

Zion's Newsletter

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Good News From Zion

Interim Pastor Lee Liverance
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“People of God Gathering around Word and Sacrament”

*A Congregation of LCMC
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Pastor's Corner

“The Son gives life.” John 5:21

The Bible is the story of two gardens: Eden and Gethsemane. In the first, Adam took a fall. In the second, Jesus took a stand. In the first, God sought Adam. In the second, Jesus sought God. In Eden, Adam hid from God. In Gethsemane, Jesus emerged from the tomb. In Eden, Satan led Adam to a tree that led to his death. From Gethsemane, Jesus went to a tree that led to our life.

This excerpt from Max Lacado, I pray will give a start to our Lenten journey this year. Can you in your minds eye see the two gardens? Lent is a time to remember what God, through his son Jesus Christ, did for each of us.

It is because of Adam that we need this time to reflect on our need of what the cross means to each of us. For many the cross means forgiveness, for some it represents pain, still other see it as shame. All of these meanings are completely accurate; it is what we do with them that makes the difference.

We need to always begin with forgiveness. Forgiveness is something we each need to seek everyday of our lives. It is also something we need to do for those around us. During Lent we are brought face to face with the reality of what that forgiveness cost.

Some of the cost is found in the pain. Pain started in the first garden with the fall into sin. Pain continued in the second garden with Jesus pleading that the cup of death be taken away. Finally the pain of our sins was taken away at the cross when Christ died for that pain.

Another part of the cost is found in shame; it is in shame for our sins and the sins of the world. Through the resurrection we see the final aspect of shame is resolved. We cannot think about the two gardens without remembering the final cost of both. Christ Jesus suffered and died to pay the cost of the first garden. Through the cost of the second garden we have life eternal through the resurrection.

Our Lenten journey is upon us, may we each come to the garden of forgiveness, shed the pain of shame and walk each day of our lives in the glory of the cross.

STEWARDSHIP

March 2011---9th Installment

Putting Myths to Rest

The plight of the poor must be a top concern for Christians. Yet we fall into a rut of inaction & lack of compassion when we embrace certain myths about the poor. We vacillate between two polarities. On one hand we say the poor are lazy, but in looking more closely, we can easily see the systemic nature of poverty & the unjust structures of society. So we fall into the ditch on the other side of the road & proclaim that the poor are victim. Having said that, we fail to see the individual choices some people make that put them into poverty. By throwing out the possibility to choose poverty, we also throw out the possibility of choosing differently & escaping poverty. We categorize the rich too. Some say the rich are corrupt, others that God blessed them with wealth. Yes, many wealthy persons are corrupt, but not all of them. Many are faithful Christians & quietly share their wealth. We must also acknowledge that some faithful Christians remain poor. They live in a geographic area that affects their economic status, or they fall victim to unfortunate economic swings, or disease debilitates them-and they are still faithful.

What a wonderful God we have – He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, & the one who so wonderfully comforts & strengthens us in our hardships & trials. And why does He do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy & encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help & comfort God has given us.

2 Corinthians I: 3-4

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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 worship service was held on Sunday February 13th, and subsequently a vote by the congregation will be held regarding the calling of this candidate at the **beginning** of the **Worship Service on Sunday March 6th at 10:15am**. Please try to participate in this opportunity. As Members of Zion you will decide what 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>David Grunlund</i>
<i>Mary Jane Bloom</i>	<i>Dan Helms</i>
<i>Paulette Holmes</i>	<i>Dan Nurmi</i>
<i>David Mattson</i>	<i>Dorn Seigler</i>
<i>John Anderson</i>	<i>Steve Anderson</i>
<i>Bob Mattson</i>	<i>Dick Lindholm</i>

**Interim Pastor Lee Liverance
Our Saviors Lutheran Church**

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**Youth In Service for
March**

Acolytes

Bell Ringer

Mar. 6	Miranda & Samantha	McKenna
Mar. 13	Maggie & Lexi	Martha
Mar. 20	AJ & Jonas	Travis
Mar. 27	Trevor & Zach	Maggie

