

ZION CALLS

April, 2010

Zion Lutheran Church

Worship Service and Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

"Growing in Faith to Share Christ's Love"

special april services

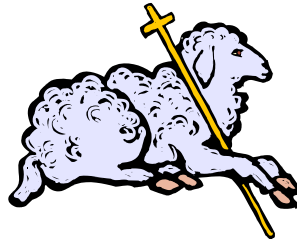
Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion April 1 – 7:00 PM



Good Friday *Tenebrae* Service

April 2 - 7:00 PM

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4



SUNRISE WORSHIP IN THE

ATRIUM AT 7:30 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST IN THE GREAT HALL AT 8 AM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AT 9:30 AM



Confirmation during Worship—April 11

Interim Pastor Martha Halls Final Service – April 18

Installation of Pastor David Kylo

with Bishop Wayne Miller -- April 25

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Dear Fellow Members of Zion

We rejoice to announce that Pastor David Kylo has accepted Zion's call! Pastor Kylo hand-delivered his acceptance letter to the church on Sunday, March 21, and both he and his wife, Nan, joined the congregation for worship that day. Pastor Kylo will be installed as Zion's new permanent pastor on Sunday, April 25th at the 9:30 AM service. Please mark your calendars for this important date. Details about the installation day will follow in the church bulletin inserts. In the meantime, we give thanks for Pastor Kylo's acceptance and look forward to celebrating the start of our ministry with him!

Neil Dahlmann, Chair
Carla Arnell

Sue Monsen
John Motzko

Ted Repsholdt, Sr.
Juanita Weckerlin

F.I.S.H. News



- Sunday School for Pre-K to 3rd grade – Due to the upcoming very busy church schedule, there will be no lessons during service for the month of April.
- Activity for 4th-6th graders – Wednesday, April 7th, 6-7:00 pm – in the church basement.

Confirmation Class

On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 9:15 AM by the confirmation class in the Great Hall. As you will notice on the poster in the narthex, this is a “pot-luck” breakfast. Please be sure to indicate how many people in your group will be attending and what dish you will bring to share. All donations at the breakfast will go towards the Heifer International “Fill the Ark” program. The Lake-Cook County Chapter of Thrivent will match funds up to \$700. Come join the fun and fellowship as we celebrate Easter and help the confirmation class achieve their \$5,000 goal!



Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 11th during our worship service. This will be a very exciting day for our confirmation class: Jonathon Arbaugh, Kate Kamin, Kaya Monsen, Lyndsay Monsen and Danny Rosborough. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this celebration.

ZCSI

The ZCSI (Zion community Service Initiative) Team has selected three organizations to support: COOL (Christian Outreach of Lutherans), Southeast Lake County Faith in Action, and Family Service! Representatives will be joining us in May to discuss their missions and how we can help.

On Sunday, May 2, Faith in Action's Executive Director Robbie Boudreau will give a short presentation at the start of our church service, and will be available to talk with interested members following the service. The mission of Faith in Action is to help at-risk residents of Southeast Lake County enjoy a better quality of life and maintain their independence longer. Interfaith volunteers assist frail elderly, chronically ill and disabled residents with many forms of non-medical assistance,

such as: transportation, shopping, bill-paying, minor home repairs, friendly visits and telephone support. There is no charge for services and they serve anyone in the community regardless of their religious affiliation.

On Sunday, May 16, COOL (Christian Outreach of Lutherans) Board President David Ross will be here to talk to our congregation about their current programs and how we at Zion can help. COOL reaches out to the residents in Lake County in so many ways; key areas of focus are their two Food Pantries and their Transitional Housing program.

We will also invite a representative from Family Service to meet with our congregation. Family Service supports families, by offering education and counseling services regardless of socio-economic backgrounds. Family Service brings years of expertise to its services for specific groups such as the Latino community and senior citizens. They sponsor the Nuestro Center in Highwood that serves the Latino community, and recently partnered with us on the Latino senior dinner Zion hosted on January 30. Jane McCarthy is their Development Director.

Volunteer opportunities will be available for adults and youth, and we will provide plenty of notice for upcoming activities. Come and learn all about these opportunities! We guarantee you'll find the presentations interesting...and inspiring!

