NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

JANUARY, 2014

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COMMUNION
Sunday, January 5th
communion will be served after the 10:30 service.

Please note:
NO January Grebel

NEXT GREBEL & COFFEE
Saturday, February 1st
7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
PRE-ORDERS and HELP welcome.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
old things have passed away;
behold, all things
have become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

As a new year dawns before us, we have a sense of anticipation, newness, beginning fresh. In reality, the newness which the year offers, will for many, quickly fade. But in Christ is a newness of beginning, purpose, and fullness of life that remains throughout the year. This is because in Christ, by his resurrection power and cleansing blood, we are indeed a new creation in God's sight, and in Him all things are possible indeed! As the year unfolds before us, may you start each day with anticipation, confident hope, and gratitude to the Lord of whom it is written:

"Through the LORD's mercies we are
not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23 NKJV

Wishing you a blessed and peace filled opening to the New Year!

Pastor Garry

CARRY-IN DINNER
Sunday, January 5th ~ 11:30 am
Please bring a German dish...or any dish to share and a heart ready for fellowship! Our intention is purely to provide an opportunity to grow closer as a church family. . . so we would love to have you join us!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for January, 2014

5-Hans & Alice Wilhelm/ 0World Outreach
12-Zion Awana Clubs
19-Jews for Jesus
26-Bud Acord/Muslims

Get your newsletter first and in color if you receive it via email. Just drop us a note at ***zion@zionscottsbluff.com*** and we'll put you on our email list. Give it a try for one month. . . if you don't like it, we'll happily switch you back.

Sympathies are extended to. . .

. . .David and Virginia Kaufman on the passing of David's sister, Joan (Kaufman) Hoen of New York.
. . .Janae, Andy & Josie Griess on the passing of Janae's grandfather, Frances 'Pete' Blundell.

Congratulations to . . .

. . .Donna Trout on her 66th Birthday, December 13th.
. . .George Schaaf on his 89th Birthday!
. . .Pastor Amos & Violet on their 59th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 22nd!
. . .Micah Schick on his birthday, December 26th!
. . .Pastor Garry on his birthday, December 31st!

COOP RECEIPTS:
77,945.84
Great job, Zion!!
We are over 3/4 of the way to our next goal!

General Fund for November, 2013

INCOME:		
Fund Raisers		1,061.00
Invest Inc.		999.17
Other Income		197.32
Sunday Offering		16,425.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$**	**18,682.49**
EXPENSES:		
Bldg. & Grounds	$	1,630.57
Fund Raising		170.64
Ministry		411.55
Mission Fund		110.00
Office		361.23
Staff Benefits		3,775.57
Staff Salary		7,366.27
Utilities		1,631.90
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$**	**15,457.73**
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	**$**	**3,224.76**

Please be sure to welcome to the Ehler Family to Zion:

Calvin, Denise, Colton and Connor

FAMILY NIGHT...
is the ***third*** Tuesday of each month at from 6-8 p.m.
The next meeting is Jan 21st with a Potato Bar.
It's not too late to join in the fun, food and fellowship!
Questions: see Pastor Andy!

KCMI Broadcasts for 2014 are available except for August. Thanks to all who shared in 2013! *If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast for 2014, let Barb know at 632-8125

We are still recycling printer cartridges and cell phones - just bring them to the church office...
...and we will do the rest!

THANK YOU. . .

We would like to thank the ladies of the church for making cookies for our "Cookie Walk". We had such a nice variety of cookies and candies. A big thank you to the ladies who helped set up on Friday and many thanks to those who helped on Saturday. Through the efforts of all, we had a very successful sale!
Joyce Kautz

FOR SALE:
100TH ANNIVERSARY MEDALLIONS/
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
$12 EACH/STANDS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER - $3
Available in the church office.

ZION'S BIRTHDAY GIFT TO JESUS
A grateful thank you to all who gave so generously to the Katie Gurnsey Family in their time of need. What a wonderful blessing it will be to the Gurnsey's! We pray blessings to all who gave toward the gift.

