

ZION CALLS

December, 2009

Zion Lutheran Church

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

"Growing in Faith to Share Christ's Love"

Seasonal Events

Sunday School Christmas Program

A

Tree-

Mendous

Christmas



**December 20 9:30 AM
during worship**



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24-4:30 PM


SHARING OUR GIFTS


F.I.S.H. News

The children will be busy during December as they continue to prepare for the Christmas season. The Sunday School Christmas program, A Tree Mendous Christmas, will be on December 20th. After the program, the children will be selling soup in a jar and rice pudding in a jar...which make wonderful Christmas gifts. The proceeds will be donated to La Trinidad.

Upcoming F.I.S.H. Activities

- Sunday School for PreK-3rd grade – Sundays, December 6 and 13 during service (first reading until communion); in basement
- Activity for 4th-6th graders - Wednesday, December 2, 5:30-7:00pm
- Confirmation Classes for 7th & 8th graders - Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16, 6-7:00pm; in Pastor Martha's office

 Sunday School Christmas Program Practice for PreK-8th graders, after service December 6 & 13. Please note there will be program rehearsal on Saturday, December 19th 9:00-11:00am.

 Fellowship and Christmas party with CUMC for 7th – 12th graders Friday, December 18, 5-7:00 at Christ United Methodist Church. Dinner will be provided, with a minimal charge. Please bring a “white elephant gift” and be prepared for some fun Christmas games! Please RSVP to: arbaugh4@juno.com or 847-940-7264 by December 15.

 Please note that there will be **no Sunday School Classes** for PreK-8th grade during Christmas break from December 27 through January 3.

Confirmand Project

Did you know that there are thousands of people in the world dying from starvation?

The confirmation class will be raising money for the Heifer Project to help this cause. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 by our confirmation date! This might seem like a little much, but WE CAN DO IT!!! Stay tuned for more information on this exciting fundraiser!

Help build the Zion “Sock Tower” for P.A.D.S.

We had such a tremendous response to the “Towel Tower”, we have decided to continue to support P.A.D.S. with their current “high priority” need: socks. They are in need of socks for all ages- men, women, children and babies. They are seeking white tube socks and very warm socks...no dress socks please.

You are welcome to donate money toward this cause and we will purchase socks on your behalf. Otherwise, please bring socks-new or used-and we will deliver these items to P.A.D.S. in late December. Thank You!

Altar Guild

Large Aluminum Coffee Cans are needed so those who donate altar flowers can take them home. Please leave them in the sacristy. Thank you!

ZCSI – Zion Community Service Initiative

ZCSI interviews in the community will continue to take place in December and early January. We still need volunteers to visit the community and interview our neighbors. For more information, contact Karl Arbaugh. During the January 31, 2010 Annual Meeting, ZCSI findings will be shared and we will make plans for ministry in the community

Trinidad

Due to the generosity of Zion members, we were able to provide more than enough food to make 20 dinners for our sister congregation. Thank you to all who donated!

Southeast Lake County Faith in Action

Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers would appreciate you considering us as a recipient of some of your charitable dollars. Every little bit does help.

There are several ways to help SELCFIA: First, there's our cookbook, "Best in the Neighborhood," a wonderful hostess or holiday gift that includes 250 delicious and easy recipes collected from volunteers, care recipients, sponsors and staff. It's available at sponsoring congregations (ask about the special holiday price of \$12 for one and \$10 each for two or more) and through selcfia.org

Second, if you shop on line, you can start at our web page (selcfia.org). If you click on the link at the lower right of the page, you can access more than a thousand on-line shops, including many of your favorite sites, and each of them will donate a percentage of your purchases to Southeast Lake County Faith in Action volunteers.

Third, you can send a tax-deductible donation to SELCFIA at 2789 Oak Street, Highland Park, IL 60035. We would like to thank the Human Relations Commission of Highland Park for its recent donation of \$650, the Village Board of Deerfield for contributing \$1,000 and our sponsoring congregations for their continuing support.

Care recipients have health challenges, a lack of social support or need help with the chores of daily living, and volunteers perform such duties as shopping for groceries, providing rides to medical appointments, cooking meals, doing light housework, running errands and providing companionship.

We're in the process of training additional volunteers and thank them for their willingness to join the dedicated people who give of themselves to help neighbors in need. Our volunteers are the heart of our program – its face and its soul. As a holiday thank you to them, we're having a special Italian dinner on December 8, hosted by Executive Director Audrey Gordon and Volunteer Coordinator Fran Duda. Our volunteers regularly tell us how gratifying they find their work, and we cannot thank them enough for their efforts.

