

GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!

OFFICE HOURS

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SUNDAY MORNING:

9:00 AM Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8: 5:30 PM Endowment Mtg.
7:00 PM Worship Com.

April 8 and 22: Stephen Ministry
6:00 PM Supervision
7:00 PM Training

April 9: 7:00 PM Council Mtg.

April 14: Bishop Hazelwood @
Zion-both worship services

April 14-April 19: LIPY Mission
Trip to Gettysburg-Pastor Nancy
away with the group

April 22: 5:00 Confirmation

April 23: 7:00 PM Bylaw Mtg.

April 28: Tuesday Worship
Conversation

9:45 AM (FellowshipHall)

11:45 AM (Koinonia)

April 29: 5:45 PM Nominating
Committee Mtg.

7:00 PM Making Sense
of The Cross

April 30: Tuesday Worship
Conversation **7:00 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church

APRIL 2013

The Body of Christ...

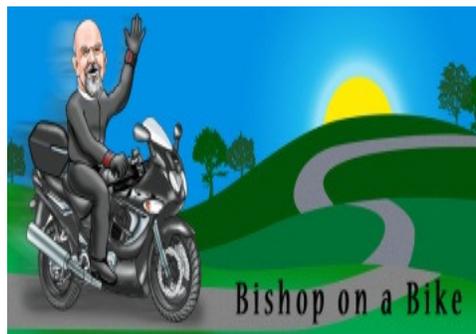
What does it mean for us to say that we, the church, are "the body of Christ"? (1 Cor. 12:27) As a worshipping, believing community of disciples, we are joined together in faith and it is through us that others come to know and love Jesus as the Christ.

The Spanish nun, mystic and poet, Teresa of Avila (1515–1582), wrote this moving reflection about our identity as the body of Christ in her poem, *Christ Has No Body*.

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

I invite us then, in this Easter season, to ponder the ways in which we are Christ's hands, feet, and eyes. When we touch another, we do so as Christ. When we walk with another, Christ walks with them. When we gaze upon another's suffering or joy, we do so with Christ's eyes. May the compassion of Christ flow through us to all those we encounter, that through us they might come to know His love and mercy.

Pastor Nancy



THE BISHOP IS COMING!

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On Sunday, April 14th, Bishop James Hazelwood will preach at both services and will be available for conversation in the fellowship hall. Do you want to know more about the bishop before he comes?

Check out his blog online at www.bishoponabike.com .

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH 4 TO 6PM
SOUP AND CHOWDER COOK-OFF!**



Get your pots and ladles ready! Bring your most tasty crock of soup or chowder – already cooked and ready to serve. Everyone present will sample all the entries and then vote for the favorite! Sign up on the bulletin board if you want to enter the competition.

This will be a great social time, and an opportunity to invite friends to a fun event at Zion. \$5 donation per person. Proceeds will support the youth mission trip to Gettysburg.



Summer time fun!! Thanks to a generous member donation, we will hold a special raffle drawing at the soup and chowder cook-off to win **2 RED SOX Tickets** to the home game vs. the Padres on **Thursday, July 4th**. The raffle ticket cost is \$10.

Donations to support the youth mission trip can also be made through free-will offerings and donating your returnable bottles and cans in the collection bin in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Nancy, or any members of the youth group. Thank you!

TUESDAY WORSHIP CONVERSATIONS.....

For a number of years now, the attendance at Tuesday evening worship services has gradually declined to the point where council has asked the Worship committee to make a recommendation about whether to keep holding this service on a regular basis. One option we have discussed is to have mid-week services during Lent and Advent and for other special occasions (such as Stewardship dinner and Blue Christmas services).

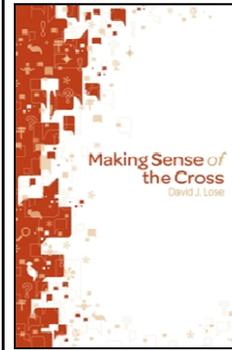
The worship committee welcomes the input of members as they prepare a recommendation for council. There will be three opportunities to have conversation about Tuesday evening worship: **Sunday April 28th at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday April 28th at 11:45am in the Koinonia Room and Tuesday, April 30th, at 7:00pm, in the Sanctuary.** Please attend one of these conversations if you are able to do so.



