





OCTOBER 2010

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October 2010

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Sunday Worship Service - 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School—9:15 A.M.

Return service requested

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“For great is God’s steadfast love towards us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!” Psalm 117

There are many reasons why we participate in and enjoy times of celebration throughout our life. As members of the Body of Christ, one of the main reasons for our rejoicing is because of the enduring faithfulness of God and the love of God expressed to us in Christ Jesus. As the Psalmist declares, *“Praise the Lord!”* This month, as a congregation, we offer our praise for God’s faithfulness in a number of ways:

- I look forward to being installation as Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 10th. This installation will occur during both services and will conclude with a celebratory potluck following the late service. Pr. Julie Higgs from the Southeastern Iowa Synod office will preach and conduct the installation service on behalf of our synod. This will be a time of celebration as we begin our partnership in ministry together.
- On October 24th we celebrate God’s faithfulness in the lives of seven young people as they confirm their faith in Christ. We are honored to have Pastor Rafaeli Mbwambo of the Kihurio Lutheran Parish join us for Confirmation Sunday this year. Pastor Mbwambo will also assist our congregation with worship leadership during his two-week stay.
- As mention, Pr. Mbwambo will join us from October 18th – November 1st. I look forward to meeting Pr. Mbwambo and learning more from him about the Kihurio Lutheran Parish and discovering new ministries that will draw us into a deeper relationship with our Tanzanian sisters and brothers.
- Not only is October 31st Reformation Sunday, it also marks the end of Zion’s 125th Anniversary Celebration. We welcome, our Bishop, Michael Burk as our guest preacher and former Zion Pastor, Paul Ostrem, will lead our anniversary banquet program.

While an anniversary celebration offers an occasion for looking back, and praising God for the many ways that God has been (and continues to be) faithful, it is also a time to think of the next 125 years of ministry and Christian service to our neighbors. May God bless the ministry of Zion Lutheran as we continue in our mission to be a baptized community of Christ, empowered by Word and Sacrament, and joyfully embracing Christ’s mission to share the Bread of Life!

Pastor Steve

“Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth...” (Psalm 86:11)

Fall always brings the time of Faith Stepping Stones Faith front and center. Blessings and rituals are a powerful way to connect God with us. These rituals and blessings are rooted in the promises God makes to us in Baptism and presuppose that Baptism is understood as a Sacrament, that is, “something God does for us, not something we do for God.”

Each Faith Stepping Stone—Baptism, Entry into Sunday School, First Bible, First Communion, Entry into Confirmation, Rite of Confirmation, and Graduation from High School—provides a structure in which to “bless the child, gift the family, and call parents back to the promises of Baptism” while affirming children as they take major steps along their faith journey.

A few years ago, I started including the receiving of the driver’s license as another Stepping Stone. I try to send, individually to each young person, a card that states “we pray that in accepting this new freedom, you will also accept the God-given responsibilities of maturity. Use them as the means and opportunity to be a child of God in a world that needs know compassion and care. As you fasten your seatbelt, ask God’s protection. Remember that you are precious in God’s sight, and that you reflect God’s world in the way you handle this new responsibility.” Included with that card is a key-tag (the Stepping Stone) that includes the serenity prayer.

In this world of road rage, texting and distracted driving, driving is a scary and serious responsibility. All of us, adults and teens alike, need to remember what it means to get behind the wheel and drive. Our actions in daily life reflect our faith and so it is my prayer that we all say a prayer to protect us and guide us when we are on the road.

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 and those who have requested our continued prayers:

Bertha Toyne June Pries Kathy Meyer
 Marvin Franklin Linda Brade Elsie Bieri
 Gertrude Day Dave Reusswig
 Chris Owens Linda Frieden Lee Denker
 Karen Goodell Evie Marr
 Charles Andrews Sharon Pugh

Those who have lost loved ones the family of Elvira Lowe (Bill Morgan’s Grandmother)

Other Special Needs:

- Pray for Pr. Steve Cauley as he is installed as Zion’s pastor on October 10.
- Pray for our guest from Tanzania, Pr. Rafaeli Mbwambo, senior pastor at the Kihurio Lutheran Parish. Pr. Mbwambo will be with us from October 18-November 1.
- Pray for those who are walking in the CROP walk to help fight hunger.
- Pray for our seven 9th Graders as they prepare to affirm their faith in October.
- Pray for the hungry and the homeless throughout the world, for the ELCA Hunger Appeal, the work of Bread for the World, the Muscatine Food Pantry, and MCSA.
- Pray for our Bishops Mark Hanson and Michael Burk; for our missionaries, Dirk and Sarah Stadlander serving in Senegal, and for all who serve the church.
- Pray for our nation, for peace in our world, an end to all conflicts, and for all who serve our nation on foreign soil.
- Pray for Zion as we come to the end of our 125th Anniversary Celebration.
- Pray for those affected by lay-offs, lock-outs, and uncertain economic times.
- Give thanks for being called to be a part of the mission and ministry of Zion Lutheran Church.



