



# News from Zion

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OCTOBER, 2008

WORLD DAY OF COMMUNION is October 5th. Communion will be served in both services.



## From the pastor's desk . . .

### Certainty in Uncertain Times

*"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you."*

*Isaiah 26:3 NIV*

As I write these lines our nation is in a time of unprecedented uncertainty. As people go about their daily activities the financial markets are in crisis and the government is scrambling for a plan of action. Gas prices are high and everything else is costing more with them. Families are struggling economically, relationally, spiritually. Another storm is brewing off the east coast and the clean up will take months and years where tornados and hurricanes have already hit in the Midwest and along the gulf coast. The nation is publicly debating who should be the next president while many suffer privately with illnesses that cannot be cured, many on the verge of death. And our world is sliding from one conflict and crisis to another even as we in the U.S. continue to fight two wars abroad while struggling with crime and poverty and the disintegration of the family at home. It's not hard for the press to make things look bleak; things are bleak on many fronts. Yet, what an opportunity to anchor ourselves as never before to the peace that passes understanding, to rely on the one hope that is forever sure, to trust ourselves to the care of the One who has promised to never leave us or forsake us. And what an opportunity to let our "light so shine before men that they may see

your good works and give praise to your father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16 NIV). Truly friends, if there were no light of dawn for us, the bleakness of the daily news and struggles in our own lives and families would be at times unbearable. But there is light and hope and victory in Christ and light never shines so brightly as when placed squarely and centrally to shine in a dark place. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble," literally the word he used means, "tribulation!" "But take heart!" Jesus continued, "I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 NIV). In Christ, we do not trust ourselves to unfounded optimism that things must somehow come out right, or to a philosophy of life that will perhaps lead us where we want to go. In Christ, we trust ourselves not merely to another person, struggling and broken and uncertain as we are. Rather, in Christ, we trust ourselves to a personal God who cares deeply for us, has our very names written on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16), and promises all this life to hold us close, guide us forward, be the ever present Shepherd of our Souls (1 Peter 2:25). If you are suffering discouragement or anxiety today, as a result of what's going on in your life or our world, I invite you to ponder some scriptures which have been of encouragement to me. Let God's perspective

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## Please Take note . . .

### Mission Prayer Partners for October...

5th - Jeremiah House  
12th - Gideon's International  
19th - Rick & Fairy Hattan/  
AWANA  
26th - Zion Tape  
Ministry



### ZION HAS A NEW WEBSITE!



Check it out at:  
[www.zionscottsbluff.com](http://www.zionscottsbluff.com)



*GREBEL & COFFEE*  
SATURDAY,  
October 4th  
8-10 a.m.

*Pre-orders welcome!*  
*Sign up to help with this event*  
*at the Welcome Center.*

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change your perspective. Let the hope of Christ fill you with well founded hope!

**12 Scriptural Reasons to always have Hope:**

Matthew 6:7-8, 25-34; Romans 8:15-17; Romans 8:28; Romans 8:31-32; Romans 8:35-38; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 1:18-22; Philippians 4:6-7; Philippians 4:13; Philippians 4:19; Hebrews 13:5-8; James 1:2-4.

Pastor Garry

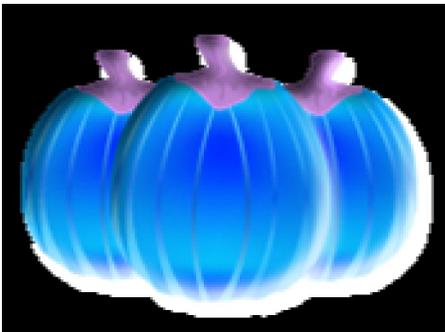
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**Sympathies and condolences are extended to:**

- ...Irene Stricker and family on the passing of her son, Larry Stricker.
- ...Barb Becker and family on the passing of her mother, Ruth A. Gregg.
- ...Emma Stricker and family on the passing of Emma's sister, Marie Reuter
- ...John & Ermadean Haas and family on the passing of John's sister, Amalia "Molly" Kimmel.

