# Tidings from Zion

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## Farewell Gathering for Pastor Bruce

### Wednesday, August 12 following the 7:00 pm worship service at The Point shelters.

6:15 pm
Bible study led by Pastor Bruce

7:00 pm
Worship
followed by an
Ice Cream Sundae Buffet

Plan to attend this time of fellowship as we gather to express to Pastor Bruce our well-wishes, blessings, and thanks for the time and talents he's shared with us for the past three years. Well done, good and faithful servant! ∆

## Save the Date

## Installation Service of Pastor Krehl Stringer

### Sunday, August 30 at 9:00 am

Please watch for details in Zion's publications as the date draws closer. There will be an opportunity for gathering together to meet and welcome Pastor Krehl to Zion! ∆

## Council Briefs

by Brenda Baumann

Our congregation is filled with talented people that offer their gifts in many ways. We have been blessed with time and talents of Pastor Bruce, our Church leadership and the many committees and mission work that takes place every day. We are blessed with the financial gifts that allow for great things to happen at Zion. It's humbling and rewarding to see Gods work at Zion. Our most recent news is the calling of a settled Pastor.

I'm in awe of the 90 plus members that took interest and voted to proceed with the call of Pastor Krehl Stringer on Sunday, July 19. By the time you read this, we should be well on our way to plan for a warm welcome of Pastor Krehl and his family. At the same time, we give thanks to God for bringing Pastor Bruce into our lives. He's shown us that it's perfectly OK to try new things, take a few risks, learn more about the Bible, and grow in fellowship to help one another. Most importantly, he's taught me to keep things in perspective by sharing this phrase, "Why in the name of Jesus Christ are you doing _____ (you fill in the blank)?

Yes. Jesus is the reason for all that we do.

While we've got many exciting things happening at Zion. We also need your continued stewardship. There's been a lot of talk about financial needs to build the new church. That's important and the capital campaign drive will continue. What's also important is to keep our normal church operations healthy at the same time.

*Jesus is the reason for all that we do.*

In 2015, we budgeted for $210,000 in contributions to carry out our Missions. Over the summer months, we've experienced a drop off in giving to the normal operating budget. For the first time in over 12 months, we are reporting -$2,941 deficit for the month of June.

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"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

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# "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

## Sunday, September 13

We're going to go out to work at various locations in the community after church.

1) Save the Date!

2) Order a t-shirt if you don't already have one... or if you want to expand your GWOH collection!

3) Plan to be blessed by blessing others!

**God's work. Our Hands. T-shirt order form**

$7.50/shirt (unless otherwise noted)

***** Deadline to order in time for our event is <u>Sunday, August 9</u>. *****

Name _____

Phone _____

email _____

Size (indicate quantity):

___ Youth Small

___ Youth Medium

___ Youth Large

___ Adult Small

___ Adult Medium

___ Adult Large

___ Adult XL

___ Adult 2X (extra $2)

___ Adult 3X (extra $3)

___ Adult 4X (extra $4)

= total enclosed $_____

The ELCA's Day of Service demonstrates God's work through our hands as congregations across the USA participate in local service/outreach projects. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13 for our "God's hands. Our work." fall event! We'll go out into the community to do various service projects.

There is an opportunity to purchase matching "God's work. Our hands." t-shirts to show our unity as a congregation, synod, and national church. It will also be a great representation of Zion and the ELCA as we wear our shirts to church on September 13 and after church for our service projects. Some people in the congregation already have these shirts in their closets, so these orders are for those who missed a purchasing opportunity previously and for those who would like to add more GWOH shirts to their wardrobe!

We will be taking orders for these shirts through Sunday, August 9. The cost of each shirt is $7.50. Please drop your order at the office or drop it in the offering plate. Contact anyone in the church office with questions. Δ

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with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

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# FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Pastor Bruce Carlson

With the wonderful turnout for the special meeting of the congregation that voted to call a settled pastor, Zion continues to deepen its commitment to the vision of being together to the glory of God!

