



# Zion Lutheran Monthly

February 2011



## BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE...AN HOUR?

Have you heard of the 20/80 Rule?

Most people say that, in any given church, 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. This is not necessarily a bad thing. After all, the work gets done. But when the mission of the church is carried out by so few people, compared to the size of the whole, several things happen. The 20% gets burned-out and begins to resent the work that they do, work that should be enjoyable to do (after all, it's done in service to the Lord Jesus Christ!). The 20% begin to feel like this is THEIR Church and can develop a sense of entitlement. The 80% miss out on participating in the life of the church, miss out on seeing God at work in his church, and miss out on developing friendships with like-minded Christians.

We recently had a Voters' Meeting, where the long-term "plan" was laid out for you. We believe God has led us to an ambitious, full-speed-ahead plan for the future! Doubling the size of the school (and our outreach to the school families!), building a 20,000 square foot multi-purpose facility, and improving our current facility are ambitious goals. We believe God will accomplish all this... and more! And we believe God wants to use ALL of the members of Zion to accomplish his plan!

Remember when you joined the congregation? Maybe a couple of months ago. Maybe a couple of years ago. Maybe so far back you can't remember. It doesn't matter. Whenever you joined the congregation you made a promise to the Lord and your brothers and sisters at Zion to do several things: attend worship regularly, live as God-honoring a life as possible, and to support the ministry of Zion with your time, talent, and treasure.

Our goal is to ask every member of Zion Lutheran Church to pitch in and help us achieve what we believe is God's plan for our congregation. We'll be sending out a short (VERY SHORT) questionnaire asking you what you like doing and what you're good at in order to match you up with a ministry you'd both enjoy doing and be good at. Our goal is to ask every member of the church to help out with something to the tune of one hour per month... a very small commitment.

By God's grace, 20% of us can keep the church going. Imagine what 50... 75... or 100% of us could do, working together for the Kingdom of God!!!



All the best,  
In Christ,  
Pastor Duncan

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**Trustees** make improvements to and take care of the physical facility.

**Board of Education** oversee the school and act as a link between the church council and the school.

**Ushers** pass out bulletins, collect offerings, dismiss people for communion, and help guests acclimate to our sanctuary and worship service.

**Altar Guild** get the altar area ready for worship, prepare the communion supplies for worship.

**Worship Team** provide input to Pastor as to how the worship service can be improved.

# Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances



As we begin 2011, we start the year with a positive cash flow. As of January 29, we are **estimating** \$10,400.00 cash on hand. All bills through January have been or will be paid. Unfortunately, due to the cold and snowy weather, we are expecting very high gas and snow removal bills.

December <b>Income</b>	\$39,392.00
December <b>Expenses</b>	40,915.00
Unfavorable to Income	-\$1,422.00



The negative monthly income was due to the cost of the Jumonville youth trip. Transferring funds from the unused pastor call fund is covering the cost of this trip. Therefore, the monthly statement does not reflect the transfer of dollars.

~ Bob Schmidt, Chairman

## Notes From the Preschool

Yes, happy are those who delight in doing what He commands; their children will be successful everywhere. An entire generation of Godly people will be blessed (Psalm 112:1-2).

We are happy, our children are successful, and the Lord blesses us. May we continue to do His commands. It is February 2011, and we are over the hump of the school year. What a year it has been. With 77 students, we have record enrollment. We can see the children growing, not only in size, but also in knowledge and ability. However, more importantly, we witness growth in the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Your school is truly blessed.

Registration has begun for the next year. Our church and school families are given the first option for registration. Beginning February 1st, registration is open to the public. We will fill classes on a first come, first serve

basis. If you know of anyone who is interested in the preschool, please have them call the church office.

We have the following classes available: Small Steps—age 2, PreSchool—age 3, PreKindergarten—age 4, and a new class, Stepping Stones—age 4+, for children who just miss the September 1st cut-off or children who are not yet ready for kindergarten.

**Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

The pre-K teachers have been testing and evaluating the children. Conferences with the parents will be held this month. Recommendations will be made for the children's placement next year. It is time consuming, but worthwhile for the parents.

The Pittsburgh Zoo once again came for an in-house field trip in January. They brought "Furry Friends" for the

children to observe and have interaction with. Carnegie Science Center will come this month for another presentation of "Bubbles" and "Mad Lab." These programs are especially designed for preschool children. They are fun as well as educational.

On a special note, the Small Steps class frosted and decorated snowmen cookies. I have never experienced such a sticky, good time! Bless the teachers; they were the clean-up crew.

It would brighten your day to visit the school. Every day something new and exciting is happening. I understand this month a winter picnic is coming. A picnic in February! Could it have something to do with the letter "P"? Come and see us in action. You are welcome anytime.