**Congratulations to:**

- ...Janae Griess on her birthday, September 28th.
- ...Ruth Hein on her 75th Birthday.
- ...Katherine Kaufman celebrating her 95th Birthday, October 7th.
- ...Dewey & Betty Brothers on celebrating their Anniversary October 9th.



*Zion Church is invited to the  
95th Birthday Open House  
Celebration for  
Katherine Kaufman,  
October 4th from 2-4 p.m.  
in the Ministry Center.*

**UPCOMING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS:**

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> –  
**Grebel & Coffee** – 8-10 a.m.  
**95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House** for Katherine Kaufman from 2-4 p.m.

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – **Awana Leadership Conference/Cheyenne**

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - **Puggles and Cubbies Parent's Night** - 3:30 p.m. at Awana

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - **Trek Parent's Night** - 3:30 p.m. at Awana

Friday & Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – **Panhandle Women's Conference** at the Hampton Inn

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - **Circle of Praise** - 6:00 p.m. in the Oasis

Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> -  
**Grebel & Coffee** - 8-10a.m.

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - **T&T Parent's Night** at Awana - 3:30 p.m.

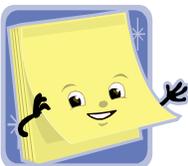
**CRAFT NIGHT** - The next Craft Night will be the third Monday, October 20, at 6:30 PM. Bring a project - scrap booking, crocheting, knitting, quilting, or sewing - and join us for fellowship. If you would like to learn to make a bib from a towel, bring a finger-tip towel. Please let me know if you want to make a bib so I will have the other supplies ready for you.



Claudette Schmidt 635-1149.



**Please take note:**



If for some unfortunate reason you find you have to check into the Regional West Medical Center ...

**PLEASE...**

- 1) Name your church as : **Zion Evangelical Church.**
- 2) Call or have someone call the church office at 632-8125, so that we can properly minister to you.

**General Fund for August 31, 2008****INCOME:**

Other Income	2,156.51
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>13,166.50</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,323.01</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Bldg. & Grounds	1,114.00
Fund Raising	261.39
Ministry	482.13
Mission Fund	85.00
Office	762.54
Staff Benefits	3,576.61
Staff Salary	4,610.54
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>2,304.73</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$13,160.94</b>

**TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE**      \$ 2,162.07



**CIRCLE OF PRAISE:** The Circle of Praise met on the 20th of September in the Oasis with 26 people attending.

Don and Carol Loos along with John & Er-madean Haas served as hosts. The theme was "A German Dinner for Everyone." There was great food (to name a few) beginning with Schnitz Soup, Ribs and Sauerkraut, Old Fashioned Pot Roast, Garlic Sausage, different types of salads, ending with German Chocolate Cake, Blackberry Dinnekuchen and homemade pies were served. A big thank you to our hosts and everyone who brought the delicious side dishes.

A short business meeting was conducted. A thank you note from Jeremy Youngs was read. Topics discussed:

- Our annual Cookie Walk
- October 25th Circle of Praise will be a Spaghetti Dinner to be hosted by 5 of our ladies. A sign-up sheet for bread, salads and desserts will be made and posted at the Welcome Center.
- Treasury balance is \$1,195.81

The rest of the evening was turned over to our hosts. A DVD by Jeanne Robertson, former Miss North Carolina and stand-up humorist was shown. She reminded us in her elegant, yet down-home southern style, that a sense of humor springs from our attitudes, not from where we live and not from how we speak. She really kept us in 'stitches'.

A very enjoyable evening closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Peggie Ross

**LADIES GUILD:**

22 ladies were present for the Sept. 8th meeting. Wanda Henkel led our meeting by having everyone sing two patriotic songs. We also sang "Happy Birthday" for the August and September birthdays. Prayer requests were taken and Barb Kautz led us in prayer. Thank you cards from the summer months were read. Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$4657.37.

Barb Kautz gave a devotion on "The Solid Rock" using verses found in Matthew 7:24-27, Deut 32:3-5, 2 Sam 22: 1-3, Psalm 18: 30-32.

