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# Zion Lutheran Church

## September 2010



### BAD NEWS SELLS ROMANS 8:28

When you read the newspaper or watch TV, keep in mind that bad news sells, and the media is compelled to put a negative spin on everything--even good news.

One February the Washington Post ran a headline stating:

"US Economy Gains, Adds 400,000 Jobs In One Month: Report Spurs Fears."

Most people would consider job growth good news; the Post warned that it could lead to increased interest rates.

When job growth slowed down a couple of months later, the New York Times ran a headline stating that the reversal was "Stirring Concern."

Once, when the dollar was weak, the Wall Street Journal warned that it would drive away foreign investors and threaten our economy. Later, when the dollar became strong, the New York Times cried that rapid growth prevents us from being able to "maintain economic stability in the foreign-exchange market."

Bad news sells. Newspapers know it. Politicians know it. Self-appointed prophets know it. (Remember how they cashed in on the Y2K "crisis"?)

However, for anyone committed to speaking God's truth, bad news is a weapon we simply don't have in our arsenal. Nor is bad news a threat to our security. We're in the unique position of being able to find something good in any situation, no matter how troubling things may appear on the surface.

Paul said:

***We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)***

Whatever happens day-to-day--whether business is good or bad, whether we make the sale or lose the sale, whether we succeed or fail--God is at work to make things work for our own good.

We have a choice in how we interpret the events of our lives. If we want to fit in with the rest of the world, we can put a negative spin on every thing that happens. If we want to look at life through the eyes of faith, we can learn to find something good in any situation.

This isn't about being a Pollyanna, or pretending tough times don't really hurt. It's about taking God at his word. If we love him, if we trust him, he will make things work out for the best – even in these challenging times for Zion as you prayerfully seek a new pastor – or for our country as we recover from difficult times.

***God Bless You+Pastor Ed***

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY MORNING:

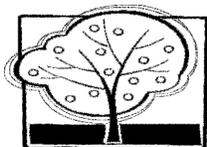
9:00 AM Early Service

9:30 AM Christian Ed

10:30 AM 2nd Service

#### TUESDAY

6:00 PM



SEPTEMBER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Outdoor Chapel** services will continue through the month if weather permits.

**Sept. 12: RALLY DAY**

Sunday School classes resume at

**Sept. 14: 7:00 PM** Church Council meeting

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear friends in Christ;

As the summer season once again slips away we begin a new season here at Zion. During the past few months your Church Council has reorganized, with the newly elected members and begun to assemble the various committees needed to conduct the work of the church. In an effort to fill every position on each committee I am asking each member to please prayerfully consider serving the Lord in whichever way you feel most comfortable. Help is always needed at every level in the church, from serving on altar guild, worship assistant, coffee hr. host and cleaning volunteers to serving on any one of the committees which carry on the work of the church. In order to have an active ministry we need active members to carry on this work. Many of you have done so in the past and enjoyed the fruits of your labors. However it seems like there is always more work to be done than we have laborers. Very soon the Stewardship Committee will be coming out with a new time and talent form. I ask that you please complete and return this form indicating which area you prefer to serve. Your labors will not go unrewarded as many of us have learned.

We are currently going through the call process and I believe it is important that we continue with an active ministry not only to accomplish our mission here at Zion but also to attract the best qualified candidate to help lead us in that mission. I would ask that we all continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the Call Committee and those involved in that process.

*Yours in Christ, Bob Laurens*



Dear Zion friends,

I will be providing pastoral care (part-time) beginning in September. You can reach through the Office at Zion or you can call me directly at home in case of emergency at 508-892-5537.

**In Christ,**



Thanks in part to the wonderful weather we have had this summer, we have been able to use our outdoor chapel nearly every Sunday. A special thank you goes to Tony Annesse and Christine Costello for donating and caring for the beautiful flowers in the Outdoor Chapel. We are also thankful to Bob Laurens for preparing the ground and Ron Joslyn for donating his time and workers to install electricity to the Outdoor Chapel. If you haven't had a chance to worship outdoors with us this summer there is still time left to join us in outdoor worship. Pastor Voosen is enthusiastic about our Outdoor Chapel and eager to continue services outdoors at 9:00 AM through the end of September, weather permitting.

## WORSHIP NEWS AND NOTES

Summer is slowly coming to an end and fall is approaching. It is time for all of us to start thinking of how we can share our time and talents in service to our church. At this time we are in need of worship support, especially for our 10:30 AM service. If each of us takes on some small job I am confident that we can more than fill our worship schedule. Help is needed in the areas of **ushers, communion assistants, element presenters, altar guild, and acolytes (youth or adults)**. I am more than happy to provide training for anyone willing to help out. Please contact me at **508-865-9655** if you are able to volunteer some time.

