



# Zion Lutheran Monthly



June 2014

## SUMMERTIME BLUES

Grilling out, softball season, the end of the school year... the summer is here!

Vacations, barbeques, lazy days at the pool, cutting out early on Friday, and spending long hours with friends and family. Hopefully it means a little less time in front of a screen.

For many, summer is the reward for living nose-to-the-grindstone the rest of the year. With better weather, less stress, and longer days, summer is the weekend of the four seasons.

But this is not necessarily the case for everyone. For some, the expectations of a 5-o'clock-somewhere summer are met with unexpected sadness, loneliness, and even depression. Memories of a lost love hang like the dark clouds of a grey winter sky over everyone else's carefree sweet summertime.

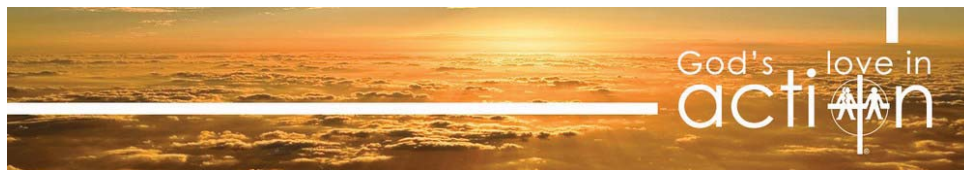
Where am I going with this? Stephen Ministry.

With 15 members of the congregation trained by the Stephen Series and commissioned Stephen Ministers, Zion is ready to stand beside you and walk with you through the hard times you are facing. Deteriorating marriage, the loneliness of a recent empty-nest, the loss of a spouse, the diagnosis of an illness for you or someone you love, or the loss of a job are just some of the normal life circumstances that lead people to ask for a Stephen Minister to provide care.

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.” These words of Paul, from Galatians 6, teach us that we Christians are under a solemn obligation to look out for one another and to lend a helping hand and a listening ear. But these words of Paul also teach us that we are under a solemn obligation to acknowledge that, sometimes we are unable to bear up under what comes our way. We think we are strong enough, we think we are “something” when we are weak. We don't ask for the listening ear, and we don't reach out to the helping hand.

If you're going through hard times, please, please consider Paul's words and do not think you are something when you are nothing—don't make things worse by trying to overcome impossible obstacles or difficulties in your own. You have a strong group of Stephen Ministers who have been trained to help you, to listen and to pray. If you would like to learn more, or are considering having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Duncan or Vicar David.

-Pastor Duncan



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## Zion Lions Softball Schedule

June 3 - 8:15 & 9:45

(Double Header)

June 11 - 9:45

June 12 - 6:45

June 17 - 6:45

June 25 - 8:15

Come out and support the team!



## Bathrooms and Food Needed

40 youth and chaperones will be coming to Zion as part of Faith Lutheran Church's "Kingdoms Kind" Choir Tour. They will be singing for us on Saturday (6/14) during the Creation Seminar (at 5:30pm), during the services on Sunday (6/15) and again Sunday evening (5:00pm). This group will be staying with us through Thursday so that they can serve at local soup kitchens and other Christian service ministries. There's plenty of room for the group in the Fellowship Hall, but there are a couple of things we can do to provide Christian hospitality for our brothers and sisters in Christ. First, they will need homes to shower and clean-up in. And, second, I have put us on the hook for their dinner Saturday, 6/14. So what I am asking from you, dear members of Zion, is to open your homes and, in particular, your bathrooms to this group for as many days as you can. Figure on at most an hour for every day you open your home plus travel time to and from the church. There will be a sign-up sheet at church, or you can contact the church office. If each family takes 4 kids, we will need 9 families to sign-up (we will be taking at least 4 of the group to the parsonage). Also, dinner on Saturday. Nothing over-the-top. Contact me via e-mail or phone, or call the church office if you are willing to help out.

Please plan on coming to hear Kingdoms Kind sing! This Youth Choir has been together for decades and is incredibly talented. You will be blessed to listen and hear them sing songs of praise to God for his love to us in Jesus!

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

### JUNE UNIT: Jesus and the Children

Jesus proclaimed through his words and actions that children are valued by God. Children have important roles to play in the community of faith. This month, the Sunday school children will hear the story of Jesus welcoming the children, experience being a valued part of the faith community, see that we are all children of God, and see that children have things to teach adults!

