

Zion Lutheran Church

SUMMER 2009

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING:

9:00 am Early service

10:30 am 2nd service

TUESDAY EVE. 6:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1,8,15,22,29: 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training

June 1,15: 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision

June 9: 7:00 PM Council Mtg.

June 14: Care Ministry Library opens

June 23: 7:00 PM Evangelism

June 28: 9:00 AM Outdoor Chapel during the summer

July 6, 20, 27: 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training and **July 26 1:00-6:00 PM**

July 6, 20 : 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision

July 14: 7:00 PM Council Mtg.

August 11: 7:00 PM Council Mtg

August 30: Picnic—Buffumville

PENTECOST

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.” – Acts 2:1

For as long as I can remember, when I think “Pentecost” I think of several specific things. If I were to do a word association exercise and someone would say “Pentecost” I would probably say things like: wind, flames, fire, speech... Things like that. Those are the things that make Pentecost dramatic-the rush of the Holy Spirit, the new life, the passionate proclamations. But there’s something that also makes Pentecost dramatically powerful that I have missed for awhile. Re-read the verse at the top of this page and you’ll see what I mean.

Before the Spirit blows the doors off of their hinges, before those “tongues” of fire ignite upon the disciples, before the crowds gathered: “they were all together in one place.”

Think about it for a moment. Have you ever tried to gather your whole family together in one place? If your family is anything like mine then you know it’s not easy. Coordinating schedules, traveling across long distances, navigating through each of our busy lives sometimes makes it difficult for us to get together all in one place.

Yet, there they were. This young family of God, gathered together all in one place. They weren’t battling schedules, travel, or busyness. More likely, they were struggling with fear, uncertainty, and confusion in the wake of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Still, none of those things prevented them from being all together in one place.

We don’t have to wonder why they could do it, we already know. Read Luke 24:49 and it becomes clear. Jesus tells them, before he returns to heaven: “**stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.**” Being together becomes easier, even possible, when the Son of God asks us to be together.

This Pentecost is no different than any other for us. We will read about the rushing wind, the inspired speech and the tongues of fire. We’ll also remember that none of it would have happened if Jesus’ followers weren’t together for it. It’s no different for us. When we gather together, God does amazing things among us. When we put our schedule, our busyness, our fear, our agenda, our anger, our resentment, our money, our time, or anything else that can follow the word “our” before God in our lives, then we miss out on all the amazing things that happen when we set aside those things and simply gather together in one place of faith.

God’s Peace, Pastor Andrew

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STEWARDSHIP

Good News the Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that we now have 19 e-givers for a total of \$51,000.00. E-giving is an easy way to stay current with your giving over the summer months. Why not sign up for e-giving and find out just how easy and convenient this program is.



I want to thank all those that have cleaned the church or did coffee hour over the past year. You have blessed us with your service to our Lord and to Zion.



If you haven't had a chance to sign up for the summer months, all are welcome to sign up for a task. The sign-up poster is in the back of the church. It would be awesome if we all used our gifts and talents to serve our Lord and make Zion a church that we all take ownership in!

Plans for this fall's Stewardship program are in the works. A pot luck dinner at Zion is being planned along with other activities to kick off the stewardship drive.

If Stewardship is something that interest you and you want to join our committee then just contact Pastor Andrew, Ossie or Mike.

Have a great summer! Yours in Christ, Stewardship Chair , Mike Bellisario

OUTDOOR CHAPEL SERVICES

Our summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 28th. Our Outdoor Chapel services will be held each Sunday at 9:00 AM. The 10:30 AM worship service will be indoor each week.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning on June 16th Karen Borden will be in the office Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.



STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATES

We have a number of items for your information and consideration.

Special Shell Crosses – Sales On-going

You may remember, the Stephen Ministry sold beautiful and unique crosses at Easter time. We have spoken to the artist and he is willing to continue to supply us with these wonderful crosses. Please contact Pat Bean, for the time being, if you would like to purchase a cross. The cost is \$8.00 each.

Christian Caring Library Open House

On Sunday June 14, we will officially open our Christian Caring Library. Over the past several months, we have been creating a lending library. We are now ready to open it up to the whole congregation. Please join us before or after service on June 14, browse the books, and have a cup of coffee and a treat.

