

# VOICE OF ZION

## A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU



Happy Easter!

We started our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday with a look at Joel. Joel called a people to repentance, even without any specific sins being known or named. Disaster surfaced, and repentance was the prescription. As we see disasters and hardships around us, we ask the hard questions of where God is and how God is acting.

Now that Easter has arrived, we receive God's answer. God looks at the world, in all its brokenness, and chooses to love it. Jesus conquers sin and death so that the world which was so scary, has a bright future.

We move from a questing, wondering to an assurance of God With Us. Easter may be early this year, but the good news of Jesus Christ comes none to soon to a world crying out for good news and hope.

As we enter into the post-Easter season, we are asked to share that good news with those around us. We share this good news in words and deeds of charity. We share it by offering hope and friendship. We share it by living the Christian life.

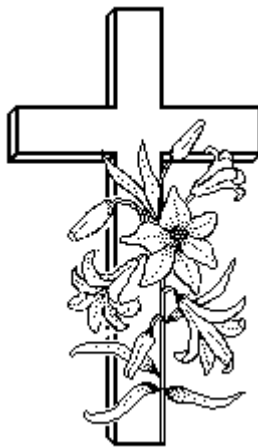
Help the joy of Easter to abound this year!

Pastor John

## Spring

In the morning very early,  
When the birds begin to sing,  
It makes us very happy  
Because we know it's spring.

In the woods we go for flowers,  
We laugh and how we play.  
We also make May baskets  
In the month of May.



## Easter

The rising sun  
On that Easter day.  
Showed an empty grave,  
The disciples say.  
Jesus has risen  
From the dead.  
The crown of thorns  
Was not on His head.  
It was not long  
Before the women saw  
The living Jesus  
Nearer draw.  
That very same morning  
He was there so sweet  
Identified by His  
Pierced hands and feet.  
Our hearts should sing.  
Yes sing and pray.  
The song of triumph  
Has begun today.

Author: Mrs. Alga Niemuth.  
Mother of Dalmar and Mike Niemuth

A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together!  
~Author Unknown

# Celebrating Zion's Anniversary

"May the Lord be with us, as He was with our fathers".

## **Celebrate Love & Marriage** February 24<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone for making our "Love and Marriage" celebration so special. Despite a few glitches, everything seemed to go smoothly. It looked as though everyone who was there had a good time and good food to eat.

I would like to personally thank the following people:

God, for the beautiful weather

Terri Egdorf, for being the announcer and microphone handler

Luke, for keeping score

Pastor John, for the perfect sermon

Jesse Blum, for being the game show host

Joyce Buss, for preparing the drinks and coffee and helping us set up for the meal

Chad Lundt, for the advice on the sound system

Carol Krueger, for decorating the hearts for the prizes

Shirley Klaeser, for her part in making the heart prizes

Rachel Ahlers, for making the wedding cake

Kathy Krueger, for putting in the paper – before and after

Peg and Rog, for making and decorating the paper hearts and doing so many other things to make this day special

Sue Raether, for making the labels for the hearts - that was quite a list of names you typed

Lynn Grunewald, for the paper to write the answers on

All the couples who participated in the Holy Matrimony game

Lori Egdorf, for helping me with the game show, and for getting as confused as I did!!

