

The Contact

July 2005

Pastor Paul D. Ostrem
Cheryl Hollich—Lay Associate
Wilma Roach —Secretary
Oscar Alvarez —Custodian
Heather Simpson—Missionary to Japan

Phone Numbers
Church Office 563-263-5074
Fax 563-263-8858
Dial Inspiration 563-263-9999
Fellowship Hall 563-263-3049
Website www.zionmuscatine.org

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Service - 9:00 A.M.

Saturday Evening - 5:30 P.M. at Grace Lutheran
May 28—July 9, 2005

Saturday Evening—5:30 P.M. Zion Lutheran
July 16—September 3, 2005

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MUSCATINE, IOWA
PERMIT NO. 299

Return service requested

Zion Lutheran Church
PO Box 585
6th & Sycamore St
Muscatine, IA 52761
563-263-5074

June was a good month at Zion. It started out with a marvelous presentation at worship by our Youth Choir on Sunday, June 5. Their “sermon” for the day featuring favorite Old Testament stories was a big hit. We also got a chance to hear some of our instrumentalists play the prelude. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make all that possible.

The annual block party was June 15. While we don’t (and probably can’t) keep accurate records of the number of people who attend that event each year, those of us who have been at all or most of them agree that this was among the largest. We had a visitor from a congregation in Iowa City which is considering a similar activity and he was amazed and impressed. Pony rides, free food, door prizes, a recycling sale, entertainment, games, and educational opportunities from community friends make this one fine happening! Many people make this event work – one of the good examples around here of how everyone working together on one piece of the puzzle makes for something exciting.

The annual ZLCW-sponsored Senior Member Dinner was June 21. This is always a fun time, but this year it seemed extra special with colorful decorations, interesting entertainment, and good food around a Hawaiian theme. We are grateful that people from the activities department at Lutheran Homes make it possible for some of our senior members to attend this event by transporting them here in the van.

Vacation Bible School started the next day and will run for four more Wednesdays. Our facility works so well for this annual event which is held along with Grace Lutheran and First Presbyterian. The “circus” theme provides a lot of color and fun activities. It was really cool to see how the themes of Jesus calling us to fish for people and the circus found their way into the food served for lunch. Blue Jell-O for water with gummy fish in the bottom and an orange slice boat on top and sugar cookies decorated like bears made colorful treats for the meal.

“You are the body of Christ,” says the Apostle Paul. In June it was obvious here as the individual parts of the body worked together in service to all.

Pastor Ostrem

As I write this, our first week of Vacation Bible School has just ended. The theme is *Circus Spectacular* and for the second time in a week (first one was the Block Party), I was a clown. Over the years, I have learned a lot from “clowning around.” Clown ministry can and does offer some interesting and effective ways of communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, you learn quickly that some are frightened by clowns and that you need to approach carefully.

The VBS guide shares some of the information on the history of clowning. Throughout the history of Christianity, the church has used a variety of symbols to communicate the gospel. The clown is one such symbol. Most cultures have the equivalent of a white-faced clown. The white-face is universally known as a symbolic death mask. Christians have taken this mask of death and added coloring to symbolize new life and resurrection. The word *clown* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “clod.” A clod is a lump of soil. We refer to people who are simple, humble, and “down to earth” as clods. The clown, taking this reality to heart, is a simple, humble, and loveable creature who seeks to communicate the love of the creator.

When clowns use humor it is always redemptive. The clown’s humor should bring joy and uplift those who are watching. The clown may make fun of him/herself, but never the audience. The clown never puts others down or embarrasses or hurts people. The humor is followed by an act that lifts up and redeems. Through the use of humor, the clown first seeks to show our sin and our need for God, and then shows God’s redemptive love and grace.

In our weekly VBS openings, the clown is joined by the ring master and the tight-rope walker. Together we share the good news that “Jesus is the light of the world and we should follow him”--a good lesson for all of us to share.

