

ZION CALLS

February, 2009

Zion Lutheran Church
"Growing in Faith to Share Christ's Love"

Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Sunday School 10:45 A.M.

Saturday, February 21st
Spaghetti Supper - 6 PM
White Elephant Silent Auction
7 PM

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Sunday School News

February will bring some exciting events for F.I.S.H. The children will continue discussing the rotation of Believe the Creed. Will that be a double scoop or single scoop?...as the children will be making ice cream in cooking. And be prepared to see some dream catchers around the church, as those will be created in the art session.

The month of Cupids will also bring the traditional Valentine's Day card making. The children typically make the cards for college students and friends on the current prayer list. If you have a special someone to add to our distribution list, please contact Sue Monsen. And they too will receive a handmade Valentine's Day card.

The Zion Sunday School F.I.S.H. program is looking for a new coordinator. After leading F.I.S.H. for two years, Sue Monsen has decided to step down from the position. If you are interested in directing Sunday school, please contact Sue at 681-1993 or suemonsen@att.net.

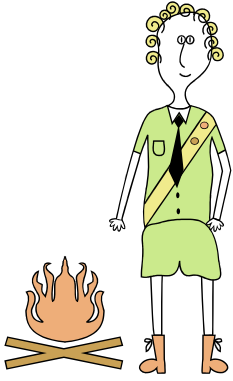
Music News



With the season of lent approaching, the Youth Choir will start practicing again. They will contribute to worship on March 29. If you have children from third grade and up who are interested in joining this group, please contact Rae-Myra Hilliard Wednesday evenings or Sundays after worship. The group will meet at the following times: 5:30–6:15 PM on Wednesday February 4, February 18, March 4 and March 18. They will also meet after Sunday School class on March 22.

In addition, with the new year here, we are interested in restarting the Children's Choir for younger children (Pre-K to 2nd grade). Please call Leslie Ward in the church office Tuesdays through Fridays if you have children interested in joining. Feel free to call if you have any questions regarding this music learning opportunity. We hope to follow the schedule of the Junior Choir with rehearsals every other week.

Boy Scout News



“Calling the Adventurous”

Zion is looking for a volunteer to serve as a liaison between our church and its Boy Scout programs. This is an opportunity to help local boys grow in character, citizenship and fitness while they learn about the great outdoors. Please see Matt Wylie if you are interested.

CARING FOR OTHERS



Talent Reports

Zion members exhibited a great amount of creativity with the “talent money” that Pastor Martha distributed back in November. Armed with the text from Matthew 25:29a (*For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance*) individuals and groups created a wealth of good works that spread from Deerfield to foreign lands.

- *Sunday school students sponsored a goodie table with peppermint treats, holiday tote bags, ornaments and other candy cane items. The children raised \$279 which was donated to P.A.D.S.*
- *The Ruth Circle and friends used their money gifts from Pastor Martha to sponsor a Bake Sale for Zion Members on Dec. 21. The sum of \$250 was raised and sent to P.A.D.S. Center in Waukegan.*
- *John and Taru Berg combined forces to research and then purchase needed microphone batteries for Zion. They should last well into 2011.*

- *The Arbaugh Family baked a sunshine cake and shared it with their elderly neighbors in the middle of this cold dreary winter. They also did a micro-loan to support a woman with a bakery in Azerbaijan.*
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- *Ted Repsholdt, Sr. resisted the temptation to buy a lottery ticket and doubled his money.*
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- *Marcy Reed noted "This dollar has been blessed by God. Pass it on with 2 others to someone in need" and placed it in a Salvation Army Bucket.*

If you haven't submitted a report yet, please bring it to Pastor Martha to share with the rest of the congregation. If your project is still ongoing, share that too!

Project "Clean Up"

Stay tuned for more changes around Zion Lutheran Church. We are planning to clean the carpet in the Pastor's Office. We also hope to repaint, rearrange and clean the carpet in the Church Office. Watch for these major improvements to come!

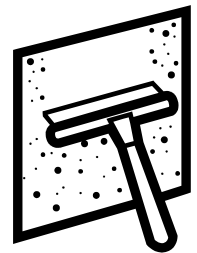
Thank You

The Confirmation Class put their studies and faith in action by refreshing the Chancel area of the church.

Celeste Burke accomplished no small feat by cleaning out the coatrooms and the mini-kitchen behind the church office.