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>GERRY ANDREWS</i>	<i>OCTOBER 5</i>
<i>ARLENE ERICKSON</i>	<i>OCTOBER 17</i>
<i>CARL TIECKE</i>	<i>OCTOBER 19</i>
<i>MARY ANN STANGE</i>	<i>OCTOBER 25</i>
<i>*EVELYN SCHAULAND</i>	<i>OCTOBER 31</i>

**DENOTES 90 YEARS*



50+ Wedding Anniversary

Wilmer & Lee Denker
 October 6, 1957

Neil and Jean Hyink
 October 23, 1955

Charles and Carol Christophersen
 October 25, 1959

Don and Shirley Stange
 October 27, 1946

Thank You!

Thank you to all members of Zion for all my Birthday cards, it has helped me celebrate my 101st birthday.

Muriel Finnegan

I would like to extend a big thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits since my surgery. They were really appreciated. Thanks to Cheryl for her visit to me at Mercy Hospital.

Chuck Hoffman

Thank you to all who sent me cards and came to visit on my 100th birthday. It was a great week.

Helen Dusenberry

Dear Zion Friends,

Thank you for all the beautiful anniversary cards and good wishes. Thanks for being so thoughtful.

Dick & Evie Marr

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, desserts, rolls and milk from your special dinner. What a fantastic and generous donation that came at an excellent time. The residents greatly enjoyed the food in this time of want. We appreciate you thinking of our residents at MCSA.

Dan Ramsey
MCSA Executive Director

Dear Zion Friends,

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, flowers, gifts and food you brought to help me while I was recovering from cancer surgery. I will never forget your acts of kindness that meant so much.

Love to All,
Evie Marr

Dear Friends,

My sincere thanks to you for the cards, gifts and flowers, all of which made my 90th birthday a happy occasion. Thank you also for your many expressions of concern and well wishes during my hospitalizations and stay in the care facility. All is greatly appreciated.

God's Blessings,
Elsie Bieri

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who donated pies and desserts for the Sauerkraut Supper. Also my callers and pie cutters. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Linda Snodgrass

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CHANGE:

Group 5 will meet at Emily Cole's Tuesday,
October 19, 9:30 a.m.

USHERS

There are openings at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service for ushers. If interested in helping usher, please call Bill Toyne (264-2304 or Mike Batenhorst (264-3140).

Financial Report

If you would like to see the full report as the Finance Committee sees it and reviews it each month, please call or stop in the church office.

Income 2010	July Actual	7/12/Yr Budget	Yr-to-Date Difference
Budgeted Income	\$194,842	209,246	(14,404)
Budgeted Expenses	<u>196,094</u>	<u>209,246</u>	<u>(13,152)</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(1,252)	-	(1,252)
Unbudgeted Income	11,799	-	11,799
Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>12,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,506</u>
Net Income	(1,959)		(1,959)
Fund Balances			
Unified Fund	\$76,891		
Building Fund	28,202		
Memorial Fund	6,864		
Parish Hall	5,361		
Anniversary Fund	(14,959)		



FAITH STEPPING STONES...

Bibles to Third Graders: The Third Grade class will begin a review of the Bible on September 26 and October 10. They, along with their parent(s), will work on finding specific verses in the Bible and reviewing both the Old and New Testaments. On Sunday, October 17, they will receive their Bibles as part of both worship services.

Confirmation: Seven 9th Graders will Affirm their Baptismal vows on Sunday, October 24, 10:30 AM.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 2010

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Trust Fund Committee is ready to receive applications for scholarships to be awarded to college students from Zion this year. Depending on funds available, and number of applicants, three or four scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$1000 will be awarded. Applicants must have been members of Zion for at least two years, be full-time students at an accredited college or university, and have completed at least one semester of study at the time of application.

Applications are available in the church office, may be requested by e-mail, or are available on Zion's website—www.zionmuscatine.org.

