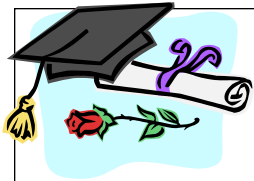


# ZION NEWS - June

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## GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 5th

All graduates of high school, college, tech/trade, and graduate school programs are invited to a reception to celebrate this momentous occasion in their lives.

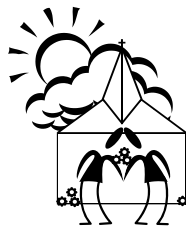
**9:00am Worship (all graduates will be recognized)  
10:00am Reception in the Dengler Lounge**

**With cake, punch, coffee, Congratulations  
And well-wishes from your Zion family!**

*If you are or a family member is graduating and we don't  
have your  
information, please stop in the Zion office before Sunday*



## SUMMER WORSHIP at ZION



Thursdays at 5:30pm

- Word & Sacrament with open  
theological discussion on the  
**upcoming week's Scripture readings**

Sundays at 9:00am

- Liturgy, Word & Sacrament with  
musical accompaniment and  
pastoral sermon.

*... **SUMMER** is growing season,  
and Zion continues to  
**'grow where we're planted'** ...*

The Next Zion worshipService  
**COMMUNITY MEAL**  
for our Neighbors, Friends & Community  
will be

Wednesday, June 15th, 6:00pm  
**It's prime Cook-out time and we're  
not missin' a chance!**

Zion will host a community cook-out  
with burgers, brats & dogs, and some  
picnic-trimmings. Sign up to bring  
food, drinks, etc. on the list posted on  
**the 'window-wall' at the Office.**



*We need LOTS of help this time, folks, as we always  
have LOTS of guests when we take it outside! :)*

**Pastor Ritva reflects ...**

For the congregations of the Southeastern Iowa, this is Synod Assembly time. On May 20-21, voting members, guests and visitors numbering more than 450 gathered in Coralville to worship, study and enact the business of the Synod. For me the highlights of **this year's Assembly included:**



- \* Lunching at the same table as Bishop Charles Mjema of the Pare Diocese & through conversation with members of his entourage learning that the new pastor at Kirangare is the Rev. Nuhu Mshana.
- \* Hearing Rev. Raphael Malpica Padilla, ELCA Director for **Global Mission comparing God's mission in the world** to an extreme home makeover. His words made me think of our new partnership with the Meno School in Haiti.
- \* Rejoicing as two members of Zion were elected to Synod Council: John Williams and Anthony Howland. I look forward to hearing about their experiences in the months ahead.
- \* **Participating in a forum on "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility," the proposed ELCA statement on genetics** which will be discussed and voted on at the Church Wide Assembly in Orlando, Florida in August.

Education/Spark Ministry Team) will lead us in tending to our relationships with one another by hosting the following events:

- \* Zion Family BBQ at the **Babka's on Saturday, June 25th, 4 p.m.**
- \* Zion Family Swim Party at Splash Landing on Sunday, July 17th, 6-9 p.m.

Look for more details about these opportunities to connect and re-connect with your Zion family in the weeks ahead.



*A Time for R & R  
May yours be blessed!*

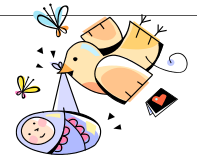
*Pastor Ritva*



means the end of the church's program year—Sunday school, confirmation and adult Bible studies are finished. Classes at Augustana College are finished, too. The final papers have been read, the grades submitted. A change of pace is in the air.



**New Arrivals ...**



Rylyn Lindsey Samuelson  
born in April  
to David & Amber Samuelson  
(newest grandbaby to Kathy & Allen Twist)

Edwin Thomas Power  
born April 22, 2011  
to Tom & Cori Power  
(newest grandbaby to Pr. Del & Kris Preston)



means it's time for a change of pace, a time to pay attention to things neglected during the program and school year—**such as one's physical health. So, for me,**

the summer of 2011 will begin with two weeks of medical leave. I covet your prayers during this time.

