

May 2007

ZION'S MESSENGER

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MATTHEWS....

Do you know what is going on? Sometimes I wonder if all of us are as aware of what happens around us as we think we are. It was just the other day when my wife, Nancy, drew my attention to someone walking on the edge of the road on a dark night. As carefully as I thought I was driving, I hadn't seen the person. The Lord was looking out for him, and for us, because he was walking (on the wrong side) far enough over that I didn't hit him. Yet, as you may have read in the newspapers recently, others have walked on the edge and not been so fortunate. Accidents, even tragedies, strike when we think we know what is going on but have our attention distracted or don't listen to others who care about us.

What does that have to do with our church? First, do you pay attention to what is going on? For example, if you have read this far will you still read the inside pages of information in this *Messenger*? Or will you put it down and think, 'I know what is going on'. For another example, will you double check what is going on and let a friend, a family member, or a neighbor know about the many activities and strong worship at Zion? He or she might not know. He or she might be interested. He or she might just be waiting for an invitation from you to be a part of God's people at Zion, or to return to Zion after a long absence. Accidents, even the tragedy of someone feeling that the Lord or the people of Zion or the staff or the women or the men or the youth or whomever have forgotten them, can happen if we don't help and support each other. Faith, like driving late at night with a passenger who cares, can be strengthened and renewed when we watch out for each other.

A common thought around Zion right now is "everybody knows about the refurbishing of the sanctuary" (set now to begin on May 22). Yet I spoke with someone just a few days ago who, even though she regularly attends worship, did not know that this summer would have us travel a new road of adventure together while our historic sanctuary is repainted, refreshed, and renewed. Or maybe everybody doesn't know we have a new and exciting hymnal now in use for two months, known as the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal. Or maybe someone is out there who hasn't heard from friends at Zion for a long time and thinks "they have forgotten me". We are each a passenger alongside someone else as we drive our paths through life. We each may think we are paying full attention, but we each need that extra eye, that partnership with each other which gives us extra watch and care in the nights when our travels of life wend their ways through darkness. ***Are you paying attention? Are you helping someone else see the road of faith, hope, and life? We need each other. Isn't that food for thought for us all?***

THE SUMMER IS COMING TO ZION!

As one long-time member said, "It is an Adventure!" That's what will begin on Saturday, May 26 and continue through most of August. Worship at 6:00pm on Saturdays, and Sunday worship at 8:00 or 10:00am. Sounds normal, doesn't it? But remember we will be worshipping in the CHAPEL AND FELLOWSHIP HALL in a reconfigured worship area. Our Sanctuary will be refurbished and will not be available for worship until work is complete. During the summer we will have special music, great preaching, and Holy Communion at each worship. There will also be Fellowship and food in the Gym or outside between worship experiences. Join your fellow Zion members for a 'different adventure' of joy and honoring our God. Oh yes, you will get a peek each week at the ongoing improvements in the Sanctuary.

A Few Words from. . . Pastor Wendy

Reflection verses for the month: "Then I saw a new heaven and new new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. . . And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" -- Revelation 21:1, 5

Lately, I've been doing two things: cleaning out our house's crawl space with my husband, and watching a diamond commercial. Well, I haven't really been spending all my time doing those two things! But lately, the background music to that diamond commercial intersected with my cleaning in a profound way. The commercial features an old love song whose first lines are, "What are you doing the rest of your life / north and south and east and west of your life?" While the song intends to describe the possible beginning of a love relationship with someone, it occurred to me that the question really applied to all of our lives. What are we doing the rest of our lives? What is our reason for being here, now and in the future? That question about our purpose, of course, ultimately is a spiritual question, since God gives us not only life but a mission to carry out on the Lord's behalf. We are created, redeemed and then re-created by the resurrection news of Jesus, in order to serve God's mission of love and healing. We have a great, God-given and God-driven purpose for the rest of our lives.

