

Zion Lutheran Church



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## Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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## A Message from Pastor Roger

### Take Or Receive?

Recently I was reminded in my devotional reading that we do not really take communion. We receive communion. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther writes:

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Given with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink

The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Communion is a gift given for us to receive. We receive gifts. We do not take gifts. That makes sense, doesn't it? The author reminded me of something else I was taught in confirmation class "a long time ago" and I try to teach those preparing for First Communion. The best way to remind ourselves that this is a gift to be received is to receive the bread or wafer in the open palm of our right hand rather than to reach up and take it. Our open hands reflect our open hearts.

Think about this the next time you receive communion.

In Christ,

Pastor Roger.

**Permanent New Office hours at Zion: Beginning January 24,2011 the church office will be open as follows:**

- Monday and Friday's from 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- Tues, Wed, and Thursday from 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

## Stewardship

Once upon a time a band of knights riding through a forest saw hundreds of trees with targets painted on them and an arrow in the very center of every target. When the king heard of this he sent the knights back to find the archer who hit the bulls eye every time. They found a wee, small boy and brought him back to the king. The king asked how he ever managed such a remarkable feat. The boy answered, "It's easy, sir, first you shoot the arrow, then you paint the target."

Unfortunately, most churches today can't be quite as flexible as the small boy in the story when it comes to setting financial giving guidelines for its members.

Christians sometimes wonder how much they should give for God's work. Some people are inclined to be more generous than others, and there is often a question as to what is a person's rightful response. One of the best guides for Christian giving is proportionate giving. St. Paul refers to it in the last chapter of First Corinthians.

The Corinthians were taking part in a collection for the poor and needy saints in Jerusalem, and Paul gave them this advice: "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come." From his recommendations we can see several guidelines for giving.

1. **Make giving a priority.** Determine to give "on the first day of the week." Don't wait until the end of the week when the money is almost gone. If you reach into your pocket or purse then, there probably won't be much left. When you get paid, take out God's portion first and set it aside. Those who give to God first, usually find that there is enough left for other needs.
2. **Make giving a regular habit.** The Apostle advises his hearers to practice giving "every week." Some people can be very generous in response to a specific appeal, but when their interest in the appeal fades, so does their support. In order for God's work through the church to be effective, giving needs to be a regular practice. No important work can be planned or be effective if support is sporadic. Paul's advice is to give regularly.
3. **Make giving a commitment.** Decide to give a proportion of your available income for God's work. A percentage is best. Write it in as the first item in your budget planning. Consider this as your first obligation at each pay period. You should decide what proportion is best for you. If you agree to give God three percent of your income, and this week you earn \$100, you can give God \$3.00. If you agree to give God a tenth (the Biblical tithe), your gift would be \$10.00. Most important, make a commitment to God and follow through with it.
4. **Make giving a matter of faith.** Paul uses the phrase, "as you prosper." He realizes that your income may fluctuate. You may work overtime one week and be laid off for several days the next week. Your income may be seasonal or affected by other circumstances. But if you give proportionately, you can give something to God. The amount may vary, but the percentage will remain the same. Giving, after all, is a matter of faith. We believe that God's work is important, and we give so that it may continue. But giving is also important for our sakes, for it is a natural and grateful response to God. Unlike the small boy in the story at the beginning of the article, first paint your target, then shoot your "giving" arrow.



### Pastoral Acts

#### Funeral

January 6/2011  
Elizabeth Meenan

## Youth Group

### Super Bowl Party

The Youth Group Super Bowl party will be held on **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 PM.** The site for this year's festivities will be the Blackburn's house, 56 Auburn Ave in Utica. We will have a short meeting during halftime.

### Volleyball Marathon 2010

The Central Crossroads Conference Volleyball Marathon will again be up all night playing volleyball to raise money for Lutheran Charities on Friday March 11–Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Zion's Youth group will participate and will be asking Zion members to pledge your support and sponsor them. Watch for more information to come!

## First Communion

**First Communion** will be celebrated **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.** Families with children in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and above who would like to participate are invited to meet with Pastor Roger for **two Family Events 6:00-8:00 p.m., Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>.** We will begin with a pizza and salad supper. Please make your reservation by Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> by using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Roger.

## Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on **Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM** at Breakfast at Tiffany's, Seneca Turnpike, Clinton. All men are invited!