SPRING FLEAMARKET BAKE SALE

This year's Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 18, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM** at the church. The first planning meeting will be held **Sunday, April 7, at 9:45 AM** following the 9:00 worship service. If you have ideas, input or would just like to help in the planning of this fun filled event, plan to attend. As with any event of this size there is always a need for whatever help you have to offer! There will be more news forthcoming as these meetings progress. If you have any questions or comments call Bob Laurens (860-928-9541) or Jayne Boutilier (508-987-5824).

**MAKING SENSE OF THE
CROSS – Adult study
resumes –**



We will resume the adult study – Making Sense of the Cross on **Monday, April 29th at 7:00 PM.** Come, even if you were not able to attend previous sessions.

**Fed and Forgiven. Introduction to First
Communion course to be offered
again in April....**



Not sure if your child is ready for Holy Communion? They can participate in the Intro course and then together we can assess their readiness. Open to all. We use age-appropriate and engaging content to explore the ritual and meaning of Holy Communion. Kids can also come for a refresher or to continue to deepen their understanding of how Jesus comes to us all in the Sacrament. Talk to Pastor Nancy and we will figure out a good time for all who are interested.



**A message from the Nominating
Committee**

Our semi-annual congregational meeting is approaching soon and the Nominating Committee is seeking members willing to run for election for the following positions of service to the church.

Positions that are open for nomination on Church Council this year:
**President, Vice-President,
Chair of Stewardship, Youth Representative**

We also seek people who are willing to serve on the **Nominating Committee** for next year (2014 elections) and on the **Audit Committee** (to audit the 2013 financial records of the church).

Names may be submitted for nomination by placing them in the Nominating box in the narthex or by speaking directly to a member of the 2013 Nominating Committee (Peter Betrovski, Richard Clark, Paul Peterson, or Pastor Nancy). You may submit your own name, or that of someone else. Please note that our Constitution requires that the positions on Council and the Nominating Committee be filled by current, active membership in Zion.

ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 7-9, 2013

MASSMUTUAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The 2013 New England Synod Assembly, "God's Word, Our Voices," will be held June 7-9, 2013 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, Mass. Through panel conversations, work projects, workshops, and café conversations, we will hear from the many voices throughout New England how God's Word is proclaimed through our ministry. The churchwide representative will be Kathryn Lohre, Director, Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations for the ELCA.

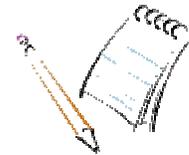
If you are interested in attending the synod assembly as one of Zion's voting members, please let Pastor Nancy or Peter Betrovski know of your interest. Priority will be given first to active members of Zion who have never attended a synod assembly, or who have not attended an assembly for a number of years.

From the synod website: "Each congregation is entitled to two lay voting members. It is expected but not required, that one voting member be female and one male. Congregations may send a third lay voting member, as long as one of the three is a youth/young adult (age 30 or younger at time of election, and confirmed) or a person of color/ language other than English. It is the responsibility of each congregation to cover the travel, lodging and dining costs of its voting members (lay and clergy)."



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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ELCA SURVEY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Each ELCA congregation has received a request from the research department of our national church. They would like to contact 5-10 members in our parish and ask them to respond to two questionnaires per year over the next two years. The survey will gather data on the characteristics and beliefs of the members of the ELCA. Answers will be joined with those of Lutherans from congregations across the U.S. to help form a better picture of our national church.

At its March meeting, the council discussed this opportunity and decided to support the effort. However, if you DO NOT want your name and mailing address provided to the ELCA research team for possible selection as a survey participant, you will need to let the church office know (by phone or email or written note) by April 15th.

NEW ENGLAND SYNOD WORLD HUNGER EVENT

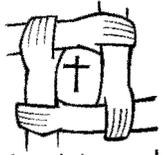
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13 (9:00-1:30) AT GRACE, HARTFORD OR SUNDAY, APRIL 14 (2:00 - 6:30)
AT CHRIST THE KING, NASHUA, N.H.**

Grace Lutheran in Hartford and Christ the King Lutheran in Nashua, N.H. will host separate world hunger events for the southern and northern tiers of the New England Synod on April 13 and 14.

Keynote speaker **Sharon Magnuson**, associate director of ELCA World Hunger, will speak on "the movement within our church to eradicate poverty and hunger in the world." The events will focus on communities where World Hunger supports sustainable models of food security, water, health, education and income generation.