Yet, even though we are redeemed people with a God-given purpose, we also struggle with carrying out God's mission. And this is where my house-cleaning comes in. While surrounded by my accumulated stuff, it occurred to me that what we've done with our lives in the past can get in the way of what God wants us to do with the life we have remaining. That "stuff" may be good – successes at work, accomplishments as a family – or that "stuff" may be bad – failures, mistakes, disasters. But regardless of what kind of stuff it is, if it simply accumulates in our lives, if it is simply taking up space without serving any purpose, then it can get in the way of seeing where God wants to lead us next. That personal universe we've created can even build up to the point that it imprisons us in lives that no longer work and are no longer healthy for us or for those we love. We can't part with the world of our making, but we can no longer benefit from it, either.

Fortunately, the Easter season reminds us that God can clear out the stuff in our lives. What God has done for Jesus, in making him a new creation, God *can and wants* to do for us (and the whole universe!). We need not sit around, stymied by the stuff of our pasts. Instead, we can trust that the God who raised Jesus from the dead can give us new life. God can create space in us as big as a new universe -- space for new possibilities and new directions. And with that space, God can also give energy to carry out those new directions for our lives. The Spirit can enliven our hearts, even as it clears away the obstacles to entertaining God's call on our lives.

In other words, God provides everything needed to make a new creation of us. And therefore, we can ask the question, "What are we doing the rest of our lives?" and trust that God will provide both the answer and the power for enacting that answer. Please take some time during the rest of this Easter season to ask yourself, "What am I doing with the rest of my life?" Go down in your spiritual crawl space and look around at what's weighing you down. But don't be discouraged by what you see. Instead, trust that the God of the resurrection can clean out all the stuff of the past and set you on a fresh path of loving service to God. Regardless of your age or circumstances, God can make your life shine more brightly than a diamond on a new bride's finger. So go ahead and ask that challenging, joyful question: "What are you doing the rest of your life?"

NURSERY NOTES

We look forward to warmer weather for more outdoor fun and projects. Be sure to admire our picture wall as it changes often. On Sundays we continue to follow the bulletin. We have a speaker in the Nursery so we learn and listen as well as participate by saying the Lord's Prayer and sharing the peace. Occasionally we will express our learnings in our pictures. I enjoy helping the kids learn as your parents do. We also get our blessings and communion from the pastors. All the kids know that after our blessings, it's time to pick up. Everyone listens so well and works together. Recently there have been items that come & go and get left behind, so there is a purple lost & found box on the counter. Hope to see you soon! God Bless You All!

Miss Jamie

From the Music Desks of Dr. Dan. . .

Summer 2007 is an exciting time at Zion! **More Joyful NOIZ*** (this is a working title) is a recreated and reinvented form of Sommer SONday Choir—anyone who can read can help lead us in worship in the Chapel/Fellowship Hall during the refurbishment:

To provide special music weekly (a calendar allows you to sign when you can sing)

To lead congregational singing

An added smaller ensemble at both worship times, if you prefer 8:00am or 10:00am

We'll rehearse t o g e t h e r in May, and 20 minutes prior to worship Sundays

Starts *May 27 (Pentecost) **8:00 Offering: "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"**

To hear a concert by one of the finest HANDBELL ENSEMBLES in the world, plan to come to Zion:

WHAT: Westminster Concert Ringers

WHEN: Mon., May 21 (7:30pm)

♪ There will also be a handbell workshop from 4:30-6:00pm and a meal with the WCR at 6:00pm—all at Zion! This will be the last performance in the "un-refurbished" sanctuary. Tickets are still available in the office or at the door:

\$5.00 groups of 5 or more/including families, or if attending 4:30 workshop

\$7.50 advance ticket price

\$10.00 at the door

♪ We will be housing these ringers overnight, so **please let Dr. Dan know if you would like to host a pair of ringers May 21.**

Exploring Ways to Worship God at Zion

(from the Worship & Music Committee)

Are you interested in participating in a worship task force exploring new ways to worship God at Zion? You are invited to a time of sharing over juice/coffee and Continental Breakfast on **Sat., June 16 from 9:00am to 10:30am.** If you are willing to share your insights and experiences on this topic in an open discussion please contact Dr. Dan or Pastor Wendy.

