

ZION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members & Friends of Zion,

The temptation to fall into the ways of the world is a constant one. But this way of life is usually the dead-end street of utter bankruptcy. Cutting ourselves off from the merciful hand of God, we lose life's true riches. We turn from the living God only to wallow in sin and evil. Soon our hearts are hardened. The longer we live in sin the more difficult it is to respond to the loving voice of God. God wants us to keep before our mind's eyes the right vision of what He means to us. He wants us to look to Him as a refuge and fortress, a help in time of trouble. Then we have the needed resources to keep us climbing the trail of faith.

A group of fishermen were anchored near the coast of Florida. Their small boat bobbed up and down in the waves so violently that one by one the men became seasick. Finally the owner of the boat, an experienced seaman, said to them, "If you keep your eyes on the shore line and not on the waves nearby, you will find it will help." He was right. By watching the steady, immovable shore line, and looking away from the tossing waves, they no longer suffered from the shifting boat. They found that the long view was best.

Each day God would have us do the same. He wants us to look up in trust to Him instead of always worrying about all the little trifles that ordinarily upset us. He bids us put our lives into His care, for He is able to calm the storm. He would have us take the longer view which takes in eternity, and never forget what He has gone ahead to prepare for all who love Him.

An American family was vacationing in the Canadian Rockies. One fine day they decided to climb the foothills to get a good view of Mount Edith Cavell. Two thirds of the way to the summit, they met a group of tourists who were descending. "Is the climb worth while?" they asked. Without a word of hesitation, they chorused, "Yes, everything above this level is worth while."

Everything God provides is worth while, once we have risen above the foothills of despair and selfishness, sin, and greed. Those people who lift up their eyes and venture out in faith discover the majesty of the abundant life.

Your servant in Christ - *Pastor Kudart*

May we ever trust in You, dear Lord, lifting our hearts to You and following You by faith along the path to eternity. Amen.

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is our
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&
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PSALM 46:1

Sunday Services of Divine Worship at Zion

**Sunday, June 7, 2009
The Holy Trinity**

Sermon Title & Text:
"And Some Are Called To Be Pastors"
(Ephesians 4:11)

Lessons:
Isaiah 6:1-8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 3:1-17

Hymns:
507 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"
682 - "God of the Prophets,
Bless the Prophets' Sons"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
575 - "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



**Sunday, June 14, 2009
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon Title & Text:
"God The Gardener"
(Ezekiel 17:22-24 & Mark 4:26-34)

Lessons:
Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Mark 4:26-34

Hymns:
793 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
537 - "Beautiful Savior"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Distribution Hymns:
727 - "On Eagles' Wings"
683 - "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"
921 - "On What Has Now Been Sown"



**Sunday, June 21, 2009
Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon Title & Text:
"Fatherhood" (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

Lessons:
Job 38:1-11
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Hymns:
"Faith of our Fathers"
"God's Here and is not Silent"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
"Only Through Faith"



Father's Day

**Sunday, June 28, 2009
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon Title & Text:
"But They Gave Themselves First To The Lord"
(2 Corinthians 8:5)

Lessons:
Lamentations 3:22-33
2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

Hymns:
806 - "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"
"A Stewardship Hymn"
781 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Distribution Hymns:
570 - "Just as I Am, without One Plea"
783 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"
789 - "Praise and Thanksgiving"



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.

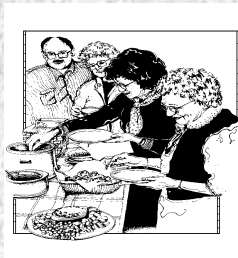


Home Group
Bible Study

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



**Sunday, June 6, 2009
Congregational Potluck,
11:30 AM**



Sponsored by
The Board of Elders;
they are providing ham.

Voters' Meeting, 12:30 PM

All members of Zion are welcome to attend.

From the Board of Parish Activities

Thank you to all 70 persons who attended the Mother/Daughter/Friend Reception; it was a fun time. Special thanks to all the men who helped with the reception by serving the dinner and cleaning up afterwards. Also, thanks to all the ladies who loaned us their wedding albums and wedding dresses for our display. It was really fun looking at all of the beautiful memories!



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, June 7 - "Christianity Is Losing?" (John 3:1-17)
- Sunday, June 14 - "Walking by Faith" (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- Sunday, June 21 - "Dress for Action" (Job 38:1-11)
- Sunday, June 28 - "Outrageous Generosity" - Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Grimm



Altar Flowers - We have a new florist for our altar flowers - Whitacre Flowers, 136 Southwood. The flowers will be better and the cost is less - \$13 each vase, instead of \$20. Check out the flower chart across from the elevator by the church office. Please sign up.



Please sign up to be a greeter. **The Greeter Chart** is located on the bulletin board across from the elevator by the church office.

There is a new chart posted for the months of July/August/September.