Become an English language tutor for our Spanish speaking neighbors

We have been invited to join the partnership of Christ United Methodist Church and Family Service to provide tutoring for Spanish speakers in our communities. Spanish speakers are a growing percentage of the Highwood/Highland Park area. They provide our communities with valuable services, yet there are few ways for them to connect with their English-speaking neighbors. In addition to improving their functional language skills, individual English classes provide a way for students and teachers to make a personal connection and create opportunities for friendship and mentoring across cultures. Tutoring sessions will be held in the home of the student and include four hours of direct instruction per week (two two-hour meetings), with one to three students per group. Meeting times will be determined by volunteer and student schedules. Tutors need to be fluent in English, but don't need to know Spanish. Tutor training will be provided for all volunteers in late April or early May, and textbooks are provided for all students and teachers. The first tutoring session will begin in May and end in June (10 weeks). The second is a fall session from September to December (15 weeks), and the spring 2011 session goes from January to April (15 weeks). If you would like to share teaching responsibilities you may partner with another tutor.

For questions or to receive a brochure contact:

At Zion: Julia Arbaugh at 847-940-7264 or arbaugh4@juno.com

At CUMC: Ruth Kauffmann at 847-532-2757 or rakauffmann@gmail.com

There is also a poster and brochures in the Zion narthex, as well as a sign up sheet.

Property Committee

The Deerfield Fire Marshall has cited Zion for using candles in one of our Sunday School classrooms. Please note that the use of matches, lighters and candles in the downstairs classrooms is strictly prohibited.

Matches in the kitchen are OK, as well as candles used during adult-supervised activities in the paneled room and the great hall.

THANK YOU

Dear Zion Family,

No words are adequate to thank you for the love and support you have shown Mike and I and our family during his illness and at his Memorial Service. Faith and friendships were important parts of Mike's life. He was blessed to find both at Zion. And being Mike, he always found joy in both. Mike assured me, more than once, that he lived a wonderful life. Thank you for sharing your lives with us. I am grateful.

Fondly,

Jane

A LETTER FROM BISHOP WAYNE MILLER

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Like many of you, I have been watching with increasing frustration and bewilderment as our Illinois state government has foundered in its response to the funding crisis for human services throughout the state. The primary impact of this crisis, of course, is on the most vulnerable citizens of our state: the elderly, at-risk children, those in need of affordable behavioral health services, and those with chronic disabilities, to name a few. The secondary impact is on the dedicated workers and professionals of organizations such as Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), which lives under constant risk of being forced to discontinue its ministries in the face of funding short-falls. If the mission of LSSI is further damaged, the impact on thousands of lives may well be severe, and our Lutheran witness in direct response to human need will be seriously weakened.

Voluntary contributions, in and of themselves, cannot possibly compensate for the systemic problems that have led to this situation. Nevertheless, we should not underestimate the critical importance of our personal and congregational gifts to LSSI. Our generous and unrestricted donations help our ministries stay vital and available while political leaders debate long-term solutions.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is "Good Shepherd Sunday" in our church calendar. It is a day that we have set aside in Illinois for the last two years to call attention in our congregations to the extraordinary work of LSSI on Christ's behalf and ours.

This year I am offering a special challenge request for the congregations of our synod to raise a combined \$100,000 in special gifts to LSSI on Good Shepherd Sunday. To reach this goal requires a very modest average gift of \$500 per congregation. All of our congregations are more than capable of reaching this goal. I know that many of our congregations will want to do much more. Aside from the immediate benefit that this gift will provide for the agency, it is an extraordinary opportunity for us to teach the people who worship with us about the power and importance of the work we can do together that none of us can do alone – God's work, our hands.

Please prayerfully consider a bold show of support for this expression of our shared mission.

In Christ,

Wayne N. Miller

Bishop

SEASONAL CONCERTS

The **SPIRIT OF LIFE CHORUS**, directed by David Barth, will present a concert on Saturday, April 10th at 4:30 PM. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church located at 2328 Central Road, at Shermer, in Glenview. Over 100 voices with instrumental accompaniment will fill the sanctuary with inspiring music from the heart. The program, entitled "We've Walked With God", will include selections from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", as well as a tribute to past and present members of the armed forces.

This ecumenical chorus has been singing at many Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in northeastern Illinois for twenty years. A free will offering will be taken. Inquire at 847 724-6060.

The **Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest**, including Zion's own flutist Karen Dessent, will be presenting a concert at Orchestra Hall, 220 S. Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago. They will be performing Mahler's Eighth Symphony also known as "Symphony of a Thousand" on April 19 at 7:30 PM. In addition to the orchestra, this performance combines a number of choruses from the Chicagoland area under the baton of Jay Friedman. There will also be a pre-concert conversation with Henry Vogel starting at 6:15 PM. Tickets range from \$15-\$45 in price and can be ordered at 312-294-3000 or on line at CSO.org/tickets.

