

The Zion Lamp



ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL
Decatur, Indiana

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path..”

Psalm 119:105

November, 2010

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Do you ever find it hard to be thankful? I sometimes do. When things are not going my way or when life seems difficult it is often hard to be thankful and to see the blessings that God has placed into your lives. In the explanation to the first article to the creed Luther writes:

“I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, field and cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; that he defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil, and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.”

After reading of all the things that God has placed into our lives it is very difficult to be thankless. We can always find reasons to thank our loving God. It does not matter if we have found ourselves in a time of want or in a time of plenty there is always a reason to give thanks. In giving thanks to our loving God we make a change in our attitude and our hearts, we begin to see all the blessings that God has given and understand that we have not been forgotten or forsaken. Instead, we see the hand of God at work in every area of our lives turning us to see the work of God and to give thanks to him with a joyful heart.

My challenge to you as we enter this November and approach Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent is to read again the words of the explanation to the first article to the Apostles’ Creed and be reminded of all God has placed into your life. I challenge you to set aside the worries, anxieties, and troubles that you may have by listening to God in prayer all for which you are thankful. I promise that you will find that all the worries, anxieties and fears will not seem as heavy as before in light of all that God has given you. Turn and be thankful to God and discover that He is even now giving you another reason to be thankful by lifting from your shoulders your heavy burdens and worries just as He promised through Jesus who said, “cast all your cares upon me and I will give you rest.” It is then that we can sing songs of thankfulness and praise with a heart made light through the grace of God.

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Phil



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IMPORTANT CHURCH NEWS

PULSE MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

In November, PULSE service will be held on Saturday the 13th at 7:00 pm. There will be only one PULSE service in November since the 4th Saturday falls during Thanksgiving weekend. PULSE is a praise service with a band and music like that of Christian radio—yet we have all the important elements of our regular services. If you have not attended Pulse or you have some friends or family who are not familiar with our church, then PULSE is the perfect place to bring them to introduce them to Zion and the Christian faith.



VOTERS' MEETING SCHEDULE:

Next voters' meeting will be on November 21 at 9:15 am with a potluck meal directly after the 10:30 am combined service.

ATTENTION LADIES!.....

Grace Bible Study began its new season on September 2. Please join us at 7:00 pm in FLC Conference Room as we spread "Contagious Joy". Bring a friend! Schedule:

- Nov 4—18
- Dec 2-Advent Candlelight Tea

ZION WEBSITE UPDATE

Zion's website is being updated and worked on by a number of people here at church. One great thing that you can see online is our weekly Bible class. Please take a moment to watch the class and then possibly come and attend. You can listen and enjoy our sermons from August 15-September 19 online. You can even tell others about them as well. In the future you will be able to access them on iTunes or other media to more easily share them. Hope to see you soon and enjoy the website. Yours in Christ, Pastor Phil

SENIOR DINNER AT NEW HOPE, OSSIAN

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, is having a Senior Citizens' Dinner & Program for all 55+ on Thursday, November 4, from 11:30 am-1 pm in their Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will include a sing-a-long with Ed Higgins, an amazing show by Jim Barron featuring his delightful comedy and talented illusions, all coupled with a great gospel message. A free will offering dinner will be served by the ladies of New Hope. RSVP by calling New Hope's Church Office at 622-7954 by Monday, November 1.

QUARTERLY CHARITY for OCTOBER-DECEMBER: The Hope Clinic

The Hope Clinic is "proudly committed to giving women and their children hope" by:

- ◆ Striving to be the first choice for women in Adams County & surrounding areas facing unplanned pregnancies;
- ◆ Offering support programs for women who are struggling to meet the challenges of providing material needs for their children;
- ◆ Offering educational assistance to parents in their endeavors to increase their parenting skills

Free services provided to clients include:

- ◆ Pregnancy testing & ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy
- ◆ Client education in regard to sexual integrity and STDs
- ◆ *Baby Bucks* incentive program & free diaper program (income-based)
- ◆ Maternity and infant clothing loan programs
- ◆ *It's All About Me* sexual integrity presentations for students and groups
- ◆ *Tender Mercies* post-abortion recovery program

The Hope Clinic is located at 970 S. 11th Street, Decatur (260-728-4191); and, at 165 W. Water Street, Berne (260-589-3561).

