

# Zion's Newsletter

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“People of God Gathering around Word and Sacrament”

*A Congregation of LCMC  
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ*

## Pastor's Corner

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:14-17*

Every once in a while when I am working on a piece of scripture my conscience is pricked, “Lee are you reading, meditating and working with scripture study as you should? This comes to mind at those times I have not been as diligent as I should be with my devotional life.

The scripture text that I chose for this month's newsletter also begs the question of scripture study on a daily basis. As we study and learn from scripture we become convinced that what it proclaims is true. Why, because we know that God breathes through it into our lives. We also learn through the use of scripture that it gives us wise council for the decisions of everyday life. Think back, when have you used scripture to make difficult choices?

Scripture is the place to go for everyday help. I would like to challenge you to spend the next month exploring your Bible to see what exciting things you may learn. If you need a place to start, how about looking at the book of Ephesians with me. Then let's share with each other what we discover.

*Pastor Lee*

## Good News From Zion

### **STEWARDSHIP**

February 2011---8<sup>th</sup>  
Installment

#### **Putting Myths to Rest**

If a gas station attendant looks bewildered, scratches his head & hesitates before giving directions, you better plan on buying a good map. Half-true direction economics are too complex for easy answers. Godly faithfulness means working hard to understand the truth. Some of the most destructive myths revolve around ideas about the rich & poor. We have come to believe the rich are getting richer & the poor are getting poorer. If only it were this simple. For much of the world it is more accurate to say the poor are not seeing their living conditions improve as rapidly as the rich. And the same time, global economists note that the destitute are worse off than ever. Even here in the good old US of A with the economy in a downhill slide, we are all feeling the pinch – money does not go as far as it used to – we are all hurting BUT we know God is faithful. *It is as the scriptures say: "The godly man gives generously to the poor. His good deeds will be an honor to him forever." For God, who gives seed to the farmer to plant, & later on, good crops to harvest & eat, will give you more & more seed to plant & will make it grow so that you can give way more & more fruit from your harvest. So two good things happen as a result of your gifts – those in need are helped & they overflow with thanks to God.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:9, 10 & 12*

## AA and Alanon

AA is a worldwide organization whose only requirement for membership is a desire to quit drinking. All conversation is confidential and millions throughout the years have found healing and recovery from alcoholism through Alcoholics Anonymous. Zion is proud to host a Thursday night group which meets each week in the conference room at 7:30 p.m.

Alanon is for family members and friends of alcoholics who find fellowship and support in others whose loved ones are also alcoholic. This group also meets each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Zion. For more information on either AA or Alanon, please contact **Bill Davis**.

## Call Committee Update

A recommendation was made by the Call Committee / Church Council, that another pastoral candidate be invited to provide a worship service at Zion. This candidate will be providing a **Worship Service on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am**. Please try to participate in this opportunity. A **Potluck Coffee Hour** will follow the service, which will allow time for members and friends of Zion to meet the pastor and his wife. Members of Zion will be notified if any further steps should be taken as the continuation of this process progresses.

The Call Committee will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9am every Sunday until the call process is completed. Please pray for the Call Committee—and Zion's Church Council; that all members may be guided by the Holy Spirit and that God's Wisdom and Grace would guide us as we work together in ministry and mission for the sake of His Kingdom. We also ask you to pray that the Holy Spirit guide our congregation as decisions are made to fulfill our needs and God's will for Zion.

## Please pray for our Church Leaders

### Zion's Church Council

<i>Mark Anderson</i>	<i>Christian Helms</i>
<i>Vernice Lindskog</i>	<i>Dan Helms</i>
<i>Paulette Holmes</i>	<i>Melanie Mattson</i>
<i>David Mattson</i>	<i>Dorn Seigler</i>
<i>Cheryl Cootware</i>	<i>Steve Anderson</i>
<i>Bob Mattson</i>	<i>Dick Lindholm</i>