This is a very difficult time for all of us, as our church family is in a time of transition. It is more important than ever that we all work together as we wait for the call of a new pastor. **Blessings, Dot Sundman**

## THANK YOU, PASTOR ED!



Pastor Ed Voosen has been with us since July and will be with us until the end of October. Pastor Ed has added his talent with a guitar to our worship this summer. Thank you Pastor Ed for all you have done for us at Zion.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**



Greetings,  
Rally Day will be held on Sunday,  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Parents, please make every effort to register your child on that day as I will be ordering the curriculum after the registration.

We are going to be using a new curriculum this year called **SPARK**. This will help somewhat with the teacher shortage. I still need 2 more people to alternate weeks with Jim and Kayla Champoux, who have graciously offered to help teach this year.

After consulting with the teachers, we decided to go with new Augsburg Fortress curriculum called **SPARK**. The program consists of both leader guides (teachers) and learner packets (students) with handouts for the classroom lessons which can also be taken home. As with the previous curriculum, all grades will be taught lessons based on the same Bible story.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to teach.

*Thank you, Patricia Murray*



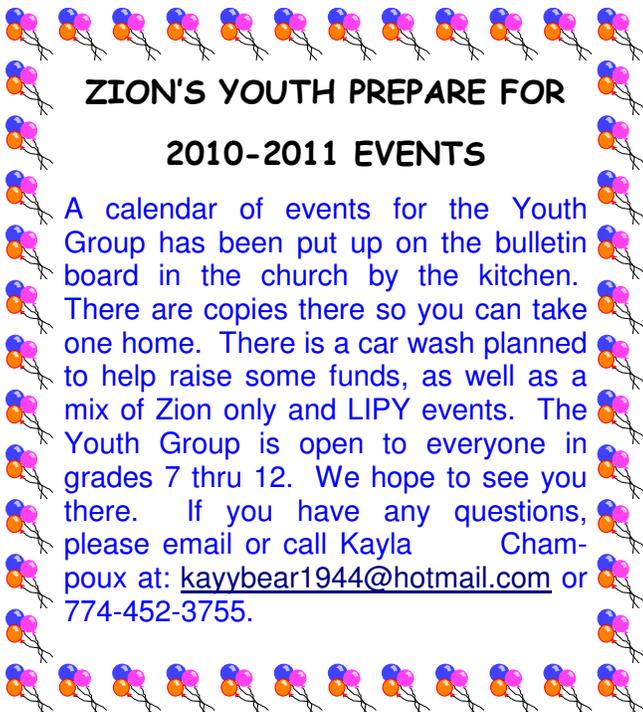
**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to the back to school drive. They were distributed through Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, the Oxford Food Pantry, and By Path Regional High School. This September we will be encouraging a more consistent, faithful support of the Oxford Food Pantry. In honor of Zion's 120th anniversary, we will undertake the challenge of providing 120 of the most needed items for the pantry during the months of September, October, November and December. Watch the weekly bulletin for updates on our monthly items as we witness to God's love in our community.

*Paula Clark, Social Ministry Chair*

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Kayla Champoux, church council Youth Representative**



**ZION'S YOUTH PREPARE FOR  
2010-2011 EVENTS**

A calendar of events for the Youth Group has been put up on the bulletin board in the church by the kitchen. There are copies there so you can take one home. There is a car wash planned to help raise some funds, as well as a mix of Zion only and LIPY events. The Youth Group is open to everyone in grades 7 thru 12. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please email or call Kayla Champoux at: [kayybear1944@hotmail.com](mailto:kayybear1944@hotmail.com) or 774-452-3755.

**MISSION TRIP 2010**

This year I spent my April vacation traveling to Philadelphia PA with the **LIPY (Lutheran Inter Parish Youth Group of Central Ma.)** It was definitely an experience I will never forget and I'm so happy I got the chance to go. I had fun working at the food bank, laying down mulch at one of the local schools, and helping clearing out brush in a community garden. It felt good to help out people and I had fun doing it. This trip was not just work though. We went bowling one night, went shopping/sightseeing out in Philadelphia another night, and we toured the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary the last night. The place we stayed at was nice and we had a dodge ball tournament in the gym which was a blast. I made so many new friends and I hope to go again next year.