We anticipate Pastor Stringer's installation to be Sunday, August 30. Learn the details in the official announcement elsewhere in this newsletter and plan to be a part of that welcoming event!

The last worship services that I will lead are August 16 and 19. There will be time to share goodbyes between now and then. In the meantime I have a few pastoral concerns.

Zion is changing for the better and much of that change is you are getting younger. That is a positive. What doesn't change is how important your financial support is to Zion. Your giving underwrites the agenda of this community of faith. Your leadership has not challenged you to grow in your giving for quite a while. As I write this last column, I have a challenge for you. You are in a summer slump as far as giving is concerned. An extra step up is needed to keep the current operating budget on track.

My pastoral challenge to you is to capture the vision of your leadership to be gathered as a community to make a difference in the name of Christ, to be welcoming— for there is nothing greater than the kingdom of God, there is no more significant cause than the church. We have had so many wonderful experiences of education, fellowship, and worship. We have reached out in the "God's work. Our hands." events. We have seen new sparks flying in our Sunday school, confirmation, and other youth events. You see and feel the difference because you care to make the difference. In capturing the vision, you need to take one more step: to give as you are able. With your support, you push your leadership to grow the mission.

*Make a difference in the name of Christ. Be welcoming; for there is nothing greater than the kingdom of God. There is no more significant cause than the church.*

Your council has designated Wednesday, August 12 as a formal farewell time for us. Personally, that time is important for me because as a community of faith and pastor, we have built a relationship and I covet the opportunity to say "thank you" and to affirm what has been said these past Sundays as our dismissal "Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. Thanks be to God."

Pastor Bruce ∆

*You see and feel the difference because you care to make the difference.*

# Oktoberfest 2015

## is coming to Zion, September 26

Coming Saturday, September 26 Zion will be hosting an Oktoberfest for the community. Several things are being planned... some German food, kids' games, bake sale, Fair Trade Fair, farmer's market, and more!

IT WILL BE A BIG DAY! In conjunction with the Oktoberfest, a big auction sale is being planned! If you have items to donate that can be put on the sale, please call the church office.

This event is an outreach to the community, a fundraiser for the building fund, and a chance for Pastor Springer to meet and greet more people.

Please be thinking of ways you can help make this event a success! Many items and many hands will be needed. ∆

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We can take great pride in the fact that we have operated in the black for well over two years. You've made that happen! Thank you. Let's do our best to keep out of the red and uphold our budgeted commitments.

Looking ahead, we will need your talents to fill open positions for the Church Council and multiple committees such as Stewardship, Worship and Music, Property, Christian Education, Parish Wellness, and more. What talents and new ideas do you have to give?

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Brenda ∆

# Christian Education News

submitted by Shawn Brunelle, Christian Education Director

## August Schedule

The Wednesday night schedule for August is adult Bible study at 6:15 pm and worship at 7:15 pm.

The worship services will be located at Zion, except for August 12. The August 12 events will be held at The Point picnic shelters prior to a farewell gathering for Pastor Bruce. Find out the time and other details of that event elsewhere in this newsletter. ∆

## Thank you for your "Our Family" upc barcodes!

Zion's Christian Education ministries receive $.05 for every label we send in. The upc barcode collection box is located on the Christian Education bulletin board.

## *Kids, your help is needed!*

Sign up on the servant board to help collect noisy offering each month during worship.

## Gearing up for a great Sunday School year!!!

Teachers are needed for the 2015-16 Sunday School year. Sign up sheets are located on the Christian Education bulletin board. Choose which month(s) you would like to teach and which workshop topic such as art, Bible games, video, etc. you'd like to be in. Sunday School registration is Sunday, September 13. ∆

"God's work. Our hands."
September 13

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13!

Following worship, we will be heading out into the community to do some cleaning up.
Watch for sign-up sheets and more details.

