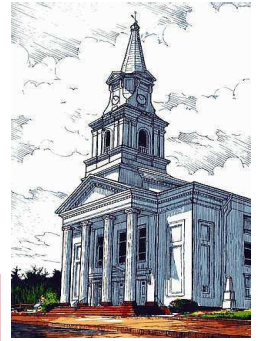


The Zion BEACON



Evangelical Lutheran Church Zion

OCTOBER 2009



Grow In Faith...

Ninth Grade Confirmation:

Join us as we celebrate Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2009 at the 10:45am service. (see page 7 for details..)

Philip James Addington

Aaron Michael Carlstrom

Matthew Philip Glessner

Amy Vitalis Hoffman

Jackson Dean Panther

Brittany Deborah Reichelt

Ryan Tomas Rudy

James Robert Staples

Erik Michael Williams

Share Christ's Love...



All You Can Eat BBQ and Fall Festival: Share Christ's love with your church friends and family at Zion's Second Annual BBQ and Fall Festival. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this intergenerational event, Saturday, October 31st starting at 3:00pm. Bring your pumpkins and plan to join in the fun--pumpkin decorating, bobbing for apples and more! (see page 2 for details)



Serve Others...



Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) of Frederick County :

Perhaps you have heard of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization and wondered what it would be like to be a Big Brother or Big Sister? Now is your chance to find out! Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 11th at 9:30am in the Lower Level Classroom as a representative from Big Brothers and Big Sisters will explain the process for becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister. Zion's own Mike Guckenberger will also share his own experiences as a big brother. Please plan to join us for this informational and inspirational event! (see page 8 for details)



... As a people of God, we are sent to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

**You are invited to an All-U-Can Eat BBQ
and Fall Festival
BYOP (Bring your own Pumpkin!)**



All-U-Can Eat BBQ and Fall Festival 2008

When: Saturday, October 31st
Where: Social Room
What: Food, pumpkin decorating, fall craft,
bobbing for apples & more!
Time: Events and pumpkin decorating
will begin at 3:00pm
Dinner begins at 5:15pm

(Our hope is that your pumpkins will be dry and your bellies full prior to Saturday worship and/or trick-or-treating.)

Cost: Advance Tickets:

Adult: \$10
Child: \$4 (5-12 yr)
Under 5: Free
Family Pricing: \$28
To go order: \$8/person

At the Door:

Adult: \$12
Child: \$5 (5-13yr)
Under 5: Free
Family Pricing: \$35
To go order: \$8/person

Bring your family. Bring your pumpkins! We will provide a vast array of items to decorate/paint your pumpkin. We ask that you bring carving tools with you if you have them as we will have only a few available.

We are offering a “to go” option this year. This is a “per-person” fee. You can come any time during meal hours to fill your take out carton with food. These will **not** be prepared ahead of time. We strongly encourage you to attend the activities and meal. The fellowship and family time at this event is priceless and well worth the time! However, we also understand our families are busy. Because of this we offer the take out option so that you can still support our youth and still partake of Sam Smith’s fine cooking!

Tickets will be on sale after services starting September 26th and 27th. Stop by and purchase your tickets from one of our youth or contact Ginger Trautman (301-371-6500 or gtrautman@zionmiddletown.org.)

BUY TICKETS EARLY AND SAVE!!

[Money raised will help send our kids to Mifflinburg, PA for Work Camp in 2010.](#)

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**October is.....
Clergy Appreciation Month!**

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Zion is so blessed to have three individuals who serve us in ministry as they witness to the Gospel. While the Personnel Committee will be sharing a token of appreciation to each of them on behalf of the congregation, we also invite individuals and families to offer their own special thanks in whatever way is appropriate. Wouldn't it be wonderful to fill the pews each Sunday in October (of course, each Sunday of the year would be great, too), invite friends or extended family members to worship, share special anecdotes or messages. Let's be creative. The options are endless! Thank you so much, Pastor Kathy, Pastor Phil, and Vicar Cris!



**Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 4th 2:00pm**

On the day of St. Francis of Assisi we will gather to bless those creatures of all kinds who share our lives. Bring any and all pets to the yard beside the church to receive a blessing. A reminder that all pets are welcome as long as they won't eat Vicar Cris.

Let your friends, family, and neighbors know about this service.

Pet Blessing 2008



Anti-Racism Conference

**ELCA Anti-Racism Conference
Saturday, October 24th**

All are welcome to an Anti-Racism Conference to be held here at Zion and hosted by the Frederick Conference of the ELCA. This is a unique event as it includes children, youth and adults.

Date: Saturday, October 24th
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm
Location: Social Room
Cost: \$5/person donation or \$15/family

Registration forms are available in the sanctuary windows and on the table outside the church office. Contact the church office at 301-371-6500 with questions. This may be one of the last chances to hear Bishop Knoche preach before his retirement!