In His Service,  
Carole Davis, Director

## FEBRUARY



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|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Amber Seibel    | 10 Dorothy Smelko      | 17 Lauren Becker                      | 25 Gladys Kolljeski           |
| 2 Katherine Neill | 11 Jenna Eckels        | 17 Tom & Michelle<br>Wolfmueller 2007 | 25 Betty Jo Valentino         |
| 3 Carol Lockhart  | 12 Darren Eliker       | 18 Sarah Erbrecht                     | 26 Tom Erbrecht               |
| 5 Hope Mance      | 13 Tracey Cole         | 20 Kathy Pallaria                     | 27 Kathleen Conn              |
| 5 Alice Miller    | 13 Benji Ivancza       | 21 Shannon Hunsberger                 | 28 Lindsay Kammerer           |
| 6 Tracey Harris   | 13 Charles LaJeunesse  | 21 Pastor Donald Matzat               | 28 Paul and Evelyn Green 1962 |
| 7 Nicole Rilius   | 16 Henry Wolfmueller   | 21 Joyce Wood                         | 29 William Becker Sr.         |
| 9 Michele Jenkins | 16 William Wolfmueller |                                       |                               |

## Zion Lutheran Church - Fiscal Year 2010/2011

### Quarterly Report

Below is a summary report and comments on the first six months of income and expenses. 1). We were below expectation on weekly operating receipts for the first quarter. 2). Miscellaneous Outlays include: Oktoberfest expenses and transfers, including Road Rally and Holiday Baby Sitting funds that went to the Growth fund. At this point, we are within \$1000 of where we were last year.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>QTR 1</b>	<b>QTR 2</b>	<b>QTR 3</b>	<b>QTR 4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Weekly Oper Receipts	\$52,912	\$58,902	-	-	\$111,814
Special Serv Receipts	\$0	\$8,743	-	-	\$8,743
Gifts/Memorials	\$1,290	\$4,601			\$5,890
Misc. Receipts	\$4,478	\$63			\$4,541
Fund Raising	\$0	\$0			\$0
Tuition/Fees	\$31,358	\$21,895			\$53,253
ECDP Misc. Receipts	\$0	\$1,245			\$1,245
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$90,037</b>	<b>\$95,450</b>			<b>\$185,486</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Synod/Charities	\$1,750	\$3,110			\$4,860
Worship Program	\$4,304	\$5,349			\$9,652
Evangelism Program	\$0	\$0			\$0
Stewardship	\$0	\$381			\$381
Social Concerns	\$0	\$70			\$70
Parish Education	\$208	\$1,227			\$1,435
Youth Program	\$71	\$3,492			\$3,563
Social Activity	\$0	\$1,114			\$1,114
Pastor Support	\$21,724	\$19,380			\$41,104
Church Administration	\$10,186	\$9,419			\$19,605
Church Staff Benefits	\$1,873	\$896			\$2,769
Church Plant Operation	\$10,409	\$16,377			\$26,787
Capital Outlays	\$0	\$1,250			\$1,250
Debt Service	\$9,020	\$9,020			\$18,040
Church Misc. Outlays	\$1,946	\$4,442			\$6,388
ECDP Charitable Contr.	\$280	\$338			\$617
ECDP Professional Exp.	\$12,305	\$24,448			\$36,753
ECDP Administrative	\$564	\$645			\$1,209
ECDP Staff Benefits	\$1,108	\$2,006			\$3,114
ECDP Plant Operation	\$505	\$146			\$651
ECDP MISC Outlays	\$0	\$0			\$0
ECDP School Supplies	\$822	\$1,022			\$1,844
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$77,075</b>	<b>\$104,132</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$181,207</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$12,962</b>	<b>-\$8,682</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,280</b>

Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our outreach ministry and that we can maintain this positive financial picture for 2011.

~ Bob Schmidt, Chairman

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## What are you doing on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, at 7:00pm?

If you're like me, you're scratching your head wondering if there was anything important that you SHOULD be doing then, but have forgotten.

"This is a church thing, so... is it...Easter?"

No.

"OK, good. OH!! Good Friday!"

Strike two.

"Maundy Thursday?"

Try again.

"The annunciation?"

Scary that you 'd know that, but YES!

However, that's not what I had in mind. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, the "A Cappella" and "Chamber Choirs" of the Lutheran Northwest High School from Rochester Hills, Michigan will be singing sacred music in our sanctuary. Starting at 7:00, the free (will) concert will be a blessing to those who currently have no plans for the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.



Also, the members of the choirs from Lutheran Northwest High School will need places to stay on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you can host some of the 55 high school 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, please contact Pastor Duncan @ 412-667-0967 or the church office @ 412-221-4776 or [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org).

