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Saturday Evening Worship Service 5:30 P.M.
(June at Grace, beginning July 24 at Zion)

Sunday Worship Service 9:00 A.M.

Worship Schedule

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Pastor Paul D. Ostrem
Cheryl Hollich—Lay Associate
Katherine Graff—Missionary to Mexico
Wilma Roach—Secretary
Oscar Alvarez—Custodian

JULY 2004
The Contact

I would like to be able to say thank you for everything which has been done for the celebration of my 25th anniversary of ordination, but since I must write this column before the actual event and before I know what exactly to thank you for, I will delay that until next month. Suffice it to say that I am grateful for the preparation which has gone into this celebration and for those who are planning it.

It has been fun to go through old photographs at the request of the committee and to remember past events and people from former congregations as well as from this congregation. Changing hairstyles, hair lines, and hair color – I’m talking about mine – have been noted with some amusement. I have noticed how many people in some of the pictures are no longer living. There are pictures of children whom I doubt that I would recognize if I met them today. As they say, “Time marches on.” Some of us who were honored at the last synod assembly for our 25 years of ordained ministry were visiting in a group remembering our early days as pastors when at conventions people would be recognized for their 25th anniversaries and we thought, “Those guys are getting old!” Now, here we are!

It has been fun to remember the things which went well, and it is with thanksgiving for grace and forgiveness that I remember the things which did not go well. In those early days of serving as a pastor right out of seminary, “What we lacked in experience, we made up for in arrogance,” as one person said. I trust that experience has been a good teacher, and that it will continue to be so in the future. My fear is that I will finally get it all figured out and then it will be time to retire. These twenty-five years have been an interesting ride. Each day is an adventure. The varieties of personalities, the changing events and needs of the world, the leading of the Spirit, and the surprises of grace keep it interesting. Above all, the goodness and grace of God made known in Jesus Christ sustains and - in some cases - redeems it all. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Ostrem

July was going to be a continuation of my June article “The Cup of Life.” However, last Saturday I was part of the preparation for our youth trip to South Dakota. We went to the YMCA camp in Blue Grass for “group building.” I wanted to share that with you:

The leader talked about the 4 C’s—*communication, cooperation, challenge, and caring community*. We were then introduced to a number of activities—beginning with those that emphasized the individual. That emphasis changed as we went on; it changed to an emphasis on the group and dependency on each other. At one point, I found myself blind-folded and being guided by the voice of my teammate (good job Kerry!) through a “mine” field. The voice had to be clear and firm since the leader was working on distractions and giving counter directions in my ear.

Moving to the low ropes area was a greater challenge. All 14 of us stood on an elevated log and had to balance while we got in order of our birthdates. Next was the box challenge. How could we ever get 14 of us on a box that was a 26” square? All those feet...but we tried and tried and tried and tried. We laughed, and yelled, and even as frustration took over, we tried again. We never did succeed but that didn’t deter us. On we went to the balance platform. We broke into two groups who stood on either side of a large platform that basically was balanced in the middle. Sort of like a wide teeter-totter. We had to have everyone cross to the opposite side without the platform touching the ground. We did it and we proved that we could work together well!

What did we learn from all of this? I’m not sure that I can completely answer that question. We learned that it is a challenge when you have a variety of ages involved; we learned that it’s good to listen to everyone; we learned that sometimes we can say things that hurt others, even when said in fun; we learned that sometimes you have to stick with your original plan and not listen to other distracters; we learned that we can depend upon each other and work together when we have to; we learned that we will have fun in South Dakota!!

Blessings, Cheryl

PRAYER CORNER

*"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs."*

THOSE HOSPITALIZED & THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Tim Stange Karen Padgett Art Miller
Lisa (Frieden) Dowell Merritt Wright
Bernice Kublik Paula Poole Janet Askam
Deb Heitmann Tim Othmer

Those who have lost loved ones:

The family of Leona Marr (mother of Dick Marr)
The family of Peggy Thompson (aunt of Nancy Keel)
The family of Gene Freeborn
(Grandfather of Jean Heitmann)
The family of Barbara Busch

Members of our congregation at Lutheran Homes:

Margaret Freese Hilda Collitz Leola Dittman
Charlotte Sylvester Clarence Weiss Wilma Axel
Emilee Stratton Margaret Jensen Helen Timm
Betty Breckenfelder Bernice Manley
Muriel Finnegan Audrey O'Brien Merritt Wright

Other Special Needs:

