



News from Zion

Zion evangelical church - Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
May 31st**



**Communion will be served in
both services.**

COMMUNION

will be served
May 3rd
following
the 10:30 service.



From the pastor's desk. . .

How Do You Face Pain?

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." – 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

It was a beautiful fall day and I went rock hopping with my sister who had come for a visit. We had a great time that day but the next morning my knee had a message for me – your sister's in her 20's – you are not! For the next couple of months I hobbled about, covered the injury with pain reliever and dreaded the thought that this could need surgery. I made a doctor's appointment and canceled only to make it again. Now, I am recovering from the inevitable surgery and am pleased to say that I have less pain than I had before the surgery. Call me stubborn but some of you have done it too. We do it with all kinds of hurts, injuries and heart aches. We push things under the rug that heal better in the sunlight. We put off or put up with what would be better placed in our Great Physician's care. He cares about the fall of a sparrow and supplies for our every need – often unasked and unthanked. Yet we quietly attempt to 'doctor' our own burdens, sins and sorrows while the pain in our

hearts grows gradually worse. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." *Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)*. We have a Lord who cares and who has provided us with a body of believers so we can care for one another. After all, writes Paul, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it." *1 Corinthians 12:26a (NIV)*. James said, "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." *James 5:13-16 (NIV)*. The prayers of the righteous are powerful indeed! I am grateful today as I heal – for

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Please Take note. . .

**Mission Prayer Partners for
May, 2009...**



- 3rd - Zion Awana Clubs
- 10th - Zion Grads and Mothers
- 17th - 4C's
- 24th - Ben & Becky Rivera/
Campus Crusade
- 31st - STEER, Inc.

It's never too late to have the newsletter emailed to you.

Just drop us a note at zion@vistabeam.com and we'll put you on our email list. Give it a try for one month. . . if you don't like it, we'll happily switch you back.



**Please note that
the church office
will be closed
Friday, May 8th.**



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a wonderful doctor who has skills that I lack, and for a caring church family who has blessed me with prayers and support. Now, please, if you're hurting, let me return the favor. I may not be a doctor. Ok, I get squeamish at the sight of blood or the thought of most medical procedures. But I will be bold to pray for you and do what I can as your pastor.

With you in our Savior's Care,

Pastor Garry

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in playing on the church softball team.



Call Spencer Lease if you have questions - 641-8682



In observance of the National Day of Prayer, the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 Gering Civic Center 6:45 a.m.— 8:00 a.m. \$8.00 Per Person

Guest Speaker: Pastor Gary Hashley Entertainment: Community Christian School

Tickets must be purchased by May 4th and are available at Gering City Hall, Scottsbluff City Hall, and the Gering Civic Center.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information, call 436-5096.

The lovely Easter Lilies that adorned the sanctuary Easter morning were given in remembrance and in honor of these loved ones.:



In memory of parents Carl & Freida Stricker and Kermit Fork from Dave & Elaine Stricker

In memory of father Floyd Mattern from Linda Mattern & the Ritts Family

In memory of Stan & Mike Reifschneider Ed & Mollie Reifschneider from Ken & Donna Reifschneider

In memory of Floyd Hein from Ruth Hein

In memory of Don Steffensen from Barb Steffensen



In memory of Harold Ruppel from Shirley Ruppel and Craig & Robin Schadwinkel & Family

In memory of Roy Pfenning from Delores Pfenning

In honor of Kaela Heinz's Confirmation from great-grandmother, Violet Rein

Our KCMi Broadcast for May is given in memory of husband & father, Andrew Grentz from Ruth Grentz and family. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.



General Fund for March 31, 2009

INCOME:

Fundraisers	1,883.17
Other Income	1,653.56
Sunday Offering	17,089.50
<u>Uncategorized Income</u>	<u>410.36</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,036.59

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	1,519.71
Fund Raising	406.73
Ministry	870.41
Office	1,451.05
Special Expense	56.16
Staff Benefits	6,253.66
Staff Salary	5,184.08
Tax	750.34
Utilities	3,325.87
<u>Uncategorized Expenses</u>	<u>403.96</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 20,221.97

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ 814.62



We are on our way to the next
\$100,000.
So far we have collected
\$26,179.88
Keep those receipts coming!

CIRCLE OF PRAISE: The Circle of Praise met Friday, April 24 in the Oasis. Joyce and Harold Kautz hosted a great get-together with roast beef sandwiches and lots of goodies to go with it.

22 were in attendance. We watched a DVD called "How Great is our God" by Louis Giglio. This is one of the most dynamic, inspiring and uplifting DVD many of us have ever seen. We have an awesome God and Louis has a way to help us recognize just how Great and Awesome He is!

