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### MAY, 2013

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### COMMUNION

Sunday, May 5th communion will be served in the chapel following the 10:30 service.



May 19th, 2013 Communion will be served at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

### Go Graduates!

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

It's May and this is a month for celebration as another class of graduates prepares to go out into the world. I know it's a tough world they are going out to, with many temptations and pitfalls along the way. But I also know the God we have taught them to love and obey and we can trust them into his hands as they go forth to pursue their future educations, families and careers. Every generation faces challenges and the generation going forth today will face many but God is faithful and will raise up among them standard bearers of his truth. Who knows - perhaps some of the standard bearers of the next generation will have grown up at Zion! We do not send them out alone - we send them with our prayers, with faith in their hearts and God's Word in their hands. We send them with a good foundation in Christ and the examples and testimonies of many

godly witnesses among us. We send them with our love and with the same call we also have heard – to fight the good fight, to keep the faith and to finish the race!

Pastor Garry

# Zion Church is invited to the following Senior Graduation Receptions:

Friday, May 17th ~

KAMILAH RUPP

5:30 - 8:30 p.m./Zion Ministry Center **AUSTIN KNISS** 

6:00 - 8:00 p.m./ 603 Sagebrush Drive, SB

Saturday, May 18th ~

ADAM HARRIS

4:00 - 7:00 p.m./Zion Ministry Center TIMOTHY HERMAN

5:00 - 7:00 p.m./2225 Avenue O, SB

Sunday, May 19th ~

ALLISON STRICKER

3:00 - 5:00 p.m./Zion Ministry Center



# PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

# **Mission Prayer Partners** for May, 2013

- 5 Zion Awana Clubs/ Zion Graduates
- 12 Our mothers
- **19** KCMI
- 26 Memorial Sunday/



switch



you back.



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### General Fund for MARCH, 2013

INCOME:	
Fund Raisers	\$ 969.89
Other Income	10.00
Memorial Fund	465.00
Other Income	91.23
Sunday Offering	14,298.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,834.12

# **EXPENSES**:

EXPENSES:	
Bank Charge	\$ 6.99
Bldg. & Grounds	628.17
Fund Raising	781.41
Ministry	852.01
Mission Fund	230.00
Office	1,065.23
Staff Benefits	7,339.62
Staff Salary	6,869.27
<u>Utilities</u>	 2,260.73
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 20.033.43

### TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (-4,199.31)



LADIES OF THE CHURCH!!

Mother's Day Tea

"Savoring God's Sweet Grace"

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>~ 7p.m.

Please bring a <u>dessert</u> or an <u>appetizer</u>.

Bring on two plates - for each serving table. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

See Elaine Kling with questions.

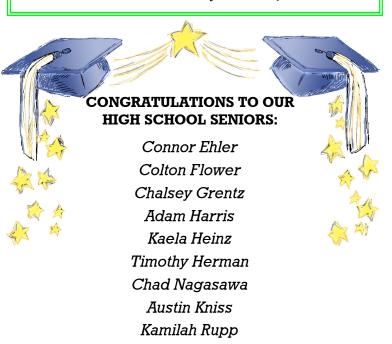


## Sympathies and condolences are extended to. . .

- ... family and friends of Ray Haun.
- ...Art Sauer and family on the passing of Vernon Hubbard.

### Congratulations to...

- ...Bob & Karen Schmer on the birth of their granddaughter, Clara Isabella Matthews on Mar. 27th, weighing 8#1 oz. and 20 1/2" long. Proud parents are Adriane and Stephen Matthews and big sister, Ericka.
- ...Betty Bauer on her 75th Birthday, 4/17!
- ... Victor Rien on his 90th Birthday, 4/18!
- ...Ryan Schwartzkopf on being invited to the U.S. Naval Academy for the 2013 Summer Seminar program.
- ...Hilary Krantz on her internship with the Executive Office of the President in Washington, D.C.
- ... Adam Harris on being crowned Homecoming King for SHS!
- ...Lori Reifschneider on receiving the Outstanding Transformational Leadership Nursing Award at RWMC!
- ...Pastor Amos on his birthday March 29th!!





Allison Stricker

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# THANK YOU...

Dear Zion Congregation,

Thank you for the devotional and all the other things you've done for me throughout my life.

Austin Rhamy

Dear Zion Church Family,

Thank you so much for the book, "Armed & Dangerous". I plan on reading it soon. Thank you for supporting me in everything I do in my youth activities.

