



Zion Lutheran Monthly



May 2012

WINNING!

I'll admit that I wasn't too disappointed when the Penguins lost in game 6 to the Flyers, ending their season. Oh, it's not that I didn't want them to win Lord Stanley's Cup, it's just that I had no idea how quickly my "Playoff Beard" would grow; it had started to become irritating. No, in fact, anything short of bringing the Cup back to Pittsburgh was unacceptable. It was the least the Pens could have done in view of the Steelers' disappointing first-round defeat to Teb... the Broncos. And let's not even talk about the false hope the Pirates gave us last year, taking the top spot in their division at the All Star break, only to end up in the basement by season's end.



When it comes to our sports teams, anything short of a championship isn't good enough. No one hangs their head high after a season-ending defeat. When it comes to sports, there's consolation found in being better than most, but there is only satisfaction in being the best.

The same thing is true in our relationship with God. Only the best will do. Trying your best might show good intentions, but does not give God the results his holiness and righteousness require.

Fortunately, God will not judge us on our performance; rather, he judges us on the performance of Christ. (And he judged Christ on our performance, which judgment led to his brutal death on the cross.) And the performance of Christ is a far cry from that of the 2011 Steelers and 2012 Pens (let alone Pirates). Pick your favorite sports analogy: Christ pitched a perfect game, didn't allow a goal, shut-out the opponent, had an undefeated season, swept the series, broke the will of the opposing team, crushed a deep-center walk-off homerun, ran the kick-off back for a touchdown, had a hat trick in the first period alone, and brought the championship trophy home. Or, in the words of Scripture: *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.* (Colossians 2:13-15)



God's best to you,
In Christ,
Pastor Duncan

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Stephen Ministry Leader Training

July 29- August 4th here in Pittsburgh, Stephen Ministry will be providing Stephen Leader training. Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry of providing care for people who are going through hard times. We are excited to begin Stephen Ministry here are Zion; lives will be changed and saved as Christ comforts his people through the love and care of others. If you want to know more, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office.



Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances



March Income	\$37,852.00
March Expenses	\$33,174.00
Favorable to Income	\$ 4,678.00

BUDGET REPORT

The monthly financial picture continues to look good. Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our community outreach ministry and support local charities and Christian education for youth and adults. This is a great opportunity for Zion to use and share our financial gifts. May God guide us in using these gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Office Administrator - Opening

If you or if you know anyone that would be interested in applying for the Office Administrator position, please send an electronic resume to Pastor at pastor@zlcb.org and Bob Schmidt at bobschmidt47@gmail.com.

- Bob Schmidt, Chairman

Bob Haunschild – Walk for Training Pastors & Lung Cancer

As many of you know, Bob Haunschild, a member of Zion, passed away almost four months ago. Bob's wife Chris and his daughters, Amy and Laura, plan a walk/run to honor Bob the first weekend in June.

They want to raise awareness about lung cancer and continue to support research to help others with this awful disease as well as another passion of Bob's: support for the training of Pastors to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ through the Lutheran Church.

The current plan is to have a morning walk/run at Walker's Mill trail. Then everyone is invited to Chris's house in Nevillewood for a hot dog/picnic.



If you think you might attend the walk/run, please send Chris an email at chaunschild@me.com.

More specific details will be sent to those participating as they get closer to the date.

- Bob Schmidt, Chairman

Notes From the Preschool

As I sit here writing this article I can't help thinking "What do you mean the year is almost over...I'm just getting warmed up!" As the new Director, my year has been filled with many new challenges that have allowed me to better understand the amount of work and love that is put into each and every day here at our school. And don't be fooled when I say "each and every day"...a lot of effort by our staff goes well beyond the time limits of our school day. Our preschool is a huge success largely due to the dedication of our wonderful staff, and of course, due to the guidance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I want to thank all of you for a wonderful first year!

