



ZION NEWS May 2011

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Making the Transition

Transitioning is difficult for some people. Actually, we all have a hard time making transitions in our lives. It has been said that the three most difficult transitions that people go through in life are the death of a loved one, divorce and finally moving or relocating. These are big transitions, but even little ones can be thorny. My daughter, Annamae has always had a difficulty transitioning in her life because of her disability. She is not able to comprehend time or really reason, so you can imagine that little changes are hard for her. A good example of this was when our family went to Disneyland about ten years ago. The first ride that she went on was the Peter Pan ride, and she loved it but when it was over, she refused to get off and threw a fit. She just didn't understand the concept that the entire day was going to be filled with going from ride to ride.

We are in the season of transition when it comes to the church year and our

lives. Every historical Christian church goes through this change from Lent into Easter. We have just gone through a spiritual winter, feeling the weight of our sin in Lent, into a season of spiritual springtime and renewal in Easter where everything is fresh. We didn't make this transition by ourselves, but Christ did it all when he completed the work of the Father. And by this work he has made us into a new creation. The change happened through his death on the cross on Good Friday. There He took our sins, and there at Golgotha he died. Then another change took place when on that first Easter morning, it was discovered that Christ had risen from the dead. The discovery was that he who was killed on Friday is now alive. This was the greatest alteration in the history of mankind, where Christ couldn't be held back, not even by death. And because he lives, we too shall live with him forever.

Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden has haunted all people for all time. Adam's sin of disobedience brought death

into existence, spiritual and physical. We have all inherited this sin of Adam and our relationship with God seemed impossible to reverse. As powerful an outcome of that sin is nothing compared to the gift of God in Jesus Christ and the results of his Resurrection.

St. Paul clarifies the amazing transformation accomplished through the work of Jesus in Romans 5:15 ff

"But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!"

The work has been complete the transition has been made. We were dead, and now we are alive, we were lost and now in Christ we've been found. Christ is risen, He is Risen indeed!

Pastor John Gross

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build His kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal.

Those serving this month

GREETERS:

Glenn & Shirley Weitkum, Dale & Betty Struve
Charles Seger, Margaret Schoening,
Charles & Annette Gibbs

CHANCEL GUILD MEMBERS:

David & Kari Knutson

HARVEST BAG VOLUNTEERS

Helma Smulders, Rae Wulff, Pat Wood,
John Kock, Barbara Souza, Betty Kock,
Frank Wood, Kay Folta, Margaret Schoening,
Elmer Meier, Elaine Eppert, Michelle Mason,
Daniel Arndt, Dolly Luoma,
Students from Mission Prep High School

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Grace Arndt, Elaine Eppert
Dolly Luoma, Glenn Weitkum.

OFFERING COUNTERS

Barbara Almstedt, Maria Burt, Ginny Randall
Marcia Fischbeck, Dawn Dawes-Lassanske
Elaine Eppert, Ruth Halsey, Frank & Pat Wood,
Robert & Corinne Wobrock

- 01 Kay Folta
- 09 Dana Baker
- 10 Bob Hux
- 11 David Knutson
- 12 Adam Valine
- 13 Evelyn Beck
- 19 Mary Anholm
- 19 Gilbert Babcock
- 24 Nelson Moran
- 30 Ellen Dorman



LESSON READERS FOR MAY

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 8:	Karen Valine	Jim Polk
May 22:	Marcia Fischbeck	Shirley Head

YOUR ELDER BOARD

Roger Randall, Gary Reif
Glenn Weitkum, Jeff Tolle, Bob Hux

USHERS

8:00 a.m.
Bernie Luoma, Elmer Meier

10:30 a.m.
Team 1: **Wilbur Neben**, David & Kari Knutson, Jack Humphrey
Team 2: **Gus Keyser**, Gene Hewitt, Karl Haeuser, John Miller
Team 3: **Elmer Meier**, Al Rybar, Glenn Weitkum, Dale Struve
Team 4: **Derek Valine**, Karen Valine, Charles Gibbs, Robert Hux
Team 5: **Dana Baker**, College students

Worship Attendance & General Offerings for March 23 –April 24		
DATE	8:00a	10:30a
03/23	*	40
03/27	39	88
03/30	*	63
04/03	31	107
04/06	*	48
04/10	33	90
04/13	*	51
04/17	46	117
04/21	*	49
04/22	40	54
04/24	54	156

Spring Rally for LWML held at Zion



On March 26th six LCMS congregations were represented at the Zone Rally to hear the presenter Barbara Almstedt speak on the beginnings of Islam and Mohammad. Barbara spent a week at Christ Church, Oxford in England studying such subjects as "*The Making of the Modern Middle East*" and other classes. Thank you Barbara for an educational morning.