You can find the story in the Bible: Mark 10: 13 - 16

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL -  
June 22nd

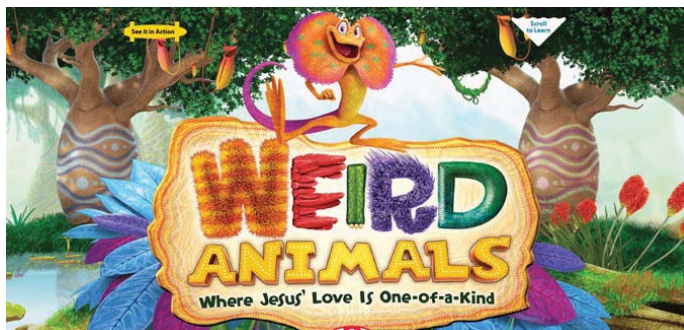


# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS!

- Registration is still open!
- Don't forget to submit your VOLUNTEER form! We are still looking for Crew helpers, Kitchen helpers and a "sidekick" for the opening/closings.

All forms and loads of other information can be found online at [www.zlcb.org/vbs!!](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs!!)

CREW MEETING: Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm for all Crew Leaders and Helpers!! *Please email Katie Gielarowski if you haven't received your welcome email yet ([winechick123@gmail.com](mailto:winechick123@gmail.com)).*



VBS WEEK is June 23 - 27, from 9 am to noon.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2	Elsie DallaPiazza	20	Victor Herschaft
2	Carrie Lemonovich	21	Phyllis Hartman
3	Janet Walleck	22	Nathan Smidt
5	Jean Endler	23	Barbara Messerschmidt
6	James Oelschlager	24	Stephen Kovach
6	Hailey Smidt	24	Claire Lemonovich
7	Joshua Gielarowski	24	Elizabeth Lemonovich
7	Dolores Preaux	24	John Lemonovich
7	Dolores Preaux	24	Kate Lemonovich
8	Janet Oelschlager	24	Penney Miller
11	Kylene Rose	25	Sarah Ali
12	Derek Nicodemus	25	Megan Richards
14	Maura Goodge	26	Aiden Dill
15	Andrea Vogel	26	Nadene Hartman
15	Janet Zreliak	26	James Lynch
18	Ben Meyer	27	Lois Dittmer
		28	Kim Erbrecht
		29	Gladys Cimarolli

## Happy Anniversary

11	Richard & Ruth Trudel
16	Curt & Catherine Watters
18	Bob & Bernice DeBoe
19	Ken & Carolyn Wuerthele
21	Eric & Kylene Rose
23	Steve & Lori Gauger
23	William & Nancy Koester
23	Brent & Marianne Miller

## Summer Worship

We will spend 6 weeks this summer cutting back to one service. Starting July 27<sup>th</sup> and lasting through August, we will be worshipping at 9:00am, with Summer Sunday School and Bible Class starting at 10:30.

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## Youth Group

As school cools off Youth Heats up! There are many activities happening in June. Please come and bring a friend and enjoy fun and fellowship with our Youth and Vicar!

**Genesis Seminar-** On June 13th-15th Zion is hosting a Creation Seminar. Our Youth are bombarded with evolution at school and Zion is offering a seminar that will aid our students in better understanding the differences between creation and evolution and what God's Word truly says. This will be a GREAT conference that will have sessions specifically geared towards junior high and senior high youth! PLEASE strongly consider coming to this event, it will be very beneficial!

**Summer Movie Nights-** This summer Zion is hosting family movie nights outside by the pavilion. We will watch a family friendly movie and have popcorn/snacks available. Continue to look at the newsletter and bulletin for updates.

**Summer BBQ-** On Sunday, June 29th, the Youth are having a BBQ at Zion and playing games in the field. This will be Vicar's last youth event and he is hoping lots of the youth can come and say good-bye!

**Growing in our Faith-** Martin Luther once asked his congregation, Do you know more of your Bible this year than you did last year? Do you know more this year than you did two years ago? During these summer months make an effort to grow in your faith! Now that school is out take the opportunity to read your Bible EVERYDAY! When the year is over make sure you know more than you did last year! Make this a summer of growing in your relationship with Christ!