### Pastor Lee Liverance

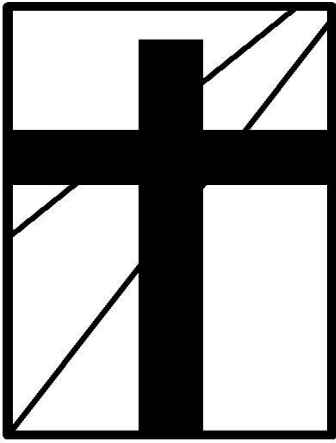
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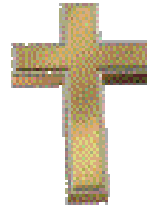
**A Measure of Our Love**

12-05-10	\$1908.50
12-12-10	1352.60
12-19-10	2050.25
12-24-10	2050.35
12-26-10	599.00

**Total** **\$7,960.70**

**Designated:** ( Included in total above )

Thanksgiving Offerings	40.00
Hunger	40.00
Fuel	30.00
Christmas	1320.00
Improvement Fund	215.00
Envelopes	1.00



**February Servants of God**

**Lectors:** Middle School Youth Group

**Ushers:** Vernon and Janice Anderson\*\*

**Greeters:**

- 6th - Karie Jacobson & Daughters
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Kirk & Brenda Mattson Family
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Dave & Laurie Balmes Family
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Steve & Fawn Anderson Family

**Communion Assistant:**

Dominic Christian

**Communion Ushers:**

James and Vicki Lindholm  
Leon and Kathy Grunlund

**Home Communion:**

Check list in Conference Room

**Visitation:**

**Please Check the WOZ  
Visitation Wreath at Zion in the  
Fellowship Hall.**

**Altar:**

Susan Anderson & Mary Jane Bloom

\*\*March / Alex & Dayna Mattson

**\*Please call Rose Siegler if you are willing to  
Usher, and Vicki Lindholm if you are  
willing to Greet or Help with Communion.  
Readers are needed also.**

## Youth In Service for February

Zion Quilting

	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Bell Ringer</u>
Feb. 6	Miranda & Martha	Lexi
Feb. 13	Maggie & McKenna	Samantha
Feb. 20	Trevor & Jonas	AJ
Feb. 27	Travis & Zach	Trevor



*A Children's Sermon with Pastor Lee*



Thanks to all of the women of our community who join Zion's quilters as they work to complete their next

set of projects. "God Bless All of You" for your time and efforts.

### *Follow the Leader*

*I wish that I could send everyone a picture of the children following Pastor Lee in a game of "Follow the Leader" during the children's sermon a few weeks ago. He marched forward down the aisle as the children kept in pace behind him, listening as he talked with them about leadership and how they should follow the most important leader Jesus Christ. As he spoke to the children, I followed too. I was trying so hard to keep up to him and his large giant steps that I ran right past everyone. When he turned around to walk backwards, he almost stepped on me.*

*Oh My; I could have been "Mouse Mash". I was quick though. I raced up his pant leg and crawled up into his pocket and he carried me the rest of the way.. When they all finally sat down, the children snuggled close to Pastor Lee as he continued to teach them about Jesus. He told them how they too can be Jesus's followers and that they also could lead others to Christ by sharing God's message with them. As he continued to speak; I crawled up his back and finally made it to the top of Pastor's head. I sat there and looked out at the congregation. Did you see me sitting there in his hair? I looked over again into the pews, and as I watched, I could see that the older children, teens, parents and all of the other adults were listening very carefully too. Everyone had big smiles on their faces as they heard Pastor Lee share the Good News. I thought to myself; Yes!, they are hearing today about the message of salvation and how they are to follow our leader Jesus Christ. But I learned something else too; I learned that He will carry his people if they need Him too, along every step of the way. Just like Pastor Lee carried me. I only had fear of his greatness, but I knew he would carry me to a safe place. So guess what I figured out? I know now that because of God's Love, He will be there for His people, and carry them to a safe place too.*

*Now I have to make sure that I tell all of my little friends in the neighborhood, everything I know about what God has to offer for the people of the homes my friends*