## Confirmation Meeting

A meeting for parents and students in grades 8 and 9 or anyone participating in confirmation for the 2015-16 year will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:15 pm. Please mark your calendar. ∆

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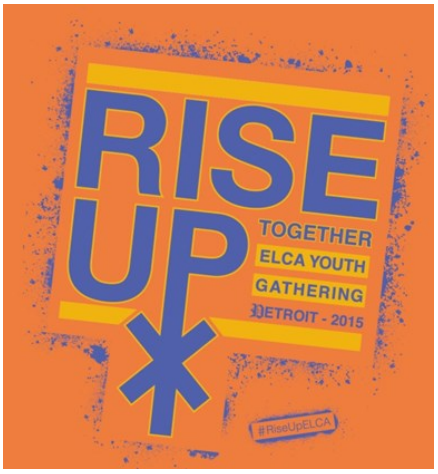
Acolytes, please sign up on the servant board
(across from the men's restroom).
Your help with worship is needed and appreciated.

## Planning for the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism: Confirmation

Students who will be confirmed in October should be working on the following items:

- Faith Statement- There is a list of questions to consider when writing your faith statement. All faith statements should be completed and turned in to the pastor or emailed to zlcwconfirmation@hotmail.com by October 10.
- Bible Verse- Each student needs to select a Bible verse that will be used in different ways for their confirmation service. When you have selected your verse, please send it to zlcwconfirmation@hotmail.com. You should include the book of the Bible, chapter, verse, and write out the verse. Bible translations are different and we want to make sure your preferred translation is used.
- Faith Shield– Each student's faith shield will be displayed during the month of October. You may pick up a blank shield from the church when you are ready to start on it. Shields are made on your own time at home or with your mentor. Your shield should include your Bible verse, your full name, and may include photos or drawings about yourself. The shield is to help people learn a little about you and your faith.

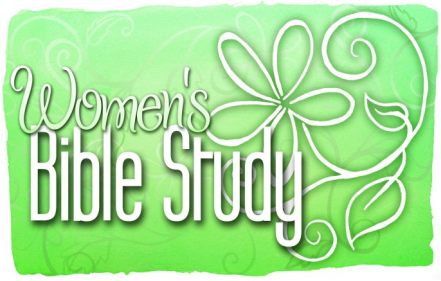
If you have any questions, please call Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 ext. 15. ∆




## A great experience was had at the ELCA National Youth Gathering

by Lynn Kofstad

Please make plans to join us on Wednesday, August 5 and Sunday, August 9 to hear from the youth who traveled to Detroit for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in July. Zion delegates- Krysten Bratlie, MacKaelie Herr, Katie Johnston, Olivia Lien, and Grace Pederson look forward to telling the congregation about their experience. ∆




*Wandering through the Bible*

All women are invited to come for a casual time of reflection, fellowship, and Bible study on Tuesdays at noon at Zion. We meet for about one hour to read and discuss the Bible, so you are welcome to bring your lunch if you wish. We're currently working our way through the book of Mark. ∆

Noisy offerings will be collected on Sunday, August 16.

All donations will go toward our future "God's work. Our hands." project.

## An update on our last Food Packing Event

We packaged 19,872 meals to feed hungry people around the community and world at our third food packing event on May 3! Many people in our congregation love these opportunities to work side-by-side to help provide much needed food to people around the world. We've made memories, had a lot of fun, and enjoyed that wonderful feeling of doing something to help someone else.

However, **did you know that when we host a food packing event, we are responsible for paying the cost of the food that we package?** Each meal costs about 10 cents for the ingredients, plus we like to provide a donation to the Kids Against Hunger organization to help cover their costs of traveling to Warroad from Park Rapids. In the past, these costs have been funded exclusively by special donations, months of noisy offerings dedicated by the Christian Education ministry, and the freewill donation at the packing event breakfast. Unfortunately, donations fell short for our last packing event and we didn't meet our fundraising goal.

