

The FOCUS

September / October 2014

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



September

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- 3 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
 - 4 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library
 - 8 Mary Circle, 10:00 a.m., Library
 - 10 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
Thrivent dinner meeting, 6:00 p.m., at
Red Robin in Medford.
 - 11 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library
 - 13 Thrivent BBQ fundraiser for a disabled
Veteran, 11 a.m.—3 p.m. at Habitat on S. Pacific
Highway.
 - 14 End of Summer & Back to School
Potluck and Trivent Presentation
 - 16 Sarah Circle, 6:30 p.m. at Bella Union,
Jacksonville
 - 17 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
 - 18 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library
 - 24 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
 - 25 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library



October

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- 1 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
 - 2 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library
 - 8 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
 - 9 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library
 - 12 Harvest Potluck
 - 13 Mary Circle, 10:00 a.m., Library
 - 15 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
 - 16 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library
 - 21 Sarah Circle, 6:30 p.m. at The Point
Restaurant, Central Point
 - 22 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
 - 23 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library
 - 28 Altar Guild, 10:00 a.m.
 - 29 Choir practice, 5:30 p.m.,
Fireside Room
 - 30 Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Library



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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HOW'S YOUR HEART?

YOUR HEART is a beautiful place—God wishes to move in there! Even if your physical heart is not in the best shape, God wants to make His home there! Jesus said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him and We will make Our home with him always” (John 14:23).

One way to let Him have full rein in our hearts is to practice an attitude of gratitude. When we make it a practice to count our blessings, something wonderful happens in our spirit, and we usually want to express it by giving in some way. I know that all of us at Zion have something to be thankful for, even if we have challenges. And, when we think of one thing to be grateful for, we can think of more. **HOW MANY CAN YOU THINK OF?**

A natural outcome of gratitude is generosity. When we think of the many ways God has blessed us, our hearts become soft and compassionate towards those who are not so fortunate, and our gratefulness makes us want to give. And, the more generous we are, the more blessed we will be. Jesus said in Luke 6:38, “Give and it will be given unto you.....for it will be measured back to you with the same measure that you use.”

Here at Zion it is our mission to “...Share Christ’s love with our world...” As we count our blessings and thank God for all that is, we will want to be a blessing to others. **LOVE TRULY DOES MAKE THE WORLD GO AROUND!** Everyone has a heart that God would like to use to be a “Light to the world” (Matthew 5:14). Everyone has something to give.

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; **Count me in!**” 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.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP



Coffee Hour

September

7th Karen Thomas
14th Bennetts
21st
28th

October

5th
12th
19th
26th

September

7th
14th
21st
28th

October

5th
12th
19th
26th

This recipe is from an older
Zion Church Cookbook
ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE
(Lorraine Lofgren)

6 cups sliced zucchini
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 cup sour cream
1 (6 or 8 oz box) chicken flavored stove top stuffing
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/4 cup onions, chopped
1 cup shredded carrots

Cook sliced zucchini and onions in boiling salted water for 5 minutes; drain. Combine cream of chicken soup and sour cream. Stir in shredded carrots, then fold in the drained zucchini and onions.

Combine the boxed stuffing mix and butter, spreading half on the bottom of a 9 X 13 inch pan. Spoon the vegetable mixture on top and sprinkle the remaining stuffing on top of that.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

As of this newsletter publication these are the only dates taken for September and October 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.

This is a recipe taken from **Our Church Cookbook**

Zucchini Bread
(from Linda Mustain)

3 eggs	1/4 tsp. baking powder
2 cups sugar	2 tsp. baking soda
1 cup oil	3 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups grated raw zucchini	1 cup walnuts or pecans
2 cups flour	1 tsp. Salt
	2 tsp. vanilla

Beat eggs, then add sugar, oil and zucchini.

Mix dry ingredients together and add to the above mixture. Add vanilla and nuts.

Grease and flour 2 loaf pans. Bake in 350 degree oven for 1 hour.



Mary Circle September and October 2014

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

Monday, September 8th

Monday, October 13th

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

Sarah Circle September and October 2014

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

September 16, 2014
Bella Union
170 W. California St., Jacksonville

October 21, 2014
The Point
311 E. Pine St., Central Point

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



September and October Activities



End of Summer and Back to School Potluck

September 14, 2014

After the worship service in the Fireside Room.

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share (main dish, salad, or dessert), as well as your own table service. Coffee, tea, and drinks will be provided.

Come and share your summer adventures, and enjoy great fellowship.

Contact Debi or Sandy for more information.



Harvest Potluck

October 12, 2014

After the worship service In the Fireside Room

Once again it is the time of year to enjoy all those wonderful and newly harvested fruits and vegetables, so bring your favorite main dish, salad, or dessert of the season to share along with your own table service, and join your Zion family for a great meal and Fellowship.