Applications must be returned to the church office by November 5, 2010.

MISSION OUTREACH GRANTS

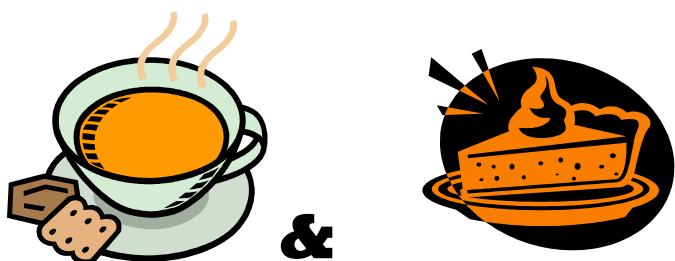
The Mission Outreach Fund will also be awarding grants in support of ministries outside of Zion. The intent of the committee is to award at least one grant to a ministry connected to the ELCA and at least one grant to human service group with a Muscatine connection. We invite members of Zion to make recommendations regarding these grants either by directly notifying the agency or ministry of this opportunity or by contacting the church office so that we may contact the ministry/agency with an application form. This application form is available on our website and is due by November 5, 2010.

Decisions on these grants and scholarships will be made on November 16, 2010.

COUNCIL REPORT— September Meeting

- o Pastor Cauley was welcomed to his first Council meeting.
- o Final plans for Pastor Cauley's Installation were discussed; Pastor Julie Higgs from the Synod Office will be involved in both services. Council will host a potluck after the 10:30 worship service.
- o Plans for the upcoming annual Soup and Pie Supper (November 2) and the annual Hay Rack Ride (October 9) were discussed.

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SOUP & PIE SUPPER **Tuesday, November 2** **4:30-6:30 PM**

Menu:

Homemade Chili
Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup
Pork Sandwiches
Pies & Cakes

- **Food donations are requested ... check the bulletin board near the nursery.**
- **Youth & Parents are asked to sign up to work one of the two shifts. See the downstairs bulletin board.**
- **Adults--\$5.50; Children 10 & Under--\$4; Senior Citizens, 60 & Over--\$5.00**

This is a Youth Fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the Youth of Zion.

From Lutheran Social Services

Focus on abilities strengthens communities

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This is a month to celebrate and recognize the contributions and skills millions of Americans with disabilities bring to workplaces throughout our nation.

Lutheran Services in Iowa's services for people with disabilities (SFPD) program empowers persons with disabilities to build the skills they need to become an active part of communities in Iowa, including the workforce. SFPD's supported community living program is a goal-oriented service that assists individuals through one-on-one interaction with life skills such as money management, cooking, personal hygiene, socialization and communication, safety and more. It is through the focus on abilities that LSI helps those with a disability accomplish their goals and have a positive impact on their community.

Lack of sight doesn't dim teen's spirits

Take your right hand and cover your right eye. Got it? Now, take your left hand, cover half of your left eye and think color blind. See that thin slice of light? That's 13-year-old Ariel Patchin's whole world. On her second birthday, Ariel was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. Its pressure on her optical nerves made her totally blind in her right eye and legally blind in her left. But for Ariel, life's not about vision. It's about perspective. Despite a childhood of surgeries and radiation, Ariel looks at life from its sunny side. "I'm lucky as a dad," said her father Jeremy. "And our support from family and friends has been huge." Some of their support comes through LSI's respite care program. Ariel's grandmother is a certified LSI respite provider and takes care of Ariel every Friday night. They play games and work on cleaning and money skills, giving her dad a rest from care giving. "LSI has been great," said Jeremy. "They're great advocates for kids with special needs." LSI staff members say Ariel is positive. Inspiring. Brave. Those closest to her say she's tough.

Ariel stays busy with school, art and helping a few friends who face tough challenges of their own – the animals at her local rescue shelter. Volunteering is good practice for the future. "I can't decide, but I want to work at Sea World and be a marine biologist, or be a tech vet," she said. It's a hopeful dream for a young girl with a huge heart.

Lutheran Women of Cluster 7

FALL GATHERING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
1268 Elder Avenue, West Liberty

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Gathering Together: 9:00 a.m.