Vicki Repsholdt cleaned the narthex, stairwell and the elevator.

Kami Spoehr brightened up the entire building by washing windows.



The Reed Family did a great job in thoroughly cleaning the vent plates for the stove in the downstairs kitchen. They are also on the list to clean the nursery!

Marilyn Sanner, Betty Helgoe, Joyce Wiegmann and Connie Lindsley did a phenomenal job in bringing the downstairs kitchen up to date.

Connie Lindsley also joined her daughter Sue along with Alice and John Roth and Dorothy Spriester in cleaning and reorganizing the sacristy.

The combination crew of Betty Helgoe, Connie Lindsley, Mary Ann Parker and John and Alice Roth made the Pastor's office a sight to be seen.

Zion Prayer List

Barbara and Mariana Augé (relatives of the Weckerlins), Harold Banser (father of Michele Fairbanks), Larry Brumm (brother of Joyce Beckman), Hannah Burke (daughter of Tim & Celeste Burke), Tressa Carnello (student of Patrick Dessent), Connie Lindsley, Melanie Dawson (friend of Charlotte Weiler), Ed Dean (father of Tiana Olstad), Arlene Graepp, Emily Halstead (friend of Juanita Weckerlin), Robert Hangren, Jr. (son of Loretta Hangren), Katie Immel (friend of the McCarthys), Garrett Keefe (husband of Martha), Connie Lindsley, Marj Maas (cousin of Dorothy Spriester), Mike McCarthy, Gizella Menenses (friend of the Carla Arnell), David Olson (son of Doris Olson), Lee Rechel (sister-in-law of Gladys Bently), Florence Russell, Tracey Novak and Jack Trapani (friends of the Reed Family), and Charlotte Weiler.

CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays

02/01 Elaine Arbaugh
02/03 Phil Erbe
02/05 Hannah Andreasen
02/07 Tim Burke
02/08 Alex Howe
02/12 Arleen Nielsen, Paul Lucas
02/15 Kevin Fairbanks
02/22 Gayle Weckerlin, Christie Wylie
02/24 Mark Croll, Megan Kamin, Megan Nygren
02/25 John Berg
02/28 Cathy Olstad



February Anniversaries

02/02 Roger and Charlotte Weiler
02/24 John and Helen Cedervall



SOUTHEAST LAKE COUNTY FAITH IN ACTION

Information and Community Referral Services to Anyone in Need

Providing volunteer services to people with age-related problems, chronic diseases or a lack of social support is the reason why Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers exists. However, its services do not stop there. Through its staff, its coalition and the community councils to which it belongs, SELCFIA provides contacts, and information on health and aging resources to everyone in the community who is interested.

Although SELCFIA serves care recipients in Lake County communities from Highland Park to Lake Bluff to Libertyville to Buffalo Grove, it also helps family members identify resources and common care trajectories of illness for relatives who live elsewhere and facilitates transitions when people need to change where they live. For example, in addition to out-of-state contacts for nursing home, assisted living and hospice information, SELCFIA provides guidance on how to choose such facilities, what conditions to be aware of and what questions to ask.

Our volunteers are trained in a wide range of safety, aging and family and community topics. The next training classes will start in late January or early February and will be held during the day. Dr. Gordon, our Executive Director, is available to speak to groups on topics involving aging, hospice, health, family dynamics and religion.

In addition to providing volunteers who drive care recipients to medical appointments and stores, SELCFIA acts as an informal clearinghouse for area transportation information. It works with agencies that provide transportation, such as West Deerfield and Moraine Townships. Our volunteers can accompany people to procedures such as cataract surgery or colonoscopy, providing the only door-through-door assistance in the area. We also help care recipients get to religious services, or provide respite care so family members can get to services.

As a religious coalition, SELCFIA can access clergy from any denomination a family might need. SELCFIA volunteers serve care recipients of all faiths and backgrounds.

In a broader sense, SELCFIA and its sponsoring congregations – Congregation B'nai Torah, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Christ United Methodist Church and Zion Lutheran Church – participate in interfaith experiences that increase understanding of differences and appreciation of their many commonalities.

One of our recent fundraisers is SELCFIA's cookbook, *Best in the Neighborhood*, which brings together 250 delicious recipes submitted by some 70 staff, volunteers, care recipients and community members – tasty, easy-to-make treats and unusual gourmet recipes. We have received high praise for the recipes from people who already own them. Cookbooks are available at the four congregations, Sunset Foods in downtown Highland Park, Smugglers Jewelry and Accessories in west Highland Park near Deerfield and from SELCFIA's web site, www.selfcia.org.