While I am recuperating, Janine Johnson our neighborhood minister will lead six of our high school youth on a mission trip to Kansas City. They will be joining the youth of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Ankeny) in working in inner city neighborhoods, helping with vacation Bible camps and neighborhood restoration projects. Could be a great way to get some ideas for our own neighborhood ministry!

Our energetic Faith Formation Team (created by joining the forces of the Family & Youth Ministry Team with

**Commended to God's eternal care ...**

*Otto Stender  
May 8, 2011*

*Mary Moeller  
May 21, 2011*

**Burdette "Bud" Hagen**  
*May 28, 2011*



**Family & Youth Summer 'Stuff'**

*Plenty goin' on in June for those with hearts for service ... and fun!*



**First, its ...**  
*Graduation party-time!*

The Zion family is invited to join in the celebrations of the following Zion youth:

**Jamie & Brittany Sanders'**

Graduation from Davenport West High  
Saturday, June 4th (2-4pm)  
at 4445 Winding Hill Rd — Davenport

Thanks and hope to see you, *Beth & Eric Longlett*

**Gavin Thomas Wright's**

Graduation from Davenport West High  
Saturday, June 18th (1-4pm)  
at Knights of Columbus — Davenport

Please join us! *Dave & Deb Wright*



**Then, its ...**

A Mission Trip for Zion Youth!  
June 12 — 18

Six of our Zion youth: Jake Airgood, Dan & Rachel Crable, Wade Hermann, Anthony Howland & Christian Womble, along with adult worker/ leader/driver/etc.. Janine Johnson, will embark on a mission trip to Kansas City (along with a group of youth from Holy Trinity of Ankeny), where they will help with various service projects such as outdoor clean-up, painting, etc ... or help with some churches' VBS programs- **they'll find out when the get there & show up for duty!**

They will work Monday—Thursday; then be richly rewarded with a FUN day at Oceans/Worlds of Fun water/amusement park, and a dinner at world-famous **KC barbeuque "Jack Stacks."**

They arrive back in Davenport late on Saturday, June 18. We pray for them to experience the joy of **serving in Jesus' name, and for safe travel.**

And THEN ... it's **PARTY**-Time again, at a



**ZION FAMILY BBQ!**  
... and **ALL of Zion IS Family!**  
Saturday, June 25th  
starting at 4:00pm  
at the home of

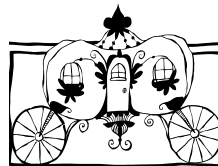
Dave & Libbie Babka (Grace & Sarah too)

Bring a dish to pass, Swimsuits (pool nearby),  
Lawn chairs/Blankets,  
Family & Friends, and Good Weather

The Babka's address: 4052 18th Ave., Bettendorf



**ZION 'Entertainers' in**  
Summer Productions ...



Mark Meyer  
and  
Anna Winn

will appear in the musical  
**"Cinderella"**

at the QC Music Guild in Moline  
June 10-19th

Call 762-6610 or log onto  
[www.qcmusicguild.com](http://www.qcmusicguild.com) to get tickets!



## Christian Education & Fellowship



Gail Abbs  
 Libbie Babka  
 Linda Baustian  
 Merle Dittmer  
 Jay Eldredge  
 Laurie & Steve Elliott  
 Char Engstrom  
 Matt & Molly Engstrom  
 Carole Feeney  
 Anne & Jon Flynn  
 Lauren Green  
 Anita Hagen

Grace Haller  
 Mike Hamman  
 Eva Hammond  
 Dave Hansen  
 Laurie & Mike Harrison  
 Ellen Heritage  
 Liz Heritage  
 Ellen Housley  
 Becky Hupp  
 Allen Huss  
 Julie Kahler  
 Jody Kealey

Mara Kealey  
 Sue Keller  
 Mary Lou Kelley  
 Lois Kershaw  
 Beth Longlett  
 Kathy Longlett  
 Alice Lynch  
 Taina Machalek  
*(the late)* Mary Moeller  
 Dona Noble  
 Joe Obleton  
 Kris Preston

Donna Rome  
 Mary Schnack  
 Cary Scott  
 Carol Seitz  
 Stephanie Shipley  
 Amy Streufert  
 Hannah Tegtmeier  
 Birdine Tucker  
 Jane Wiese  
 Deb Wright  
 Kirsten Wright  
 Jeny & Kirby Winn  
 Lisa Zosulis

Ours are the hands that give thanks to God for YOU!