*live in. Can you help me share this Good News ?!!!*

*Metro Mouse*

*PS Happy Birthday Pastor Lee*

### *Babies In The Pews*



*Birthday Blessings to  
You, as...  
We Celebrate in February*

- 1-DURAN CARLSON
- 2-CASEY CARNAHAN, JOE NURMI,  
MIKE STEINBRECHER
- 3-MELANIE MATTSON,

**APRIL HARWATH**  
**5-RONNIE ACKERMAN,**  
**VANESSA LINDHOLM,**  
**ZOEY MATTSON, ANN WICKMAN**  
**6-TRACY ALTO**  
**7-ERIN RAETHER**  
**8-DON MATTSON, DALE SIEGLER,**  
**RUTH KOUVELIS,**  
**AMY COUSINEAU**  
**9-KELLY WESTPHAL**  
**11-CARLTON COOK, KIM DEAN**  
**12-JACOB LEWIS**  
**13-GRACE HOLMES**  
**14-DOUG ALLARD,**  
**ROBYN DENNOCENCZO,**  
**LEA PATTERSON**  
**15-TYLER ALTO,**  
**MASON ANDERSON**  
**16-MIKE LINDHOLM,**  
**CURT MATTSON**  
**17-JOHN D. ANDERSON,**  
**DEENA LINDEMAN**  
**19-GRACE MATTSON**  
**20-ADALYN GRUNLUND,**  
**VALDINE LEONARD,**  
**WARD LINDEMAN**  
**21-AMY STEELE**  
**23-McKENNA CHRISTIAN,**  
**CARRIE SIEGLER**  
**24-MARY LYNN LUCAS,**  
**JULIANNE WICKMAN**  
**25-GARY LAUTZENHEISER**  
**26-ERIC WICKMAN**  
**27-ANNA CARLSON**

*\*\*\*Please contact Sue Anderson with any*

*Additions to our Newsletter Birthday List.*

**Music and Worship Committee**

The music & worship committee is looking for someone who would be willing to take a turn playing the organ or piano during Sunday worship.

Also, if any of you would be willing to provide special music on occasion please let the committee know. Our hymn singing is sounding wonderful.

We have been making special effort to include familiar hymns that are appropriate to the message. We continue to ask for your suggestions and will do our best to fit your song in soon.

To offer help or hymn suggestions please leave a message at the church office (246-3456) or speak with either Sue Anderson or Vernice Lindskog.

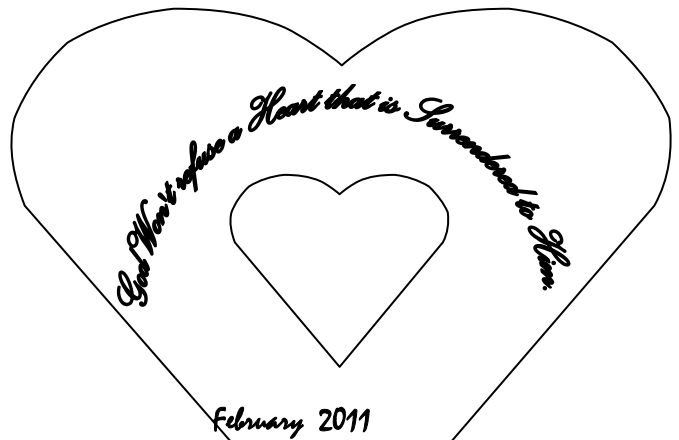


- **The Men's Prayer**

**Breakfast** is a gathering of Men from Zion as well as other area congregations who come together each month for fellowship, prayer, and a short devotion. This month they will meet on **Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at the **Nordic Trading Post**.

A welcome is extended to all interested community men.

*Coffee Lunch is served every  
Sunday after services;  
Please Join Us in the  
Fellowship Hall for Refreshments.*



**Women of Zion (WOZ) News**

The Women of Zion met at church on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> for a scheduled business meeting. Edna presided and opened the meeting at 9:15 am with devotions. Six members attended.

“Purse Papers” are being distributed. If you have not yet picked up yours, you will find them in the narthex before church each Sunday and on the table in the fellowship hall during the week. Assignments have been made for the year. If you

have been assigned a job that you cannot do, please let one of the officers know as soon as possible.