Welcome Evan Wickman to Zion

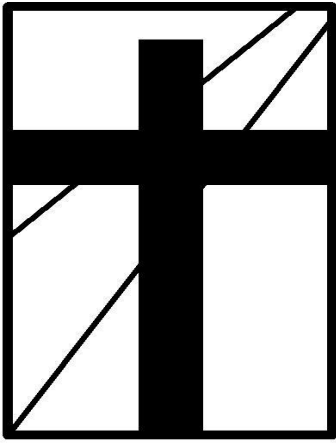
Evan Wickman along with his parents Renee and Eric Wickman, and family and friends celebrated as he was baptized here at Zion on February 7th. Sponsors for Evan are Vicki and Mark Wickman. Our prayers are for these families as they guide and teach him God's promises for his and for their lives.

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.



- 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, March 18th** at the Nordic Trading Post.

A welcome is extended to all interested community men.

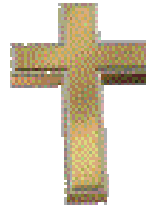


A Measure of Our Love

1-02-11	\$1355.00
1-09-11	1134.00
1-16-11	2070.00
1-23-11	1051.86
1-30-11	2288.00
Total	\$7,898.86

Designated: (Included in total above)

New Year	6.00
Hunger	45.00
Fuel	105.00
Christmas	60.00
Improvement-Carpeting	1000.00
Improvement-Undesignated	25.00
Envelopes	35.00
Birthday	14.00
Hunger	45.00
Middle School Youth	10.00



March Servants of God

Lector: Carrie Siegler

Ushers: Alex and Dayna Mattson**

Greeters:

- 6th - Karin and Lisa Dixon
- 13th - Martha and Veronica Nord
- 20th - Tracy and Summer Saler
- 27th - Aly and Deb Dixon

Communion Assistant:

Christian Helms

Communion Ushers:

Vernice Lindskog – Paulette Holmes
Dick Lindholm – David Mattson

Home Communion:

Check list in Conference Room

Visitation:

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

Altar: Kathy Mattson
Rhonda Mattson

**April / Dan & Jeanne Nurmi
May / Mike & Amber Lindholm

*Please call Rose Siegler if you are willing to **Usher**, and Vicki Lindholm if you are able to **Greet** or help with **Communion**. Please call the church office if you are willing to be a lector at 246-3456.

FROM ZION'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Following are portions of 2 separate mailings we have received recently from the Haiti Care Mission. This is the organization we are working with in getting "little dresses" to Haiti and it is also where we sent to money collected for the water purification tablets to help combat cholera.

A few more pictures..... We gave out pillow case dresses 2 weeks ago and last Sunday most of the girls wore them to Sunday School. We're hoping it will be the regular "attire". They are so nice and clean looking and so cool.

Thanks again for all the effort in getting them here to Haiti. All of the items you sent have been so helpful and have gone out to encourage many people in many very poor areas.

Sorry about not sending more pictures. I was just thinking that we could write emails all day and never get enough pictures or thanks to you. Know that the ministry you have is a real blessing and has brought a lot of smiles.

The rice packs you see the children carrying are what we give out on Sunday mornings now. With cholera all around us, we would hate to be responsible for someone getting sick, so we have chosen to give out "manna packs" to the children to take home and cook and share with their families.

God Bless, Deb, Rod and Katie

Dear Partners:

To date we have had requests for over 36,000 items - over 24,000 dresses, 7,000 pinless cloth diapers, and thousands of sleeping mats! Many of the requests for dresses come to us asking for "one more dress for each girl in our area (because the one and only dress they had is worn out!)." Many missionaries say that they are getting far fewer items than they did in the months following the earthquake and the "needs remain greater than ever." Many relief operations have closed.

We, Zion's Middle School Youth Group, want to thank everyone at Zion who has helped us with these projects. We could not do it without your help and support. That is why we want to share these words of thanks and pictures with you, and we also want you to see that there is indeed a need for the dresses and diapers we have been making. We thank you and wish you God's blessings.