Want to join our church? New members will be received at the services on Sunday, June 7th. Thus far we have one adult who will be confirmed on that day. If interested, please speak with the Pastor or the church office at (614)444-3456.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 26
 Worship - 187 (67 + 120)
 Holy Communion - 150
 Sunday School - 87

Sunday, May 3
 Worship - 229 (83 + 146)
 Sunday School - 81

Sunday, May 10
 Worship - 200 (71 + 129)
 Holy Communion - 155
 Sunday School - 77

Sunday, May 17
 Worship - 202 (85 + 117)
 Sunday School - 66

Thursday, May 21
 Ascension Service
 Worship - 105

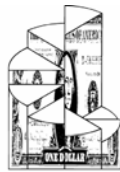
Sunday, May 24
 Worship - 181 (71 + 110)
 Holy Communion - 138
 Sunday School - 90

2009 Vacation Bible School

When: July 27 -31, 6:30-8:30 PM

Who: Children's classes for pre-school (ages 3-5 not yet attending Kindergarten) through 5th grade, and a middle school class for students who just completed 6th, 7th, & 8th grades. There will also be an adult class led by Pastor Kudart.

Please see the VBS Coordinator if you are interested in volunteering to teach, help with music, snacks, crafts, registration, etc.



Financial Summary

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
RECEIPTS	\$26,688	\$28,306
EXPENDITURES	\$22,120	\$19,145
DIFFERENCE	\$ 4,568	\$ 9,161

Cambodia Mission Offering to date totals \$4,346; \$6,000 needed for 2009. There will be an envelope in your church mailbox the beginning of each month. Ascension Day Offering, which is going to the Central Ohio African Immigrant Ministry, totals \$694.25. The Lenten Folders for Bethesda Lutheran Homes totals \$771.95.

COMING EVENTS

- June 7** Pastor Kudart's 45th Ordination Anniversary Celebration, both services Fellowship Hour with refreshments, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM
- July 5** Installation of Officers and Boards, at both services
- July 27-31** Vacation Bible School, 6:30-8:30 PM
- August 30** Congregational Picnic, 1:00 PM, Blendon Woods

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Auxiliary Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Time: 1:30 p.m. - light lunch will be served
Place: Zion Lutheran Church
 766 South High Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43206
 614-444-3456
Program: Sue Villilo, Executive Director of Faith Mission and Julian Simmons, Volunteer Coordinator, will speak about "Faith Mission."
Everyone is welcome to attend the Auxiliary Meeting!
Project: Pocket folders, ball-point pens, resume paper, wallets, purses, pocket calendars and highlighters.

Paul Manz
A Life of Music ~ A Life of Service
 A hymn festival from Pentecost to Easter celebrating The 90th birthday of composer and organist Paul Manz
Sunday, May 31, 2009
7:00 PM
 Bethel Lutheran Church
 4501 Hoover road
 Grove City, OH 43123
 (614)875-0510
 www.bethel-lutheran.org

New additions!!**New additions!!!****Zion's Church Library****CHILDRENS:**

Little Visits for Toddlers by Mary Manz Simon. This book is an easy everyday way to help young children see Jesus in their world. Included is a Bible verse, activities that involve children, short devotions, prayers on the day's theme and helpful tips and encouragement for parents.

Where Do Angels Sleep? By Cynda Strong. This bedtime book answers important questions about angels and what they do.

Where Does God Live? and **Thank you, God** both books by Holly Bea.

Does God Know How To Tie Shoes? By Nancy White Carlstrom.

Prayers For Little Hands a First Treasury book.

Peter a Little Children's Bible book retold by Anne de Graaf. Little Children's Bible Books are the first step towards getting children interested in the Bible.

Precious Moments of Praise and **Precious Moments of Meditation** verses by Helen Steiner Rice.

Ten in the Bed by Penny Dale.

Why Should I Be Afraid? Taken from Psalm 27 by Joel Anderson. This author has taken one of the Bible's most beautiful Psalms and rewritten it for children.

God Knows Me ! Taken from Psalm 149 by Joel Anderson. This is one of the Bible's most popular Psalms and rewritten for children.

Jonah and the Big Fish adapted by Tess Fries.

Hush, Little One a lullaby for God's children. This book by Anita Reith Stohs can be sung to the melody for "Hush, Little Baby".

A Treasury of Old Testament Heroes. The stories of Noah, Joseph, Joshua, Samson, David, Daniel and Jonah.

At Home with Jesus devotions for children by Joslyn Wiechmann Moldstad.

Family Time Story Devotions by Eldon Weisheit. Messages that help families grow closer together in God's love.

SERMONS:

The Will of God by Leslie D. Weatherhead. The phrase "the will of God" is used loosely and the consequence of that looseness to our peace of mind is serious. This classic has helped more than a million grieving people better understand the meaning of the phrase.