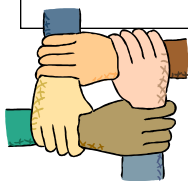
### Well Done, good and faithful Students !

**WE CELEBRATE** with those of our faith family who graduated from high school and college, and are delighted to recognize the significant accomplishment they have achieved:

	<b>From:</b>	<b>Future Plans:</b>
Josef Airgood	<i>Bettendorf HS</i>	<i>Scott Comm. College; then Powerline program at NW Iowa Comm. College</i>
Shane Boever	<i>North HS</i>	<i>Scott Comm. College / work at Hy-Vee</i>
Wade Hermann	<i>Rock Island HS</i>	<i>Black Hawk or Scott Comm. College, then Iowa State — Veterinary Medicine</i>
Jamie Sanders	<i>Dav. West HS</i>	<i>Scott Community College— Engineering</i>
Brittany Sanders	<i>Dav. West HS</i>	<i>Scott Community College— Nursing</i>
Matt Swanson	<i>Dav. Central HS</i>	<i>Iowa State—Mechanical Engrg. (Long term) to be a Doctor like his Dad</i>
Gavin Wright	<i>Dav. West HS</i>	<i>University Of Iowa— Cinema/Music/Theater</i>
Ryan Bobst	<i>University of Iowa; Master of Social Work</i>	<i>Emp. w/Scott County Kids</i>
Michelle Schnack	<i>University of Iowa; M.S. in Nursing</i>	<i>Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatric nursing</i>
Scott Cherryholmes	<i>St. Ambrose University; Biology Chemistry &amp; Psychology minors</i>	<i>Get married Oct. 29th to Aleasha Nystrom leaving for the Army in Nov. to be Explosive Ordinance Demolition Specialist</i>
Ashley Dau	<i>University of Iowa; Elem. Ed. Teacher License</i>	<i>Position in Teaching K-6 gr.</i>
Caitlin Dau	<i>Central College; BA in English &amp; Spanish</i>	<i>Up in the Air!</i>
Becky Hupp	<i>Scott Comm. College; A.S. in Nursing</i>	<i>Get a Job</i>
Eric Hupp	<i>University of Iowa; Bachelor Applied Studies</i>	<i>position in EMS mgmt. (graduates in Dec.)</i>

***Congratulations to you all; we pray God's abundant blessings upon you as you step into the future. "... whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*** [1 Cor. 10:31]

## ... Reaching out in Love ...



### Neighborhood Ministry ...

The neighborhood and community ministries of Zion are many and varied. I spend a lot of time sharing with you the news of the food pantry and the worshipService Dinners, but there are 2 other ministries that quietly serve those in our Zion family and the community who are experiencing financial crises. These 2 ministries are the **Zion's People Fund** and the Brown Bag Fund (**Zion's People Fund assists Zion members and the Brown Bag Fund serves those within our community.**)

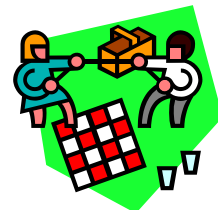
We don't talk much about these programs except when the funds are low on money. Over the last few months many of you have asked me questions about the funds, in particular who uses them, how they are accessed, and what do the funds pay for. This month I hope to clarify some of your questions and give you information on the process used to distribute the funds when they are available. One of the first pieces of information that I believe will be helpful for all to know is neither of these funds are budgeted items. Funds are available only when one of you gives specifically to either Zion's People Fund or Brown Bag; if there are no funds we then are unable to provide assistance.

These two funds provide assistance to households that are experiencing a financial emergency with things like rent and/or utilities, medicine or gas for medical appointments or to get to jobs or job interviews. People served may have suffered a loss of income because of lay off, reduced work hours or family medical crisis, which results in an inability to take care of an immediate expense that would otherwise allow a family to remain self sufficient. Our help has allowed families to stay in their homes, keep utilities on, helped individuals get to medical appointments in Iowa City and assisted with individuals to get to family funerals. All requests are confirmed through contact with landlords, the utility company and medical facilities.