Thanks!

# Service Participants for February

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
February 6	8:00 am	Wayne & Kathleen Conn	Sara Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Wayne & Barb Oechslein	Mia Case
February 13	8:00 am	Bill & Melanie Becker	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Bob & Diane Schmidt	Molly Oelschlager
February 20	8:00 am	David & Mary Hutula	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	George & Jane Kozak	Ryan Harris
February 27	8:00 am	Susen & Missy Radovich	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Michael & Deborah Sterba	Sydney Harris
March 6	8:00 am	Gielarowski Family	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Elsie DallaPiazza	Mia Case

<b>ELDERS</b>	Mike Sterba & John Gielarowski
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Sarah Ali & Melanie Becker
<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Kathleen Conn, Jack Oelschlager, Bill Schrag, & Pam Trentini
<b>USHERS @ 10:30 am</b>	Neil Ackerman & Steve Kovach

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the Church Office (412) 221-4776 of the change.

## Preschool News

**Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Center** has opened up registration to the general public as of February 1st for the next school year. Registration packets are available in the office. If you know of anyone who might be interested in sending their children to the preschool, please inform the office of their name and address so that we can mail them an information packet.

**Stepping Stones** is a new class being offered next year as a transition class for children who do not meet the cut-off date for entering kindergarten or those children who are not quite ready to enter a full kindergarten curriculum. The class will be offered Monday - Friday 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Please call the office @ 412-221-4776 for more information.



**ZION OPEN POSITION: Director of Early Childhood Development and Youth Ministry.** As many of you know, Carole Davis, the Director of our Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP), is retiring this year. We are now searching for a replacement for Carole. At the same time, we are taking this opportunity to expand this position not only to include ECDP, but also to include Youth Ministry. Interested parties should contact John Gielarowski – [johnng@tallysoft.com](mailto:johnng@tallysoft.com), Pastor McLellan - [pastor@zlcg.org](mailto:pastor@zlcg.org), Dwight Weldon [weldonlabs@verizon.net](mailto:weldonlabs@verizon.net) or Bob Schmidt – [bobschmidt47@gmail.com](mailto:bobschmidt47@gmail.com).



...HOW WIDE AND LONG  
AND HIGH AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

## Jacqueline Herschaft

Age 73, of North Strabane Twp., on January 3, 2011. Beloved wife of Victor E. Herschaft; loving mother of Jodi L. (Tim) Fitzgerald, Victor A. (Kim) Herschaft (WO) U.S.C.G. and Tim A. Herschaft; cherished grandmother of Tim, Jared, Mitchell and Jennifer Fitzgerald, Kate Bonny and Victor J. Herschaft and sister of Albert J. Hatala. Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017  
Send condolences at [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



The family requests that memorials be given to Zion Lutheran Church.

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For updated information throughout the month. And while your at it, check out Brent's new online quiz.

**The Rev. Duncan McLellan**



# Youth News



Youth Ministry

## Ski Trip to Seven Springs! Feb 26th

Join us for an exciting evening of skiing and snowboarding on February 26th. We will be leaving from the church at 1:00 pm and returning by midnight. The cost for the lift ticket and rentals is \$50.00. Contact Pastor Duncan or the church office if you are attending.

## Mark your calendars for June 25 – July 1!!

The Youth (and any willing adult chaperones) will be going to Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, Minnesota for a week of work, play, fellowship and ministry! Sure to last a lifetime, the memories we make will help us grow and apply our faith. There are several surprises along the way you're sure to like.

Details to come...

Cost: \$275 + gas. (Yep, we're DRIVING... ROAD TRIP!!!)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank drive is Sunday, February 13. The "item of the month" is cereal & breakfast food. You are also welcome to help at the Food Bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 and 12:00 at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Join us as we head to SnoZone, a family snow tubing park, on 1530 Hamilton Road on Saturday, February 5th. Prices are \$12 for ages 4-12 and \$14 for ages 13 and up. We will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. and will go tubing from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sign-up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or with Tom Erbrecht at 412-377-0043.

## SNOW TUBING

## EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that Zion has an email prayer chain standing at the ready to pray for your needs? Martin Luther said that "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness." Lay hold of God's willingness and send an email to [secretary@zlc.org](mailto:secretary@zlc.org) or call the office with your prayer requests.

Have a spare bedroom (or two)? We have a traveling Youth Choir coming to town from Lutheran Northwest High School in Rochester Hills, Michigan on March 26th! 55 young people (10th-12th grade) will need homes to stay in. Interested in playing host? Contact Pastor Duncan or the church office!

## HOUSING NEEDED

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletter is now available online at [zlc.org](http://zlc.org). Inform the church office of your email address in order to receive the newsletter via the cyber highway. Let's save money and trees!