ZION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You see signs of a Jungle around our church! Watch out for tribes of Monkeys, Leopards, and Zebras roaming the grounds!

Please pray for lots of children to be in Zion's "Big Jungle Adventure" June 20-24, 9 to noon, Monday through Friday, when our Fellowship Hall becomes a "Jungle"!

We want to make "Jungle Drums," so please bring empty one-gallon plastic milk or juice bottles to the Fellowship Hall by June 1st.



The Joy of Reading book club gets together this month on Friday, May 27, at 10:00am. The book will be "*The Memory Keeper's Daughter*," by Kim Edwards.

If you would like more info, call Shirley Weitkum at 544-3869



Vacation Bible School meeting, Sunday, May 15, at

11:30, in Classroom #1, making plans for the upcoming VBS beginning June 20th.

Ladies LUNCH



Date: Monday, May 23
Place: Spirit of San Luis- SLO Airport
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Please call Margaret Schoening @ 543-5005 to let her know you're coming

Life Together

The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community

by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

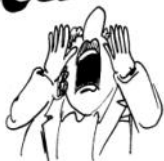
Pastor Gross will lead us in a 6 week study looking at Bonhoeffer's classic work. The class will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10 am and Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in Room 1. The first classes will be May 10th and 11th. The book may be purchased for \$13 by calling the church office and letting us know if you are planning on attending.

It is a short and easy read on the role of personal prayer, the worship we have in common and real life Christian fellowship.

We are in need of volunteers to serve Sunday mornings for fellowship time after services.

The sign up book is in the Fellowship Hall with open dates listed.

Volunteers!



The new April board meeting minutes and report packets are now available in the Narthex.

Lutheran Women in Mission & Ministry invites you to a

Spring Tea

*Saturday, May 7th
High Tea, 2:00pm - 4:30pm
at San Luis Country Club*



Cost is \$10 (all inclusive)

RSVP by Sunday, May 1st to

*Dawn Jones {541-1450}
Karen Reif {543-7953}*

Bring your favorite tea cup to enjoy your tea.

Hats and gloves are not required, but certainly will be admired.

Car pooling is advisable

Each Sunday morning Mel de la Motte teaches an Adult Bible Class which spends time on the Bible passages designated for that Sunday.



Come join us for

“A Longer Look at the Lessons”

9:15am in classroom 1.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

APRIL 2011

BY GINNY RANDALL

Here are some updates on the new opportunities for ministry. It was decided at the last Board of Directors meeting in March not to proceed further with having the Christian school at our site largely because they could not use our present facilities. On the matter of having a developmentally disabled facility on site, Sherry Taylor, the Regional Director of Bethesda, will be here on April 20 to talk to the local regional center and to meet with Roger Randall, Bob Wobrock and Pastor regarding the idea.

Our soup suppers and advent services have been a great success, averaging 35 plus attendees and expanding to 50 plus who came to the chili cookoff provided by the choir. After that, there was a pizza supper hosted by fellowship and the last soup supper was held on April 13, hosted by the elders. Easter week and Easter services are still coming up this month. Remember our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise and regular Easter services in the week of April 18-24.

There has been much activity going on relating to improving the kitchen. Joanie Brown's husband, Bill, has submitted two drawings for us and has met with one contractor. Tom Jones and Marilyn Rybar have met with that contractor and two others. Exciting changes are in the works. Stay tuned for further information.

There are several opportunities for you to get involved in service to our church. If you didn't fill out the form in the March Sunday service and would like to volunteer your services in any way, please contact Mel or Janet de la Motte from the Board of Stewardship or you can also talk to me or any officer about your wishes.

The April Board of Directors meeting will be largely taken up with each board presenting its draft budget for the next fiscal year. Miriam Ziel, our treasurer, has prepared worksheets for us showing our present budget and her recommendation for the next fiscal year, based on this year's offerings and rents.

If you are not already in a cottage group, it's a great opportunity to study the Bible in a small group setting and get to know some of your fellow church members better. For information on the group nearest you, please contact John Miller.



**palm
sunday**



**easter
sunday**



Thrivent Financial "Choice Dollars" for Lutherans*

Through this program, Thrivent members were able to direct choice dollars to various Lutheran non-profit groups like seminaries, schools, Bethesda Lutheran communities, Lutheran World Relief,, Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Hour Ministries, and congregations. Members have directed \$289 in funds back to Zion for our congregation's ministries.