Coffee, Tea, and drinks will be provided.

If you have questions, please contact Debi or Sandy.



Thrivent Financial

Presents:

The Estate Strategy Essentials Workshop

Sunday, September 14th after the worship service,

in conjunction with

The "End of Summer and Back to School Potluck"



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Stewardship forms for 2015 will be in your mail box in the hall prior to October 12th. See Karen Thomas if you did not receive one.

Thank you for supporting God's work through Zion, financially and otherwise. May God bless you and multiply your giving back to you many times over as He promised (Luke 6:38)!



Support GROUP

TOPS

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS continues to welcome new members and is great 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."



A Parent's Prayer

I am a parent, dear Lord
I ask nothing from You for me.
I pray only that in Your mercy
You would grant my children their needs.

May their lives be long and healthy
May they achieve all their dreams
May they always live in a world that is free.

May they be who they were born to be
And may they know to their last days
That they were deeply loved by me.
Amen.



Children's Harvest Fest

The date has yet to be determined,
but it will be either the end of October
or the first part of November.

Please see Arlene or Tina
for more information.



Insects

We're usually not too happy with them, but insects plan an important role in the ecological system. We also find them named in the Bible. And their appearance is always of interest. Name the insects.

1. God sent _____ to drive out Israel's enemies.
2. "Dead _____ make the perfumer's ointment give off an evil odor."
3. Jonah's plant was killed by a _____.
4. David asked Saul, "After whom do you pursue?..... After a _____!"
5. "Go to the _____, O sluggard; consider her ways."
6. Joel's prophecy speaks of a plague of _____.
7. Don't put treasures "where _____ and rust consume."
8. Jesus spoke of "blind guides, straining out a _____."
9. "If he asks for an egg, will give him a _____?"
10. John the Baptist ate "_____ and wild honey."

*The answers may be found on page 7.



Celebrating a



September:

03 Anna Schwenn
07 Jim Ashby
30 Daren Meidell

October:

4 Virginia Stanfield
5 Edwin Andren
14 Isabelle Schwenn
31 Steven Rader

Anniversary Wishes

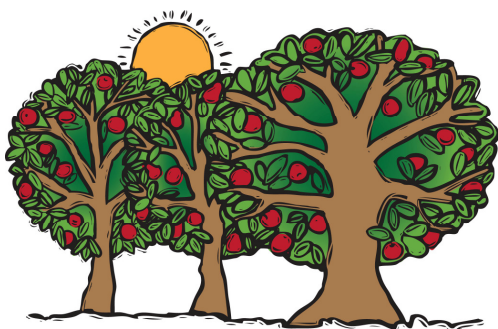


September:

6 Pastor Cyril and Arlene Hunkler
18 Greg and Shannon Magda

October:

5 Edwin and Patricia Andren
27 Bob and Barbara Simmons



August 17, 2014,
We warmly welcomed
Bjorn Heglie
into the membership
of Zion Lutheran Church.

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

"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.



Remember Our Homebound Members

Shut Ins:

Ed Andren
Vonnie Fichtner
Myrtle Hoover
Dale Hoover



Stephen Dutton
Lila Gast



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



Zion's Community

Who's Who in the Pews

THE FOCUS IS ON ZION'S MEMBERS.

Wayne and Norma Bennett were married in 1949 in Los Angeles—they will celebrate their 65th anniversary this coming November! The Bennetts moved to Medford in 1956 and became members of Zion — Wayne working as a carpenter/contractor (he now enjoys golf tremendously) and Norma working in school offices for 30 years. They have three children, four grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. Norma, who is chairwoman of Zion's Altar Guild, is active in Mary Circle. Wayne enjoys singing in the choir and, as Memorial Fund Chair, arranges the details for the stained glass windows when Zion commissions one to be created for the sanctuary, and then he installs them.



LONG TIME members

AND

NEW members

Zion extends a warm welcome to Chad Thomsen and Kathryn Miller, who joined our congregation a few short months ago—they love their Zion family! Chad was born in Minneapolis and was confirmed at Hope Lutheran in Klamath Falls. After moving around quite a lot, Chad ended up in Medford and he now works as a framing contractor. Kathryn was born in Torrance, California and moved frequently as a child because her father was in the Air Force, but she considers this area to be home. Chad and Kathryn have two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.

Zion Family Annual Bar-b-cue

Georgie Price hosted this year's event in her beautiful backyard. There was an abundance of great food, wonderful fellowship, and also a delightful surprise provided in the music of the very talented Julie Wright.



