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ADVENT

“Stir up your power,
Lord Christ, and come.”

Mission Statement

Our congregation shall proclaim the Gospel of Christ through celebration and sacrifice. It shall be committed through this proclamation to a Ministry of Evangelism to all people emphasizing a program of teaching and witness.

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Evangelical Lutheran

Worship

The New Hymnals Have Arrived!

At the end of the 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, November 26th**, we will retire the Lutheran Book of Worship and With One Voice hymnals with a brief *Order of Service for Retirement* and then on **Sunday, December 4th**, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service we will include an *Order to Dedicate the New Hymnals – Evangelical Lutheran Worship* as our worship book. Included in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* are liturgies from the previous hymnals so the transition to the new hymnal will be a user friendly one, beginning with liturgies we already know. In February we will begin to learn a new liturgy. Our worship team is excited about introducing *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* to the congregation and with “baby steps” we will celebrate together our rich history and our new treasures.

If anyone would like to keep copies of the Lutheran Book of Worship and With One Voice hymnals they will be available for you to take during the month of December. Further details to follow.

Special Advent & Christmas Worship at Zion

Advent II—December 10th

This 7:00 p.m. service will include special music by our choirs. Please plan to attend this evening as we wait together and anticipate our Lord’s arrival. There will be a freewill offering to support the Sault Star Santa Fund. Refreshments to follow.

Advent IV—December 24

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (no 10:00 a.m. service)

Christmas Eve—December 24

5:00 p.m. German Language Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Christmas Family Worship of Lessons and Carols,
with Holy Communion

10:00 p.m. Christmas Candle Light Worship with Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas—December 31

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (no 8:30 a.m. service)

Epiphany Sunday—January 7

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (no 8:30 a.m. service)



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S REPORT

Eleven ladies met June 19th, to hear guest **Linda Sullivan** speak about all phases of dementia and Alzheimer's.

After a busy, happy summer, we held our first fall meeting on September 11th. A humorous skit promoting Esprit was performed by the ladies. This was a good reminder for renewal of the Esprit subscription which was due in early October.

The Northern Conference Fall Event was held in North Bay on September 23rd. Our ladies were unable to attend but did send non-perishable food items for "Food for Friends." Our Northern Conference President, **Carolyn Fremlin**, brought these items and our best wishes to the ladies.

ELW continues to support the "Manna Basket," a year long project which provides a new group of items needed each month for Pauline's Place. With the congregation's support it has been very successful.

At the October 16th meeting, **Catherine Johnson**, from the Seniors Drop-In Centre spoke to us about housing, activities, financial, and medical issues seniors may have. **Fern Sandvik** gave a report on items made and donated to the various care centres:

- 154 hats to the Cancer Clinic
- 10 blankets to the Community Cupboard in Goulais River
- 13 lap robes to the Van Daele Nursing Home

On Sunday, November 19th, the ELW will lead the Praise Offering worship service which will be raising awareness of violence in our society and the funds used to educate and also support the ELCIC to be a church for others.

In ELW we learn so much from our guests and inspiration devotions but also enjoy the time spent with friends. We hope all women of the congregation will join us for the monthly meetings.

Gloria Lang, Secretary

Nursery Notes



The Nursery Schedule is now on the revolving tower for December and January. Please consider adding your name.

- Please think about being available the same Sunday each month.
- The simple baby monitor is providing nursery staff with an ear to worship.
- Thank you for the donated "Little People" figures for the boats, planes, and cars.
- Colouring, and play dough, are now available thanks to donations.

It was so great to have a complete schedule of volunteers for October and November. **Thank you to everyone that gave this gift of service.**

Toddlers are at the age that finds it hard to say good-bye to parents. Parents are helping our little flock get use to the Nursery. As well, recognizable toys, environment, and staff will all help to make the Nursery at Zion a familiar and secure place to visit regularly.

To All Envelope Holders:

Effective January 2007 envelope holders at Zion will be issued a new envelope number. This is necessary because of members leaving and some new ones arriving at Zion. Also, because of the computer programme I use for the recording of the offerings and issuing of the income tax receipts it is much easier if the names line up numerically.

Thirty-one members have opted to use PAR (pre-authorization programme) for their offerings and many of these members prefer to not receive a box of envelopes at the beginning of each year as the envelopes are not used and are a waste. Par users will still be issued a number for recording purposes but will not be issued a box of envelopes. In the New Year we will look into issuing PAR users envelopes for special offerings such as Good Friday, Mission Sunday, Anniversary, and Christmas.

