

# **ZION CALLS**

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February, 2010

Zion Lutheran Church

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

*"Growing in Faith to Share Christ's Love"*

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## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

*February 16, 2010 5:30-  
7:30 PM*

*Come meet Zion's pastoral candidate!!!*



Ash Wednesday February 17, 7 PM  
in the Sanctuary

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## **Midweek Lenten Services**

*Evening Prayer in the Atrium*

*Every week at 7 PM*

*Join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge  
area at 6:40 PM*

## **EXCITING NEWS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE**

The Call Committee happily announces that it has initiated a call to a local pastor.\* The pastor accepted our initial proposal, and at a special meeting on January 24th, the Church Council unanimously approved the recommended pastor. The next step will be for the congregation to meet its pastoral candidate during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 16th, 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendars for this important date! Following that introductory meeting, a congregational vote on the pastoral candidate will be held on Sunday, February 21st. If the congregation approves calling this pastor to serve, Zion will have a new full-time pastor, to be installed sometime during the coming Easter season (after Lent and after Pastor Halls completes teaching this year's confirmation class). Hosanna! We look forward to the new life this pastor promises to lead us towards at Zion!

This announcement comes after months of thorough searching on the part of the Call Committee and inspired guidance on the part of Pastor Carol Breimeier, Assistant to the Bishop of the Chicago Metropolitan Synod. During its 20 months of work, the Committee reviewed applications from 9 pastors; we interviewed 7 candidates; and we observed 3 promising pastors lead worship at their respective churches, one of which meant a trip to Minnesota for several members of the Call Committee. Of the many worthy pastors we were fortunate to meet, we are confident that the pastor we are recommending to the congregation best fits Zion's mission and culture. He is a warm and engaging man, a delightful preacher, and a sincere servant of Christ who promises to strengthen us in the mission of sharing Christ's love. We can't wait for you to meet him!

Yours in Christ,

Neil Dahlmann, Call Committee Chair  
Carla Arnell  
Sue Monsen  
John Motzko  
Ted Respholdt, Sr.  
Juanita Weckerlin

\*Please note: In deference to the pastor's current employment status, the Call Committee and the Church Council are preserving the pastor's anonymity until the congregation has a chance to meet him and approve extending a call to him.

### Important Dates

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** 5:30-7:30 PM, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Please come meet Zion's pastoral candidate!!!

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** 10:30 AM Congregational Vote on Pastoral Candidate

# **SHARING OUR GIFTS**

## ***F.I.S.H. News***



In January, the children enjoyed visiting La Trinidad as they had the opportunity to participate in a bilingual service. Staying warm by the fire during the tree burning gathering was another highlight this month. The upcoming activities include:

- Sunday School for PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Sundays, February 7, 14, 21 and 28 during service; in the basement
- Activity for 4th-6th graders – Wednesday, February 3rd, 6-7:00 pm
- Confirmation classes for 7th & 8th graders – Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 6-7:00 pm; in Pastor Martha's office
- Set-up for the fun and exciting Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, all ages may attend – after service on Sunday, February 14th



## ***Confirmation Class***

### **Upcoming Heifer Project Events!**

Mark your calendars...there are some exciting fundraising opportunities coming up for Zion family.

#### February 14

- Heifer Project Presentation (during service)
- Valentine's Day Bake Sale (after service)

#### March 21

- Carnival & Silent Auction...details to follow

We are looking for volunteers to donate items for our silent auction in March. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## ***Office Help Requested***

Zion's Administrative Assistant Leslie Ward has been assigned to Lake County Jury Duty starting February 16. She will be in the office Monday February 15 due to closed courts on President's Day. We would appreciate some volunteers to answer phones and cover light office duties for a few hours each day while she's gone. The major publications (Worship Folder, Growing in

Faith) will be done in advance, so the work should be easy. If you're interested in helping, please contact Leslie.

## **Boy Scout Troop 150**

Every year in February, the Boy Scouts celebrate the anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouting in America by Lord Baden Powell in England. This year, on Sunday, February 7, as the charter and sponsoring organization of Troop 150, we will celebrate the *100th Anniversary* of that founding, with the Scouts in attendance at our worship service and the fellowship hour following.

Each week you are invited and encouraged to keep up with the Scout activities posted on our bulletin board in the narthex. And, if you have, or know of youngsters interested in joining the scout program, you can pick up the scout website at 't150.org' for troop news, calendar, photos and summer camp information.