Workshops will include "Synergies of ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response & ELCA Malaria Campaign," "Fighting Malaria," "Hunger - How to Tell Your Story," and an alternative giving fair.

Call **Pastor David** or **Doreen Rinas** at [978-433-2645](tel:978-433-2645) to register.



Doing mission together

NEWS FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

LUTHERAN MALARIA INITIATIVE... We have a wonderful challenge to join in the initiative to turn the tide against a disease that afflicts approximately 300 million people worldwide. Did you know that between 1 and 1.5 million people die from it every year in Africa, Asia, and Latin America? Around 800,000 children under the age of five die every year, making this disease one of the major causes of infant and juvenile mortality. That equates to a child's death every 60 seconds in Africa! * But, it doesn't have to be this way. Through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, we can help fight this disease.

As Lutherans, we have an historic and confessional opportunity to make a difference, to see the face of Christ in these thousands of people. This is our call for a compassionate response. We can be part of LMI's work to restore health and inspire hope to people who are suffering from or vulnerable to the ravages of malaria. Lutheran Malaria Initiative Week kicks off on Sunday, April 21; World Day of Prayer for Malaria is April 25; Lutheran Malaria Initiative Sunday is April 28.

What can we do at Zion to help eradicate this disease? On the first Sunday of the initiative passed by the ELCA, you will see a large mosquito net hanging in the rear of the sanctuary. The Sunday School children have glued together mosquito stickers. Please make a contribution and pin your sticker on the outside of the net. The ELCA goal is for each member to contribute one dollar per year for three years to purchase mosquito nets. A mosquito net costs under a dollar and is the surest way to prevent malaria. Malaria is also easily treatable with inexpensive medications. Your gift can make a monumental difference!

During this initiative week, you will have several opportunities to learn more about malaria and our part in this initiative. Brief videos will be shown at all three services; the children will hear the story of Rehema, a young Tanzanian girl, whose life was affected by malaria in a big way. Bookmarks, pens and pencils, bulletin inserts will be available, too. Our local campaign will end on June 5.

If you would like to do some interesting reading about the fight against malaria or make an online contribution go to **lutheranmalaria.org**. Another, interesting perspective can be gleaned by reading articles from the well-known sportswriter, Rick Reilly, a commentator for *Sports Illustrated*. Reilly has been very creative and influential in stirring up interest and contributions through sports celebrities and sports periodicals.

Peace and blessings, Paula Kilian Clark, Social Ministry
*World Health Organization

TIME TO GET TO KNOW YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN A LITTLE BETTER!

INTERVIEW WITH NICHOLAS LEBOEUF

What is your name? Nicholas LeBoeuf

How old are you? 12

How old were you when you joined Zion Sunday School? 3

What do you like best about Zion Lutheran Church? Coffee Hour

What is your favorite thing about Sunday School? Making crafts

What is something you like to do to help at Church? I test markers out for my Mom to throw away the markers that don't work. There are a LOT of markers!! I also like to help clean the craft closet.

What is something you like to do to help others? I like to help my neighbors clean their garage. I get to take home cool stuff.



ECUMENICAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Another representative from Zion is needed for the Oxford Ecumenical Council. This person will represent Zion together with representatives from other Oxford churches to help develop policies for the running of the Food Shelf, to organize publicity at your local congregation and to attend monthly meetings from September through June. If you are interested please see Sue Butchman or Pastor Nancy for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Our year is winding down ~ I can't believe how quickly it has gone! We only have 7 classes left after Easter!

4/7 – The Empty Tomb, Luke 24:1-12

4/14 – Saul to Paul, Acts 9:1-20

4/21- Peter and Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43

4/28- Peter's Dream, Acts 11:1-18

5/5- Lydia, Acts 16:9-15

5/12 – Paul and Silas, Acts 16:16-40

5/19 – The Holy Spirit, Acts 2:1-4,36-42

**LOOKING FOR SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT?
HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR
ONLINE AND EMAIL DEVOTIONS.**

Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. In these brief writings you'll encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace. You will be comforted, challenged, inspired, consoled and confronted. The daily reflection will stir you to live out your baptismal calling. Take time to reflect, offer a prayer and prepare for the day. Read the daily message or choose Random Grace. **(Available in the iTunes store as a free app. Search for "Daily Grace")**

