

# Zion's News & Notes



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## A Message from Pastor Roger

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<b>Confirmation Camp</b>	“On the Edge” is the theme for Confirmation Camp this year at Vanderkamp Center, Sunday, <b>July 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup></b> . We will swim, canoe, kayak and meet new friends at this beautiful setting. We'll share our experiences at both services on <b>Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b> .
<b>Your Neighbors, Chicken BBQ</b>	Your Neighbors, Inc. an affiliate of LutheranCare Ministries, will be holding it's Annual Chicken BBQ on <b>Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon until sold out</b> . See details for pre-ordering and pre-order pick-up on page 5.
<b>Boilermaker Sunday is July 12<sup>th</sup> One Service at 10:45 AM</b>	PLEASE NOTE: The Boilermaker Road Race is on <b>Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup></b> . <b>Zion has a great opportunity to care for others by extending hospitality to the community as spectators cheer on the runners of the Boilermaker.</b> We will once again offer Zion's parking lot for spectators and we will have a hospitality table. Donations will go to the Greater Utica Area Food Bank. See how you can help—article on page 3. <b>Zion will have only one worship service on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM—A Traditional Service.</b>
<b>Sullivan's Send-off Picnic</b>	Join us on <b>Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup></b> , beginning at 12 noon, at Sherrill Brook Park for a Send-off Picnic for the Sullivan's. . See full details on page 3.
<b>Your Neighbors, Cook-in</b>	Your Neighbors, Inc an affiliate of LutheranCare Ministries, will be holding a Cook-in at 6 PM, July 21 <sup>st</sup> in Zion's kitchen. See article on page 5.
<b>Zion's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Captain &amp; Crew Golf Event</b>	On <b>Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup></b> at the Oriskany Hills Golf Club, Rt. 69 in Oriskany we will be hosting Zion's 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Captain and Crew Golf Event. All amateur and experienced players are welcome. Tee time starts at 3 PM, be at the course before 2:30 PM. See complete details on page 3.
<b>Sullivan's Send-off Reception</b>	<b>Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b> marks Vicar Kevin's last Sunday at Zion. Please join us for a reception in the Fireside Room following the 9:15 service. See details on page 3.
<b>“Crocodile Dock” Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, August 28, 2009</b> , you are invited to “Crocodile Dock”, where fearless kids shine God's light. Get ready for an exciting adventure in the bayou. Daily from 9 AM until Noon, “Crocodile Dock” will be full of fearless fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. See page 16 for further details.

In Christ,

*Pastor Roger*

## From the Vicar

Dear Friends,

A little over a year ago my family and I flew out to New Hartford for a visit designed to help us get to know the community just a bit. After the church service and the reception on Sunday we flew back to Columbus, and I remember thinking, even at that time, that serving my internship among you would bring with it the terrible prospects of a whole bunch of very painful good-byes. But that was okay, because the time for good-byes was a more than a year away.

Often this year I sat in worship and looked about at the faces gathered in the sanctuary and felt overwhelmed with love; the love you have gifted my family with, and the reflective love that rises up in me... and again I thought of how difficult it would be to say meaningful good-byes to you all. And again, I was able to suppress my anticipatory grief because I knew that there would be no need to say good-bye for months and months.

But now, we are down to a matter of weeks before our departure date on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and I want to make sure to say this in a very straightforward and honest manner. The congregation of Zion has gifted us with an incredible year of internship! Individuals have reached out to us and drawn us into their lives, sharing their pains and their joys this past year, and we have been touched by this great gift.

No amount of academic work at the seminary can prepare a person for the reality of ministry; nothing that I know of can take the place of spending time under the supervision of an experienced and caring pastor and having the chance to participate in, and reflect upon, the many different activities that go into caring for the spiritual health and welfare of a congregation.

So I want to express my thanks to Pastor Roger for his openness to this internship process; for his integrity, for the incredible amount of work that he put into this year, and for his generosity in allowing me to participate so fully in the activities of this church. It has been a blessing to enter into his process of serving the people of Zion. I have learned so much as he has encouraged me to think about the choices that are often before a congregation in the light of the grace of God, and I have learned even more by being able to watch the way he cares for others and this congregation as a whole.

I also want to thank Helga and Joyce for their amazing day by day support through the year. They have modeled for me just how dedicated, sensitive and professional a church staff can be... they also brought humor, joy, and sometimes sugary treats to the office!