Mark Your Calendar

October

- 4 New Members Received (pg 13)
- 4 Blessing of Animals (pg 3)
- 10/11 Decorate a Window
- 11 Big Brother Big Sisters (pg 1, 8)
- 18 NOIZ Confirmation Gathering (pg 9)
- 22 High School Halloween Party (pg 18)
- 23 Middle School Bonfire (pg 19)
- 24 Anti-Racism Conference (pg 11)
- 25 Ninth Grade Confirmation (pg 1,7)
- 31 BBQ and Fall Festival (pg 1,2)

November

- 6/7 Revolve Tour (pg 19)
- 14 First Communion Retreat
- 14 Altar Guild Meeting (9am)
- 14 Youth Leaf Raking (pg 4, 18)
- 15 First Communion Class
- 18 NOIZ Confirmation Gathering
- 22 First Communion Celebrated

? Was Wondering . . .

Q. When I see someone in worship or a Zion activity that is new to me, I don't know what to do? I'm afraid if I ask about them, they may end up being a

long time member of our congregation and they will be offended.



Pastor Kathy: What is amazing about a congregation like Zion is that many of our members are part of large extended families. Over the years there has been an expectation that everyone should know everyone. In fact, that is one of the ways that makes our congregation unique. We are a multiple generation family congregation. Our family, however, is growing and changing. People come and go. Even long time members come to worship and then are not at worship for an extended period of time. How we welcome one another becomes more complicated and especially more important.

Here is a possible way to welcome someone in worship. **Walk up to the person or couple or family and say, "Hi, my name is _____ . It is so nice to have you worship with us today."** They may or may not offer their names. If so, you have begun an important conversation. From that point **you may also ask if they would like to know more about Zion.** Don't forget to **introduce your family or others who are within ear shot.** It would be great to offer them a tour of the church. **Show your love of Zion. Share your stories.** Hand this new person or family a **"Welcome Card"** located in the pews and encourage them to fill it out.

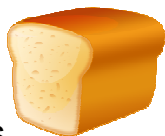
I think it is helpful to remember that when someone enters Zion for the first time or enters again after many months or even years, we also become the "new ones." We are new to the others who come. If we don't know what to do, imagine what it feels like for them. It is well worth the risk to meet someone even if that someone is someone you knew. After all we together are not us and them, we are not even the members and the others, gathered in Christ we become **one anothers** to each other.

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Welcome one another,** therefore just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:5-7.*



Welcome!

Donate Homemade Bread



The youth committee is looking for people to donate homemade loaves of bread to our Fall Festival and BBQ which will be held on Saturday, October 31st. If you are able to donate a homemade loaf (of any kind) please contact Ginger Trautman at 301-371-6500.

Leaf Raking and Other Yard Needs



Zion's youth group is planning their fall clean-up service project for Saturday, November 14th. **If you or someone you know is in need of some help around the house or yard please contact Ginger Trautman (301-371-6500).** You can also place your fall clean-up needs on a visitor card and place in the offering plate. Someone will call you back to make arrangements for the youth to come out.

Stewardship 2010



Celebrating 270 Years and Counting.....

See how God is Counting on You for the next 270.

Watch for More details.

Church one-liners....

- ◆ The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- ◆ Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Treasurer's Report August 2009

	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Income	\$297,856.50
Operating Expense	<u>332,100.37</u>
Income Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(\$34,243.87)</u>

September Council Meeting

Warm summer days and shorter council meetings came to a quick end in September. A few council members arrived early on September 14 to attend the monthly Town Meeting. We presented the town with one of our steeple clocks in appreciation for Middletown's help and support for various activities throughout the years. Our Congregational Council Meeting began promptly with devotions and then directly to a review of the recent Wonderful Wednesday proposals. These will be discussed in more detail next month. We also handed out a packet which included Extended Properties Reports from our recent Architect visit: Bruce G. Mahlandt of CMW Group, Inc., and from Betsy Williams and Karen Sumner of the Mission Investment Fund, who met with us in May. These reports will be discussed next month as well.

The Property Committee recommended a sidewalk/drain repair bid for the west end of the parking lot from SP Daly Construction LLC for \$7300. Council approved the bid and the project will begin in early October.

The bulk of our meeting was spent discussing the recent approval of the Human Sexuality Statement by the ELCA. We allowed time for all members of council to reflect their opinions and share their concerns. Everyone, including the Pastors was disappointed in the result. We then reviewed and reaffirmed the statement that the council issued at the May 5 Council Meeting, and also assigned the Stewardship and Finance Committees with finding options for financial giving to the Synod and ELCA. This process will take time, and the council realizes the importance of finding some resolution. However, there are many other issues for Zion that demand time and commitment as well. We want to be proactive and not quick to be reactive. We encourage members of the congregation to share their thoughts and concerns with the Pastors and the Council as we continue to deal with this issue.

"And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope, And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5: 2-5.

-- *Chris Derr*
Council President



Congregation Council Meeting Highlights, September 14, 2009



1. Council members presented a steeple clock to the Middletown Town Council at its meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009.
2. Year-to-date expenses continue to exceed income for this fiscal year.
3. Contemporary Worship Task Force has been meeting with members attending churches having established contemporary worship services. Findings will be discussed and suggestions made on what may be applicable at Zion. A full report will be given to council at a future meeting.
4. A review of the recent "Wonderful Wednesday" event as well as accompanying materials was presented with planning and discussion to be held at the next council meeting.
5. Council members have contacted individuals who are not members of Zion, but whose children attended VBS, inviting them to worship at Zion.
6. Approved the Property Committee recommendation to repair the sidewalk and drain on the west side of the parking lot at a cost of \$7,300.
7. Thirty-five steeple clocks remain and will be available for sale to the public on Heritage Days.
8. Council received reports from a variety of sources on Zion's 'extended properties,' including the Task Force on Properties, the ELCA Architect and ELCA Mission Investment Consultant both of whom spent time at Zion this past summer, and a local architect familiar with church properties. Time is needed to review and discuss the implications of these reports for future planning of ministries and mission.
9. Reaffirmed the statement developed at the May council meeting on "Human Sexuality, Gift and Trust, and Recommendations for Ministry."