Stephen Minister Training Class 2

Our second class of Stephen Ministers is progressing fairly quickly. Amy, Martina, Charlene, and Carol are now scheduled to complete their training on July 27. The commissioning ceremony will occur in September – date to be determined.

New Stephen Leaders

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new Stephen Leaders – Charlene Howland and Pam Olson. They will be going to Stephen Leader Training in January 2010. In the meantime, we plan to start including them in the activities of the present Stephen Leader team – Pat, Jackie, Susan, and Pastor.

Stephen Minister Training Class 3

We plan to start a third class of Stephen Ministers around the beginning of 2010. It is not too early to start thinking and praying about your possible involvement as a Stephen Minister. We especially need men to join us. As you may remember, Stephen Ministers can only be assigned to a care receiver of the same gender. With only one male Stephen Minister, we are limited in providing care to the men of our congregation and community.

God's Peace be with you. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Your Stephen Leader Team



JOINT PICNIC

Mark your calendar for a joint picnic with our friends from the Congregational, Methodist and Baptist churches on **August 30th..** This event will take place at the **Shoreline Shelter at Buffimville Lake.** The shelter is reserved for the day. Revelers will need to bring their own beach chairs, some food to share and your own meat for grilling. The walk from the parking lot to the shelter is paved. Persons with mobility impairment will be driven to the Shoreline Shelter and be dropped off.

The schedule looks like this: **3:30-5:00 PM** there will be swimming and game events, especially volleyball challenges between churches, **5:00-6:30 PM** time for supper, **6:30-7:00 PM** a simple worship/prayer service.

JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!!!



CLEANING IN JUNE

Week of:

June 01: Ossie and Joan Rambarran

June 08 _____

June 15: Ossie and Joan Rambarran

June 22 _____

June 29 _____



COFFEE HOUR IN JUNE

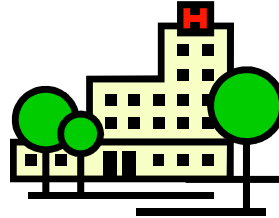
June 07: Brenda and Walter Lukasek

June 14 _____

June 21 _____

June 28 _____

Keys are available from Karen in the office or from Mike. Directions for coffee hour are on the inside of the cupboard door in the kitchen. Cleaning instructions are in the closet in the fellowship hall. **We need volunteers for cleaning and for coffee for the month of June., July and August.** If you can fill in any of the above



**Zion's Gift for
Lutheran Healthcare Center
Expansion & Renovation
Receives a \$10,000
Matching Gift**

Thanks to the generosity of one of Zion's members, we have received a gift that will **match each dollar of our \$10,000 goal.** This will enable us to **double our commitment** to this \$9 million project. Thanks be to God!

Currently, we have received over \$4,000 in donations and pledges to be given over these next 3 years (until Easter 2011). With continued support like this and with the matching funds, we will surely meet, or even exceed, **\$20,000** in giving!!

Pledge cards and information continue to be available in the narthex. Any donations for **Lutheran Healthcare Center** should be so marked in the memo section or with a note, **so that this gift can also receive the matching dollars!**

Zion will now be the donor for the renovation, furnishing, and supporting services for **two resident rooms!**

Your generous support is greatly appreciated!
Pastor Ken Bean, LHC Chaplain & Contact Person.

S.A.G.E.S.

Senior Adults Growing in Experience and Spirituality have a number of activities lined up. On **June 3rd** we will go to the Worcester Armory to see the Buffalo Soldiers Exhibit. For more details on this check the article on the bulletin board at the entryway to the church. We will meet at the church at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be at Luckys on Grove Street.

FUTURE EVENTS

July: Tanglewood with picnic

August: Boston Harbor Islands If the weather is bad alternates are JFK Library or Adams Historical sites in Quincy.

September: Water Fire in Providence, RI

October: Roger Williams Park

November: Willard Clock Museum

December: Christmas Concert

For further information contact Janice Masi at 508-943-1999 or Lee White at 508-943-5365



**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS**

On Sunday, May 17th Zion welcomed new members. Joining us on that day were The **Champoux-Woods Family** of Muareen and James Champoux and their 9 children Jes, Jenni, Kayla, Michaela, Kathryn, Kyle, Kevin, Krysten and Joshua. **Maryilyn Haas** and The **Rev. Harold Haas** were also welcomed into our church family on the same day. Marilyn is the sister of our member Carolyn Henry and Harold Haas (retired Lutheran pastor) is Carolyn's father. We are blessed to welcome these new members!