Zion Lutheran Church is blessed to have such capable people serving them. Leaving this job is made even more difficult by the fact that I am so excited about what is happening here. You have so many social ministries that express God's love to the community, such fine music programs, wonderful fellowship, and great educational opportunities. And all of these things are made possible only through the dynamics of each member's offerings of time, energy, and creative ideas.

I thank each of you so very much for all you are, and all you have done for us. We will miss you all very deeply, but we will also look forward to hearing about your continuing growth in your journey of faith here at Zion.

Best wishes and Blessings, Vicar Kevin

*The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to help people become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*

**Care** for people in Christian love.

**Share** the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Grow** in relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Serve** others in the name of Christ.



### Pastoral Acts

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

03/29/2009

Isabella Brown  
Kathryn Brown  
Allon Watson  
Day Ja Watson  
Alexander Jensen  
Shelby Miller  
Jacquelyn Olesen  
Austin Canaguier

#### Baptisms:

5/3/2009

Coleston  
Benoit Bazin  
and  
Alexander  
James Jensen

5/10/2009

Alina Belle  
Kulpa

#### Wedding

6/27/2009

Tara Miller  
and  
Daniel Dellecese

## Boilermaker Sunday

The **Boilermaker is Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Zion will be offering our parking lot to spectators of the Boilermaker Road Race on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. People using the church parking lot are invited to make a donation of food or money that will be given to the Greater Utica Area Food Bank. There will also be a hospitality table to benefit the Food Bank. **Zion has a great opportunity to care for others by extending hospitality to the community as spectators cheer on the runners of the Boilermaker.** Volunteers are needed to donate a gazebo, bake, help with parking, and to work at the hospitality table. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are willing to help. Etta Head will be coordination this event, if you have questions, contact Etta at 732-2295. **We will have only one service that morning at 10:45 AM (A Traditional Service).**

## Zion's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Captain and Crew Golf Event



Zion's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Captain and Crew Golf Event will be held on **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** at Oriskany Hills Golf Club, Rt. 69 in Oriskany. All amateur and experienced players are welcome. You need to be at the course before 2:30 PM. Tee Time starts at 3 PM. Cost is \$18 per person, for 9 holes and a cart. Please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Jed Jecen at 768-7615.

## Wise Women Retreat

Starting on **Sunday, August 16, PM and continuing through Tuesday, August 18, PM**, Zion's Wise Women are planning their annual trip to Carole Grove's cottage on Cayuga Lake. The group will be using the time to rest, relax, read and enjoy the beauty of nature and the blessing of good friends. If you would like to attend this retreat contact Carole Grove or Helga Morrison.

## Sullivan "Send-Off" Events

This past year, Zion has been very blessed to have Vicar Kevin Sullivan and his family with us as he completed his internship experience. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend for the following "send-off" events to celebrate this past year with Vicar Kevin, Julie and Keegan.

## Sullivan's Send-Off Picnic

Join us on **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at **12 noon at Sherrill Brook Park**, (Cedar #2 Pavilion, right of main entrance), Route 12, New Hartford for an afternoon of good food, fellowship, and fun. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, lemonade, and paper products/utensils will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. The pavilion is located near a softball field and a volleyball court, so make sure to bring along your favorite sports equipment. Please see the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. For questions about the picnic or reception, contact Joni Pulliam at 793-2020.

## Sullivan's Send-Off Reception

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** marks Vicar Kevin's last day at Zion. Please join us for a reception in the Fireside Room immediately following the 9:15 a.m. service to wish a fond farewell to the Sullivan family as they return to Columbus, OH for Vicar Kevin's final year at Trinity Seminary. For questions about the picnic or reception, contact Joni Pulliam at 793-2020.



## Men's Group

will resume on Saturday,  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009



## Young At Heart, Impromptu Pool Party!

Shirley and Steve Ealine are planning an impromptu pool party at their home some time in July. They are leaving the date and time open depending on the weather, hoping for a few, good warm days. They would love to have a number of Zion members come and enjoy some time at their pool and gather for fun and fellowship. Bring your bathing suit, a towel and a snack to share. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, with your name and phone number if you are interested. When the weather cooperates, they will let you know of the date and time of the party. Come and join the fun!!! If you have any questions, please contact Shirley at 738-0631.