## Souper Bowl Sunday

**Souper Bowl Sunday**—The Youth Group will again be sponsoring the annual Souper Bowl Sunday soup collection on **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.** Bring a can of soup or a monetary donation to the 9:15 or 11:15 AM service and leave it by our Bowl! Help turn faces of hunger into faces of hope! We will also provide a Prayer Labyrinth in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:15 service. The Youth Group will set up the labyrinth on **Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Anyone that would like to help with set-up is welcome to join us.

## Zion's Choir

Choir warm-up at 8:45 AM on Sunday to sing for the 9:15 worship service. Sunday morning rehearsals are at 10:30 AM. Please see Kim Marscher if you are interested in joining Zion's Choir.

## Wise Women

**Wise Women's** evening of "Warm Hugs" was postponed due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** We invite all ladies of Zion and friends to an evening of "Warm Hugs"—come and learn the importance of a hug to women, why we hug, how do we feel when we hug will be explored by everyone in attendance.

We will begin with a soup supper and move into the program that will surely warm your heart. Everyone will leave with a "warm gift." So that we have enough supplies for all **we ask you to please use the sign up sheet located in the Narthex so we can plan appropriately (If you signed up previously we need you to please sign up once again).** Come and get your "Warm Hug"!!!!!!



## Volunteer Needed!

**Volunteer needed to Update the News to Zion's website**—We are looking for a volunteer to type and upload news of upcoming events to our website at the end of each month (except August). This can be accomplished by coming into the Zion office after hours/weekends or on your home computer if you have Publisher and Microsoft Frontpage software. Please speak with either Helga or Joyce if this is a way you can serve Zion.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is currently studying "The Cross." We meet weekly on Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM (weather permitting) in the Confirmation Room. Christian faith is centered in the cross. The studies in this guide are designed to bring us to the heart of the cross with an understanding of what was accomplished there on our behalf. Our worship, or call to mission, our ability to love our enemies and to face the perplexities of suffering, the cross transforms everything! We invite anyone interested in studying the bible to join us.

# Christian Education at 10:30 AM



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

# February

Zion members, friends and visitors are invited to grow in relationship with Jesus through the Christian Education opportunities offered for all ages from 10:30-11:10 AM each Sunday. The theme for the 2010- 2011 Christian Education year continues to encourage all to do “God’s Work-Our Hands.” The Christian Education team has chosen to support World Hunger with Benevolent offerings.

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

#### February Schedule of Classes

- February 6 Music and Activity Sunday—Splash in the Spirit—Baptism
- February 13 Ruth and Naomi—Ruth 1:1-23
- February 20 February Winter Break Week—No Christian Education Classes
- February 27 David and Goliath—1 Samuel 17:4-11; 32-50

On February 6<sup>th</sup> Children’s Ministry Music and Activity Sunday will be held in the last classroom on the right in the Education wing downstairs. The Youth Group will set up a labyrinth in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to journey through the labyrinth which will help us to focus on World Hunger.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

- February 6 Game Show
- February 13 Forgiveness
- February 20 February Winter Break Week—No Christian Education Classes
- February 27 Forgiveness

### HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

All students in grades 9–12 are invited to take part in the weekly gathering of the High School class for lively discussion on a variety of topics. Guest leaders will bring new perspectives as students are encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

### ADULT FORUM

During the month of February Adult Forum which meets at 10:30 in the Fireside Room will use the Book of Faith Bible Study from Galatians. Paul’s letter to the Galatians shows Paul at his most youthful, least understanding and most non-compromising. In this letter, he provides us with a clear confession of the Christian life. This 4-week Bible study explores Galatians through these four key questions:

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|-------------|--|---------------------------------|
| February 6  | What happens to people pleasers?                   | Galatians 1:1-24                |
| February 13 | Is there one, and only one, Gospel?                | Galatians 2:1-21                |
| February 20 | February Break—No Christian Education classes meet |                                 |
| February 27 | So...what about God’s rules now?                   | Galatians 3:6-29; 5:18          |
| March 6     | How do we live by the Spirit?                      | Galatians 3:1-5; 5:1-26; 6:8-10 |

**You are invited to come and join the conversation!!!!!!**

#### Mission Statement

*To give all God’s children a spiritual foundation in a caring, loving environment that will nurture their relationship with God through Jesus.*

# Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



## Winter Thrivent Choice Voting Event: Jan. 24 to Feb. 28

The second Thrivent Choice Voting Event will be held Jan. 24 to Feb. 28, featuring seven national nonprofit organizations in the area of health and human care. Thrivent Financial will distribute \$1 million among the participating charities. Specific amounts will be based on the percentage of votes each organization receives.