-Joy!

"Dr. Dan" Steinert, AAGO

Director of Music Ministries

Helpers in the following areas are still needed (answer God's knocking at your heart):

- 1) Call people who are willing to provide Altar Care for 8am worship (list provided);
- 2) Usher at Saturday 6pm worship (even one Saturday a month would be great!);
- 3) "Zion at 125" will be a task force charged by the Historical Committee to help plan the perhaps year-long celebration of one-eighth of a millennium of Zion's congregation. (Joy!)

Save these dates in 2007:

Mon., **May 21**

Westminster Concert Bell Ringers in concert at Zion (7:30pm)
[HEAR ONE OF THE FINEST HANDBELL CHOIRS in the WORLD!]

Mon.-Thurs., **June 11-14**

Z-CAMP in its 3rd year! (9:30am-2:30pm)

Mon.-Fri., **July 23-27**

Vacation Bible School! (NOTE: one week *earlier* than in past years)

Sun., **Sept. 23**

Spirit of Zion "Rededication of the Sanctuary"

Bishop James Justman, preacher

From the Desk of Sunday School Superintendent, Sari Ashauer...

Well there are only 2 Sundays left of Sunday School this year. The year sure has flown by! With that we have some final business to take care ofGrades 1-5 will sing for the last time this school year on Sunday, May 6th @ the 10:30 service. Please make sure to have them there to sing because they all have been working so hard to make their songs perfect. On Sunday, May 13th we will have the Sunday School carnival in the Gym again this year during the SS hour. Please bring your children to enjoy games and treats as a family. Also that day at both services, we will have Teacher Appreciation and Attendance Awards. I will be calling all of the perfect attendance children the week of the carnival to find out what service you will be attending. I will talk to you all next month! Enjoy the weather!

Have a great month!
Sari

Nurse's Notes...

Dear Family and Friends of Zion,

Recent events have indeed changed our country and force us to consider if we will ever live in a peaceful world, at what cost, and what will the world be like for our children and our grandchildren. This month, I want to visit with you on **Responding to Terrorism**.

God's word is the ultimate and lasting antidote for human anxiety and suffering, be it terrorism, armed conflict, family difficulties, fear and/or anxiety. In the Psalms, we are encouraged to fear no evil or any evil persons (23:4; 37:1; 91:5). Also, throughout the Old and New Testament, God comforts us with his certain promises of His protection and love for us (Is. 54:10; Psalm 46; Rom.5:1-5; Heb. 13:5-6; 1Peter 2:9-10).

Being involved or aware of a traumatic event can cause grief, fear, anxiety and depression. Anyone who has lived through a very painful event (one that makes you feel helpless or fear for your safety) can experience the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which can include flashbacks, pre-occupation with the traumatic event, difficulty concentrating, lack of interest in usual activities, changes in usual sleep and eating patterns. The good news is that help is available and can make a big difference in a person's recovery.

What Can You Do to Respond to Terrorism?

Seek health care if you or a loved one shows signs associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (often new painful episodes bring to life painful experiences from our past)

Give yourself and others permission to express their feelings and worries (without judging them)

For children and vulnerable adults, emphasize their safety and security, and minimize exposure to news reports
Comfort children by reinforcing that their parents are taking care of them and will continue to help them work through these issues as well as other concerns that they might have and try to minimize their exposure to violent images

Try to continue usual routines and avoid unnecessary time apart from family members

Find ways to show all the important persons in your life that you love them

Get involved in programs that offer support or assistance to those affected by disasters (Blood Banks, Red Cross) (see Rom. 12:1-7 for some inspiration)

Point people to the eternal source of healing, our great God

Despite the difficulties we face, we are comforted that our God, who holds the universe in His loving hands, will heal us and bless us with perfect and lasting peace (Jer.33:6). "May The God of Peace be with you all" (Romans 15:33). Please see me if I can be of any help to you or your loved ones.