## God's Work Our Hands

### Hartwig Update

Thank you to all Zion members who helped to support the efforts to raise \$ \$1,575.05 towards new vehicles for the Hartwig's. The heavy duty trucks they are able to purchase will help them reach the many Hospice care patients they serve in their missionary work in Tanzania.

We ask you to continued to keep Kristopher and Rebecca Hartwig and their commitment to the people of Tanzania in your prayers.

### Zimbabwe Relief Effort Update

The May 31, 2009 Senior Send-off Recital held at Zion to benefit the Zimbabwe Relief Effort was a great success. Thank you to Kim Marscher for coordinating the students who shared a wonderful variety of music, from Bach to Beethoven and Mozart, to Paul McCartney and Frank Sinatra as well as vocals from operas sung by Katie Marscher, also original compositions. The program concluded with the Whitesboro Brass Ensemble.

Thank you to all the bakers who offered a delicious array of cookies. Support from the concert was over \$1,200.

Zion has been focusing on the Zimbabwe Relief Effort since February 2009 and has raised a total of \$2,891.38.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans local Chapter #310109 has approved matching funds of up to \$450 that will also be added. Zion will be sending a check for a **total of \$3,341.38** to our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe through the Upstate New York Synod office. Thank you to all who helped us reach this total, your response will make a great difference to the people struggling in Zimbabwe.

### Participating in Garden Ministry

During the upstate New York summer growing period we have an abundance of fresh items available for our enjoyment.

Doing God's Work—using Our Hands means sharing what we have through Zion's Garden Ministry. The ministry is set up to allow people to bring fresh, home grown or homemade items to church and leave these donated items on the Garden Ministry table located in the entrance lobby. People who wish to purchase these items are asked to leave a donation in the basket provided. Donations will go to World Hunger. Please support this ministry often this summer.

### Greater Utica Area Food Bank Focus for July & August

You are encouraged to keep the hungry children in our area in your minds this summer. As you are shopping for your summer picnics and parties, we ask you to pick up **juice** and **cereal** for the Greater Utica Area Food Bank. Most of the children of the clients who are supported by the Greater Utica Area Food Bank receive some of their daily food nutrition through the New York State school food program. These are not available during the summer months.

Kim Strong, the executive director of the Greater Utica Area Food Bank, has made a specific request for **juices and cereal** as the main staple food items the Food Bank needs during the summer months.

*Thank you, thank you, thank you* for your on-going support of the Utica Food Bank.

### Enjoy Your Summer Vacation

Zion's summer worship schedule began June 7<sup>th</sup> and continues through September 6<sup>th</sup>. Zion invites you to worship each Sunday at either of our services. We hope you will also find time to enjoy relaxing with family and friends this summer.

Please remember your financial contribution is important to us all year round. We appreciate your commitment to Zion during the summer months as well. Your commitment will allow us to work within our church budget. Thank you for your faithfulness and being a good steward.

## Friends of the Lutheran Homes Annual Nearly New Sale



Where: Nolte auditorium of The Lutheran Home  
108 Utica Rd., Clinton, NY  
When: September 25-26, 2009  
Time: Friday 10 AM–4PM  
Saturday 10 AM-2 PM

The Bag Sale will be on Saturday from Noon until 2 PM.

The Friends of the Lutheran Homes Annual Nearly New Sale are looking for clothes in excellent condition, toys, household items, jewelry, small appliances and knick-knacks.

Please **NO** books, suitcases, exercise or sports equipment, curtains, drapes, or metal office furniture.

Items may be left at the Reception Desk in the Arntsen Administration Building from September 14<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM only.

If you would like to become a Friend of the Lutheran Home you can do so for just \$5.00 annually.

Proceeds from this fundraising event benefit the residents by providing some of the “extras” such as welcome flowers, a Christmas gift for each resident, birthday cards, special meal events, seasonal dining room table decorations, and many other non-budgeted items.

So please consider cleaning out your closets, and cubby holes to support this worthwhile cause. As always we thank you for your on-going support!

## Your Neighbors, Inc.

Your Neighbors, Inc., is a program dedicated to providing quality service and support to people who are frail, elderly or have a disability in their home setting. Our volunteers offer friendly visits, medical transportation, supplemental frozen meals and specialized shopping services.