*The seven nonprofit organizations participating in this winter's Voting Event will be:*

- Bethesda Lutheran Communities
- Feeding America
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
- Lutheran Services in America
- Orphan Grain Train
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Wheat Ridge Ministries

When the Voting Event opens on Jan. 24, associate and benefit members (age 16 or older) will be able to vote in two ways:

- Online at [Thrivent.com/choicevote](http://Thrivent.com/choicevote). (for directions see article below.)
- By calling 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and saying "Thrivent Choice." (for directions see article below.)

For more information on Choice Dollars, contact your local Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Office and speak with Richard Roth at 315-451-0252.

## Help direct Thrivent Choice Dollars<sup>sm</sup>

Online:

Step 1—Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

Step 2—Click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com click on "register now" to register for full access.

Step 3—Look for your designated Choice Dollars<sup>sm</sup> amount on the right of the screen.

Step 4—Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice<sup>sm</sup> box on your MyThrivent page.

Step 5—Search the catalog of organizations to find your choice.

Step 6—Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your Choice Dollars to that organization.

By phone:

Step 1—Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice."

Step 2— Say or enter your Social Security number.

Step 3—Press 1 to help direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.

Step 4— A representative will then work with you to help direct Choice Dollars.

**Help choose where Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gives back!**



Thanks! Thanks! On Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> during the 9:15 worship Pastor Roger and the congregation recognized two faithful Zion members for their personal commitments to the congregation. Janet Burton and Barbara Reinshagen were surprised to be the recipients of many thanks and good wishes for serving on altar care, newsletter staff, caring for flowers and plants in the church, helping with funeral receptions, just to name a few of the many ways they have “Served with a heart like Jesus”. They have quietly shared their time and talents. Their “Thank You” was well deserved. A special coffee hour reception was held in their honor.



### Food Bank Focus for February

We are hoping to “snowball” the Utica Food Bank with a mountain of canned soups during the month of February.

The Youth Group is hosting Souper Bowl Sunday on February 6, 2011 and is really encouraging Zion members to make a special effort to stock up the Food Bank with canned soups.

Your purchase of canned soups will help to feed hungry people in the Utica area who will be grateful to receive your donations.

Thank you also, to so many Zion members who have given donations of warm clothing for our cold upstate New York winter. Coats, sweaters, pants, boots and other warm clothing donations are gratefully received by the less fortunate in our community. If you have children’s, women’s or men’s clean usable clothing in good shape that you no longer use, please consider making a clothing donation to the Food Bank. **Place clothing items in a plastic bag and tie it up, then leave them in the coat room downstairs. Thank you for your support of the Greater Utica Food Bank.**



### Mohawk Valley Somali Bantu Community Association, Inc.

The Mohawk Valley Somali Bantu Community Association, Inc is a non profit 501 © (3) organization who just opened their doors. Their mission is to improve their community with self-sufficiency. They have just opened a place to help the students with their home work, they provide after school programs and ESL classes for older people who do not speak English. They are looking for donations of old computers and furniture like chairs and tables as well as office supplies. If you can donate any of the above please contact them at: Mohawk Valley Somali Bantu Community Assoc., Inc., 615 Elizabeth St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Utica, NY 13501. Telephone: (315) 738-1083 Ext. 152 or (315) 601-0363 or by e-mail at [MVSBCA@gmail.com](mailto:MVSBCA@gmail.com).



## A NEW YEAR'S WORTH OF FAIR TRADE COFFEE CHANGES

What's new with Zion's Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project "booth?"

1. The blue cart has moved to the **Fireside Room**.
2. **It will be self-service**—simply check prices on the pricelist by the cash box, labels on the shelves, or individual stickers; and put checks (*made out to "Zion Lutheran Church," memo: coffee*) or exact amount through the slit in the lock box. These directions are also on its cover. As in the past, extra money will be donated to ELCA World Hunger, our missionaries, or the Confirmation Camp Fund.
3. A **new, secure, locked drop box** has been purchased to protect your checks and money.
4. Coffee, tea, and chocolate **will be available all week** because the cart will no longer be locked up after our Sunday services.
5. Two **new products** are available on our cart: Organic Love Buzz - WHOLE BEAN, Full City/French Roast and Organic Vanilla Rooibos Tea (decaf).
6. Look for new **packaging** from Equal Exchange.
7. LWR has a new **logo**.
8. Due to rising costs for farmers, climate change and extreme weather, and a weakening of the co-op system, Equal Exchange has increased its prices and thus some of our prices have also risen. Please know that the LWR Coffee Project ensures that more of the money you spend on coffee reaches the farmers who actually grow it. **Fair Trade Coffee** is a simple solution that can make a difference in the lives of small-scale farmers around the world.
9. There is a new brochure called, "**Lutheran World Relief COFFEE PROJECT: Changing lives never tasted so good!**" for you to take home and read.
10. The Social Ministry Committee has advertised for a new volunteer to manage the fair trade coffee and chocolate. For now, continue to contact Laurel McCurdy at 765-0023 or lemccurdy@gmail.com with questions or suggestions.

