

## From the Interim Pastor's Desk

Summer has arrived, and it is hot! Even with air conditioning, we have to be careful to drink lots of water in order not to get dehydrated. Drinking water is one very important way to keep our bodies healthy. And there are many other steps we can take to attend to our physical wellness. After all, our bodies are valuable! As Christians, we acknowledge that God created our bodies and has promised to raise them up on the last day. It was in a human body that the divine Word, Jesus Christ, came to manifest God's love and grace among us. As the great passage in Paul's letter to the Philippians reminds us, Jesus *"though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross."* And our own human bodies are the means by which we are able to praise God and witness to the love of Christ. *"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* (Philippians 2:6-11) So it's important to take care of our physical health (and our intellectual, emotional and relational health) as part of our overall spiritual wellness. You who are part of the congregation at Zion understand this, and you have expressed a desire to deepen your awareness of how the various aspects of the wellness God intends for us work together. So in the next several months you will find notes in this newsletter as well as various opportunities in the church for learning about and developing an appreciation for the marvelous gift of our bodies and how we can use them to grow closer to our Creator and Redeemer. Remember to drink lots of water this summer, but not just H<sub>2</sub>O – try some of Jesus' freely offered water of life also!



*Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. John 4:14*

## Bits & Pieces

- **Deadline** for the August Chimes is July 19th.
- **The Special Concern for July** is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. As you have probably already heard, they are trying to raise \$150,000 by August 31st to combine with a \$100,000 challenge grant from the Perry and Ruby Stevens Foundation of Kerrville to purchase a larger facility. Since 1988 the food pantry has been located in a small, rented four-room house. The needs of the community have outgrown what can be stored at the facility on Reuben Street. The new 2,800 sq. foot facility on Llano will make it possible to serve more clients and to serve them better. The food pantry was established by caring individuals and the Gillespie County Ministerial Alliance, and it is a mission ministry worth our continuing support. Please mark your checks for this special concern "Food Pantry." Groceries and paper products will also be collected on Sundays in July and transported to the Food Pantry.
- **Fredericksburg Food Pantry Needs:** sugar, jelly, pancake mix, canned meat, flour, cereal and canned tomatoes.
- **The 3rd Annual Fiesta Fundraiser** benefiting "Mission De Candelilla" will be held on Friday, July 30th from 7pm till 9pm at Holy Ghost's Fellowship Hall. Come celebrate Mexico's food, music and Mexican market. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Sara at 997-6542. Donations accepted.

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptism:

Hattie Claire Bailey was baptized on June 6, 2010 in Zion Lutheran Church by Rev. Michael Ensrude. She was born on December 13, 2009 to Michael and Laura (Oehler) Bailey. Her sponsors are Kris and Leslie Kneese and Anna Guidry.

### Membership Transfer:

Kay, Alia and Adam Adray and Cole Weinheimer transferred their membership to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church on June 16, 2010.

## Council Highlights

- **Pastor Schott** will be leading the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings in the sewing room or Fellowship Hall until construction is complete.
- **The construction** of the Early Head Start Program should be completed by the end of August.
- **Denise Hawkins** accepted the position as Council Liaison for the Board of Directors of the Early Head Start Infant Care Program.
- **A dedication** will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2010 for the Early Head Start Infant Care Program. Rev. Michael Robinson from the Synod office will be in attendance.
- **The Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner** will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2010. More details to come.
- **Council recommended** and approved Zion sending Pastor Harold Vanicek and one other representative to the Ohio Core Meeting in August.
- **Council approved** hiring Andy Sears as our new Maintenance Engineer, not exceeding our remaining budget for this expense.
- **Pastor Schott and Genie Flink** will attend the various summer camps while our youth are in attendance.

## Notes from Pastor Schott

SUMMER ADULT BIBLE CLASS will begin a study of the Paul's Letter to the Colossians Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Come for some thought-provoking conversation and fellowship!

Lutherans love their coffee, but how healthy is it?

Coffee with skim milk = A+

Coffee with cream = C-

One cup in the morning – good for waking up!

Ten cups a day – macht man kaputt! (very bad)

# Zion Women of the ELCA

## WHY THERE IS A PLACE IN THE CHURCH FOR WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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“Just as Jesus needed women like Joanna, Susanna and Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:3) to help further his ministry, the ELCA needs a community of women equipped to serve God’s people.

Many see Women of the ELCA and its predecessors as historical institutions—something we have always had but don’t necessarily need anymore—or have reduced us to our activities (quilt-making, altar guild, etc.). To do so is a failure to look deeper and to understand our mission and purpose. Perhaps it is also to an extent a failure on our part to describe well who we are and the principles that guide us.

This community of women is a living organism and is always moving to be God’s hands and feet in the world. This organization is not simply a quilting society. Nor are we something separate from the church. No, we are a place in this church for women to discover and to receive the resources they need so that they can refine their gifts and equip themselves to do effective ministry in the world.

Along with our purpose and mission, we have a set of 13 principles (too numerous to list here) that deeply ground our self-understanding. So..... the next time someone asks what Women of the ELCA does, you can tell them about quilts and health kits, and service and Bible study. But you can also tell them about how we are committed to discipleship, affirm the gifts and worth of each woman, strive to be inclusive, function interdependent-ly, are flexible, seek a range of voices in decision making, work toward wholeness in the church, and claim an anti-racist identity.”

It is a joy to be a part of a group like that. All are welcome to become active members.

