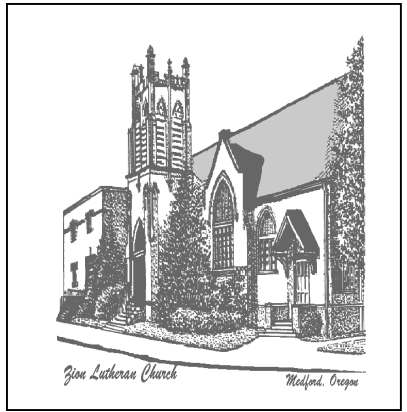


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# The FOCUS

## January and February 2013

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



January	February
1st New Year's Day	3rd 4th Sunday after the Epiphany Souper Bowl Sunday
6th The Epiphany of our Lord Epiphany Potluck	6th Bible Study, Choir Practice
8th Council Meeting	10th Transfiguration of our Lord Valentine's Day Potluck
9th Bible Study, Choir Practice	11th Mary Circle
13th Baptism of our Lord	12th Council meeting
14th Mary Circle	13th Ash Wednesday & beginning of Lent Bible Study, Choir Practice
15th Sarah Circle	14th Valentine's Day
16th Bible Study, Choir Practice	17th 1st Sunday in Lent
20th 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	19th Sarah Circle
23rd Bible Study, Choir Practice	20th Bible Study, Choir Practice Lenten Soup Supper & Devotions
27th 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany (?) Annual Congregational Mtg. (?)	24th 2nd Sunday in Lent
30th Bible Study, Choir Practice	26th Altar Guild
	27th Bible Study, Choir Practice Lenten Soup Supper & Devotions

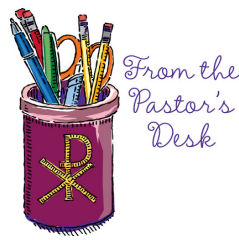
Adult Bible Study: 8:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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 Rod Voss



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**Happy New Year!!!**

**WE CARE! BIG HEARTS, LOVING VISION!  
ANSWERING JESUS' CALL TO PRAY AND LOVE!**

Jesus commissioned His Church to do great things in His Name: "You will do the things that I have done and greater ones" (John 14:12 paraphrased). And, "I will give you the necessary power to preach my death and resurrection...to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is Him working through us to accomplish His plans..."Whatever you do to/for others in My Name, you do it to Me" (Matthew 25:40; II Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 3:20).

Accordingly, Zion Lutheran members and friends have been sharing Jesus' Love and caring locally and in distant places, across the state and around the world through various Lutheran relief efforts and through other ministries as well. Support of seminarians, World Vision, the Gideons, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, helping drug addicts, recovering alcoholics, the Gospel Rescue Mission and Access Food Bank are just some of the ways we have spread Jesus' love in our world.

Individually and collectively we have shared Jesus' saving grace to those in prison, to the hungry, the homeless, the hurting, the sick, the lonely and those who need all sorts of help with rent or utilities or medical bills. Material needs abound in our world, and every Christian effort to relieve those needs honors our Lord and furthers His Kingdom. We see and hear that Jesus' loving actions through us change lives and transform recipients, and we are privileged to share His literal divine, loving and healing touch: baptizing, confirming, sharing Holy Communion and His Word of forgiveness, celebrating marriage and offering God's presence throughout life and at the time of the death of loved ones. His presence in our midst encourages and builds others up, as He literally gives His life through our worship, music, teaching and learning--Bible studies, Circles, fellowship, visits, activities, phone calls and sharing the Gospel in the information age.

Recorded sermons have been sent weekly to all who ask; we invite and urge cyber visitors through the web page and Facebook to answer Jesus' call, and we use e-mail regularly to support all who wish us to pray for them.

We are all part of a broken and hurting world. You have responded and have given generously to the Church and to the Lord's Mission in the world in 2012. Because of your vibrant faith and because of all you do and share, Zion Lutheran Church continues to preach the Good News of eternal life through all that God has enabled us to do individually and together to express His Love in people's lives.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness! May God, who calls us and who goes ahead of us and anoints us for the days ahead bless you beyond all you could even ask or think or imagine (Ephesians 3:20) as we journey together into 2013!

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Cyril Hunkler

**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.

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## January Activities



### POTLUCK

January 6th, 2013

after the Worship Service.

“Come and follow the Star.”

Start the New Year with good food, fun, and fellowship.

Bring your favorite “potluck” main dish, salad, or dessert as well as your own table service.