A brief business meeting was held. Since there are so many activities in the month of May, we won't be meeting until June which will be hosted by Dave and Teri Erdman. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Blessings to all,
Peg & Jerry

**Mother/Daughter
Banquet**

*May 4th ~ 6:30 p.m.
Ministry Center*

*Please bring one type of food
in two dishes. Please sign up at the
Welcome Center to reserve your place
so we know how many places to set.*

JEREMIAH HOUSE:

We served our last meal for this school year. The kids enjoyed a Pizza Party. The kids ate sixteen large pizzas, carrots, fruit and ice cream bars. There will be some college kids coming from different parts of the country to hold a summer Bible School. Say a prayer that many kids will attend this summer. We are grateful for the food donations given to make our meals a success.

A special thank you to Cindy and Armond Orndoff, Barb Steffensen, Helen Meier, Kathy Jay and Amy Burton for their help serving.

Serving for the Lord,
Terry Martin

MISSIONS:

How we all enjoyed the "Voices of Praise" from the Frontier School of the Bible. What a wonderful ministry. It was fun to mix with the kids at the carry-in dinner. One of the girls teaches at the Jeremiah House each week. I got to know her personally. The college kids that teach at the Jeremiah House are from the Frontier School of the Bible. They certainly show their devotion to the Lord by traveling from LaGrange each week, even in the bad weather.

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On May 2nd, there is a way to raise funds for your favorite ministry by participating in the KCMI Mission Walk. One can get pledges for the miles they walk that can go to a ministry of their choice. What a great way to get exercise, have fun and support a worthwhile ministry.

Serving for the Lord,
Terry Martin

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~ AWANA NEWS ~

EASTER BREAKFAST - Since my last article, we have not had a lot of club activity because of the Palm Sunday and Easter holidays but the AWANA Staff was not "resting". On Easter Sunday, we were in charge of the breakfast that was served between the first and second services. There was a wonderful turn out of the Zion Congregation and we are so thankful for the support! The breakfast casseroles were a huge hit again and we will have to add a couple more next year to the amount that we had in order to make sure we don't run out! We collected a little over \$300.00 in donations from the breakfast to apply to the cost of our trophies/awards for Jamboree. Thank you, AWANA Staff, for all of your help setting up, preparing the food and clean-up. You are the best!!!

Congratulations to the following **March Clubbers of the Month**: Sparks - Kimberleigh Cawley & Aaron Reed; T&T - Halley Schanaman & Jacob Pieper and Trek - Chad Nagasawa. Keep up the great work, Clubbers!!!

We are looking forward to having Rick Parker and Jon & Michelle Fiester from Camp Rock as our visitors at our last regular club night on April 26th. They will be talking to the clubbers about attending Camp Rock for a week this summer and also for our devotion time.

By the time that you read this, all that will be left of our 2008-09 club year will be our closing program, **Jamboree** on May 3rd. We are proud

of how hard the clubbers have worked and will celebrate their, as well as the staff's, accomplishments. Please join us at 3:30 on that afternoon! I am excited for you all to meet the newest addition to our club, the Puggles. I guarantee that it will bring a smile to your face as they sing the Puggles theme song! After the program, we will treat you to ice cream sundaes and root beer floats!

The one thing that we will be doing after May 3rd is a reward party for all clubbers and staff that completed a handbook this club year. Parents, clubbers and staff, be watching for a flyer &/or announcement in the bulletin for the date, location, time and other details.

As always, I would ask for prayers for our clubbers over the summer - that they would continue to grow in the Lord and for His hand of protection to be upon them. Also, that God would work in the hearts of a few people to answer His call into the service of working in the AWANA program. If you meet the requirement of having trusted Christ as your personal Lord & Savior, you enjoy working with children and you are daily walking with the Lord, please give me a call or talk to me at church about joining our **VERY FUN** AWANA Staff!!! You will be blessed!!!

Have a wonderful God-filled summer and don't ever forget that God Is In Control!!!

Cheryl Rose, Commander

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SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Thank you so much to everyone who made our Easter Egg Hunt so much fun. We praise God for our Ministry Center! With a high wind warning and dark clouds above, we had the hunt inside. The kids were excited and went home with baskets full of candy. Thank you Pastor Andy for the devotion. Thank you to Zion's people for the donation of candy.

Our next big event is Bible School. Mark your calendars for June 15-19. We will be doing "Back Stage with Go Fish" which includes a lot of singing, devotions, game time, snack time, and a lot of fun. We can always use help. Please contact Sharon, Robin or Amy. May God bless you!