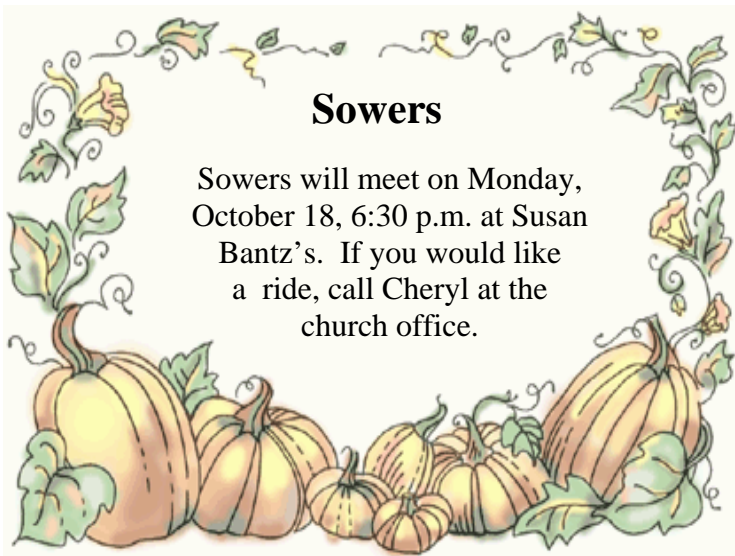
The theme is: Renew, Respond, Rejoice!
A Bible Study will be presented by Lynn Thiede, pastor of Our Redeemer and a program on Thrivent Builds in El Salvador will be presented by Chris Harris.

To register, call : Vera Smith (319-530-4750) or Sandy Danner (319-627-2474) by October 4.

Love Gifts are requested for Lutheran Services of Iowa.

- Cloth diapers (Wal-Mart or K-Mart)
- Diaper wipes
- Infant thermometers (Wal-Mart)
- Safety plugs for electrical outlets
- Safety latches and door knob covers
- Pacifiers
- Baby wash and Lotion
- Infant Tylenol (Generic brands)
- Baby gates (Wal-Mart, \$12.00)
- Cool Mist vaporizers (About \$20.00)
- Board or Soft books: ages newborn-3

If you are interested in attending, contact call Cheryl Jacobsen at 263-4298.



Pastor Cauley's Installation and Potluck

On Sunday, October 10, at both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services, Pr. Steven Cauley will be installed as Senior Pastor of Zion Lutheran. Pr. Julie Higgs, Assistant to the Bishop, will be with us to conduct the installation.

A congregational potluck will be held after the 10:30 AM service. Please bring a dish to share (hot dish, salad, or dessert) and your own table-service. The Church Council is sponsoring the potluck and will provide coffee, tea, and milk.

Welcome Pastor Cauley!



Happy 90th Birthday

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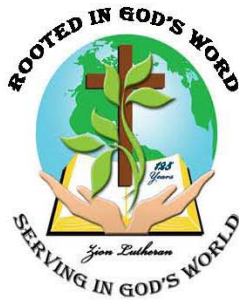
Anita Stange Davis

Sunday, October 10th
2:00—5:00 P.M.
at the

Ainsworth Opera House
Ainsworth Iowa.

Hosted by her sons and spouses,
Bob, Lori, Randy and Cindy.

The family request no gifts other than prayers of thanksgiving



**Celebrating
Zion's 125th Anniversary**

October 31

- ◆ **Finale Worship Service with Bishop Burk**

Debut commissioned anthem.

October 31

- ◆ **Banquet** (At Holiday Inn)

12:00 – 1:00 Social Hour

1:00 Luncheon

1:45 Program
by Pastor Paul Ostrem

Mindful of Zion's rich history, we ask God to guide us during this celebratory year and into the future.

***“Rooted in God's Word;
Serving in God's World”***



**Christmas
Program**

Sunday, December 12, 4:00 PM

Bethlehem...Nothing Ever Happens

Here! will be this year's Christmas Program featuring Zion's children, teens and adults. Two bored citizens of ancient Bethlehem are certain that their sleepy village has been forgotten by God. Nothing ever happens in Bethlehem and nothing ever will. These humorous critics and pathetic 'graffiti artists' are about to experience the surprise of their lives as they meet a series of people heading for a humble stable. Surprisingly, these interesting visitors have a different view of good old Bethlehem. Everything happens in Bethlehem.

After the program there will be a "Celebrate Bethlehem Party" for all with a birthday cake for Jesus.

Rehearsals—

Dress Rehearsal—Saturday,
December 4, 9:30 AM (treats provided)

Sunday, November 28 &

December 5

Final Rehearsal—Sunday,
December 12 during the Sunday School
hour

Mark your calendars now!