- 1) Pray for the hungry and the homeless through out the world.
- 2) Pray for our missionary to Mexico, Katherine Grafft; our Bishops, Mark and Philip, and all who serve the Church.
- 3) Pray for Michelle Tripmacker and Joshua Helscher who will be married at Zion on July 17.
- 4) Give thanks for our nation and pray for its leaders, for peace in our world, an end to all conflicts, and for all those who serve our nation on foreign soil.
- 5) Pray for our young people and adult sponsors who travel to South Dakota July 17-24.
- 6) Pray for safe travel for all who vacation this summer.
- 7) Pray for those from our congregation attending summer camp this year at Camp Shalom.
- 8) Pray for those affected by floods and tornadoes so far this year.
- 9) Give thanks for the birth of Julissa Judith Williams to Duane and Christy Roby Williams on May 28, 2004

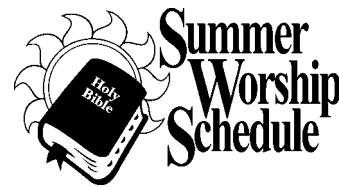


The Fellowship Committee invites you to express your warmest wishes to the following members of Zion who celebrate their 80th or older birthday this month:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

<i>DON STANGE</i>	<i>JULY 9</i>
<i>JEANETTE TAMMENGA</i>	<i>JULY 14</i>
<i>*CHARLOTTE SYLVESTER</i>	<i>JULY 17</i>
<i>ELSIE BIERI</i>	<i>JULY 18</i>
<i>*IRMA BENDER</i>	<i>JULY 21</i>
<i>IOLA LICHTENWALD</i>	<i>JULY 22</i>
<i>*MIKE JENSEN</i>	<i>JULY 28</i>
<i>*MARGARET JENSEN</i>	<i>JULY 30</i>
<i>HELEN LICHTENWALD</i>	<i>JULY 30</i>
<i>*LEOLA DITTMAN</i>	<i>JULY 31</i>

*DENOTES 90 + YEARS



Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule at Zion of one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 AM continues through September 5 (Labor Day Weekend).

Saturday evening services with the other ELCA congregations will continue at Grace Lutheran Church at 5:30 PM, through July 17. The 5:30 PM Saturday evening services will be at Zion from July 24 through September 4.

Thank You!

Thank you everyone for the wonderful birthday greetings I received. They were greatly appreciated. God's blessings.

Margaret Freese

*Dear Zion Friends,
Thank you for the cards, memorials, flowers and prayers following Mother's death. Your love and support is so helpful at a time like this.*

Dick & Evie Marr

I would like to thank my church family for helping me celebrate my graduation. Thanks to everyone for the nice cards and gifts. It is so great to have such a special church family. God Bless all of you.

*Jason Dornbush
Class of 2004*

Thanks to everyone who sent birthday greetings to me on my 80th birthday. They were greatly appreciated.

Doris Dreyer

Thanks to all who donated blood for our Blood Drive in June. Thanks to those who donated cookies and juice and their time to work at the Blood Drive and calling to set up appointments. It is all needed and appreciated to achieve our goal.

Nancy Tietge, Blood Drive Chairperson

THANK YOU

The Stewardship Committee would like to express their deepest thanks to the congregation for the gifts of their recyclables, and their time for a very successful Recycling Sale during the Block Party. As a congregation we raised \$300.00 in proceeds from the sale. This \$300.00 will be matched with another \$300.00 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™ providing a total of \$600.00 to be given by Zion for the Social Services provided by MCSA (Muscatine Center for Social Action). This could not have been done without the ideas, planning, gifts, and hard work by everyone involved.

Once again, thank you!

The Zion Stewardship Committee



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Charlotte Sylvester will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 18th with an open house from 2:00—4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

She invites her church family, relatives and friends to come help celebrate. She requests that gifts be omitted.



The Greatest Honor of All

One of the greatest American preachers in the 19th century was the Episcopal minister of Trinity Church in Boston. His talent was so appreciated that he was chosen to be a bishop of the Episcopal Church.

When the honor was bestowed upon him, he received many letters of congratulation, all of which he surely appreciated. One letter, however, he cherished more than the others. I read: "Dear Dr. Brooks, I am a tailor in a little shop near your church. Whenever I have the opportunity, I always go to hear you preach. Each time I hear you preach I seem to forget all about you, for you make me think of God."

That heartfelt letter caused the brilliant pastor to respond: "I would rather carry the memory of that tribute to Kingdom Come than all the bags of gold you can drag through the streets of the city."



50+ Years

Chet & Marietta Zimmerman
July 8, 1945

Ralph & Barb Buster
July 19, 1953

Financial Report

If you would like to see the full report as the finance committee and council sees it and reviews it each month, please call or stop in the church office and we will gladly share it.