Love, Baily Kreider

Dear Pastor Garry & Zion Church -

We wish to send a token of our gratitude for the impact your church has had on our grandchildren, Hunter & Rachel Hancock. Recently, we attended the Confirmation of Rachel, last year Hunter, and we continue to realize that your guidance and impact will be lifelong and we so appreciate your efforts.

> Our gratefulness to you, Homer & Treva Hancock

Zion Church Board & members,

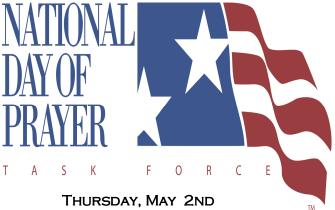
Thank you for allowing the funeral service for Ray Haun to be held in your church. This was an example of Christian love in our time of need.

In Christ, The Family of Ray Haun

Congregation of Zion Evangelical -

My greatest thanks to you by accepting me into the church. It is a privilege to be a part of something this great. Thank you so much for the book; it is very informational. Thank you again,

Sincerely Emily Doremus



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THIS
GREAT NATION!
THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR
PRAYER DURING OFFICE HOURS.

### **SINGSPIRATON**

In both services on Mother's Day, May 12th, we will be doing a **SINGSPIRATON** and we are looking for volunteers! You can play an instrument, do a solo or sing as a group. Join in this celebration of music and sign up at the Welcome Center.

Call the church office if you have questions at 632-8125 or see Pastor Garry.



It's that time of the year to be thinking about playing church softball. If interested, please sign

up at the
Welcome
Center or see
Spencer Lease
for more
information.
Games will be
Tuesdays and
Thursdays.







KCMI Broadcast for MAY is given in loving memory Anna Henkel, mother to Henry and Wanda Henkel.

Thank you for sharing!



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### ~ AWANA NEWS ~



As we headed into the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> for our **AWANA** Games competition at WNCC that Saturday afternoon, there was some concern that it might all fall apart due to the weather. Not so much for the Scottsbluff/Gering area but the surrounding areas where teams were coming from - Sidney, Alliance, Douglas & Casper, WY and snowfall was being reported. Thankfully, though, all of the teams that were expected to be there arrived safely and we had one of the best turnouts and attendance that we've had in a long time!!! The Sparks team competed

at 1:00 and T&T at 3:00. Both teams took 2<sup>nd</sup> place on their circle. We were so proud of the clubbers! They did a great job and were great sports - which means more to me than any first place finish. We also had a wonderful cheering section of parents, grandparents, etc. A BIG THANK YOU to the Zion AWANA Staff that helped out in many different ways - Pastor Garry (Sparks devotion), Martha Stricker & Lori Reifschneider (nurses), Michael Olson & Chad Meyer (Sparks coaches), Carol Parvin & Pastor Andy Griess

(T&T Coaches), Carli Rose(admissions), Holly Walker & Ben Stricker (score hangers), Allie Stricker (timer), Linda & Dan Peterson (hall monitors), Chris Hayden (line judge) and Rose (head Cheryl scorekeeper). It takes a lot of people to put these events together and I am so thankful for a staff that is al-

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ways willing to do their part!

I think that the "word is out" about the newly added (as of last year) item to our **Easter Breakfast** that the AWANA Staff puts on between the two church services on Easter Sunday. Thank you, Todd Neu, for the wonderful sausage gravy and Mark Harris & Tim Kreider for the biscuits. The biscuits & gravy are definitely a hit!!! Thank you, also, to the rest of the Staff for the yummy breakfast casseroles and baked goods. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank our guests - Zion Congregation - for supporting us by your presence, prayers for our club and generous monetary donations. The funds from the free-will donation are used to purchase our end-of-the-year awards/trophies. This is such an enjoyable time as we greet, visit with and serve all of you! Thank you for being such a blessing to us! You are appreciated!

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Thank you to Randy & Martha Stricker for opening their home to the **Trek** clubbers/leaders for a **cook-out** on the 14<sup>th</sup>. They had a great time and we gained a new Trek clubber . . . Biscuit! Especially when there is food involved! © (Baily must've had some food on the side of her face!)

