



# NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

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World Day of Communion  
Sunday, October 7th  
Communion will be served  
in both services.



**GREBEL & COFFEE**



**Saturday, October 6th**

**7 a.m. - 10 a.m.**

**PRE-ORDERS and HELP**

welcome. Sign up at the



**Welcome Center! Or call 632-8127.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

### What's Your Story?

*"We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us,  
The deeds You did in their days, In days of old"  
Psalm 44:1 NKJV*

One of the most powerful things we can pass on to our children is our own story – how we came to Christ, how we met and married, how we worked through some of the tough spots in life. As a child I was fascinated by my parents stories – how our family came to America, how my parents met, what life was like when they were young. The lives of those we love are a window for young minds to help them learn and grow. And it's been going on for as long as there have been people on the earth. The Psalmist in the verse above recounts his first knowledge of God and God's works – he got it from his dad – probably both his earliest Bible stories were told to him by his father and his father's own recollections of the faithfulness of God in his own life. So many things are lost to our children if we don't tell them. I have some old family photo's that I know nothing about, and there are some things from the past I would love to know but those with the answers have passed from this life. What are the things your loved ones most need to know about your life story? They will be interested in stories of origin, your past and the family history. They will be interested in stories of life when it was different, how things were done, how people worked, how they passed their time, even what they wore and why. They will be interested in

stories of survival – how you or the family overcame in difficult circumstances. And they will be interested in stories of living faith – how you came to Christ and why and what difference Jesus has made in your life. This last bit, your story in Christ may be the most important of all as it may affect not only their path through this life but influence their decision about Christ for eternity! I often encourage people to put together a short testimony – their own personal pathway to faith as a vehicle for witness that they can pass on to others. Here are some questions to consider as you think about sharing your story with someone you love:

- What was my life like before I know Christ?
- How was my life different then than now?
- How did I come to learn about Christ and my need to receive Him?
- How did I come to receive Christ as my personal Savior and Lord? How did it happen, when, where, and with whom?
- How have I grown in my faith over time, what difference has Jesus made in my life at key crossroads of decision or life direction?
- How am I growing in my faith now and what feeds the fire of my relationship with Jesus today?

Maybe you've never thought through your faith story. Maybe you've never shared it with your loved ones. It can be a very positive, non-judgmental way to share your faith – after all you're just telling your story. But it may be the most important part of your story your loved one's will ever hear.



Pastor Garry

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners  
for OCTOBER, 2012



- 7 - Bud Acord/Muslims
- 14 - Bhatti Family/V.O.M.
- 21 - Jeremiah House
- 38 - Tom & Alfreda Claus,  
CHIEF

Sunday, October 7th  
is National Fallen  
Firefighter Memorial  
Day!



Praise GOD  
from whom  
all blessings  
flow!



General Fund for AUGUST, 2012

**INCOME:**

Other Income	\$	317.92
Sunday Offering		13,649.00
<u>Uncategorized Income</u>		<u>3.70</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,970.62</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	2,133.62
Ministry		1,962.26
Mission Fund		15.00
Office		438.05
Staff Benefits		3,441.91
Staff Salary		5,815.98
Utilities		<u>1,588.30</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,395.12</b>

**TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (-1,424.50)**



**COOP RECEIPTS:**

**\$45,930.17**

We are *almost* 1/2 of the way  
to \$100,000 in receipts!  
Great job, Zion !



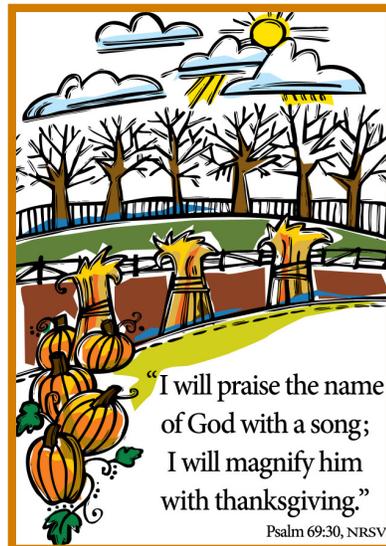
Be sure to welcome  
**Katherine Buxman**  
to the Zion Church!

***Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .***

- . . .Irene Hoffmann and Ruth Feagler on the passing of their brother, Laurence Feagler.
- . . .Barb Becker & family on the passing of Barb's brother, James Gregg.
- . . .Ed Hessler and family on the passing of Ed's sister, Pauline Dillman of Torrington, WY.
- . . .Gene & Betty Becker and family on the passing of Gene's brother-in-law, Louis Margheim, Jr.

***Congratulations to . . .***

- . . .Harvey & Bonnie Richard on their 2nd Anniversary on September 5th.
- . . .Riley Stricker, grandson to Duane & Karol Stricker, on his birthday September 14th.
- . . .new member, Katherine Buxman. Welcome!
- . . .Dorothy Stricker on her 83rd Birthday September 19th!
- . . .Alli Stricker on earning a semi-finalist spot for a National Merit Scholarship! Way to go Alli!
- . . .Janae Griess on her birthday September 28th!
- . . .Bill Loose on his 80th Birthday on September 26!
- . . .Suzanne Grasmick on her birthday September 29!



**October's KCMI Broadcast** is given  
by Harold & Joyce Kautz in memory of  
parents Alex & Katherine Kautz and  
Carl & Frieda Stricker.



**CHECK THE KITCHEN  
FOR ANY FUNERAL  
DISHES THAT MIGHT  
BE YOURS.**



### ~ AWANA NEWS ~

We had a thrilling 30<sup>th</sup> celebration as we kicked off our AWANA club year on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 30 clubbers that had their names drawn for the 30 prizes available to those present during the yummy Taco Salad/Beefy Nachos/Nachos supper (with Brownie Sundaes for dessert!).



Congratulations to the following 30 clubbers: Aphia Boyd, Nathan Schick, Aubree Weimer, Tristen Brannan, Breanna Deem, Halley Schanaman, Tristan Deem, Rebecca Libert, Grace Schick, Kodee Meyer, Gibson Kniss, Ashtyn Silverman, Cloe Brannan, Nate Mehling, Austin Rhamy, Baily Kreider, Jacob Easton, Hope Schanaman, Samantha Soundsleeper, Gideon Kniss, Jakob Silverman, Emma Robbins, Kayler Soule, Aaron Reed, Gunnar Buchhammer, Anna Schick, Joe Libert, Kinleigh Soule, Arianna Hale and Rachel Boyd. We also had a drawing for the adults/leaders that were present (and I apologize for not writing their names down) however, the one I do remember was Chad Meyer as he chose the very cool Nebraska "quilt pillow" made by Zion congregation member, Claudette Schmidt who donated that as well as another fun print quilted pillow that one of our clubbers was

thrilled to win. A BIG thank you, Claudette, for your special support of AWANA and sharing your God-given talent with us!!!

I wanted to share a few pictures of our first regular night of club on September 16<sup>th</sup>: The Staff starts our club evening off by gathering on the stage in the Ministry Center for a time of prayer. This is a precious time that is such a blessing to me and my prayer is that it touches the lives of the clubbers and their parents that may be coming to check-in for club while we are there on

the stage praying as we are praying for them - among other things! One of the awesome things that I was able to share with the staff this evening is that when I was setting up the check-in tables earlier that afternoon, I discovered an envelope hidden among the check-in papers that contained \$1,220.00 in cash - \$1,000 designated for the AWANA General Fund and \$220 for our Adopt-A-Club! WOW, God is SO GOOD and my prayer is for incredible blessings for our anonymous donor!!!

At the beginning of club for our preschool age clubbers, Puggles & Cubbies, they have a playtime and I absolutely loved this picture of our senior student leader, Austin Kniss, being tickled with a puppet by one of our Cubbies! This is Austin's 4<sup>th</sup> year of faithful service in Cubbies.

