



News from Zion

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It's never too late to have the newsletter emailed to you. Just drop us a note at the above address and we'll put you on our mailing list. Give it a try for one month. . . if you don't like it, we'll happily switch you back.

Communion will be served Sunday, August 3rd, immediately following the 10:30 service.



From the pastor's desk. . .



"Grace is Everywhere."

*"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding."
Ephesians 1:7-8 NIV*

Recently I came across a quote in one of Eugene Peterson's books from Bernanos's Diary of a Country Priest:

"Grace is everywhere."

In our cynical age of doom and gloom, in our day to day complaining about the heat and the cold and a million other trivial things, how easily we lose sight of this profound truth – how gracious God has been to us in countless ways. How did Jesus put it?

*"He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."
Matthew 5:45b NIV*

And again in the midst of despair, the prophet Jeremiah notes:

"I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have

*hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:19-23 NIV*

How easily we take God's goodness to us for granted. We see the cup half empty rather than half full. We mourn the brevity of life and lose sight of the miracle of life. We take for granted the Savior's love, the affection of family, the encouragement of friends, the support of the body of Christ. Yet with every ray of light, every drop of dew and rain, every sparkling rainbow and every miraculous breath, God offers us his presence, his purpose, his peace, his hope, his help and his healing. As the last long days of summer draw to a close, don't miss the moments you have for the moments already gone by, don't take for granted the love that is near for the love that is lost. Take time to turn off the noise of the TV, radio, and internet, to open again God's book of promises and pause to say, "Thank you!" for the sufficiency of his grace and the abundance of his blessing, to you, today.

Pastor Garry

Please Take note. . .

Mission Prayer Partners for August...

3rd - STEER, Inc
10th - Hans & Alice Wilhelm
17th - Zion Sunday School
24th - Marty & Karen Wilhelm
31st - Zion Radio Broadcasts



GREAT NEWS:

COOP Receipts
are \$94,554.39 !!
We're almost there!



CIRCLE OF PRAISE

"Cream Can Supper"
at the home of
Ed & Elaine Kling,
2700 Chinoe Rd,
Gering
August 2nd at
6:00 p.m.
Bring a salad or dessert.



Thank you . . .

We would like to take this time to thank those of you for all your cards, visits, calls, gifts and food during Carol's recent stay in the hospital. A special thank you to Pastor Garry, Pastor Andy and Dewey for your visits and prayers. They all meant so much. Also, a big thank you for the many beautiful cards we received in celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary. What a blessing to be remembered by so many. Thank you!

*Always,
Sam & Carol Schanaman*

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT:

On Sunday, July 20, I announced to the Church congregation that the ministry Center note had been paid in full. Through the anonymous generous direct gift in excess of \$15,000, the note was stamped "Paid in Full". I was extremely surprised and thankful for the final payment so generously given that canceled this debt. I also recognize that it has been accomplished through the faithful regular giving of many people over the past several years. Our church has enjoyed numerous benefits by having this wonderful facility and God has touched many lives because of it. May it continue to serve as a ministry of the people of Zion Evangelical Church.

Although we have made our final payment to the money lender on the ministry center addition, we are still very much in need of your continued financial support. As areas of the Ministry Center begin to age, we will encounter additional maintenance which is generally not experienced in the first years. Items such as carpeting, heating and air conditioning as well as several other building items will eventually need to be repaired or replaced. It is vital that we establish and grow a capital improvement fund to be available at our time of need for all areas of our church. A healthy fund which is designated for capital improvements will eliminate the need for special request "surprise letters" asking for money.

Again, thank you to all who have given and may God continue to bless you.

In Christ,
Tim Kreider

**HAMBURGER FRY
GUILD SUMMER
PICNIC**

Monday, August 4th
at 6:00 p.m.

Spouses or 'significant other' welcome!
Please sign up at the Welcome Center .



BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR AUGUST. . .



HAVE A NEW KID BY FRIDAY
By: Dr. Kevin Leman

Family out of control? Thinking of calling Nanny 911? Try Dr. Leman's action plans instead! His straightforward advice offers doable day-by-day strategies to change your child's attitude, behavior, and character and help *you* become the parent you've always wanted to be. Includes indexed section on how to handle everything from rolling eyes to punching walls!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC**

All are invited!
Sunday, August 17
immediately following the
10:30 service

Be sure to sign up at the
Welcome Center!

