



THE CHIMES

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I AM THANKFUL

I am thankful....

For the teenager who is complaining about doing the dishes

Because that means he/she is at home, and not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay, because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after the party, Because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work, Because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning,

And gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about government, Because we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, Because it means that I am

capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill, Because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key, because it means that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing, Because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, Because I have been productive.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, Because it means that I am alive.

And finally, I am thankful for Jesus who taught us that we have a loving heavenly Father who is mindful of our every need, and who will see us through every dark hour. In His name, we offer thanks. Amen.



ASSESSING MY SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Consider the following six areas of your spiritual growth:

Prayer

- How often am I engaging in direct, honest conversation with God?
- Am I allowing listening time in my prayers so that God can speak to me?
- Am I willing to hear God's answer?
- How can I structure my day to improve my practice of prayer?

Bible Study

- What's the latest spiritual insight I received from reading the Bible?
- Am I pursuing a plan for regular devotional Bible study?
- How can I make my personal study more informative and more interesting?

Spiritual Direction

- Is there anyone in my life who knows the truth about me?
- Do I have sufficient relationships with spiritual mentors or soul friends to keep me accountable for my spiritual journey?
- Am I reading regularly in materials that can strengthen my journey?
- Am I willing to submit myself to spiritual guidance?

Evangelism

- What is my own Christian story?
- Would I like to help others know what Christ offers believers?
- How am I making "telling the good news" compatible with my own Christian lifestyle?

Concern for the Marginalized

- Do I personally engage regularly in some form of Christian service for the needy?
- Have I shaped my personal behavior and political convictions according to Matthew 25?
- What group outside the church in my own community is most in need of my help?

Stewardship

- Am I living within my income? Paying my bills on time?
- Is tithing a joy for me? A burden? Not part of my Christian practice?
- Do I really believe that God takes care of responsible and generous Christians' material needs?
- What steps do I need to take to get my financial life on track?

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



N.	1	Steve A Belan
N.	1	Nona Schipull
N.	3	Jeanne Novak
N.	3	Robert Durica
N.	11	Joseph Kvorka
N.	15	Richard Peterson
N.	16	John Mark
N.	20	David Schmitt
O.	28	Kristy Lee Casaccio

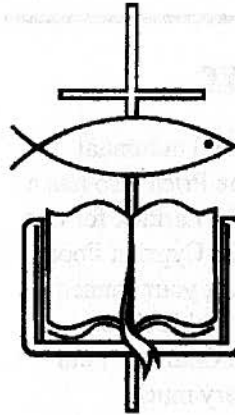


NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct.	30	Wilfred & Keetra Muana.
Nov.	21	Lonnie & Eva Johns

NOVEMBER GREETERS

N. 07	Patrick & Nancy Brutto	
N. 14	Barbara Ruhl & Shirley Chesny	
N. 21	Ronald & Ruth Parat	
N. 25	Thanksgiving Day	Ushers
N. 28	Lucille Crummett & Lydia Schmidt	
D. 05	James & Amy Wood	
N. 14	Special Voters' Meeting	10:45 am
	Topic: Fellowship Hall	
D. 12	Voters' Meeting - Budget	10:45 am
D. 19	Worship with Children's Participation	



NEWS

from

ZION

Rally: Members of Zion traveled to Resurrection Lutheran Church. Crown Point, IN, to participate in the Western Zone Rally of the LWML. Hi-lites included a visit to the campus of Valparaiso University to visit the Center for Arts and also view the windows in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

Pastor Jacob Gaugert had a visual presentation of the work of Hispanic Ministry at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dr. Martin Luther.

From Zion, Sharron Schademann serves as Vice President and Edith Constien serves as the Secretary.

A delicious luncheon was served by the women of the LWML.

The members of Resurrection also hosted the Chicago-land Reformation Service on Reformation Sunday, October 31st.

Called Home: Gerald Rojahn was called to his eternal rest on Monday, October 4th. Our Christian sympathy is extended to his wife, Judith, and all family members and friends.

John 11:25-26:

Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Conference: Pastor attended the SELC General Pastoral Conference in Clark, NJ, October 11-13. We heard the latest Mission Reports, missions which the Lord indeed is blessing.