Thank you . . .

We wish to thank all who remembered us in your prayers during John's recent surgeries and illness. John said he could feel the prayers around him. Also, thanks for the visits from the pastors and friends and calls of concern and flowers.

John & Ermadean Haas

We would like to thank Pastor Garry for a beautiful funeral service and thanks to the ladies for a wonderful lunch following Gary's funeral. Thank you also for the many cards of sympathy. It is so appreciated and has made this difficult time much easier.

The Gary Kraus Family

To my church family - I wanted you to know how very grateful I am for all of your prayers, encouragement and support. I am blessed to have such faithful and involved friends. I've been in Mpulungu now for five weeks. (My times in Kenya and Luska were great!) And I have adjusted well. I am enjoying teaching, but playing with the kids at the daycare has been the most fun! I've been building relationships with the youth group and young adults in this community. Things are going very well. Thank you again for everything.

In Him,
Andee Trook

P.S. Please be in prayer for me as I live among these people and begin learning the local language, Bemba. Additionally, please pray for finances for my return tickets.

Andee's address:
ProChristo Global
P.O. Box 39
Mpulungu, Zambia
Africa

(Andee has sent some pictures - they are on the Mission's board for you to see.)



Dear Friends of Marie Lind ~

On May 14th, Mom will be celebrating her 90th birthday. To honor her life, we have decided in lieu of an "open house", we would like to request a "card shower". Because of her health issues, we felt an open house would be too overwhelming and exhausting for her. If you would like to send a card, please address it to Marie Lind, c/o Eddie Lind, 904 Aurora Street, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701. We do covet your prayers on her behalf.

Thank you,
Eddie & Cindy Lind & Family



Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

- . . .the family and friends of Irene Loose.
- . . .Esther Schwindt on the passing of her daughter-in-law.
- . . .Gene & Debbie Hoff and family on the passing of Gene's uncle.
- . . .the family and friends of Gary Kraus.
- . . .the family and friends of Gary Schlager.

Congratulations to . . .

- . . . Fred and Lydia Bevins celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary.
- . . . Anna Schick on her 9th Birthday, April 5th.
- . . . Myron & Renee Fertig on the birth of their first grandson, Parker Wyatt Marlow. Proud parents are Andreana & Drew Marlow. Parker was born 4/6/09 weighing 9# 7 oz, 21".
- . . .Stan & Dorothy Stricker on their 59th Wedding Anniversary!
- . . .Matthew and Andrea Ray & Turner and Madison on the birth of their new son and brother, Ryland Matthew Ray, born 4/13/09 weighing 9# 4 oz, 21". Proud grandparents are Roger and Norma Ray.
- . . . Dave and Elaine Stricker on their 28th Wedding Anniversary.
- . . .Pastor Amos Harris on his birthday, April 29th!



BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR May. . .
Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God
 by Francis Chan



The God of the universe is crazy about you! His love is the most powerful thing in the world and He wants to give it to you, so you can live for Him. If you have made a commitment to follow Christ, then read "Crazy Love" to be reminded and challenged in your walk. Sharing from his own life struggles and sacrifices, author Francis Chan issues a call for selfless, Christ-like living. Let the love you have received from God impact your life like never before.

YOUTH - April was an eventful month especially for our eighth graders. The weather gave them quite a scare on the weekend of Palm Sunday, but they were able to complete their confirmation process on schedule. All of the confirmation students did a nice job of answering their questions and managed not to look too nervous about being in front of the entire congregation. Now that confirmation is over for these students, they have been invited to join the high school youth group for it's activities for the remainder of the school year. So far, we have had about half of the new confirmation students join us for Bible study on Wednesday nights. I look forward to seeing this group of students become more and more comfortable as part of the high school group.

Our senior high Bible study group has remained really consistent throughout the year and has been a fun group to teach. We recently finished studying through the books of 1 and 2 Peter. Now that we have been joined by the eighth graders, we are finishing up the year with a topical study on the topic of wisdom. We are talking and studying through the idea of how to avoid foolish decisions in life by asking the question, "What is the wise thing to do?" whenever faced with an important decision. So far, I've been really pleased with how the discussions have gone, and I have been impressed with the maturity level of our students as we have explored this topic. The group of students I meet with on Wednesdays definitely seem more open to applying what were discussing

about wisdom to their lives than any group of teenagers I can remember teaching.

