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The FOCUS

July/August 2011

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

"If someone were to pay you 10 cents for every kind word that you have spoken about people, and collect 5 cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or in debt?"

...from the Joyful Noiseletter

Author Unknown Apple Seeds

"Three-fourths of the earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn."

...from the Joyful Noiseletter

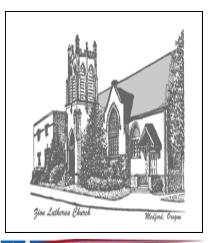
—Chuck Clark

Great Truths that Little Children Have Learned:

- 1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4. Never ask your 3 year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6. Don't sneeze while someone is cutting your hair.
- 7. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10. The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's or Grandma's lap.

Great Truths that Adults Have Learned:

- 1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3. Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its
- 5. Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.



Upcoming Events: July						
4th	Independence Day Office closed					
10th	God Bless America Potluck					
12th	Council meeting					
17th	Bowman House Blessing					
23rd	Annual Zion Family Picnic					



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HAPPY SUMMER(finally!)!

Dear Friends in Christ!

I love Romans 12:15. It says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice (sharing others' joy), and weep with those who weep (sharing others' grief). So much is expressed in those few words, especially the word *sharing*. *Sharing* and *caring--*something most of us are good at, putting ourselves in another's place--feeling their pain or joy. We know that it's extremely important to *share--*it's one of the earliest things we teach children, to share their toys.

I'm so proud of the long legacy of *sharing* and reaching out beyond our walls that Zion has practiced--praying, tithing, volunteering, teaching, inviting and welcoming guests and newcomers to be part of our church family. As a part of the Body of Christ, He empowers us to *share* and *care* as He did: "You will **do** the things **I do** and **greater** far than these" (John 14:12).

Jesus' *sharing* and *caring* was of course the ultimate in effect and empowering us, energizing us, even making us like Him--"You share my light in the world; you share my love and forgiveness, healing, hope and joy with others" (paraphrasing Matthew 5:14, II Corinthians 5:20, Matthew 28:19--20), even to the ends of the earth! Having just celebrated in recent months His resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit in power at Pentecost, let us again remind ourselves that the Father has gifted each person who believes in Christ with abilities to do as Jesus did: feeding the hungry, healing the sick in His Name, *sharing* His amazing grace and the assurance of eternal life in Christ, rebuking and resisting the evil one, proclaiming and welcoming His kingdom on earth!

I love you with the love of the Lord! 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 <u>membership</u> 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.

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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday—Friday.

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Potluck

Sunday, July 10th, following the Worship Service.

Wear your most 'patriotic' attire-clothing, hats, etc.

Bring a 'patriotic' main dish or salad to share.

Dessert will be provided by Debi, in honor of Jonathan's (Sr.) birthday

Coffee, tea, and drinks will also be provided

Bring your own table service.

Contact Debi or Sandy for further details or if you have any questions.



Housewarming and Blessing Sunday, July 17th, 2011

You are invited to attend the Home Blessing and Housewarming for the Jonathan Bowman family, who recently returned home to Oregon after being in the military for ten years. They are residing in Jacksonville and would love to have us come by and help them celebrate their new home.

> 701 Widean Lane Jacksonville, Oregon 2:00 p.m. - dark



Annual Zion Family Picnic

Saturday, July 23rd 5:00 pm—dark Jerry and Diane Lewis' home: 3335 Forest Ave., Medford 541-772-1710

Bring your choice of meat to bar-b-que, along with a main dish, salad, or dessert to share; also bring your own table service and your choice of beverage

Please sign up by Sunday, July 17th, on the bulletin board in the hall, In order that Jerry and Diane may know how many will be attending

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Contact Jerry, Diane, Debi, or Sand

Bring your favorite picnic potluck main dish, salad, or dessert to share and your choice of meat to BBQ, along with your own table service and beverage.

In lieu of housewarming gifts, there will be a money basket available if you would like to contribute to help the Bowmans purchase items needed for their

Please sign up by Sunday, July 10th, on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall, so that they might know how many will be attending.

Directions to the Bowman's home will be available on the bulletin board next to the sign-up sheet, or you may call Jonathan for directions: 1-719-229-1492.

See Debi, Jonathan, or Rozy for further details or if you have a question.

August Activities

Volleyball

Summertime Play in the Park

Potluck and BBQ.