Coffee, tea, and other drinks will be provided.

Please plan to stay after the potluck

to help take down the Christmas decorations.

Many hands make light work!

If you have any questions, contact Debi or Sandy.



### EPIPHANY



A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to, and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him there was a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss. “Here’s what you do,” said the doctor, “stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone, see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.” That evening his wife was in the kitchen cooking dinner. He said to himself, “I’m about 40 feet away, let’s see what happens.” Then in a normal tone he asked, “Honey, what’s for dinner?” No response. So the husband moved closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeated, “Honey, what’s for dinner?” Still no response. Next he moved into the dining room, where he was about 20 feet from his wife and asked, “Honey, what’s for dinner?” Again no response. So he walked up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away: “Honey, what’s for dinner?” Again there was no response. So he walked right up behind her: “Honey, what’s for dinner?” “FRED, FOR THE FIFTH TIME, CHICKEN!” she shouted.

—via Walker J. Batts  
Texas Township, MI

## February Activities

### Souper Bowl Sunday



February 3rd, 2013  
after the Worship Service.

On this day, when many will be feasting while enjoying the Super Bowl, our children and youth will take a special offering of spare change placed in empty soup bowls to benefit local food banks and homeless shelters.



### Potluck

Sunday, February 10th, 2013  
after the Worship Service.

Bring your salads and desserts,  
as well as your own table service.

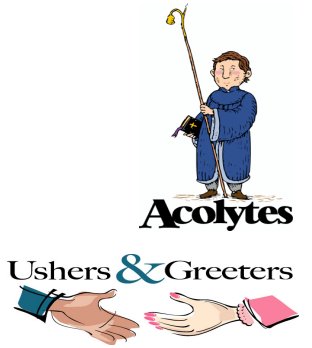
Coffee, tea, and other drinks will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact Debi or Sandy.

### Prayer of Thomas Jefferson Washington D.C., March 4, 1801

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy Spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust to Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Sunday School and Youth Activities



**To be announced.**

Please watch the Sunday bulletins for notices of upcoming activities as they are planned.



From the children and youth of Zion Lutheran!



## Jesus on Jesus

Jesus said many important things about Himself, His mission, and His message. Some of his central affirmations are given below. Can you complete His sayings?

1. "I have \_\_\_\_\_ the world."
2. "I have given you an \_\_\_\_\_."
3. "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, you are the \_\_\_\_\_."
4. "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. "I came that they may have \_\_\_\_\_."
6. "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the life."
7. "I am the good \_\_\_\_\_."
8. "I am from \_\_\_\_\_."
9. "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world."
10. "\_\_\_\_\_.....wrote of Me."

\*The answers may be found on page 7.



## January 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
January 6	Diane Lewis	Jerry Lewis	Debi Bowman	Hailey Schwenn
January 13	Wayne Bennett	Paul Hansen	Sandy Knutson	Rebecca Bowman
January 20	Youth	Brady Williams	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
January 27	Rod Voss	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader

## February 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
February 3	Ellen Cullmer	Bud Cullmer	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn
February 10	Nancy Swan	Jerry Thomas	Debi Bowman	Rebecca Bowman
February 17	Youth	Brady Williams	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
February 24	Karen Fredenberg	Paul Hansen	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader

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

### Bulletin Folders:

January and February

Bob & Barbara Simmons



### Offering Counters

January and February

Debi and Sandy



# NEWS Notes

What is God calling *you* to share by way of ministry?

Please pray about our continuing ministries here at Zion. Are there any changes or new things that we want to do as individuals or as a congregation?



Church Secretary

Newsletter DEADLINE

February 18th

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

## The Prayer of Transformation

*Proverbs 23:7 says "As you think, so you are." God can help us change our thoughts. The following prayer can help:*

Heavenly Father, search my heart and discover the origin of this (thought or feeling) of \_\_\_\_\_. Go to the very root of my being and resolve this origin in order to bring every aspect of my spirit, soul, and body into harmony with Your truth and my true identity in Messiah.

Search through every generation, every cellular memory, every action and every expression of this (thought or feeling) of \_\_\_\_\_.

Heal me completely according to the finished work of Jesus until Your life, light, love, truth, righteousness, peace, and joy empower me to completely forgive myself for every inappropriate expression, distorted perception, and destructive behavior, and forgive every person, place or circumstance that has contributed to this (thought or feeling) of \_\_\_\_\_.

