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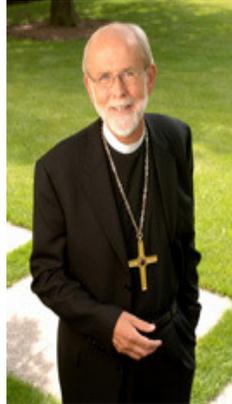
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Zion Lutheran Church

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EASTER MESSAGE FROM ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP MARK S. HANSON



So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Matthew 28:8

Mary Magdalene and Mary walked to Jesus' grave, expecting to find death. It's understandable. Images of violence filled their minds. Thoughts of their vulnerability and mortality deadened their spirits. Death had become the defining story of their lives.

Instead of death, the women met a resurrection messenger who said, "He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said." As they hurried to tell others, the risen Jesus met them. They were changed. Now resurrection, not death, would define their lives.

Jesus lives! Now resurrection, not death, defines our lives. Jesus continues to meet you in resurrection messengers, just as Jesus met me in Pastor Josephus Livenson Lauvanus, president of the Lutheran Church of Haiti. As we walked through the ruins and rubble that lie in the aftermath of Haiti's earthquake, Pastor Livenson Lauvanus proclaimed, "We will not be defined by rubble, but by restoration, for we are a people of the resurrection."

Baptized into Jesus' death and raised to newness of life we, too, are people of the resurrection. We, too, are resurrection messengers. We, too, are about God's work of restoration.

The world aches to hear the message we have to tell. Sing with joy! Jesus lives! We are a people of the resurrection.



**SUNDAY
MORNING:**

9:00 AM Early
Service

9:30 AM Christian Ed

9:45 AM Adult Forum

10:30 AM 2nd Service

TUESDAY

6:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2: 6:00 PM

Stephen Ministry

May 9: 6:00 PM

Stephen Ministry

May 10: 7:00 PM

Church Council

May 15: 10:00 AM

One worship service to be followed by Semi-annual Congregational Mtg.

May 16: 7:00 PM

Book Club at Weinhardt's

May 21:

Flea Market

May 22: 10:00 AM

Confirmation One worship service



SEMI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The semi annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday May 15. ***There will be only one service on that day at 10 AM.*** The meeting will immediately follow the service. At this meeting we will be electing people to fill vacancies on the council, which have occurred either by the terms having expired or unexpired appointments needing to be ratified. There will also be brief reports from each committee. Please plan to attend this important meeting and take part in this aspect of our church family life together. The council needs your support just as you need their leadership.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE SPRING CLEAN UP

Now that the snow has melted, and the warmer weather is upon us, it's time to spend some time and get the grounds

of Zion cleaned up. We have scheduled a Spring Cleanup Day for ***Saturday, April 30th @ 10am.*** ***The rain date is Saturday, May 7th @ 10am.***

We have a number of projects we would like to accomplish, so the more sets of hands we have the faster it will go and the more we can get done. Some of the things we hope to get done are raking the grass, cleaning up the outside chapel area, planting some flowers, sweeping the parking lot. We would also like to get a few indoor things finished – cleaning the pews, cleaning and installing the window screens.

Please come lend your time and your talents and help us get the grounds and the church ready for summer. Please bring lawn rakes, leaf blowers, and any other tools you think will help get the jobs done. If you would like to donate some flowers to be planted, those donations would be most welcome.

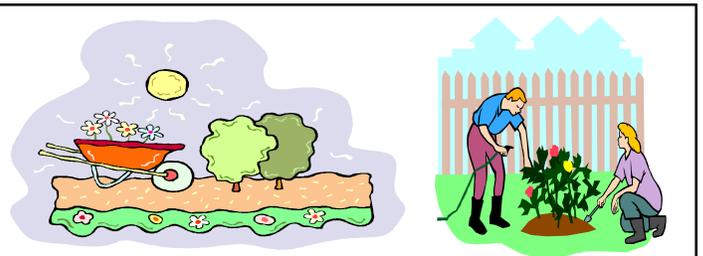
Thank You Zion Property Committee

Jim Champoux, Paul Peterson, Ed Rossmeisl,
Bud Fischvogt



HELP FOR JAPAN

There is information on the table in the entryway regarding how Zion can respond in Christian love to help our brothers and sisters in Japan who have been devastated by earthquakes and a subsequent tsunami. Financial responses by phone, mail and on-line are welcomed. In addition a free will offering will be taken on the Sunday after Easter. Please be as generous as you can.



MEMORIAL GARDEN & OUTDOOR CHAPEL

This winter has been a hard one on our Memorial Garden. One of our benches broke with the weight of the snow. I am working on repairing the bench for the garden.

