugee Rd, Columbus, 43232. The topic is **Economic and Investment Outlook and Update**; it provides timely updates on the current economy and investment news, a much needed resource today. **This event is free and dinner will be provided.**

Please check the Thrivent bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more details.

 **Thrivent Financial
for Lutherans**

New Additions!! New Additions!! Zion's Library

STUDY GUIDE

Philippians Joy In Christ by Julene Gernant Dumit. Paul characterizes the Christian life in joy no matter what the circumstances, an eagerness to suffer for Christ, humility that follows Christ in putting others first and trust in Christ alone for righteousness.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

The Purpose Driven Life What on Earth Am I Here For? by Rick Warren. This book will help you to understand why you are alive and God's amazing plan for you here and now and for eternity.

How Could a Loving God...? Powerful answers on suffering and loss written by Ken Ham with Todd A Hillard. People assume Christians have all the answers but in the face of tragedy, death or suffering everyone struggles to find just the right words to bring comfort or closure to those in need. In this book Ken Ham makes clear the answers found in the pages of Scripture, powerful, definitive and in a way that helps hearts to go beyond mere acceptance.

CHRISTIAN FICTION

The volumes 2 thru 6 are from the **Freedom's Holy Light** series by Sally Laity and Dianna Crawford. The library has the first book **Gathering Dawn** and is now joined by

The Kindled Flame. Caught in the rising tide the American Colonies are swept toward revolution and two families struggle to find the meaning of life and liberty and love. It is a story of love and betrayal, hope and despair and the power of faith in God.

The Tempering Blaze The Boston Tea party in December of 1773 kindled the flames of the American Revolution. This is a gripping saga of love and war, betrayal and forgiveness.

The Fires of Freedom war threatens to tear families apart and change the course of history. After their faith is tested in the fires of freedom will they discover the price they are willing to pay for liberty, honor and love.

The Embers of Hope Morgan and Prudence Thomas are united in the battle for America's freedom. This book offers a glimpse into the greatest battles of war and victories of the heart.

The Torch of Triumph The conclusion to the Freedom's Light series. The story of love and faith that endures against all odds.

JUVENILE

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world. They lie, steal, smoke cigars, talk dirty, hit little kids, cuss their teachers, set fire to Fred Shoemaker's tool house and take the name of the Lord in vain. The Herdmans invade the church one Sunday and decide to take over the Christmas pageant. The actual pageant is full of surprises for everyone, starting with the Herdmans themselves.

The Apple and the Arrow by Mary and Conrad Buff. A Newbury Honor book which tells the legend of William Tell and his son Walter. Together they fought in a dangerous time to bring freedom to their land.

The Complete Creation Museum Adventure A field trip in a book by Ken Ham and an array of science editors that takes you on an exploration of God's Word as you journey through biblical history. Biblical truths and amazing facts about dinosaurs, the Garden of Eden, Noah's ark and fossils.

The Answers Book for Kids Volume 2 by Ken Ham and Cindy Malott. 22 questions from Kids on Dinosaurs and the Flood of Noah.

The Answers Book for Kids Volume 3 by Ken Ham and Cindy Malott. 22 questions from Kids on God and the Bible.

The Answers Book for Kids Volume 4 by Ken Ham and Cindy Malott. 22 questions from Kids on Sin, Salvation and the Christian Life.

CHILDRENS DVD'S

The Animal Kinds A sing and learn along with Buddy Davis. Learn about the amazing animal kinds that God created with incredible design features including the camel, dog, and horse kinds.

DVD'S

Created Cosmos with Dr. Jason Lisle. This Creation Museum planetarium show probes the reaches of space, revealing the awesome power of our Creator. Viewers are taken on a journey beyond our solar system to the edge of the known universe, through thousands of light-years between billions of planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies to discover the magnitude of our universe and of its Creator.

Time Travel through the Bible distributed through the International Lutheran Laymen's League. Explore the rich and fascinating background of the Old and New Testaments which reveals the lives of the "mad" King Herod and the courageous John the Baptist. "Time Travel" brings you back into the world of the Bible and opens up the Scriptures in a vivid and unforgettable way.

Walking the Bible by Bruce Feiler. A journey by land through the five books of Moses. One man's epic journey through the greatest stories ever told visiting the slopes of Mount Ararat, the desert outpost where Abraham first heard the words of God, and where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Dramatic Scripture readings interspersed throughout bring you closer to these Biblical settings.

A Light in the Darkness a story that took a half century to be told. A moving historical documentary highlighting the spirit and faith of the Volga German people. This DVD weaves the eyewitness reports of survivors into a tapestry of heart-wrenching tragedy. An unshakable faith continues to be an anchor in their lives and their faith remains.