Faith Lens is a weekly Bible study that engages youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life. Sign up at blogs.elca.org/faithlens/

God Pause email devotions are short, meaningful reflections on the following Sunday's lessons and gospel delivered directly to your email box. By Sunday, you'll be ready for an extra meaningful worship experience. The devotion writers are Luther Seminary alumni. Their reflections are a gift to you and to the church. www.luthersem.edu/godpause

Café is an on-line magazine for young adult women. It incorporates a Lutheran perspective for women of Christian faith or simply for any woman who is interested in how faith relates to the issues that women face today. Readers and writers of *Café* include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use *Café* as a Bible study resource individually or with their congregation. www.boldcafe.org

**EASTERN ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN ICONOGRAPHY
THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH
7:30 - 9:00PM**

The church of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox (37 Lake Parkway, Webster) invites us to join them for a presentation on the Ancient Christian Tradition of Icons with a tour and explanation of the Sanctuary and a Visual Presentation on Christian Art.

For those who went on the trip to the Russian Icon Museum in Clinton this fall, this is a related opportunity to see icons made in the Greek style and hear a presentation on their history and religious meaning. If you have never learned much about icons, this is a great opportunity to find out more from our neighbors and partners in Ecumenical ministry.



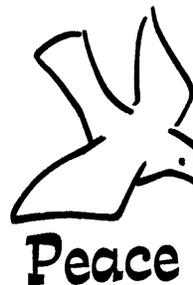
**THRIVENT MONEY
AVAILABLE FOR ZION**

Do you own a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans insurance policy or financial product ??

Every year, Thrivent members have the opportunity to direct (i.e. designate) some of the money Thrivent gives to charitable organizations through a program called Thrivent Choice.

At no cost to you, you can ask Thrivent to support Zion Lutheran Church!!

You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by visiting the [Thrivent Choice website](http://www.thrivent.com). Simply log in using your Thrivent member ID, and then search for Zion Lutheran Church of Oxford MA. You can also direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by phone at [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836).



PEACE NOT WALLS

Peace Not Walls is an ongoing ELCA campaign calling for efforts toward a viable, contiguous Palestinian state; a secure Israeli state at peace with its Arab neighbors; and a shared Jerusalem with equal access and rights for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. You can find ways to support our Palestinian brothers and sisters at:

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls.aspx> .



Summer is coming!! It is time to register for camp!

**CALUMET LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES:
SUMMER PROGRAMS
FOR KIDS**

Resident Camp for Kids: 1-week, 2-week, and 3-week sessions June 30– August 17, 2013. For more than 50 summers, kids from age 8 to 18 have been coming to Calumet to have the time of their lives.

Adventure Camps. Campers 13 and over can kayak, hike, canoe, bike, rock climb, or learn basic camping skills. Options vary from staying at Calumet and going on day trips to overnight trips, and some contain both. All are guided by experienced leaders. Can be in addition to or an alternative to Resident Camp.

Special Needs campers are invited to join the resident camp program during **June 30-July 6 and/or July 7-13.** This is a fully integrated, mainstream experience limited to 15 special needs children, ages 8-21 or still in high school. Campers must care for themselves with limited assistance.

Drama Camp is one of the options for campers **June 30-July 6.** Led by **Children's Stage Adventures.** This year's play is its own musical adaptation of ***The Sword Called Excalibur.*** Friday night performance.

Music Camp is a fun singing experience option **August 11-17.** This is a wonderful experience for both children's choir veterans and someone trying it for the first time. The repertoire is lots of fun, upbeat, and varied.

Reservation Office: 603-539-3223

Resident Camp: ext 221 or bonnie@calumet.org

Campground & Conf. Center: ext 220 or alice@calumet.org

Day Camp, Groups, Retreats: ext 219 or betsy@calumet.org

Want more info? Check out the camp online at www.calumet.org or ask Pastor Nancy



PLEASE HELP

I hope you and your family members are enjoying happy and healthy beginnings to 2013. We were thrilled to have new members join our group over the fall months, but now we need YOUR help. The robes currently worn by our choir are over ten years old and in disrepair. We also do not have enough robes for our members when everyone is in attendance for services. In the pews are envelopes for you to make a donation toward the purchase of new robes. Your support is greatly appreciated. To date we have received several generous gifts, but still need to raise some more funds to cover the purchase of the robes. **Thank you! Christine Costello**

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

In case of emergency hospitalization or death – the best, and quickest, way to reach Pastor Nancy is by calling 508-499-8787. By calling this number, you can reach Pastor Nancy immediately.