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*Speak when you are angry and you will make
the best speech you'll ever regret."*

REFLECTIONS — —



“REFLECTIONS FROM 100 YEARS AGO”

By Cheryl Hollich

On October 10, 1910 Helen Dusenberry was baptized at Zion. Actually, she was baptized by Pr. George Meier at her home. It seems that 100 years ago, children were baptized in their homes, not as a part of the worship service. She remembers that her sponsors/godparents were her Aunt Anna, Uncle Henry, and Grandmother Auls. One of them opened up a bank account for her with \$3. She still has that same account at Central State Bank. Helen had 8 brothers and sisters and so her Mother would stay home on Sundays taking care of them while Helen would ride to church with her Dad. Because they lived way out in the country, Helen never stayed for Sunday School. It wasn't until 8th grade that she attended Confirmation at Zion.

Muriel Finnegan just had her 101st birthday and didn't come to Muscatine until she was five years old. Her Dad worked at Lutheran Homes and, at first, they attended church there. Later, when they moved to town, they joined Zion. The men would sit on one side of the church and the women on the other. She got to sit with her Dad and her sister sat with her Mother. She says it kept them from giggling. She remembers that Sunday School met in the church because there was nowhere else to meet. They sat in one pew and Charlotte sat in the pew in front of them. She doesn't remember any books or songs being sung. She too attended the Zion School for Confirmation.

Carl Freese, who will be 101 on November 21, was baptized by Pr. Haefner in his family home on Grandview Avenue. Carl remembers Mr. Timm being one of his Sunday School teachers and that they used to memorize a Bible verse each week and that they were taught Bible stories and the Catechism. He would bring a penny or a nickel for the offering (a lot of money back then!). Carl went to Franklin School but changed to Zion's School for 8th Grade Confirmation. It was a cold walk from the south-end so sometimes Pr. Haefner would give them a ride in his car. He also loved to get the boys together to play baseball. Carl and Muriel were in the same Confirmation Class.

Hilda Collitz was baptized 104 years ago on August 12, 1906 by Pr. Haefner and confirmed on March 28, 1920 by Pr. Haefner. She attended Zion's School that she called "Pr. Haefner's School." She remembers that it brought great joy to him when it was completed. There were 90 students in the school when she began attending.

Zion is blessed to still have these four octogenarians whose lives reflect over 100 years of faithfulness.

**WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE 125TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**



OCTOBER 31, 2010
HOLIDAY INN
2915 NORTH HWY 61

SOCIAL TIME FROM 12 NOON TO 1:00 PM

BANQUET LUNCH AT 1:00 PM

PROGRAM 2:00 PM WITH GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR PAUL OSTREM

WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM AT
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
513 SYCAMORE STREET, MUSCATINE



**ZION LUUTHERAN
125TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010
HOLIDAY INN
2915 NORTH HWY 61

SOCIAL TIME FROM 12 TO 1 PM
BANQUET LUNCH AT 1:00 PM

(kids 12 + under)
Chicken Strips
\$7.00

	Pork \$11.00	Chicken \$11.00	(kids 12 + under) Chicken Strips \$7.00
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Upcoming Celebration Activities

Zion's Companion Pastor Visit

Jambo! (Hello!)

During the last two weeks of October, Zion will be hosting **Pastor Rafaeli Mbwambo**, the senior pastor at Kihurio Lutheran Parish, our Tanzanian Companion Congregation from the ELCT. **The Stewardship Committee needs your help.** We are looking for volunteers from the congregation to spend some time with Pastor Mbwambo. This includes finding several host families who would offer their hospitality and let Pastor Mbwambo stay in their home for a few days before he stays with the next family. We are also looking for people who would like to spend time with Pastor Mbwambo during the daytime, showing him our life in eastern Iowa. If you would like to help with this visit, please contact Bill Chrisman (262-8815 or bchrisman@machlink.com) or Cheryl Hollich, or fill out this insert and turn in at the Church office. Pastor Mbwambo will be here from October 18 through November 1. Some of the activities that we believe he would enjoy, besides simply spending simple quiet time with us and our families, include:

- ◇ *Seeing some local farms and or dairy or feed lot*
- ◇ *Touring the hospital*
- ◇ *Touring the Ag Center*
- ◇ *Touring some local factories*
- ◇ *Ice cream social (congregational event)*
- ◇ *Potluck (congregational event)*
- ◇ *Seeing the University of Iowa*
- ◇ *Any other activities you think he might enjoy*

I would be willing to host Pastor Mbwambo for a few nights in my home.