THE GROTH REPORT

July 2009

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel" . . . *Philippians 1:3*

Cambodia is a country with bountiful chances for remembrance. Funeral dates here are remembered by Buddhists and celebrated ten days after, one hundred days after and years after, with family and friends of the deceased. Daily remembrance offerings are put before the Buddhist altar as a way to show your ancestors that you remember them and still want their blessings and favor. This month we also have had some wonderful events with which to fill our memories of God's work in Cambodia.

Class with our students this time focused on a New Testament overview. The time here at our home in Sihanoukville was spent learning general New Testament themes and learning how to research information on individual books with materials at hand. Videos of New Testament times, atlas studies, and contemporary examples of literature types kept the students involved in learning. Our meal times were great for discussion. At the end, one of our students, a former Buddhist monk, gave a small speech. He thanked us for our teaching but most of all for being a part of their daily lives. We will always remember the comment that we were the only foreigners he was pleased to call his Mom and Dad.

The local publisher held the closing of my devotion-writing workshop. As we talked and shared about his time with the authors we trained, it was good to hear that the devotions written by this class will be the first Khmer written devotions published. My favorite comment from his evaluations was, "We learned to write devotions, but most importantly we became closer to our Savior." That's one for the memory!!

The family retreat held memories for two American and seven Cambodian families. The meeting place was a resort outside of Phnom Penh. Some Bible learning, family fun and field trips made memories for all involved. A visit to one of our favorite help agencies, Resource Development In Cambodia (RDIC), taught families about ways to have pure water. A boat trip on the Mekong river was the first for many to see the fishing villages and development in Phnom Penh. The American families gave the memorable comment, "Now we have faces to put with names as we pray for missions. We really do see some of the challenges missionaries face."

July 11th saw the graduation of our hotel English class. Thirty-five young people and four teachers completed the course of study. The project was interesting as Naomi, a Cambodian Christian, sat with me as I prepared the weekly lessons that she in turn taught to the village teachers. We held our graduation at the Golden Sands Hotel. The tour of the hotel by the manager helped students see in reality what had been words and pictures during their course. Speeches were made to encourage students to be Christian workers. Each student was given a framed diploma. At the end I asked the graduates, "How many of you have been in a hotel before?" Guess what? None of the thirty-five had ever been inside a hotel. (That's a fun memory!!) We pray that these young people will be able to use their skills to be employed in the future.

Chuck and I are busy sorting things we all accumulate over time. We are leaving with fond memories of our Cambodian friends. We are leaving with great thoughts of you, our supporters. You have been faithful in your partnership!!

Now, if you would ask our children to characterize what their mom would say next, I'm sure you would get this answer, "Now what are we going to do?" While this move was not of our choosing, we will trust God for the answer to that question. We'd love to hear a word of encouragement from you, and we treasure your prayers for us. We'll see many of you as personal friends as we transition to US living.

With remembrance of your faithfulness,

Chuck and Jeanette

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Thanks to God for Prayers Answered

Good health,
Quick sale of personal items
Good work with the movers
Good time with friends here

Many faithful supporters

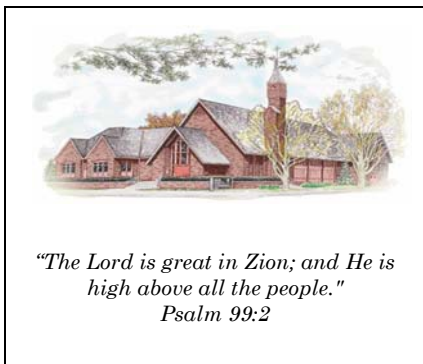
Continue to Pray for:

Safe travels
Good US transition
Meaningful employment for both of us
Continued good health

The Cambodians with whom we worked

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

766 South High Street
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"German Village" Area



St. James Lutheran Church will host its 26th Annual Brat Festival featuring authentic German food and continuous live music throughout the event. They are located off of 1-70 west of Columbus, near the corner of Hilliard-Rome and Trabue Roads (5660 Trabue Rd.) Children's games, live German music, dancing, and a large craft show with items for sale will be among the weekend of activities. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking. Food, beer and beverages are sold a la carte. The festival days and hours are:

Friday, August 7th from 4:30 to 10 PM

Saturday, August 8th from noon to 10 PM

Sunday, August 9th following church (noon) to 3:00 PM

On Sunday the Columbus Maennerchor will perform at 1:30 PM followed by a service in German in the church.

Menu: German brats, shredded chicken and pulled pork sandwiches, red cabbage, corn-on-the cob, summer salad, soft pretzels, apple dumplings, peanut butter pie and several other dessert offerings.

Party like a Lutheran!