WELCOME

If you are interested in becoming a member of Zion, please speak to Pastor Nancy.



YOUTH FUNDRAISERS FOR APRIL MISSION TRIP



Donations to support the youth mission trip can also be made through free-will offerings and donating your **returnable bottles and cans** in the collection bin in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Nancy, or any members of the youth group. Thank you!

LIPY-CM Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to all LIPY events. You MUST turn in completed Covenant and Medical forms before you can attend LIPY events. (Forms are available on the Youth bulletin board in the hallway.) You can also join the LIPY Facebook group to be updated on activity plans. Talk to Pastor Nancy if you have any questions.



MARCH 12, 2013

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by, Marleen R. Bacon

Church Council Secretary

The March 2013 of the Zion Church Council was called to order by President Laurens at 6:45 PM and was opened with devotions given by Pastor Nancy.

Financial reports for expenses and giving were presented for February 2013. Shirley Rossmeisl reported income for the month at \$9,965.88 and expenses totaled \$12,843.62. February was a stormy month which probably attributed to lower giving. March has started out looking financially better.

The Council members listened to a presentation prepared for Zion by the RICOH copier company. The present office copier is in need of extensive repair and has not been working properly for some time. The Council voted unanimously to lease a new copier for the church office. Along with the monthly lease the Council voted to add a very good maintenance package. The copier will be in place shortly after Easter. The Council felt that a new copier was in order as so many church notices, the monthly newsletter, Sunday service bulletins, etc. are copied on the in house copier and are considered to be a lifeline for the church and a source of outreach.

Pastor Nancy presented her monthly report. Her report focused on her past month's meetings and the upcoming youth events, Holy Week and her out of office commitments. The good news is that she is back to driving herself (with maybe some help sometime) and is starting therapy. The healing process continues with much progress being made.

Sue Lebeouf reported that the Sunday School will be participating in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services.

Paula Clark reported on the projects being worked on by Social Ministry. Look for the Malaria Drive campaign to begin shortly and a way for the Congregation to help make the purchase of much needed mosquito netting.

The Oxford Ecumenical Council is in need of a new member from Zion. Please see Bob Laurens or Pastor Nancy if you are interested in filling this position. The Council expressed their sincere appreciation to Cindy Joslin for her service on the Ecumenical Council and the Oxford Food Shelf.

Peter Betrovski let the Council know that the Audit Committee has met and will be making their report available for the Council's next meeting. He also stated that the Nominating Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks in preparation for the next Congregational Meeting.

The next Council meeting will be held on April 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The Council/Bylaw Committee will meet on April 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The Council welcomes anyone from the Congregation who wishes to attend any of their meetings.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



**"CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE"**

It's Okay to be human ...

Having just walked through the Lenten season we particularly become aware of the humanity of Christ. In observing the life of Jesus, we can see how God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. **Can you relate to these feelings?** That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for support when we need it.

So when you are experiencing challenging times, you need not walk alone. **Our Stephen Ministers are available to walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through these times.**

To receive such support contact our Referrals Coordinator, Susan Pierce @ (508) 987-1390.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



**ZION'S CHRISTIAN
CARE LIBRARY**

The April featured book from Zion's Christian Care Library is: **WHY DO I FEEL GUILTY WHEN I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG?** By Ty C. Colbert, Ph.D. If you struggle with unresolved guilt and shame in your life, Dr. Ty Colbert offers valuable advice on how to understand and overcome those feelings.

As Colbert identifies the four types of guilt and shame – True and false guilt and constructive and destructive shame – he explains how each affects your mental health, behavior, and happiness and shows you how to control them effectively. Learn how to recognize and avoid guilt, minimize shame, and reclaim your lost selfhood.

**Carol Weinhardt,
Christian Care Library Coordinator.**

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL RESULTS
FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

During the month of February, we took in \$9,965.88 thousand and we disbursed \$12,843.62 thousand. Expenses exceeded revenue by \$2,877.74 dollars-- resulting in a net deficit for February.