In order for a family to access assistance an individual contacts the church office where basic information is gathered and follow up calls made by either Janine or one of the pastors. After further assessment, referrals are made to community agencies, if it is determined that other community resources are not available and Zion has funds to help then assistance is provided. The office receives approximately 20-25 calls a month for financial assistance; most of those calls are referred to community agencies or organizations with Zion helping only about 4 households per month. Providing this assistance to either a community member or a Zion member is a team effort with all office staff having a role. The office staff is the first line of communication with a family in need. You, Zion, are part of the process by providing the financial resources that are utilized to alleviate the family's crisis. The funds from the Zion's People Fund and the Brown Bag Fund provide Zion with the financial ability to help when other resources are not available. This is just another way you reach out in love to our Zion family and those within our community in need. Thank you, Zion for your care to others. Any questions, feel free to stop and talk with me.

### worshipService Dinner: It's a **"An Old Fashion Neighborhood Picnic"**

Mark your calendar for June 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00. We'll be outdoors (hopefully) enjoying burgers, brats & "dogs", fresh fruit and veggies, and desserts for dinner. So check out the signup sheets on the glass wall at the office and see where you might be able to help. Come and join in the fun and fellowship of this our first picnic of the season. What a blessing it truly is for all. THANKS BE TO GOD!



Peace to All! Janine

## Hey, College Students, got your Scholarship apps in?



We know ... school JUST got out ... but don't forget that if you're heading off (or back) to college in Fall'2010, you are eligible for a scholarship from your Zion church-family. Up to \$500 can be awarded to you per year, depending upon funds available and how many applications we receive.

Zion has two different Scholarship funds: the EPIC, for those students attending Lutheran colleges in the state of Iowa; and the GENERAL Scholarship application for any college student.

We have forms in the church office—stop by and pick one up during business hours (Mon-Fri. 9:00a-4:00p) or on Sunday mornings after worship.

**Here's the catch**—you must have your completed application in to us no later than June 15th to be considered for this fall. In the meantime—enjoy the summer!

*For Our Seniors ...*



**OWL's (60+ Fellowship)**

We're headin' down to the corner ... the **Corner Grill**, that is!

The Zion "Older.Wiser.Lutherans" first get-together of the summer will be lunch at the **Corner Grill** in Blue Grass.

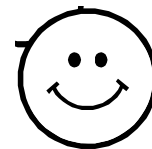
We'll meet there, enjoy great food—they have delicious everything— then some great company & conversation over possibly a good piece of pie?

Please call Grace Haller or Phyllis Beck by June 20th if you plan to come.

ALL 60+ers WELCOME!

*Birthday Joys to our June Senior-'babies'*

- 6/01 - Wayne Dettman *(another brand new senior-baby!)*
- 6/04 - Janice Mohr
- 6/05 - Anita Hagen
- 6/05 - Dorothy Miller
- 6/07 - Chris Lorenzen
- 6/09 - Bev Ervin
- 6/13 - Margaret Dau
- 6/14 - Florence Skinner (94!!)
- 6/15 - Allen Huss
- 6/18 - Betty Thomas
- 6/21 - Sherry Koens
- 6/22 - Nancy Stanger
- 6/27 - Sandra Jurgens *(newest 'youngster' in the crew!)*
- 6/27 - David Seitz



*ADDRESS Changes/Additions for your Zion Directory*



Meyer, Dean & Deborah

5122 Prospector Way NW - Apt. A  
Albuquerque NM 87114  
*(phone: 505-898-9183)*

Atwater, Andrea

*moved—unable to forward\**

Miller, Alicia & Jeremy

*moved—unable to forward\**

*\* If anyone has a new/correct address for these folks, we'd love to get it!*

Thanks a Bunch!

Thank you, Zion, for your prayers & concerns. My accident (which injured my brain) was quite scary ... made me open my eyes and see how quickly life can change—and how big a role God plays in my life! Once again, thank you for all your prayers.

*Anthony Howland*



Seeking Summer Special Music and More...