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 Lisa (Frieden) Dowell
Art Miller Betty Miller Lorna Welk
Don White Gerry Andrews Clarence Weiss
Marvin Flood Rosemarie Paul
Sherry Boche Warren Erickson Edna Henning

Those who have lost loved ones:

the family Pastor Leif Pohl and
the Grace Lutheran Congregation
the family of Warren Tutt
the family of Ronald Dettmann
(father of Pam Dettmann)

Other Special Needs:

1. Pray for the hungry and the homeless throughout the world.
2. Pray for our Bishops, Mark and Philip; our missionary to Japan, Heather Simpson; and all who serve the Church.
3. Pray for our nation, for peace in our world, an end to all conflicts, and for all those who serve our nation on foreign soil, especially for Andy Ruden serving in Iraq.
4. Pray for Lisa Donovan and Matt Schwarz who will be married at Zion on July 16.
5. Pray for the youth and adults who will be attending the “servant” camp in Wisconsin, July 24-29.
6. Pray for our continuing Vacation Bible School.
7. Pray for safe travels for those vacationing these summer months.
8. Pray for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Florida, August 8-14.

^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^

God is like the wind, something no one sees;
Mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze;
With a hidden power no one can deny
as the days go by.

———From the hymn “God Is Like a Rock”
by Natalie Sleeth



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>RUTH FLICKINGER</i>	<i>JULY 6</i>
<i>DON STANGE</i>	<i>JULY 7</i>
<i>JEANETTE TAMMENG</i>	<i>JULY 14</i>
<i>CHARLOTTE SYLVESTER</i>	<i>JULY 17</i>
<i>ELSIE BIERI</i>	<i>JULY 18</i>
<i>IOLA LICHTENWALD</i>	<i>JULY 22</i>
<i>MIKE JENSEN</i>	<i>JULY 28</i>
<i>EDMON MONTGOMERY</i>	<i>JULY 29</i>
<i>MARGARET JENSEN</i>	<i>JULY 30</i>
<i>HELEN LICHTENWALD</i>	<i>JULY 30</i>



SOWERS * * *

Sower's will meet July 18, 6:30 p.m. at Bonnie Nicolai's. Come and work on your latest project and enjoy good fellowship.

^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^

Thank You



We express our thanks to Karin Harvey for donating to Zion the beautiful Baldwin Baby Grand piano now at home in our fellowship hall. We also thank the family of Mae Mark for designating her memorials to be used to move the piano and to purchase a piano cart, cover, and humidifier for this fine instrument.

Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU

The Block Party has come and gone
The grills are cold, the cooks are done.
The thirsty were satisfied with juice, water and tea.
Yes, there was plenty for you and for me.
The cookies and chips were an added treat
A BIG THANK YOU to all who served
And to all who came to eat!

For the ZLCW Food Court,
Bertha Toyne, Chairperson

Thank you for the telephone calls, cards and prayers
while I was in the hospital. I am doing well. God
Bless you.

Don White

Zion Lutheran Church,
Thanks for including us in your Block Party. The
children had a ball with the ponies. We hope to
help you out again.

Thanks, Laura Brown

To Pastor Ostrem & Zion Members, we wish to say
sincere thanks for the many cards, memorials,
telephone calls and comforting words during
Lloyd's illness & death. Knowing how much
friends care during this difficult time is so very
heartwarming, especially from the church we were
privileged to attend as members for 25 years. A
special thanks to those who traveled to Waukon,
Iowa for our Memorial Service for Lloyd on June
11, 2005. God Bless,

Hazel Kolsrud, Barry, Connie & Finn Kolsrud,
Kaye & William Sebastyn

Thank you to all who sent cards, and for your phone
calls, special thanks to Pastor Paul & Cheryl
Hollich for your visits & prayers while in the
hospital. Everything was very much appreciated.

God Bless, Gabriele Scherer

Dear Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

Thanks for the many lovely cards and special
messages. Yes, I definitely miss the service at Zion
Lutheran Church, & friends in Muscatine. So I
count my blessings. Thanks for making my 93rd
birthday so special.

Marjorie Apland



*Happy
Anniversary!*

July 8, 1945

Chet & Marietta Zimmerman

July 19, 1953

Ralph & Barb Buster

888888888888888888888888888888

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

Clarence Weiss will be celebrating his 90th
birthday on July 3, 2:00—4:00 p.m.

The Open House will be in the Commons
Room at Lutheran Homes. No gifts but cards
would be appreciated.

Come help Clarence celebrate this
wonderful occasion.



The First Day of Vacation Bible School

One summer afternoon a grandfather
picked up his 4-year-old grandson at
church. "Well, Jason, how did you like
your first day of Vacation Bible School?"