May you have a wonderful and faith filled summer,  
Vicar

# SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

## June

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
June 1	8:00 AM	David & Mary Hutula	Nathan Morgan
	10:30 AM	Bob & Diane Schmidt	Augie Bishop
June 8	8:00 AM	Ron & Judy Meier	Josiah Ackerman
	10:30 AM	Ken & Carol Wuerthele	Chris Yellig
June 15	8:00 AM	Bernie & Jean Blanco	Nathan Morgan
	10:30 AM	Lois Sauro	Lara Luedeman
June 22	8:00 AM	Steve & Lori Gauger & Megan	Carley Rockovich
	10:30 AM	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Jennifer Fitzgerald
June 29	8:00 AM	Bob & Nancy Spotti	Nathan Morgan
	10:30 AM	Lauren & Kim Luedeman & fami-	Augie Bishop
July 6	8:00 AM	Darla & Carley Rockovich	Carley Rockovich
	10:30 AM	Lois Klemash	Chris Yellig
July 13	8:00 AM	Gene & Sharon Koop	Josiah Ackerman
	10:30 AM	Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Lara Luedeman

<b>ELDERS</b>	Pete Fisher, Rob Oelschlager
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula
<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager
<b>USHERS @ 10:30 am</b>	Neil Ackerman, Ross Chilcott, Kari Gresh, John Gresh

## July

<b>ELDERS</b>	Paul Klemash, Ken Wuerthele
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Clara Hayes
<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, Janet & Larry Zreliak
<b>USHERS @ 10:30 am</b>	Sam Dragan, Dan Harris, Simon Martin, Richard Quinlan
<b>USHERS @ 9:00 am</b>	Sam Dragan, Dan Harris, Simon Martin, Richard Quinlan

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.

# Homebound and Pastoral Visits

One of the most sacred duties a Pastor has is to visit members of the congregation who are unable to make it to the Divine Service on Sunday Morning (or Wednesday evening). In a congregation the size of Zion, it is hard keeping track of who the homebound members are. Honestly, over the last four years, things have been hit-or-miss with making contact with who I believe the homebound members are and arranging a time for me (and now the Vicar) to come and visit and spend time in conversation, sharing prayer and the Lord's Supper.

Looking out for the best interest of the members of our congregation who are unable to come to worship, I want to make myself and Vicar David available for visits at the request of those members. If you are unable to make it to worship, but would like a visit, a prayer or the Lord's Supper, please feel free to contact myself, Vicar David or the church office to set up a time for a visit.



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## J@CK

July @ Camp for the Kingdom is our Mission Trip this year.

We will be going back to Camp Pioneer for a week of service and spiritual growth, fun and outdoor activities. While geared for teens, the trip is open to families and children of all ages. Step out of your comfort zone, exercise your faith, and spend a week this summer with your brother and sisters in Christ, supporting a ministry that proclaims Christ and encourages Christians in their faith!

We will be having our first interest meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup> after the late service.

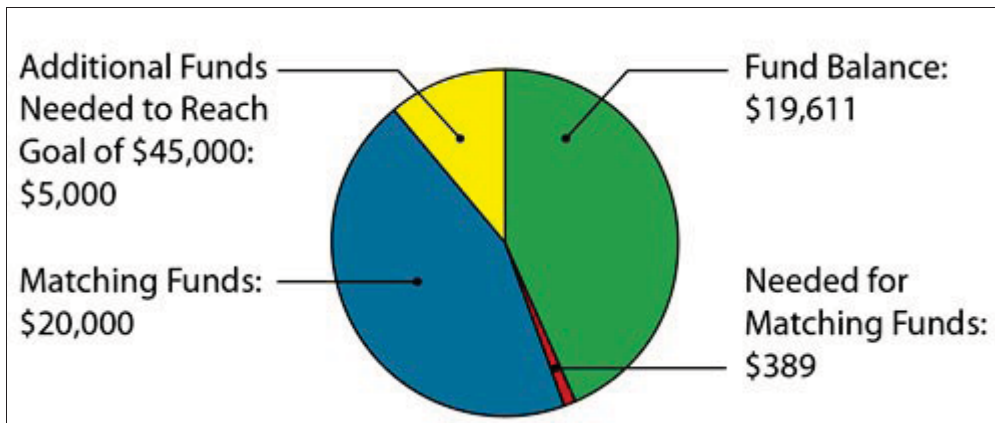
Please prayerfully consider coming on this trip—family and friends are encouraged!



# Air Conditioning

Thanks to a generous \$20,000 in matching funds from a family that wishes to remain anonymous, we are very close to having our air conditioning project fully-funded. Help us cross the finish-line and get air conditioning in our sanctuary this month! (Put "air conditioning" on the memo line of your check; if cash, on the envelope.) Thank you for your generous support for this project!!

