# The FOCUS

# July / August 2014

Reaching out and sharing God's Love with all ...through worship, service, teaching, and caring.











Prayer volunteers are now available to pray for you daily. Please call one of the following to start the chain of prayer reaching out for you or for someone you know or love:

Georgie Price—541-864-0223

Penny Birger, during office hours—541-772-4674

Pastor Cyril, anytime—541-659-2032

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# I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Our story in July of 2013 included a painful and difficult challenge—dealing with and recovering from the arson on July 5, 2013. The restoration was done speedily and beautifully and the quality of the repairs was second to none, and on top of all that, we as a congregation experienced a great outpouring of love and support from many churches and individuals locally and from distant places: around the state of Oregon as well as from other places across the country.

The much-loved hymn about "telling the story" touches a deep place in our faith life—that going back to Jesus' life on earth among us IS our story—He came to bring us saving life; He is OUR life, and we have the great privilege to share HIS story with our world. The recovery and restoration of our sanctuary in 2013 is a story with a happy ending. Jesus' story that we remember this time of year reminds us we have a great future in Him!

In this post-Easter time, we're mindful that after that first Easter when Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to over 500 people and assured them that He was very much alive (!) after dying on the cross! Then, before He disappeared (was taken up to heaven as His disciples watched), He commissioned them (and us) "to baptize all nations and promised that He would empower them with the Holy Spirit to spread His Good News (His saving story) and also promised that all who received Him and believed in Him would be saved and become a new creation." "There would be signs and wonders; people would lay hands on the sick in Jesus' Name, and they would be healed; they would speak entirely new languages."

Despite the enormity of the task and the complete lack of certainty about the results of any efforts they would apply, the early followers of Jesus went ahead with great success, 3000 baptized on Pentecost, and, as they continued on, Acts 2:41—46 tells us that the number of those who followed Jesus increased daily.

Our task here at Zion is challenging as well, and I urge everyone to pray the prayer of Jabez:

Jabez prayed: "Oh, God, that You would bless me and enlarge my borders, and that Your hand might be with me and keep me from evil, that I might not harm others." And God granted his request (1 Chronicles 4:10).

Let us always remember that "Our God at work in you can do far more than anything you could ask or think or even imagine" (Ephesians 3:20)!!!

Please pray for Zion's future: "I/we can do all things through Jesus who strengthens me/us" (Philippians 4:13)!

Happy summer! God loves you and so do I!

**Pastor Cyril** 

**MEMBERSHIP** is a special way of saying, "I'll be here; I'm committed to participating in the mission of Zion to share Jesus and His saving grace with my/our world; <u>Count me in!</u>" If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Cyril. The opportunity will be given to celebrate **membership** monthly.

**LEGACY**-- a way to ensure that your faith will live on when you go to your heavenly reward is to remember Zion Lutheran in your will. Thank you for helping your church to continue its ministry when you're gone to your heavenly reward! Please remember Zion in your will.



The famous Olympic skier Picabo Street (pronounced Pea-Ka-Boo) is now a nurse working at an intensive care unit of a large metropolitan hospital.

She is not permitted to answer the hospital telephones any longer because it caused too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, "Picabo, I.C.U."

—via Rise Samra, Hallandale Beach, FL Reprinted from The Joyful Noiseletter







As of this newsletter publication this is the only date taken for July and August Coffee Hours and Altar Flowers. Please let Penny know if you can fill in any of these dates. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you.

During a Sunday children's sermon, a pastor held up an ugly T-shirt that he wore around the house. He explained that someone had told him that the ugly shirt should be thrown away. He said the comment hurt him and he was having trouble forgiving the person who had hurt him.

"Do you think I should forgive that person?" the pastor asked the children. The pastor's small daughter raised her hand and said, "Yes, you should." "But why?" the pastor asked. "That person hurt my feelings."

"Because you're married to her," his daughter replied.

—via Marie Klinghagen Hutchinson, MN Reprinted from The Joyful Noiseletter

# Mary Circle July and August 2014

Regularly meets the 2nd Monday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 a.m., in the Church Library for Bible Study and fellowship.

Monday, July 14th, Mary Circle will meet at the home of Nancy Swan, at 10:00 a.m., for a brown bag lunch and lesson.

Mary Circle will <u>not</u> meet during the month of August, but will resume meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 in the Zion library.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Swan at 541-770-1689 or Diane Lewis at 541-772-1710.