Sunday, August 14th, 2:00 pm—6:00 pm Fichtner-Mainwaring Park at S. Holly and Stewart Ave. We have reserved an area by the gazebo, close to both playground and water-splash park.

Our afternoon will begin with a picnic/potluck—and a BBQ grill will be available for cooking. There will also be water-splash games and other outdoor games as well as board games following.

Bring your own choice of meat to bar-b-que, a favorite potluck dish to share, and your own table service, along with your choice of drinks and lawn chairs and/or blankets.

Be sure to bring the children's swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen for using the water-splash park. There are also volleyball and tennis courts as well as additional areas for softball, badminton, and other outdoor games—so bring your game equipment or board games and cards (for those who would rather just 'hang out' in the shade and play quieter games).

For further details, directions, or if you have questions, contact Debi or Sandy.





Youth and Sunday School Activities



Shake it up Café
Vacation Bible School

First Presbyterian Church 85 S. Holly Street, Medford, Oregon. August 8-12, 2011.....9:00 a.m.'til noon.

Pick up your registration form at Zion Or contact Pastor Kathy, 541-779-1711, ext. 1010, for further information.

For children who have completed kindergarten,



Cup of Coffee

A group of alumni, all highly established in their respective careers, got together for a visit with their old university Professor. The conversation soon turned to complaints about the endless stress of work and life in general.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went into the kitchen and soon returned with a large pot of coffee and an eclectic assortment of cups: porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal – some plain, some expensive, some quite exquisite.

Quietly he told them to help themselves to some fresh coffee. When each of his former students had a cup of coffee in hand, the old professor quietly cleared his throat and began to patiently address the small gathering.

"You may have noticed that all of the nicer looking cups were taken up first, leaving behind the more plain and cheaper ones. While it is only natural for you to want only the best for yourselves – that is actually the source of much of your stress-related problems."

He continued..."Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In fact, the cup merely disguises or dresses up what we drink. What each of you really wanted was coffee, not a cup, but you instinctively went for the best cups...then you began eving each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is coffee. Jobs, money, and position in society are merely cups. They are just tools to shape and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not truly define nor change the quality of the life we live. Often, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee that God has provided us...God brews the coffee, but He does not supply the cups.

Enjoy your coffee! The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. The richest person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least.









July 2011

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	
July 3	Nancy Swan	Jerry Thomas	Lila Gast	Steven Rader	
July 10	Linda Mustain	Dres Thiel	Myrtle Petruck	Hailey Schwenn	
July 17	Youth	Brady Williams	Sandy Knutson	Zack Williams	
July 24	Ellen Cullmer	Bud Cullmer	Lila Gast	Brady Williams	
July 31	Rod Voss	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader	

August 2011

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
August 7	Diane Lewis	Jerry Lewis	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn
August 14	Karen Fredenberg	Dres Thiel	Lila Gast	Steven Rader
August 21	Youth	Brady Williams	Sandy Knutson	Zack Williams
August 28	Karen Thomas	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Brady Williams

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



Bulletin Folders:

Month of July Bob & Barbara Simmons

Month of August Bob & Barbara Simmons





July & August
Debi and Sandy





August 22nd



PASTOR

The jokes, cartoons, and items sent to me for use in The Focus are greatly appreciated, but please also send info on sources and/or authors of printed items (except jokes and cartoons), as I must give credit in order to put the item, stories, etc. in our newsletter. Blessings and Joy,



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

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? Pastor Cyril

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

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Prayer requests: If you would like to be included in our speedy email alerts regarding prayer needed, please send an email to office@lutheranswired.org and mention that you'd like to be included on the list. That's all you need to do.

New mailing address for Jeanne Hopkins: 841 S. 3rd St.

Jacksonville, Oregon 97530



TOPS News YARD SALE

Fri., July 22nd and Sat., July 23rd 306 Willamette St., Medford 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

If you have any items you might wish to donate to TOPS for their yard sale, please contact Debi Bowman at 541-646-6300.

All proceeds from the yard sale will go to help the group attend State Recognition Day In Portland in May of



TOPS

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS continues to welcome new members and is great support for losing weight. Anyone interested is invited to • come and check out the group.

We meet Saturdays at Zion, 9:00 — 11:00 a.m.