At our club meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, we packed in enough in two hours for a whole month of meetings!!! Holly Walker, Miss

Northwestern Outstanding Teen (AKA: Sparks Student Leader ©) briefly spoke to us during open ceremony about competing in the Miss Nebraska Pageant in North Platte in June and telling us that her platform is Cyber bullying and that she has chosen Zion AWANA Club for which to fundraise! All of the little girls were espe-





cially interested in her crown. Good luck in June, Holly!!! We'll be praying for you and cheering you on!!!

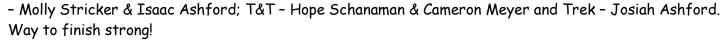
A HUGE thank you to Janae Griess and Andee Musonda for organizing our group for some fun 30th Celebration pics which was also done during the 21st club meeting. Janae made wonderful posters and Andee helped with the picture taking. I will include some in next month's newsletter article or if you are on Facebook, go to Scottsbluff Zion pictures and "like us". You can view the ones that have been posted so far.

We ended our club meeting on the  $21^{st}$  with our **Pizza Reward Party**. The clubbers had been working towards this pizza reward party the

entire club year! The requirement for the party was to pass 30 sections in their handbook to receive their invitation. I am thrilled to report that 73% of the clubbers - Cubbies thru Trek - reached that goal!!!

We are looking forward to the new directors from Camp Rock, Art & Pam DeVos, sharing with us on our last regular club meeting - Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. They will also be sharing in our church services in the morning. We are thanking God that this wonderful ministry is "back up and running"!

Congratulations to our March Clubbers of the Month: Sparks



As of this writing, all that is left of this club year is one regular club meeting and our closing awards ceremony - **Jamboree**. I will report on the details of our celebration in next month's article.

### ~ COMMANDER COMMENTARY ~

As I reflect on just this past month alone, my "God Is In Control" reminder really comes into the fore-front. We have had some major issues happening with our clubbers' families, leaders' families and our church families - all in different stages of answered prayer - but none-the-less, HE IS IN CONTROL and is DEFINITELY STILL IN THE MIRACLE "BUSINESS"!!! PTL!!!

Cheryl Rose, Zion AWANA Commander

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### CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

The Circle of Praise met April 20th. We enjoyed a delicious covered dish supper. There were 46 people in attendance. A short program was given by Joe and Rose, owners of "True Green". It entailed taking care of your lawn in regard to fertilizing, water and bugs. They also talked about weeds and tree care.

In our business meeting, Joyce reported that we paid for the new coffee maker that came in. We have a balance of \$2395.02. It was also reported that we will no longer be doing the \$5 gift cards for the Park Bench at the hospital. They have a different program now so we voted not to participate in that program. Festival of Hope is June 15 and we were once again asked to donate pies for this event. Pat Stricker will have a sign up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to help. She and Norma Busch also have butterflies for the butterfly wall for sale for \$10 to honor those who have or had cancer. Bob Busch gave an update on the 100 year Anniversary and Claudette Schmidt told about the new church directory that will be done.

There will not be a meeting in May due to graduations, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Our next meeting will be in June.

We closed with the Lords Prayer.

Teri Erdman

### **LADIES GUILD:**

Zion ladies met April 1<sup>st</sup>. In old business the Soup Supper was discussed. In other business Elaine gave an update on the new faucet for the big kitchen sink. It should be installed in the next couple of weeks. Our Mother's Day Tea will be May 6th at 7 pm. Plans were discussed and Elaine will order 150 booklets for the supper. There will be a planning meeting April 4th at 7pm.

In new business, we will order 4 drip trays for the coffee makers. Minutes were taken by Lorrine Hein.



Zion Church and the Circle of Praise will be in charge of the Pie Shoppe at the FESTIVAL OF HOPE,

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once again, June 15th, 2013 at the Event Center in Mitchell. We are asking for donated pies

for this event with all proceeds going to the **Festival of Hope**. You can sign up at the Welcome Center if would be willing to donate a pie or two. Thank you ahead of time!!

MISSIONS: A Lasting Mission



The Gideons International is an interdenominational association of Christian business and professional men who are members of Protestant/ Evangelical churches. Their members are dedicated to saving the lost through personal witnessing and the distribution of God's Word in more than 190 countries around the world. The majority of Gideons live and serve in their local communities, making them very effective and efficient because they know the local language and customs. They know where the hotels, schools, prisons, hospitals and other locations where Bibles and New Testaments need to be distributed. Sometimes, they're able to establish local groups of Gideons in countries where traditional missionaries aren't allowed to go.

Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others. These copies of God's Word are printed in more than 90 languages and are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people, who may be searching for answers, will have the ability to encounter the Word of God.