Make a resolution to check out our coffee cart, purchase a Divine Chocolate bar for Valentine's Day, try a new product, or learn more about fair trade.



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

## LWR HAS A NEW LOOK!

Lutheran World Relief's new turquoise and green-yellow logo and tagline has just been introduced to help LWR tell its story in today's world. Founded in 1945, LWR has worked to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering in a sustainable way that brings the lasting promise of a better future. The new tagline emphasizes the hand-up, not hand-out offered to so many communities. It also reminds us of the promise of Christ's love and mercy that underlies its mission and blesses LWR's work.



## Learning at the Crossroads

**Learning at the Crossroads** will be holding a workshop on **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Luther Memorial Church**, 435 S. Main St., N. Syracuse, NY 13212. Telephone number (315) 458-1481, **from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. The cost is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch. The topic will be: The Old Testament and Grace, led by Pastor Diane Wheatley (this workshop satisfies deacon training requirement for workshop on Old Testament). People often speak as if the Old Testament presents a God of Law and the New Testament the message of grace. However, a survey of the Old Testament will provide dramatic evidence that Grace has been the foundation of God's interaction with people from the very beginning. Please send your checks to the address listed above so they arrive no later than Wednesday, March 2, 2011. If you need a registration form please call Zion's office.



## From the Pen of Mae Parker

Trust is earned not given  
Trust is all in all  
If you trust in human beings  
You will surely fall.

Trust in Jesus only Jesus  
He will set the matter straight  
He will answer all your questions  
Never too early or too late.

Put your trust in Jesus only  
Come to him upon your knees  
Tell him all your inner secrets  
He will give you sweet release.

## Central Crossroads Conference

CCC-Central Crossroads Conference?

Our congregation is one of 22 Lutheran Congregations in the Central Crossroads Conference of the Upstate New York Synod of the ELCA. At our Fall 2010 Conference Assembly, people asked to know more about the Conference—who we are, what we do, and what we *can* do. In an effort to “get the word out” we will be including a short monthly article in our newsletter. This month the article is longer to catch you up to our current needs and concerns.

What and who are we as a Conference? The ELCA is divided into 9 regions with 65 Synods—geographic sub-groupings that facilitate communication and working together within the larger church. (The Slovak Zion Synod in Region 7 crosses all regions linking together congregations with a Slovak heritage). Each Synod has a Bishop elected by the people; ours is Rev. Marie Jerge. Each of the 50 Synods is then sub-grouped by “Conferences” to facilitate communication, support, and ministries that are more effectively accomplished when we work together.

The Central Crossroads Conference stretches from Redwood in the north to Dolgeville, Little Falls in the East, Cortland in the south and Skaneateles in the west. Our 22 congregations include Campus Ministry at Syracuse University, and range in size from those with less than 25 in worship on Sundays, to several who average 200.

The people of our conference, elect one pastor to be Dean. That person, in addition to regular congregation or pastoral responsibilities, serves additional hours as a liaison between the Bishop and Congregations; pastors the pastors, coordinates conference communication, and serves in a number of additional ways. Rev. David Roppel is our current Dean. Because of the extensive time commitment and costs in travel and meals on the road, we reimburse travel and out of pocket costs (from our conference budget) and have provided a small stipend (from the synod budget).

At the 2009 Synod Assembly, people voted to reduce compensation to deans by half asking conferences to pick up the differences. In 2010, fewer Synod funds, meant we reduced Assistants to the Bishop and increased the responsibilities of and time needed from the Deans.

However, we as a conference never discussed how to fund these decisions at the conference level. For many years our only identified income for the conference has been from the Lutheran Charities Appeal and gifts from congregations and individuals. Thus we have increased our annual needs by over \$2,400 without identifying additional income. The result has been that in 2010 our Deans were not fully paid. As of January 1, 2011, that unpaid amount was \$1,680.