FOOD DRIVE

Together with a beautiful autumnal display in the narthex, Sharlene Prien also has a table set up and decorated in the narthex for our November food drive for the St. Cyprian Food Pantry. You are invited to bring your canned goods donations, and non-perishable food donations to the narthex of the Church. Your continued support is always very much appreciated.

Remember to keep the receipts and the time you spent going to the store, shopping and bringing the items to Church. Funds for Zion will be available through Thrivent Matching Funds.



Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

November 25, 2010
10:00 A.M.

VOTERS' MEETING

The Annual Budget meeting of the Voters will be held Sunday, December 12th, following the Sunday morning Worship Service. The topic will be the budget for 2011, our spending guide for the coming year.

Quote: "Share love and it grows;
Share sorrow and it lessens.

THANK YOU

As the growing season again draws to an end, Zion's sincere appreciation is expressed to all those who cut the grass, trimmed the hedges, edged the sidewalks, tended the flowers and the rose garden, raked the leaves and assisted in any way to beautified our church property. The Lord bless your efforts for a job well done.

OUR ACOLYTES

- N. 07 Tyler Johns & Daniel Dymitrowicz
- N. 14 Austin Johns & Alexis Johns
- N. 21 Logan & Taylor Gizel
- N. 25 Thanksgiving Day
Cindy Wolford
- N. 28 Jeffrey George & Tyler Johns

- D. 05 Amanda & Paige Peterson
- D. 12 Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez
- D. 19 Tyler Johns & Jeffrey George
- D. 24 Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez
- D. 25 Cindy Wolford
- D. 26 Amanda & Paige Peterson

- J. 01 Ushers
- J. 02 Tyler Johns & Alexis Johns
- J. 09 Logan & Taylor Gizel

GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Guild Christmas Party will be held, Sunday, December 5th, following the Sunday morning Bible Class, ..12 Noon.

Lessons And Carols

A Service of Lessons & Carols will be held at Concordia U Chicago, Dec.4 at 7 pm and on Dec.5, at 4 pm and again at 7 pm. This is an excellent way to prepare for Advent & Christmas.

Nine members and two guests enjoyed the fellowship of each other's company and a wonderful luncheon provided by Martha Durica and Anne Peck. Eleanor Kachmarik donated a salad even though she was unable to attend.

Marlee stated that hostesses are still needed for the May 2011 meeting. Marlee also reported that she believes the Rummage Sale last August drew such a large crowd because she advertised it in the Niles Herald which includes three local papers for \$49, the lighted bank billboard, the Polish Review for three days at \$24, and all the churches in Project Hope. She stated that all the baked goods were sold by noon and people were looking for more.

The presidents of Faithful Hearts & Hands and the Guild, and Edie Constien met on October 8 to make out the **Calendar of Events for 2010-2011**, and copies were distributed at this Guild meeting.

Virginia reported that her daughter has already printed tickets for **the Guild's Christmas Party on Dec. 5, 2010**, to which everyone, men and women, is invited. The cost is the same as last year: \$22 per person. Those who would like to participate in the grab-bag should bring a new, wrapped \$10 gift with them to the dinner.

The Biannual National LWML Convention will be held in Peoria, Illinois June 23-26, 2011. Our Guild need not send a delegate; the Western Zone will choose a delegate. Marlee said that she would be going to the Convention.

Nona Schipull distributed information on how the church can earn money from Thrivent when Zion's members donate food for **the food bank** for St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Bible study was then led by Edie Constien, using the study "Pressure Points" from the LWML Quarterly. There are pressure points of pain and of healing relief in our bodies. Pressures on us come from various parts of our lives: family, friends, job, Christianity. Our Lord Jesus Christ suffered most pressure and pain and knows what we feel. His Word offers us sweet relief if we will soak ourselves in His Word, the Bible. We ended at 2 PM with the comforting words of Psalm 121 read responsively.