Number of nights and potential dates: _____

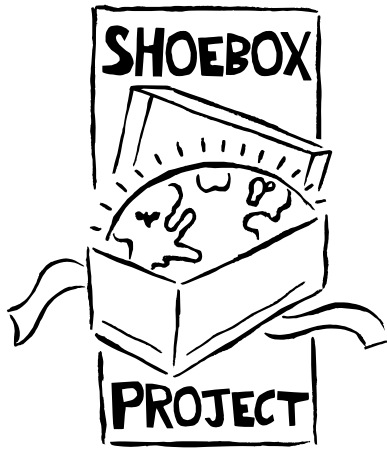
I would like to help with some of the daytime activities.

Activity: _____

Dates : _____

Name: _____

Contact phone or e-mail address: _____



“OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD”

For the past few years ZLCW Group 5 has been a part of “Operation Christmas Child”, a project of Samaritan’s Purse. It is a lot of fun, and several children were made very happy because of our contributions to this program. I encourage everyone to participate.

You can fill a shoe box with toys and other small gifts for either a boy or a girl, and the age categories are 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old or 10-14 years old. A check for \$7.00 payable to “Samaritan’s Purse should be enclosed to help cover shipping and other costs. A plastic shoe box can also be purchased to put the items in and then the child can save this box for storage.

Anyone that decides to participate in this program should return their shoe box gift to Zion’s church office by November 12. I will pick the boxes up from the church office and will take them to a collection center. Last year, Calvary Church collected the shoe boxes and then they were delivered to another drop point.

The brochures for this program are on the table upstairs. The brochure explains how to pack your shoe box and suggests gifts. If you have any questions, please call Betsy Martin at 263-8379.

Thanks so very much. I can see the smiles now on the children’s faces as they receive their shoe boxes.

STORIES TO TELL - GIFTS TO SHARE

The Stewardship Committee offers this article of work and efforts of the ELCA at home and around the world

Standing between the Chaos of War

~ ~ ~ ~ And the Soldiers in his Care

Command Sergeant Major Tom Behrends recalls his National Guard base in Iraq as an unexpected oasis in the desert. It was a way station for other battalions on the move, who would stop for a night’s rest or to refuel.

Because the area was a hotbed of IEDs (Improvised Explosive Device), the base was also a refuge for units who needed to regroup after being hit. Chaplain Corey Bjertness, U.S. Army, and his assistant would be among the first to welcome them.

Behrends, a practicing Presbyterian, recalls, “It didn’t matter to the chaplain who these people were, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Christian, Muslim, atheist. These were soldiers in need and the chaplain cared for them.”

After attending to the dead and wounded, counseling the survivors was the chaplain’s primary task. One of Bjertness’s initiatives dealt with a more basic need. Behrends notes, “The uniforms of these soldiers would be blood soaked from caring for their buddies. The chaplain had volunteers working round the clock at the washing machines so these soldiers didn’t have to wash the blood out themselves. As a chaplain in the Minnesota National Guard and fulltime pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in New London, Minn., Corey Bjertness exemplifies the challenge and privilege of serving as a “citizen soldier.”

When he was deployed to Iraq in the fall 2007, the chaplain left behind his wife, four children and his call at a congregation in the midst of a multi-million dollar construction project. He is grateful to their “massive support; in recognizing and honoring his military ministry to soldiers of all faiths-and no faith at all.

For Sgt Sadie Brehmer, Chaplain Bjertness brought a sense of sanctuary in a place of chaos. While she does not attend church in civilian life, in Iraq she found a ‘safe zone’ in Sunday services.

Of her chaplain, Sadie says simply, “He was there for all of us. He would drop anything for anybody.”



Celebrating Zion's 125th Anniversary in 2010

Zion's 125th anniversary celebration, which began last February with a Hymn Festival, is winding down.

On Sunday October 31st, the formal finale of the anniversary year, our guest preacher will be Bishop Mark Burke from our Southeast Iowa Synod. Please make note that there is only one service at 9:30 AM that day. Communion will be served. And Zion's orchestra will perform an anthem specifically composed and commissioned to signalize this anniversary year.