HATS, HATS, AND MORE HATS

The response to our "HATS FOR THE SANDVIK CENTER" has been sensational. We recently sent a second large shipment to them in the Minneapolis area to distribute to homeless and needy folks there. We thank each and every one of you who has contributed to this cause. We will continue to send them as long as they keep coming in. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Little Dresses for Haiti



Birthday Blessings to

You, as...

We Celebrate in March

- 1-Duane (Cardy) Steele, Andy Finendale
- 2-Gabe Johnson
- 4-Cassie Gustafson
- 5-Brody Priestap
- 6-Craig Maraccini
- 7-Dorothy Overacker
- 9-Kailey Cootware
- 10-Edna Mattson
- 11-Sheila Gedvick
- 12-Vernon Anderson, Karla Massie
- 13-Tyler Smith
- 14-Tracy Saler
- 18-Darlene Davidson, Lexi Steele
- 19-Andie Ellis, Dakota Massie,
Jacy Strauss, Allison Wood
- 22-Levi Nord
- 24-Summer Lautzenheiser
- 25-Sandy Hamby, Grant Siegler
- 26-Lynn Ackerman, Miranda Jacobson
- 27-Dick Lindholm, Rose Steele
- 28-Janice Anderson, Jeff Cousineau, Lisa Dixon
- 29-Ardee Faultersack, Ben Mattson
- 20-Alec Challancin
- 31-Misty Richmond, Holly Lindholm

*****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**.

LENTEN SERVICES BEGIN

Our Lenten journey together begins at **7 p.m.** on **Ash Wednesday, March 9**, as we gather together for the imposition of ashes, for holy communion, and for reflection on our lives of faith. Each Wednesday evening beginning on **March 16**, we will gather in fellowship Hall at **5:45 p.m.** for **Soup Supper** served by Zion's youth. This will be followed by an informal **Lenten Service** at **6:30**. Plan now to make the most of this Lenten season and the journey of discipleship to the cross and the empty tomb.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9, there will be no after school confirmation classes until after Easter. Confirmation students are expected to attend the Wednesday night Lenten services and complete sermon/service notes just as they do for Sunday morning worship services.

THERE WILL BE REGULAR CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.

Women of Zion (WOZ) News

The Women of Zion met at church on the evening of Wednesday, February 9th for a scheduled business meeting. Vice President, Debbie presided and Loretta led devotions. Six members attended.

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

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 9:00 in the
Church Conference Room
Please come!**

During our Family Ties visit in February, we celebrated President's Day and patriotism with song, stories, and, of course, treats. In March we will have a special guest entertainer with us when we

visit to celebrate St. Patrick's Day a few days early.

WHO: JIM CLEMENT
WHAT: EARLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
WHERE: FAMILY TIES
WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH
1:00-3:00

Jim has a knack for getting everyone involved in having a great time with sing-along and sometimes even a little dancing. Join us at the Crystal Lake Community Center, Family Ties, *on a Tuesday rather than our usual Wednesday* to celebrate all things Irish. Remember, it's a day for the "wearin' of the green".

The "Visitation Wreath" will soon be redecorated for March. Remember to volunteer to help visit our homebound by selecting a name or two from the wreath, found on the door in Fellowship Hall, sign the sheet posted nearby on the bulletin board, and enjoy brightening someone's day with your visit.

The Spring WOZ Program Committee is up and running. On the Program committee are: Karen Lindholm, Vicki Lindholm, Amber Lindholm, and Carrie Siegler. Serving will be: Janice Anderson, Norma Anderson, Tina Anderson, Karen Helms, and Kelsy Boehmke. The program will be scheduled for sometime in April. Look for more information as it becomes available.