I choose to express my love for myself and my right as a child of God by allowing every mental, emotional, spiritual and physical dis-ease and inappropriate behavior based on this root problem recorded in my DNA to be transformed.

I choose being \_\_\_\_\_.

I choose feeling \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

It is done! It is finished, it is mine by the resurrection of Jesus!

Thank You, Holy Spirit, for the grace to live in the fullness of my identity as a child of God and a new creation in Messiah.

I give You thanks, Jehovah my Healer, who is good and only good. You are my God, my strength, my hope and my salvation!

(Now express your personal love and appreciation to Him!)

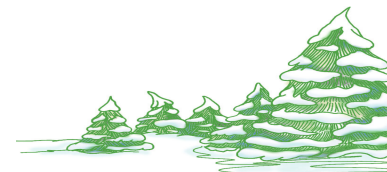
*From Impact Ministries, Dr. Jim Richards*

- A reminder that Pastor's sermons are recorded on CD weekly and will be sent to any who request a copy, just for the asking.

Prayer requests: If you would like to be included in our speedy email alerts regarding prayer needs, please let Penny know.

Email: [office@lutheranswired.org](mailto:office@lutheranswired.org)

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



## Can you help?

The Food Pantry is in need of the following:

- Egg cartons—1 doz. count size
- Plastic bags, i.e. grocery bags
- Paper grocery bags



## As We Start the New Year

The apostle Paul's mom

When you finish your letters to the Romans, Corinthians, and Ephesians, do you want to make your mother happy? Write a girl!



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### Mary Circle January and February 2013

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., in the Church Library for Bible study and fellowship.

January 14, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

February 11, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

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



### January

6th:  
13th:  
20th:  
27th:

### February

3rd:  
10th:  
17th:  
24th:

### January

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### February

3rd:  
10th:  
17th:  
24th:

As of this newsletter publication there are no dates yet taken for January & February Coffee Hours and flowers. Please let Penny know if you can fill in any of these dates. Thank you.

*How to keep warm in church:*

- Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back.
- Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.
- Seat yourself near the pulpit. Much hot air is emitted from that area.

- Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).
- Wait for an unfamiliar hymn – and then watch the sparks fly!

• —Rev. Pastor Dale Schoening Bussey, IA

Whether these are the worst of times or the best of times, they are the only times we have."  
—Art Buchwald

### Sarah Circle January and February 2013

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

January 15, 2013  
New Far East Restaurant  
236 N. Front St.  
541-779-5297

February 19, 2013  
Bella Union Restaurant  
170 W. California St., Jacksonville  
541-899-1770

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

Sign in a store:

"No senior citizens discounts. You have had twice as long to get the money."

February  
26th



Altar  
Guild



## Luther's Evening Prayer

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that You have this day so graciously protected us. We beg You to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By Your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let Your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

*To all Members and Friends of Zion:*

*The Church Council decided, at its June, 2010 meeting, to keep everyone informed of our financial situation.*

*The shortfall in our revenues to expenses every month is being covered from the generous gift from Nancy Cherrier. The Council decided to make note of this, as some may not have been present at the annual meeting when this was explained.*

*We wish to thank everyone for their support of our work here at Zion Lutheran!*

*The Church Council.*



## 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, 7:00 — 8:30 a.m.

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

Jonathan Bowman, Leader: 541-326-4426





**January:**

- 4 Barbara Simmons
- 8 Tina Grant
- 11 Trinity Reid
- 12 Bud Cullmer
- 19 Lila Gast
- 22 Bob Simmons
- 23 Rod Voss
- 27 Marion McMeen
- 29 Neal Stanfield

**February:**

- 1 Edie Pyle
- 12 Kayleena Long
- 14 Val Aho
- 17 Sandy Anderson
- 20 Beryl McCollough

**Anniversaries to Celebrate**



**January:**

**February:**

- 1st Neal & Virginia Stanfield

**Sick/Surgery/Other:**

Ariel	Patrick Lewis
Ron Bender	Dan McCormack
Brandyn Bowman	Jerry Miller
Kathy Carboni	Lisa Mustain
Bob Cordova	Doug Pierce
Diane Cordova	Joy Proper
David Cullmer	Jeannine Reddell
Steve Dutton	Shantil Reid
Mike Felder	Trinity Reid
Karen Fredenberg	Marilyn Sandau
Steve Fredenberg	Clayton Schneider
Gloria Hannaford	Max Shott
Ilse Hargrave	Virginia Stanfield
Pastor Cyril Hunkler	Neal Stanfield
Marie Hutchison	Bud Van Vrimm
Dale Janzen	Lisa Williams
Jenna Jenkins	John Winkler
Jenny Lewis	Florence Yasuda



**Shut Ins:**

- Ed Andren
- Vonnie Fichtner
- Myrtle Hoover
- Gloria Hannaford



- Stephen Dutton
- Lila Gast

*"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
- Carl Franklin
- Chaplain Mark Gilderhus
- Chad Hoover
- Travis Hoover
- Justin Schneider

**Jesus Heals the Sick**



**Newborn**



Jerry and Diane Lewis welcome a new granddaughter, Erica Cameron Fleishman, born Friday, December 21, 2012 in the Delray Beach, Florida area.