We will continue to put the "homebound" visitation list into name tags hung on a wreath in fellowship hall. Big thanks go to the Middle School Youth Group who will be maintaining the list and placing the names on the wreath each month. WOZ members are asked to select a name (or two) to visit during the month. WOZ will provide visitors for those whose names are not selected by a reasonable time each month. If you plan to visit someone on the list, please be reminded to put your name on the sign-up sheets kept on the bulletin board near the wreath. Please help make this ministry successful; it means a lot to those who find it difficult or impossible to visit us at church anymore.

The prayer chain was discussed and it is not clear whether everyone who wants to be part of the prayer chain is being notified. We will be working at updating our list.

*If you want to be notified when someone is added to the prayer chain but are not being notified now, please call the church office (246-3456) and leave a message. Indicate whether you want to be notified by email or phone and leave your name and contact information.*

**Heads-Up/Coffee Hour Schedule:**

- February 6    Preschool/Noisy Offering
- February 13    M69-2
- February 20    Middle School Youth Group
- February 27    Felch, Foster City, and Hardwood
- March 6        Preschool/Noisy Offering

**Family Ties**

Several members visited Family Ties in January where we made a new supply of Pine Cone Bird Feeders. The feeders are made by coating pine cones with peanut butter and rolling them in bird seed. A string is tied to the cone so they may be hung on a hook located in front of a large window. We put the completed cones in plastic baggies and stored them in the freezer. With luck, our supply will last the winter; everyone enjoys watching the

birds come to eat. We will visit again on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. You are invited to join us!

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***Reminder: Next WOZ Business Meeting will be held in the evening!***

**Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

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WOZ scheduled business meetings will be held on the second Tuesdays at 9:00 am every other month to alternate with meetings held on the second Wednesday of every other month at 6:30 pm as follows:

<b>February</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9 :00am</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9 :00am</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>

**All women are invited to participate. Please Join Us!**

**NOTE: OUR POLICY REGARDING BAD WEATHER ON A MEETING DAY IS THAT IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED OR DELAYED, OUR MEETING IS postponed AND WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH.**

**PRAYER CALENDAR  
FEBRUARY 2011**

**Note: All churches listed to pray for are LCMC churches**

- Tu 1 **Melvina LaLonde**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Temple City, CA, Pastor D. Wilkowski
- W 2 **Blanche Lantz**  
**Pray for Zion's Confirmation students and teachers as they meet today.**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harlan, IA, Pr. R. Rasmussen