"In response to the actions taken at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly regarding *Human Sexuality Gift and Trust, and Recommendations for Ministry*, we are disappointed in the result. The council will be deliberating and prayerfully considering further ramifications of this outcome to give direction to the congregation. We, as members of the church council and pastors of Zion Lutheran Church, remain committed to the understanding of marriage as the holy union between a man and a woman. Of critical importance to us is that the church supports families so that marriages remain strong, that parents are supported, that children and youth are guided into the ways of God and that all people are welcomed into the community and come to know Christ's love. We also are committed to finding ways to live together faithfully in the midst of our disagreements consistent with our Lutheran understanding of Holy Scriptures as the inspired word of God and consistent with Jesus' command to love one another." **Council approved the reaffirmation of the statement.**

10. Stewardship and Finance committees will be meeting to define options for financial giving to the DE-MD Synod and ELCA as part of the response to recent actions at the ELCA churchwide assembly.

? Was Wondering . . .

Q: Why are our Ninth graders being confirmed in October, and not in May?



A: In recent years our practice has been to begin confirmation classes in the 8th grade, continue in the 9th grade and then celebrate the confirmation of our youth with a Service of Affirmation of Baptism in May, generally on Pentecost Sunday. Several Sundays prior to the confirmation service, the 9th graders would be busy planning the service, practicing, getting pictures taken, and the like. Invariably, conflicts would arise with family schedules--especially with the Memorial Day Weekend and end of school events. In fact, with older siblings and friends graduating from public and private schools, confirmation held in May took on an air of finality. Many sensed that this was the completion of their Christian education and they were 'graduating'.

We know from scripture (Ephesians 4:11-13) that though our salvation is sure, we continue to build up one another in faith so that we can each somehow attain Christ likeness. This is a lofty goal towards which we spend our entire lives striving to achieve! Romans chapter 12 also teaches us that we are all parts of the Body of Christ, the Church, and that each one of us is vital and necessary to the health of the Church and Christ's mission. Therefore, confirmation is not the celebration of completion--**confirmation is the celebration of a new beginning of spiritual growth and service to the Lord!** The life and vigor of our congregation is enhanced by the reaffirmation of these, our youthful members!

Two years ago we began to offer confirmation classes beginning in the 7th grade, with the eye towards shifting the Service of Affirmation of Baptism to the fall of the student's 9th grade year. Benefits of doing this, aside from getting away from the idea of 'graduation', is that the 9th graders feel more comfortable moving into the High School Sunday School class while the school year is still young. Relationships with older students develop more easily and students become more engaged in youth activities. Also, we better serve the students because they now receive over 2 years of confirmation learning experience, whereas with confirmation in the spring, it was really only 1 ¾ years. During September and October of their 9th grade year, the students now have the time to fully prepare for the Affirmation of their Baptism without sacrificing other learning experiences.

The Ninth Grade Confirmation Class has been studying worship including, the purpose of worship (i.e. to honor and praise God), how we worship and the basic components of worship. The confirmands have planned and will lead portions of the service on **Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 10:45am** when they will affirm the vows taken for them in Baptism and become confirmed members of Zion. Please join them as together we joyfully celebrate this new beginning!

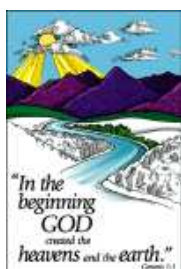
"... Grow in Faith..."



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Frederick County Adult Forum - Sunday, October 11th Lower Level Classroom

On Sunday October 11th during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30am), Zion member Mike Guckenberger and a representative from Big Brother Big Sister organization will be here to share more information about the ways this program changes the lives of young people today. Mike is big brother to Dillon and will share his experiences. This will be held in the lower level Sunday School classroom. Watch for signs. All are welcome.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Frederick County, Inc. (BBBS) is a non-profit organization providing volunteer mentors to at-risk children in the Frederick community. Most of the children live in single-parent families and are in need of friendship, guidance, and support from a caring adult. Currently, BBBS has over 50 children waiting for a volunteer mentor. Most of the children on the waiting list are boys. Therefore, BBBS is currently seeking interested men, women, couples, families, and high school students who are willing to mentor a boy. Mentoring involves building a relationship through doing fun activities in the community, like swimming, going to the park, playing games, or seeing a movie. BBBS recommends spending time with the child two to four times a month for a few hours at a time. Volunteers get together with children on a mutually convenient schedule. Volunteer applications are available on the BBBS website at www.bbbsfrederick.org or by calling Johanna Springston at 301-694-9455. BBBS also operates several programs that provide volunteer opportunities to middle and high school students. Students may volunteer to be high school big brothers or sisters, mentor a child in a school, or mentor special needs children at Rock Creek School. For more information on volunteer opportunities for students, contact Kathy Corbett at 301-694-9455.