For the year, we received in \$20,323 thousand and spent \$24,037 thousand through the month of February. For the year, disbursements exceeded income by \$3,714 dollars.

For the two months of 2013, Revenue is \$5,150 under budget and Expenses are \$1,436 under budget.

The following is a comparison of 2013 actual to 2013 budget:

	Feb 2013	Jan-Feb 2013 YTD	Budget YTD 2/12	Over/(Under) Budget	
Operating Revenue	\$ 9,965.88	\$ 20,323.29	\$ 25,473.33	\$ (5,150.04)	
Less Operating Expenses	\$ 12,843.62	\$ 24,037.31	\$ 25,473.33	\$ (1,436.02)	**
Income Net of Expenses	<u>\$ (2,877.74)</u>	<u>\$ (3,714.02)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

Expenses	Feb 2013	Jan-Feb 2013 YTD	Budget YTD 2/12	Over/(Under) Budget	
Benevolence	\$ 909.00	\$ 981.64	\$ 1,733.33	\$ (751.69)	
Pastors Ministry	\$ 5,769.90	\$ 12,369.45	\$ 12,534.83	\$ (165.38)	
Stephen Ministry		\$ -	\$ 216.67	\$ (216.67)	
Youth Ministry		\$ -	\$ 166.67	\$ (166.67)	
Worship & Music	\$ 2,320.83	\$ 4,081.38	\$ 4,407.50	\$ (326.12)	
Administration	\$ 882.40	\$ 2,049.19	\$ 2,515.17	\$ (465.98)	
Property Management	\$ 566.89	\$ 1,045.22	\$ 1,159.17	\$ (113.95)	
Insurance & Utilities	\$ 1,994.76	\$ 3,042.25	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 802.25	
Education & Outreach	\$ 330.93	\$ 389.77	\$ 275.00	\$ 114.77	
Evangelism		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	
Hospitality	\$ 62.71	\$ 62.71	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.71	
Stewardship	\$ 6.20	\$ 15.70	\$ 125.00	\$ (109.30)	
Non-budgeted Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 12,843.62</u>	<u>\$ 24,037.31</u>	<u>\$ 25,473.33</u>	<u>\$ (1,436.02)</u>	**

2013 Operating Budget **\$ 152,839.69**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 02/28/13 **\$ 1,108.57**

Respectfully submitted
Shirley I. Rossmeis, Treasurer

Prayer Concerns

Bishop H. George Anderson, Jeff Backstrom, Anne Bayer, Pat Bean, Kim McCoy-Blauser, Ray and Margaret Briere, Elizabeth Brodeen, Cathy Canney, Karen Cole, Fran and Rebecca Chlapowski, Esther Elliott, Brenda Gabel, Alice Grzlecki, Pam Siegmund Foy, Shirley Kilian, Bob Knox, Carl Larson, Caroline Lorkiewicz, Wendy Lyons, Dorothy McLellan, Judy Olson, Peter Pierce, Conrad Redlitz, Freddie Rivera, Paul Rohr, Adrianna Rolfe, James Rothenburg, Corrinne Rousseau, Doris Skogland, and Mark Sweet, the family and friends mourning the death of Claudia Berti. **To let us know about a prayer concern or to add a name to the printed prayer list, call or email Karen in the office or use the card in the pew racks and place in offering plate.**

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Richard Anderson

Jon Larson

MAY GOD COMFORT ALL WHO MOURN

If



If you have moved or will be moving in the future, please let us know so that we can change you're address, telephone numbers and emails if necessary. We want to stay current with our mailing information.



May Newsletter Deadline

Please email all news or information for the May newsletter on or before **April 15th**



ZION IS ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurch>

“Like” the page to keep updated about what is going on.



HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Help us to keep in touch with you. Email Karen your updated address and phone number at admin@oxfordzionchurch.org.



APRIL BIRTHDAY

- Donald Piehl 03
- Chase Levasseur 03
- Peg Briere 04
- Janet Abissi 05
- Allison Schur 05
- Justin Howland 07
- Erin Legier 07
- Pat Siimes 07
- Kim Reed 07
- Lois Bernier 08
- Emma Schremser 10
- Kristen Betrovski 11
- Lucille Blood 11
- Ben Schur 12
- Chris Bonneau 12
- Walter Lukasek 12
- Conrad Redlitz 13
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