The "heart" greeters before worship and wedding cake servers

Thank you to those who invited guests

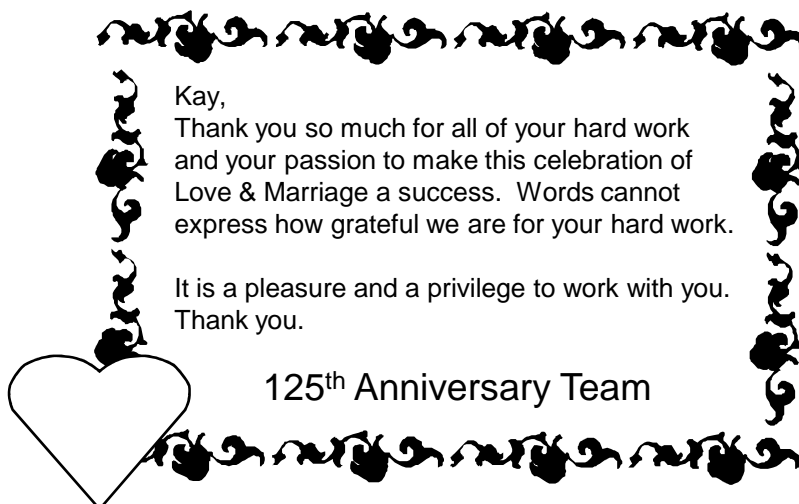
Everyone who bought their albums, pictures, and bouquets to put on display

Everyone on the committee for all their wonderful ideas

Everyone who helped clean up and set up

I know everyone did much more than I can possibly mention here and I'm sure I have forgotten some, but whatever role you played in making this day special, THANKS.

Kay Blum



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## **Displays**

Have you noticed the various items that are appearing on display throughout the church? Take time before and after church to look at the items, read the tags, and share your memories about the items with others.

Do you have items you would like to display? Please bring them to church, place them on display in the narthex – and be sure to fill out the tag with the item name and your name. As more items are placed on display we may need to move things around a bit, add a table to display items, etc. Then if you have a story about the item you would like to see in the newsletter please give the information to Peg Krueger. Thanks!

## **Banners**

The anniversary team had talked about making a new banner to display during this time of celebrating our anniversary. Then someone mentioned there were banners that were made during the time Pastor Sacks was at Zion. These banners are being pressed, cleaned, restored and are being placed on display throughout the church. Enjoy!

## **ZION ANNIVERSARY QUILT**

The Zion Anniversary quilt squares are cut and will be in a small white, specially marked box, by the mailboxes in the narthex. The quilt pattern requires 52 squares, designed by individuals or families, to complete. At this time, we plan one square per individual or family. This may change later depending on the number of squares returned. At dates yet to be determined, Barb, Shirley or other helpers will be assisting those wanting help to complete their square. Permanent markers will be available so purchasing this kind of supply isn't needed.

**Deadline for the return of the completed square is May 1.**

Any questions, please contact Barb Laux or Shirley Pockat

## **Heritage Sunday – April 13th**

The Golden Jubilee booklet will be used for the worship service on April 13th. Mark your calendars now to join in as we continue to celebrate the heritage of our church.



## Financial Secretary's Report

By: Shirley Pockat

### Jan, 2008 Balance Sheet

Current Expenses	\$4,864.00
Loose Offering	\$193.30
ELCA Benevolence	\$415.00
Sunday School	\$56.59
Hiefer Project	\$8.29
Shared Expense (Peace)	\$503.57
Building Fund	\$95.00
Theological Fund	\$20.00
Altar Guild	\$25.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$6,180.75</b>
Minus Building Fund	\$95.00
Minus Theological Fund	\$20.00
<b>Total Deposit/Gen. Account</b>	<b>\$6,065.75</b>



OK, Show of hands...  
Who's tired of snow?

## Psalm 23

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The friend said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

## SOUP DINNER

Join us for the annual (*and delicious*)  
Soup Dinner on March 9<sup>th</sup>

The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



## **Zion Council** By: Sue Raether

February 3, 2008

Members present were Rod Riska, Jeff Blum, Sue Raether, Gene Mehlberg and Pastor John Czarnota.

Rod called the meeting to order and we heard a report from Peg Krueger on building a website for our congregation. Pastor John will advise Peace about this proposal and report back to us and to Peg whether they might want to be included in this project. This will be discussed at another meeting.

The minutes from our January meeting were read. MSC by Jeff and Gene to accept the minutes as read.

There was no treasurers' report.

Pastor John reported on some of the things he would be doing while working with our congregations.