We will be collecting the following items for the clinic during November:

Hope Clinic Wish List

- Baby: wash, lotion, shampoo
 - Packs of wipes and washcloths
 - Toys: rattles, stacking blocks, doughnuts, etc., puzzles, other toys for infants to 3 years of age
 - Clothing: onesies, socks for infants to tots age 3
- The Hope clinic can also use any other baby related items, except formula or food. The Clinic will accept "gently used" items such as toys, baby swings, etc.

IT'S EASY TO REACH THE SECRETARIES!

Here are the current email addresses for the church secretaries:

- Gena Bohning**—gbohning@ziondecatur.com
- Janell Bowers**—jbowers@ziondecatur.com
- Church office**—church@ziondecatur.com

Both secretaries have access to the church mailbox. Email is an easy way to submit articles for the Roar and the Lamp.

Please be sure to remove the cscherry mailbox from your address book. This address is no longer valid.

UPDATES ON THE SMP PLAN FOR 2010

Board of Finance - The Board of Finance is again teaming up with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to present an economic seminar with guest speaker Paul Stein. In addition to information on the current economic status, a presentation will be made by DuWayne Herman on properly executed wills. He will also explain how planning now will affect your estate later. The seminar will be held at Adams Memorial Hospital on November 4 with registration starting at 6:00 pm. A free meal will also be provided to attendees. Please call 724-4222 to register.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY EVENTS

First Sunday Brunch—Will be held on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 11 am to 1:30 pm with a Thanksgiving theme in the Katherine Luther Dining Hall. Tickets are \$11 adults, \$10 age 60+ and \$5 children 4-12. CTS and Concordia Lutheran High School are “Partnering in Education”. \$5.50 of each ticket purchased at the High School main office will be donated to the school’s Tuition Assistance Fund. Call CLHS at 260-483-1102 for info.

Music Events Scheduled—In conjunction with the Good Shepherd Institute Conference at CLS, the following music events will be offered to the public:

Sunday, Nov 7—Organ Recital by Balint Karosi of First Lutheran, Boston, in Kramer Chapel at 4:30 pm.

All Saints’ Choral Vespers—7:30 pm, Kramer Chapel. Brahms Requiem, Movements I, IV and VII will be performed along with Hassler: “Lord, Let at Last Thine Angels Come”, sung by the Seminary Schola Cantorum.

Monday, Nov 8—Piano Recital by Rev. Stephen van der Hoek of Lutheran Church of Australia, in Sihler Auditorium.

Choral Vespers at 4 pm in Kramer Chapel with the Kantorei of Hope Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Hymn Festival—7:30 pm, Kramer Chapel. For a complete conference schedule or to register online, please go to www.goodshepherdinstitute.org or call 260-452-2224.



TREASURER’S REPORT

Our revenue at the end of 8 months is ahead of last year by \$31,000.

- ◆ Envelope offerings are \$17,000 more
- ◆ School income is \$16,000 more
- ◆ School has tithed \$2,700
- ◆ Expenses are \$450 less than last year

In summary, we are showing a loss of \$30,822 as compared to a loss of \$62,000 last year.

Our actual shortfall per week is \$880. The budget shortfall per week is \$2,600.

OWLS MEET IN NOVEMBER

On Tuesday, November 16, the Older Wiser Lutherans will meet at Adams Memorial Hospital in the Dining Area at noon for a discussion of Universal Health Care and the upcoming Health Care Reform passed by the Obama Administration. The discussion will be led by Wally Fink. Please make plans to come and hear this important information about our Health Care System.

MISSION UNIVERSITY—EQUIPPING TO SHARE— Nov 6, 9 am-2 pm

The Evangelism Board is offering a training course in how to share your faith. The course is part of Lutheran Hour Ministries’ new Mission U. The first course in Mission U is “Equipping to Share”. This course challenges students to recognize and embrace their roles as Christ’s witnesses. Students will identify witnessing obstacles and receive Biblical tools to overcome them. They will learn to recognize and to initiate faith-sharing conversations. Students will practice sharing their faith in unique contexts and within relationship models they may likely encounter. This course provides ample hands-on application to increase confidence. Please make plans to become a student at Mission U here at Zion. The course will be offered on Saturday, November 6 from 9 am-2 pm. Please RSVP to the church office.