We look forward to this upcoming special celebration and are proud to share in it with all the Scouts and their families!

## **Grace Lutheran School Fund Raiser**

On Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 pm, there will be a "Battle of the Praise Bands" at Walther Lutheran High School, 900 N. Chicago Avenue, Melrose Park, IL. Church praise bands will battle for your votes and bragging rights as the "Best Praise Band". Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and can be ordered by emailing [battle\\_of\\_the\\_band\\_tickets@yahoo.com](mailto:battle_of_the_band_tickets@yahoo.com) or by calling 708-594-7924. Ticket pre-order deadline is Sunday, February 21. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Programs at Grace Lutheran School, 4106 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago. Come join us for an afternoon of food, music and fun!

# **CELEBRATIONS**

## **February Birthdays**

- 02/01 Elaine Arbaugh
- 02/03 Eric Clay **and** Phil Erbe
- 02/04 Neil Dahlmann
- 02/05 Hannah Andreasen
- 02/08 Alex Howe
- 02/12 Arleen Nielsen **and** Paul Lucas
- 02/15 Kevin Fairbanks
- 02/16 Jordana Overs
- 02/22 Gayle Weckerlin **and** Christie Wylie
- 02/24 Mark Croll, Megan Kamin **and** Megan Nygren
- 02/25 John Berg
- 02/28 Cathy Olstad



## **February Anniversaries**

- 02/02/1957 Roger and Charlotte Weiler
- 02/24/1945 John & Helen Cedervall



## **Chicago Metropolitan Synod**

**The following is the text of a presentation given at Zion on January 24, 2010**

My name is Fred Biederman and I am with our synod's hunger team. I'm here today to thank you and to give thanks to God for all that has been accomplished through your gifts, prayers, and actions for our church's ministry to fight hunger and respond to disaster.

ELCA World Hunger uses a comprehensive approach of Relief, Development, Education, and Advocacy to address the realities of hunger and poverty in our neighborhoods, and around the globe.

Your gifts have already provided food, water, housing, healthcare, and counseling during times of crisis—such as the cyclone in Myanmar, the humanitarian crisis in Darfur, and the widespread flooding in the midwestern United States.

Last year, ELCA members offered over \$21 million to help fight hunger – thank you for helping us reach this record number. Your gifts were shared with trusted partners such as Lutheran World Relief, the Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service, and our companion churches around the globe and close to home. Your gifts connect neighbors in need with the resources to create lasting solutions to hunger and poverty.

Some notable examples of people helped by your gifts include:

- Margaret who started a small business raising goats. When her goat gave birth for the first time, Margaret felt blessed to see a litter of three kids. She had one kid to pass along to another woman in her self-help group who had not yet received a goat, and two to sell. Then, the next time her goat gave birth, it had four kids. Since then, Margaret's goat has consistently given her three kids at a time with each birth. With so many goats to sell, Margaret has had no trouble providing for her family.
- The women of Mumeya, Rwanda who laid the foundation for the first hospital in their village. After a decade of a bloody civil war, imagine your community had to choose between health care or clean water. When faced with this choice, the Lutheran Church of Rwanda helped them reach consensus. "Even though we do not have water nearby our first priority is to have a dispensary." "We need it; our families suffer from various diseases." The nearest hospital is 35 km away in Tanzania. Pregnant women, babies, and others have died making the dangerous journey. As a result 500 people in Mumeya joined together to split 250 tons of rock and lay a foundation for a much-needed dispensary.
- Fishers in Indonesia who obtained new boats and rebuilt the fish market in the village of Kuala Bubon – a town devastated by the tsunami of 2004. Members of the ELCA raised more than \$ 110 million to support the immediate needs of people and long-term recovery efforts of ELCA "companions" working in tsunami-struck areas. Some of those funds went to support a rebuilding project in Kuala Bubon. The project included building an elementary school, fish market and community center, and well as creating a new system for waste disposal, and an early warning tower to increase preparedness for possible future disasters

I am here today to award the members of Zion Lutheran Church this star because your gifts have exceeded \$5.91 per member. Through your gifts, you have shown the light of Christ to the world. Thank you for putting your faith into action through your support of ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

We walk with our sisters and brothers who are hungry, and together we find new hope in the good news that Jesus taught us. Together we pray that one day, all of God's children will fully experience God's abundance.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;  
if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."  
—1 Corinthians 12:26*

Almost two weeks have passed since the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The outpouring of gifts from members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to ELCA Disaster Response has enabled a swift response on behalf of this church.