As some of us remember, the cold weather moved in before completing all the chores scheduled for Fall cleaning like pew cleaning, etc. We will be setting a date for spring cleaning soon. A suggestion was made to form a "de-clutter" committee with the authority to clean closets, cabinets, and storage areas tossing out some of the clutter that has accumulated over the years. If you are good at doing this sort of thing, please volunteer to be on that committee. The savers among us seem to have filled up all available storage space. Finally, it was decided that WOZ would replace the white board in the conference room since the old one has a surface that cannot be cleaned any longer. Becky has agreed to shop for a new one that will be installed after the new carpet is in. Have you noticed how great our church and parsonage are looking lately? Those who have worked so hard to clean, paint, fix-up, and/or have donated money to get the work done should feel very satisfied with the outcome of their efforts. Applause and Thanks to each and every one of you!

Heads-Up/Coffee Hour Schedule:

March 6	Preschool/Noisy Offering
March 13	Metropolitan
March 20	High School Youth Group
March 27	Felch Mt-Norway Lake-Ralph
April 6	Preschool/Noisy Offering

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

Family Ties

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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:

March	8th	9:00 am
April	13th	6:30 pm
May	10th	9:00 am
June	8th	6:30 pm
July	12th	9 :00am
August	10th	6:30 pm
September	13th	9:00 am
October	12th	6:30 pm
November	8th	9 :00am
December	14th	6:30 pm

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

March 2011

Note: All church listed for prayers are LCMC churches.

- Tu 1 **Alex, Dayna & Zoey Mattson**
Christ Lutheran Church, Santa Clarita, CA,
Pr. J. Campeau
- W 2 **Ben & Jill Mattson**
**Pray for Zion's Confirmation students
and teachers as they meet today.**
Christ Lutheran Church, West Covina, CA,
Pr. D. Nelson
- Th 3 **Carol Mattson**
Christ Lutheran Church, Bunnell, FL, Pr.
C. Magnell
- F 4 **Christy & Grace Mattson**
Christ Lutheran Church, Warren, MI, Pr.
D. Cave
- Sa 5 **Craig, Rhonda & Alison Mattson**
Christ Lutheran Church, Comfrey, MN
- Su 6 **Curt & Percie 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 Lutheran Church, Maple Plain, MN,
Pr. D. Garwick
- M 7 **David & Grace Mattson**
**Pray for Zion's quilters as they meet
today**
Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish, MT,
Pr. J. Bent
- Tu 8 **Diane Mattson**
**Pray for WOZ (Women of Zion) as they
meet today.**
Christ Lutheran Church, Blair, NE, Pr. W.
Behrens
- W 9 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
**Almighty God, your son our Savior
suffered at the hands of sinners and
endured the shame of the cross. Grant
that we may walk in the way of his
cross and find it the way of life and
peace; Through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**
Don & Tricia Mattson
Christ Lutheran Evangelical Church,
Dallastown, PA, Pr. L. Cunnings
- Th 10 **Elroy & Denyce Mattson**

- Christ Lutheran LCMC, Lake Chautauqua,
NY, Pr. G. Seefeldt, Interim
- F 11 **Ethel Mattson**
Christ the King Lutheran Church,
Birmingham, AL, Pr. C. DeGreen
- Sa 12 **Helen Mattson**
Christ the King Lutheran Church,
Fallbrook, CA, Pr. P. Tukua
- Su 13 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
Jeff 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 the King Lutheran Church, Dodge
City, KS, Pr. K. Groethe
- M 14 **Jenna Mattson**
**Pray for Zion's quilters as they meet
this week.**
Christ the King Lutheran Church,
Hutchinson, MN, Pr. J. Lindekugel
- Tu 15 **John, Angie, Ricki, Sophie & Wyatt
Mattson**
**Pray for the participants and staff at
Family Ties, for Jim Clement (Mr.
Entertainment) who will be joining
them, and the for ladies from Zion who
will spend the afternoon with them.**
Christ the King Lutheran Community
Church, Ponca, NE
- W 16 **Father, through our observance of Lent,
help us to understand the meaning
of your Son's death and resurrection,
and teach us to reflect it in our lives.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.**
John Mattson
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church,
Norfolk, NE, Pr. S. Lund
- Th 17 **Kathy Mattson**
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church,
Conway, SC, Pr. M. Brazell
- F 18 **Kay & Larry Mattson**
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church,
Lacey, WA, Pr. J. Beal
- Sa 19 **Ken & Edna Mattson**
Christus Lutheran Church, Clintonville,
WI, Pr. B. Crocker
- Su 20 **Kirk, Brenda, Hunter & Dugan Mattson**

Spring Opportunities At FLLC

**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,

Or

**Check the Fall/Winter/Spring Event Brochure
online at fortunelake.org.**

- NOTICE TO QUILTERS -

In past years we have moved quilting from Monday to Wednesday during the Lenten season. As of this printing, no decision has been made regarding this. IF this change is made, it will be noted in the Sunday bulletins.