Immediately following the worship service, we'll share a banquet at the Holiday Inn. Social hour will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00. We'll eat at 1:00 with a short program following the meal. Pastor Paul Ostrem is the guest speaker at the banquet. The banquet is by reservation only. If you have not already sent your reservations, please contact the church office as early as possible so accurate planning can be finalized.

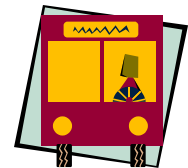
The display case in the Fellowship Hall during the month of October will feature items from Zion's rich history that have not previously been displayed. Stop by the display case and enjoy memories recalled and new memories made. Watch for other displays in November and December.

The "Reflections" article published in this Contact is written by Cheryl Hollich and highlights Zion's four octogenarians. Cheryl says, "*I love talking to them and feel truly blessed by their histories.*" You will feel the same way I think.

We're happy to have Pastor Steve Cauley here with us to celebrate these final official events. With his leadership and with God's almighty grace and with the Holy Spirit's amazing guidance, we'll step into the next twenty-five years

Sarah Perisho & Austin Cole, Co-Chairs

Autumn Senses Bus Tour Camp Ewalu, Strawberry Point, Iowa



On October 14, 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM, Camp Ewalu is offering an Autumn Senses Bus Tour.

It includes:

- *Hear* one of the most terrifying ghost stories, "The Turn of the Screw" at the Commonweal Theater in Lanesboro, MN.
- *Smell* the aromas of fresh bakery products and a home-cooked meal at Norseland Lefse in Rushford, MN.
- *Feel* the comfort of the chartered bus driving through Wisconsin as you view the beautiful autumn colors of the Mississippi River Valley.
- *See* the fresh produce, unique corn maze, coffee and cider of Kickapoo Orchards in Gay Mills, WI.
- *Taste* a one of a kind meal at this treasured piece of Americana, The Irish Shanti, in Gunder, IA, home to the world famous Gunder burger.

Cost: \$95/person; \$35/person optional lodging; \$45 deposit to hold reservation.

Confirmation

Please remember the following students in your prayers as they prepare to affirm their Baptism on Sunday, October 24 at the 10:30 AM service:

- Hannah Leigh Creamer
- Samantha Nicole Fulton
- Austin Kenneth Ivan Platt
- Zachary Davis Sargent
- Cameron Austin Schippers
- Tyler Wayne Toyne
- Rylee Erin VanWey

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

“Home and Away”
A Barbershop Harmony Review
To Benefit
Habitat for Humanity

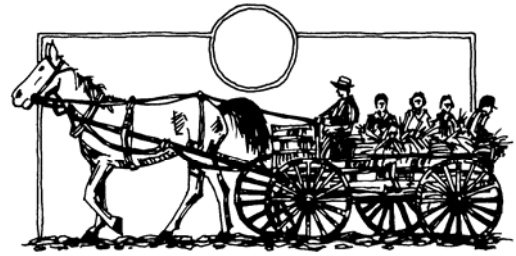
Featuring
The Heartland Harmony Chorus of Macomb, IL

Saturday, October 23, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Reception to Follow the Concert
At
Faith United Church of Christ
3307 Mulberry Avenue, Muscatine

Free Will Offering for the Show
Refreshments for Sale after the Performance

For more information, contact Jon Carlson
(263-8168)



HAYRIDE

**Saturday,
October 9, 4:30 PM
at Mark & Sarah Perisho's
2131 Nettle Avenue**

Featuring:
Something for all ages--

Hayride;
Games for the children;
Hot Dog roast & smores, and
Lots of good food.

Bring your own lawn chair, a dish to share, and a sweatshirt if the weather forecast is cool. Help is also needed for set-up and clean-up.

Sign up on the bulletin board near the nursery.



The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will have lunch at 'The Underground' on Thursday, October 14, 11:30 a.m.

The 'Underground' is located in the Pearl Plaza on Second Street.

Sign up on the Nursery Bulletin Board and join us for lunch.

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

“If only I could eat that meal more often! I eat & eat the evening of the *Sauerkraut Supper* and the very next morning, I wish I could have it all again!”