God's blessing - Nurse Nancy

Zion's website has been under construction, but has now been updated and has a new look. Beginning early May, you can view the updated website at www.zionlutheranonline.com. On this website you will be able to view worship times, sermons, the Messenger and monthly calendar, music and youth activities, committees, Christian education opportunities, health ministry, as well as church contacts and links to other websites related to Zion. You will also see a variety of pictures of our members involved in various activities.

Note: Various pictures of Zion members and families involved in various activities may be placed on the website periodically. Even though names will not be identified in the pictures, if you do not want yourself or a family member to be shown in any of the pictures, please send an email to the church office.

ELW (Cranberry) Hymnals Update:

Just a reminder that you may continue to donate money towards the purchase of the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals. A gift of at least \$20 per hymnal will allow you to honor/memorialize loved ones with a nameplate in each hymnal. We currently have received enough to pay for 236 hymnals but still would like to have all 400 hymnals paid for.

A reminder from Charlie Church Mouse & Libby Library Mouse!

Charlie and Libby hope you have a fun, safe summer. Remember, they will be on vacation due to the church refurbishing. Squeak, squeak!

Attention, All Gardeners and Builders!!

If you like to garden/build and serve the community, you now have a chance to do both at once! In partnership with the City of Appleton and the County Community Gardens program, Columbus Elementary School is creating a teaching garden on their school grounds this spring. The garden will teach children gardening skills, while also teaching them about science, history, math, etc. Plans include building raised beds and a "tabletop" bench, with unused green space on the Columbus property.

In order to make this happen, Columbus is holding a Garden Day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19th, to build the raised beds and tabletop beds. Anyone with an interest in gardens and the appropriate construction skills is welcome to participate, including our handy Zion members! If you'd like to help, please contact Community Gardens coordinator Susan Richardson (832-5119). If you can't help on that Saturday but can do some building ahead of that day, please also call Susan, and she'll work out a way for you to do that.

Registration for the Lay School of Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin is now opening for the 2007-2008 school year (September-May). Participants will meet once each month for Friday evening and Saturday morning classes for two years. Professors from Wartburg and Luther Seminaries lend their expertise to foundational studies in Biblical Theology, Church History, Systematic Theology, Worship and Spiritual Formation. This is an excellent opportunity for theological learning and skill enhancement for service as congregational care givers, educators, and worship leaders. For more information please contact: Ms. Tobi Johannsen
tjohannsen@new.rr.com or 920-731-1486
Or speak with current participants from Zion, Mary Zanto and Rosemary Eckley.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS OF 2007

Samuel Joseph Erb
Sabrina Grace Greene
Adam Frederick Gruett
Brianna Danielle Holzschuh
Christian Lars Jensen
Tiffany Marie Kelder

Haley Kohl
Abigail Ann Larsen
Adam Robert Larsen
Terra Choua Lee
Brooke Lynn McArty

Samuel Alan Moderson
Andrew John Ostertag
Christopher John Siani
Eva Michelle Smith
Sheridan Leigh Stelzl

Mission Trip Youth Child Care Night planned for May 11th, 5:00pm-10:00pm. Cost is by donation. There will be plenty of food and fun for kids of all ages. Tell your friends.

Zion's High School Youth are still collecting ink cartridges. Bring in your empty cartridge to the Narthex and put it in the box! We get cash for these and the proceeds will always go towards our summer trips that the high school youth take. There is a listing in the narthex of what type of cartridges are accepted.

ZION'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Sunday of each month in the Parish House, from 9:30 to 10:15am. If you have any questions please feel free to call the church, Nurse Nancy, Fran Kasten or Lorraine Zoelk.

Attention Green Thumbs – thank you to Elmer & Karen Luedtke for planting and caring for the Mothers Day geraniums in the Courtyard last year. If you don't mind a little dirt under your nails, please let the church office know if you can help Elmer for a few hours to plant the flowers again this year. The plants will arrive at the church on May 17th, so any time after that they can be planted.

PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!!!