HOLIDAY HEARTS – Give a Gift

NorthePointe Resources is looking for support to provide a joyous holiday season to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health issues in Lake County. To make a difference you can: purchase a gift from a personal wish list; purchase a gift card which will be given to someone; or make a donation. All gifts should be equal to \$25. Your unwrapped gift should be in a gift bag and delivered to NorthPointe Resources, 3441 Sheridan Road, Zion, IL 60099 by Friday, December 11, 2009. Please contact DeeDee Schiller 847-872-1700 ext.794 to make a donation or to select a recipient who will benefit from your heartfelt support.

Stories That Matter

Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter invites all to join them on December 1 for "Stories That Matter". A panel of individuals from our community will share profound and tender experiences with hospice, palliative care and grief support services. This will take place Tuesday, December 1, with stories and panel discussion at 9:30 AM and questions, coffee and tours following at 10:30 AM. The Center is located at 2009 at 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL. This panel will include **Rabbi Mark Shapiro**, Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim in Deerfield, **Sharon McCarthy**, a founder of the organization, **Bill Graham**, **Mary Joyce**, **Darlene Landsittel** and **Mike Tanimura**, hospice volunteers and family members. To RSVP, call 847-556-1575.

MUSIC SCHEDULES

Children's Choir: The children's choir will rehearse December 8, 15 and 29 at 4pm. They will be a part of the worship service on January 3 with a special song.

Youth Trio: The youth trio will practice December 9 and December 23 at 5:15 pm.

Handbell Groups: Saturday Ringers meet December 5 at 8 am and December 19 at 9 am.
Thursday Ringers meet at 7pm on December 10 and 17.

Adult Choir: Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:15 PM.



Room at the Inn

December 5 & 6, 2009 · 10AM – 4PM

In the Chapel at St. Matthew Center for Health
1601 N. Western Avenue, Park Ridge
(two blocks south of Dempster St.)

EXPERIENCE A BEAUTIFUL, INSPIRING NON-COMMERCIAL ADVENT EVENT!

You are invited to share in a time-honored Christmas tradition – the displaying of nativity scenes – by visiting "Room at the Inn." For one weekend only, Oak Park resident Susan Greeley will exhibit her private collection of over 325 nativity scenes from around the world. Guests are invited for refreshments and a free raffle to win a nativity scene. Children will especially enjoy the 'please touch' table and a chance to win a nativity set of their own.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Please don't miss it – you'll be so glad you came!
For more information, call 847-825-5531 or visit www.StMatthewCenter.org

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CELEBRATIONS

December Anniversaries

12/05/1953 Bob & Arleen Nielsen
12/14/1985 Mark & Joni Croll
12/28/1958 John & Marilyn Sanner
12/30/1978 Sean & Ellen Savage



December Birthdays

12/01 Doris Lampi **and** Bill Northup
12/03 Richard Hanson
12/05 JoBe Cerny
12/08 Meredith Morehead

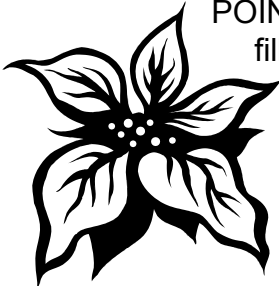


12/10 Jack Kamin
12/12 Gena Andreasen **and** Christopher Voll
12/13 Joyce Voll
12/14 Karl Arbaugh
12/15 Jill Erbe
12/17 Vicki Remdt, Nancy Duguid,
and Florence Russell
12/20 Lois Abplanalp
12/21 Christa Amsden
12/22 Dan Rosborough
12/23 Harry Swanson
12/24 Elaine Howe
12/25 Sue Juhl
12/28 Marjorie Schultz
12/30 Ruth Stadler

New Arrival

William Daniel entered the world on Monday, November 16. Proud parents Daniel and Kristie McCarthy and even prouder grandparents Mike and Jane McCarthy are overjoyed with this addition to their family!





POINTSETTIA PLANTS are available to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or mail to Zion Lutheran Church, 10 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL 60015, by Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Plants cost \$12.50 and are yours to take home or give away following worship on Christmas Eve, December 24th. You may also choose to make a donation to World Hunger.

Please enclose a check made out to Zion Lutheran Church with your order or donation.

I would like to order ____ poinsettia plant(s).

I would like to donate \$_____ to World Hunger.

Name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In celebration of _____



We are in the process of filling out the Altar Flower chart for next year. If you are interested in donating Altar flowers and would like to request a certain date reserved for you, please mail or drop off the form below to the church office by December 19th. All requests are filled on a first come, first served basis. The Flower Chart will be in the narthex for general sign-up later in the month with the cost at \$32 per Sunday. The flowers will be yours to take after the 9:30 A.M. service, or at your request, they can be distributed to sick and homebound members.

Please pay for the flowers at time of order. Additional forms and envelopes are in the narthex under the Flower Chart. You may place it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office.