Would you be able to give a special donation to support this event and possible future events like it? Please earmark your special donation as "Food Packing Event" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to Zion. It's "God's work. Our hands." at Zion! ∆

## We Care: Thinking Ahead

by Carol Hallan

We Care is beginning to think about its Christmas project and in particular, the needs of Warroad's school children. This year, the committee has decided to expand its focus a bit and sees a need to help with school supplies, and we are asking for your help.

After the first of the year, it seems crayons, pencils, and paper are in short supply and need to be replenished. As there are so many back to school sales now, we are thinking this would be a good time to stock up. So, if you are able, we are asking for help in purchasing those school things – crayons, pencils, paper, pencil boxes, etc. – to help resupply those needs.

Also, the school needs to restock its supply of youth sized sweat pants and underwear to help some of the kids get through the day, as the need arises. The committee has been told that used is fine, as long as it is in excellent condition; otherwise, watch for sales.

You can hang on to the things you pick up until December, or you can drop them off at church in the tote in the Fellowship Hall and the committee will disperse the items during their Christmas project time.

This has been an excellent outreach program in our community, and we hope it continues to reach many lives. Thank you for your prayers and help with We Care. ∆

# AUGUST 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Abbreviations***<br>**(R)** or () Building use requested/granted<br>**FH** Fellowship Hall<br>**OR** Overflow Room<br>**FR** Fireside Room<br>**SS__** Sunday School Room #____<br>**K** Kitchen<br>**YR** Youth Room | | | | | | *1* |
| *2*<br>9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion<br>10:00 am– Coffee Fellowship | *3* | *4*<br>12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study | *5*<br>12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due*<br>6:15 pm– Adult Bible study<br>7:15 pm– Worship with Holy Communion<br>8:00 pm- Thank You reception by Detroit Youth | *6*<br>1:00 pm- Grief Support<br>1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting<br>6:30 pm- Alzheimer's Support Group at WSLC | *7*<br>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study | *8* |
| *9*<br>9:00 am- Worship<br>10:00 am– Coffee fellowship; "Thank You" reception by Detroit youth<br>10:00 am- Worship & Music Committee meeting | *10* | *11*<br>12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study | *12*<br>10:30 am- Care Center Communion<br>12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due*<br>12:00 pm- Staff Ministry Team and Personnel Committee Meeting<br>6:15 pm– Adult Bible study<br>7:00 pm– Worship (NOTE time change)<br>7:45 pm– Farewell Gathering for Pastor Bruce | *13*<br>1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting | *14*<br>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study | *15* |
| *16*<br>9:00 am– Worship with Holy Communion (Noisy Offering)<br>10:00 am– Coffee fellowship<br>12:00 to 4:00 pm - Summer FUNdraiser on north yard of WSLC | *17* | *18*<br>12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study | *19*<br>12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due*<br>6:15 pm– Adult Bible study<br>7:15 pm– Worship with Holy Communion | *20*<br>*Items for Tidings monthly newsletter due*<br>12:00 pm- Executive Committee meeting (FR 12-1 pm)<br>1:00 pm- Grief Support<br>1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting | *21*<br>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study<br>(12:00 pm → Wedding Rehearsal | *22*<br>5:30 pm- Sadoski/ Bietz Wedding → 7 pm- FR, S, YR) |
| *23*<br>9:00 am- Worship<br>10:00 am- Coffee fellowship<br>11:15 am– Council Meeting | *24* | *25*<br>12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study | *26*<br>10:30 am- Care Center Communion<br>12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due*<br>6:15 pm– Adult Bible study<br>7:15 pm– Worship | *27* | *28*<br>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study | *29* |
| *30*<br>9:00 am- Worship with Installation of Pastor Krehl Stringer<br>10:00 am– fellowship gathering TBA | *31* | | | | | |

## August Volunteers

***Ushers/Greeters***

*Sunday Morning Services*

8/2 Diane Erickson
Martha Whaley
8/9 Ron & Renae Tveit
8/16 Bill & Betty Bieber
Alice Pomplun
8/23 Lois Hamlin, Julie Jones
8/30 Elaine Lund, Julie Jones