Everyone loves a party – and we hope to have a splendid one when we dedicate our refurbished sanctuary on Sunday, September 23. In order to make it a great day, though, we need everyone's creativity! You are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 8, from 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, to talk and brainstorm about how we can celebrate our sanctuary's rededication. If you serve on any Zion committee, you're invited to attend. If you don't, you're still invited, and especially encouraged to attend! Young, old, and in-between, please plan to come and share your ideas about how we can celebrate in worship, food and fellowship!

The OWLZ (Older Wizer Lutherans @ Zion)40ish+ Group will be meeting for dinner at the Charcoal Grill Restaurant (N140 Eisenhower Dr.) on Thursday, May 17th at 6:00pm. Sign-up in the Narthex. See Mary Zanto, Diana Staedt or Nancy Matthews if you have questions.

Mother's Day - May 13, 2007

Would you like to honor your mother this year by donating geraniums to beautify our grounds? We order geraniums from the Appleton Medical Center Auxiliary Volunteer Services. Not only does this enhance the beauty of our church, but we also contribute to a worthy cause.

Please place your order by using this form and returning it to the Church Office or by placing it in the offering plate by Friday, May 11, 2007.

Given by

In memory of

OR

In honor of

\$4.00 per plant x quantity ordered

= \$ _____ enclosed.

All youth 6th-12th grade...join us in creating a beautiful "flower pot" to give away!! Saturday, May 12th we will be doing the annual "Flower Pot" project starting at 9:00 am. This is the last opportunity for middle school youth to earn a community outreach credit, high school youth can earn service hours.

Sign-up on the youth bulletin board if you can help out with this project. There will be donuts and juice! See or call Jean if you have any questions (739-3104).

Monday, May 21st – is the next Mission meeting at 6:00 pm in the ARK. Payments are due at this time and all forms must be in by this date.

Important dates for Confirmands:

Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00pm is the Confirmation Worship planning meeting with the pastor. We will begin the evening with a pizza supper. It is very important all attend this meeting.

Saturday, May 19th at 9:00am-Confirmation rehearsal.

Sunday, May 20th at 9:00am– Confirmation Sunday, meet in Zion's Gym.

Women's Fellowship Ladies Night Out is trying something new in May - we are going on a FIELD TRIP! Several ladies want to try Kodiak Jack's (located at 2059 Witzel Avenue in Oshkosh, near Wal-Mart), so we are setting up car pooling. One will leave from Zion and the other from Spring Road Elementary, Neenah. Call Cyndi Deeg for directions. If you would like to go on this adventure, sign-up in the Narthex. Car pools will leave their destinations at 6:00pm. You may also provide your own transportation if you do not want to car pool. Everyone should be at Kodiak Jack's by 6:30pm. Contact Nancy Matthews if you have any questions.

The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to preach the Gospel of Christ, crucified and risen, and to minister to His people.

OUR SUMMER INTERN HAS BEEN CHOSEN!

It is with pride that we announce that Laura Spoehr has been chosen to be the Summer College Intern for Zion during June, July, and August. The full-time job of the Intern is to assist in all aspects of the work of the church including youth, Christian Education, visitation, college student outreach, music, worship, and other areas of discovery.

The Summer College Intern program is filled in alternate years. It is funded in 2007 by the generous gifts of three families of Zion plus \$1000 from Special and Memorial funds. It covers 10 weeks of work. \$1000 of the \$4000 stipend is in the form of a scholarship for the student at her college.

The Summer College Intern program is designed to acquaint a College member of Zion with the 'inner-workings' of the church in hope that the Intern will one day assist in volunteer leadership in whatever congregation he/she may join in future years. It is Zion's gift to the whole church in recognition of how God has blessed us to be a blessing to others.

Welcome Laura!

Zion's Flamingos

Are you celebrating a special occasion? Birth of a child, Birthday, Anniversary, Baptism, Graduation, Welcome Home, a job well done, Baby Shower...or anything else worth celebrating. We can have our Flamingos in your yard or you can put them in someone's yard to help celebrate the special day! The cost is \$25.00 to have this done. Call Jean Jedlicka (739-3104) to give the date, occasion, name and address of the person receiving them. Our Flamingos continue to go from yard to yard as a special fund raiser...will they land in your yard? If you do not want them showing up in your yard, please call Jean at (739-3104).