I will be planting just days before Memorial day to make sure the area looks beautiful. I would love if you would like to dig in the dirt with me. It is a great place to spend time.

This is also the time of year when I ask if someone can keep an eye on the Memorial Garden and Chapel during the summer months. This means deadheading some flowers and giving the area a drink of water if needed. Last year the garden went unattended and was in sad shape when I returned from the Cape. I am hoping that this season will be full of beautiful flowers with someone or a few that can take a stroll through and give it some love. Mother Nature can only do so much with out the help of some caring hands.

There will be a hose and a watering can sitting beside the church. If you are someone that does not want to commit to this but wouldn't mind giving the flowers some water if you are in the area on a beautiful sunny day. That would be wonderful too. We are still adding engraved cobblestones to the walkway if you would like to order one.

Enjoying the Journey
Lisa Betrovski



“Christ Caring for People Through People”

In Romans 12 Paul states that we are one body in Christ with many members, each with a different function...We have different gifts according to the grace given us.

What gifts has God given to you?

What is God’s call for you at this time?

Plans are underway for a Stephen Minister Training Class to begin this fall.

Applications are now being accepted.

To obtain your application see any of the Stephen Leaders:

Pat Bean, Jackie Bonneau, Pam Olson or Susan Pierce

Each Stephen Minister brings to this ministry their own particular gifts which God has given to them. Together, as a team, we learn, grow, share and support one another in this ministry. With God walking with us, and before us, we reach out to those seeking additional Christian support during challenging times in their lives.

Has God been “nudging” you?

Might it be the time for you to take that step forward into this ministry?

There is a saying that often supports us in our work. It is that “God does not call the qualified but rather qualifies those whom He has called”. Recall Moses...Abraham...Paul and the many others who wondered “Who---Me, Lord?”

But God said—Follow me...I will give you all that you need.

Do you have questions? Do you need more information?

See any Stephen Leader. They will be most happy to meet with you. (Names above)

What is the experience like to serve as a Stephen Minister?

Feel free to ask any Stephen Minister. They are most eager to share the joy that it has been for them. In addition to the above leaders, our current active Stephen Ministers are: Siiri Jonasch, Margaret Heide and Carol Weinhardt. Note: We are in urgent need for men to balance our team to be able to reach out to all.

May God guide you as you consider serving in this vibrant and rewarding ministry!

For all the team, Pat Bean

**FINANCIAL RESULTS
MARCH 31, 2011**

We took in \$10,140 thousand in March and we spent \$7,793 thousand in March. We spent \$2,346 thousand dollars less than we took in-- resulting in a net profit for March.

For the year, we took in \$29,085 thousand and spent \$25,658 thousand through the month of March. For the year, we have a net operating profit of \$3,428 thousand.

For the 1st quarter, income is \$11,200 under budget and expenses are \$14,628 under budget.

Treasurer's Report



The following is a comparison of 2011 actual to 2011 budget:

	Mar 2011	Jan -Mar 2011 YTD	Budget YTD 3/12	Over/(Under) Budget
Operating Revenue	\$ 10,139.52	\$ 29,085.23	\$ 40,285.75	\$ (11,200.52)
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,793.11	\$ 25,657.64	\$ 40,285.75	\$ (14,628.11)
Income Net of Expenses	\$ 2,346.41	\$ 3,427.59	\$ -	\$ 3,427.59

Expenses	Mar 2011	Jan -Mar 2011 YTD	Budget YTD 3/12	Over/(Under) Budget
Salaries	\$ 5,225.04	\$ 16,998.53	\$ 29,428.50	\$ (12,429.97)
General Administration	\$ 1,414.20	\$ 2,457.02	\$ 3,357.25	\$ (900.23)
Property	\$ 900.93	\$ 5,245.71	\$ 5,456.25	\$ (210.54)
Education	\$ 50.00	\$ 186.53	\$ 712.50	\$ (525.97)
Worship	\$ 129.89	\$ 656.60	\$ 662.50	\$ (5.90)
Stewardship	\$ 7.25	\$ 22.45	\$ 168.75	\$ (146.30)
Evangelism	\$ 57.95	\$ 57.95	\$ 75.00	\$ (17.05)
Social Ministry			\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Ecumenical Council		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Stephen Ministry	\$ 7.85	\$ 7.85	\$ 350.00	\$ (342.15)
Reimbursed expenses				\$ -
	\$ 7,793.11	\$ 25,657.64	\$ 40,285.75	\$ (14,628.11)

2011 Operating Budget

\$ 161,143.00

**Respectfully submitted,
Shirley I. Rossmeisl, Treasurer**



On **Sunday, May 22nd** three of our young people will be make affirmation of their baptism. Kyle Bergeson, Haylee Olson and Ryan Baronowski will be confirmed following two years of Confirmation instruction.

