



### *Pastor's Page by: Rev. Timothy A. Jones*

Throughout His life here on earth, our Lord Jesus showed us, through word and deed, that learning about God is important. Luke 2:40 records for us that, following His birth and circumcision; *“the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.”*

A few years later, when Jesus was twelve, He caused His parents to worry when He couldn't be found following their visit to Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem to search for Jesus. *“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.”* (Luke 2:46) In other words, Jesus was learning from the teachers in the temple, and more than likely teaching them through the questions that He asked.

Jesus' emphasis on learning did not stop when He grew up either. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus was found teaching about Himself and His work of salvation. In fact, one search of the Gospels that I did found 74 occurrences of the word teach or taught.

Even at His trial, Jesus was teaching. When asked about what He taught by the High Priest, Jesus responded *“I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.”*

Just before His Ascension, Jesus once again emphasized how important learning about God is. *“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:18-20).

With all of these examples of teaching and learning that are recorded for us in the Gospels and throughout the Bible, we should understand the importance of Christian education in our own lives. Our Lord wants to teach us about His love and forgiveness. He wants us to know of the salvation that He has purchased and won for us upon the cross.

Unfortunately, the world is constantly teaching us otherwise; enticing us away from The Lord through its lies and appeals to our sinful nature. That is why it is important that we take every opportunity we can to hear and study about our Lord and His saving grace and forgiveness.

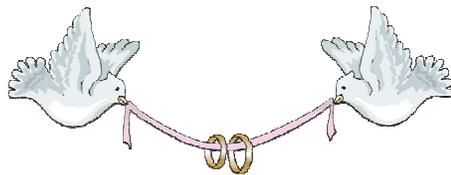
This can begin at home through daily Bible and/or devotional readings. Begin each reading with a prayer for understanding and end each reading with a prayer of thanksgiving for the opportunity to hear God's Word. I also encourage you to take advantage of the various Bible studies held each week at church. Also don't forget to send your children to Sunday School. As always, feel free to invite a friend to any of these Bible studies.

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Jones*



Sharon Sahr	9/1
Rosie Hoepner	9/5
Carol Gale	9/10
Kristy Heisinger	9/12
Roderick Hurt	9/12
Tom Bowe	9/18
Christine Jones	9/18
Mark Radl	9/19
Bradley Blake	9/20
Scott Ziebarth	9/20
Jack Welke	9/21
Christy Welke	9/26
Carol Evenson	9/28
Herman Sahr	9/29



*Happy Anniversary*

Steven & Patricia Taylor 9/11/1976  
 Paul & Tamara Taylor 9/16/1978



**Remember  
 Our Homebound Members**

Mavis Berry Lila Pahl  
 Bob Jacobson Juanita Lueck

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY



Women's Society met on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Lois Eichinger's home at noon for lunch. She served BBQ's, chips, a salad and several desserts. Food was delicious! Eleven members present with 3 guests, Pastor Jones, and Pastor Yunghans. Pastor Jones said a prayer before we ate and he had a short Bible Study after lunch. Discussed having potlucks when we celebrate Reformation and when Rev. Fehrman is here. Also to set up stations to hear Martin Luther story at each station.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside room with a dessert and coffee being served. All women are invited to attend and guests are always welcome!



## **ZION'S MISSION FESTIVAL WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Rev John Fehrman, chairman of Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF) will once again be our guest preacher and will update us on the work of CLEF around the world during the education hour. Following this we will have a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to pass.

There will be a DOOR OFFERING after the worship service to support CLEF's kindle project. CLEF supplies seminary students and pastors in various countries with a Kindle loaded with books needed to prepare and maintain good Biblical pastoral education. If you stay after church you will learn more about this.

## **KWIK TRIP SCRIP AVAILABLE**



for the support of our Youth Group. We are currently offering \$10, \$20, & \$50 Gift Cards. On sale during office hours Tuesday through Friday and also on Sunday mornings.

## NEWS FROM HOFF'S

**LETTER RECEIVED FROM PASTOR HOFF AUG 4TH, WHO ZION HAS HELPED SUPPORT THIS YEAR. DUE TO HIS WIFE'S HEALTH THEY RETURNED TO THE USA THIS SPRING.**

*What a delight to get your email. We are all settling into life here in the High Desert as it is called. The elevation of Hesperia, where we live, is about 3500 ft. and within an hour and a half you are at sea level and on a beach. When you go to the Los Angeles metropolis it is called "going down the hill."*

*I start a vacancy pastor position in Ridgecrest this Sunday. I am very thankful because my mission salary ended in July. (I do get health benefits through October). It has the potential to be a full-time call, but I am waiting for a full-time call to come from anywhere. I have told Pres. Lueck that I prefer a call in WI, MN, or CA. So we'll have to wait to see where God wants us.*

*Lalita has remarkably improved, for which I am extremely thankful. The kids are all enrolled local schools.*