On the other end of our clubs is Trek which is our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade clubbers with Randy Stricker as the Director. They have a lot of fun and I appreciate how Randy goes the "extra mile" in his devotion time presentations. In this picture, Randy dressed up clubber Austin Rhamy to look like a biker. But Austin wasn't a biker as he didn't even have a bike. What is in our heart is



what counts - If we don't have Jesus, we are NOT a Christian!!!

This last picture is of the T&T Game Time and I had to share with you the expression on our youth pastor, Andy Griess's face as he plays with the clubbers. We are SO BLESSED here at Zion to have such a godly man that first and foremost loves Jesus but also unconditionally loves our kids and his job!



\*\*\*Thank you, again, to Janae Griess for taking all of these great pictures and uploading them to the Scottsbluff Zion Facebook

page.

Looking ahead . . . this coming Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> will be our AWANA Ministry Conference at Monument Bible Church. Then on Sunday, we will have a former clubber (and Zion's own!), **Erin Kampbell**, sharing about her mission team's work in Spain.

The first Sunday in October, we will have an **Open House** for all of our clubber's parents. **STAFF:** Please do not forget to bring a box of ice cream treats to share at the end of the evening!!! Thank you!

October is also **Pastor's Appreciation Month**, which we will celebrate on the 21<sup>st</sup> and **Fun Fair** will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

We are off to a great start in our 30<sup>th</sup> club year of AWANA here at Zion!!! I love to reflect on God's faithfulness and **HIS CONTROL** of the past 30 years - and the impact that this ministry has had in my life - not to mention in the lives of so many others!!! I look forward to the next 30 years of God's faithfulness and **HIS CONTROL**!!! (Who knows . . . maybe the Rapture will occur and we will be having club in Heaven - celebrating 3,000 years of Zion AWANA! HA!!! ☺)

Cheryl Rose, Commander



**Help our Mission's giving:**  
Purchase something from the Community Thrift Store, 1815 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., turn your receipts into the church and we will receive 10% back of our total receipts for Missions each quarter.



**Jeremiah House:**

We served the first night of the school year last Tuesday. The room was full with all four groups. It kept us running. Each year there seems to be more kids which is wonderful. We served a few homeless adults. We served ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls and cookies. Wanda made the best cookies! The college kids really liked them. One gal wanted the recipe and Helen was going to ask Wanda. Thank You Wanda for your gift. The kids love homemade cookies.

Apparently there was a misunderstanding about the need for donations of food. I put our need for meat and potatoes into the September Newsletter. Just after it was printed, I was told we had a generous money donation specifically for the Jeremiah House. I felt bad about asking for donations. People knew about the money before I did. I apologize for the mistake. I am so thankful to have enough money for the meals. It eliminates much stress. We try to serve a good meal each month. They always enjoy our food

Brian Hale will come to our church service to speak on the Jeremiah House. I learned that the Jeremiah House was started in someone's apartment. It was later moved to a building that the Baptist Church had standing empty. What a great ministry. We are looking forward to next month.

Serving for the Lord,  
Terry Martin



**LADIES GUILD:**

The ladies met September 10<sup>th</sup> with 15 ladies present and the meeting was opened by Wanda.

Hymns were sung, birthday wishes given and needs prayed for. The secretary & treasurer's reports were given and approved. Devotions were given by Linda Peterson entitled "God's Word is Amazing".

In new business, the Nominating Committee was appointed: Joyce Kautz, Janae Griess and Helen Maier. Mission Sunday is September 30<sup>th</sup> with a carry-in dinner at noon. A motion was made to donate to Missions. Erin Kampbell

will be our guest speaker at our October meeting. A committee was appointed to sort through the Guild items in the garage and dispose or distribute them accordingly. Hostesses for the evening were Noni Hizel and Lela Hilzer.

The meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Helen Maier, Secretary



**MISSIONS CORNER:**

**Why Support Missions**

It has been asked, why should we support missions?