Thanks members, and Thrivent Financial

Boys & Girls



9 am - Noon
Each day

- Crafts
 - Bible Stories
 - Outdoor Games
 - Nutritious Snacks
 - Music with instruments

**June 20th – 24th
Jungle Adventure
Bible School**

Sign up now!

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Griggs Baptism Easter Morn



Friedemann Herbart wrote "*It is in infant baptism that the Gospel is proclaimed the loudest in the church, for here it is quite clear that in God's sight man is a being who receives...* A child shows what real faith means: to be in God's presence with empty hands, to be dependent on him. God gives his promises even without man's understanding" From 'One in the Gospel' CPH 1979.

Easter Morning we witnessed that love of God found in Christ Jesus through the waters of baptism at Shanna Sophia Griggs Baptism.

Proud parents,

Shelly and Steve Griggs.



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8a Divine Service- Communion 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service-Communion 10:30a Sunday School K-6 *Fellowship is served after services</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag .</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 5:30p GIGS</p>	<p>7 11:00a Choir Rehearsal 12:30p Combined Choir rehearsal 2p Spring Tea</p>
<p>8 Mother's Day 8a Divine Service 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service 10:30a Sunday School K-6 *Fellowship is served after serv. 1:30p Square Dance Club, FH</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 3:30p Evang. Mtg. 10a "Life Together" class, CR1 7:30p CNH District Conference Service</p>	<p>11 8:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag . CNH District Pastoral Conference 7p "Life Together" class, CR1</p>	<p>12 12:00 LWML, FH CNH District Pastoral Conference</p>	<p>13 College Festive Dinner and Activities</p>	<p>14 11:00a Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>15 8a Divine Service- Communion 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service-Communion 10:30a Sunday School K-6 11:30 VBS meeting, CR1 11:30 Elders meeting, office *Fellowship is served after services</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 5:30p Board of Directors Mtg.</p>	<p>18 8:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag .</p>	<p>19 7:00p EAA mtg., CR1</p>	<p>20 College Yosemite Camping Trip May 20-22</p>	<p>21 11:00a Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>22 Mite Box Sunday 8a Divine Service 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Servicen 10:30a Sunday School K-6 *Fellowship is served after serv. 1:30p Square Dance Club, FH</p>	<p>23 11:30a Ladies Lunch Spirit of San Luis-SLO</p>	<p>24 10a "Life Together" class, CR1</p>	<p>25 8:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag . 7p "Life Together" class, CR1</p>	<p>26 1:00p Bunco, FH</p>	<p>27 10:00a Joy of Reading book club , office</p>	<p>28 11:00a Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>29 8a Divine Service 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service 10:30a Sunday School K-6 *Fellowship is served after serv.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 10a "Life Together" class, CR1</p>	<p>Adult Bible Class 9:15AM-10:15AM Pre-Confirmation 9:20AM-10:20AM Nursery & Elementary 10:30 AM</p>			

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Deadline for newsletter submissions May 23.



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Administrative Assistant

Vito Biondo

Organist

Doretta Takagi

Pianist

Lynne Oliverius

Choir Director

Paul Takagi

Spring Summer 2011 Term College Events

- **Fri. Evenings** - 5:30 pm **GIGS & Food** every Fri.
- **Fri. 13 May.** Festive Dinner & Activities
- **Fri. 20 May - 22 Sun.** Yosemite Camping Trip.
- **Thur. 2 June** Festive Dinner
- **Mon. 6 June- 10 June** Exam Week
- **Sat. 11 June** Graduation

VARIOUS spontaneously planned events, & service opportunities at: www.zionslo.com

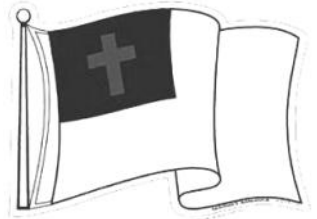
• ***Be sure to stay tuned by joining our group's email & Face book list;***

Contact: Dana at dbaker01@calpoly.edu or

- **Fill out one of our information cards at the church**
- Services at 8 and 10:30 on Sundays.
- **Welcome: Come & find out all about our GIGS Fellowship nights**
a student lead Bible study with dialog with pastor and follow-on activities.

ATTENTION!!!

New flagpole coming soon



Charles Burt, Jeff Tolle, and Charlie Gibbs doing the ground preparation work for an additional flag pole adjacent to our existing pole. The Christian flag will fly independently.