Zion Evangelical Council Minutes
March 20, 2007

Attendance

Members Present: David Murphy, Jim Huven, Kirk Morschauser, Ray Pittman, Alan Gibson, Grace Van Eyck, Tim Klunk, Rich Mirabello, Tim Huth, Rosemary Eckley, Vivian Schutte, Pastor Wendy Wirth-Brock and Pastor Larry Matthews.

Members Excused: Steve Wieckert, Mary Zanto, & Earl Verkins

Guests: Ellen Gast and Doris Murray from Project '03 & Beyond Committee

Call to Order

President Dave Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Opening Devotions

David Murphy

Good and Welfare

Those present for Confirmation cross training were Mentors Jodi Hoesli, Susan Kirk and Diane Kohl. Cross trainers present were Donald Hudy, Holly Kalbus, and Ashley Kalbus.

Correspondence – Received a thank you from Pastor Bowes for Christmas gift and from East Central Synod of Wisconsin for the gift of \$1,250 from the Zion Foundation of Zion Lutheran Church.

Approval of Agenda

Modifications to the Agenda are as follows:

New Business - Change '03 contract with Stradel to Project '03 Contracts

Motion was made to approve the Agenda as modified. Seconded and Passed.

Business

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 20, 2007 as submitted. Seconded and Passed.

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Congregation held on January 28, 2007 as submitted. Seconded and Passed.

Membership Matters

Accessions:

Affirmation of Faith

None

Baptisms

Tristan Chase Babino

March 4, 2007

Weddings

None

Transfers In

Nancy Kitzinger, Zachary Juadis, Anisa Magalhaes

February 25, 2007

Losses

Deaths

- None

Transfers Out

Tom Hoffman & Lanie, Jeff, Debbie, Jessica & Nicholas Hietpas, Jane Reinl

Removal from Roll by own Request

None

Team Reports

Reviewed and discussed as needed.

Pastor Matthews discussed the summer intern position and asked for the Council to consider a motion on whether or not to hire an intern for Summer 2007.

A motion was made to hire an intern for the Summer of 2007 at a cost of \$4,000 with payment from funds of \$3,000 donated by three families and \$1,000 from Specials and Memorials – Undecided. Motion passed with 9 ayes, 2 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Treasurer's Reports

Council reviewed the Financial Reports and Pastor Matthews asked that a correction be made to Accounts Paid Report. Item on the third line of Page 4 should be categorized as a book allowance for Pastor Matthews. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Reports as modified. Seconded and Passed.

Committee Reports

Reviewed and discussed as needed.

Motion made to extend business session to 8:45 p.m. Seconded and Passed.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Project 03 Contracts

Project '03 projected contract bids from Stradel Artistic Studios and Smith Restoration were reviewed.

A recommended motion from Project '03 and Beyond Committee to the Congregation Council to be recommended for adoption by the Congregation:

The Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, authorizes the Congregation Council to immediately begin to implement and administer the refurbishing of the main worship area and entrances and balcony and sacristies of the church. Such work shall include repair and improvement as necessary, re-painting, the installation of air-conditioning, the installation of a sound and recording system, replacement of carpeting, lighting, and flooring. It shall also include alterations to the chancel area, re-upholstery of the pews, credence table, and such refinishing and renewing of worship furniture as necessary and prudent.

The Congregation authorizes the expenditure of up to \$375,000 for this project, expecting the Council to seek the best utilization of monies within the project. The Congregation also explicitly authorizes the borrowing of monies to complete the project in the best interest of the Congregation. The Congregation will be kept informed of progress and expenditures.

A motion was made to accept the motion as written. Seconded and Passed.