Below is a graph as to where we stand towards reaching our goal. This graph was updated on Tuesday, May 27.



## Zion's Organist

Zion is looking for a new organist. If you or someone you know would be interested in being our organist, please contact (or have them contact) the church office or e-mail Pastor Duncan. The job description includes: providing the music for all Sunday Services, Advent and Lent Services, Thanksgiving Eve Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services, New Years Eve Service, Ash Wednesday Service, and Services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The organist also practices with the Adult Choir, which usually practices once weekly during the school year. The salary for this position is negotiable; benefits are not offered, but 3 weeks vacation is.



# Chairman's Report

Just a reminder, that the next Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29 at 9:20 AM.

There are two (2) key items on the agenda for this Voter's meeting. The first item is to review and approve the Budget committee proposed July 2014 - June 2015 budget. The second item is to review the Long-term Planning committee proposed 5-Year Plan.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the committee members listed below for their service on these two committees.

## **Budget Committee**

Neil Ackerman

Kim Luederman

Pastor McLellan

Jim Oelschlager

Frank Vallelunga

Dwight Weldon

## **Long-term Planning Committee**

Jay Anderson

Laura Berkebile

Tracey Harris

John Lemonovich

Pastor McLellan

Mary Lou Neill

Bob Schmidt

Bob Schmidt

Chairman



# Operation Stars & Stripes...A Thank You

Hi,

My unit recently received care packages from Operation Stars & Stripes. It is a great feeling getting a care package from people that really care about us out here, its honestly like Christmas morning as a kid! I am currently in the process of getting a flag and flying it for your organization. The letter that came with the boxes said the snacks were donated by Zion Lutheran Church. Please thank them for me. Thank you again from Afghanistan. Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Justin F.

USCG RAID/831<sup>st</sup> DDST

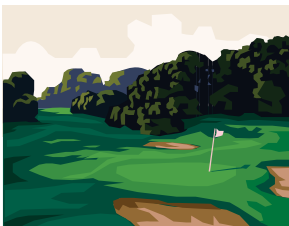
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## ZION LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014**

**HICKORY HEIGHTS GOLF CLUB**

**SOUTH FAYETTE**



**TEE TIMES START AT 1:00 P.M. \$55.00 PER GOLFER**

**TEAM AND SKILL PRIZES!!!**

**SIGN-UP INDIVIDUALLY OR PUT TOGETHER YOUR OWN GROUP. ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE INVITED AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME !**

**A FREE COOK-OUT WILL FOLLOW THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES AT ZION'S PICNIC PAVILLION BEHIND THE CHURCH**

**SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX AREA AT CHURCH, OR CALL DICK WIBLE AT (412) 841-3147 (CELL).**



# FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, June 15. The "item of the month" is paper products. 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.



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## A Note of Thanks

I want to thank all my special friends from my church and preschool. You have been so wonderful to me during my illness. All your prayers, support, cards, food and gifts. I could never have made it without you. The fund raiser the mothers had for me was a great surprise. I still have a rough road ahead but I know I can count on all my special friends for their support and prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Duncan and Vicar Dave for all the prayers every Sunday. Also to Tracey Harris and the teachers. They've been such a comfort to me. I love them all.

My progress is looking good, I still have to get more chemo and now radiation but I know I will be cured soon with my God by my side and my wonderful family and friends, and all the children and families from preschool. A special thank you to Sara Snatchko for starting the fund raiser for me, that was such a wonderful surprise to me. I'll always remember how kind and considerate she was.

Yours In Christ

Love,

Janet Hickey

# A Note of Thanks and an Update!

Dear Pastor McLellan,

I'm not sure if you will remember my husband Karl and I, but we briefly attended Zion while Karl was in Graduate School at West Virginia University. We very much enjoyed attending Zion, and often listen to your sermons through the website. We would like to support your practice of putting sermons online by sending some financial assistance to be used for this program. (However, please know we trust your judgment and feel free to use the money if there is a greater need.) At the very least, we would like you to know how much we enjoy your sermons. God has truly blessed you with great skill as a pastor.

A brief update on Karl and me: We are currently living in Houston, Texas, where Karl is a structural engineer. (Although we are excited to someday return to Colorado - hopefully sooner rather than later.) We cannot wait for September as we are expecting our first child, a baby girl! We hope your family is doing well. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Karl & Sarah Mertens