"God Great God!" LSTC's annual Gospel Choir Concert on April 11

Come and be drawn into music that is irresistibly magnetic with the opportunity to support the Grover Wright and Rev. Carole Burns Scholarship Funds. This not-to-be-missed annual benefit concert will be led by the choir's new director, George Cooper, and includes performances by choirs from the Chicago area. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. To contribute to the scholarship funds, contact the LSTC Advancement Office at 773-256-0712 or designate the gift online at http://www.lstc.edu/alums_friends/giving/index.html.

LUTHERAN DAY



Faith-based public policy advocacy is one of the strengths of the ELCA on the local, synod, statewide, national and global communities. **Lutheran Day in Springfield, Wednesday, April 21, 2010**, is an outstanding opportunity for people of faith to speak face-to-face with their elected officials about some of the most fundamental values in our society: the care of vulnerable children, seniors and others with special needs. Because of the critical state of the state's budget, this spring's session of the Illinois General Assembly faces an enormous challenge in figuring out how to balance budget cuts, cost savings, tax increases and additional borrowing to close a budget gap equal to 50% of the state's regular annual revenue. Lutheran Day participants will learn more about the costs associated with cuts to human services and will explore a balanced approach that minimizes harm to people and communities. There will also be opportunity to join with thousands and thousands of other people from across Illinois to call for a "responsible budget," one that preserves vital state services and puts the state on the path toward sufficient and sustainable revenue now and into the future.

Registration for Lutheran Day 2010 is now open at www.LutheranDay.org. Also watch that page for forthcoming information about transportation options to get you to and from Springfield for Lutheran Day.

CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays

04/06 Lynsey Carlson
04/07 Mary Lou Gilliam
04/12 Lindsey Petkie
04/17 Phil Rosborough
04/19 Doris Olson
04/20 Ted Repsholdt, Sr.
04/22 Ted Giesler
04/24 Martha Fritts
04/25 Marilyn Sanner
04/26 John Krifka and
Jonathon Arbaugh
4/29 Joan Fletcher and
Lyndsay Monsen



April Anniversaries

04/23/1977 Pat and Karen Dessent

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 18, 2010

Attendance:

Matt Wylie	Pastor Martha Halls
Barb Rosborough	Neil Dahlman
Karl Arbaugh	Sue Monsen
Claudia Ann Morehead	John Wick

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 pm
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Approval of January 14, 2010 and January 24, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes, and January 31, 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the minutes.

4. **Committee Reports**

Worship & Music. We reviewed a written report submitted by the committee. Lenten services will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the atrium.

Christian Education. The Zion/CUMC youth group (grades 6-12) will hold an overnight “lock-in” at Zion the night of March 5. Justin Spurlock and Sue Monsen will lead/chaperone the event.

Call Committee. We reviewed a written report submitted by Neil, which outlined the steps involved in extending a call.

Finance and Stewardship. See discussion under New Business below.

ZCSI/Mission Support Group. See update under Old Business below.

Other Committees. No issues reported.

5. **Pastor’s Report** – Pastor Martha was busy this past month with hospital calls, confirmation classes, and ongoing worship planning.

6. **Old Business**

Shrove Tuesday Recap. The Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner was a great event! Seventy or eighty members attended. The food was great. The confirmation class helped with the event, and raised \$745 for Heifer International. Members enjoyed meeting pastoral candidate Pastor Dave Kyлло and his wife Nan.

Family Service Senior Latino Dinner Results. The dinner held at Zion on January 30 was a success! Approximately 50 people attended, about half were Latino seniors from Highwood, the others were from Zion, Family Service, and Christ United Methodist Church. Everyone enjoyed the food and entertainment. The Latino seniors were very appreciative, and we also received a thank you letter from the Executive Director of Family Service.

ZCSI Update. The ZCSI team met after church on February 7 to discuss what we learned about community needs in the interviews. The team decided to meet with the congregation March 14 to discuss our findings and how we will move forward.

7. **New Business**

Officer elections and committee assignments. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Matt Wiley to continue as President, John Wick as Vice-President, and Karl Arbaugh as Secretary this year.

Committee liaisons are as follows:

Christian Education – Barb Rosborough

Mutual Ministry – Sue Monsen

Worship & Music – Neil Dahlmann

Other committees – to be determined, please contact any council member with issues.

Special Meeting Preparation. We discussed preparations for the February 21 meeting at which the congregation will vote whether to extend a call to pastoral candidate David Kyлло. Kristi Lindahl and Jeff Andreasen will tally the votes.

Stewardship/Finance Discussion. We discussed combining these committees. If the Stewardship Committee's primary role is to raise funds to support ongoing church operations, then combining the committees may facilitate communication and planning.