Edith Constien, Secretary



ZION CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010-2011

- AUGUST** 4-6: Set-up for Rummage Sale
7: Rummage & Bake Sale by Guild & Faithful Hearts & Hands 9 AM to 2 PM
- SEPTEMBER** 11: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
12: Sunday School Rally & Church Picnic
14: Women's Guild meeting at noon
- OCTOBER** 3: LWML Sunday & Mites Collection
12: Women's Guild meeting at noon
16: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
31: Reformation Service at Resurrection, Merrillville, Indiana, 3 PM
- NOVEMBER** 6: LWML Fall Rally at Resurrection, Merrillville, Indiana
7: Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Cyprians Food Pantry begins
9: Women's Guild meeting at noon
13: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
25: Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
30: Mission Tree Set-up & Decorating church for Christmas season
- DECEMBER** 5: Women's Guild Christmas Party
11: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
19: Children's Christmas Service, Cookie Walk & White Elephant Sale
24 & 25: Christmas Services
- 2011 JANUARY** 8: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
- FEBRUARY** 6: Mites collection for LWML Missions
8: Women's Guild meeting at noon
12: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
- MARCH** 8: Women's Guild meeting at noon
9: Pot Luck Supper 5:30 PM & Ash Wednesday Vespers 7 PM
12: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
16: Soup & Sandwich Supper 5:30 PM & Week 2 Lenten Vespers 7 PM
23: Soup & Sandwich Supper 5:30 PM & Week 3 Lenten Vespers 7 PM
30: Soup & Sandwich Supper 5:30 PM & Week 4 Lenten Vespers 7 PM
- APRIL** 6: Soup & Sandwich Supper 5:30 PM & Week 5 Lenten Vespers 7 PM
12: Women's Guild meeting at noon
13: Pot Luck Supper 5:30 PM & Week 6 Lenten Vespers 7 PM
17: Palm Sunday, beginning of Holy Week
23: Faithful Hearts & Hands set-up for Easter Breakfast
24: Resurrection Sunday with breakfast following
- MAY** 10: Women's Guild meeting at noon
14: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
- Spring 2011 Western Zone LWML Rally at Dr. Martin Luther, Chicago, date to be announced
- JUNE** 5: Mites collection for LWML Missions & Sunday School closing
11: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting
14: Women's Guild meeting at noon
23-26: National LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois
- JULY** 9: Faithful Hearts & Hands meeting

FAITHFUL HEARTS AND HANDS MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 16, 2010

As November 1st is All Saints' Day, Nona Schipull led the Bible Study "So, This Is Sainthood?" from *The Lutheran Witness*. "Our Lutheran Confessions urge us to remember exemplary saints 'so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith'; and that we may 'take the saints' good works as an example' (AC XXI:1). Who are saints in God's eyes? Even you and I are saints in God's eyes because He has made us holy through Jesus' forgiveness and set us aside as servants to do His holy work!"

Julie Stoller, Secretary, reviewed her minutes from our last meeting.

Sharron Schademann presented her Treasurer's Report. She later shared with us stories of her adventures during her recent trip to France, which we very much enjoyed.

Thrivent matching funds for the Rummage Sale have arrived. We have designated \$200.00 for Lutheran Church Charities for disaster relief, \$200.00 for Lutherbrook for Christmas gift cards, and \$200.00 for shipping costs for school supplies to Tanzania.

As we are planning a fall church cleanup, Sharron will investigate the purchase of an Oreck vacuum cleaner for the church.

We will issue a reminder of the need for devotional bulletin inserts for Love Packages.

The SELC LWML Western Zone Fall Rally will be held November 6th at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Crown Point, Indiana. Faithful Hearts and Hands members Sharlene Prien, Sharron Schademann and Nona Schipull plan to attend.

Sharlene will set up the Food Pantry Collection Table in the church.

The next meeting of Faithful Hearts and Hands will be held at Zion on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 9:00 AM. At 9:30 AM, we'll begin our fall cleanup of the church. This will involve "light housekeeping" only. If you can wield a dust cloth or a mop, you're welcome to attend!



Notes for November Chimes—From Nona

Calendar entry—Nov. 13—Fall church cleanup 9:30 A.M.

(Note: This takes the place of the regular Faithful Hearts and Hands meeting.)