LET'S COOK DEUTSCH:
Zion's Youth Celebrating 100 Years of German Cooking!

Who: Zion's 5th Graders thru College + Age Youth (or older if interested).
Handouts and a sign-up sheet about this activity will be passed out in December to the Sunday School students.
When: January 4, 2014 from 8:00 – DONE!
Where: Zion Evangelical Church Kitchen
Why: 1) To celebrate our German Heritage. 2) To pass down to the next generation the wonderful German recipes our families have made for over a century. 3) To encourage our youth to enjoy learning how to make the German food of our ancestors. 4) To start the celebration of Zion Evangelical Church's 100 Year Anniversary 1914-2014.
Food we are making or demonstrating how to make: Garlic Sausage, Homemade Sauerkraut, Rival Kuchen, Butterballs, Noodles (for Drücklen and Noodles and Butterballs and Noodle Soup), Gemusesalat (Cucumber Salad), Zwiebeln (Fried Onions), and Kartaeffel (Potatoes) und Glaze. We will share and pass out handouts of these recipes to see the variety of ways to make each of the foods cooked and talked about.

If time allows, we will talk about various other German recipes such as Blinni, Grebel, Schnitz Soup, Krautbrot (Cabbage Burgers), German Kraut (Cabbage) Soup, German Potato Pancakes, Blackberry Gefilda (Dumplings), Noodle and Butterball Casserole, and German Rye Bread. We will include these recipes in the handouts. Who knows, if this goes well and the interest is there, we may try some of these other recipes at a later date!

We plan on eating some of the fruits of our labor. For those cooking on the 4th the noon menu will consist of the **4Gs**: **G**erman **G**arlic Sausage, **G**laze (or Kartoffeln und Glaze) and **G**emusesalat (Cucumber Salad), and **G**rebel (pre-made) - plus veggies/dip, and a drink. Hopefully time allows us to add Drucklen and Noodles to the menu as well.

On Sunday January 5th some of the food made on the 4th will be shared at the new Monthly Carry-In Dinner served immediately after the second Sunday morning church service. The January carry-in dinner will kick off the 100 Year Anniversary of Zion Evangelical Church. We would like you to bring a German dish; but, if you can't or don't want to cook German, come and make whatever wonderful dish you wish to share. Hope to see you there!

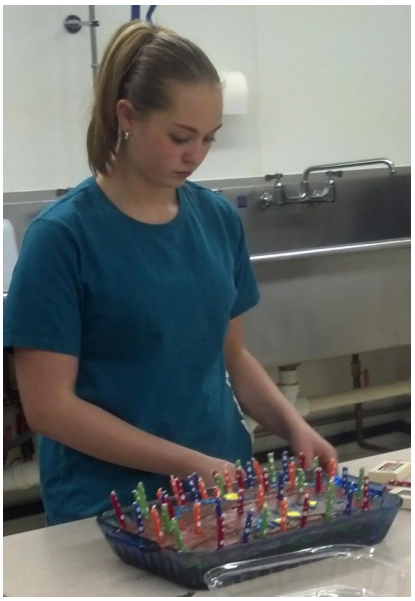
Questions: Call Robin Schadwinkel 631-9363 or 436-2560

~ AWANA NEWS ~

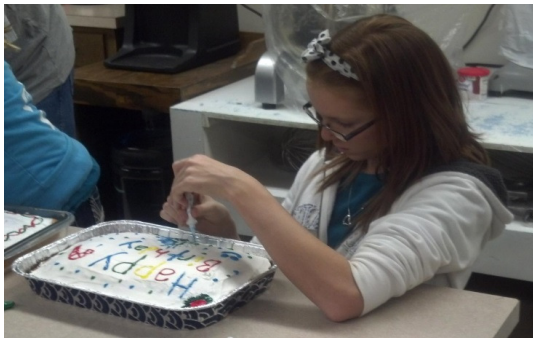
As a club, we participated in two mission projects in November that we completed before our Thanksgiving break: **Operation Christmas Child** and a collection for the **Jeremiah House.** I was thrilled that as a church we improved our OCC shoe box donations by ONE for a total of 123 boxes!!! Woohoo!!! (I HAD to show all of you a picture of the boxes from two of our clubbers, Ashtyn and Jakobe. What a special touch to wrap their boxes in brown paper and then draw/color a picture for the recipient. LOVE IT!!!)

