



# News from Zion

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SEPTEMBER, 2008

Communion will be served Sunday, September 7th, immediately following the 10:30 service.



## From the pastor's desk . . .

### Be a Part of It!

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*



Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

The days of summer rolled by so fast, and now here's fall before us! It's a poignant reminder of why the writer to the Hebrews called Christians to keep the faith together as a team, because every day we're just one day nearer to the Lord's return. It could be any day - will you be ready? Have you received Jesus as your savior? Are you growing closer to him? Are you digging deeper in your faith? One of the keys to rooting deep and growing strong as a Christian is growing with others. As part of the family of God, we weren't meant to go it alone "John Wayne style" but to work together as a body, encouraging one another and cherishing the relationships built as we together, serve the cause of Christ in our church and in our community. One of the best ways to develop strong connections with others in the church is to join one of the smaller Bible Studies or Sunday School Classes where you can have a better chance to get to know others, prayer for other and be prayed for, build friendships that can grow beyond the four walls of the class room.

This month many groups are getting a fresh start for fall - from Men's Bible Study at the Pastor Garry's home on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am to Dewey's Bible Study at his home on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. There's M.O.P.S. for moms and Circle of Praise and Ladies Guild. There's Youth Group and Confirmation, Sunday School and Awana for the youth and a number of great Sunday School classes for all ages on Sunday mornings between services. There are opportunities for service making grebel and serving coffee. And of course for those who like to sing, there's choir and worship team. But please don't view all these things as just so many options - each one of us play a part in God's kingdom and is a necessary part of it. There's a ministry or study group here at Zion that not only wants you - it needs you - to be all God intended it to be and is incomplete without you. Or perhaps God is impressing on your heart a ministry or Bible Study that he wants you to begin! So take a minute and pray about where you might best serve or grow stronger. Take the time to be a part of the life of God's church. Take a risk, let people know you and care about you as a part of the family of believers. Take the chance to be more and do more for the Lord and have some fun along the way!

Pastor Garry

## Please Take note . . .

### Mission Prayer Partners for September...

7th - Zion Awana Clubs  
14th - Bud & Dot Acord  
21st - Tom & Alfreda Claus  
28th - 4C's



### WAY TO GO, ZION!

We reached our goal of \$100,000.00 in COOP receipts and have received our \$1000 for doing so. PTL!!!



GREBEL & COFFEE  
SATURDAY,  
September 6th  
8-10 a.m.

Pre-orders welcome!  
Sign up to help with this event at the welcome Center.

**UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS:**

Monday, September 1st - **Labor Day** - *Church office closed.*

Wednesday, September 3rd -

**Men's Bible Study** - 6:30 a.m. at Pastor Garry's  
2306 5th Avenue, Scottsbluff/Studying Isaiah

**Confirmation** -

6:30 p.m. - 7th Grade Confirmation Parent's Mtg.

7:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Confirmation Parent's Mtg.

7:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Confirmation

**Senior High Bible Study** - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6th - **Grebel & Coffee** - 8-10 a.m.

Pre-orders welcome/Sign up to help at the Welcome Center.

Sunday, September 7th -

**Sunday School** with Pastor Demoret - 9:30 a.m./  
Meeting in the Chapel/Prayer Teams meet in the church office.

**AWANA Staff Dedication** - 10:30 a.m. service

**AWANA Kickoff** at 3:30 p.m.

Monday, September 8th - **Junior High Youth** - 7:00 p.m.

**Ladies Guild** - 7:00 p.m. **Special guest:** Janet Gardner speaking on the "*President's Wives!*"  
Lorraine Hein & Jane Ann Hall hostesses.

Saturday, September 13th - **AWANA Basic Training** -

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. here at Zion.

Wednesday, September 17th - **Dewey's Bible Study** -

7:00 p.m./3718 Spruce Drive, Scottsbluff/Studying prophecy in the Bible.

Saturday, September 20th - **Circle of Praise** - 6:00 p.m.

German Theme. Bring a dish to share/meat provided/sign up at the Welcome Center.