Motion made by the Project '03 and Beyond Committee that as bridge borrowing or other borrowing becomes necessary, they recommend the monies be borrowed from Zion Mutual Homes investments at the interest rate in effect at the time of the agreement. Seconded. Call for discussion. Motion made to table this discussion to the April Council meeting. Seconded and Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Grace A. Van Eyck

These minutes were approved at the April Council meeting.

Can You Be . . . at GME?

At least five Zion members (more are welcome) plan to be at GME – the ELCA Global Mission Event, that is! One of the ELCA's premier events, the Global Mission Event encourages Lutherans of all ages to grow in faith by learning about the global church and by discovering ways to participate in that global church through service and advocacy. This year's GME will be held in Columbus, Ohio, from July 19-22, on the grounds of Ohio State University. If you'd like to consider attending the GME, pick up a GME brochure at the Spirit of Zion booth in the narthex (gathering space outside the sanctuary). Information is also available on the Web, at www.elca.org/gme. As part of the ministry expansion goals for the Spirit of Zion, we plan to provide 8 scholarships of \$120 each for those who would like to attend. Can't go, but interested in supporting this great ministry? Consider underwriting our GME scholarships. Just earmark a donation for GME Scholarships and place it in one of the lavender Spirit of Zion envelopes in your giving packet.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Adyson Mae Lindbom April 14, 2007

IF YOU MISSED A BULLETIN, the following people shared their life events with the family of Zion last month:

FLOWERS:

Bob & Jodie Larsen in celebration of Adam & Abbey's First Communion
The Clarence Klitzke Estate in celebration of Easter.
Jean Reimann in honor of Gubby and Ray's birthdays.
Dave, Paula, Amanda and Molly Kuba in celebration of Jim & Donna Huven's 50th wedding anniversary.

SPECIAL GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

Iola Schwab in loving memory of Maynard on the 6th anniversary of his death, *designated for the General Fund*;
Elva E. Wildenberg in celebration of Donna Rehfeldt's birthday, *designated for Project '03 & Beyond*;
Ruby Abendroth in loving memory of Howard Abendroth, *designated for the Organ Fund*;
Raymond Hall, *designated for Project '03 & Beyond*;
Jim & Doris Murray, *designated for Project '03 & Beyond*;
Carol Rohm, *designated for Project '03 & Beyond*;
Cynthia Deeg in memory of Lois Deeg, *designated for the General Fund*;

Brenda & Guy Gruett, Mark & Sheila Stelzl and Bob & Jodie Larsen in celebration of Adam & Abbey Larsen, Sheridan Stelzl and Adam Gruett's 1st communion, *designated for the Summer Mission Trip*;

DuWayne & Bev Nieland in honor of Jim & Donna Huven's 50th wedding anniversary, *designated for Project '03 & Beyond*;

Bob & Jodie Larsen, *designated for Project '03 & Beyond*.

The following people gave gifts toward the ELW Hymnals:

Gary & Christine Neumann in memory of Helen & William Peotter;
Eleanore Rahmlow in memory of Lorraine Noffke;
Bertha C. Clark in memory of her husbands Walter Zuleger and Andrew Clark;
Mark & Sheila Stelzl in honor of Sheridan Stelzl and Samantha Stelzl;
Bev & Armand Reinke in memory of Freida & Edward Reinke and Helen & John Peterson;
Al & Mary Lou Brown in memory of Al's sister Jean Harris.
DuWayne & Bev Nieland in memory of their son Michael Nieland;
Tony & Darlene Kramer in memory of Felix Adamski;
Shirley & Fred Piette in memory of Al & Vicki Piette;
Gerda Roesken in honor of Easter;
Raymond B. Hall in honor of his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Pastor Larry W. Matthews;
Joyce Lueck in memory of Herman Lueck, son David and all of her loved ones;
Josh Hoppe

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FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18
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GOSPEL John 13:31-35

MAY 13, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST LESSON Acts 16:9-15
SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
GOSPEL John 14:23-29

MAY 20, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST LESSON Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,
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GOSPEL John 17:20-26

MAY 27, PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:1-21
GOSPEL John 14:8-17, 25-27