As a church, we have helped out Jeremiah House in the past as several of our members would make and serve a meal one night a month. As an AWANA Club, we decided to help out their food pantry by bringing a canned food/non-perishable food item in place of our dues on the November 24th club night. The picture at right is of our collection. I am very proud of our club and their hearts for giving to missions!!!

Congratulations to our **November Clubbers of the Month**: Sparks – Josie Griess & Jonathan Jerrell; T&T – Anessa Mehling & Nathan Schick and Trek – Quinton Janecek. Great job!!!



I love, love, LOVE our **Birthday Party for Jesus and Caroling to our Shut-Ins** in the month of December!!! At our Staff Meeting in the middle of November when we were discussing this activity, at some point one of the four members of the Harris family in attendance (I think it was the Mama – Joan ☺) suggested that we use one of A&L's trailers to pull the Puggles/Cubbies/Trek and their leaders up to The Village to carol. I have always loved when we decorate wagons and the Trek clubbers pull the Puggles/Cubbies up to The Village – but this was putting a fun, new twist on that!!! I was SO EXCITED for this to all came together and I was NOT disappointed!!! The leaders and Trek clubbers really appreciated being able to ride "up the hill" to The Village instead of having to walk.



Old towels on the bales of hay and lots of warm blankets made for a nice, warm toasty ride! Thank You, Lord for providing a beautiful mild winter day – WIND FREE!!! That's truly a miracle!!!

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BIG THANKS to the Harris family and A&L for not only providing us with this new mode of transportation but also getting the bales of hay (thank you, Dick Ashford!!!), and safely driving us to The Village and back!!! Another BIG THANKS to the Trek clubbers and leaders for the beautiful job they did again this year of decorating our cakes for Jesus' birthday party.

I had to share a picture of one of the fun games that Michael, our Sparks Game Director, had for our Kindergarten thru 2nd graders to play in December. (The Sparkys had to "thread" a plastic ball down to the bottom of the stocking, run a lap and then "thread" the ball back out of the stocking before running to the center of the circle for the pin.)

Looking to 2014 . . . The AWANA Staff will be getting together on Saturday, January 4th for our annual **Staff Christmas Party** – complete with White Elephant gift exchange!!! Invitations will be coming out soon!!! Then on the following day, Sunday, January 5th, 2014, our first club night back we will be gathering at the **Playhouse Roller-skating Rink** (same time – 3:30-5:30). A flyer will be sent out over Christmas Break.

~ Commander Commentary ~

As the New Year approaches, I, along with many others will be reflecting over the past year and making "New Year's Resolutions" for the fresh, new coming year. So many of those resolutions are about getting into better physical shape, losing weight OR maybe changing a bad habit. As much as I desire to do those things in my own life, God reminds me that they are more important things to resolve to do . . . to surrender to Him complete control of my life so He can do His Will, to love others better in the same way that He loves us, to abandon my human fear of being rejected when sharing the Gospel of Christ, or to slow down and do the "small things" like taking time to sing/sign "Jesus Loves Me" with one of our precious Sparkys (as our Spark's Director did recently). ☺ Join with me to do the above things AND MANY MORE in 2014 and hold each other accountable to all that God wants to do in our lives if we will only fully surrender to Him and remember that **HE IS IN CONTROL!!!**

Happy New Year from the Zion AWANA Staff,

Cheryl Rose, Commander

We collected 123 boxes this year for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you, Zion, for your generosity and help in making another's Christmas meaningful. And for reaching others for Jesus! Your heart for missions, both locally and away, is so encouraging! Thanks to the Peterson Family for making the trip over to Denver to work in the Processing Center this year.