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**“On particularly rough days,
When I'm sure I can't possibly endure,
I like to remind myself that my track record
for getting through bad days so far
is 100%
.....and that's pretty good!**

Author unknown

Answers to Bible quiz on page 5.

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| 1. hornets, Exodus 23:28 | 6. locust, Joel 1:4 |
| 2. flies, Ecclesiastes 10:1 | 7. moth, Matthew 6:19 |
| 3. worm, Jonah 4:7 | 8. gnat, Matthew 23:24 |
| 4. flea, 1 Samuel 24:14 | 9. scorpion, Luke 11:12 |
| 5. ant, Proverbs 6:6 | 10. locusts, Mark 1:6 |

Reminder

Pastor Cyril's sermons on CD are available by mail to all who request them. Sermons are also available by e-mail upon request. Call Zion's office: 772-4674.



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.



Church Secretary

NEWS & Notes

Newsletter
DEADLINE

August 18th

Parking Lot Sale

It required much planning and many volunteers, but **WE DID IT!** The Church Parking Lot sale, August 1st and 2nd, was a success! The sale netted our church \$1,088.31, which will be used for church expenses to continue our ministry.

A special thanks to everyone who “schlepped” things back and forth, donated items to sell, manned the tables, and so generously helped with all the myriad tasks.

And a very special thanks to Lynn Davidson, Council President, who worked long, cheerfully, and tirelessly to pull this together.

A NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW Update!

The installation of our new window depicting the kingship and Ascension of our Lord was completed August 2nd. Wayne Bennett did yeoman’s work that weekend; installing the window and also lending a hand with the parking lot sale. Thanks, Wayne!!



An urgent message from Thrivent:

Your current Thrivent Chapter leaders extend an **urgent** appeal to all Thrivent membersfor the last two years we have emphasized that we need members to step up and participate at a board and congregational level. Only one current board member will be returning for 2015. If we want our Thrivent Chapter to continue, we must get additional volunteers to fill the board positions. Last year we used \$11,718 Thrivent dollars to raise \$37,036, with more than 7,363 volunteer hours.

To reach out to potential officers and advocates, we are asking you to consider becoming a chapter leader. We are hosting a dinner to provide more information to potential leaders at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 10th at the Red Robin in Medford.

Please call either Ruth Cowan, 541-301-3933 or Marsha Bones, 541-772-3761, email Marsha Bones at [mmbones@aol.com](mailto:mdbones@aol.com), or see Nancy Swan or Al Olson, Zion congregational advocates, for more information.



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 July, 2014 were \$4,658.44 and our expenses were \$6,501.19. This left a *shortfall* for July 2014 in the amount of \$1,842.75. 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



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

September 2014

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Sept 7	Jim Ashby	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Rebecca Bowman
Sept 14	Karen Fredenburg	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
Sept 21	Kristen Lancaster	Jim Ashby	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn
Sept 28	Rod Voss	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Rebecca Bowman

October 2014

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
October 5	Wayne Bennett	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
October 12	Nancy Swan	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader
October 19	Youth Sunday	J. J. Bowman	Sandy Knutson	Brandyn Bowman
October 26	Ellen Cullmen	Bud Cullmer	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn

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

Bulletin Assistant:
September and October
 Georgie Price



Offering Counters & Newsletter Assistance:
September and October
 Debi and Sandy

Pastor Cyril Hunkler, 659-2032
 Office hours and times of visitations:
 See weekly bulletins or call the Church

2014

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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 Labor Day Office closed.	2	3 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.	4 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. 	5	6
7 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 13th Sunday after Pentecost Grandparent's Day	8 Mary Circle 10:00 a.m.	9 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 p.m.	10 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.	11 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. 	12	13
14 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 14th Sunday after Pentecost End of Summer Potluck Youth Sunday	15	16 Sarah Circle 6:30 p.m.	17 Choir Practice 5:30 pm	18 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. 	19	20
21 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 15th Sunday after Pentecost	22	23 Fall begins!	24 Choir Practice 5:30 pm	25 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. 	26	27
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12 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 18th Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Potluck Stewardship Sunday	13  Mary Circle 10:00 a.m.	14  COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 p.m.	15  Choir Practice 5:30 pm	16  Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	17	18
19 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 19th Sunday after Pentecost  Youth Sunday	20	21  Sarah Circle 6:30 p.m.	22  Choir Practice 5:30 pm	23  Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	24	25
26 8:15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 20th Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday	27	28  Altar Guild 10:00 a.m.	29  Choir Practice 5:30 pm	30  Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	31 	

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Adult Bible Study: 8:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.



STAFF

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Vice President: James Ashby
Secretary: Kathy Hansen
Treasurer: Karen Thomas

Bud Cullmer
Shannon Magda
Georgie Price
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