For more information on SELCFIA's activities, to volunteer, get help or make a donation (we are a 501c3 charity), www.SELCFIA.org, call 847-433-9411, contact Audrey Gordon at Audreyakg@aol.com, Richard Greb at rgreb@aol.com or write to SELCFIA at 2789 Oak Street, Highland Park, IL 60035.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 A meeting for all Acolytes, Assisting Ministers and Worship Committee members will be take place at 11:15 AM. Plans will be made for the Lenten and Easter season, so arrange to attend. Since a light lunch will be provided, please RSVP to Ted Repsholdt, Jr. by Wednesday, February 4.

February 9 The monthly Sarah Circle meeting will take place at Jill Erbe's home at 7:30 PM. Join us for study and fellowship.

February 21 A Spaghetti Supper and White Elephant Auction will be held starting at 6:00 PM. New or gently used items should be brought to the church office by February 15. Contact Vicki or Claire Repsholdt for more information.

February 22 New Member Sunday will be celebrated during the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the end of Epiphany season. Pastor Marcus Kunz will be preaching. Be sure to join us and encourage others to attend.

February 24 As we've done for a number of years, we'll observe Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper. We'll return to an old tradition by asking you to sign up for one of four seatings starting at 5:30 PM. You may also sign up to help with shopping, cleanup and food donations on the sheet soon to be in the Narthex.

February 25 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM. Mark the date now for Worship with the imposition of ashes to start the solemn season of Lent.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Starting on February 25, we will begin our Midweek Lenten Services with a serialized worship: Jerusalem at Passover-A Lenten Tour. This series employs a format similar to the old television program “You Are There” by stretching the viewer’s credulity by imagining that they had gone back in time to some historic event. In this drama, we will be led by a typical travel agency “tour guide” on a visit to the Holy City in the year A.D. 30. Our guide will offer historical, cultural and religious commentary on the sights we are seeing but will also offer a number of significant items not planned by the travel agency. We shall have one advantage. Even though the events will be played out as if we “just happen upon them” we already know that this was indeed a “fateful week” – and why—that the events we confront were predicted, prepared, and directed by God Himself—“for us and for our salvation”—with far more meticulous care and precision than any travel agency could ever achieve.

Zion Congregation Council

Jeff Andreasen
Karl Arbaugh
Neil Dahlmann
Claudia Ann Morehead
Marcy Reed
Barb Rosborough
John Wick
Matt Wylie

Memorial Committee

Memorial Garden Committee

Social Ministry Committee

Worship Committee

Christian Education Committee

E-Team (Evangelism)

Long Range Planning

Finance Committee

Property Committee

Mutual Ministry Committee

Stewardship Committee

Staff

Martha Halls, Interim Pastor
Leslie Ward, Administrative Assistant

Rae-Myra Hilliard, Interim Music Director
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Worship Assistants for February



Date	Lector	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Greeters	Nursery Assistant	Acolytes*	Counters
02/01	Bill Northup	Sue Juhl	Mark Croll	Beckman & Zilligen Families	Vicki Repsholdt	Vicki Remdt Kaya Monsen	Celeste Burke Bill Northup
02/08	Juanita Weckerlin	John Berg	Jane McCarthy	Bob & Judy Speckmann	Deb Giesler	Jack Dessent Dan Rosborough	John Berg Kevin Fairbanks
02/15	Dave Schwarz	T Repsholdt, Jr.	Mary Dahlmann	The Remdt Family	Kristi Lindahl	Cody Reed Kylene Reed	Mark Croll Dave Zilligen
2/22	Vicki Repsholdt	T Repsholdt Sr.	Mark Croll	The Wylie Family	Susan Juhl	Claire Repsholdt Devin Zilligen	Karl Arbaugh Celeste Burke

2/25 Ash Wednesday Acolytes: Jack Kamin and Hannah Andreasen

Altar Guild: Elaine Howe, Sue Lindsley, Sue Monsen, Cathy Olstad

***Note to Acolytes:** You are to move the recycle material into the recycling cart near the storage 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.

**Please arrange an alternate if you are unable to make the date assigned. Please notify the church office and thank you for your help.