- Th 3 **Charles & Sandy Lantz**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brooklyn,  
NY, Pr. N. David
- F 4 **Don & Janet Lantz**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ludlow, SC,  
Pr. S. Fox
- Sa 5 **Ed & Vicki Lantz & Family**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont, SD,  
Pr. P. Kosel
- Su 6 **Herb & Carol Lantz**  
**Pray for Zion's Sunday School students  
and teachers as they meet today.**  
**Pray for Zion's Pastoral Call committee  
as they meet today.**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Marion, WI
- M 7 **Hartley & Ruth Ellen Larson**  
**Pray for Zion's quilters as they meet  
today.**  
Bethlehem/West Elbow Lake Lutheran  
Church, Elbow Lake, MN, Pr. S. Ruud
- Tu 8 **Gary, Ginger, Tyler, Kyle, Summer &  
JoAnna Lautzenheiser**  
Bible Lutheran Church, Rincon, GA, Pr.  
A. Krey
- W 9 **Valdine Leonard**  
**Pray for Zion's confirmation students  
and teachers as they meet today.**  
**Pray for WOZ (Women of Zion) as they  
meet tonight.**  
Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont,  
NE, Pr. S. Tyler
- Th 10 **Kate, Abe, Jacob & Elizabeth Lewis**  
Brooklyn Park Lutheran Church, Brooklyn  
Park, MN, Pr. C. Billings
- F 11 **Gary & Deena Lindeman & family**  
Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Lee, IL
- Sa 12 **Dick & Karen Lindholm**  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Modesto, CA,  
Pr. D. Stime
- Su 13 **Jamie, Vicki, Claire, Holly & Vanessa  
Lindholm**  
**Pray for Zion's Sunday School students  
and teachers as they meet today.**  
**Pray for Zion's Pastoral Call committee  
as they meet today.**  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Orr, MN Pr. J.  
Bailey
- M 14 **Ken Lindholm**  
**Pray for Zion's quilters as they meet  
today.**
- Calvary Lutheran Church, Kallispell, MT,  
Pr. K. Rau
- Tu 15 **Mike, Amber, Micah, Miles & Aunica  
Lindholm**  
Celebration Church, Fredericksburg, VA,  
Pr. T. Larson
- W 16 **Steve & Tammy Lindholm & family**  
**Pray for the participants and staff at  
Family Ties, and the ladies from Zion  
who spend the afternoon with them.**  
**Pray for Zion's Confirmation students  
and teachers as they meet today.**  
Central Lutheran Church, Elk River, MN,  
Pr. P. Johansson
- Th 17 **Vernice Lindskog**  
Central Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA,  
Pr. E. Sokoloski
- F 18 **Jamie, Jared, Tregan, Kedria &  
Zadien Lippens**  
Charity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND,  
Pr. S. Bauman
- Sa 19 **Betty Locallo**  
Chinese Life Lutheran Church, Alhambra,  
CA
- Su 20 **Bill & Mary Lucas**  
**Pray for Zion's Sunday School students  
and teachers as they meet today.**  
**Pray for Zion's Pastoral Call committee  
as they meet today.**  
Chinese Lutheran Church, San Francisco,  
CA, Pr. H. Lo
- M 21 **Brandon Lucas**  
**Pray for Zion's Quilters as they meet  
today.**  
**Pray for Zion's Church Council as they  
meet tonight.**  
Christ Church, Otsego, MN, Pr. G. Pagh
- Tu 22 **Alex & Sally Lukats**  
Christ Community Church, Pelican Rapids,  
MN, Pr. M. Brickzin
- W 23 **Derek Mann**  
**Pray for Zion's Confirmation students  
and teachers as they meet today.**  
Christ Community Lutheran Church,  
Lebanon, OR, Pr. J. Redlin
- Th 24 **Dave & Paula Maraccini & family**  
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, St.  
Petersburg, FL, Pr. F. Smith
- F 25 **Karla, Rob & EmmaLee Massie**  
Christ Evangelical Lutheran church,  
Belmont, MA, Pr. N. David

- Sa 26 **Sarah, Buzz, Gage & Dakota Massie**  
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Reese, MI, Pr. T. Senge
- Su 27 **Albertine Mattson**  
**Pray for Zion's Sunday School students  
and teachers as they meet today.**  
**Pray for Zion's Pastoral Call committee  
as they meet today.**  
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Brooklyn, NY, Pr. I. Cheung
- M 28 **Aloid & Anita Mattson**  
**Pray for Zion's quilters as they meet  
today.**  
Christ Lutheran Church, Chino, CA, Pr. M.  
Greenier

We have been busy knitting, and we sent some items out in January. Thanks to those of you who contributed for that shipment. We will continue making them and will be sending more in February. If you would like to help by contributing any of these items, we would be grateful, and will ship them out with ours. They need not be homemade. If you wish to make some and need yarn and/or needles, we will have some of those items available on the front table in Fellowship Hall in church. If you'd like to make a monetary donation for the purchase of these cold weather items, you may leave it in the hat on the table in the narthex.

Any help you give us will be greatly appreciated by us and I'm sure by them, too.

## **A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

**Everyone who helps to support Zion's  
Mission and Ministry by giving of their  
Time, Talents, Offerings & Gifts.**

**" (( Chuckle Corner )) "**

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PILOT: "Pilot to tower...pilot to  
tower, we are 400 miles from  
land, 800 feet high and running  
out of fuel...please advise".

Tower: "Tower to Pilot... Tower to  
pilot... Repeat after me!" "Our  
Father who art in heaven...!!!"