Monday, September 22nd - **Craft Night** - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23rd - **M.O.P.S.** (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30th - **Jeremiah House** - 5:00 p.m.

**BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR SEPTEMBER. . .**

**Life with God: Reading the Bible for Spiritual Transformation**

By: Richard J. Foster

Many of us read the Bible like we're at a fast-food restaurant--we want nourishment quickly and read only to satisfy the gnawing hunger. We want the Bible to meet our needs, and it does, but-- what if we the read the Bible like a five-course meal, pausing to savor and enjoy, allowing the experience to settle and transform us. In "Life with God," Richard Foster introduces you to the "with-God life," showing you how to experience the Scriptures in a deeper way. Allow the truth of Scripture not only to meet your needs, but transform you into the image of Christ.



**Sympathies and condolences are extended to:**

. . .family and friends of Kathren Weideman.

**Congratulations to:**

. . . Sam & Carol Schanaman on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

. . .George & Violet Knaub on their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

. . . Zach Van Dyke for being awarded "Servant Leader" at Senior Camp at Camp Rock.

. . . Joy Eberhardt for being awarded the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor Award for her work in her community of Minatare.

. . .Mel Crom on his 80th Birthday!

. . .Evelyn Miller on her 95th Birthday. Cards can be sent to: 1890 Fay Street, Burlington, CO 80807

. . .Stanley Hill on his 90th Birthday.



**CRAFT NIGHT** - Several gals have asked about having a Craft Night so we are going to try this activity again.

Bring anything you would like to work on

- -sewing, scrapbooking, quilting, knitting, crocheting, etc. Join us on the third Monday (except this month it is the 4th because of Labor Day) - - Sept.

22 at 6:30 pm for devotions, crafting and Christian fellowship. If you have

questions, call Claudette Schmidt at 635-1149.



**FOR RENT:** Not your typical farmhouse in Gering Valley just off Highway 71. Beautiful home/great location/all appliances provided. If interested or need more information, call Cory Miller at 436-2529 or 631-8493

General Fund for July 31, 2008

**INCOME:**

Other Income	1,439.11
Sunday Offering	<u>14,966.50</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$16,405.61</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Bldg. Payment	\$ 1,312.74
Bldg. & Grounds	2,463.07
Ministry	475.44
Office	729.37
Mission Fund	815.00
Staff Benefits	3,333.93
Staff Salary	5,110.51
Utilities	<u>1,963.57</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$16,203.63</b>

**TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE      \$    201.98**



INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF AN EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN?



We will send out prayer requests that the church receives to you via your email address so that you might be in prayer for these requests. Your email will remain confidential.

Sign up at the Welcome Center.



**LADIES GUILD:**

12 members and 10 guests enjoyed a picnic supper on August 4th. Delicious hamburgers were prepared by Chef Jerry Ross. Entertainment by Brenda Smith was enjoyed by the group. Peggy Ross had everyone team up for a game called "Do you know these panhandle towns?". It was fun to match the clues with names of towns from the Nebraska Panhandle.

Our next meeting will be Sept 8th at 7 PM. Janet Gardner will present the program on "The President's Wives". Jane Ann Hall and Lorraine Hein will be hostesses for the evening. Plan on joining in the fellowship.

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**Pastor Steve Demoret will be teaching two Adult Sunday School classes beginning September 7th in the chapel at 9:30 a.m.**

**"How Can I Magnify the Lord Through My Funeral?"**

We often avoid talking about death, but unless the Lord returns in our lifetime, we are all facing death. Paul's passion was to magnify Christ, "whether by life or by death." (Phil. 1:20-21). Have you prayerfully considered the load you can remove from your spouse and family by preparing your funeral arrangements and service now? During the month of September, Steve Demoret will take you through a Biblical study and discussion of how you can seek God's guidance to magnify Him and have a powerful ministry at the time of your homecoming in Christ by planning your funeral arrangements and service now. Join us for some important Bible principles and tools in talking with your spouse and family before serious health crises and grieving make such planning difficult.