During the summer months our Adult, Childrens, and Handbell choirs take a 'sabbatical,' so Zion's worship services are left with a sort of 'gap' to either fill or not fill with special music or other...

If you (or someone you know) would like to share a gift or talent you have that would enhance our worship, please sign up on the sheet posted on the 'glass wall' in the office hallway.

Vocal solos, duets, small groups, instrumental music, or even a poetry reading or a skit done to the glory of God would be appreciated by all. So give it some thought—and sign up to share the gift of You!



Staff "Out of the Office" schedule



Just a brief heads-up to our faith family—the Zion staff has some of our vacation time scheduled, as follows:

**Pastor Ritva:** (Medical leave) June 3 — 18

**Janine Johnson:** (Youth mission trip) June 12—18

**Beth Longlett:** June 13—16

We will inform the congregation as the rest of the staff schedules their "away" time.

*Please be assured that pastoral needs will be covered as they arise. For after-hours emergency needs, Pastor Del can be reached on his cell phone, and Pastor Ritva can be reached at their home (563)732-5353.*

*Happy Summer, everyone!*

NOW HEAR THIS . . . AND THAT!

Morning Book Review



Date: Monday, June 20, 9:00am  
 Place: **Zion's Dengler Lounge**  
 Book: After Shock  
 By Kent Annan

This book is about the author's deeply personal account of his thoughts and struggle in faith in the midst of such terrible devastation after the horrific earthquake in Haiti. His raw honesty summons readers on their own faith journeys toward an authentic faith in a Holy God who promises to be with us always, even in terrible events that defy explanation. He offers no simplistic answers, no quick fix, but his own powerful search for truth and faith, sometimes hard to bear in a affluent culture.

Availability: Copies of the book are in the Zion office (cost: \$10.50). All proceeds go to the rebuilding of Haiti.

Please join us if you can —  
 ALL are welcome!

Contact Anita Hagen or Tom Handlen with any questions about the "Review."

Thrivent for Lutherans  
 18th Annual  
**"NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK"**



Zion has tickets available to see the Q.C. River Bandits play the Cedar Rapids Kernels on Monday, June 27th at Modern Woodmen Park for Thrivent Night at the Ballpark: a benefit for Special Olympics.

Gates open at 5:00pm; pregame activities at 6:30pm include QC Skydive team; game time is 7:00pm. **AND ... stick around after the game for fireworks!** Tickets cost \$3.00/ea. (limit 10 per family), available in the Zion office. Please purchase them by Sunday, June 26th.

Bring a couple non-perishable food items (for RiverBend Food Bank) to the game for a chance to win a 42" flat-screen TV!

**'SHARING KITCHEN' MEAL**

Saturday, June 11th



The Zion Social Ministry team is seeking volunteers to help with this bi-monthly meal that we cook and serve to the folks at Salvation Army Family Shelter just a few blocks away. The next one is Saturday. Cooks start at 3:00 or so in the Zion kitchen. Servers meet here at 5:15 to transport the food to the shelter and serve at 6:00pm. **Please call Mary Lou Kelley if you are able to help this month (or in August/Oct./Dec.).** Another GREAT way for families to serve others in Jesus' name!

And Jesus said [to his disciples],  
 "You give them something to eat."

EWALU Camp

Celebrates 50 Years!



And invites ALL to an Open-House  
 Saturday, June 18th 9:00am-3:00pm

- Enjoy a tour of the new lodges & cabins
- **Enjoy good 'treats & eats!'**
  - Come and remember your time as a camper or counselor at Ewalu, or **come and just "BE"**



EWALU has been serving as "a place apart" since 1961, and Zion has supported the Camp in many and various ways since almost that long ago.

**Figures & Financial Facts:**



Regular Budget offerings received MAY 2011	=	\$ 24,046.31
MAY 2011 Actual Expenses	=	\$ 28,586.68
Covered by Legacy funds	=	<u>\$ 4,540.37</u>
<i>per Legacy Committee &amp; Council approval</i>		
Current month status +/-		-0-

Thank-you, Zion, and thanks be to God!