- Making appointments to visit with members to help us in discovering who we have been, and where we are as a church so that we can build on and come to realize a vision of where we would like our ministry to be.
- Changes in educational materials for confirmation may be made in the near future.
- A request for transfer into our congregation has been received. We will discuss and vote on it at our next monthly meeting.
- Pastor John will not be here Palm Sunday.

### Old Business:

- Rod and Dale will be measuring for the louvers.
- The sound system equipment kitchen floor and glazing and repainting the church windows will be discussed in a future meeting.

### New Business:

- Gary Grunewald resigned from the council. Rod will make some phone calls to find a replacement for 2 years of Gary's term before the annual meeting next Sunday.
- Rod will make some phone calls to get Pastor John's contract taken care of.
- We will decide the date for our next monthly meeting at the Annual meeting next Sunday.
- Before cleaning the parsonage we will check to see if repairs or changes need to be made.

MSC by Gene and Jeff to adjourn the meeting.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Raether, secretary

## Tea For Daddy



One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge. I was maybe 1 and a half years old.

Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a gift and it was one of my favorite toys. Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news and my brother was playing nearby in the living room when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home. My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!!'

My Mom waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up, then says, 'Did it ever occur to you that the only place that baby can reach to get water is the toilet??'



**Thrivent Builds  
Worldwide Trip Opportunities**

Hello!

We have some opportunities available for anyone interested in participating in a 2008 Thrivent Builds Worldwide Trip. A couple members from our Northeast Wisconsin Region of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are the Team Leaders. Below are the details and contact information. Please pass this information onto anyone who may be interested. Thank you!

**Biloxi Gulf Coast Trip**

Cold and frustrated? Here's a way to get relief from both. Join Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Members, Bonnie and Fred Ebbesen in Biloxi, MS the week of March 17 or March 24 for a Thrivent Build!

You can enjoy the milder weather and find warmth in knowing that every hammer blow helps build a home for a family that needs decent, safe, affordable housing. Please contact Fred or Bonnie at fred.ebbesen@gmail.com for more details.

Join a Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip to Poland Building homes for families in Poland has been a life-changing experience for Terri Gafford at the Operations Center in Appleton. "Working on homes for families you've never met in another country, another culture, and helping provide a basic need is an

amazing, heartwarming experience," said Terri, who is leading her second Thrivent Builds Worldwide member trip to Poland with her husband, Chuck, Aug. 21-31, 2008.

Terri and Chuck are looking for a few more volunteers for their TBW team. This is a wonderful opportunity to build simple, decent, affordable housing, while becoming active partners with people of other cultures.

The team will work with the Habitat families, get to know them,

experience their culture, share their stories and hopes as they help slam the door on substandard housing. No building experience or language skills are necessary and they love to teach novices new skills while appreciating the skills veteran builders bring to our team. If interested, contact Terri at terri.gafford@thrivent.com or 920/628-4180 for more details and an application.

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**The Cab Driver Goes to Heaven**

A cab driver reaches the Pearly Gates and announces his presence to St. Peter, who looks him up in his Big Book. Upon reading the entry for the cabbie, St. Peter invites him to pick up a silk robe and a golden staff and to proceed into Heaven.

A preacher is next in line behind the cabby and has been watching these proceedings with interest. He announces himself to St. Peter. Upon scanning the preacher's entry in the Big Book, St. Peter furrows his brow and says, "Okay, we'll let you in, but take that cloth robe and wooden staff."

The preacher is astonished and replies, "But I am a man of the cloth. You gave that cab driver a gold staff and a silk robe. Surely I rate higher than a cabbie."

St. Peter responded matter-of-factly: "This is heaven and up here, we are interested in results. When you preached, people slept. When the cabbie drove his taxi, people prayed."

I hate junk mail . . .and that includes the tax forms they send me. 😊



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**Our Church Newsletter**

Do you have items you would like to see added to the Voice of Zion? Please email me at [pkreegs@frontiernet.net](mailto:pkreegs@frontiernet.net) or leave items in my mail slot at Church. If possible, please have items to me by the second Sunday of the month. Thanks! Peg Krueger