Philippians 2:3-11 demonstrates that missions is the heartbeat of God as shown by the greatest missionary martyr in the history of mankind, none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus left His comfort zone of heaven to come to earth to be like us, to eat like us, dress like us, and to share with us how to be rescued from the darkness and everlasting separation from an intimate relationship with God; all because He was burdened for our spiritual wellbeing and wanted to restore us to Himself. John 3:16.

First of all, missions is important because of the cross of Christ. If we were to choose only one symbol to represent Christianity over the centuries, it would be the cross. At the cross God demonstrated His love for all of us and provided a way for all to experience the forgiveness of sin. The Apostle John reminds us that Christ "is the payment for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Since Christ died for the sins of the whole world, it is logical that we should be deeply concerned about reaching every individual with the gospel. The world will never be brought to Christ unless we bring Christ to the world. If you find yourself complaining about missions, then be careful, because you are complaining about the very thing God has approved and even commanded!

Secondly, missions is important because of the command of Christ. In all four Gospels and also in the Book of Acts, Jesus Christ gives us the *Great Commission*. His last commandment to us was to obey Matthew 28:18-20. "Then Jesus ... said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" It is never presented as an option to be considered, but

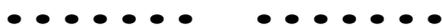
always as a mandate to be obeyed. For nearly 2,000 years, the marching orders of the church (us) have been, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The phrase "all the world" means that when it comes to our proclamation of the gospel, everyone is to be included and no one is to be excluded. If we believe the Word, we believe this mandate. If we think the commands in the Word are optional, then we will believe our responsibility is optional as well.

Thirdly, the great commission has never been canceled; we are His ambassadors, from II Corinthians 5:20, and called to reach the world with the gospel of Christ. Jesus taught that missions was the way to make disciples. Like Paul's statement "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." We are called as a church, as the living active body of Christ, to reach everyone, everywhere.

Thus a missionary spirit is the hope of the world and the nearest thing to the heart of God. "Give us the tools and we will finish the job." If we are to evangelize the world in our generation, we must give the missionary the tools to do the job! Not just any tools, but the best quality. If we don't, the cults and atheist will go before us. Yes, because missions is important to God it must therefore be important to us. The need is now! Go.....

Our missions committee met this month and approved for KCMI to receive monthly support from the missions general fund. Funds that are designated for general use for missions goes to regularly support for Pastor Bhatti with Voice of the Martyrs, Jeremiah House, Radio Bible Class (Daily Bread), Salvation Poems, and other missions work. We are working on a mission's statement of vision and purpose for our church along with a proposal to make missions a regular part of the annual budget which will be presented at the annual meeting for approval.

In His Love,  
Linda Peterson



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - We are off to a good start in our fall quarter at Zion Sunday School. The teachers are excited about teaching the Word of God and the kids are happy to learn about Jesus. We will be looking towards our Christmas program and practices, (that comes sooner than you think) and we will have dates and program practice times by our next newsletter. We are just putting the finishing touches on everything. Parents, please know you

are always welcome to visit your child's Sunday School class at any time. For our younger kids, I know that there are take home papers for parents to share with their children. This gives you a special bonding with God and your child. If you have any concerns or prayer requests, please stop by the office; we are there for you. Have a great fall.

In God's love,  
Sharon, Robin, Deb



**THANK YOU!**

*I have a grateful heart in thanking my Zion Church Family for having me serve as church organizer for the past 45 years. It was truly an awesome surprise to be honored for my service. Thank you so very, very much for gift certificate and the bouquet of flowers. Just to add a piece of history to the event. Peter Busch was the church council president in 1967 when I began playing the organ. His son, Robert Busch, is our current church council president. As well, we certainly owe a debt of gratitude to the Busch family for so faithfully serving our church during the course of many years. I also thank my family for all their support through the years and the bouquet of flowers.*

God Bless,  
Norma Ray



**Your Help is Needed!**

The 100th Anniversary Committee is looking for family members that are related to our charter members. If you know of anyone, please contact Robert Busch at 631-4503 or 623-2837. The chartering members were:

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| Jakob Hartung        | Andreas Herrman       |
| Andreas Greutz       | Friedrich Peppler     |
| George Peppler       | Jakob Schwartzkoph    |
| Johannes Kindsvater  | Friedrich Schafer     |
| Friedrich Schwarz    | Johann Boem           |
| Nicolaus Nagel       | Heinrich Fuchs        |
| David Schafer        | Peter Dermer          |
| Gottfried Lind       | Heinrich Weitzel      |
| Conrad Vogler        | Friedrich Rehn        |
| George Schmidt       | Friedrich Schmidt     |
| Heinrich Peter Gobel | Johannes Schwartzkoph |
| Konrad Brob          | Asmus                 |
| George Schmidt       | Johannes Jakob Funk   |
| Friedrich Schneider  | Alexander Benzel      |
| Heinrich Hinkel      | G. Schmik             |
| J. Meininger         |                       |

**YOUTH:** I have been pleased with the way this school year has gotten kicked off especially when it comes to our high school group. We have as many students participating as we have ever had both on Wednesdays for Bible study and on Sunday nights for prayer and fellowship. The group of freshmen who just moved up into our high school group have been very involved in all activities and are fitting in well with the rest of our high school students. We are currently studying 1 Thessalonians in Bible study, and we could not have chosen a more appropriate book for the group that we have coming. It's a book about standing firm for the Gospel in times when standing for the Gospel is difficult to do. The first three chapters deal with what it means to believe the Gospel, what it takes to share the Gospel effectively, and what joy comes when you see the Gospel change lives. Nearly every student in our Bible study is also volunteering time each week as student leaders in Awana or in our junior high outreach or both, so the lessons have been very practical and timely. I really am looking forward to a great year with this group of students.

I'm also pretty excited with what I've seen so far with our junior high group. I've had the best attendance I've had in years for my seventh and eighth grade Sunday school class so far this year. We are reading and talking through the book of Proverbs together. I know I'll be amazed at how

much these students grow in wisdom if they continue to show up and participate in the discussions the way they have for the past month. Our junior high outreach has started out the year with poor attendance. This has been the case each year since we moved it to Thursday nights because of early school year conflicts with students' athletics schedules. Once we are past the middle of October, we should see our numbers pick up as the students' schedules clear up. One thing I should say about the small group we have had so far is that they are a fun group of students. Even when we have had a huge group of junior high students over the past few years, they have been very easy to deal with and have been easy to teach. I know this has been due not only to the fact that we have had good kids attending but also to the fact that I have a great team of leaders that help me out each week. I owe a lot to Erik Harris, Kyle Harris, and Alexandra Stricker who have been helping this year as well as about 10 of our high school students who will be volunteering. This year we have a great mix of older more experienced leaders and brand new leaders who are going to do a great job. All in all, things seem to be off to a great start. Please pray that God uses all of our efforts to help students know how great he is so they will trust him with all their hearts.

Andy

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**There are 15 spaces available to anyone 13 yrs or older to help at the distribution center for our annual trip to Denver.**

**Now is the time to start planning and making arrangements!**

**DATE: Saturday, November 24th**

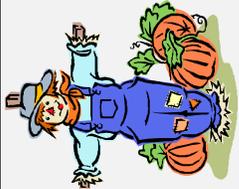
**TIME: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**There will be more information to follow.**



**OCTOBER, 2012**

**Zion Evangelical Church Calendar**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 8:30 Worship & Communion 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/Brothers 10:30 Worship Communion 10:30 KCMV Broadcast 3:30 Awana	10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Guild 7:30 Men's Basketball	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Church Board Mtg	9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	7:00 JR High Youth	5	6 <b>GREBEL &amp; COFFEE</b> 7-10 A.M.
<b>WORLD DAY OF COMMUNION</b> 8:30 Worship & Communion 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/Brothers 10:30 Worship Communion 10:30 KCMV Broadcast 3:30 Awana	10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:30 Men's Basketball	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study Happy Anniversary, Dewey & Betty!	6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	7:00 JR High Youth	12	13
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