Circle of Praise:

The Circle of Praise group met December 14th for our 3rd annual Prime Rib supper. Delicious prime rib plus all the trimmings were enjoyed by the 53 people in attendance. Dave and Teri had Christmas games to play after the meal and carols were sung by all. A sign-up sheet for the 2014 meetings is ready to filled in by anyone that would like to lead and plan a month's meeting.

Teri Erdman

LADIES GUILD:

The Ladies Guild met December 2nd at the Steel Grill for our annual Christmas party. 18 ladies enjoyed a delicious meal and a time of great fellowship. The gifts of money from the Money Tree were given to our missionary, Erin Kampbell. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 7 p.m. and all ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

Teri Erdman

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you to everyone who helped with "The Night Shift Before Christmas." What a blessing the Zion children are! Thank you, parents, for bring your kids. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

God Bless!
Sharon, Robin & Deb

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

T'was the night before Jesus came and
all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hope that Jesus would not come there.
The children were dressing to crawl into bed
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with the baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!
The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! returning like He said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in His hand
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name,
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been written with
love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a
sound
While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only we had been ready tonight.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear,
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all.

Thank you to all who donated towards decorating the church with the beautiful poinsettias! The church looked beautiful!

Joani Kraus in memory of daughter Vonda (Kraus) Zamarripa and husband, Gary Kraus

Gene Minch in memory of wife, Mildred Minch

Susan, Austin and Sara Maddox in memory of parents/grandparents, Albert & Irene Loose

Dick & Sharon Rahmig & family in memory of mother, Elsie Little

David & Virginia Kaufman in memory of sister, Joan (Kaufman) Hoen

Donna Geister in memory of parents Henry & Mary Weber

Orin Bolzer in memory of parents Paul & Rose Bolzer

Barb Steffensen in memory of husband, Don Steffensen

Shirley Ruppel and family in memory of husband Harold Ruppel

Ruth Hein and family in memory of husband, Floyd Hein

Darlene Robertus in memory of husband, Roby Robertus

Kathy Trook & Michael Olson in memory of father, Stanley Olson and grandparents, Otto & Anna Olson

Donna Brehm in memory of husband, Bob Brehm

Terry Martin in memory of parents Don & Arty Brady

Delores Pfenning in memory of husband Roy Pfenning

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014
7:00 P.M.
ON THE AGENDA:
AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT
2014 BUDGET
NOMINATING REPORT
UPDATE ON MIN CENTER HVAC

NOMINATING REPORT

Vice-President - Tim Kreider -- 2 year

Deacon - Jerry Nash -- 2 year

Deacon - Duane Stricker -- 2 year

Deacon - Dan Peterson -- 2 year

Trustee - Matthew Ray --2 year

Sunday School Supt - Sharon Stricker -- 1 year

Asst. SS Supt - Robin Schadwinkel -- 1 year

Sunday School Treasurer - Debbie Pieper -- 1 year

Nominating Committee:

Vice President	Kendall Busch
Trustee Chairman	Gene Hoff
Harold Kautz	Ken Reifschneider

Auditing Committee:

Bob Wobig	Roger Schwartzkopf
Margaret Hancock	Mark Harris

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Ministry Treasurers:

Please note that your ministry books need to be in the church office by January 5 for the Auditing Committee. Thank you very much for your service!

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

January, 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** ***Happy Birthday, Pastor Garry***	1 **Happy New Year!** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**	2	3	4 **German Cooking Fest** **8:00 a.m.** **Awana Christmas Party** **6:00 p.m.**
5 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct 9:50 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise **10:30 KCMI Broadcast** **11:30 Communion/Chapel** **3:30 Awana/Skating party** 7:00 Youth Fellowship	6 10:00 Bible Study/Village Brothers **7:00 Ladies Guild**	7 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life Brothers 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study **7:00 Church Board Mtg.**	8 **9:30 Staff Meeting** 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr. High Bible Study	9 7:00 Junior High Outreach	10	11
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