We believe that there is much ministry that can be done if we work together. However, we need your help. In the following months as we talk about vision and mission, please keep in prayer our financial needs as a Conference, as that is vital in making our ministry happen. And consider what you can do as an individual or a congregation to help. Thank you.

## Thank You's

To our Zion Family,



During the Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15 service there came a point where we were completely surprised by being thanked for doing altar work, taking care of the plants and getting out the monthly newsletter. We are just two of the many Zion members who contribute to the smooth operation of our church.

We were overwhelmed with being recognized for helping out and truly are grateful for the beautiful flowers, the gift of a lovely small book entitled "Thank You for serving with a heart like Jesus" and the most delicious cake we have ever had at Zion!

Janet Burton and Barbara Reinshagen



## Thea Bowman House, Inc.

Dear members of Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you ever so much for your donations this Christmas to Thea Bowman House. Your kindness and generosity was much appreciated and truly made a difference for the holidays of children who are in need.

Gratefully, Sr. Bernadette Kapfer, CSSF, Project Coordinator



Dear friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for responding so generously to the Thea Bowman annual Christmas appeal. Your gifts truly make a difference in the life of a child. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. We really couldn't do this work without the support of people like you. Thanks for helping us climb the mountain together.

Gratefully, Jane Domingue, Executive Director

## Rescue Mission

Your generous contributions in 2010 totaled \$210. Thank you for being a vital part of our ministry to those who are hurting.

God Bless you, Rev. Bill Dodge, Executive Director



## Hope House

Thank you for your recent gift to Hope House of \$55. Thanks to your generosity, we will be better able to fulfill our mission to provide for our neighbors who are most in need.

Sincerely Yours, Margaret (Peg) Ward, Interim Executive Director



## Community Food Bank of Greater Utica

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your most generous donation of \$2,401.95. Your generosity goes a long way in making this season a little easier on the people in this community. Our plight is a difficult one this year and you have made it possible to feed the ever-increasing numbers of people that need our services.

Sincerely, Dorothy Gokey, Treasurer



## More Thank You's YMCA Mohawk Valley



Dear members of Zion Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the YMCA Mohawk Valley, I thank you for the in-kind donation of toys, hats, gloves, scarves and new games for Hall House, that you valued at \$200. Thanks to you and others like you, your contributions helps support over 20,000 individuals each year through our domestic and sexual violence services, emergency shelter, and transitional housing facilities. Besides our residential services we provide a variety of other services within the community. We appreciate your help towards promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Sincerely, Natalie L. Brown, Executive Director

## The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia Foundation

Dear Friends,



It is through your generous donation to the Leadership Fund at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia that helps our students gain the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to reveal the Christ Child to those near and far. Thank you for your gift of \$25.00 to the leadership Fund. Thank you for supporting our commitment to prepare ordained and lay ministers of the Word as leaders for the mission of the Church in the world.

Peace, The Rev. Ellen Anderson, Director

## Heifer International

Dear Friends,



Your generous gift of \$354 for Heifer International's work to help hungry people feed themselves. Gifts are used as designated until a project's need are met. Additional gifts are used where most needed. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of families once trapped in the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Sincerely, Charles O. Stewart, Interim Executive Director

## The Lutheran Homes Foundation

Endowment Committee,



On behalf of The Lutheran Homes Foundation, I wish to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to you and Zion Lutheran Church for your extremely generous contribution of \$1,500 to the Chaplaincy Endowment Fund. This gift will assist us tremendously in our efforts to provide those programs and services which enhance the quality of life we continually strive to achieve for our residents. Particularly in these difficult economic times, your gift means so very much and will make a substantial difference in the lives of the people we care for and care deeply about.

Wishing you a Happy & Healthy New Year,  
Karen Ostinett, Director of Funds & Volunteer Dev.

## Your Neighbor's Inc.

Dear Zion Endowment Fund and the Zion parishioners,



Thank you to the Zion Endowment Fund for your generous grant of \$2,000 to Your Neighbors, Inc. and also to the parishioners for the recent donation of \$313. We are witnessing an increasing population of seniors who are trying to maintain their homes as well as independent residency while living here. At YNI, we are increasingly supportive of those homebound people who continue to need our help with medical transportation, grocery shopping, meals and ongoing companionship. We thank you for your continued support to help us during these increasingly difficult times.

Sincerely, Roberta Schiavi, Program Director