"It was great!" the boy replied,
"We heard some stories and
drew some pictures. Then we
went out to play, and when we
came back in God had juice
and cookies waiting for us!"



A Big Thank You

——to Sharon Pugh and her committee
for the wonderful Senior Dinner. The food
was delicious and we loved the Hula.

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, 2005	5/12 Year	Year-to-Date
Income	Actual	Budget	Difference
Budgeted Income	\$ 125,234	\$ 125,000	\$ 234
Unbudgeted Income	\$ 11,261	\$ -	\$ 11,261
Total Income	\$ 136,495	\$ 125,000	\$ 11,495
Expenses			
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 129,049	\$ 125,000	\$ 4,049
Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ 10,442	\$ -	\$ 10,442
Total Expenses	\$ 139,491	\$ 125,000	\$ 14,491
Income - Expenses	\$ (2,996)	\$ -	\$ (2,996)
Fund Balances			
Current Fund	\$ 24,841		
Memorial Fund	\$ 10,451		
Building Fund	\$ 20,219		
Gateway Apartments	\$ 28,412		

Farmer's Market

It's that time of year again when our gardens that we have planted and cared for begin to bring forth wonderful gifts of vegetables. But sometimes we get too many at the same time.

Beginning *Sunday, July 10*, you are being asked to share your surplus produce through Zion's Farmer's Market. Each Sunday, produce will be placed on the "market table" and if anyone is interested they can leave a donation for the produce. All money collected will go to World Hunger and any left over produce will go to MCSA.

Don't forget...your garden can help others. Bring your surplus produce!



Articles for the 'Contact' will be due in the office Monday, July 25 & assembly will be July 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Come join us for good fellowship.

New Addresses Mrs. Tricia Brockert
515 Woodland Way
Muscatine, IA 52761

Nicole Jacobsen
1715 Houser Street, Apt. 5E
Muscatine, IA 52761

A New Resource!

Christy Roby Williams, a member of Zion and a former social worker with Lutheran Services in Iowa, has graciously offered to volunteer her time and gifts to do family intervention, mentoring, and referral for members of our congregation. She is willing to help families around issues of child-rearing, communication, marital conflict, teen issues, and all family dynamics. Feel free to contact her at 260-5401.



SUPPER CLUB—

Supper Club will go to Rocky's at Lake Odessa on July 16, 6:00 p.m. If you have never attended a Supper Club evening come and join us. We have wonderful fellowship and the food is always good. We try to car pool so if you need a ride call Cheryl Hollich. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Nursery.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Ice Cream Social —Sunday, August 7.
Program: A Trip to Tanzania.

BLOCK PARTY THANKS

Once again, Zion's Block Party is done for 2005. 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 once again created those wonderful baskets for Door Prizes;
- The Recycle Sale donations (wow, you outdid yourself this year!) and to the Stewardship Committee who worked the sale and collected \$361.43;
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for matching the Recycle Sale proceeds and bringing the amount donated to MCSA to \$661.43;
- Ben Chrisman, Ashley Moore, Shelah Kerschenske, Carol Ostrem, and Susan Bantz-Gustafson for providing entertainment;
- The Popcorn Maker (aka The Starkweathers);
- Nancy Tietge for inviting our community leaders and helping wherever needed;
- The Property Committee and Planning Committee and others for moving all the materials upstairs;
- Jeff Subbert and the other men who grilled the brats and hot dogs;
- Finance Committee for organizing the Door Prizes;
- The Social Ministry Committee for overseeing the entire event and Loanne Worth for "finishing" the baskets;
- The City of Muscatine for providing street barricades and permitting us to block off the streets;
- Ray and Don Stange for the use of their hayrack;
- The wonderful treat of pony rides for the children;
- Fellowship for working on registration;
- Parish Ed for creating bags and to the many youth for face painting and tattooing; 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 sharing faith through being "In the City for Good."



Trust Fund Gifts

The Zion Lutheran Church Trust Fund has recently received three gifts to extend its ministry. A gift in the amount of \$1,000 has been received from the estate of Erna Niemann and has been divided between the Mission Outreach fund and the Scholarship Fund. We have also received a \$2,500 gift from the Riley Padgett family for the Adult Education Enrichment Fund. Finally, Mike Rueckert and Kay Rueckert Pelham have given a \$50,000 gift in honor of their parents, Paul and Earline Rueckert. Half of this gift will go to the Mission Outreach Fund, with the remainder divided between the Scholarship Fund and the Parsonage Fund.