MEMORIALS

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of
Joseph Cannalunga
From
Barbara Steege



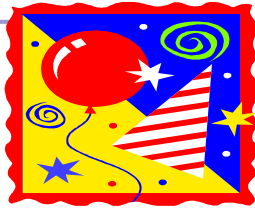
CONFIRMATION

Our congratulations **Cameron Capaccio**, who was confirmed on Sunday May 31. May God bless you as you continue to affirm your baptism each day!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS**



Pamela Foy, Virginia Martinez, Joe Picard, anet Abissi, Cherie Dittmer, Ron Johnson, Sandy Howland, Brian Quinlan, Marguerite Clark, Mrs. Wurth, Maryanne Grzelecki, Debbie Monaco, Matthew Lucas, Lois Austin, Arthur Siegmund, John Dunphy, Esther Elliott, Frank Abissi, Ronny Waters, Katie Schmidt, Patricia Mokaba, Rev. Don and Rev. Peg Olson, Joyce Gatzke Tavares, Theresa Bromme, Patz and Robert Clark, Al Kilian, Gilbert Thibeault, Alexia Clinton, Wilma Miller, Frank Maher, Margarethe Johnson, Mark Blamire, Barbara Hasenberg, David Marcoux, Robert Nowak, Kathy Witt, Rocky Miller, Jim McGovern, Norman Clark Jr., Albert Risner, Anne Bayer, Phyllis Watkins, Stephen Karp, Isabel Cannalunga, Mary McIntyre, Helen McGovern, Susan Rohr, Bob Blood Jr.,Geraldine Maher, Joyce Cozzens, Bernice Gladue, Dolores Masi, John Laverne, Michael Gustafson, Diana Powers, Peter Pierce, David Healy, Esther Wood; military personnel serving our country at home and in the Middle East especially William Jakola, Brandon Morin, Joel Daoust, Rob Snow, Dedrick Baublitz, Michelle Ramsey, Richard Ramsey, Barbie Miller; and Jesse Meagher; Christians in the Middle East; our partner Synods the ELCJH and the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and the Lutheran Church in Hondouras.



HAPPY SUMMER BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

Jeffrey Levasseur 01
 Peter Betrovski 02
 Rev. Kenneth Bean
 Douglas Holst Jr 06
 Paul Peterson 06
 Marilyn Siegmund 06
 Joel Daoust 08
 Shawn Daoust 08
 Arthur G. Siegmund 10
 Rose Mayotte 10
 Kevin Champoux 12
 Janice Masi 12
 Patricia Munsch 16
 Dr. Walter Schur 17
 Carol Radzik 18
 Kyle Bergeson 23
 Timothy Schur 25
 Jennifer Peterson 26

JULY

Paul Siegmund 03
 Erin Munsch 04
 Anne Bayer 06
 Scott LeBoeuf 07
 Pat Cheever 11
 Jennifer Lundquist 13
 Vicki Bradley 17
 Richard Daoust 19
 Joyce Cozzens 20
 Dorothy Sundman 21
 Ann Bacon 22
 Esther Wood 22
 Robert Howland 23
 Arthur Siegmund 24
 Brenda Lukasek 31

AUGUST

Ashley Fournier 01
 Kristen Larson 01
 Amie Siegmund 03
 Jeremy Piehl 04
 Ronald Johnson 05
 Jennifer Bonneau 06
 Barbara Steege 07
 Jay Costello 09
 Arlene Ciesluk 10
 Suzanne Butchman 10
 Priscilla Siemienkiewicz 10
 Evelyn Swierzbinska 12
 Margaret Heide 12
 John Reed 13
 Glenn Elliott 14
 David Olson 16
 Sylvia Allard 17
 Mark Munsch 19
 Dave Peterson 20
 Martina Eaton 28
 Edna Rivers 28
 Elmira Surozenski 28
 Carol Cyr 29
 Keith Cheever 31
 Harvey Allard 31

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Andrew and Members of Zion.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to lead you in the midweek services during the paternity leave of Pastor Andrew. I felt so blessed to share that time with you. I also enjoyed getting to meet and work with Pastor Paula and the members of her congregation. I, as always, look forward to serving you again.

God is good.....

All the time!

In Christ's love, Louisa Klaven