**Additional events this day
at the 10:30 service:**

- 3rd Graders receiving their Bibles
- Sunday School staff dedication
- Burning of the mortgage on the Ministry Center



General Fund for June 30, 2008

INCOME:

Other Income	1,143.04
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>17,178.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,321.04

EXPENSES:

Bldg. Payment	\$ 816.44
Bldg. & Grounds	2,635.88
Ministry	797.50
Office	566.95
Staff Benefits	7,390.60
Staff Salary	5,841.86
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>2,289.36</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$20,338.59

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE **\$(-2,017.55)**



INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF AN
EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN?

We will send out prayer requests the church receives to you via your email address so that you might be in prayer for these requests. Your email will remain confidential.



Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**Sympathies and condolences are extended to:**

- ... Caroline Neu and family on the passing of Victor.
- ... Pat Stricker on the passing of her brother-in-law Jack Kirkpatrick of Loveland, CO.
- ... Nadyne & George Schaaf on the passing of their great-granddaughter, Cheryl Johnston.
- ... Roxann Greutz & family on the passing of her sister, Pam Hershfeldt.
- ... Betty Kraus and family on the passing of Harry.

Congratulations to:

- ... Bridget Schick on her birthday August 5th.
- ... Pastor Garry & Bridget on their 10th Anniversary August 15th.
- ... Melvin Crom celebrating his 80th Birthday.
- ... Sarah Lease and Jon Ellwanger on their recent marriage here at Zion on July 19th.
- ... Tiffany & Ian Reynolds on the birth of their son Dylan Mason weighing 7# 1oz and 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tim and Tammy Herman, great-grandparents Caroline & Jerry Nash, Aunt Stephanie and Uncle Timothy.
- ... Sam & Carol Stricker on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Ladies Guild:

Be sure to join us for a good 'ole hamburger fry on Monday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. Your spouse or friend is invited as well. Just sign up at the Welcome Center. Join us for a fun night of fellowship & food!

MISSIONS:

One of the missions that is supported by several of our church members on a monthly basis, is the CHIEF Ministry. Huran Claus is the President of CHIEF, Inc. that originates in Phoenix, Arizona. Missionary Claus shared the mission's exciting activities among the Native Americans. CHIEF held a Reservation wide Basketball Clinic on the White Mountain Reservation in South Eastern Arizona. Bay Forest, a former player of the Phoenix Suns gave his testimony and shared the gospel. Three football players from the Oklahoma Sooners told their conversion stories. The coach and the entire basketball team from South Western College in Phoenix came to witness to the Apache Indian youth. As a result of this clinic, 150 Apache Indians came to Christ that day. This is truly a worthwhile ministry. Keep Huran Claus in your prayers.

Jeremy Youngs is a young man that grew up in our church family until attending college in Lincoln, NE. Recently, his apartment was destroyed by a fire. Jeremy lost all his possessions. Money has been given to Missions in Jeremy's name. I will be mailing Jeremy a check to help with his rebuilding from the loss. If you wish to give to Jeremy's cause please make out your check to Zion Missions and place it in the offering plate. I will see that Jeremy gets your gift in the near future.

Giving in Jesus name,
Terry Martin



~ AWANA NEWS ~

Zion was the host church for the annual **PCDL** (Pastor, Commander, Director, Leader) **Meeting** on Wednesday, July 23rd. There were approximately 50 people (11 from Zion!) in attendance from area churches as well as Rick & Fairy Hattan and Tom & Sandi Hofmann. We had a great time of fellowship while learning about the new materials that AWANA is introducing for the upcoming club year ~ one of the biggest changes happening in Sparks. We are excited that the Sparks material is being updated over the next 3 years (one book per year), as well as Book 3 & 4 in the T&T club being revised this club year. At one point during the evening, we divided into 3 groups and played a friendly game of "Family Feud" and later were treated to ice cream sundaes and cookies. A BIG THANK YOU to Hattan's and Hofmann's for taking the time to come to the Panhandle and all the work that they do to further the Gospel. I would also like to say a special thank you to Adam Harris, one of our Trek clubbers, who took time out of his summer evening to run the sound system for us. What an awesome young man he is!!!

PLAN "C": Due to circumstances beyond my control, we have had to completely cancel the 16 ft. water slide that we had re-scheduled for the 17th of August in a combined effort with the Sunday School and Church Picnic. However, not to be discouraged!!! . . . I have learned that when God Is In Control and He shuts one (or two "doors" - in this case), He always has a much better plan in mind. ☺ What a great God we have!!! The details are as follows:

Where: YMCA Trails West Outdoor Pool

Date: Sunday, August 24th, 2008

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

What to Bring: Swimming Suit (modest, please), Sunscreen, Towel

*We will also have use of their playground equipment, volleyball & basketball courts and horse shoes.