*Wednesday Evening Services*

August Isaac Stoskopf

***Lectors***

*Sunday Morning Services*

8/2 Kamarra Brunelle
8/9 Ron Tveit
8/16 Deb Erickson
8/23 Alva Larson
8/30 Alva Larson

*Wednesday Evening Services*

8/5 Brenda Windahl
8/12 Mike Marsh
8/19 Volunteer needed
8/26 Volunteer needed

***Communion***

*Sunday Morning Services*

8/2 and 8/15
Altar Care Carol Lunos
Judy Landin
Assistants
Brad & Brenda Baumann

*Wednesday Evening Services*

8/5 and 8/19
Altar Care and Assistants
Jack & Gloria Steinhauer

***Acolytes***

Volunteers needed

***Lawn Mowing***

Week beginning ....
8/3 Wayne Smith, Ron Tveit
8/10 Gordy & Judy Landin
Jaron Moyer
8/17 Donovan Olson
8/24 Keith Landin, Joe Olafson
8/31 Mike Marsh, Brad Baumann

Please stop by the Servant Board (across from the men's restroom) to see where you can help with various responsibilities. ∆

## Attendance

| | Sun. AM | Mid-wk. PM | Week Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5/20** | | 29 | |
| **5/24** | 98 | | 127 |
| **5/27** | | 28 | |
| **5/31** | 99 | | 127 |
| **6/3** | | 22 | |
| **6/7** | 98 | | 120 |
| **6/10** | | 18 | |
| **6/14** | 90 | | 108 |
| **6/17** | | 30 | |
| **6/21** | 84 | | 114 |
| **6/24** | | 12 | |
| **6/28** | 106 | | 118 |
| **7/1** | | 21 | |
| **7/5** | 98 | | 119 |
| **7/8** | | 15 | |
| **7/12** | 90 | | 105 |
| **7/15** | | 14 | |
| **7/19** | 138 | | 152 |
| **7/22** | | No worship | |
| **7/26** | 101 | | 101 |
| **7/29** | | TBA | |

## Tithes and Offerings

**Offerings for week ending 5/31:**
General Offerings: $1,676.00
Building Fund: $1,579.00
Packing Event: $485.00

**Offerings for week ending 6/7:**
General Offerings: $4,397.50
Building Fund: $961.50
Benevolence: $27.50
Food Packing: $30.00

**Offerings for week ending 6/14:**
General Offerings: $1,461.00
Building Fund: $60.00

**Offerings for week ending 6/21:**
General Offerings: $4,616.00
Building Fund: $754.00
Computer: $100.00
Noisy Offering: $107.64
(Packing Event)

**Offerings for week ending 6/28:**
General Offerings: $2,588.58
Building Fund: $515.85

**Offerings for week ending 7/5:**
General Offerings: $5,345.00
Building Fund: $6,191.15
Benevolence: $27.50

**Offerings for week ending 7/12:**
General Offerings: $1,264.00
Building Fund: $654.50

**Offerings for week ending 7/19:**
General Offerings: $5,021.00
Building Fund: $2,815.98
Noisy Offering: $115.65
(Packing Event)
Computer Fund: $100.00

**Offerings for week ending 7/26:**
To be announced ∆

## Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

June 7 - remained unsponsored so it will be paid by the church general funds.
June 14 - by the Swift Circle in honor of all the ladies in the Circle.
June 21 - by Julie Jones, Colleen Steinbring, and Juanita Kling. Happy Father's Day!
June 28 - by Joyce & LeRoy Strand in love of their grandchildren.
July 5 - in memory of George Heinen by Harriet Heinen.
July 12 - in memory of George Heinen and Loren Lien by Tom & Heidi Lien.
July 19 - in celebration of our Detroit youth by Tom & Heidi Lien.
July 26 - by Dick Johnson.

You may sponsor a broadcast by signing up outside the church office. There are several upcoming Sundays available to sponsor. The cost is $85. ∆

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