There was no old business. New business: Katherine Kaufman will be having a birthday celebration Oct. 4 from 2-4 PM. Barb Steffensen and Helen Maier said they would be here to help the family in the kitchen. A nominating committee was formed to get officers for the new year. Heddi Stricker, Elaine Kling and Peg Ross will be on the committee. Donna Reifschneider stated that she had gotten estimates for an additional hot water heater to put under the sink so that you don't have to wait for hot water in the sink at the island. The cost is around \$200. Peg made a motion and Ruth seconded to purchase the water heater. Donna and Ruth Hein will check on installation.

Wanda stated that we still had old Christmas cards with the church picture on them. It was decided to send them to the residents of the nursing homes in the area. The motion carried.

Jane Ann Hall introduced our guest speaker, Janet Gardner. She portrayed Martha Washington, the first First Lady and gave everyone interesting information about the other First Ladies. The talk was very informative.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jane Ann Hall and Lorraine Hein were our hostesses for the evening. Teri Erdman and Lela Hilzer are in charge of the next meeting on Oct. 6th at 7:00 p.m.

**Teri Erdman**





## MOPS @ Night: Family Fun Night and First Meeting

Our MOPS year got a "kick start" with our Family Fun Picnic in the Frank Park on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We had hot dogs, cotton candy, games, prizes and even a clown making balloon animals. The cotton candy and balloon animals attracted lots of kids, even some from other areas at the park! It was a special night to start off the year because it included the entire family.

Our first regular meeting of the year was September 23rd. At this meeting we introduced the 2008-2009 theme "*Adventures in Mothering.*" Our time together included a carnival atmosphere with nachos, corn dogs, and large pickles (obviously our focus for the evening was NOT nutrition!!). We also had a time for discussion groups and a creative activity.

I am very excited for the MOPS year and I look forward to what God will do with our group this year. As a leadership team, our hope is that we will be able to reach outside our comfort zone and get some moms involved in our group that may have different backgrounds than we do. MOPS exists to encourage, equip, and develop EVERY mother of a preschooler to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ.

This year we really want to focus on **EVERY** mother. The **ONLY** requirement for attending MOPS is that a mom have a child from birth through Kindergarten. The best way to get moms involved in our group is a personal invitation from someone they know. So whether you have friends, family, or co-workers with youngsters in Kindergarten or younger, please help spread the word about MOPS. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the church.

**Jenn Jackson, Coordinator**

## - AWANA NEWS -

We got our club year off to a great start on September 7<sup>th</sup> with approximately 80 kids registering. Two weeks later, we are up to around 90 and we haven't even started our Visitor Campaign!!! PTL!!! As I have been mentioning for some time now, our newest club to be added is called, Puggles, which is for older two &/or three year olds. The Director of the club, Mickie Janecek, and her leader in training, Rebecca Kuxhausen, has been doing a wonderful job with these precious little ones. It definitely takes a lot of energy!!! Please pray that God will pour His strength into them each week!

As I write this, Sparks Parent's Night is coming up on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and I will have to report about how it goes - as well as Puggles & Cubbies Parent's Nights on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Trek's on the 19<sup>th</sup> - in next month's newsletter article.

In addition to Parent's Nights, our annual Leadership Conference will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming this year at the Cheyenne Berean Church on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Bee A Servant" and I am hoping to have a van load full of leaders attending with me. I have received such a blessing every year from attending Conference!

October is also the month that we honor our pastors for all they do for us and to help us. We are so fortunate here at Zion! The last Sunday of the month is usually when we have our party for them.

Last of all, October is Visitor Campaign month. We look forward to adding new faces to our club and "to reach them with the Gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him". We want to be "bursting at the seams" here at Zion! (What a great problem to have!)

WHEW!, I am exhausted already and October 1<sup>st</sup> is not even here yet . . . but, I am so very thankful that GOD IS IN CONTROL and He will give the Staff the strength each Sunday afternoon from 3:30-5:30 to serve Him.

Cheryl Rose, Commander

Not a member of Zion Church, but interested? Contact the church office at 632-8125 by October 1<sup>st</sup> or talk to Pastor Garry about membership.

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Debbie Pieper has graciously volunteered to be a "taxi" for anyone who is unable to get to a doctor's appointment, to the grocery store etc. She would appreciate two days notice and you can call her at 631-9545. Thank you, Deb, for being obedient to God's call.

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**TEN PREDICTIONS . . . NO MATTER WHO WINS THE ELECTION:**

Maybe this is something we need to remember. . .