An elderly English woman, visiting in Scotland, took along her ear trumpet because she wanted to hear what Scotch sermons were like. She walked to the church with it one Sunday and the congregation not having seen one before, viewed it with suspicion.

Just before the service, an usher approached her and, wagging a finger, said, "One toot and ye're oot."

Sign in a restaurant:

"Shopping with your husband is like going hunting with a game warden."

—via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft Reprinted from The Joyful Noiseletter

# Sarah Circle July and August 2014

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., for dinner and Christian fellowship.

> July 15, 2014 Habaneros Restaurant 142 N. Front Street, Medford

August 19, 2014 Rosario's Italian Restaurant 2221 W. Main Street, Medford

All ladies are invited to join us! If you have any questions, contact Karen Thomas at 541-664-4433.



# July and August Activities



July 6, 2014 A special Coffee Hour after the Worship service.

Hosted by Debi Bowman and Sandy Knutson

We have much to be thankful for.



August this year will have five Fridays, five Saturdays, and five Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years, someone figured out without attaching any theological significance to it.

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A young man and a pastor were playing golf together. At a short par-3 the pastor asked, "What are you going to use on this hole, son?" The young man said, "An 8-iron, Reverend. How about you?" The pastor replied, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray."

The young man hit his 8-iron and put the ball on the green. The pastor topped his 7-iron and dribbled the ball out a few yards.

The young man said, "I don't know about you, pastor, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down."

—via Bud Frimoth



At the home of Georgie Price, 921 Mt. Pitt, Medford

Bring your choice of meat to bar-b-que, along with a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Please also bring your own table service, drinks, and lawn chairs.

If you have favorite lawn or table games, please bring them and add to the fun for all.....

We will be needing a couple of bar-b-ques as well as a shade canopy (just in case) to supplement the shade trees in Georgie's wonderful large and well shaded back-yard. Please let Debi or Sandy or Georgie know if you have either bar-b-que or canopy that can be used for the day.

A sign-up sheet will be posted (in late July) on the board in the hall in order that Georgie may know how many will be attending.

See you there!

A map to Georgie's home will be provided, next to the sign-up sheet on the board.



# TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS continues to welcome new members and is <u>great</u> support for losing weight. Anyone interested is invited to visit and check out the group.

We meet Saturdays at Zion 8:00 — 8:30 a.m. weigh-in followed by a meeting 8:30—9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Sarah Felder, Leader: 541-326-5360



# Sunday School and Youth

# Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the republic for which it stands,
one nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all."



# Happy summer vacation To all the Sunday School children And Youth!

Sunday School will continue to hold classes throughout the summer months. Please check with the teachers for more detail.

# SPEED BUMP by Dave Coverly I DUNNO, WHADDAYOU WANNA DO OFFLINE?

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# **Punography**

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When Chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

# **Hide and Seek**

Hide and seek has been a favorite game for ages. We are fascinated with whatever is hidden. Can you "find" the things or people who are hiding in the blank spaces below?

1.	"Stolen water is sweet, and	eaten in secret is pleasant."
2.	"Aset on a hill cannot b	oe hid."
3.	"The kingdom of heaven is like	hidden in a field."
4.	slew the Egyptian and h	nid him in the sand.
5.	hid earrings under an o	ak near Shechem.
6.	"I was afraid, and I went an hid your	in the ground."
7.	"The kingdom of heaven is like	which a womanhid."
8.	'Buthid himself, and we	ent out of the temple."
9.	Joshua was told that five	_had been found hidden in a cave.
10.	Jehosheba took, the ki	ng's son, and hid him.





# July:

03	Karen Fredenber	g
09	Jonathan Bowma	ın

- 16 Dreston Thiel
- 18 Sandy Knutson
- 19 Ethan Richards
- 23 Kathy Hansen
- 26 Dorcas Phelan
- 30 Karen Thomas Mike Mustain