**PROPERTY TEAM  
REPORT**

**Jim Champoux, Chair**

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. The Property Committee had a quiet spring as lots of family activities dominated the calendar. We have been fortunate enough to have 3 new members added to the Committee (for the last 6 months or so it has only been Jim Champoux and Jason Craley). The new members are Paul Peterson, Ed Rossmeisl and Tony Annese. We had a meeting in July to discuss some of the outstanding projects and talk about some ideas for future projects. One of the ideas we recently implemented is having a List of Supplies posted in the kitchen area. If you notice we are running low on something, please add it to the list. As we progress on some of the other projects over the fall, we will keep you updated. Also, please watch for the Fall Cleanup activity coming in the fall – last year’s event had a great turnout and we accomplished a lot of great work.



**Greening Tip-**

With summer winding down, it’s time to start thinking about getting your furnace cleaned and checked for the upcoming season. You should try and schedule a cleaning appointment with your service man during the late summer or early fall before they get too busy.

**EVANGELISM  
COMMITTEE**

**Cecelia Jalbert, Chair**

Members include Janet Abissi, Ken Bean, Pat Bean, Sue Butchman, Margaret Heide, and Sue Schade..

We all have both the privilege and a responsibility to be involved in evangelism. Not everyone is called to be an evangelist, but how we live out our faith has an effect on other people. In a world where we are encouraged to take care of #1, our care and concern for those around us can be a witness to the love of our Lord

Every ministry in this parish works to make Christ's love evident to those who belong to this church as well as reaching out to those beyond our doors. In an effort to support the various ministries in our parish we have begun to invite the chairmen to attend one of our Evangelism Committee meetings to share their plans and needs with us. In June Paula Clark was with us and generated a lot of enthusiasm for the work of the Social Ministry Committee. In August Patty Murray will be sharing about the Christian Education Committee. Others will be invited in the coming months

Looking ahead we will be working on having a meeting for prospective new comers. And once we have our new pastor we will need to come up with a revised informational pamphlet for Zion Lutheran Church to be given out to visitors.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS**



As I sit and think about the end of summer I seem to be exceptionally sad this year that the time has passed too quickly and my simple schedule is about to be chaotic again. This summer I have taken the opportunity to smell the roses, read more books and eat more ice cream. I feel as if I have been mentally refreshed. As we start the fall season, lets think about where you are at.

Perhaps you had a summer like mine and you are refreshed and looking for more, maybe a way to help others? Or maybe you had a difficult and challenging summer and just need a break. Maybe you need some time away that you were not able to take yet because you were caring for someone else. Maybe you just need someone just to support and listen to you. As we go through the transition of looking for a new pastor, please remember that Stephen Ministry can be there for you on many levels. As you put your priorities and plans in order for the fall, please consider Stephen Ministry. **THINK STEPHEN!** *In Christ, Pam Olson*

**SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY ROSSMEISL**

**TREASURERS REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2010**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/10- Operating Account</b>		<b>\$ 1,924.06</b>
<b>2009 Void checks</b>		<b>62.00</b>
	<b>July</b>	
Income/interest	\$ 5,974.30	\$ 46,918.49
E-Giving	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 23,061.97
Other income received	\$ 18.00	\$ 610.00
	\$	
Expenses	<u>(8,699.12)</u>	<u>\$ (69,431.67)</u>
	\$ 113.18	
Transfer from Designated Funds		3,400.00
Check book balance as of 07/31/10		<b><u>\$ 6,544.85</u></b>

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/10- Memorial/Designated Funds</b>		<b>\$ 20,297.38</b>
	<b>July</b>	
Income/interest	\$ 256.96	\$ 6,154.35
	\$	\$ -
Expenses	<u>(238.00)</u>	<u>\$ (4,165.60)</u>
	\$ 18.96	
Transfer to Operating Acct		\$ (3,400.00)
Check book balance as of 07/31/10		<b><u>\$ 18,886.13</u></b>

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/10- Endowment Fund Account</b>		<b>\$ 14,664.00</b>
	<b>July</b>	
Income/interest	\$ 6.02	\$ 36.31
Check book balance as of 07/31/10		<b><u>\$ 14,700.31</u></b>

**TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!!!**

Contact  
Margaret Heide  
508-943-5443.



**ZION'S CARD MINISTRY**

Asking for a willing servant! (No less than 20 cards are sent to Zion's homebound, nursing home residents and shut-ins monthly.) A shout out of thanks to Lee White for her volunteering to meet this need.