These gifts effectively double the size of the Mission Outreach Fund and the Adult Education Enrichment Fund; and will enable us to give greater support to college students through the Scholarship Fund and provide more funds to supplement the cost of the pastor's housing allowance through the Parsonage Fund. We are grateful for these gifts and encourage others to remember the Zion Trust Fund when making estate plans or when considering special gifts.

The Bible in 50 Words

God made,
Adam bit,
Noah arked,
Abraham split,
Joseph ruled,
Jacob fooled,
Bush talked,
Moses balked,
Pharoh plagued,
People walked,
Sea divided,
Tablets guided,
Promise landed,
Saul freaked,
David peeked
Prophets warned,
Jesus born,
God walked,
Love talked.
Anger crucified,
Hope died,
Love rose,
Spirit flamed
God remained.



Women's Retreat Reunion

How are your “**Talented, Tired, Beautiful feet?**”

Last chance to sign up to attend the Women's Retreat, a reunion and re-gathering on Friday, July 8, 6:30 PM at the home of Patty Chrisman, 2675 Hannibal Ct.

We will gather to share where our feet have taken us since February, to see some photos, to learn about next year's retreat (!) and to share food and fellowship.

Bring: an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Cheryl (by July 3) or sign-up on the Nursery bulletin Board.

~~~~~

### ZLCW CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- July 19 - Group 4 — Potluck at church
- July 21 - Group 5 — Emily Cole
- July 28 - Group 6 — Vivien Halloran

#### Women of the ELCA:

July 8-10 Triennial Gathering in San Antonio\*

\* During these events, please remember all participants, travelers and leaders in your prayers.

~~~~~

The Bible is not only a book which I can understand; it is also a book which understands me.

—Emile Caillet

Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization

The Sisters in Faith 11th Annual Gathering was held June 17 & 18 at Grinnell College & St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, Iowa.

When we registered we received beautiful colorful bags made by the women in the Pare Diocese, our companion synod in Tanzania, filled with instruction information & goodies.

We wrote thank you notes to the Tanzania women for our colorful bags and cut out paper dolls which were placed on the banquet tables for messages of blessing to be written on them for our sisters in Arizona, Palestine & Tanzania. Around 500 dolls (we sent 43) were collected to go to Tanzania & Palestine.

There were display booths from Heifer International, Israel & Palestine Resources, & Networks for Congregations. We learned that a wall stands in the way of peace and there are ways our congregation can help by joining the Peace Not Walls Campaign. speak out, pray, learn & build relationships. We enjoyed the Thrivent presentation on "Embracing Life's Transitions & Planning for the Future".

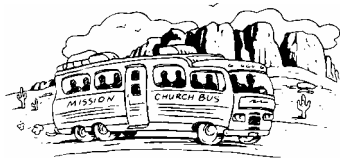
Rev. Kathy Gerking led us in a meditation using clay. We formed pots out of clay with our eyes closed listening to wonderful music while Kathy spoke to us. What a wonderful experience.

At the banquet Bishop Hougen spoke about a man in Tanzania who was ex-communicated and on Mother Teresa. On Saturday morning there was a Bible Study & Worship with Holy Communion followed by a business meeting and the election of new officers. Several workshops were conducted at St. John's Church. I chose Jolene Brackey's on "Creating Moments of Joy about Alzheimers" and Dina Tannous, a Palestinian Woman from Ramallah in the West Bank, north of Jerusalem. She and her family are members of the Lutheran Church of Hope. She was a remarkable young person. If you would like to read the reports please contact me.

Attending this is an experience that I would recommend to everyone.

—Fran Carter

Youth News



Mission Trip

July 24-29, 2005
Imago Dei Village,
Clintonville, WI

Our plans are completed and now we are ready to leave on Zion's Mission Trip to Wisconsin. The following youth and adults have registered for the FaithVentures trip this summer—

Meredith Baird	Kirsten Schneider
Karly McDonald	Marissa Toyne
Zach Minder	Jake Woods
Ashley Moore	Taylor Woods
David Ostrem	Mary Berns
Philip Ostrem	Denise Baird
Kathleen Pusateri	Bob Nicolai
Cheryl Hollich	

Last trip information meeting will be Sunday, July 17, 10:15 AM; the youth will be attending the Saturday evening worship service on July 23 to be commissioned for their service.