Jennifer (Diane's daughter) and Arthur Fleishman are Erica's proud parents and she is also welcomed by her big sisters Hailey and Abigail.

**Zion's Broader Community**

**New Resource: call 211**

Jackson County, along with 21 other counties in Oregon, has a new information service hub, designed to give community members a direct route to health and human services updates, resource connections, and referrals.

Similar to 911, this system is available from most cell phones and landlines for free. Phone hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. To 6 p.m.

If you know someone who needs information on how many shelter beds are available, where to go for help with rent, where to go to pay their utilities, or where they can get free school supplies—have them call 211. The call center staffers provide information and referrals only; they do not provide any services themselves. In these difficult times, sources of help are ever-changing and just knowing where to turn makes a huge difference. The folks staffing the 211 line just might have that information for someone you know who is in need.

**Spiritual Reflections**

*The following writing is an excerpt from a booklet entitled 40 Days with Jesus by Sarah Young. Presented in the 'voice' of Jesus, she offers this as a tool to help deepen your relationship with God.*

I am Immanuel—God with you—an ever-present Help in trouble. No matter what may happen, I am sufficient to provide whatever you need. Instead of imagining how you might respond to terrible things that could happen, draw your mind back to the present and take refuge in My Presence. I am much like a mother hen, eager to cover you with My protective pinions. As you snuggle under My wings, you will not only find refuge; you will also discover a growing ability to trust Me. It is in closeness to Me that you realize how trustworthy I am.

Remember that I am both your Rock and your Redeemer. Though I am impregnable in My vast strength, I became a vulnerable Man so I could redeem you from your sins. The more you take refuge in Me, the more aware you become of My overflowing love. In me you are utterly safe, for I am your Rock of everlasting love.

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your eyes, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

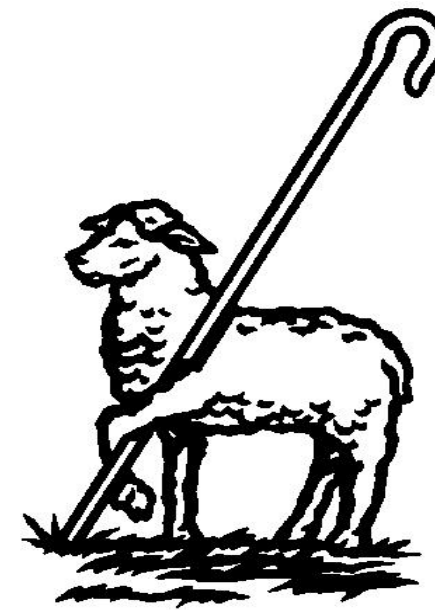
Psalm 19:14

*For Reflection: Psalm 46:1-2; Matthew 23:37 (NKJV); Psalm 91:4 (AMP)*

Colossians 2:6-7

**Answers to Bible quiz on page 4.**

1. overcome, John 16:33
2. example, John 13:15
3. vine, branches, John 15:5
4. way, truth, life, John 14:6
5. life, John 10:10
6. resurrection, John 11:25
7. shepherd, John 10:11
8. above, John 8:23
9. light, John 8:12
10. Moses, John 5:46



**Mary Had a Little Lamb**

Mary had a little Lamb,  
His fleece was white as snow.  
And everywhere that Mary went,  
The Lamb was sure to go.  
He followed her to school each day,  
Twasn't even in the rule.  
He made the children laugh and play  
To have a Lamb at school.  
And then the rules all changed one day,  
Illegal it became;  
To bring the Lamb of God to school,  
Or even speak His name.  
Every day got worse and worse.  
And days turned into years.  
Instead of hearing children laugh,  
We heard gun shots and tears.  
What must we do to stop the crime,  
That's in our schools today?  
*Let's let the Lamb come back to school,  
And teach our kids to pray!*

Author unknown