## ALTAR FLOWERS 'GIVING' - JUNE



June 5 - OPEN  
 June 12 - OPEN  
 June 19 - OPEN  
 June 26 - Rex & Jean Hutchison

**Want to give flowers (or an alternate offering) but not sure how? Instructions sheets are available in the hallway underneath the flower chart.**

*Remember, you can give flowers for the altar—or— an alternative offering to one of Zion's special funds (ie: Brown Bag, Scholarship fund, etc.) in lieu of flowers. On such Sundays, we will have 2 lovely green plants adorning the altar.*

### USHERS - June 2011

(9:00) Steve & Sue Keller, John Kincaid,  
 Anthony Howland

#### We need Ushers -

for Sunday worship services. Our list is running thin - yet help from all ages is welcome! If you are available to usher, please indicate your willingness on a pew card or contact Bud Kelley. *We are close to having Pastor usher. He doesn't mind, as long as you won't mind the additional time that will add to the service*

### ACOLYTES - JUNE 2011

(One svc @ 9:00am)

June 5 - Erik Hahn, Mara Kealey, Jake Airgood

The rest of the June schedule will come to you in the mail—please watch for it. Also please let me know if your family will be on vacation any Sundays this month.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR EACH OF YOU and the leadership you give to our worship. If you cannot serve when assigned, please try to switch with someone or get your own sub.



### Communion Assistants - JUNE

June 5 - at the Rail  
 June 12 - OPEN  
 June 19 - OPEN  
 June 26 - OPEN



### Greeters for June 2011

One svc— 9:00am

June 5	Rich & Mary Schnack
June 12	Jerry & Barb Grady
June 19	Mike & Carol DeBruyn
June 26	Grace Haller

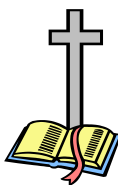
*We need Greeters! Call Grace Haller (324-8463) to help us.*

### JUNE COMMUNION Set-Up/Clean-Up



6/05	Darrell & Kathy Longlett	(glasses)
6/12	TBA	(glasses)
6/19	TBA	(intinction)
6/26	TBA	(glasses)

June LINENS Care:



### Lectors— June 2011

One svc @

9:00am

June 5	Mary Schnack
June 12	Gail Abbs
June 19	OPEN

### TELLERS - June (One svc at 9:00am)



6/ 5	Chuck Dau, Dave Wright, Lois Kershaw
6/12	John & Roxeann Ford, Jim & Sherry Koens
6/19	Stu Goldsmith, Delores Smith, Doug Kline
6/26	Mark & Beth Meyer, Mike Hamann, Gene Rome



### Council Highlights

Excerpts from May 10, 2011

(Full copy of Council meeting minutes posted across from the Church office)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Kirkeeng, Sue Keller, Gene Rome, Jody Kealey, Jenny Winn, John Ford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Pastor Del Preston, Pastor Ritva Williams

Pastor Del opened the meeting with "Easter Prayer" from Guerrillas of Grace.

MSC - Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Council meeting be approved as printed.

The parochial report was reviewed.

MSC - The Parochial and Pastoral reports be accepted as submitted.

#### REPORTS:

##### Finance

April figures show a "positive" \$2,009.75.

MSC - Financial reports for April 2011 be approved as submitted.

Council discussed correspondence received regarding Legacy Fund requests.

##### Hospitality & Social Ministry

These two ministry teams will likely be combining. Jody Kealey will try to bring the team members together prior to the June Council meeting.

##### Property

Council expressed appreciation to Lester Ford (John's father) for making and gifting Zion a rack from which acolytes may hang their alb belts.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1.) MSC - Request from Stephanie Dietrich for use of Fellowship Hall on Sat., June 18 (1:00-5:00p) to host a baby shower for son, Joseph and his girlfriend, be granted.
- 2.) A request for a special gift of financial support to EWALU in celebration of their 50th year was received. Pastor will approach confirmation students about heading a fundraiser for this.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Sue Keller.

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*Zion gratefully acknowledges receipt  
of the following Memorial gifts*



In loving memory of **Esther Keller** from Angelos Chaos-Peters, Lillian Fletcher, Janet King