ZLC Monthly Financial Update

	May, 2004	5/12 Year	Year-to-Date
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income			
Budgeted Income	\$ 119,181	\$ 120,875	\$ (1,694)
Unbudgeted Income	\$ 8,871	\$ -	\$ 8,871
Total Income	\$ 28,052	\$ 120,875	\$ 7,177
Expenses			
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 123,920	\$ 120,875	\$ 3,045
Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ 6,998	\$ -	\$ 6,998
Total Expenses	\$ 130,918	\$ 120,875	\$ 10,043
Income - Expenses	\$ (2,866)	\$ -	\$ (2,866)
Fund Balances			
Current Fund	\$ 19,655		
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,115		
Building Fund	\$ 15,692		
Gateway Apartments	\$ 24,201		

SOWER'S

June Pries will host Sower's on July 26th at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun and work on your sewing projects at the same time.

SUPPER CLUB

Zion's monthly supper club will meet at Lancer's Inn in Eldridge July 17th at 6:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board by the nursery. We can car pool so if you need a ride, talk to Cheryl.



NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION

M/M Mike Owens
418 Adams Street
Muscatine, IA 52761
263-3354

M/M Robert Danner
1555 Magnolia
Muscatine, IA 52761
263-3315

M/M Marvin Flood
520 Barry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
262-0232

M/M Don Snodgrass
408 Lowe Street
Muscatine, IA 52761
264-2176

M/M Jeff Steele, Kaleb & Abigail
1623 Lucas Street
Muscatine, IA 52761
262-9787

Ms. Ruth Unkel
1810 Mulberry Ave, #302
Muscatine, IA 52761
263-6147

Ms. Cindy Mueller & Alex
1214 Park Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
262-9911

Ms. Carol Giovanozzi
106 East 6th, Apt, 301
Muscatine, IA 52761

Mr. Andy Smith, Matthew & Phillip
2005 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
264-6149

ADDRESS CHANGE

Ms. Florence Naber
Highland Ridge
100 Village View Circle, Apt. 212
Williamsburg, IA 52361

ELCA Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly Report

The 2004 ELCA Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly was held on June 11-12 on the campus of Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. The theme of the Assembly was "Claimed, Gathered, and Sent for the Sake of the World".

The Assembly began with Worship with Communion led by Bishop Hougen. This service as well as the other services that were part of the assembly featured hymns and liturgy from the new "Renewing Worship" materials and supplements.

During the first business meeting, committee reports were heard and approved.

Pastor Ostrem and Cheryl Hollich were both elected to serve as Voting Members for the 2005 Churchwide Assembly. Congratulations to both of them.

Keynote speakers were the Rev. Michael Burk, Director of Worship for the Division for Congregational Life and Bishop Margaret Payne, New England Synod, Chair of the ELCA Studies on Sexuality Task Force. In addition, two guests from Tanzania, Pastor Eliraha Mmwiri and Mr. Mark Leverer represented the Pare Diocese, our companion synod in Tanzania.

Dr. Burk led a focus session devoted to the "Renewing Worship" materials. Bishop Payne's session gave some insight into the work of the Sexuality Task Force, which will be making recommendations to the ELCA in 2005. Pastor Mmwiri and Mr. Leverer talked about the Church in the Pare Diocese in Tanzania.

We should mention that Cheryl Hollich served as the Chair of the Planning Committee for the Assembly. (Great job, Cheryl)

We have a further appreciation for the work of the ELCA Southeastern Iowa Synod and the role it plays in the ELCA as a whole as it moves forward in its mission to be "Claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world".

Roger & Brenda Roskens

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

Tyler Carter has earned his Eagle Scout Badge and would like to invite his church family to share in his Eagle Scout Ceremony, Sunday, August 1st in Fellowship Hall. The ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m. with cake and ice cream to follow.



Change in Communion Schedule

To accommodate vacation schedules for our staff, we are making a minor change in the communion schedule for July. Communion will be celebrated on July 11 and July 18.

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ZLCW BOARD

The ZLCW Board has recommended to eliminate the August General Meeting. Many people are on vacation and attendance is usually down.

There will be a General Meeting in November and March.

We need to have a short meeting to vote on changing the constitution from three General Meetings to two a year on Sunday July 11, 2004 after church. Please try to attend.

ZLCW Group Meetings

July 15	Group 5
July 20	Group 4
July 22	Group 6

Youth News

South Dakota Info-- Group Building:

The purpose of the meeting is to foster a group that will travel well together and will be able to depend and know each other before the trip begins.

Sunday, July 11, 3:00 PM ...

Vicki Pedersen's home, 1017 Wier...Swimming & Bar-B-Q ...bring your own drink and something to share; meat provided. We will go over final details of the trip. RSVP to Cheryl by July 7!!

Camp Shalom Info:

The following girls are registered to attend Camp Shalom on July 25-30:

- Katie Chrisman
- Rachel Echelbarger
- Anna Pusateri

For Senior High Youth Only:

Thursday, July 29...6:30 PM.