FAITH LEGACY – AGE FOUR

On November 7, the next Faith Legacy Class will begin for parents of children who are four years old. The age four class is about worship and how we can pass the legacy of faith concerning worship on to our children. The class will be on November 7, 14, and 21 with a blessing event on the 21st. If you are the parent of a child age four, please plan to attend our Faith Legacy class. It will meet on the first three Sundays in November at 9:15 am in the church nursery. For more information, contact Pastor Phil at the church office.

CHURCH AND AREA NEWS

SNEAKER SERVICE—WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

Our sneaker service will continue in the month of November on the 3rd, 10th and 17th. On Wednesday, November 24, Zion will offer its yearly Thanksgiving Eve service with Communion at 12:00 noon and 7 pm. The sneaker service will resume in January after the Advent and Christmas season has concluded.

COMBINED SERVICE AT ZION-NOVEMBER 21

Zion will be holding its final voters' meeting of 2010 on November 21 to adopt the ministry funding plan for 2011. Yet, this is also an opportunity for us to gather as an entire church family for worship together. We will be holding ONE COMBINED SERVICE at 10:30 am to be followed by a Potluck Meal in the Family Life Center, It will be our church family Thanksgiving meal together. It is a time to invite friends and family to be a part of all the good things that are happening at Zion.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES—

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

God's Word encourages us to turn back to God with praise and thanksgiving and to return to Him with repentance. We also have the promise that "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." On November 24 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm we will have the opportunity to once again give thanks to the Lord and ask that He would continue to bless our land. Join with your church family to sing Songs of Thankfulness and Praise.

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD:

NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE NOW OFFERED

The middle circle in the communion tray is now filled with nonalcoholic wine. This is for those who need for medical or personal reasons to not have wine with alcohol.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

A new FPU class began October 20. If you would like more information, please contact Terry Bultemeier at 728-4833.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us at Vinnie's downtown Decatur Nov. 26 at 6 pm to enjoy a refreshing drink and some lively discussion. Our next Theology on Tap will be a discussion of the miraculous birth of Jesus and whether or not Mary, his mother, remained a virgin forever. Invite a friend. It's gonna be fun.

Receive The Lamp by EMAIL - We at Zion are trying to reduce the number of newsletters that we mail out each month. We currently mail out over 500 newsletters each month. We would like to reduce that amount by at least 20-30% because it would not only save us postage, but paper, ink, and wear on our copy machine. If you would like to receive The Lamp by email, please call the church office or contact Pastor Phil at pphifer@ziondecatour.com.

HOPE CLINIC VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Hope Clinic will be holding volunteer training sessions on Mondays November 8 and November 22 in the Decatur office. Call between 10 am and 5 pm, at 728-4191 on Mondays and Wednesdays or 589-3561 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for information and an application. The Hope Clinic needs volunteers like you to make a difference-one life at a time!

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Earlier this year, the Endowment Committee solicited ideas, suggestions and projects that the Endowment Fund could support. We are excited to announce that the Endowment Fund made the following distributions for the year 2010:

- \$950 for Sunday School material storage units
- \$650 for Board of Finance workshops
- \$400 for parenting tip radio ads
- \$350 for tuition assistance, Amy Powell, attending Concordia University at Chicago
- \$350 for tuition assistance, Rachell Powell, attending Concordia University at Chicago
- \$1370 for sidewalk replacement at the south of the church along 10th street
- \$750 for Pastor Phil's Doctoral Ministry Program in Fort Wayne

As members of the Endowment Committee, we are excited to be a part of this effort in supporting our church and its members.

- Candy Williamson
- Keith Harvey
- Sylvia Scheumann
- DuWayne Herman
- Bryan Saalfrank