Note:

We are trying to gather e-mail addresses for all of our youth so that we can send you notices of activities and a monthly copy of this newsletter. If you haven't already done so, send your address to Cheryl at chollich@machlink.com.



ELCA National Youth Gathering **July, 2006**

- If you are entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade by August of 2006, or will be a 2006 high school graduate, you are able to attend the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX.
- Cost is \$235 per person plus transportation, lodging, meals, and personal expenses.
- Registration opens *September 15, 2005* so registrations are due to Cheryl by **August 15**.
- If you missed the information meeting, contact Cheryl.

Messy Games

Saturday, August 20,
2-5:00 PM

Here's your chance to show off you're your athletic skills but the skill will be getting "messy" and still competing with other team members.

Bring a friend...if you dare.

Wear old clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting muddy, etc...also a towel. Bring something cold to drink. We'll provide the rest.

Sign up today.

Lay Readers

9:00 A.M.

<i>July</i>	3	Karen Goodell
	10	Susan Burzlaff
	17	Brenda Roskens
	24	Terri Hanson
	31	Dick Marr

Greeters

9:00 A.M.

<i>July</i>	3	Rick & Kathy Miller
	10	Dave & Peggy Starkweather
	17	Richard & Cheryl Jacobsen
	24	Karen Goodell
	31	Dick & Evie Marr

Acolytes

9:00 A.M.

<i>July</i>	3	Meredith Baird & Marissa Toyne
	10	Zarah Batie & Kathleen Pusateri
	17	Chelsea Echelbarger & Meredith Baird
	24	Brandon Bass & Justin Honeyman
	31	Halston Phelps & Karly McDonald

Ushers

9:00 A.M.

<i>July</i>	Art Miller	Dave Phelps	Bob Pugh	Jason Dornbush
	Charles Hoffman	Riley Padgett	Charles Meyer	Ernest Marolf
		Mike Watson		Mark Perisho

Hospitality

<i>July</i>	3	Worship Committee
	10	Property Committee
	17	Planning Committee
	24	Fellowship Committee
	31	Social Ministry Committee

Altar Guild

Carol Giovanazzi
LoAnne Worth

JULY 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Gathering Info Meeting 3:00 PM Youth Swim Party	27 Contact Articles Due	28 1:30 PM Group 4 at Bert Toyne's	29 9:15 AM Vacation Bible School	30 9:00 AM Assemble Contact	1	2 5:30 AM Worship Service Grace Lutheran
3 9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee	6  9:15 AM Vacation Bible School	7 4:45 AM Planning Committee 7:00 AM Worship Committee 6:00 PM Gateway Committee	8  6:30 PM Women's Retreat Reunion	9 5:30 PM Worship Service at Grace Lutheran
10  Farmer's Market 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Committee	11	12 5:30 PM Memorial Committee 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee 8:00 PM Finance Committee	13  9:15 AM Vacation Bible School	14 6:45 PM Executive Council 7:30 PM Church Council	15 6:00 PM Donovan/Schwarz Rehearsal	16 4:00 PM Donovan/Schwarz Wedding 5:30 PM Worship Service at Zion Lutheran 6:00 PM Supper Club at Rocky's - Lake Odessa
17  Farmer's Market 9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:15 AM Youth/Parent Trip Meeting	18  6:30 AM Sower's 1:00 PM AARP	19 1:30 PM Group 4 - ZLCW	20  9:15 AM Vacation Bible School	21 6:30 PM Property Committee 7:30 PM Group 5 ZLCW	22	23 5:30 PM Worship Service at Zion Lutheran
24 Farmer's Market Youth Work Camp - Wisconsin 9:00 AM Worship Service	25 Contact Articles Due Youth Work Camp - Wisconsin	26 Youth Work Camp - Wisconsin	27 Youth Work Camp - Wisconsin	28 Youth Work Camp - Wisconsin 9:00 AM Assemble Contact 7:30 PM Group 6 - ZLCW	29 Youth Return from Wisconsin	30 5:30 PM Worship Service at Zion Lutheran
31 Farmer's Market  9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	1	2 6:15 PM Fellowship Committee 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee	3	4	5	6