**"How Can I Magnify the Lord When I Hurt?" starting in Oct. through Nov.**

Have you ever had a hurt that went on and on? How easy was it to trust in the Lord at that time? Usually we start out trusting, but the longer the trial goes on, the more we are prone to question God's love and goodness. Steve will be taking you through a number of key Bible passages that address physical, emotional, and spiritual pain to see God's bigger picture in the sufferings He brings us through and how He equips us to "comfort others with "the comfort wherewith we are comforted by God." (II Cor. 1:3-11).

**JEREMIAH HOUSE:**

The Jeremiah House will be in operation beginning in September. We have been asked to participate one meal a month during the school year. I believe they like our cooking! The Bethel Baptist Church has not found a replacement for Pastor Jim. They will have someone in charge until someone is hired. We will have our first meal the last Tuesday in September, then we will have the third week in each month thereafter. We will be asking for food donations. We have been so blessed with generous people. We will have the same committee but we would welcome any adult that would enjoy helping.

This summer, we were contacted by a young man working on his Eagle Scout Badge. He collected money from the Area Churches to provide school supplies to the kids at the Jeremiah House. Our Church gave from our Mission account.

Good things are happening in Jesus love,  
Terry Martin

**MISSIONS REPORT**

On a personal note, I am excited and sad to see my oldest granddaughter, Heather Burton, leave to attend college at Black Hills State University in South Dakota. I hope she has wonderful new adventures along with a great education. Our family has always been proud of the great girl Heather has become. As her world opens up, many temptations will be facing her. Many of the kids she will be socializing with will not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. As a grandma, I do worry but the fact that the school has a Campus Crusade group, eases my fear. Campus Crusade is a worldwide ministry that locates at the schools for Bible Studies, discussions, counseling and support to the students. Through this ministry, students can keep their walk with Christ strong and can bring students to the knowledge that Jesus is there for them. The ministry works hard to become a part of each college throughout the world.

Good bye, Heather. Jesus will show the way.

Terry Martin

**MOPS**

Join the Adventure! The MOPS Theme for the 2008-2009 year is *Adventures in Mothering*. The theme verse is based on Ephesians 3:18 . . .

**“. . . how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. . .”**

This year we will strive to equip moms to learn more about themselves as they go through the adventure of motherhood. We will celebrate and embrace the fun in the experiences, even in the midst of daily mom life that stretches each one of us emotionally and spiritually.

Our theme will make a correlation between an amusement park and motherhood. Both may sometimes seem like a sensory overload with varying sights, sounds, tastes and smells. But during the MOPS year, we will enjoy this wild ride called “motherhood” together and will help moms learn more about themselves as women, moms and leaders.

Each year it is exciting to take the MOPS International theme and use it to plan the meetings for our group. The theme gives us ideas and then we put together meetings to help meet the needs of our group. To start our year off, we are having a **FAMILY FUN PICNIC** at Frank Park on August 26th. We will be having games, food, and fellowship.

Our first regular meeting of the year is September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at Zion Evangelical

Church where we will start to explore *Adventures in Mothering*.

This year we are also very excited to have a MOPS International Council Coordinator in our area. For the past 2-3 years, the western part of Nebraska has not had a designated Council Coordinator. We are excited that our own ALENA HAUN will be serving the MOPS ministry as a Council Coordinator. She will provide leadership to MOPS groups through ensuring group retention and support of local MOPS groups. She will be serving several groups in Western Nebraska as well as continuing as our MOPPETS Team Leader. We are so blessed to have Alena as a part of our ministry team. Congratulations to Alena on her new role with MOPS International. We are very proud of her!

Remember that MOPS exists to encourage, equip, and develop EVERY mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. So if you know ANY mom with a child from birth through Kindergarten, please invite her to join our ADVENTURE! We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the church.

Jenn Jackson, Coordinator



**CIRCLE OF PRAISE:** On August 2nd, the Circle of Praise met for their annual Cream Can Supper at the home of Ed & Elaine Kling. Co-hosts were: Geri & David Klein and Harvey & Helen Richards. 23 people were in attendance. A beautiful evening and wonderful food was enjoyed by all.

