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“It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”  
John 13:1,4,12-15

## The Master’s Example

In the closing hours of His life Jesus has much to teach his disciples. The hours in the upper room were filled with instruction that has directed the doctrine and practice of the Christian church throughout the ages. That night he instituted the Lord’s Supper. He explained the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. He shared with them mysteries of eternity and of the place that he would prepare for all his disciples there. All of these lessons follow the first lesson that he taught them that night. Jesus teaches his faithful few a lesson in humility.

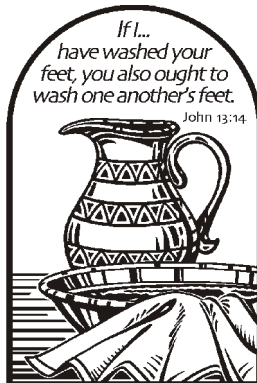
Only a few days had passed since the disciples quarreled. In Matthew 20 they argued over which of them was the greatest and which of them would have the most important position of authority in Jesus’ kingdom. So after supper Jesus laid aside His outer garments, took a towel and washed the disciples’ feet. This was a job for the household slave. It is a gesture that takes the disciples by surprise. Peter, full of himself and full of notions about his own great place in the kingdom, tries to prevent Jesus from performing this act of service for him. Jesus makes it plain that unless He washes a man,

that man has no part to play in His kingdom. Peter submits, but we are left wondering if he learned the lesson. His bravado continued into the evening as he declared his loyalty to Jesus only to finish the evening in shame at having denied Him before men. Later on Peter would write in his first epistle, “All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time.”

Pride is a deadly sin, and deadly indeed when it becomes a hallmark of the visible church. Pride was deadly for Peter. Once again he was thinking of his own learning, his own self sufficiency and his own strength of character as the key to his relationship with Christ and his place in the church. Pride is a deadly trait for all who would serve the Savior. Our life with Christ is never determined by our learning or self sufficiency. We are what we are in His kingdom as a result of His grace. This is why Jesus challenges us to wash feet. He asks us to become the lowest of servants in the household. He asks us to serve as He himself has served us.

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." God grant that we might learn well this lesson from the lenten season.

O Lord, we thank you for the sending of your Son into the world and that through Him you have given us the command to love one another. Grant that through the power of His holy Passion, we may live in obedience to His command and thus follow His example, and that trusting in His merits, we may stand before His throne in glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
Pastor Reith



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The following students received an attendance certificate in December 2009 and January 2010 for completing 13 Sundays:

### NURSERY-KINDERGARTEN

Ian Claybaugh – Nursery

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joshua Camp – 2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Holly Chudej – 4<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Julie Courtney at 779-5401 with any questions.

## Sunday School Food Pantry News

This week five bags of food items were taken to the Red Cross Food Pantry. Thank you for your donations. Support of the pantry is an ongoing project. Non-perishable food items/toiletries can be dropped off at Zion or CTK.

## VBS 2010 -- July 12-16

"Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."  
Ephesians 5:1-2



## Planet Zoom

Where Bold Believers  
**ZIP-ZAP-ZOOM** for Jesus

Biz-z-zy Bee-lievers!  
A Lunch Buzz  
Amaz-z-zing Care!  
A New Bee-ginning!  
Bee free in Jesus!



**PRESCHOOL NEWS:** JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> began enrollment for Zion members and currently enrolled students for the 2010-2011 preschool program. On February 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment opens to the community. If you are interested in enrolling your 3 or 4-year old in Zion's well-known preschool program, please send in an application form as soon as possible. We sent out forms to Zion members and the forms are also available at [www.zionchristtheking.org](http://www.zionchristtheking.org)

This year **our classes are full** with a **waiting list**. People are asking already to enroll for fall, so we are giving Zion families a chance in January to secure a place for their preschoolers before accepting applications from the community in February. If enrollment warrants it, we will offer afternoon classes.

Our 3-year-old class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday 8:45-11:45 a.m. with a possible afternoon class 12:15-3:15. Our 4-year-old class will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45-11:45 a.m. with a possible afternoon class 12:15-3:15. We are very excited that so many people have found us at our new River Road facility.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Monthly Income & Expense Report  
through 12 - 31 - 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$358,068.25	\$381,358.00
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$340,717.28</u>	<u>\$304,856.98</u>
YTD Balance	\$ 17,350.97	\$ 76,501.02
YTD General Fund Income	\$318,344.34	\$305,300.08
YTD Actual Expenses	<u>\$340,717.28</u>	<u>\$304,856.98</u>
YTD Income Less Expense	(\$ 22,372.94)	(\$ 443.10)

### Memorial Gifts:

Bill Maeder

Bruce & Yvonne Fitzgerald

Eileen & Lori Cooper

Joyce Willis

Rudy & Rosalyn Block

Jim & Dolores Morford



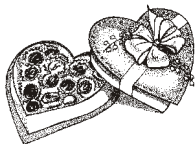
Joyce Brant

Wayne & Karyn Kiefer

Cal Couturier

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The **December Mission of the Month**, Lutheran Child and Family Services, received \$282.00.



### Attention parents of small children!

The youth of Zion Lutheran Church will offer babysitting on Valentine's night, February 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is a free will donation to the youth group. The service will be provided at Zion. Please call Janice in the church office to reserve your place.

### GREETERS NEEDED

Please consider being a greeter. We are in need of people to greet at both the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. services. All you need is a smile and a handshake to do the job. (Now who can't do that?) Please let Claudia Schimmelman at 866-2512 if you can help.



## February Mission of the Month

### Lutheran Student Fellowship

(Information directly from the  
zionchristtheking.org website)

Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF), a registered student organization of Central Michigan University, is a group of students who gather regularly for worship, fellowship, service and mission projects, and Bible studies.