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

2ND TYLER BROWN
PAUL BUSSE

3RD MARYANNE WORKINGER

4TH BRIAN FULLENKAMP
SARAH JONES
JAMEE KENNEY

5TH SHAWN ELLER
BRUCE ROOP
AIMEE STROUD
CHRISTIAN WEILAND
HALLE WILLIAMS

6TH MATTHEW SAUER
BLAKE THOMAS

7TH NICOLE BUSSE
SASHA HARRISON

8TH TRAVIS BULTEMEIER

9TH ALYSSA BAUMAN
TORI FUHRMANN
MARCI MENDEZ

10TH BRANDIE DAVIS
NATHANIEL QUINONES
CANDACE WILLIAMSON

11TH CONSTANCE HAMMOND
ASHLYN JENNINGS
MASON SCHULTZ
PAYTON SCHULTZ

12TH CONNOR BUSSEL
JOAN FORTMAN
PATRICIA FRANZ
BRANT MILLER
CAROL SMITH

13TH JUSTIN BUHR
BERNITA HARVEY
RYAN SOUSIE

14th ALISA IRWIN
JOEL LINGERICH
CODY LINK
TIMOTHY REICHHART



ANNIVERSARIES

16TH JAMES BOWEN
BEVERLY CASE
BARBARA JOHNSON

17TH TREVOR CRISWELL
JILL MILHOLLAND
DENNIS MYERS
KAREN VOSHELL

18TH CHAD FUHRMAN
ALLISON SCHMOLL
ZACHARY THOMAS

19TH JILL BUSSE
ZACHARY COLCLASURE
AARON DAVIS
MARY KRUECKEBERG
STANLEY SHAFER

20TH SANDRA MILLER
LYNNEA ZIMMER

21ST PHILIPP BLEEKE
MORGAN HILL
TERESA MORNINGSTAR

22ND LAURIE BLITHE
BRITTANY HUTKER
MARILYN SAUER

23RD VIRGIL BOWERS, JR
STEVEN ETZLER
TORRENCE KISSELL

24TH CHARLES KRUECKEBERG

25TH JULI GERKE
JANET HEIMANN

26TH KATHLEEN BROWN
WENDY CROSS
LINDSEY STIMPSON

27TH ASHLEY ROOP

28TH LUCAS MCKEE
GLENNA WEILAND

29TH STACEY BUSSEL
JACK HARVEY

30TH JANA HUNTER
RYAN MENDEZ

4TH JENNIFER & DANNY HALL

8TH LINDSEY & NICKOLAS IRWIN
JOYCE & HERMAN WITTE

10TH LYNNE & MICHAEL BELL
LYNNE & ROBERT TEETER

11TH CHERIE & SCOTT BIENZ

12TH DEBORAH & DOUGLAS UNGEMACH

16TH LINDA & DAVID GUNSETT
KAYLEEN & RANDALL HORMANN
NANCY & ROBERT TRIPP

18TH DEBORAH & HOWARD GIROD

21ST KATHRYN & HUGH CONRAD
ANN & STEVEN HILL

22ND SUZANNE & RUDOLPH CACIANO
JENNIFER & CHAD SPRUNGER

24TH JENNIFER & TIMOTHY MENDEZ

25TH KRISTIN & NATHAN PYATT

27TH NAOMI & RAYMOND BECHER
JANET & CHARLES KRUECKEBERG
MARY & MICHAEL O'DONNELL

28TH LISA & STEPHEN HUFFINE



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL NOTES

“BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER”—EPHESIANS 6:10

Zion Lutheran School exists to offer a Christ-centered, child-focused, quality Lutheran education to all children, empowering them to be bold disciples of Jesus.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

We are in a battle!

We have an enemy who wants to steal away everything God wants us to have. Only it's not a battle we can see. Our enemy is Satan—and Satan lives in the invisible world of the spirit. Even though we can't see him, Satan is very real. And he wants nothing more than to take us away from God.

And Satan is sneaky. He will use every trick to get us to turn away from God.

You don't have to be afraid of Satan—but you have to be ready to fight him! And so, like a great warrior, you need to put on your armor. And because your enemy is a spirit, God will give you spiritual armor.

So put on the whole Armor of God!



November Calendar

2	K-8 Leaf raking (12-2 pm)
4	K-98 Leaf raking (12-2 pm) Rain date
5-7	Varsity Girls' Basketball Tourney—Indianapolis
6	Recycling, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., parking lot
12	Concordia Day grades 7-8
12-14	Varsity Boys' Basketball Tourney—Indianapolis
19	2nd Quarter midterms
24	K-8 Thanksgiving parties
25-26	Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)



RECYCLING DAY—Zion Students will once again be collecting newspapers, magazines and aluminum cans from 9 am until 11:30 a.m. on *Saturday, November 6* at the Zion Parking lot. Also accepted are empty printer cartridges, old cell phones and pagers, Campbell's Soup Labels, Community Markets/Our Family UPC labels and Box Tops for Education. Proceeds from recycling go toward the Washington, DC trip in May of 2012.

SCRIP- Cari Shaffer (724-7753) or Tina Augsburger (547-4610) are the Scrip contacts. Kroger cards may be reloaded at the store and gift cards purchased there with the Kroger card.