Ok...down to business. Just because this is our last month of school, don't think that we slack off ...oh no...we are busy right down to the last day! We will start our month with a celebration of moms. Mom and Muffins is a time when moms can come to school and have some special time with their child....and of

course...muffins...."muffins as big as your head" as I heard one child say! Maybe we will have to cut some of those muffins in half! Each child has prepared something special for their mom, but we can't tell you what it is - it might spoil the surprise. The event will end with some songs that we sing in Kids Praise.

The children will also go on two different field trips. Some have gone to the Spring House and some will go to Reilly's Strawberry Farm. Rumor has it that all the children made it out clean as a whistle from the Spring House field trip, until one child found a big pile of...well, let's just say animal droppings....so much for a pleasant ride home for that mom! Good memories!!

We will end our year with our closing programs on Wednesday the 23rd and Thursday the 24th. Our closing programs will be held during class time on both days, followed by an ice cream social in the fellowship hall.

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I also wanted to thank all those who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner Buffet this year. It was a great success! All of the profits from that fundraiser will help us to purchase new playground equipment. We can't do these things without you, so thank you very much!

I look forward to our next school year, so please continue to keep us in your prayers as our school continues to grow. "Growing pains" always keep us on our toes, so pray that God would guide all of our plans for continued growth and success.

Blessings,
Tracey Harris
Director

JONAH! August 24-25

Zion's Evangelism/Fellowship Committee has put together the details of an exciting and rewarding excursion to Lancaster, PA, via Lenzner Coach Lines, to witness an amazing musical production of the Biblical story of Jonah.

If you, either as an individual or a group, are interested in participating, you will need to make your own reservations and be responsible for your own financial arrangements through Lenzner Motor Coach.

Call 1-800-342-2349 Ext. 4159 and ask for Kathleen. See the bulletin insert for further information regarding pricing and itinerary.





ZION NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012
Bucs VS Detroit Tigers

Join us for Zion's annual fun trip of the year!

This year, the game is scheduled for a **Friday** night (as opposed to the usual **Saturday** night). Also this year, Zion's Youth Group will be having a group picture taken on the playing field at around 6:00 p.m. This will require families with youth group-aged children to arrive at the park earlier than those who are only attending the game.

Because of these changes, the Fellowship Committee would like to know if the group would like to continue leasing a bus and travelling together or whether you would like to save the additional \$5.00 per ticket and provide your own transportation. In deciding, keep in mind that the PAT Subway system now extends under the Allegheny River with a station just adjacent to PNC Park. Parking fees can also be avoided by taking the train. By boarding the train at South Hills Village, you can disembark right at the ball park.

Ticket prices are \$15.00 each, but if the majority of the group would like to hire the bus, the total cost of the ticket would be \$20.00.

Please help us determine whether we need to reserve the bus or not by completing a survey form. These forms will be available on the Narthex table for the next several weeks. Please return the completed form to the box located on the Narthex table. Thank you!

- 3 Janet Hickey
- 5 Doreen Carswell
- 9 Rita Sheldon
- 10 Iola Schmidt
- 10 Bethany Seibel
- 12 Ross Chilcott
- 14 Jack Oelschlager
- 17 Timothy Fitzgerald
- 20 Frank Vallelunga
- 21 Irene Bourg
- 21 Stephanie Eckels
- 22 Dan Harris
- 22 Carly Seibel
- 24 Amy Morgan
- 24 Kenneth Wuerthele
- 25 Norma Lynch

- 26 Mary Hutula
- 27 Dorothy Vogel
- 29 Nicholas Coyle
- 29 Curt Watters
- 30 Christa Coyle
- 30 Bill Schrag
- 31 Melanie Becker