(If you have a Chuckle to share,  
please Contact Tana Nord)

## **NEWS FROM ZION'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

This year, we are again making and collecting hats, scarves and mittens for the needy and homeless in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We send them to the Marie Sandvik Center, which is a Christian based 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization providing for the material and spiritual needs of the poor living in the inner city. The mission is supported solely by churches and private donations. Their primary focus is sharing God's message of love.

## **Prayer Chain Update**

As most of you know, the Women of Zion have an organized prayer chain that is used to spread the word when there are prayer requests for people who have a special need for prayer. Many people receive this information via email. Prayer requests are sent by email from Susan Anderson and Edna Mattson. Tina Anderson will soon be doing this also. If you are supposed to be receiving the prayer requests through email and you think you may not be receiving all of them, would you please call the church office at 246-3456 and leave a message. Many of you also receive the prayer request information through a phone call. If you are unable to reach the person who you are supposed to call and unable to leave a message, please call the next person on the phone tree so the message will continue to be passed on. Thank you.

**WITH MANY THANKS**

**THANKS SO VERY MUCH FOR SENDING  
THE NEWSLETTER & INFORMATION  
FROM ZION. IT IS REALLY APPRECIATED.**

**RUTH KOUVELIS**

TO OUR DEAREST LATDIES AT  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
YOU ARE ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING,  
GENEROUS AND LOVING GROUP OF WOMEN WE  
HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE TO MEET. WE ARE SO  
BLESSED TO SHARE ONE DAY A MONTH WITH

YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EACH TIME. MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

WE ALL LOVE YOU,... FAMILY TIES



**DEAR ZION MEMBERS,  
THANKS FOR ALL THE NEWSLETTERS  
THEROUGH THE YEARS, I REALLY ENJOY  
READING ABOUT THE MEMBERS ETC.**

**CLARINE**

**BERGEMANN**

John and I would like to thank all the people for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers with cards and calls during my recent hospital stays and coming home. I am very blessed to be a part of this church and community and for all the support you showed us.

**Cheryl Cootware**

*Dear Friends at Zion,  
We would like to thank each and every one of you individually for thinking of us in Ken's passing. We offer a sincere thank you with much gratitude to all of those who came to offer condolences, sent cards and especially for keeping our family in your prayers.  
They are all very much appreciated.*

*The Kenneth Sheldon family.*

DEAR ZION,  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PARYERS FOR THAD WHILE HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL, DURING HIS TIME OF RECOVERY AND THROUGH ALL OF HIS FOLLOW-UP EXAMS AND TESTS. HE IS DOING WELL AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR HIM.

**BLANCHE LANTZ**

### **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH THE HELPING HANDS FROM SOME OF ZION'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THE PARSONAGE PAINTING AND VARNISHING IS NEARING COMPLETION. THE OFFICE HAS BEEN PAINTED WITH THE CONFERENCE ROOM YET TO BE DONE. NEW TRIM, LIGHTS AND DOOR KNOBS ARE CURRENTLY BEING INSTALLED IN THE PARSONAGE AND WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN THE BASEMENT. CARPETING FOR THE OFFICE AREAS, AS WELL AS THE PARSONAGE HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THE NEW ENTRY DOORS FOR THE CHURCH ARE HERE AWAITING THE APPROPRIATE TIME AND WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR INSTALLATION. WITH ALL OF THE NEW WINDOWS AND UPGRADES, MANY GOALS HAVE BEEN MET. HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL A LIST OF THINGS THAT NEED TO GET

DONE. IF YOU WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE AND SOMEONE WILL LEAD YOU TO A PROJECT THAT COULD USE A LITTLE HELP. THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BE A PART OF ZION'S ONGOING FACELIFT.