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work,
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

**ISN'T IT GREAT TO KNOW WHO IS STILL IN CONTROL?**

**BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR OCTOBER. . .**



**"Cast of Characters" by Max Lucado**

Do you believe that God can use you to accomplish extraordinary things? If you have any doubts, take a look at the heroes in the Bible. You'll find people like Mary, Peter, David, Joseph and Esther--ordinary people who allowed God to work through them in amazing ways. In "Cast of Characters," Max Lucado gleans from several of his best-selling works to present some of the Bible's most interesting lives. Each chapter includes related Biblical text and discussion questions for individual or group study. Come closer to God's heart for you, by spending time with this cast of characters.

(Available in November)

**Great News!** Our Coop receipt total so far is \$31,031.23. We are almost 1/3 of the way to our next goal of \$100,000.

Great job, Zion!



**We are still recycling printer cartridges and cell phones - just bring them to the church office and we will do the rest!**



The **OCTOBER** KCMI Broadcast is given in loving memory of Elsie Hilzer from her loving husband, Ed.

Thanks to everyone who shares in this valuable ministry.



**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Pastor Steve Demoret will be teaching an Adult Sunday School class entitled

"How Can I Magnify the Lord When I Hurt?" starting in Oct. through Nov. at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Have you ever had a hurt that went on and on? How easy was it to trust in the Lord at that time? Usually we start out trusting, but the longer the trial goes on, the more we are prone to question God's love and goodness. Steve will be taking you through a number of key Bible passages that address physical, emotional, and spiritual pain to see God's bigger picture in the sufferings He brings us through and how He equips us to "comfort others with "the comfort wherewith we are comforted by God." (II Cor. 1:3-11).

**Don't forget the other Adult Sunday School opportunities:**

- Dewey Brother/sanctuary at 9:55 a.m.
- Margaret Hancock - Library at 9:30 a.m.
- Barb Kautz - last room on right in the Educational wing at 9:30 a.m.



**YOUTH** - I'm very excited to have all of our youth ministries finally up and running this school year. I always love this time of year as we welcome our new sixth graders to our junior high ministries and our freshmen to our senior high ministries. This year will be a little different for me because Janae will not be able to be quite as involved in everything I am doing due to her full time job of taking care of Josie. I think we have managed to figure out a way to balance parenting a newborn with doing effective youth ministry. Please pray that God would give us the grace to do both with excellence.

We have started out the year with a slightly smaller group of junior high students on Monday nights. Usually it takes a few weeks before the students begin to invite more and more of their friends. Before long we should have our usual big group of students to minister to each week. This year I am going to talk them through the story of the Bible from beginning to end, and to this point the students have paid attention and seem to enjoy being part of the discussions. Our Bible study on Wednesday nights for senior high students has been well attended this year and our discussions have been good. We are studying 1 Peter, and most of the group are not afraid to join in the discussion by answering and asking questions. I am also enjoying getting to know my Sunday School class of seventh and eighth graders. The first few weeks have been quiet as I am having trouble getting students to speak up, but I have a feeling once they get comfortable enough to speak up they will learn a lot as we study the book of Acts. I am very pleased with the start we have had to the school year, and I am excited to see how things develop as we head into October.

Pastor Andy



is  
**PASTOR  
 APPRECIATION  
 MONTH!**  
 Be sure to thank our  
 wonderful Pastoral Staff  
 during the month  
 of October.



"I just set up a worship site on the Internet. Now I'm an E-vangelist."

**OCTOBER, 2008**



**Zion Evangelical Church Calendar**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>8:30 Worship &amp; Praise/Communion 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee &amp; Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion &amp; Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team V/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship/ &amp; Praise/Communion 10:30 KCMH Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel 3:30 AWANA Clubs</p> <p><b>World Day of Communion</b></p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p> <p>7:00 Jr. High Youth 7:00 Ladies Guild</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life</p> <p>7:00 Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>Happy Anniversary, Dewey &amp; Betty Brothers!</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>GREBEL &amp; COFFEE 8-10 A.M.</p> <p>2-4 p.m. 95th Birthday Open House for Katherine Kaufman</p>
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