It's Never Too Late to Begin Again ...

Beginnings: The Book of Genesis An 8-week Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us **Wednesday evenings through November 4th, from 7:00-8:15pm** (in the Social Room) for a study on the Book of Genesis. Questions please call the church office at 301-371-6500. Optional donation of \$10 for Learner's book.

Lectionary Text For October



Below are the Gospel texts for each week through the end of October:

Oct 3/4:	Mark 10:2-16
Oct 10/11:	Mark 10:17-31
Oct 17/18:	Mark 10:35-45
Oct 24/25:	John 8:31-36

Christian Education



Marriage Enrichment Weekend November 20-21

Not marriage counseling ... but marriage enrichment!! We will be going to Skycroft Conference Center in Middletown, MD, Friday/Saturday November 20/21. The cost is \$126 for a couple. which includes lodging (private rooms), three meals, and the enrichment experiences. A \$30 per person, non-refundable deposit is required by Sunday, October 4th to secure your spot. (Scholarships are available. Please contact Pastor Phil.)

Pastor Phil, Donna and others from the congregation will lead the group in non-threatening experiences designed to help communication, solve problems, build dreams and engender romance. For more information contact Pastor Phil or Ginger Trautman at 301-371-6500.

"Seminary on Saturdays" November 7, 14, 21

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg is offering "Seminary on Saturdays", a lecture series for three consecutive Saturday mornings in November. Each week features two presentations by seminary faculty, on a variety of theological topics. Individuals may register for one or two Saturdays or for the whole series. Registration opens at 8:30am. The first lecture begins at 9:15am and the second concludes at 12noon. The cost is only \$20/Saturday or \$50/series.

- Sat Nov 7: Creeds and How They Grew
 Will our Children Have Faith?**
- Sat Nov 14: Genesis 1 Then and Now**
- Sat Nov 21: The Relevance of Jesus'
 Life to our Salvation
 What is a Good Sermon?**

To reserve your spot, please call 1-800-658-8437 X 3004 or wmizenko@ltsj.edu.



Sunday Morning Adult
Forum Continues....

Making Sense of Scripture:

A 7 Week Bible Study Series

*(The Bible Study for People
Who Don't Do Bible Study)*

Come to the Social Room Sundays through November 1st at 9:30am and see how the scriptures can be opened to you. Optional resource books and materials are available for \$12.

And NOIZ Continues....

**Sunday, October 18th
5:00-8:00pm**



All Confirmation Youth (7th, 8th, 9th grades) will continue to make a joyful noiz the THIRD Sunday of each month. Please plan to join us for a meal, fun activities, and a brief energetic service. Families are strongly encouraged to join us in the Social Room at 7:15pm for worship.

Greeting Cards Needed

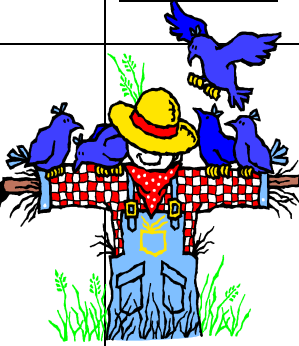



The Sunday school is looking for donations of the following that you may have laying around your house:

- ◆ Envelopes (any size, but particularly greeting card sizes)
- ◆ Stickers
- ◆ Greeting cards

(Donations can be given to Ginger Trautman.)