There will only be one service at 10:00 AM on Confirmation Sunday so that people from both the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services will be able to support and celebrate with Haylee, Kyle and Ryan on this special day in their life of faith.



SIXTH ANNUAL LSS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us! Lutheran Social Services will hold its Sixth Annual LSS Golf Tournament on **Thursday, May 19, at the beautiful Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston, MA**, just five minutes east of Worcester, 45 minutes west of Boston, and easily accessible from all major highways. The par 72 course offers a fine layout of rolling hills, sudden valleys and a winding brook. Shotgun start is 9:30 a.m. Gather a foursome and help LSS serve and care for those in need. For more information, contact Deb Cistoldi at 877-500-8263 x811 or dcistoldi@lssne.org. As always, we thank you for serving with us as God's hands in gracious acts of hospitality, even as you hold a nine iron.

APRIL 2011 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

We celebrated with our young friends at both the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM worship services Sunday, April 10, 2011. A special Coffee Hour with cake and goodies followed.



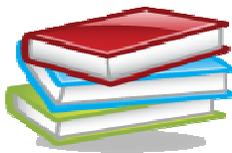
MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Carol Radzyk

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony George

HISTORICAL FUND

Carol Radzik
Dick and Gerry Siegmund



ZION BOOK CLUB

The Zion Book Club will meet at the home of **Donald and Carol Weinhardt**, 2 Strockbridge Street, Webster, MA, on Monday, **May 16th at 7:00 PM.** **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



ZION'S 120 CHALLENGE FOR MAY

As we continue our 120 Challenge we thank you for your participation each month. Cereal is the food item for the month of May. Your generosity is appreciated!



BIRTHDAYS

- Jes Woods 5**
- Evan Desmaris 14
- Janette Gion 14
- Robert Laurens 16
- Dylan Filipkowski 18
- Geraldine Siegmund 22
- Adrienne Schur 24
- Donald Weinhardt 24
- Jason Craley 26
- David Clifford 26
- Jacob Jonasch 26
- Patricia Bean 27
- Robert Langer 31



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brian Cole, **Robert Cozzens**, Bob Duprey, Debbie Forsman, **Pamela Foy**, **Margarethe Johnson**, Jonathan MacDonald, Jennifer Moore, Lillian Pavlovich, Len Pauplis, **Marilyn Siegmund**. and Mark Sweet.



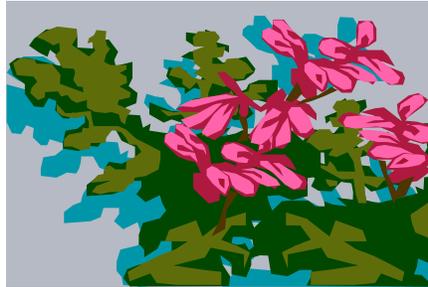
CONGRATULATIONS

We want to congratulate Jeff and Jennifer Lundquist on the birth of their new daughter. **Florissa Jane Lundquist** was born on April 15 at 7:46 AM. She was 20" long and 8 pounds 8.8 ounces. Jennifer and Florissa are doing well.



EASTER BAPTISM

On Easter Sunday at the 9:00 AM worship service we welcomed Sabrina Sheila Adamiak into Christ's church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sabrina was presented for baptism by her parents Michael and Kim Adamiak and her baptismal sponsors, Christian Adamiak and Nicolett Cook. We pray God's blessings on Sabrina and her family.



GERANIUM PLANT ORDER FORM

FOR DAY OF PENTECOST – JUNE 12, 2011

To add to the celebration of the “Day of Pentecost, *the birthday of the church*”, red geraniums are purchased to decorate the sanctuary and then planted outside to beautify the church grounds. Your geranium donation given to “*the glory of God*” can be given either in **thanksgiving, say for a special event**, or in **memory of a loved one**. The cost for each plant is \$7.00. A listing of names will appear in our bulletin. Don’t forget to wear red on June 12!

Please complete the informational form below and either mail it together with your check to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church with “*Pentecost Geraniums*” in the memo corner. **Deadline for ordering is May 30.** Thank you.

Geranium: 6 1/2-inch pot @\$7.00 ea: No. Ordered _____ Total \$ _____

(Please Print):

Donated By: _____

Envelope No. (if applicable): _____

Phone No.: _____

In Thanksgiving For:

In Memory Of: _____

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