I (We) would like to place flowers on the Altar on:

Date: first choice _____ second choice _____

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

Bulletin should read: () to the glory of God () in honor of () on the occasion of () in memory of

Distribute: _____

Pick up: _____

Please make all checks payable to the Zion Lutheran Church. If dates requested are not available, you will receive a call.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sept 17, 2009

Attendance:

Matt Wylie
Claudia Ann Morehead
John Wick
Karl Arbaugh

Pastor Martha Halls
Neil Dahlmann
Sue Monsen
Barb Rosborough

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order:** 7:10 pm
2. **Devotions**
3. **Approval of September 17 Council Meeting Minutes:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the September 17, 2009 meeting minutes.

4. **Committee Reports and Related Council Discussion:**

Christian Education – The new programs for Zion youth are off to a good start. Pre-kindergarten through 3rd graders have enjoyed kiddie church. The 4th- 6th graders are meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, and their first class went well. The first event for the older youth with Christ United Methodist Church also went well.

Finance – Claudia Ann provided us with the Zion financial reports through September. Also see budget discussion under “New Business” below.

Mission Support Group – See “Hole in the Roof Evangelism Event and Community Service Initiative” under “New Business” below.

Mutual Ministry – No issues to report.

Property– No issues to report.

Stewardship--. Weekly temple talks are underway. They will send out a mailing on October 31 and November 8th will be commitment Sunday. They are also planning a potluck for Saturday November 7th.

E-Team/Memorial—No report

Social Ministry—No report.

Worship & Music – The committee has been discussing whether to stick with the 4:30 worship time for the Christmas service. They are also considering whether to continue with the annual Dixieland and Jazz services, or try something different next year.

5. **Pastor’s Report**

6. **Old Business**

Update of Call Committee process

7. New Business

Discussion of budget for 2010– The budget needs to be finalized no later than 30 days before the annual meeting. A preliminary budget has not yet been prepared, and the discussion focused on the budgeting process.

We discussed at length the budget for benevolence. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to set the 2010 benevolence budget equal to 10% of the amount members give to Zion (receipts less flow through items such as World Hunger) during 2009. For this purpose, benevolence will include our congregation's contribution to the ELCA, and possibly congregational support for other charitable activities. For 2009, Zion's benevolence budget is only \$5,000, and increasing it to 10% is a big leap. We hope members will rise to the challenge, so that we can support the broader mission of the church and share Christ's love outside our walls.

Hole in the Roof Evangelism Event and Community Service Initiative – Michelle Fairbanks, Mary Peterson, Clyde Friedman, Karl Arbaugh, Matt Wylie, and Pastor Martha attended this ELCA evangelism event on Saturday (Oct. 10). The group is excited about the possibility of creating "holes" in Zion's roof – ways we can serve our community, and invite those outside our walls into a relationship with Christ and our church. The Mission Support Group (Kristi Lindahl, Bill Northup, Neil Dahlman, and Karl Arbaugh) is also supporting this initiative. The combined group has met twice, after church Sunday and today immediately before the council meeting. An action plan has been developed. The first step will be to interview local leaders in our community to identify unmet needs. We will then consider how we can best use our time, talent, facilities, and other resources to help meet them. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the interviews. Everyone is welcome to participate in this initiative.

Adjournment: a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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

Standing Committees

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

Christian Education Committee

Sue Juhl *Sue Monsen*

E-Team (Evangelism) Committee

Finance Committee

Sandy Weiler *Claudia Ann Morehead*

Mission Support Group

Karl Arbaugh

Memorial Committee

Memorial Garden Committee

John Berg

Mutual Ministry Committee

Matt Wylie

Property Committee

John Berg *Matt Wylie*

Social Ministry Committee

Barb Rosborough

Stewardship Committee

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 DECember



Date	Lector	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Greeters	Nursery Assistant	Acolytes	Counters
12/06	Carla Arnell	Gena Andreasen	Mary Dahlmann	The Monsen Family	Vicki Repsholdt	Kate & Jack Kamin	John Berg Dave Zilligen
12/13	John Wick	Ted Repsholdt, Jr.	Devin Zilligen	John & Marti Wick	Juanita Weckerlin	Kaya Monsen Meredith Krifka	Karl Arbaugh Mark Croll
12/20	Barb Rosborough	Jack Dessent	Mark Croll	Barb Rosborough	Kristi Lindahl	Vicki Remdt Devin Zilligen	Dave Zilligen Kevin Fairbanks
12/24	Dave Schwarz	Sue Juhl	Jane McCarthy	The Wylie Family		Kaya and Lynsay Monsen	Sandy Weiler Ted Repsholdt, Jr.
12/27	Gladys Bently	Jack Dessent	Mark Croll	Richard & Nancy Johnson	Susan Juhl	Dan Rosborough Jack Dessent	Sandy Weiler Nancy Johnson

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 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.