### **CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER**

**IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OR A FRIEND  
OF ZION AND YOU WANT TO RECEIVE  
THIS PUBLICATION IN THE FUTURE  
AND AREN'T CURRENTLY ON OUR  
MAILING LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
CHURCH OFFICE AT 906-246-3456  
OR SEND AN EMAIL TO:  
zionlc@alphacomm.net**

#### **From the Editor**

Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter by sending in your articles, pictures, news & reports. This paper would not be possible without the help of so many willing participants. Your time and work is very much appreciated, and may God Bless all of you. Also....Just as a reminder....Please submit all of your information by forwarding it to me at [debdixon@alphacomm.net](mailto:debdixon@alphacomm.net), by placing it in the box on the wall in the church conference room or by turning it in to Zion's Church Secretary **Mary Jane Bloom**. All submissions for the newsletter should reach me by the *Wednesday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month* in order to allow time for publication and mailing. Please keep this mailing ministry in your prayers and pray also for those who receive it. Thank you, Deb Dixon.

### **THOSE WITH THRIVENT POLICIES/CONTRACTS TAKE NOTICE:**

Starting in 2010, Thrivent is no longer doing the "congregational matching funds" they had done in the past. Instead you can participate in "Choice Dollars". Through Choice Dollars, you can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable funds among thousands of Lutheran organizations, including local congregations.

Here's how Choice Dollars works:

-Designated Choice Dollars are based on qualifying insurance premiums, qualifying contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.

-Choice Dollars are made available as premiums are paid, contract value is determined, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership is identified.

**ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS CALL 1-800-847-4836 AND SAY 'THRIVENT CHOICE' AND THEY WILL HELP YOU THROUGH IT. IT'S VERY SIMPLE; IT ONLY TAKES A COUPLE MINUTES. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING WITH THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS, CHECK IT OUT.**

The amount of money you can direct to the organization of your choice is based on how much money you have in your accounts.

**YOU MUST CALL BY MARCH 31, 2011 TO DESIGNATE YOUR DOLLARS FOR 2010.**

NEED / WANT MORE INFO?

**SEE THE PRINTOUT ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX AT THE CHURCH, CHECK WITH YOUR THRIVENT AGENT, or ASK SUE ANDERSON.**

## Winter/Spring Opportunities at FLLC

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**February 13 (4-7 p.m.)  
Second Sunday Folk Dance  
Special Guest LJ Booth**

**February 25-27 (7 p.m. Fri. – 1 p.m. Sun.)  
Basket Weaving Retreat**

**March 4-5 (4p.m.–2 p.m.)  
Church Council Workshop**

**(partnered w/ synod)**

**March 4 – 5 (6:30 Fri.- 2:30 Sat.)  
Junior High Youth Gathering  
(Mardi Gras theme)**

**March 13: Second Sunday  
Folk Dance with Russian Musicians  
Stas and Misha**

**March 14 (10 a.m.- 2 p.m.)  
Senior Adult Day  
(Lenten/Easter Theme)**

**April 10: Final Second Sunday  
Folk Dance of the 25th season  
Guest Anne Hills**

**April 27, April 28 (9 to 5 each day)  
Spring Work Bee**

**May 9: Senior Adult Day  
(Gardening Theme)**

**May 9 – 11: Pastor’s Sabbath**

**For details, call the camp office at  
906-875-3697**

**Or email us at:  
[officemanager@fortunelake.org](mailto:officemanager@fortunelake.org),**

**Or  
Check the Fall/Winter/Spring Event Brochure  
online at fortunelake.org.  
“Random Pics”**





Zion now has a website where you can visit and find out more about what is happening at our church and in our area. Find the newsletter in color, events, assigned duties, committee information, activities for the year as well as a current calendar. These are just some of the features offered. Please take the time to visit this site and if you have any pictures, postings, ideas or suggestions, please contact:

**Tina Anderson** at **906-246-3657,**

or by sending an email to her at

**[tinart@alphacomm.net](mailto:tinart@alphacomm.net)**

**To logon to Zion's Website go to:**

**<http://www.zionlc.net>**

**Thanks to Tina Anderson for her work and maintenance on Zion's Website.**

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**To Our Friends at Zion**

*We would like to extend an invite to a Baby Shower for Amanda Jones on Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Charles Sandstrom Gymnasium at the Felch Mountain Bible Chapel*

*Thank you.*

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