**Pray for Zion’s Sunday School students
and teachers as they meet today.**

**Pray for Zion’s Pastoral Call committee
as they meet today.**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Florence, AL

**M 21 Kristen, Kaylund & Ethan Mattson
Pray for Zion’s quilters as they meet
this week.**

**Pray for Zion’s Church Council as they
meet tonight.**

Church of the Living Word, Hampton, IA, Pr. J.
Anderson

Tu 22 Lillian Mattson

City on a Hill, Torrance, CA

**W 23 God our Father, help us to hear your
Son. Enlighten us with your word, that
we may find the way to your glory. In
Jesus’ Name, Amen.**

Mark Mattson

Community Church of Joy, Glendale, AZ, Pr. W.

Kallestad

Th 24 Matthew Mattson

Community of Faith, Lake Oswego, OR,
Pr. G. Englert

F 25 Melanie Mattson

Community of Hope, Tucson, AZ, Pr. D. Drum

Sa 26 Nick Mattson

Concordia Lutheran Church, Kingsburg,
CA, Pr. M. Reiff

Su 27 Robert & Kathy 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.**

Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI

M 28 Tamara (Mattson) & Ryan Pryslak

**Pray for Zion’s quilters as they meet
this week.**

Deep Creek Lutheran Church, Hayes, SD,
Pr. F. Westerlund

Tu 29 Ted & Fanny Mattson

Desert Hope: A Lutheran Congregation in
Mission for Christ, Tucson, AZ,
Pr. J. Cords

**W 30 Father, you have taught us to overcome our sins
by prayer, fasting and work of mercy. When
we are discouraged by our weakness, give us
confidence in your love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Tom & Teri Mattson

Devotion Bible Church, Arcadia, CA, Pr. S. Yau

Th 31 Erik & Michelle McGillivray & Kuulei

East Lake Andes Lutheran Church,

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS

We want to thank those Thrivent members of **Zion** who have designated their **THRIVENT CHOICE** dollars to our church. We have received notice that a number of you have done this. We are grateful for these contribution which will help us carry out the mission of Zion.

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.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE HELPING HANDS FROM MANY OF ZION'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THE OFFICE AND CONFERENCE ROOMS ARE NOW COMPLETED WITH NEW PAINT AND CARPETING. THE PARSONAGE CARPETING HAS BEEN INSTALLED, THE PAINTING IS DONE AND THERE ARE EVEN NEW CURTAINS AND NEW LIGHTS IN THE KITCHEN. MANY GOALS HAVE BEEN MET. HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL A LIST OF THINGS THAT NEED TO GET ACCOMPLISHED.. 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 CONTINUED DONATIONS AND FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BE A PART OF ZION'S ONGOING FACELIFT.

Now Open!

Alex's Place Coffeehouse Ministry at Metropolitan Hall!

Encouragement Link is pleased to announce the opening of our coffeehouse ministry.

Regular hours are Thursday, Friday, & Saturday Evenings from 6-10 PM and Saturday Mornings 6-10 AM.

In addition to coffee, we serve tea, specialty coffee drinks, smoothies, iced and blended coffees, bakery items, ice cream, and sodas. There is something yummy for everyone! For more information call Dave at (906) 282-0083.

Thank you for your support of this project over the years!