There are many blank spaces in my envelope holder's list and with this re-alignment, as well as not issuing envelopes to the PAR users, I have ordered seventy five less sets of envelopes which results in a financial savings and less waste. It has been at least ten years since we have had to re-align the envelope numbers and the down side of this change is that we have to get use to new numbers. This usually is only a problem when we forget our envelope at home and use a visitor's envelope so extra

care will be needed in these cases so that you receive proper credit for your donations.

Your co-operation and understanding is appreciated as this change requires me to delete all membership data such as name, address, and postal code, and re-enter it to each envelope holder's new number after I have done my final entry of the 2006 offerings and have printed out the 2006 tax receipts. *To receive credit for income tax purposes all donations must be included in the offering of Sunday December 31, 2006 or received in the church office the week prior to that Sunday.*

Tim Mullin
Financial Secretary

WEBSITE

www.zionlutheran-ssm.org

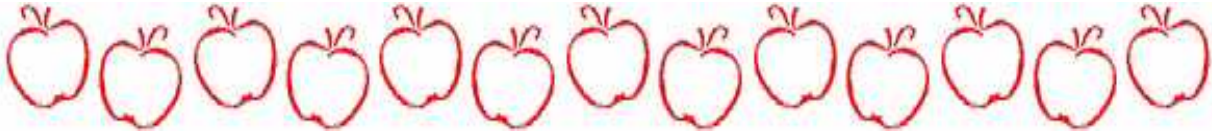
Zion's updated website is now online. This site will be updated on a weekly basis allowing members and non-members information regarding the activities of our church community.

The Gifts of Serving schedules can be accessed by going to News & Newsletters.

Poinsettias for Christmas

To order a poinsettia, to be placed beside the altar for December 24th, please complete a Poinsettia Order Form. Your order form and payment should be placed in the poinsettia box, on the table in the Narthex, **no later than Sunday, December 17th**. A separate order form should be completed for each poinsettia ordered. Copies will be made available on the table in the Narthex. Please **do not** use your offering envelopes since Revenue Canada does not consider this a charitable donation. **If you are not able to come to the church please contact the church office: 253-8703.**





October was really apple month here at Zion Lutheran Church

On Sunday, October 22, there was an insert in the bulletin and in case you missed it, here is the story.

Once upon a time there was a man who had nothing...

And God gave him ten apples.

God gave him the first apple so that he might have something to give back to God to show his gratitude for the other nine.

God gave him three apples to eat.

God gave him three more apples to trade for a shelter from the sun and rain.

God gave him three other apples to trade for clothing.

The man ate three apples.

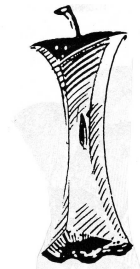
He traded three for a shelter from the sun and rain.

He traded three for clothing.

Then he looked at the first apple he received...

He knew God had given him the first apple so that he might return it out of gratitude for the other nine as well. But, the apple looked bigger and juicier than the rest. And he reasoned God had all the other apples in the world...

So the man ate the first apple also, and gave back to God...the core.



God has given us enough apples to supply our needs – enough to show our gratitude to God for His creative power; His love in Christ; His Spirit at work now. Will we return to God our best – or only the core?

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On Sunday evening of October 22, several children enjoyed the VeggieTales movie "Larry Boy and the Bad Apple" where we learned that we need the help of God and our friends to deal with Temptation.

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From October 23 to October 28 several members of the congregation, and non-members, again spent hours making delicious apple pies to sell to raise funds to defray the costs of the lunch programme at St. Vincent Place.

What a bunch of GOOD APPLES!!!

Our Offerings vs. Our Budget

| | Projected | Received to October 31 | Difference | % Owing to Year End |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Current | \$172,187.00 | \$ 88,224.48 | \$83,962.52 - | 49% |
| Benevolence | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 12,260.57 | \$ 7,739.43 - | 39% |
| Debt Payment | \$ 21,000.00 | \$ 15,609.60 | \$ 5,390.40 - | 26% |

News From Council...

- We encourage all members of the congregation to stay for the Congregational Meeting after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 26th. There are 4 positions to be filled on Council. Please contact Brenda Cochrane for further information.
- The Council invites you to assist with decorating the Christmas Tree and Sanctuary on Saturday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship.
- The National Assembly of the ELCIC will be in Winnipeg on June 21-24, 2007. We MUST send a delegate from Zion, and ask if there is someone in the congregation who may wish to attend. See Brenda Cochrane for more details.
- Watch for NCD coming in 2007 !