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| 10 | George & Dawn Geregach | 1997 |
| 12 | August & Linda Seibel | 1990 |
| 22 | George & Jane Kozak | 1953 |
| 27 | Harry & Paula Jones | 2006 |
| 29 | Duncan & Alissa McLellan | 2010 |
| 30 | Brad & Jessica Boyle | 2009 |
| 30 | Matthew & Megan Monaghan | 2009 |
| 30 | Larry & Janet Zreliak | 1981 |
| 31 | Steve Dibert & Janet Walleck | 2008 |

Service Participants

May

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
May 6	8:00 am	Susen & Missy Radovich	Grant Geregach
	10:30 am	Bob & Diane Schmidt	Sydney Harris
May 13	8:00 am	Vallelunga Family	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	Quinlan Family	Jennifer Fitzgerald
May 20	8:00 am	George & Jane Kozak	Grant Geregach
	10:30 am	Pasquini Family	Ryan Harris
May 27	8:00 am	Larry & Janet Zreliak	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Lois Klemash	Josiah Ackerman
June 3	8:00 am	Joyce Wood	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Vogel Family	Mitchell Fitzgerald
June 10	8:00 am	Wayne & Kathleen Conn	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	Ken & Carol Wuerthele	Sydney Harris

ELDERS	Ken Wuerthele & Jim Neill
ALTAR GUILD	Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe, & Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, & Jack Oelschlager
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Ross Chilcott, Susan 'Sam' Dragan, Robert Oelschlager, & Richard Quinlan

JUNE

ELDERS	Mike Sterba & Robert Oelschlager
ALTAR GUILD	Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, & Diane Schmidt
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet & Larry Zreliak
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Neil Ackerman, Chuck LaJeunesse, Brian Pasquini, & Lois Sauro

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlc.org of the change.



To Our Church Family,

We would like to thank Pastor Duncan for the phone calls, concern, and prayers.

Also, we would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during our time of confinement. It really was appreciated.

John & Jean Endler

THANK YOU!

The Trustees wish to thank all who showed up to help at our April 14th workday. We got a lot done!

We also would like to publicly acknowledge Mrs. Terri Cline, an aide in our preschool, for her tireless work and efforts in creating a beautiful flower garden at the flagpole and along the side of the school. Thank you Terri!!

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throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan

Youth News



**Youth
Ministry**

Interested in our Mission Trip to Camp Cilca in Illinois?

We'll be heading out on the 22nd of July and getting back on the 28th. At camp Cilca, we'll serve our Lord by doing renovation work around the camp and helping facilitate a camp for handicapped children. On our way home, we'll spend a day in Chicago and a day at Cedar Point in Ohio. All are welcome to come on the trip! There will be informational meetings on Sunday, May 20th from 11:45-12:15 and on May 27th from 9:00-9:30 for those who wish to learn more details. Contact Pastor Duncan or the church office if you want to attend!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday, May 13th**. The "item of the month" is picnic condiments. 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.

VBS Registration is open! Forms are located in the church narthex or you can register online at: www.zlcb.org/vbs. VBS will be June 25th-29th and the cost is \$10/child. Also, we are still in need of volunteers. To volunteer, fill out a form located in the narthex or visit our website at: www.zlcb.org/vbs. Please pray for this wonderful outreach program!

VBS

FREE Car Wash!

Like the one we did last summer, we'll be doing another FREE CAR WASH at the church for the people in our community (and members of the church) on the 19th of May from 10-2. We need your washing, detailing, drying, and even hot dog cooking and coffee brewing skills! Hope to see YOU at church on the 19th!

When? Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 a.m. till ?? Where? Broniak & Kraf Nursery (next door to Zion).



Please provide your favorite homemade baked goods for this wonderful Spring event to honor our moms. Baked goods for the sale should be dropped off at the church kitchen on Friday, May 11th from 12:00 noon till 7:00 p.m. or prior to 8:30 a.m. on May 12th. Zion Schnitzels will also be available. Please contact Clara Hayes in order to help make the Schnitzels during the week of May 7-11. See you there!

MOTHER'S DAY

BAKE SALE