Popcorn, Conversation and a Movie

Take this time to discuss your thoughts and feelings with Cheryl about the year to come...what would you like to see happen at Zion; bring your favorite video movie (NO R RATED!) and we'll vote on what one to see; plenty of popcorn to enjoy!

EXPERIENCING VISION LOSS?

The Iowa Department for the Blind is there to help! You can live independently, work competitively, and enjoy life as you always have. Services are FREE, and you do not have to be legally blind to receive them. For Information, call 1-800-362-2587 or visit—

www.blind.state.ia.us.

BLOCK PARTY THANKS

Once again, Zion's Block Party is done for 2004. A fine time was had by all. This wonderful event and ministry to the community could not take place without all of the wonderful assistance of the members of Zion. You are all to be thanked and a special thanks to:

- Everyone who donated cookies;
- Bert Toyne and Cheryl Jacobsen for arranging for and obtaining the food;
- The Kitchen Crew for all of their work;
- Everyone who donated Door Prizes;
- The Committees who met the challenge and created those wonderful baskets;
- The Recycle Sale donations and to the Stewardship Committee who worked the sale and collected 300;
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for matching the Recycle Sale proceeds and bringing the amount for MCSA to \$600;
- The Bell Choir, Ben Chrisman, and Anna Pusateri for providing entertainment;
- The Popcorn Maker (aka The Starkweathers);
- Nancy Tietge and Vivien Halloran for inviting our community leaders and helping wherever needed;
- The Property Committee and Youth Committee and others for moving all the materials upstairs;
- Finance Committee for organizing the Door Prizes;
- The Social Ministry Committee for overseeing the entire event and "finishing" the baskets;
- The City of Muscatine for providing street barricades and permitting us to block of the streets;
- Ray Stange for the use of his hayrack;
- Fellowship for working on registration;
- Parish Ed for helping us count sheep; and All the other many volunteers who are too numerous to mention but who know who they are and how invaluable they are.

Thanks again for being Zion's visual statement of being "In the City for Good."


Well Done!

JULY 2004

LAY READERS

JULY *4* *9:00 A.M.* Terri Hanson
 11 *9:00 A.M.* Jurgen Boche
 18 *9:00 A.M.* Dave Hanson
 25 *9:00 A.M.* Carolyn Kemper

GREETERS

JUNE *4* *9:00 A.M.* Bob & Elaine Herwig
 11 *9:00 A.M.* Rick & Kathy Miller
 18 *9:00 A.M.* Dave & Doris Watson
 25 *9:00 A.M.* Larry & Reita Driskell

HOSPITALITY SERVERS

JULY *4* Worship Committee
 11 Property Committee
 18 Planning Committee
 25 Fellowship Committee

AMBASSADORS

JULY *4* Kent & Mary Heckman
 11 Margaret Wiesner & Helen Colony
 18 Dick & Evie Marr
 25 No Ambassadors

USHERS

***Art Miller** Dave Phelps Bob Pugh
 Jason Dornbush Charles Hoffman
***Riley Padgett** Charles Meyer Ernest Marolf
 Mike Watson Mark Perisho

ACOLYTES

JULY *4* *9:00 A.M.* Ashley Platt & Kirsten Schneider
 11 *9:00 A.M.* Emily Batenhorst & Sarah Heitmann
 18 *9:00 A.M.* Matthew Knause & Walker Van Wey
 25 *9:00 A.M.* Nash Butcher & Justin Honeyman

ALTAR GUILD

Helen Stange
Karen Padgett

JULY 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. 7:00 Worship Comm.	2	3 5:30 Worship Service at Grace
4 9:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Comm.	5 Office Closed	6 5:30 Memorial Comm. 6:15 Fellowship Comm. 7:00 Evangelism Comm.	7 9:00 VBS at Grace	8 6:45 Executive Council 7:30 Church Council	9	10 5:30 Worship Service at Grace
11 9:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion	12	13 7:00 Stewardship Comm.	14 9:00 VBS at Grace	15 6:30 Property Comm. 7:30 Group 5	16 6:30 Herscher/Tripmacker Rehearsal	17 Youth Leave for SD 5:00 Herscher/Tripmacker Wedding 5:30 Worship at Grace 6:30 Supper Club
18 9:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion 2-4:00 Charlotte Sylvester's Open House	19	20 1:30 Group 4 5:30 Parish Ed Comm. 6:30 Thrivent Meeting	21 9:00 VBS at Grace	22 7:30 Group 6	23	24 5:30 Worship Service at Zion Youth Return from SD
25 9:00 Worship Service	26 Contact Articles Due 6:30 Sowers' at June Pries'	27	28	29 9:00 Assemble Contact 6:30 Sr. High - - Popcorn & Conversation	30	31 5:30 Worship Service at Zion