News from Learning & Youth...

- Our Sunday School children are busy in preparation for the Advent Season.
- In "Mission for Others" they will be visiting the Finnish Resthome on Dec. 10th at 2 p.m. to share their talents in song for the residents. They also plan to visit members in hospital. For this reason, there will not be a Christmas Pageant in December. However, the children will be assisting in the lighting of the Advent candle each Sunday.
- Our Confirmation Classes are also participating in a mission project as they assist at St. Vincent Place in serving the Christmas meal on December 20th. The First Year students will again be writing the Prayers of the People at Advent.
- The Adult Book Study led by Marg Christenson continues on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
- Thank you to Ted Bos for his donation to the Library.

Reformation Fun

On Sunday, November 5, after the service several people celebrated the Reformation by watching the film "Luther". This DVD is in the library in case you missed it. With the Christmas season fast approaching you may want to enjoy this Reformation Carol Sung to the tune of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

There was a monk named Luther,
As devout as he could be.
You couldn't find a better
Monk in all of Germany.

All of the other friars
Used to laugh and call him names.
They never dreamed that God would
Lead him down the path to fame.

Then one cold October morn
God's call came to him:
"Luther, I think you are right;
I want you to lead my fight."

So then he wrote his theses;
Tacked them up for all to see.
And now the Reformation
Will go down in history...

By Anne & Tom Lipe of Damascus, MD

FOUR CORNER GOODS (formerly Alternative Trade)

Four Corner Goods (formerly Alternative Trade) will be available on **Sunday, November 19th and 26th, and December 3rd and 10th**, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. These goods will also be available on **Saturday, November 25th and December 2nd**. Give a gift that gives twice – once to the recipient and also to the third world country artisan.

APPLE PIES FOR SALE

The Service Committee would like to thank all volunteers who gave their time and energy to the "Apple Pie Project". These delicious pies can be purchased for \$7.00 each after the Sunday worship services or by calling the Church Office at 253-8703, Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CHEER DEPOT

Zion will be a Christmas Cheer Depot site once again on **Wednesday, December 20th**. The Service Committee and the Men's Group are pleased to coordinate this activity and will be seeking volunteers to help out in any way. Volunteers are needed to assist with the sorting and distribution of the Christmas Cheer packages during the hours of **11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** Please feel free to assist for even one hour. There is a potluck brunch at 10:00 a.m. so we can have some fun and fellowship before the trucks arrive with all the Christmas Cheer boxes. Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the coatroom bulletin board.

REV. KATHARINE BERGBUSCH

Rev. Katharine Bergbusch, ELCIC long-term missionary in Peru, will conclude her service with the Peruvian Lutheran Evangelical Church at the end of 2006. It is anticipated that she will make a farewell tour of her sponsoring congregations early in 2007 after she returns to Canada. She will continue to be an MW employee for up to six months next year; this is her resettlement period which is an integral part of the service of an ELCIC long-term missionary. Consequently, MW is encouraging Katharine's sponsors to maintain their financial support for Katharine's ministry until mid 2007. Katharine has served in Peru since 1994 mostly in Lima, but for the last couple of years she has been working with communities of faith in Iquitos and nearby Triunfo in the northern Amazon region. ILEP has forwarded a proposal to MW requesting the funds they will require to support a Peruvian pastor to continue the mission in the Iquitos area after Katharine's departure. A written proposal for a new long-term ELCIC missionary to be based in Lima and work in congregational and music ministry has also been received. Rev. Paul Johnson has visited Peru this past August to discuss both of these proposals with Rev. Pedro Bullon Moreano who was elected in February as the ILEP President for a three-year term.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND ADULT'S CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have begun. New members are always welcome, in both choirs, to enjoy an evening of fun and to support the congregation in song. (The children's choir welcomes all children in grade 3 and up.) The first half (6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.) of the children's choir will be spent learning new songs and activities, and the second half (7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.) will be spent singing with the adult's choir. For more information contact **Karen Kettles** (942-3804).

PRAISE CHORUS

The Praise Chorus has begun their rehearsals on **Thursday evenings**, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hope you will consider joining us. For more information contact **Nancy Huizing** (949-6652).



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Worship at Zion

Sunday @ 8:30 a.m.

Spoken Liturgy with Holy Communion

Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion

Sunday Church School

Staffed Nursery

Fellowship Refreshments

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