David Klein graciously made a condo birdhouse which he donated to raise funds for Jeremy Youngs. Pastor Schick was the lucky recipient of the birdhouse. A total of \$88 was collected and the Circle of Praise unanimously voted to round off the amount and send Jeremy a check for \$300.

Jerry Ross addressed the need for new officers for the 2009 season as he and Peg will be stepping down after a 2 year tenure. December will be their final month. The 3 month tri-fold of upcoming events was distributed. Dates for the September get-together were not available but will be announced at a later date. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Peggie Ross



## ~ AWANA NEWS ~

I need to begin by telling you that . . . Zion's AWANA leaders are "on fire" for the Lord!!! Let me back up a minute and explain: On Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> we met for our annual staff picnic and beginning of the year planning meeting. I decided that since there was some spaghetti sauce leftover from a previous Kick-Off meal, I - with help, of course! - would make spaghetti for the staff. Let's just say that I do not have a lot of experience cooking for large groups and #1 - I should have started boiling the water sooner and #2 - Put on two kettles of water to begin with. So, when we attempted to move one pot of boiling water to a back burner so that we could start the second one, the pot-holder we were using passed too closely to the flame and caught on fire!!! Luckily there were plenty of "chefs in the kitchen" to alert us to the fact that the potholder was on fire. The potholder (after a scream by the one holding it) was then flipped up into the air and landed on the floor and put out immediately (by one of the other "bystander chefs"!!!!) Now, I would love to say that I planned this little demonstration as a "visual aid" for an article that I would read to the staff during our meeting for inspiration for the coming club year . . . however, only God can do something as good as that!!! The article that I read to the staff was entitled, "Trusted With The Torch" by Ron Hutchcraft. It talked about the Olympics (the 2008 ones coming up in August) but also referring back to Paul and the ancient Olympic Games. Through this article, I challenged our staff to be worthy of carrying the torch for our part of the race God has placed us in so that when we cross that finish line and fall into the waiting arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will hear Him say, "Well done!!!" May we all here at Zion - not just AWANA staff, but the entire congregation - be found worthy to carry the torch of Jesus.

P.S.: Now, before I go onto another subject, I need to tell the Church Council and Ladies Guild members (before they tell me that I am banned from the church kitchen!©) that I think that I will just stick to having the staff bring the main dish from home and I will buy the cheesecake!!! For Kick-Off, I will be using the electric skillet for browning hamburger for Taco Salad!

We had at least 50 clubbers, parents and leaders attend the re-scheduled water event at the **YMCA Trails West Camp outdoor swimming pool** on Sunday,

August 24 from 2:00-4:00. It was a blast!!! I have to confess to all of you, though, that when my daughter informed me on Saturday night that there was a chance of a thunderstorm for Sunday afternoon and then I woke up to an overcast semi-cool day, I got a little anxious. Being the one that reminds all of you every month that "God Is In Control", I had to preach a little bit to myself on this subject!!! Up until 1:45 when I headed to the pool, I was unsure whether we were going to have a nice afternoon for the party. I just love how God strengthens and grows our faith!!! He is SO GOOD!!! The afternoon warmed up beautifully and we had a wonderful time going down the water slide, playing basketball in the water and a small shallow water play area for the Cubbies and younger aged Sparks. (Even your AWANA Commander went down the slide - head first, feet first, flips and all!!! We had a contest to see how many times we could flip from our backs to our tummies by the time we got to the bottom of the slide.) Just at the end of our time there, the storm clouds started rolling in and we received just a couple of raindrops.

We are now looking forward to our Kick-Off for the 2008-09 club year on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30 p.m. (Again, please note the time change that we are going to this club year.) The flyers have already been distributed &/or mailed out in regard to Kick-Off along with the pre-registration form and activity permit. I hope to see everyone there . . . and reminding all of you that . . . GOD IS IN CONTROL!!!