The Your Neighbors program has two events planned for July. On **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>** they will host a fund raising Chicken BBQ



### Your Neighbors Chicken BBQ Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

at Zion’s BBQ pit that will be cosponsored by North Central New York Thrivent Chapter #31019. It will begin at 12 Noon and continue until sold-out. The cost is \$6 for 1/2 Chicken (no sides). Pre-orders can be made by calling Your Neighbors at 732-6804. (Please note if you make a pre-order, they ask that you pick up your pre-order between 11 am and 1 pm. only). Tickets can also be purchased from Carole Grove. Remember it is Boilermaker weekend, so if you are having guests, it is a easy way to feed them, so order a few extras.

**Your Neighbors also needs helpers for this event.** If you would be willing to help out for a few hours, it’s lots of fun! They can use people from 10 am to 12 noon, or from 12 noon until 2 pm. **Call Roberta Schiavi at 732-6804 if you would like to help out.**



**The second event:** Your Neighbors program is **planning a cook-in at Zion for Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.** We ask you to cook items at home and bring them to the church

kitchen. Help is needed to provide food and in packaging meals to stock up the Your Neighbors freezers. **If you can participate in any way please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.**



### Singers or Musicians

Would you sing or play a sacred song for our 9:15 am services this summer (10:45 am on Boilermaker Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>? Please let Kim Marscher know if you can help @ 735-4773.

### Old Time Hymn Sing

This group will not meet in July, but are scheduled to get together to sing on **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11 am** in the choir room. If you plan to come and have a special request for a hymn, please call Doris Miga @ 732-3505 before August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# Stewardship

## Love and Stewardship

A wise man named Richard Braunstein once made the following statement: "It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving." Because God's nature is to love, God constantly reaches out to us with grace we do not merit and love which is without restraint.

In fact, God's love is so unrestrained that God gave the world the best gift known to humankind.

As the Gospel of John puts it: "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

In short, God's love inspires us to love and give even as God has given to us. That is how stewardship comes alive within ourselves. As Braunstein said, "It is impossible to love without giving."

Traveling through old Jerusalem with a tour group, I noticed that a doctor's wife could not pass by a beggar or handicapped person without showing love to them in one way or another. A small monetary gift, a warm smile, a show of concern came easily, even eagerly, from her loving body and spirit. Seeing her love and caring was a memorable exhibit I can never forget. It truly was impossible for her to love without giving, without practicing stewardship. C. Ferrell

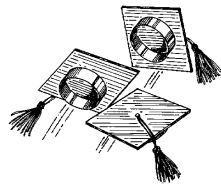
### UNIQUE TALENTS

When we trust in the Lord, we receive the name tag "Child of God." No one is excluded from that. God's plan is to bring everyone to him. God loves everyone so much, and desires that all accept Jesus Christ to be made fully whole in their lives. But that only happens when all of us are involved.

When you know that you are loved and special, and when you realize you have unique talents to give to God, then you can see that your involvement in winning the world to Christ is crucial. When we begin to do that as a church, as a people, and as a congregation, hell cannot prevail in our lives or anyone else's.

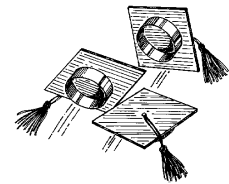
## CONGRATULATIONS!! COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### High School



Brian Cieplenski  
Kristy Higgins  
Katie Marscher  
John Murphy  
Leasha Swartz  
Abby Tompkins

Nicole DeTota  
Jaime Liess  
Kelly McGlynn  
Sallie Steiner  
Brittany Taurisano  
Katie Jo Watkins



### College

Krista Beiswenger, Clark University, Ph.D Clinical Psychology  
Brian Milone, Buffalo State College, History Major  
Robert J. Stevens, Utica College, Cum Laude—B.S. in Accounting

### Do You Have A Passion For Photography?????

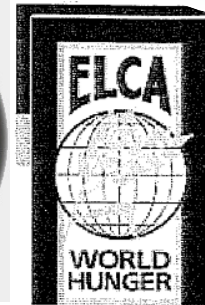
We are looking to purchase a new camera to be used for church activities and would like the input of those who have knowledge in this field. Capturing special moments is priceless and some have the gift to make that happen. We are looking for your expertise. Please speak to Pastor Roger, Helga or Vicar Kevin if this is an area of interest for you.