Distributing complete copies of God's Word also plants powerful seeds that God can use in His timing. (I Corinthians 3:6); allows people to read the truth for themselves (John 8:32); provides a continuing witness when the Gideon is no longer

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present (Hebrews 4:12); makes it easier for the people reached, in turn, to reach others with the truth about Jesus (II Timothy 2:2); makes it possible for new Christians to learn and grow through personal Bible study. (II Timothy 2:15)

These Bibles and New Testaments are personally distributed by members to: students in the 5th grade and above; prisoners and police, fire, medical and military personnel; anyone else Gideons witness to individually. God's Word is also placed in key locations, including: hotels and motels; hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices and domestic violence shelters; and prisons and jails.

Gideons have been changing lives for more than 100 years. The Gideons International started distributing the Word of God in 1908. Today, they have more than 287,000 members—and an untold number of supporters and more than 10,000 local groups worldwide. These dedicated individuals give their time and money to make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word. In fact, they have placed or distributed more than 1.7 billion Bibles and New Testaments around the world . . . and counting. More than 700 million Bibles and New Testaments were distributed in just the last 10 years. More than 84 million copies of God's Word were distributed last year. On average, more than two copies of God's Word are distributed per second. Over one million Bibles and New Testaments are distributed every 4.5 days! Please support the Gideons with your personal involvement, financial contribution and/or in prayer as God would lead you.

Linda Peterson

# **YOUTH**

The biggest news relating to our youth activities in April was that now that our eighth graders have been confirmed, we have invited them to join the senior high group for all activities for the rest of the year. So far, we have had one eighth grader joining us for Bible study and several on Sunday nights for prayer and fellowship. Hopefully we can encourage a few more to get involved before the end of the school year. Other than our eighth graders moving up, all of our weekly activities were up and running just as they were before Easter break. We did have one week in which we

cancelled Bible because of study the weather. There were also several student athletic activities I planned to attend which were cancelled due to weather. One student activity I was pleased to be able to attend was the high school musical productions for both Gering and Scottsbluff. We had several students, who along with their classmates, worked long and hard to put on very entertaining shows. Students from our youth group helped in every area from performing on stage, to playing in the orchestra, to taking part in the stage crew, to working with costumes and makeup, to running the lights and sound. With one month left before the end of the school year, I am wondering how time moved so quickly and how am I going to get ready for summer activities in time for summer. As you pray for the youth of our church, please pray that we take full advantage of every ministry opportunity as we close out this school year and that plans would come together for a summer full of effective ministry.

Andy

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Praise God for the moisture! We are so thankful for the moisture, and I think there are a few Zion Sunday School kids that enjoyed some snow sledding and making snowmen.

We are preparing for our VBS which is the next big thing on our agenda. Please mark your calendars for June 10th -14th, 9:00 am to 12:00. Our theme this year will be: *Colossal Coaster World* with a roller coaster theme park where kids will face their fears, speak up for the truth and trust in God. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

We pray when we are done with the week that kids will feel more comfortable about speaking up for God, and sharing the Good News. If you can help, please let us know; stop by the office.

Have a great spring. Sharon, Robin, Deb

# Zion Evangelical Church Calendar





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9:30 Staff Meeting	NATIONAL DAYOF PRAYER FOR FOR FOR FOR FOR FOR FOR FOR FOR FO	m	4
			7:00 Choir 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	7:00 JR High Youth		
GRADUATION SUNDAY  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 Communion/Chapel 3:30 Awana Jamboree	6 7:00 Mother's Day Tea	7 7:00 Church Board Mtg	8 7:00 Choir 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	9 7:00 JR High Youth	10	11
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team V 9:30 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 4:15 Vespers/Residency		6:00 MOPS @ Night	7:00 Choir 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	7:00 JR High Youth	Rupp Grad Recpt 5:30-8:30	Harris Grad Recpt 4-7 pm
PENTECOST 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Fmerald Ct. 9:50 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 3-5 Stricker Grad Recpt 4:15 Vespers/Residency	7:00 100th Anniversary Comm. Meeting		7:00 Choir 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	12:00 Mission Comm Mtg	Valley Mobile Food Pantry 1:00 p.m.	
MEMORIAL SUNDAY 26	27	28	55	30	31	
8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 9:50 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise	memorial DAY church office will be closed!		Happy Birthday, Grace Sekick!			