On the other hand, if the Stewardship Committee's role is to encourage the congregation to use all our varied gifts (time, talent, facilities, etc.) in creative ways to share Christ's love, then we may want to retain it as a separate committee or perhaps merge with Mission Support Group.

John shared some creative ideas regarding how we could use our gifts to support specific ministries/service initiatives. His examples include "music stewardship" (practice rooms and concerts at Zion), "green stewardship" (develop expertise and share with community), "food pantry stewardship", and "religious preschool" stewardship. Each initiative would (a) start with interested Zion members, (b) branch out to interested community members, (c) serve community needs, (d) bring new people into Zion and perhaps (e) bring in new members.

We will continue this discussion at our next meeting.

Re-establish Long Range Planning. We discussed the possibility of re-establishing this committee. No decision was made and we'll consider this again later this year.

Transition Items. We discussed issues relating to the transition from Pastor Martha to Pastor David Kylo (assuming the congregation extends a call and he accepts).

Synod Assembly Attendees. The synod assembly will be held Friday June 4 and Saturday June 5 in Rosemont. We are sending in the registration form, and are looking for two volunteers from the congregation to attend.

Other Items. None noted.

8. **Adjournment.** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30.

Zion Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting February 21, 2010

Agenda: Discuss pastoral candidate Pastor David Kylo and vote on whether to extend a call

1. Call to order. Council President Matt Wylie called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.
2. Establishment of quorum. More than 40 voting members were present, which was sufficient to establish a quorum.
3. Review of Call Process. Call Committee Chairman Neil Dahlmann described the process the Call Committee went through. They considered numerous candidates and concluded Pastor David Kylo is the best fit for Zion, in light of priorities developed with input from the Congregation and Council. Each Call Committee member then shared his/her rationale for recommending Pastor Kylo.
4. Discussion. The congregation was invited to ask questions, which were answered by the Call Committee.
5. Motion to Extend Call. A motion was made and seconded to extend a call to Pastor Kylo.
6. Vote. Ballots were distributed, members voted, and the votes were tallied.

- 7. Motion approved. The percent voting in favor (95%) exceeded the two-thirds majority required by Zion's constitution, so the motion was approved.
- 8. Motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Zion Congregational Council

Matt Wylie (President)
 John Wick (Vice President)
 Karl Arbaugh (Secretary)
 Claudia Ann Morehead (Treasurer)
 Neil Dahlmann
 Barb Rosborough
 Sue Monsen

Standing Committees

Contact Person is in **bold type** Council Liaison is *in italics*

Christian Education Committee
Sue Juhl *Barb Rosborough*

Mutual Ministry Committee
Sue Monsen

E-Team (Evangelism) Committee

Property Committee
John Berg *Matt Wylie*

Finance Committee
Sandy Weiler *Matt Wylie*

Social Ministry Committee

Memorial Garden Committee
John Berg

Stewardship Committee
Matt Wylie

Mission Support Group
Karl Arbaugh *John Wick*

Worship and Music Committee
Taru Berg *Neil Dahlmann*

STAFF

Martha Halls, Interim Pastor
Leslie Ward, Administrative Assistant

Rae-Myra Hilliard, Music Director
Leslie Ward, Children's Choir Director



Worship Assistants for April



Date	Lector	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Greeters	Nursery Assistant	Acolytes	Counters
04/01 Maundy	John Wick		John Wick			Kate and Jack Kamin	
04/04 Atrium				Ted & Deb Giesler			
04/04 Church	Carla Arnell	Gena Andreasen	Devin Zilligen	The Wylie Family	Kristi Lindahl	Dan Rosborough Meredith Krifka	Sandy Weiler Ted Repsholdt, Jr.
04/11	John Wick	Jack Dessent	Sue Juhl	The Fletcher Family	Susan Juhl	Vicki Remdt Devin Zilligen	John Berg Nancy Johnson
04/18	Barb Rosborough	Ted Repsholdt, Jr.	Mary Dahlmann	Betty Helgoe and Joyce Wiegmann	Mary Dahlmann	Dan Rosborough Lyndsay Monsen	Karl Arbaugh Mark Croll
04/25	Dave Schwarz	Devin Zilligen	Jane McCarthy	John & Marti Wick	Deb Giesler	Kevin Fairbanks Claire Repsholdt	Kevin Fairbanks Devin Zilligen

Altar Guild: Martha Keefe, Jane McCarthy, Vicki & Claire Repsholdt

***Note to Acolytes:** You are to move the recycle material into the recycling cart near the garage after the service. The recycle bins are in the office, outside the sanctuary doors, and under the counter in the kitchen. Please return the bins to their original locations when you're done.

** If you are unable to make the date assigned, please arrange an alternate and notify the church office. Thank you for your help.