Christian Education

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<h1>OCTOBER 2009</h1> 			
<p>4 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost New Members received @ 10:45am</p> <p>8:15am Service of Holy Communion 9:30am Christian Education for all ages 10:45am Service of Holy Communion 12N Reception for New Members (SR) 12N Youth Musician's rehearsal (MR) 2:00pm Pet Blessing (east yard) 7pm Children's Choir rehearsal (MR)</p>	<p>5 9:30am Staff meets (LL) 6:30pm Youth Committee meeting 7:30pm Church Council meeting</p>	<p>6 9:00am Wisdom Seekers Bible Study (CR) 4:15pm Body & Soul (SR) 7:00pm Handbells (MR) 7:30pm Music Jam (Chapel)</p>	<p>7 6:15pm Zion Daughters Thank You Covered Dish (Social Room)</p> <p>7-8:15pm Pastor's Bible Study (Chapel- note Change in location)</p>
<p>11 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:15am Service of Holy Communion 9:30am Christian Education for all ages 9:30am Big Brothers/Sisters Forum 10:45am Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>12N Youth Musician's rehearsal (MR) 7pm Children's Choir rehearsal (MR)</p>	<p>12 Columbus Day</p> <p>9:30am Staff meets (LL)</p> <p>6:30pm Daisy Girl Scouts (SS Rm)</p> <p>7:00pm Finance Committee (CR)</p>	<p>13 9:00am Wisdom Seekers Bible Study (CR) 4:15pm Body & Soul (SR) 7:00pm Handbells (MR) 7:30pm Music Jam (Chapel)</p>	<p>14 9am-4pm Bishop's Leadership Day</p> <p>7-8:15pm Pastor's Bible Study (Social Room)</p>
<p>18 Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost</p> <p>8:15am Service of Holy Communion 9:30am Christian Education for all ages 10:45am Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>12Noon Youth Musician's rehearsal (MR) 5-8pm NOIZ for Confirmands & Family (Social Room) 7pm Children's Choir rehearsal (MR)</p>	<p>19 9:30am Staff meets (LL)</p>	<p>20 9:00am Wisdom Seekers Bible Study (CR) 4:15pm Body & Soul (SR) 7:00pm Handbells (MR) 7:30pm Music Jam (Chapel)</p>	<p>21 7-8:15pm Pastor's Bible Study (Social Room)</p>
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	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1 7:00am Quilting (Soc Rm) 11:30am Valley Seniors Lunch (SR) 4:15pm Body & Soul (SR) 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Rainbow Choir (MR) 7:30pm Senior Choir (MR)	2 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	3 8:30am One God One Voice rehearsal (MR) 4:00pm Wedding 6pm Service of Holy Communion (Chapel)
	8 7:00am Quilting (Soc Rm) 4:15pm Body & Soul (SR) 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Rainbow Choir (MR) 7:30pm Senior Choir (MR)	9	10 8:30am OGOV rehearsal 12N-5pm Private Event (Social Room) 6pm Service of Holy Communion (Chapel)
	15 7:00am Quilting (Soc Rm) 11:30am Valley Seniors Lunch (SR) 4:15pm Body & Soul (SR) No Youth Group Tonight 6:30pm Rainbow Choir (MR) 7:30pm Senior Choir (MR)	16 Middle Schoolers go to FREE RIDE Event in Northeast, Maryland	17 No OGOV rehearsal today 6pm Service of Holy Communion (Chapel)
	22 7:00am Quilting (Soc Rm) 4:15pm Body & Soul (SR) 6:30-8:30pm High School Halloween Party and Youth Group 6:30pm Rainbow Choir (MR) 7:30pm Senior Choir (MR)	23 1-5pm Synod Conference preparation (throughout facility) 6:30-9:30pm Middle School Bonfire at the Lichtenbergers	24 9am-3pm Anti-Racism Conference sponsored by the Delaware-Maryland Synod, hosted by Zion Lutheran Church 6pm Service of Holy Communion (Chapel)
	29 8:00am BEACON Mailing Group (CR)	30 	31 8:30am One God One Voice rehearsal (MR) 3:00pm BBQ & Fall Festival (Social Room) Setup starting 9am



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our OCTOBER celebrants!

- 1 Phyllis Koch, Nora Leighton, Patsy Main, Coban Taylor, Teri Williams
- 2 Brooks Ahalt, Jake Darr, Cora Stup
- 3 Shirley Farley, Charles Griffith, Earl Ropp, Krista Schaffert, Lisa Schaffert
- 4 Robin Adams, Derek Ausherman, Eddie Main, Tanya Miller, Katie Stasiewicz
- 5 Caroline Holt, Steve Russell, Lisa Schultz
- 6 Kaye Derr, Layne Fry
- 7 Evelyn Biser, Phyllis Bussard, Helen Hawker, Steve Leatherman, Teri Lundregan, Rebecca Ropp, Derrick Trautman
- 8 Bradley Ahalt, Jessica Baker, Craig Bohn, Abby Buchanan, Roben Hansen
- 9 Katie Bell, Lisa Eng, Robert Fulton, Cody Mathews
- 10 Renice Reed
- 11 John Crone Jr., Anna Loveless, Mike Stauffer, Michele Vandegriff
- 12 Caden Ahalt, Tim Schroyer
- 13 Marit Irgens, Adam Pearl, Debbie Smith
- 14 Myron Derr, Robert Hetrick, Clay Thorne
- 15 Travis Leighton, Alice Tritt
- 16 Clay Bussard, Kelly Durkin, Jeffrey Lundregan Jr.
- 17 Holly Gaul
- 18 Glen Buxbaum, Carol Conrad, Elizabeth Fogle, Justin Hagemeyer, Alex Pearl
- 19 Robin Campbell-Krouse, Lisa Gillespie, Jay Lawson, Zachary Mahoney, Ryan McCubbin, Mary Trusty, Bill Williams
- 20 Kendall Harne, Edward Hoffman Jr., Ryan Rudy
- 21 Griff Livingston
- 22 Dave Bandy, Edna Bidle, Brian Blumenauer, Ed Eaves, Jeremy Frattali, Richard Holder, Sophia Potter, Steven Sandler, Blaine Shatzer
- 23 Erika Carlstrom, Lee Ropp, James Rudy
- 24 Nancy Becker, Richard Deater, Maria McAllister, Michele Newkirk, Charles Palmer
- 25 John Blumenauer, Margaret Glessner, Joann Stanfield, Janelle Wilson
- 26 Nicholas Blair, David Fulton Jr., Lorene Huffer, Lana Murphy
- 27 Karlyn Barnes, Randy Huffer, Sylvia Keller, Chelsea McDermott, Ron Stevens
- 28 Barry Bidle, Mike Cowell, Nicky Schoch
- 29 Richard Smith, Carolyn Toledo, Erik Williams, Janet Young
- 30 Evan Price, Sharon Stauffer
- 31 Emily Fulton, Jeffrey Lundregan Sr., Bryan Vanek, Charles Wines

The People

With our deepest sympathy we keep in our thoughts and prayers the family and friends of:

Vera Sievers
(great grandmother of
Laurel Frigm)
Albert Shafer
Donna Sue Wetnight
(Gerry Boglitsch's cousin)



Thank You!