*Please greet all the saints at Zion. We sure enjoyed being there.*

*Peace in Christ,*

*Rev. Clint Hoff*

**ZION'S BOARD OF EVANGELISM DISCUSSED DONATIONS TO THE HOFF MISSION AT OUR AUGUST MEETING. WE PROPOSE THAT ZION CONTINUE OUR MONTHLY DONATION OF \$100.00 TO THE END OF THE YEAR SINCE THE MISSION BOARD ENCURED UNEXPECTED EXPENSES BRINGING THE FAMILY BACK TO THE USA DUE TO MRS HOFF'S HEALTH, AND PAID HIS SALARY TO JULY 31ST AND HEALTH INSURANCE UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER.**

## BACK TO THE BOOKS (The B.I.B.L.E.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins: Sunday, **Sept. 10, 2017** 10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.  
**Ages 3 years thru 6th grades** have classes, designed for them.

*Mrs. Amanda Ziebarth* will be teaching Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students down-stairs...at the bottom of the steps.

*Mrs. Carol Gale* will be teaching those students in Grades Two, Three, and Four. That class-room is also down-stairs, next to the nursery.

*Mr. Bill Lindeman* is returning as the teacher for the Fifth and Sixth Graders, up-stairs across from the Youth Room.

*We intend to continue holding multi-generational fellowship activities quarterly for the Sunday School Families. Our first one this year will be on Sunday, Oct. 29 with an emphasis on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and Martin Luther. The Children will be serving by singing or bell-playing each month during Worship on the 3rd Sunday. Our first time is SEPT. 17, singing "Father Welcomes" during the Mission Festival Worship. Children's Christmas Service will be on Dec. 17, 2017.*

**CATECHISM CLASSES** for students in Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade begins on **Wed., Sept. 6**. They are held right after school. **4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.** A light snack will be shared, devotions & then in-depth study. On the first Wed. of each month, we will hold the **Jr. Youth Night** from 5:50 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will take turns serving a light supper and playing various games. Our first Youth Night will be Sept. 13.

*With several high school students in our midst we want to begin holding monthly meetings for the Sr. High Youth as well...more information to come on that.  
(Perhaps a Sunday Afternoon once each month...Kids/Parents some feed-back, please.)*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:** These will be continuing! **Sunday Morning** we'll continue to travel through LUTHERANISM 101 **10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.** *This class is for anyone in 7th grade and beyond...we all need to have continuing Ed.*

**Wed. Morning** > **9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** We work our way through the lessons ascribed to the week, from the lectionary. **Men's Club** > **Second Thursday** of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We share a supper meal, devotion, and a good time. **LWML** is held on the **third Tuesday at 6:30pm** quarterly (Oct., Jan., April, & July). It begins with a Bible Study, continuing with a short business meeting: discussing activities in the Zone, District & Nation regarding the sharing of the Gospel through Missions of Mercy. We are hoping to re-start the **Evening Woman's Bible Study**. Look for more information in the Oct. Parish Life. This would be open to all ladies of the congregation...various topics will be examined, and great fellowship included.

## HIGHER THINGS CONFIRMATION CAMP

What do 6 catechism sessions, 12 worship services, 3 devotional ask the pastor sessions, 4 big events, eagles nest, kickball, swimming, gaga ball, human foosball, rock wall climbing, zip lining, canoeing, horseback riding, and ninja have in common? These were what we did at the inaugural Higher Things Confirmation Camp. From Aug 1-4 five of Zion's confirmands and pastor were at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon Iowa (near Iowa City) for this wonderful time of worship, learning about the 6 chief parts of the catechism, fellowship, and enjoying the beauties of God's creation. We thank you for allowing us to attend and for supporting us in our fundraising efforts and from the general budget. If you would like to know more, please ask any of us and we will be glad to share what we learned and did. Thank you from Ben Ziebarth, Alex Welke, Briar Schoelzel, Tyler Lyberg, Joanna Jones, & Pastor Jones.

## ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS!!

Did you know that there is an easy way to help support Zion? It's called Amazon Smile. All you have to do is log into <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0869178> (or go to smile.amazon.com and search for Zion as your designated charity) and shop as you normally would. Every time you do a small percentage of your total purchase price will be donated to Zion. It's simple, easy, and a no strings attached way of helping Zion in her mission to proclaim God's Word to a world in need of forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you have any questions about this or for help getting started please contact Pastor Jones and he will gladly help you.

## YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED IN PLANNING THE DIVINE SERVICE

Each week there are 20- 30 hymns that go well with the appointed readings and I would like you help and guidance in deciding which ones to use. Over the next several weeks I would like for you to take some time to go through Lutheran Service Book and write down the hymns that you like to sing. Half sheet green forms will be available in the nave and church office for you to fill out and return either to the church office or to me. I will compile a list of Zion's favorites and use that list to help pick the hymns for each service. This does not mean that every hymn sung will be a Zion favorite as there are many wonderful hymns that would be good for us to learn so that they become one of our favorites. But this will help me greatly when planning each service.

Feel free to list as many hymns as you would like.

Thank you for your help. Pastor Jones