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

Debi Bowman: 541-646-6300

Sarah Felder, Leader: 541-326-5360





Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say "Good Lord, it's morning."



2009-10 Statistics for the Oregon Food Bank Network...

Unemployment forces more people to seek emergency food.

- 25% of households had at least one full-time worker. That compares to 30% in 2008.
- 37% of households with children had at least one full-time worker, compared to 43% in 2008.
- 16% of adult recipients work full time compared to 21% in
- 28% of adult recipients are unemployed and looking for work, compared to 20% in 2008.
- The average length of time of unemployment was 15 months.
- 31% of surveyed households listed long-term unemployment as the reason they sought emergency food. That compares to 22% in 2008, at the beginning of the recession.
- 52% of respondents cite "to be employed" as critical to improving their situation. That compares to 45% in 2008.



Women of the Church

Moments of Grace for Women

Think of God's grace as a hammock in the back vard at the end of the day—ready to wrap vou in peace and comfort, quiet vour heart, and renew your sense of God's complete care and control over everything that concerns you.

Excerpt from her devotional book Moments of Grace for Women





Sarah Circle

July and August 2011

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month

6:30 p.m.

For dinner and Christian fellowship

July 19,2011

The Wharf Seafood Restaurant

827 W. Jackson St., Medford

541-858-0200

August 16, 2011

Rosario's

2221 W. Main St., Medford

541-773-2230

All ladies are invited to join us!

If you have any questions,

contact Karen Thomas at 541-664-4433.



As of newsletter publication these were the only dates taken for the May & June Coffee Hours and flowers. Please let Penny know if you can fill in any of these dates. Thank you

The Meaning of Life

God created the dog and said: "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said: "That's a long time to be barking, how about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" So God agreed.

God created the monkey and said: "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this I'll give you a twenty year life span." The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God agreed.

God created the cow and said: "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves, and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this I'll give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give you back the other forty?" And God agreed again.

God created man and said: "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this I'll give you twenty years." But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grand-children. And for the last ten years we sit on the porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

August 23rd 9:45 a.m. Guild

Mary Circle July and August 2011

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

No meetings are held in the months of June, July, and August.

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

To All Members and Friends: Friendly Reminder!

Do vou have household items vou no longer need.

We have posted an information sheet on the bulletin board from Quality Consignment in Medford. Anyone wishing to may take items there for re-sale.

If you would like to make use of your unused items to support Zion, just tell Quality Consignment to credit Zion's account and they will send us your proceeds from the sale. It's that easy.

A list of acceptable items for re-sale has been posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you for supporting Zion!!

Can vou help?

The Food Pantry is in need of the follow-

Egg cartons—1 doz. count size Plastic bags, i.e. grocery bags sm. or med. size empty pill bottles (for dispensing laundry soap).

Esther Circle May and June 2011

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon. The meeting place varies each month.

No meetings are held in the months of June, July, and August.

> If you have any questions, contact Lila Gast at 541-830-8219.

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July Birthdays

- 01 James W. McMeen
- 03 Karen Fredenberg
- 09 Jonathan Bowman
- 16 Dreston Thiel
- 18 Sandy Knutson
- 19 Ethan Richards
- 23 Kathy Hansen **Ilse Hargrave**
- 26 Dorcas Phelan
- 40 Karen Thomas Mike Mustain

August Birthdays

- 10 John Pyle
- 11 Cvril Hunkler
- 14 Angela Humberd
- 19 Devan Reid
- 26 Renae Curtis
- 30 Norma Bennett



Anniversaries

July:

- 13 James & Marion McMeen
- 26 Blaine & Sally Corriveau

August:

- 03 Jayson & Angela Humberd
- 06 Harry & Karen McCabe
- 25 John & Edie Pyle



Anniversaries

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please leave Penny a note or phone the office with your information so that your big days will be remembered next year. We don't want to miss anvone Thanks!

Sick/Surgery/Other:

Ariel Patrick Lewis Brandyn Bowman Dan McCormick

Kathy Carboni Lisa Mustain Bob Cordova Doug Pierce

Diane Cordova Helen Platzke

Steve Dutton Jeannine Reddell

Joy Proper

Mike Felder Shantil Reid Karen Fredenberg Trinity Reid

Steve Fredenberg Clayton Schneider

Ilse Hargrave Max Shott

Jeanne Hopkins Virginia Stanfield Pastor Cyril Hunkler Karen Thomas

John Van Slack Marie Hutchison Dale Janzen Bud Van Vrimm

Lisa Williams Jenna Jenkins

Jenny Lewis

David Cullmer



Shut Ins:

Ed Andren Vonnie Fichtner Myrtle Hoover Gloria Hannaford Evelyn Phelan



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 Michael Chamberlain Chaplain Mark Gilderhus Chad Hoover Justin Schneider

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.