Thank you for your generous financial support which now totals more than \$1.6 million. Thousands of other gifts are still being counted. Our community-based partners are already providing:

- Two **water** purification systems to bring clean water to 25,000 people.
- Emergency **food** and **medical supplies** to thousands.
- Blankets and tents to **shelter** 10,000 people who are homeless.

Funding, distributed through three partners, will increase as giving continues.

- \$300,000 has been sent to The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), a key responder and member of Action by Churches Together (ACT). The funds support LWF efforts to provide shelter to people left homeless by the quake.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Baltimore, for material aid.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Church World Service (CWS) for construction of temporary water systems and distribution of water purification materials.

In addition, \$25,000 has been sent to Lutheran Services of Florida for initial support to refugees and Haitian Americans entering or returning to the United States.

We are pleased that Louis Dorvillier, director for International Development and Disaster Response in the ELCA Global Mission program unit, is part of a delegation to his country of origin with LWF and ACT.

**Your generosity makes this life-saving work possible.** As we celebrate this outpouring of gifts and prayers, we also know that we have a long road to travel together. There is so much more to be done. This church is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Haiti for years to come; your continued support is needed to provide ongoing care.

I encourage you to visit the [ELCA Disaster Response](http://www.elca.org/disaster) (www.elca.org/disaster) Web site for updated information, worship resources, bulletin inserts and details on how to offer financial support. General mission-support dollars and gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission make it possible for 100 percent of your gifts designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief to be used entirely for this response effort. To give today, go [online](http://www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) (www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) or call 800-638-3522.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## **Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 21, 2009**

### **Attendance:**

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| Matt Wylie           | Pastor Martha Halls |
| Claudia Ann Morehead | Neil Dahlman        |
| Karl Arbaugh         | Sue Monsen          |

**Absent:** Barb Rosborough, John Wick

### **Agenda:**

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Approval of November 22 Council Meeting Minutes:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the November 22, 2009 meeting minutes.
4. **Committee Reports and Related Council Discussion:**

**Christian Education** – Met with Justin Spurlock of Christ United Methodist Church to discuss how our partnership for youth activities is going. Justin had positive feedback and is interested in increasing the number of activities. We will invite CUMC youth to the Christmas tree burning at Zion.

**Finance** – Claudia Ann provided us with the Zion financial reports through November. The finance committee will prepare a draft budget which council will review at our next meeting (January 14).

**Mission Support Group** – Working on ZCSI interviews, see discussion under Old Business below.

**Mutual Ministry** – Hasn't met yet to discuss Leslie's compensation, but intend to soon.

**Property**– Received quotes to repair parking lot. See discussion under New Business below. We received an unexpected bill for \$5,700 dated 1/27/2006 from Service Construction of Illinois relating to the downstairs bathroom. Neil Dahlmann will review the invoice with Sandy Weiler and John Berg, to determine whether the indicated work was completed and whether we already paid some or all of it.

**Stewardship** – Information regarding pledges will be provided to finance soon.

**E-Team/Memorial, Social Ministry** – No report.

**Worship & Music** – Did not meet in December. Rae Myra is investigating possibilities for a special service in January in lieu of the jazz service.

5. **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Martha was extra busy this past month with two funerals and planning for the Christmas service. Other activities included hospital calls and home visits, confirmation

classes, and ongoing worship planning. She will be on vacation Dec. 26 – Jan. 2, and back for the Jan. 3 service.

## **6. Old Business**

### **Update of Call Committee process**

The Call Committee has considered nine candidates and is having second interviews with two they are interested in. They like these two candidates and will be listening to them preach.

### **Discussion of committee budgets for 2010**

Committee budgets should be submitted if they haven't already, so a draft budget can be prepared for review at our January 14 council meeting.

### **Zion Community Service Initiative (ZCSI) Update**

The ZCSI group has started interviewing community leaders, to discuss unmet needs in our community. Several interviews have been completed and summaries posted on the large new bulletin board in the narthex. The goal is to complete the remaining interviews in January.