## ELCA World Hunger Faces are coming.....



Look for the ☹️– it means someone is no longer hungry...😊😊 The Zion ELCA World Hunger Appeal will be starting in July. Our theme this year will be “**Changing Faces of Hunger into Faces of Hope**”, and it will help us understand the people that benefit from our gifts. We’ll use the well in the narthex, and start collecting buckets of change from the collection boxes every week, as well as monies from the Garden Ministry and the green envelopes in the pews. Last year we collected nearly \$4, 000 and hope to do as well this year. In August, start looking

for the 😊😊 chart near the well, and watch us approach our goal. You’ll be hearing more about Faces of Hunger in the weeks ahead from Larry Locust (a friend of Peli’s). In the meantime, look for 😊😊... If you don’t see 😊😊, maybe you can turn a ☹️ into a 😊? If you’d like to help, call Ellen Smith, 853-2422.



### Note from Bishop Jerge

To Our Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your contribution in support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe, our companion synod. The Upstate New York Synod gathered funds for our mission and ministry there and forwards those funds on to them on a regular basis. During 2008, thanks to you and others in the Upstate NY Synod we were able to collect and send a total of \$43,097.37 to the ELCZ. The need in that country is great and any contribution we can make to the welfare of our brothers and sisters is most appreciated.

Marge C. Jerge, Bishop



Pastors Anita Mohr, Alfred Chana, and Roger Beiswenger

### Zambia Connection

On June 2, 2009 Pastor Roger, Vicar Kevin, Helga Morrison, Carole Grove, Laurel Richards and Our Savior’s Pastor, Anita Mohr, met with the Senior Pastor from Zambia, Pastor Alfred Chana. The group met at the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees for a tour of the Center given by Peter Vogelaar, executive director. A Thai lunch was provided as the group was updated by Pastor Chana of the current needs in Zambia. He identified Zambia as a peaceful country in Asia whose people deal with AIDS/HIV and flooding problems. The country has a population of about 11,000,000 people. The need for better forms of transportation to reach the churches and the people throughout the land was expressed. Educating leaders and building new churches is also on their agenda. The Upstate New York Synod has been partnered with the ELCZambia and is encouraging all congregations to support them in their efforts to reach their goals. We will wait for guidance from the Upstate New York Synod to let us know how we will be able to connect with and help the people of Zambia.



## Join Hands Day (June 6, 2009)-Update and Pictures

On Saturday, June 6, 2009 six Zion members spent their morning planting flowers at the LutheranCare Campus in Clinton. Thrivent Chapter #31019 provided \$700 to purchase the many flowers that were planted. All enjoyed a fantastic spring morning as they worked together to beautify the grounds. The chapter provided a sandwich lunch for the volunteers. LutheranCare Director of Development, Karen Ostinett coordinated the Join Hands Day event. A huge thank you to Connor Barrett, Shirley Carlson, Carole Grove, Helga Morrison and Kristen and Zach West.

Group Picture taken at  
LutherCare on  
Join Hands Day  
June 6, 2009



Carole Grove, Zach West and Shirley Carlson



Kristen and Zach West

### You are invited to a Women's Summer mini Retreat

St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 5108 West Genesee St., Camillus will be holding a one day mini retreat from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will study "The Hidden Hand of God" from the "The Lutheran Woman Today" magazine.

We hope you can join us:

- 9:30 a.m.—Coffee and breakfast treats
- 12:00 Noon—Bring your own lunch
- Beverage and dessert will be provided

Weather permitting; we will spend part of our time together outdoors. **RSVP to Emily by August 4<sup>th</sup>** at (315) 422-7873



Connor Barrett

## Boiler Replacement

At our June meeting, the church council voted to have PRES Design-Build, of the Rochester area, provide design and construction management services for the boiler replacement authorized at the January Annual Meeting of the Church. PRES Design-Build has already completed an initial review of the church building and has made recommendations for three phases of improvement, looking for energy savings as well as having the building function more efficiently and making it more comfortable. The three phases involve: 1) Boiler replacement and boiler room system upgrade; 2) Heating water distribution system upgrade; 3) Additional energy conservation measures involving the lighting system. The church council has approved going ahead with the boiler replacement and boiler room system upgrade and has requested initial plans with cost and energy savings figure for phase two, the heating water distribution system upgrade. PRES Design-Build seeks to provide value through effective cost management initiatives at all levels, not just the mechanical room. While providing construction and energy management services, they also ensure that we receive a well designed system, that the procurement of equipment and installation labor is competitive, and that systems are all installed and tested to meet our operational objectives. The boiler system upgrade will include replacement of boilers, reworking of boiler room piping and installation of automatic boiler room controls.