Sitting near the geographic center of Central Michigan University, Christ The King Lutheran Chapel is the site where most LSF activities take place. From worship to lock-ins, and Bible Studies to meals, this wonderful facility hosts us. Built by the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the 1960's, the District now works together with Zion Lutheran Church to carry out the ongoing campus ministry to students at CMU.

Christ The King and the LSF are ministries of Zion Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Together with the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Zion Lutheran Church arranges for campus ministry to take place at Central Michigan University. Pastor Bakker is the Assistant Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, but he is available for students daily at Christ The King Lutheran Chapel. Pastor Reith is the Senior Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, but also works with students. Zion Lutheran Church recently dedicated its new church building at 3401 E River Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI. This spacious facility is available to the Lutheran Student Fellowship for fundraisers and activities. The members of Zion Lutheran Church treasure the relationships they have with Central Michigan University students at Christ The King Lutheran Chapel.

**A big thank you** to all involved in the set-up, hauling, and disassembling of the outdoor Christmas manger scene. It took several man hours and came together without too much trouble due to your dedication. Thank you. Marvin Chudej



Notes from the Pastor's  
Desk

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Join us as we continue our review of the book of Revelation. We have reached the halfway point in the book. Join us as we confront the end times as they are revealed to St. John.

### **Men's Breakfast Bible Study**

Our monthly Men's Breakfast Bible Study will take place on Saturday, February 20, at 8:00 a.m. Class meets at Zion. This month we continue a study provided by the Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled "Enlarging the Harvest." Please make your plans now to attend.

### **LifeLight**

Our LifeLight Bible study continues with a study of the second half of the Gospel of Matthew. Classes meet at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Mueckler library at Zion.

## Lenten Schedule

### **Midweek Services**

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Communion Services  
4:30 p.m. at Zion, 7:30 p.m. at CTK

Feb. 24 Worship Services  
4:30 p.m. at Zion, 7:30 p.m. at CTK

Mar. 3 Worship Services  
4:30 p.m. at Zion, 7:30 p.m. at CTK

Mar. 10 Worship Services  
4:30 p.m. at Zion, 7:30 p.m. at CTK

Mar. 17 Worship Services  
4:30 p.m. at Zion, 7:30 p.m. at CTK

Mar. 24 Worship Services  
4:30 p.m. at Zion, 7:30 p.m. at CTK

Soup suppers will be held from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Zion.

### **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday - March 28 - Worship Services  
8:00 a.m. at Zion, 10:45 a.m. at CTK

Maundy Thursday - April 1 - Holy Communion  
4:30 p.m. at Zion, 7:30 p.m. at CTK

Good Friday - April 2 - Worship Services  
1:00 p.m. at Zion, 3:00 p.m. at CTK

Easter Sunday - April 4 - Worship Services  
7:00 a.m. at Zion, 10:45 a.m. at CTK  
The youth will be serving breakfast following the 7:00 a.m. service at Zion

### **Wednesday Lenten Supper Hosts**

February 17 Pancake Supper - Ladies' Guild

February 24 Supper - Campus Board & LSF

March 3 Supper - Board of Education

March 10 Supper - Family Life & Stewardship

March 17 Irish Supper - Youth Board

March 24 Supper - Board of Elders &  
Board of Trustees



"Love  
the LORD  
your God  
with all your  
heart...soul  
...mind and...  
strength."

Mark 12:30



## YOUTH

Youth Pizza Topic/SAC day on February 21<sup>st</sup> will run from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Pizza will be served at 5 p.m. for the youth. All youth K-12 are invited, however the K-6 must have supervision. We want to encourage all family members to participate. The pool is open along with full use of the facility. To be admitted, check in at the front desk and tell them you are with Zion Lutheran Church. The cost will be \$5.00 which can be turned in to the church office at Zion anytime before the event. (Zion Youth Group will cover the rest.) Parental permission slips must be filled out ahead of time for anyone under the age of 18. The permission slips may be picked up at either Zion or CTK. A parent must sign a release form when dropping off your child or he/she will not be allowed to participate.

## LWML Women To Women

Are you interested in receiving e-mails from Brandi Bucholz regarding the **LWML Women To Women** group? If so, please put your e-mail address on the sheet located on the bulletin board.

### Mid Michigan Zone of LWML

### Prayer Day Service

February 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran, 1501 N. Saginaw Road  
Midland, MI

*Registration is 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. RSVP reservations and babysitting to Kathy Eichinger at 989.832.6266 by February 15, 2010.*

*Babysitting provided at \$4.00/person.*



**Reminder:** Please leave the parking spaces by the back door at Christ The King Chapel for use by senior members of our congregation.

## BOARD OF FAMILY LIFE

### Friday Fun Night

Our **Friday Fun Nights** have been a great success. We have watched movies, played games and enjoyed fellowship with others. Our upcoming dates are as follows:

**Friday, February 5** – Movie Night beginning at 6:30 with a meal. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. There will be age appropriate activities for all!



**Friday, March 5** – We are canceling the Cabin Fever Get-Away this year for lack of interest - we will try again next year!

**Yard Sale:** It has been a few years since our last sale, so we are planning a **Yard Sale Fund Raiser** this summer. All proceeds will go to the New Sanctuary. It is tentatively scheduled for August 21. So start boxing up those items you want to contribute. We will have transportation available to pick up items that you are unable to deliver to the church.



If you have any questions about Family Life activities or suggestions for future events, please talk to any board member: Linda Hanley, Brandi Bucholz, Krista Claybaugh, Diane Prekert, or Ann Reith.