Thanks to all who sent cards or personally greeted me on my 87th birthday. God, a loving family, and many friends helped make it especially wonderful!

Sincerely,
Mary Catherine Gordon



Body and Soul Fitness

Body and Soul cardio and strength exercise classes meet Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm in the social room. The program offers a full body workout and is choreographed to contemporary Christian music. This fall's session theme is "Never Steal My Joy." High and low impact options are available. We encourage anyone to try a class for FREE before registering! Questions, contact ACE fitness instructor Lisa Ridenour at 301-432-7337 or (email) l.ridenour@myactv.net (website) www.bodyandsoul.org

Try this link to see a preview of our program:
http://bodyandsoul.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=10



New members will be joining Zion on **Sunday, October 4th at the 10:45am worship service.** Please plan to join us for a reception in the Social Room immediately following the 10:45am worship service. (Watch for New Member bio's in the November Beacon.)

September Baptisms

Carter Zachary Metz
(son of Randall Metz and Megan Huffer)



Elena Grace Runfola
(daughter of Dominic and Kimberley Runfola)

First Response Team Update... AED to Arrive by Christmas

The First Response team has researched various **automated external defibrillators** or **AED** models and have been advised as to a specific model that will best meet Zion's needs. Unfortunately, the FDA has not yet released this particular model. The model we are waiting to purchase is compatible with the AED used by local rescue squads. The good news is, it should be in our hands by Christmas! The committee is on hold for now but we are indeed ready to reconvene as soon as we have the equipment! The First Response team thanks the congregation for their patience and understanding.



.... and Thank You to the First Response Team for your dedication in working toward the best possible solution for Zion!

How Can I Serve?

Adopt-A-Family for Christmas



Any Sunday School Class or family wishing to adopt a family for Christmas, please contact either Dorothy Moler at dmoler@gmail.com or Donna Jean Brandenburg at djb602@verizon.net. Also, we are accepting any donation of generic gifts, toys to be distributed, gift cards or monetary donations. Donations will be accepted until mid December. If you have questions, please call Donna Jean at 301-371-5139. Many thanks!



Change for Change

The Community of St. Dysmas is a Lutheran congregation within the Maryland correctional system, operating independently of the state government. The congregation is a member of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, (ELCA) and Prison Congregations of America. The Community of St. Dysmas proclaims repentance, acceptance, and forgiveness in Christ's Name. We have an opportunity to support this ministry. In the east front window sill of our sanctuary a "Loose Change Collection" can is located. As you are sent from worship to Share Christ's Love, why not offer your change so that others may be changed by the love of Christ?



Hospice House Coming to Middletown Valley

A Hospice House is coming to Middletown Valley! It will be located on the Robert Fry farm north of Fountaindale North and will be called Anne's Hospice Home in honor of Robert Fry's wife Anne who succumbed to cancer several years ago. To learn more about this new hospice house, all are invited to the next senior citizens' meeting at the Middletown AMVETS on October 13th. Laurel Cucchi, director of Frederick County Hospice, will be the speaker at 1:00pm. There will also be a catered lunch for \$5. Anyone planning on having lunch should call 301-371-5170, by Saturday, October 10th.



The Middletown Valley Food Bank continues to need your help! Please keep the food bank in your thoughts as you do your weekly shopping!

Afghans/Blankets on Sale - Proceeds to Benefit Mar-Lu-Ridge



Beautiful 4' X 5 1/2' afghan/blankets will be on sale through **November 1st**. Blankets are \$49 each with the proceeds from the sale, combined with proceeds from Thrivent, benefitting Mar-Lu-Ridge. If you are interested in purchasing a blanket, please see Joann Stanfield between services or contact her at 301-371-6240 or retirement8@yahoo.com or fill out the form below and place in the **SHOUT mailbox**. Additional forms will be available in the sanctuary windowsills and outside the church office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Yes, I have included my check for \$49 to "Zion Lutheran Church".

Hello Zion!

I've been at my internship site here in Boca Raton, Florida for about a month and a half now and my schedule has been pretty full since my arrival. Advent Lutheran Church and its ministries never seem to stop. I love it! Advent Life Ministries is responsible for an elementary school, middle school, early childhood school, and retirement community, not to mention the congregation itself (3 services on Sundays) as well as all of its ministries within the church and the surrounding neighborhood. It's been amazing learning all of the different ways the Advent community follows God's Call to serve the world!

If you haven't had a chance to do so, you should really check out my online journal. There are lots of really neat stories about things I've experienced so far and a few of the entries include photos. One of my favorites right now is about the time I spent at the Florida-Bahamas Synod Conference on Ministry with the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson. It was definitely an unforgettable few days and I'm so thankful my internship congregation sponsored my attendance at the conference.

Of course, I have had some time to do fun, tourist activities here in Florida as well. A friend from high school working at Disney's Animal Kingdom gave me a behind-the-scenes tour of the park when I was in Orlando during my day off. Right now a group from the church here is planning a trip to take me to Key Largo for some snorkeling. I'm definitely feeling settled and incredibly blessed to be here for my internship.