**ZION'S HOME VISITATION FRIENDS**

Your fellow members are spending time to visit our Homebound and shut-in members. If you drive one afternoon a month to help cheer our friends in Christ you will be greatly appreciated. Currently Zion sends 4 members on this monthly mission. Please **HELP!!**

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

**In Memory Of Ed Keegan**

Betty Keegan

**In Memory Of Helen MCGovern**

Randall and Patricia Tupaj

**MEMORIAL FUND**

**In Memory Of Oscar and Florence Jacobson**

David and Nancy Williams

**MUSIC FUND**

**In Memory Of Joyce Cozzens**

Judy Hodgerney

**In Memory Of Al Kilian**

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 David and Nancy Williams  
 Robert and Carol Langer  
 Theresa Gwodz  
 Paul and Jean Peterson  
 Helen Johnson  
 Robert and Charlene Blake  
 Janette Dion  
 Leonard and Mary Brodeur  
 Dorothy Lagasse  
 Richard and Shirley Lewis  
 Theresa Bonneau  
 Maynard and Joyce May  
 Hellbusch  
 David and Marion Holke  
 The Choir at Zion  
 Clifford and Susan Cloutier  
 Gary and Ila Mattila  
 Ken and Pat Bean  
 Edward and Mary McIntyre

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Since our last newsletter in June we have received 2 additional gifts to the church archives. The first came from Elmira Surozenski in Florida and consisted of the following: The Commemorative booklet for the 100th Anniversary of the church published in 1990 and 3 related newspaper clippings, 2 photo snapshots of the confirmation of Carol Maciejewski, class of 1959, 2 color photos taken circa 1969 at the baptism of Deborah Munsch, the godparents are Joseph and Elmira Surozenski, parents are William and Barbra Munsch, the pastor is H. Mathisen. Three color snapshots of the cake made as a replica of the Zion Church in Webster, the cake was made in 1965 as part of Zion's 75th Anniversary Celebration. The beautiful cake was made by Elmira.

The second gift came from Robert Cozzens and consisted of 4 photographs: Confirmation Class 1941, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Joyce (Redlitz) Cozzens was in this class, Emanuel Lutheran Church Junior Choir 1955, Joyce Redlitz was the director, the names of most of the children listed on the back, 2 photos of the Emanuel Church Choir taken on Easter Sunday, April 11, 1982, both Joyce and Robert Cozzens are in the choir.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who have made financial donations to the History Committee through Memorial: Barbara Steege, Dick and Gerri Siegmund, Isabel Cannalonga, Norma Durand, Betty Keegan. My apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Lastly, as summer winds down, look for a new display in the narthex. Hopefully in early September we should have a photographic display of the first 30 years of the Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church. For those of you who are interested please take a look, and if anyone can add names to any of the captions please let me know.

***Respectfully submitted, Donald H. Weinhardt, Chairman***

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Betty Krul, Gail Gaboriault, Ron Johnson, Joseph Vespa, William Joett, Karen Johnson, Isabel Mazzarella, Andy Bowman, Carol Radzik, Dennis Mercer, Matthew Karp, Sten-Eric Westin, Walter Schur, Michael Johnston, Louise Cyr, Fran Chlapowski, Rebecca Chlapowski, Esther Elliott, Tom Mallett, Fred Grindle, Eleanor Gadoery, Mala Abdella, Ruth Jenks, Josie Hendrix, Raymon Angel Nunez, Pamela Foy, Jeri-Lynn Berlin, Sandy Howland, Brian Quinlan, Mrs. Wurth, Marianne Grzelecki, Matthew Lucas, Lois Austin, Frank Abissi, Patricia Mokaba, Rev. Don Olson, Theresa Bromme, Patz and Robert Clark, Gilbert Thibeault, Alexia Clinton, Wilma Miller, Frank Maher, Margarethe Johnson, David Marcoux, Robert Nowak, Kathy Witt, Rocky Miller, Jim McGovern, Norman Clark Jr., Albert Risner, Anne Bayer, Phyllis Watkins, Isabel Cannalonga, Mary McIntyre, Susan Rohr, Geraldine Maher, Dolores Masi, John Laverne, Michael Gustafson, Diana Powers, Peter Pierce, David Healy, military personnel serving our country at home and in the Middle East especially John Kochinskas, Eric DeAvilla, Airman D. J. Kelley, Eric Streich, Matthew Cremonni, William Jakola, Brandon Morin, Joel Daoust, Rob Snow, Dedrick Baublitz, Michelle Ramsey, Richard Ramsey, Barbie Miller; and Jesse Meagher.

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