### August:

10 Lynn Davidson

John Pyle

11 Cyril Hunkler

Julie Luchterhand

14 Angela Humberd

19 Devan Reid

26 Renae Curtis

30 Norma Bennett

# Sick/Surgery/Other:

Edwin Andren Dan McCormack
Ron Bender Lisa Mustain

Brandyn Bowman Doug Pierce

Kathy Carboni Pastor Joy Proper

David Cullmer Jeannine Reddell Lynn Davidson Shantil Reid

Steve Dutton Trinity Reid

Vonnie Fichtner Clayton Schneider

Karen Fredenberg Max Shott

Pastor Cyril Hunkler Virginia Stanfield

Marie Hutchison Neal Stanfield

Dale Janzen Bud Van Vrimm

Jenna Jenkins Lisa Williams

Jenny Lewis John Winkler

Patrick Lewis Florence Yasuda



### **Shut Ins:**

Ed Andren Vonnie Fichtner Myrtle Hoover Dale Hoover





Stephen Dutton Lila Gast



### July:

### **August:**

25 John and Edie Pyle

# "If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." John 14:14.NRSV

# **Note About the Prayer Lists:**

We will be reviewing names monthly on the prayer lists. Names will be removed unless we are informed that they still need to be on the list.

Thanks for your help in keeping our prayer lists up to date.



Alex Bustard
Andrea Castagnato
Eryn Dunn
Chaplain Mark Gilderhus
Chad Hoover
Travis Hoover
Nick Rash
Christopher Ross
Justin Schneider



# Introducing

March 23, 2014 Kristen Lancaster

May 11, 2014 Chad Thompsen Kathryn Miller



"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy. Do you have any requests?"

# **Zion's Community**

### Who's Who in the Pews

### THE FOCUS IS ON ZION'S LONGEST ACTIVE AND OLDEST MEMBER: VERA SHERMAN.

Born to Emil and Ellen Andren on December 19,1919, Vera was baptised by a traveling Swedish pastor because the pastor at Zion at the time spoke only German. Her folks wanted a Swede to baptize her and so her baptismal certificate is in Swedish, which she never learned! She graduated from Medford High in 1938. Since her sister, Dorothy had become a beautician, Vera followed in her footsteps. On May 20, 1946 she married Frank H. Sherman and in April 1947 they had their only child, Ellen. In June 1957, Frank died leaving Vera to raise her daughter alone. Due to the long hours beauticians have. Vera decided to go to business school and then got a job in the office at the Associated Fruit Company where she worked for the next 38 years! Somehow she found time to teach Sunday School at Zion and has always enjoyed traveling to the coast—or further. In 1986 Vera joined Bud and Ellen Cullmer and Jerry and Karen Thomas on a trip to Tahiti. Her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, tatting and reading and Vera still

### THE FOCUS IS ON ONE OF ZION'S NEWER MEMBERS: KRISTIN LANCASTER.

Vera is a treasured member of the Zion family!

Kristin was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, living in Juneau until she was 8 and then in Sitka where she finished high school and attended Sitka Lutheran Church. After moving on to Juneau for work and schooling, Kristin decided she wanted to live in Oregon and she finally found her chance to make the move (to Medford) in 2010. She has enjoyed being an airport Transportation Security Officer for the last 8 years and lives with her dog Pilot and a cat named Willie. Kristin's always on the look-out for adventure and good photos! She is an avid photographer, hiker and runner - and will be running in the Crater Lake Rim Run in August!! (Go, Kristen!!) PS -she also sings in Zion's choir and has joined Mary Circle.

We all welcome Kristen to the Zion family!



enjoys her occasional trip to 7 Feathers!!

# The Maslow Project



Zion's Maslow Project school supplies drive began May 18th and will continue through Sunday, August 3rd. There is a special "Schoolhouse" box located at the back of the Sanctuary for the collection of your generous donations. The following is a list of items needed for school by the children served by the Maslow Project.

The wonderful folks at the Maslow Project are very excited and grateful that Zion has chosen to help them with their back-to-school supplies project.

**Backpacks** Protractors, calculators, graphing calculators

Pens & Pencils Scissors Notebooks, notebook paper Glue

**Binders and dividers** Markers, colored pencils, crayons Rulers, angle rulers

Answers to Bible quiz on page 5.

1. bread, Proverbs 9:17 6. talent, Matthew 25:25 2. city, Matthew 5:14 7. leaven, Matthew 13:33 3. treasure, Matthew 13:44 8. Jesus, John 8:59 9. kings, Joshua 10:17 4. Moses, Exodus 2:11-12

5. Jacob, Genesis 35:4 10. Joash, 2 Kings 11:12

# Hooray!

We are once again able to record and send out Pastor Cyril's sermons on CD to all who request them. Sermons are available by e-mail also.



**Prayer requests:** If you would like to be included in our speedy email or phone chain alerts regarding prayer needs. please let Penny know at:

> Email: office@lutheranswired.org or telephone 541-772-7191

Mention that you'd like to be included on the list. That's all you need to do.