LUTHER:

Martin Luther Hero of Faith by Frederick Nohl. This story is about Martin Luther, a great man, hero of faith, not a perfect man but an imperfect man that knew his own weaknesses and sins. Not a man depended on himself but who believed that through Christ he could do all things.

INSPIRATIONAL:

The Bible Promise Book based on the New International Version. One thousand promises (Bible verses) from God's Word arranged in alphabetical order according to the subject. Subjects like anger, belief, etc.

The Bible Promise Book based on the King James Version. Same subjects as the above book.

JUVENILE:

Little Visits with God by Allan Hart Jahsmann and Martin P. Simon. A children's devotional book for ages 7 to 10.

Miracles Wonders Jesus Worked by Mary Hoffman and Jackie Morris. In graceful, accessible language Ms. Hoffman narrates nine of the miracles that Jesus performed.

Kids' Cookbook put out by the American Heart Association. All the recipes made by real kids in real kitchens.





THE GROTH REPORT

May 2009

From the Word

Be glad, O people of Zion,
rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given you
the autumn rains in righteousness.
He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before. *Joel 2:23*

It is raining all around me,
I can feel it, the latter rains.
I asked Jesus to send more rain,
'Til we are soaked, 'til we are filled,
With the latter rains.

The Ghanaian song above comes to mind today. The rainy season has started in Cambodia. This means that almost everyday at some time or another rains drench the fields, streets and homes of Cambodia. Without these important rains the rice could not be planted, grow and provide the most basic part of the Cambodian diet. So, while it can be dreary, muddy and uncomfortable, it is also a necessary part of life here. In the passage above from the Old Testament prophet Joel, God reminds us that it was the latter rains in Israel that brought special blessings to the people. No wonder the Ghanaians said that they wanted to be soaked and filled with all blessings of the latter rains!

Current Events

The first blessings of the rains this month brought our students to Sihanoukville to study the book of Romans. This is such an important book for Christians as they learn to live out what the life and struggle of being a Christian is really all about. I gave an introduction to open the course on Romans so our students had a little idea what the life of a Roman citizen was really all about. Chuck did an introductory session on the themes of Romans. Next came the work part as students split into groups and studied a specific session of the book of Romans to share its import with the whole class. We know that God brought blessings here, as the students were involved deeply in the study of the Word.

My rather hot, and not at all rainy, experience took me to Banda Aceh, Indonesia. Here, while the temperatures were hot, out of respect to our Muslim friends I wore a Jobab, long sleeves and long skirts to teach a two-day workshop on multiple intelligences. It was a good time for me to learn to look beyond the exterior and to see the person there. I made friends and shared a wonderful time of teaching.

Chuck had another rainy blessing experience (or maybe it was a sweaty lesson experience) as he taught a preaching class for two weeks to students at Life University (a local Christian University) in a 90 degree classroom with no windows or air conditioning! He came home wet and challenged on many days as he tried to teach these young Christians how to share the message of Christ and then apply it to their lives. What an opportunity to bring blessings from God through His Word!

And into everyone's life some rain must fall....

Ours is no exception. We have learned that LCMS World Mission will be moving us out of Cambodia and back to the U.S. We are going home to spend some time with family later this month and then returning to pack things up. This is a difficult, painful time for us, and we ask for your prayers to see us through this time with grace and a vision of God's plan. We need your encouragement and prayer support in a real way. We are not ready to retire so perhaps you can help us in the next step along the way - a ministry position in the U.S. Rains can bring blessings, and we pray that we will be able to see the blessing of this "rainy season" in our life. We will continue to keep you informed of these changes.

With showers of blessings to each of you!

Chuck and Jeanette Groth

Contact Us - We'd love to hear from you!

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Continue to Pray for:

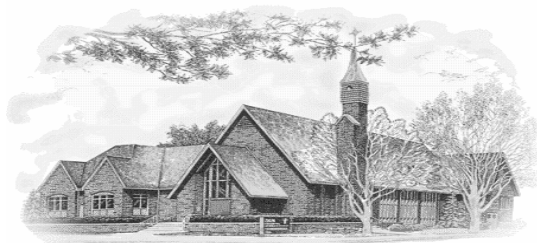
Focus on Christ in this transition time
Safe travel to and from the US
A call from God to a ministry that needs us
Jeanette to remain free from an MS flare up
with the current stress in our lives

Thanks to God for Prayers Answered

Safe travels
Good workshops and classes
Good loving family support in this difficult time

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LSS Day with the Clippers
Saturday, July 18, 2009

6:00 p.m. Gates Open for LSS Day participants
Come early to check out the new
Huntington Park

7:05 PLAY BALL!
Columbus Clippers vs. Syracuse Chiefs

ADMISSION - \$4.00 *or* Family Pack (6 tickets) - \$21.00
(Not tax deductible)

Only tickets sold in advance benefit LSS programs and services.

Please note that this year the church office will be taking orders for your prepaid tickets.
The deadline to order is June 21.