PRES Design-Build estimates that we should see a 25% annual energy savings, giving this project a 10 year payback.

We have also asked for initial design, cost and energy savings information for the heating water distribution system upgrade. Should the church council believe that phase two is viable at this time, we will call a special meeting of the congregation to discuss the proposal.

It is expected that the currently approved work be operational by mid-September.

If you have any questions, please contact Curtis Pulliam, council president, Bob Lambe, property or any council member.

## Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans/Habitat for Humanity—Thrivent Builds World-wide program is working to put together a team to help rebuild housing in this Gulf Coast community devastated by severe weather.

Volunteers are needed. You can join any one of the 4 teams scheduled to go for five days.

- September 14–September 19 Team Captains—Joel Slezak & John Trottier
- November 2–November 7, Team Captains—Karen and Mike Hickey

The room and board for Thrivent members is \$185—non members is \$370 for the week. Your only additional cost is transportation to and from Biloxi.

Please consider joining one of the teams of Thrivent Builds. Call Joel Slezak for details @ 1-888-207-5413 or e-mail him at [Joel.Slezak@thrivent.com](mailto:Joel.Slezak@thrivent.com).

This is an opportunity to make a real difference in our country by working with other Lutherans, Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



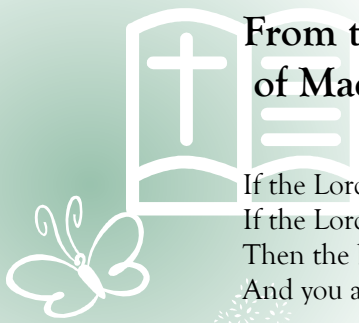
In preparation for our fall Christian Education program, there will be a planning meeting for all of Zion's Christian Education teachers, leaders and helpers on **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM** in the Fireside Room. Please put this date on your calendars and plan to attend.

### Christian Education

Your offerings **are** important and help us to do God's work in our world!!!

Zion's Children's Ministry has collected offerings each Sunday from September 2008–May 2009.

Through Zion's Sunday Church School Benevolent Program, \$300, one-half of the offerings were sent to the Greater Utica Area Food Bank.



## From the Pen of Mae Parker



If the Lord doesn't bless your house  
If the Lord doesn't bless your labor  
Then the building is all in vain  
And you are lost in your endeavor.

If your family are all at odds  
And they shall go astray  
Then your family is not blessed  
They have gone the other way.

The pleasures of this world  
Have caught many in their grasp  
It starts so little then it grows  
Into big proportions oh so fast.

If you want the Lord to bless  
Both home and family and the rest  
All good things come to everyone  
Who searches for the best.

Dear Zion Lutheran Church

Thank you for the lovely "floral" arrangement with sunflowers & seeds and "shovel."

The flowers now adorn my wicker basket and the shovel will be sent to Pennsylvania for my godson's son to play with when he's a little older.

Thanks to whomever delivered them. They should have rang my bell. A neighbor found them on the porch.

Blessing to all.  
Millie Angevine



## The Lutheran Homes Foundation honors Crystal Award winners.



(From left: Carole Grove, Herbert and Hazel Black.)

The Lutheran Homes Foundation recognized the achievements of local community volunteers at its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Award Celebration. This year's winners were Herbert and Hazel Black, who have devoted countless hours and miles to provide transportation through the Oneida County Retired Senior Volunteer Center of the Mohawk Valley, Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Herkimer Catholic Charities and the American Red Cross-Mohawk Valley Chapter where they deliver blood supplies. Also acknowledged for exemplary volunteer service was Sauquoit resident Carole Grove, who has assisted those in need through her volunteer work with organizations like Your Neighbors Inc., Zion Lutheran Church and LutheranCare.

## The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Zion Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

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