I love being able to share with you my seminary experiences and giving you your own "behind-the-scenes" look at my internship. I would like to hear from you too, so I've included all of my contact information here in Florida.

God's Blessings Always,
Veronica

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Sharing Christ's Love— An Invitation Away...

From what I hear, vacation Bible school this year was a success. I had nothing to do with that. I did, however, manage to bring in a new family. I was out running (running sounds better than plodding) with my running partner when we ran past our church. The banner for VBS was out front, and my running partner (from here on referred to as my running partner) asked if you had to be a member to come to our



VBS. I answered between gasping for breath, no you don't. My running partner said that her niece and her husband and her three children had just moved into the apartments down the street and were looking for

a church. "They're more than welcome to come to our VBS" I said. Does it cost anything? Money's a little tight for them right now. I explained that we had scholarships available, and that I sincerely doubted that we would turn anyone away regardless of whether or not they could pay. My running partner's family did come to VBS. The father stayed to help, the oldest son wants to join Children's Choir, and several play dates were made for him also. What a wonderful outreach to the community, and it required virtually no effort on my part. Perfect.

At the Council meeting in August, while we were going over the results of VBS, we had a list of several families that did not list a home church on their registration forms. Council members were asked to follow up on these families and invite them to visit our church and Sunday school. I volunteered to follow up with my running partner's family. Now I had two avenues of contact with the family, my running partner, and the

Children's choir director, a person I've known for a number of years now. Could it be possible that I could score more brownie points while actually doing even less work? Let me just say that God works in mysterious ways. At the end of one of our runs, as we were walking up Green St. getting ready to pass by the back of the apartments, I was all set to mention to my running partner to ask her niece if they had thought about coming to our church. I was getting good at this not doing anything stuff. Well guess who was pulling out of the apartment parking lot onto Green St. It was her niece. Now I had no choice but to talk to her. Nice move God.

My running partner introduced us. I mentioned that it seemed like her kids and her husband enjoyed VBS. I found out her three kids are 5, 3 and an infant. Time to go for it, I asked her if she had found a church in the area yet. Not yet, but they liked ours and it was right next door. We talked a little more about our Sunday School programs, the three different services, the possible upcoming contemporary services. I felt comfortable talking about our church now that I was in familiar waters...or should I say now that God had pushed me into the pool. Her husband had just gotten a new job that requires him to work on Sundays. Between that, and school starting, and just moving here, and having to get three kids ready in the morning, she seemed a little embarrassed that she hadn't gotten to church yet. I told her that there are people in our congregation with a lot less going on in the mornings, and they have trouble getting to church too. We left it that they are always welcome at Zion.



Submitted by *Ken Lichtenberger*



National Youth Gathering 2009 (New Orleans) facts and impacts:

- ELCA youth and adults contributed an estimated 244,000 hours of volunteer service in New Orleans during the Gathering.
- Every K-3rd grade student in New Orleans received a school supply kit.
- Youth and Adults worked with:
 - o 79 schools
 - o 16 churches
 - o 11 organizations building homes
 - o 37 parks & playgrounds
 - o 21 community centers
 - o 2 major public events
 - o 5 reading fairs
 - o ServantLife experiences involved:
 - o 12,000 Gathering servants per day
 - o 360 young adult volunteers per day
 - o 300 buses per day
 - o President Barack Obama sent a letter that was read to Gathering participants encouraging service and community responsibility.
 - o About 300 youth donated their hair for chemotherapy patients.
 - o 1,023 units of blood were given during the Gathering -- the most given by an event in The Blood Center's 50 year history!
 - o 102,500 books were collected for the children of New Orleans.

Lots and lots of people asking, "Who are those people in orange shirts?" (Opportunities for sharing the gospel in both word and action!)



Testimonies from New Orleans

My experience at New Orleans was out of this world. It was amazing that there were over 37,000 youth there worshipping God in such an active way. I remember we asked people what states they were from and we met people from something like 28 different states and Puerto Rico. Working in the 9th Ward was a real eye opener of how devastating hurricane Katrina was to that area. One of the statistics that the organization told us was before the hurricane hit there were 14,000 people living there and after only 2,000 stayed. This experience showed me how lucky I am that the hurricane did not affect us as badly as it did in New Orleans. Also this experience effected my relationship with God in a positive way. My favorite part was definitely the presentations at the Superdome. The speakers really inspired me and the music was great. I know I would do this again any day. I'd like to thank all of the people that made donations to make this possible. Thanks.

Yours,
Cole Ahalt



**National Lutheran Home - Fall Festival
Saturday, November 14th**

You are invited to the National Lutheran Home Fall Festival. Saturday, November 14 from 9:30am-2:00pm located at 9701 Veirs Drive in Rockville MD. Activities include Silent Auction, Christmas Room, Grandma's Attic, Baked Goods, Candy, Jewelry, Plants, Resident Crafts, and more. All proceeds benefit the residents. Lunch is served from 11:00am-1:00pm. Independent Living Cottage tours are available 10:30am and 1:00pm. Plan to stay for the Home's Chorus performance at 2:30pm in the Chapel. The Home is also looking for donations of items to be sold. If you have items to be sold call 301-424-9560 X250 or email auxiliary@nlhv.org. Please see posters for more details.

Youth News



High School Halloween Party and Youth Group!