## Update on Zion WELCA Happenings

- ... We were pleased to welcome Pastor Faye Schott and thank her for leading the Bible study at our Combined Circle/General Meeting in June.
- ... May/June Grapevine Synodical newsletter issues are available in the Atrium.
- ... Charitable Outreach project - 100 swim tickets for Lady Bird Park pool have been purchased and delivered to the LSS Fredericksburg Home for Girls.
- ... A special invitation has been received from Holy Ghost WELCA for Zion Women to share in a light meal, Bible study and "Summer Fun Night" on Thursday, August 12, in their Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Games of dominoes, bunco, or chicken-foot will be enjoyed after the Bible study. Spouses or friends are also invited.....Please advise your circle chairman or Carolyn Smith if you plan to attend.
- ... Correspondence was received from Katelyn Price expressing thanks for the college student mailings, and advising us that she will be youth director at a small church near Baylor in Waco.
- ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
  - Wednesday, July 21st at 9am—Kitchen clean-up day. Bring cleaning supplies.
  - Start your baking and freezing now for the Fall Festival on September 18. Zion women's booth will sell baked goods, jams, jellies, etc.

## "Souper Bowl" Update

On Super Bowl Sunday 2010, Zion had a "Souper Bowl" lunch and collected groceries and dollars that were generously donated by members. The nationwide report is in. The donations were over \$10 million through youth working with the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Of the \$10 million, \$4,568,016 was collected and distributed in TEXAS.

Now that is something for Texans to be proud of--their care and generosity for those in need.

Zion's donations went to the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels in 2010. We will be kicking off again at Souper Bowl 2011.

## Zion's Early Head Start Program

The Early Head Start Advisory Board met on June 9, 2010. Paul Wikander, Project Coordinator updated the board on the classroom modifications. Asbestos testing has determined that special asbestos abatement procedures will be required to remove the floor tile in the classrooms, which will add an additional week to the project schedule. There will be some temporary clutter in the hallway during the next few weeks. The slight delay should not impact the planned school start-up September 1st.

In response to community interest, Board Members will make a presentation of the Early Head Start School to the Fredericksburg Rotary Club in June.

Janalee Hannemann and Evelyn Wells will develop plans and schedules for church member volunteers to help at the school. We will need your help, please contact Janalee to express your interest.

## Address Change

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## Thank You Notes

Dear Zion Friends, Bonnie and I could not have been more blessed by the wonderful reception and farewell that was given on Sunday, June 6th. There were so many cards and special gifts, and creative remarks from Greg and Donna Oehler — with just an element of truth. The special BBQ was a blessing as there were so many there to share that moment. Thank you Fellowship Committee, John Weaver and Allen Rode for your making this happen. No pastor has been more blessed than I have been. Bonnie and I will keep all of you always in our hearts.

~Pastor Mike & Bonnie

*Thank You's continued on next page*

From the Family of Keith Smith—  
 Though I have no words to express completely how much you have each meant to us, thank you for all the special acts of kindness, prayers, visits, cards and Altar Flowers we received. You will each be remembered with love and appreciation.

~Jeanette Smith

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to everyone who helped me with my move to Fredericksburg, getting set up in the parsonage and beginning my work here as your interim pastor. You have all been very gracious and generous, and I am finding out that Zion is truly a welcoming congregation!

~Pastor Faye Schott

Dear Friends,  
 We have received your check in the amount of \$100. We want to thank you for your generosity to this ministry of love in partnership with God's people in need of decent affordable housing. Your support is greatly appreciated. Your donation will be used in construction of house #13 which is located at 301. W. Park. Thanks again.

~In His Love, June Phillips,  
 Habitat for Humanity Secretary

Thanks to you for your benevolence gifts each month which are used by the LSS General Fund. Your generosity brings new hope to those who seek the ministry of Lutheran Social Services.

~Dan Zieschang, VP Relations

## June Statistics

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
May 30	26	72
June 6	37	120
June 13	43	72
June 20	39	71
June 27	—	—

### General Fund Offerings: *(Includes: Loose, SS & Lenten Offerings)*

May 30	\$ 2,520.00
June 6	\$ 9,649.00
June 13	\$ 4,430.00
June 20	\$ 2,858.00
June 27	\$ _____
Total	\$19,457.00

### Building Fund Offerings:

June 6	\$ 165.00
Total	\$ 165.00

### June's Totals:

Cemetery	\$ 515.00
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### Gen F Rev & Exp as of May 31:

MAY Gen F Rev Total:	\$19,572.00
MAY Gen F Exp Total:	\$20,203.70

### Year-To-Date Rev Less Exp: **(\$10,682.69)**

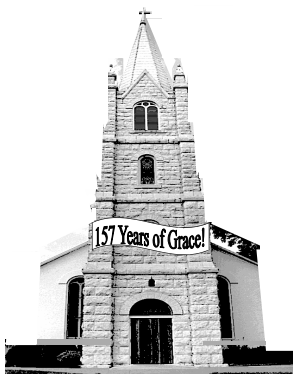
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Doris Ernst

**Fellowship/Worship**

Rhonda Behrends/Genie Flink

**Finance/Stewardship**

John Weaver

**Mission/Stephen Ministry**

Jerri Striegler

**Faith Formation**

Denise Hawkins/Sandy Schmidtzinsky

**Landscape**

Adolph Bernhard

**Property/Van**

Chad Eckhardt

**Public Relations/Website**

Diane Mayer

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 3:00pm

Rev. Schott's Office Hours: 8am—12noon

Rev. Schott's Day Off: Thursday

Rev. Vanicek's Day Off: Friday

Interim Pastor, Dr. Faye E. Schott.....997-4264

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**CONGREGATION COUNCIL OFFICERS**

President, Allen Rode

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*July 2010*