Our junior high outreach on Monday nights has been a bit sporadic in April. Because of Easter break from school, we didn't have youth group one Monday night. On another Monday night, I was not able to be around. We had tickets to watch Sarah in the Scottsbluff High School musical for the Saturday night performance which was rescheduled for the following Monday. Thankfully, God has provided me with a great group of leaders (both high school students and young adults) who were able to run the entire night without me. We were able to enjoy the musical knowing that everything was in capable hands. Nights like that help me to see that good things are happening here with our young people. One of my main goals is to encourage and equip our more mature students to be involved in the ministry of the church. As you pray for our students, please remember to pray that they continue to develop a heart to serve people and to develop the training necessary to do so effectively.

Andy

If anyone might have an extra Zion 75th Anniversary book . . . that they no longer want, there is a woman looking for one to do genealogy research on her family. You could bring the book to the church office and Barb will do the rest.

Thank you!

WOULD YOU HELP OUR PASTORS?

If for some unfortunate reason you are admitted to the hospital, please:

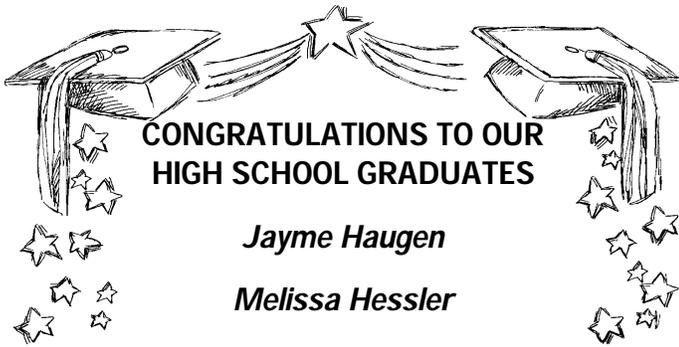
#1) Have someone call the church office at 632-8125 and let us know.

#2) Be sure to tell them at the hospital that your **church affiliation** is Zion Evangelical Church. (Your name is *supposed* to go on a list for the Pastors to see but many times that does not happen.)

Please understand that the hospital **will not** call the church or notify us of your hospitalization; therefore our only way of knowing you're in the hospital is if we are notified by you or your family.

Our sincerest desire is to be there for you during your hospitalization.

Thanks for your help with this!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jayme Haugen

Melissa Hessler

Rebecca Kuxhausen

Sara Maddox

Sarah Peters

Katlyn Stricker

We are very proud of you and pray God's richest blessings for you as you begin this new chapter in your lives.

- ◆ Zion Church is invited to the reception of Katlyn Stricker, Sunday, May 10th from 4-6 p.m. at Sweet Basil, Main Street, Bayard.
- ◆ Additionally, Zion is invited to the reception of Jayme Haugen and Sarah Peters Sunday, May 10th from 3-5 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Sarah Rose -

Western Nebraska Community College

Tom and Megan Kautz -

Colorado Christian University

Parents of college graduates - please let us know in the office if you have a child graduating from college that we can recognize.



PLEASE NOTE:

There was a chip and dip set left in the kitchen following the Lenten service here at Zion that would love to return home to it's owner. Would that be yours?



Festival of Hope
Saturday, June 20th
at the Mitchell Event Center

All ladies of the church are invited to help out with this special annual

event by making a homemade pie (no cream pies, please) for the 'pie booth' at the Festival of Hope that several from Circle of Praise will be working. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would be willing to help bake a pie to raise funds to help cancer victims and their families. It's a worthy cause!

Questions: call Joyce Kautz at 436-4477.

A Mother's Prayer . . .

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.



Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

May, 2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>happy mother's day  we love you, mom</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team V/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:00 KCMH Broadcast 11:30 Communion 3:30 AWANA Jamboree</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 6:30 Camp Rock Skating 6:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet 7:00 Jr. High Youth</p>	<p>"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. . . . but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." ~Proverbs 31:20,30</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life 7:00 Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Brothers' Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>6:45 a.m. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Church will be open throughout the day for prayer</p> <p>NATIONAL Day of Prayer</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 8:30 Worship & Praise/Graduation Sunday 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team I/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise/Graduation Sunday 4:45 Vespers/Residency</p> <p>Mother's Day </p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Jr. High Youth</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life 6:30 p.m. MOPS @ Night</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Brothers' Bible Study 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 8:30 Worship & Praise 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team II/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 2:00 Vespers/Golden Living 4:45 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Jr. High Youth</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Brothers' Bible Study 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 8:30 Memorial Day Service 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team III/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Memorial Day Service</p> <p>31 Pentecost Communion / both services 9:30 Prayer Team V</p> <p> Pentecost Sunday</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village  Memorial Day Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives Church Office Closed</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Brothers' Bible Study 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>