Parents: The pool depth is 12 inches - 5 ft. and, of course, will be staffed with lifeguards. However, if you have a Cubbie or younger-aged Spark, you may

want to consider staying with them. Also, if your clubber should choose to play on the other equipment outside of the pool, you may want to stay with them as there may not be adult supervision in those other areas. **ALL PARENTS are more than welcome to stay whether you have younger clubbers or not!!!** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 783-2616 or 631-9466.

Staff Picnic & Planning Meeting: Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 13th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. AWANA will provide the main dish, table service and drink. If your last name begins with A-L, bring a salad or M-Z, bring a dessert. Also, you are more than welcome, as in the past, to bring your spouse/friend. I hope to see everyone there!!!

Looking forward to beginning "the next 25" !!! ~ Especially since . . .

. . . GOD IS IN CONTROL!!!
Cheryl Rose, Commander

P.S.: Staff ~ A couple of dates to mark on your calendar:

September 13th - Basic Training at Zion
9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

October 11th - Leadership Conference in Cheyenne
8:30a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe to that we are seriously thinking about our fall schedule here at Zion Sunday School. We have exciting things to share with you. On August 17th, we are teaming up with our entire church for an end of the summer picnic. There will be fun things for the kids and entertainment and singing for the adults, so you won't want to miss this event. We will have Sunday School Teacher's Dedication in the 10:30 a.m. service on Aug. 17th and all 3rd graders will be receiving their new Bibles that morning. We are so blessed here at Zion to have the dedicated teachers that we have. We are looking for subs and also for teachers for our Senior High group. These kids are so faithful in coming to Sunday School; they are the future of our church! If you are so led to help out with this class, please let Sharon or

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Robin know. Please watch for a sign up sheet for our picnic and mark your calendars for a fun filled day. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

In God's Love
Sharon, Robin, Amy

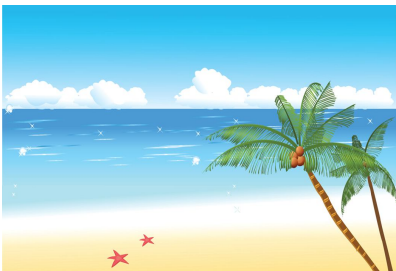


HIDDEN BOOKS:

How many books of the Bible can you find in the paragraph below? There are 15 books from the Old and New Testaments.

I once made some remarks about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu - kept some people looking so hard for facts and studying for the revelation that they were in a jam. Especially since the books were not capitalized. But truth finally struck numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy to spot. Others require judges to determine. We must admit it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One woman says she brews tea while she puzzles her brain. Well, get to work if you want to complete it. Good luck!

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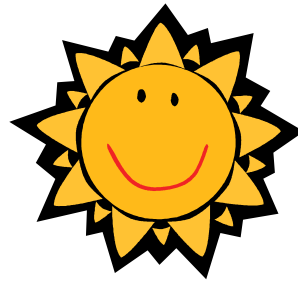


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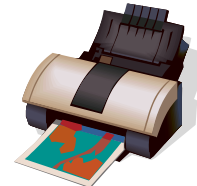
KCMI BROADCAST

The AUGUST KCMI Broadcast is given in memory of Shirley Schmidt from husband Wally and daughter Janet.

The JULY KCMI Broadcast was given in memory of Harold Ruppel from wife Shirley Ruppel and the Schadwinkels.

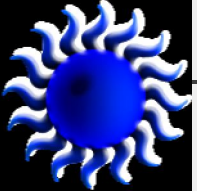


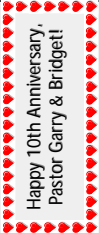


We are still recycling printer cartridges and cell phones - just bring them to the church office and we will do the rest!



Zion Evangelical Church Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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 IV/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMI Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel</p> 	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 6:00 p.m. Guild picnic</p>	<p>"The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?" --Psalm 27:1</p>			<p>1</p>	<p>2 6:00 p.m. Circle of Praise @ the Kling's Cream Can Supper</p> 
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<p>10 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team III/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 4:45 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>11 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>12 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life</p>	<p>13 9:00 Staff Meeting AWANA Staff Picnic 6 p.m.—8p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Happy 10th Anniversary, Pastor Garry & Bridgett!</p> 	<p>16</p>
<p>17 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team IV/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship/SS Staff Ded/3rd Grade Bibles/Mortgage Burning 12:00 SS/All Church Picnic 2:00 Vespers/ Beverly 4:45 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>18 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>19 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life</p>	<p>20 PCDL Awana Meeting 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Back to school bash - Camp Rock</p>
<p>24/31 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/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise</p>	<p>25 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>26 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life</p>	<p>27 GREBEL PLANNING MEETING 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>