ZION'S SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Altar Guild	Starley Baxter, Joyce Witte				
Offering Cntrs.	Starr Bell, Barb Neaderhiser, Paul Neaderhiser				
First Service – 8:00 AM					
Date	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28	
Acolyte	A J Bienz	Makayla Green	Benton Griffiths	Allyson Norby	
	Ben Fullenkamp	Rachel Girod	Cody Crump	Alexyss Norby	
Greeters	Angie & Terry Bultemeier, Kathleen & Don Brown	Janet Hermann, Kathleen & Don Brown, Carolyn Juengel	Kathleen & Don Brown, Carolyn Juengel, Beverly Richards	Carolyn Juengel, Janet Hermann, Beth Buhr, Beverly Richards	
Elder	DuWayne Herman	DuWayne Herman	DuWayne Herman	DuWayne Herman	
Organist	Carl Risch	Carl Risch	Carl Risch	Carl Risch	
PA System	DuWayne Herman	DuWayne Herman	DuWayne Herman	DuWayne Herman	
Ushers	Phil Juengel	Phil Juengel	Phil Juengel	Phil Juengel	
	Randall Hendricks	Randall Hendricks	Randall Hendricks	Randall Hendricks	
	Mark Braun	Mark Braun	Mark Braun	Mark Braun	
	Larry Irwin	Larry Irwin	Larry Irwin	Larry Irwin	
	Nick Irwin	Nick Irwin	Nick Irwin	Nick Irwin	
	Mark Juengel	Mark Juengel	Mark Juengel	Mark Juengel	
Second Service – 10:30 AM					
Acolyte	Tony Busse	Cole Bussel	Noah Quinones	Sydney Williams	
	Joel Harvey	Conner Bussel	Zach Thomas	Rebekah Phifer	
Greeters	Margaret Busse, Norma Petzold, Deb Cook, Beth Buhr	Margaret Busse, Norma Petzold, Eran Hackman, Freddy Fuelling	Margaret Busse, Norma Petzold, Deb Cook, Beth Buhr	Margaret Busse, Norma Petzold, Eran Hackman, Freddy Fuelling	
Elder	Walter Fink	Walter Fink	Walter Fink	Walter Fink	
Organist	Carl Risch	Carl Risch	Carl Risch	Carl Risch	
PA System	Walter Fink	Walter Fink	Walter Fink	Walter Fink	
Ushers	Mike & Bob Busse	Mike & Bob Busse	Mike & Bob Busse	Mike & Bob Busse	
	Terry Witte	Terry Witte	Terry Witte	Terry Witte	
	Dave Gunsett	Dave Gunsett	Dave Gunsett	Dave Gunsett	
	C J Schaffer	C J Schaffer	C J Schaffer	C J Schaffer	
	Rob & Matt Voshell	Rob & Matt Voshell	Rob & Matt Voshell	Rob & Matt Voshell	
	Michael Bluhm	Michael Bluhm	Michael Bluhm	Michael Bluhm	



EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, SHARING CHRIST

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL INCENTIVE PRO-
GRAM**

As you may know, our Sunday School rooms have been given a much needed facelift thanks to the many helpers, painters and artists who donated their time and energy. The Zion Sunday School Ministry is also going to implement an incentive program. Every Sunday that a child attends, he or she will receive a Zion Praysos that can be exchanged for a gift in our Sunday School. Those who attend Sunday School in grades 6-8 will be able to exchange their Praysos for iTunes cards, Walmart Cards for XBOX Live, Dairy Queen Coupons or Arnold's.

**PRE-DEMOLITION SILENT
AUCTION**

With the upcoming demolition of the houses on eleventh street, the church will have a silent auction on anything and everything on these properties.

The houses, garages to be moved or torn down, furnaces with air conditioning, hot water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, washer, dryers, fluorescent lights, doors, windows, kitchen cabinets—if it is on the property, it's for sale.

Monies to help offset the cost of demolition. Watch for the date!

GIVE A CAN—NOVEMBER 7

There are many people in need throughout our community, not only during the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, but throughout the year. However, during this time of the year we have the opportunity to give out of our abundance to help those who are in need. On November 7, our Confirmation classes and Youth Group will be picking up donations of cans and dry food for the Church of God Food Pantry. You can help the Youth Group by bringing your donations to church on November 7 and placing them in the Narthex.