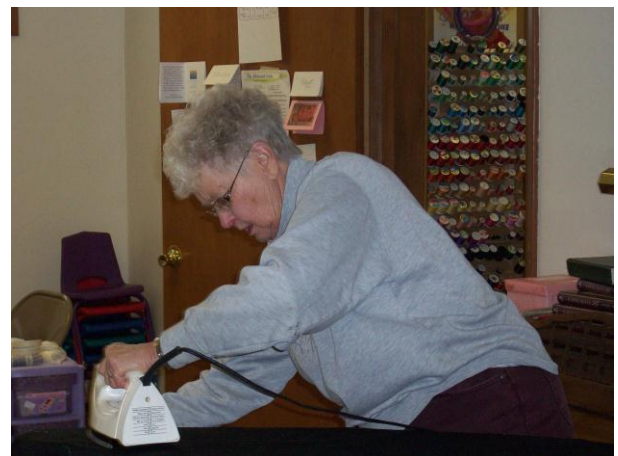
Zion Quilting

Please Note: All Quilters...

Please check the weekly bulletins in March for possible date & time changes for Quilting during Lent.

Quilts for Somalian Refugees

The quilters took on a special project this winter when they learned of a Somalian refugee family living in the Grand Rapids area in need of assistance. They made a queen sized quilt for the parents and quilts for each of their 6 children, ranging in age from 9 to 17. With everyone working together, the quilts came together quite quickly, and Tana and Sue delivered them to the family in early February. They were very grateful for these gifts, as is apparent in the photo.





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.

It's Cookie Time



Could anything be sweeter?

Do I smell Cookies? I certainly had a Sweet February with far too many treats than I should have had. But who could resist these precious faces? I know that they left a few candy trimmings and some cookie crumbs just for me. What they don't know is that I called Mettie Mouse and she came over to share some of those goodies with me. After all, it was Valentines Day. We took the rest of the treats to her home at the Met Hall & Alex's Place where we shared them with Mettie's family. Oh how wonderful; they have it pretty nice there, and it looks like they will be saving a few crumbs of their own to share with me. What a nice place for the local people to gather, and what a nice place to be able see people sharing their faith. I think that I am going to see a lot of that place this year, and I am going to call my friends BC Mouse and Missy Mouse to join us too. They can hitch a ride with those folks from their homes like I do when I want to go somewhere. I should warn them to be careful though. When Mettie and I hitched a ride the last time we should have payed more attention. Oh, it was not that bad, but I though t I would have a nice ride with a lady that I always see at Zion. I heard her say that she was meeting some friends at Alex's Place. I told Mettie to Hurry, and we jumped in to a pocket in her purse. It was a sweet ride. "I think it was the breath mints". And of course, we were happy for the lift. But later when it was time to leave, I hugged my friends and jumped into that lady's purse for a ride back and guess what happened? She was enjoying visiting with everyone so much that she kept talking right until she was out the door. I guess that was alright for her except she left me holding the bag...er...or purse I mean. Yep, she forgot it, and with me sitting on the table. Well I wasn't about to stay in there all night, so I just jumped out and spent the night with Mettie and her family. I know that lady would remember and come back, but I wasn't going to take any chances. Who knows, I could have ended up just about anywhere. And it was a little too cold outside to take that risk. I mean see, she could have

*forgotten me out in her car. I would have frozen my whiskers. Now how would I have looked with frostbitten whiskers and maybe a frozen tail too. Mettie laughed at me and said that I was silly. She said I had to have faith and and trust and believe that everything would work out. She said it was up to me to choose to take that ride and I should not worry, nor should I be fearful of what could happen. She told me how people who love the Lord God have to have faith in Him and walk with Him. Walk? I said! All that way? I guess she thought that I wasn't listening, as she continued to say; Yes Metro, they have to walk with Him and follow Him and He will take care of them all along the way. But they have to trust His Word and believe in Him. I did understand, I know that they have to take that first step, & make that first move. I know that He is already there waiting to help His people. All they have to do is ask. Well now; I wonder if that lady over there is going my way. Hey lady!... Mmmm There's crumbs in here!" Yay for me! Another Sweet Ride! Metro Mouse**

**Why are there no crumbs in Pastor Lee's Pockets?*



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