### **End of Year Committee Reports**

Annual committee reports should be submitted to Leslie as soon as possible, so they can be included in the congregation's annual report. Reports have already been submitted for a couple committees. Leslie intends to finalize the report by January 17.

### **Nominating Committee**

We discussed the process for nominating new council members. There will be several openings, and we will be looking for volunteers.

## **8. New Business**

### **Family Service Holiday Blues Counseling**

The Holiday Blues workshop sponsored by Family Service was planned for December 10 at Zion. Unfortunately it was a very cold and snowy night and no one showed up. We look forward to working with Family Service on other activities, including the upcoming dinner for senior Latinos.

### **Senior Latinos Dinner January 31 (Candlemas)**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to host a Candlemas dinner at Zion on January 31 for area Latino seniors and Zion seniors. Family Service will invite the senior Latinos and arrange entertainment. A Zion member has generously offered to purchase the food for the event, which will be brought in from a Mexican restaurant. Julia Arbaugh is helping coordinate the activity and is recruiting volunteers. Candlemas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the presentation of the baby Jesus at the temple, and his Light coming into the world. It is celebrated by Catholics in many countries, and is also considered a religious holiday (albeit a minor one) by Lutherans.

### **Mission Support for Tim and Mari McKenzie**

Zion received a letter from Tim and Mari requesting continued financial support for their missionary activities in Japan. Zion did not make a contribution to their mission in 2009 but has in the past.

## **Zion Capital Campaign/Parking Lot**

The Property Committee received quotes for repaving the parking lot. The quotes ranged from \$51,000 to \$149,000 depending on the extent of the work. The most expensive option includes replacing the substrate. Matt and/or Neil will discuss with Norm plans previously developed for the parking lot. Fixing the parking lot will be an expensive project but a necessary one, and we should get it done in 2010. We should also consider moving forward with other building improvements that have been on hold, such as replacing (or repairing) the roof and renovating the upstairs bathrooms.

### **Heifer International Gift Catalog**

For those who already have everything (or more than they need), this catalog has great gift ideas. The ELCA's "good gifts" program (which can be found on ELCA web-site) is also a great alternative.

- 9. Adjournment:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm.

## **Zion Congregational Council**

Matt Wylie (President)

John Wick (Vice President)

Karl Arbaugh (Secretary)

Jeff Andreasen (Financial Secretary)

Claudia Ann Morehead (Treasurer)

Neil Dahlmann

Barb Rosborough

Sue Monsen

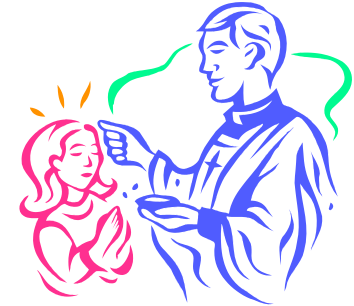
## **STAFF**

Martha Halls, Interim Pastor  
Leslie Ward, Administrative Assistant

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



# Worship Assistants for febrUARY



| Date                    | Lector        | Assisting Minister | Communion Assistant | Greeters                      | Nursery Assistant | Acolytes                           | Counters                        |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 02/07                   | Julia Arbaugh | Gena Andreasen     | Mark Croll          | Norm & Lois Abplanalp         | Michele Fairbanks | Dan Rosborough<br>Meredith Krifka  | Sandy Weiler<br>Kevin Fairbanks |
| 02/14                   | John Motzko   | Sue Juhl           | Devin Zilligen      | Gladys Bently<br>Ellen Savage | Joni & Mark Croll | Claire Repsholdt<br>Devin Zilligen | Mark Croll<br>Karl Arbaugh      |
| 02/17<br><i>Ash Wed</i> |               |                    |                     |                               |                   | Jonathon & Elaine Arbaugh          |                                 |
| 02/21                   | Joan Fletcher | Ted Repsholdt, Jr. | Mary Dahlmann       | Kristi Lindahl & Mark Heymann | Mary Dahlmann     | Kate & Jack Kamin                  | Dave Zilligen<br>Nancy Johnson  |
| 02/28                   | Karen Dessent | John Berg          | Sue Juhl            | Bob & Judy Speckmann          | Michele Fairbanks | Kaya & Lyndsay Monsen              | John Berg<br>Devin Zilligen     |

*Altar Guild: Lois Abplanalp, Joan Fletcher, Mary Ann Parker, Alice Roth*

**\*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.