Elaine Marilyn (Ellis) Baker March 18, 1931 June 21, 2011

Congregation Committees, 2011

Altar Guild: Norma Bennett, Karen Thomas, Nancy Swan

Christian Caring & Sharing:

Debi Bowman, Jeanne Hopkins, Diane Lewis, Beryl McCullough

Counters: Debi Bowman, Sandi Knutson; Substitutes: Kathy Hansen, Nancy Swan

Education: Arlene Schwenn, Shannon Magda, Tina Grant (youth) **Endowment:** Ellen Cullmer, Dres Theil, Karen Thomas, Al Olson

Evangelism: Nancy Swan, Jeanne Hopkins, Linda Mustain

Ellen Cullmer, Al Olson, Dres Theil, Karen & Jerry Thomas **Finance:**

Debi Bowman, Wavne Bennett Memorial:

Property/Building:

Rod Voss, Wayne Bennett, John Winkler

Social Activities: Debi Bowman, Sandy Knutson

Staff Support: Bob Simmons, Diane Lewis, Jeanne Hopkins

Stewardship: **Karen Thomas** Thrivent: Al Olson, Nancy Swan

Growth in giving to the tithe and beyond

May God bless you in your disciplines.

Sharing the faith story with those beyond the church

12-Step Programs:

Jerry and Karen Thomas

WELCA Circles:

Esther: Lila Gast Mary: Nancy Swan Sarah: Karen Thomas

Disciplines for all who are disciples of Jesus Christ:

Worship & Music:

Daily Scripture reading

Serving others in Jesus' name

Daily Prayer

Weekly Worship

Karen Thomas, Nancy Swan, and Pastor Hunkler



Moments of Strength for Men:

A man grows tall when he seeks the lowly place; He grows strong when he seeks the quiet place;

He grows great when he takes the servant's place.

Roy Lessin, Excerpt from his devotional book, Moments of Strength for Men.



Study Need a little help? We all do! Study the verbs of God in the Bible. Reflecting on God's work in your life will help you overcome every fear and doubt with faith. Here are some to get you started!

God answers (Isaiah 58:9) God gathers (Deuteronomy 30:4) God protects (Psalm 41:2) God gives (Matthew 11:28) God provides (Psalm 111:5) God bestows (Proverbs 8:21) God blesses (Deuteronomy 14:29) God guards (Psalm 97:10) God purifies (1 John 1:9) God guides (Psalm 73:24) God blots (Isaiah 43:25) God rejoices (Isaiah 62:5) God calls (1 Thessalonians 4:7) God heals (Hosea 14:4) God remembers (Psalm God cares (Nahum 1:7) God hears (Psalm 69:33) 111:5) God rescues (Psalm 91:14) God cleanses (Jeremiah 33:8) God helps (Psalm 37:40) God holds (Psalm 73:23) God clothes (Isaiah 61:10) God restores (Psalm 71:20) God comforts (Isaiah 51:12) God increases (Deuteronomy 7:13) God rewards (Proverbs God corrects (Job 5:17) God keeps (Deuteronomy 7:9) 19:17) God counsels (Psalm 32:8) God knows (Matthew 6:8) God satisfies (Psalm 132:15) God covers (Psalm 91:4-6) God leads (Isaiah 42:16) God saves (Isaiah 49:25) God delights (Zephaniah 3:17) God lifts (Psalm 146:8) God speaks (Isaiah 30:21) God delivers (Psalm 37:40) God listens (Psalm 10:17) God strengthens (Isaiah God disciplines (Proverbs 3:12) God loves (Psalm 37:28) 40:29) God encourages (Psalm 10:17) God opens (Deuteronomy 28:12) God sustains (Psalm 55:22) God fills (Job 8:21) God pours (Isaiah 44:3) God teaches (Isaiah 54:13) God forgives (1 John 1:9) God preserves (Psalm 41:2) God upholds (Psalm 37:24)