It is the custom of the Sauerkraut Committee to designate most of the profit to charitable organizations or Zion functions. Using the funds from the 2009 and 2010 suppers, the following are recipients of those monies:

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach at University of Iowa Hospital	\$ 500.00
125 th Anniversary – Education Committee	
Cost to create DVD of former Zion School interviewees	\$ 650.00
Muscatine Community Foundation Almoner’s Fund	\$ 200.00
Campus Ministry at University of Iowa	\$ 500.00
Zion Youth – designated to annual trips	\$ 500.00
Zion Utilities	\$ 500.00
Hopes House roof replacement	\$2,000.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
<i>TOTAL ALLOCATED GIFTS</i>	\$ 5,550.00

Many people work hard to make this meal a success. Almost 100 of Zion’s members volunteered and worked the day of the supper. And there were many others who donated deserts or loaned us roasters. The Sauerkraut Supper is truly a congregational event.

It is appropriate to recognize the individuals who graciously cooked and/or organized their portion of the evening activities and contacted other volunteers:

Meat	Dana Echelbarger
Sauerkraut	Don Snodgrass
Potatoes & Gravy	Gabby Scherer
Noodles	Sherry Manley
Green Beans	Carol Christopherson
Applesauce & Rolls	Mary Butcher
Pies & Deserts	Linda Snodgrass
Beverages	Doreen Borde
Dining Room	Susan Burzlaff
Carry-out/Delivery	Sharon Pugh
Tickets	Shirley Stange
Kitchen/Dishes/Clean-up	Kent Heckman
Procurement (shopping)	Roger Roskens
Publicity	Jason Dornbush
Electrical Set-up	Larry Driskell
Table/Chair Set-up	Orville Miller

Our attendance was down a bit this year. We normally serve 550 meals. This year we only served 450. We did find out that two other organizations in town served a meal the very same night. We will plan on serving 550 again next year.

Youth News



Corn Maze Saturday, October 23 11:30 AM

Bring old shoes and clothes (especially if it is muddy); we will stop somewhere to eat (bring \$5 for lunch) and then head to Barnyard Blooms, Wapello, to experience the Corn Maze. This year's theme is "We Salute our Troops." This event is for 6th to 12th Graders. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board.



Soup & Pie Supper

Tuesday, November 2,
4:30-6:30 PM.

This is a fundraiser for youth. Please sign up on the bulletin board to set-up/work. Parental help is needed. If you can help Cheryl make the soup on Monday or Tuesday please let her know.



Lutheran College Fair Sunday, October 10 6:45-9:00 PM

A Lutheran College Fair will be hosted at St. Paul Lutheran, 2136 Brady Street, Davenport, on Sunday, October 10, 6:45-9:00 PM.

Admissions representatives will be available to answer questions regarding admission, academic programs, student life, housing, and financial aid. A workshop on financial aid and financial planning will also be conducted to assist families with the college search process.

All families attending a Lutheran College Fair event will receive four Application Fee Waivers (up to \$6 value each!) applicable for any Lutheran College/University listed on the waiver.

If you are interested in attending, contact Cheryl.



October 24,

*Confirmation
Sunday*

October 2010

Lay Readers

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<i>3</i>	Chuck Hoffman	Dick O'Brien
<i>10</i>	Wendi Meerdink	Dyann Roby
<i>17</i>	Jurgen Boche	Steve Andersen
<i>24</i>	Phyllis Hoffman	Confirmands
	9:30 A.M.	
<i>31</i>	Sarah Perisho	

Greeters

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<i>3</i>	Wilma Fosholt & Mary Koester	Daryl & Linda Smock
<i>10</i>	Scott & Wendi Meerdink	Bill & Patti Chrisman
<i>17</i>	Rosendo & Stacey Ramos	Ron & Karolyn Subbert
<i>24</i>	Ray & Helen Stange	Irmgard Shoppa
	9:30 A.M.	
<i>31</i>	Stan & Beverly Johnson	

Acolytes

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
<i>3</i>	Samantha Fulton & Zach Sargent	Austin Platt & Hannah Creamer
<i>10</i>	Tyler Toyne & Rylee VanWey	Cameron Schippers & Eric Heckman
<i>17</i>	Zach Sargent & Samantha Fulton	Austin Platt & Hannah Creamer
<i>24</i>	Darion Subbert & Sam Burzlaff	Whitney Baars & Michael Mandsager
	9:30 A.M.	
<i>31</i>	Sam Burzlaff & Darion Subbert	

Ushers

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
	Paul Ruden Bill Toyne	Mike Batenhorst Dyann Roby
	Butch Doyle Denise Baird	Gary Sebbert Kent Heckman
	Jeff Baird Meredith Baird	

Hospitality

<i>3</i>	Parish Ed Committee
<i>17</i>	Evangelism Committee

Altar Guild

Nancy Keel