Cheryl Rose, Commander

**Thank you . . .**

**I wish to thank all my family and friends who sent to me 70th Birthday cards, phone calls and prayers. May God bless you!**

**David C. Stricker**

The **SEPTEMBER** KCMJ Broadcast is given in loving memory of Carl & Frieda Stricker and Alex & Katherine Kautz from Joyce & Harold Kautz.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Sunday School Dedication was on August 17th and we are so grateful for all our teachers who dedicate their lives to teaching kids about God. Installed were as follows:

- Superintendent: Sharon Stricker
- Assistant: Robin Schadwinkel
- Treasurer: Amy Burton
- Adult Sunday School: Barb Kautz
- Take Twenty: Dewey Brothers
- Rest home: Vern Fegler
- Pre-school: Jodi Rupp; Helper: Heidi Robertus
- 1st & 2nd: Kathy Trook
- 3rd & 4th: Kerri Arnold
- 5th & 6th: Brian Rupp
- 7th & 8th: Andy Griess
- Senior High: 1st quarter-Bridget Schick.

We want to say a special thank you to Heather Burton who has been a faithful helper in our pre-school program for the past few years. We wish Heather the best as she is off to college. We will miss you greatly, Heather, and you will be in our prayers.

Parents, please know that you are welcome to visit you child's Sunday School class at any time. The 45 minutes that your child spends in Sunday School class could be the most important time they spend in learning to handle life and later in years, becoming the people God wants them to be. We look forward to seeing you in our classes.

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the picnic, and for all the delicious food. What a fun time of sharing and fellowship we had!

Sharon, Robin, Amy



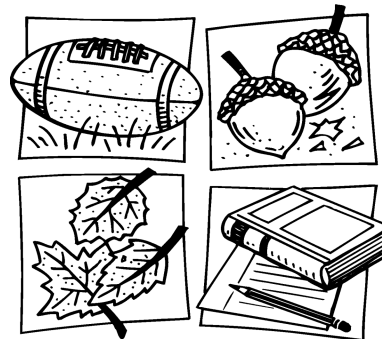
**YOUTH -**

After what seemed like a very quick summer, I am excited to get started with our regularly scheduled youth ministries. The summer has been filled with opportunities to minister more closely with some of our students because I was able to spend more time with them during summer vacation. At the same time, there are several of our students and their families who I have not had the chance to spend any time with this summer. It is these students I look forward to having the chance to minister to now that summer vacation is over. Much of what I have planned for this school year is similar to what we have been doing for the past few years with a few exceptions.

The ministries that will remain the same will be our junior high outreach on Monday nights and our senior high Bible study. The junior high outreach encourages our junior high students to invite their unsaved friends to a fun night of games in which they will hear the gospel taught in a way that encourages them to make a decision to follow Jesus. Our lessons this year will follow the story of the Bible from beginning to end in an attempt to give the students a general overview of how God has revealed himself in the Bible. This ministry also involves several of our senior high students and several adult volunteers providing them the opportunity to develop their service and leadership skills. Our senior high Bible study will continue to meet on Wednesday nights - though the time has changed to 8 P.M. We will be starting out with a thorough study of 1 Peter which is a very practical book teaching how to live as a Christian in a world that is hostile to our faith.

One of the changes we have made for this school year is on Sunday nights. Because the schedule for Awana has been moved up an hour, we now have more time on Sunday nights to get together with our senior high students for fellowship on Sunday evenings. Our plan is to go out to eat after Awana together and return to my house by 7 P.M. for a time of prayer and sharing together. Students are free to join us for dinner or just to meet us at the house at 7 P.M. After prayer and sharing, there will be time for the students to spend some informal time with each other each week. I hope many of our high school students take advantage of this time to talk and pray about how their faith can affect their life and encourage each other as their friendships develop with one another.

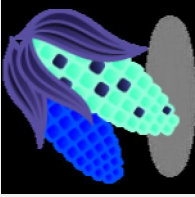



Pastor Andy



September

SEPTEMBER, 2008

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team V/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship/Awana Installation 10:30 KCMH Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel 3:30 AWANA Kick-Off	1 Labor Day Church Office Closed	2 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life	3 6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation Parent's Meeting 7:30 Choir Practice 7:00 8th Grade Confirmation Parent's Meeting 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team	4	5	6 GREBEL & COFFEE 8-10 A.M. 
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