Fall Church Cleanup

Faithful Hearts and Hands is asking for help for light cleaning of the church on Sat., Nov. 13, beginning at 9:30 A.M. in preparation for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. A sloppy Joe lunch will be served for all our helpers.

Recycling Christian Materials for Gospel Outreach

Faithful Hearts and Hands sends used Portals of Prayer booklets to an organization called Love Packages. They ship materials to Christians all over the world to spread the Gospel. We have also started collecting the bulletin inserts—Scripture readings and green devotional sheets. If you don't want to take them home, we ask that you give them to the usher on your way out of church. We also can send Love Packages used Bibles, devotional books, Bible study guides, and Christian novels. Put them in the box in the Ushers' Room. Thank you for helping to share the word of God about our Savior with the world.

Rummage Sale Matching Funds Report

Thrivent has sent the matching funds from our successful rummage sale. The Women's Guild and Faithful Hearts and Hands will be sending donations to Lutheran Church Charities (for disaster relief), Lutherbrook in Addison (for Christmas gifts for foster children), Haitian Lutheran Project, Faith Comes By Hearing (Bible "stick" recordings of the New Testament to be given to our military), and using funds to ship the donated school supplies to the school in Tanzania. Thank you to all who helped make our August Rummage Sale and Bake Sale a success.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members who were sent letters in August had a chance to designate their "Choice Dollars" to Zion or another qualified organization. If you received a letter and haven't called to participate, please do so as soon as possible. If you need more information, call Nona Schipull, our Thrivent Congregational Advocate, at 708-338-2162.

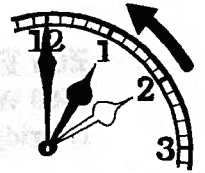
Food Pantry Collection with Thrivent Matching Funds

We can receive Thrivent matching funds for our church for donations. This is what we need.

1. **Keep the receipt** when you buy items that you donate to the food pantry. Circle the items and amounts. Put the receipt in a box that will be on the food collection table.
2. **Write down the time** that you spent in going to the store, shopping, and bringing items to the church. Round to the nearest hour and record the time on the grocery store receipt. We receive money for the time we spend on our food pantry project.
3. We will total the food costs and the volunteer time for the project. Thrivent will pay the money to Zion. This is an easy way to raise funds for Zion by doing something that we would be doing anyway just some record keeping with grocery receipts and time spent Pray that God will bless us in our food pantry collection



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH



NOVEMBER, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Be sure to VOTE Today	3	4	5 1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6
	ANNUAL NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE				Careers for Christ	
7 ALL SAINTS 9:00 AM Early Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:35 AM S.S. 10:45 AM B.C. <u>A Concordia ...</u>	8	9 12:00 PM Guild Mt	10	11	12	13 10:00 AM Faith- ful Hearts & Hands
14 9:30 AM Worship 10:35 AM S.S. 10:45 AM B.C. Special Voters' 10:45 Meeting	15	16 7:00 PM Coun- cil Mt	17	18	19 1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	20
21 9:30 AM Commu- nion Worship 10:35 AM S.S. 10:45 AM B.C. CHRIST the KING	22	23	24	25 10:00 AM Worship THANKSGIVING DAY	26	27
28 9:30 AM Worship 10:35 AM S.S. 10:45 AM B.C. 1* Sunday in Advent	29	30				

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Thanksgiving

BLESSINGS TO:

Thanksgiving Day Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Schedule

Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:35 a.m.
Bible Class - 10:45 a.m.
Pastor's Class - 10:45 a.m.

An attitude of gratitude is truly catching.

IT IS A GOOD THING to thank God for house and car and computer and phones and all our other stuff

IT IS A BETTER THING to thank God for wives and husbands, parents and children, family and friends and all the people who enrich our earthly lives.

BUT THE BEST THING is to thank God for His love in Jesus Christ!

For Jesus Christ makes it possible for us to be forgiven and to enjoy the blessings God has prepared for us and will shower down upon us for all eternity.
Amen.

Lord, You have given so much to me. Grant me yet one more gift. The gift of a grateful heart. Amen.

**Thanksgiving
Day**