Pastor continues to do home visitations — and home blessings. If you desire one or the other or both, please notify Pastor or Penny.







August 18th

# **Plaque Installed**

An elegantly engraved plaque was installed on the rock below the cross outside Zion's sanctuary last Saturday (June 14).

As we all remember, early in July of 2013 an arsonist set fire to our cross and the fire quickly spread to the sanctuary. The sanctuary has been restored and a new cross erected. The plaque states "God is Love." How fitting: the cross, representing Christ's sacrifice; the rock representing the strong foundation of our faith; and, encompassing all, **God is love.** 

The setting of the cross, rock, plaque, and wrought iron fence is intended to become a place for prayer and meditation and the addition of a bench or two will accomplish that. Donations are being accepted to purchase the benches, at the cost of \$495.00 each, and they may be sent to Zion Lutheran Church, 516 West 4th Street, Medford, OR 97501. If your donation is meant to be a memorial, please include the name of the person(s) you are remembering.





"Some of your hurts you have cured, and the sharpest you still have survived, but what torments of grief you have endured from evil that never arrived."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson Reprinted from The Joyful Noiseletter

### **New Altar Cloth!**

As part of a gift to Zion's Altar Guild, in memory of Joy Meyer from her daughter, Sandy Buzzetti, the Altar Guild has purchased a lovely new cloth for the Altar. It was placed on the Altar June 29th for the first time.

### To all Members and Friends of Zion:

The decision was made in June 2010 by the church council to keep all of you informed regarding Zion's financial situation. Total revenues for May, 2014 were \$4,344.00 and our expenses were \$7,443.23. This left a *shortfall* for May 2014 in the amount of \$3,099.23. All bills are paid current. Money to cover our shortfall is now coming from the endowment fund. We all need to pray about our financial situation and pray that our monthly revenues increase. We all must have faith that our church will survive and remain open far into the future. We are a vital part of our community here in West Medford. God has placed us here for a reason!!!

Thank you all very much, Your Church Council

### A NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW

Wayne Bennett, Memorial Committee Chairman, has been instrumental in the creation and installation of a new stained glass window in our sanctuary. The window depicts the kingship and Ascension of Our Lord. The top part of the window has already been installed.

Wayne has spent many hours on a ladder taking old putty and glazing compound from each window pane, removing the glass and making patterns for Jesse Carrera, the artist, to use in creating the window. As this is written, the upper portion featuring the glorious crown of Christ is in place and below it are cardboard covered panes waiting to become part of the stained glass creation.

Perhaps by the time you read this, the beautiful window will have been completed: if not, updates will be provided as the work evolves.









### Zion House Has a Different Look.

Saturday, June 14, our 4th and Oakdale neighborhood awoke to the arrival of heavy equipment. The Zion House garage was scheduled to be torn down—and torn down it was. One hit of the bucket and the garage crumpled. In less than half an hour the garage was down and clean up begun. Inside of two hours, nothing remained of the garage but a bare cement pad.

The garage removal gives added visual clearance when pulling out onto Oakdale from the church parking lot, but, the deciding factor in the decision to remove it was that the garage was beyond repair and therefore unsafe.



# **July 2014**

	<b>Assistant</b>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<b>Acolyte</b>
July 6	Ellen Cullmer	<b>Bud Cullmer</b>	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn
July 13	Wayne Bennett	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
July 20	Jim Ashby	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Rebecca Bowman
July 27	Nancy Swan	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams

# August 2014

	<b>Assistant</b>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<b>Acolyte</b>
August 3	Rod Voss	Jerry Thomas	Sandy Knutson	J.J. Bowman
August 10	Kristen Lancasster	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader
August 17	Diane Lewis	Jerry Lewis	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn
August 24	Wayne Bennett	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
August 31	Nancy Swan	J. J. Bowman	Myrtle Petruck	Rebecca Bowman

Please call Karen at 541-664-4433 if you are unable to assist at the scheduled time. Thank You!

# **Bulletin Assistant:**

**July and August** 

**Georgie Price** 



# Offering Counters & Newsletter Assistance:

July and August
Debi and Sandy

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9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Monday—Friday.
541-772-4674 office@lutheranswired.org



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	4 Office closed Independence Day	5
6 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 4th Sunday of Pentecost Celebration Coffee Hour	7	8  COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.	Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	11	12
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Adult Bible Study: 8:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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