Youth group **Thursday, October 22nd** will be dedicated to **high school students only!** (Middle schoolers will have their bonfire the next night!). We invite all 8th-12th graders to join us from 6:30-8:30pm for food, games, and a flashlight scavenger hunt through the church. Come dressed in church appropriate costumes and bring a drink or snack to share. Bring your friends. Meet at the youth house! Call Ginger Trautman at 301-371-6500 with questions.



Youth Group Update

There is NO Youth Group on Thursday, October 15th due to FCPS school closings and parent conferences

Leaf Raking Time Saturday, November 14th

Calling all youth! We will be raking leaves on Saturday, November 14th. We need you to get your friends together and sign up to help us. Shifts are 9-12 and 1-4, or come all day! Lunch will be provided at the youth house at noon. Please check out the sign up sheets on the youth bulletin board to let us know you will be helping.



Feed Our Leaf Rakers!

We are looking for a couple people who would be available to meet our youth (and adult) leaf rakers at the youth house on Saturday, November 14th with some hot food and drinks. If you are able to donate food or are willing to be there to set up and/or clean up, please contact Ginger Trautman at 301-371-6500.

BBQ and Fall Festival Saturday, October 31st; 3:00pm -

All middle school and high school youth should check the bulletin board to see how they can help with the Fall Festival and BBQ on October 31st and earn money in their youth account. Those attending Work Camp in 2010 are asked to sign up for at least one way to help. See page 2 for more details.



WORK CAMP 2010 Meeting Sunday, November 8th

Calling all Work Camp 2010 parents and participants. Mark your calendars for an important informational meeting, Sunday, November 8th at 6:30pm in the Social Room. ALL are expected to attend in order to receive Work Camp details and expectations. Please contact Ginger Trautman at 301-371-6500 or gtrautman@zionmiddletown.org if you are unable to attend. We are looking forward to another great trip with our 22 youth and 5 adult chaperones!





Middle School Bonfire Friday, October 23rd 6:30-9:30pm

Anyone in 5th-8th grade is invited to a bonfire at the Lichtenberger's house for food, obstacle course, scavenger hunt, music, smores, and much more. The bonfire will be on Friday, October 23rd and will run from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Please bring as many friends as you'd like. Also, feel free to bring a snack or drink to share. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Ginger Trautman to let her know if you plan to come so we will know how much to plan for food. Feel free to call her if you have suggestions for the bonfire, too. We look forward to celebrating a new school year with you!

NOTE: For inclement weather, please call the youth house at 301-371-3381 to hear if it has been postponed or cancelled.



Aluminum Can Fundraiser



Just a reminder that the youth are continuing to collect your aluminum cans to be recycled for money. This is an ongoing fundraiser. If you have cans to donate you can bring them to the youth house porch at any time. There are bins at the front door. We thank you for your continued support.

Need more information....

Contacts: Ginger Trautman,
Phone: Ginger: 301-371-6500 X203
Email: gtrautman@zionmiddletown.org

Youth House Phone: 301-371-3381
If questions ever arise regarding youth events, you can call this number to hear a recording.



Special Events and Road Trips!

- ⇒ **High School Halloween Party**
(8th-12th grade) (pg 18)
Thurs, October 22nd;
6:30-8:30pm
Youth House
- ⇒ **Middle School Bonfire**
(5th - 8th grade) (pg 19)
Friday, October 23;
6:30-9:30pm
Lichtenberger's House
- ⇒ **The Revolve Tour**
(6th-12th grade girls)
November 6-7, 2009
Philadelphia, PA
- ⇒ **Leaf Raking** (pg 18)
(6th-12th Grade)
Saturday, November 14th
9:00am - 4:00pm
- ⇒ **Youth Group Christmas Caroling**
December 17th;
6:30-8:30pm
- ⇒ **Quake**
(6th - 8th grade)
January 15-17, 2010
Hunt Valley, MD
- ⇒ **IMPACT**
(9th - 12th grade)
March 26-28, 2010
Ocean City, MD
- ⇒ **High School "Burn the Peeps" Bonfire** (8th-12th Grade)
Friday, April 23, 2010
- ⇒ **2010 Work Camp** (see pg18 article)
(9th - 12th Grade)
July 11-17, 2010
Mifflinburg, PA

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Please submit your articles **no later than the 18th of the month**. You may fax, e-mail or deposit in The BEACON mail drawer located outside the church office.

THE CHURCH AND H1N1 FLU-2009

We are a gathering place. We shake hands. We hug each other! We eat together! We worship with friends who are young and old; friends who are fighting battles with their health. So how can we as a congregation stay healthy while we continue to gather in this place we love so much. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has published guidelines for gathering places:



- ◆ Stay home for 7 days after the onset of flu like symptoms or at least 24 hours after the symptoms have resolved, whichever is longer.
- ◆ Make widely available tissues, soap and water, and alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- ◆ Stay informed. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person- to- person through coughing or sneezing of infected people
- ◆ Take everyday actions to stay healthy.
- ◆ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after you use it.
- ◆ Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol based hand sanitizers.
- ◆ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ◆ Stay home if you get sick.

The CDC is hoping a vaccine will be made available this fall. A protocol for giving the vaccine has been made available by the CDC until which time everyone who falls within the protocol and desires vaccination has been vaccinated.