



Dear Fellow Believers, (Warning: This letter is far longer than I normally write.)

"I cry to You for help, O Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before You. Why, O Lord, do You reject me and

hide Your face from me? From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death; I have suffered Your terrors and am in despair. Your wrath has swept over me; Your terrors have destroyed me. All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me. You have taken my companions and loved ones from me; the darkness is my closest friend (Psalm 88:13-18)."

Throughout my years as a pastor, I have seen God's people go through some unbelievable ordeals. Christians have suffered through terrible sicknesses and diseases, they have dealt with unimaginable tragedies, and they have had their life or the life of a loved one, cut short by an endless list of causes. And in some cases trouble never seems to end – godly, faithful people dealing with one setback or ordeal after another. So often it is difficult, dare I say, impossible, to make sense of why things happen as they do. How easy it is to feel exactly as the Psalmist does in Psalm 88 above – rejected, forsaken, and punished by God.

If you are expecting a simple and easy to understand explanation as to why things happen as they do, you might as well stop reading now. I too, struggle to make sense of many things and as I witness the afflictions and difficulties that God's people face, I often mutter under my breath, "Why, O Lord, why?" Though I have no simple and easy to understand answers, let me share with you a few thoughts that I go through in my own mind, as I see the suffering of the saints.

1. God loves us and is on our side! Quite frankly, sometimes God's love is hard to see. Yet over and over again, the Holy Scriptures assure us that God does love us; that He cares for us and about us; and that He is on our side. ***"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him graciously give us all things (Romans 8:31-32)?"***

2. Though we don't always understand it or like it, God knows what He is doing! ***"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9)."*** God is God and I'm not. Though I don't get it, and often don't like it, God knows what He is doing.

3. Faith has to believe what we don't see or understand! The often quoted Romans 8:28 always comes to my mind – ***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)."*** How do we know this to be true? Because God says it is, and as believers we have faith in Him and His promises.

4. God won't give us more than we can bear! ***"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it (1 Corinthians 10:13)."*** Please note that the word translated three times as *temptation* also has the meaning of *test* or *trial*, which I believe is the intended sense of Paul's words.

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5. Through it all, God is with us! "God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)." Though we might at times, feel like the Psalmist, the fact is, God hasn't left us or forsaken us and He never will. He is our present help in trouble.

6. Though our sins may have earthly consequences, God isn't punishing us, He punished Jesus for us! "He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5)."

7. As awful as earthly life may become, it is nothing compared to the story of heaven! Paul experienced many ups and downs in life. He suffered greatly and also experienced heaven. He emphatically states – "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us (Romans 8:18)."

These then, are some of the things I ponder when I see the awful and ugly consequences of sin and its ravishing effects on God's creation and God's people. Ultimately, they lead me to the same place they led God – to a cross. Here, God deals with sin, shows us His love, and assures us of His presence in our world and of our presence in His glory forever.

If after all of this, you are looking for a shorter, easier to understand answer to all that God's people endure, you might simply try singing the verses of *Jesus Loves Me!*

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.
**Yes Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! loves me still,
Tho' I'm very weak and ill;
That I might from sin be free,
Bled and died upon the tree.
**Yes Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
**Yes Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.
**Yes Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Your Brother in Jesus,

Pastor



JOYNING TOGETHER SUNDAY
April 29
EPIC 242 - 9:00 a.m.
JOYNING Together Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Our Family of Faith is invited to JOYNN
Together for a single Worship service at
10:00 a.m. in the ZFC

*A Note from Luke and Marilyn Mohr—
We want to express our thanks for mailing us Zion's
monthly newsletter. We so enjoy getting news of the
church and many of our old friends. We think of you
often - you remain in our prayers.
Luke and Marilyn Mohr
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ZION CHURCH & SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion celebrated on 1st & 3rd Sunday

9:30 a.m. EPIC 242

9:30 a.m. Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the ZFC

Holy Communion celebrated on 1st & 3rd Sunday

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FEBRUARY ELDERS

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>
Feb. 5	Derek Clark, Tommy Hoff Lane Oslund	Doug Haugh, Eddy Hanford, Denny Lindeman
Feb. 12	Paul Borden, Bill Crew	Doug Haugh, Eddy Hanford
Feb. 19	Carl Catlin, Lane Oslund, Michael Kenney	Doug Haugh, Eddy Hanford, Dan Fischer
Feb 22—Ash Wednesday—6:00 p.m.—	Carl Catlin, Eddy Hanford, Derek Clark, Phil Roberts	
Feb. 26	Phil Roberts, Paul Borden	Denny Lindeman, Eddy Hanford
Feb. 29—Lent—6:00 p.m.—		

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>
Feb. 5	Kacy Redmond and Amanda Smith	Hannah Hanford and Rebecca Gordenier
Feb. 12	Collin Hoff	Abby Stout
Feb. 19	Jeremy & Tyler Christian	Sarah Dennis and Keanna Byrnes
Feb 22—Ash Wednesday—6:00 p.m.—	Julia Wilson and Brian Taylor	
Feb. 26	Matthew Norwood	Hannah Hanford
Feb. 29—Lent—6:00 p.m.—	Kacy Redmond	

FEBRUARY GREETERS

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>
Feb. 5	Quentin and Myrna DuVall	Jeff and Karen Gordenier
Feb. 12	Jim and Bette Krepelin	Paul and Deborah Gonzales
Feb. 19	Jeff and Tammy Ocheltree	Hertha Bula and Marilyn Thompson
Feb 22—Ash Wednesday—6:00 p.m.—	Lane and Darlene Oslund	
Feb. 26	Ted Hemeyer and Kyrie Klepach	Paul and Gail Leehey
Feb. 29—Lent—6:00 p.m.—	Marlene Cecil and Diane Catlin	

FEBRUARY COMMUNION

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>
Feb. 5	Doreen Catlin and Darlene Oetgen	Teri Fry and Lesa Haugh
Feb. 19	Nannette Schuyler and Clare Jungersen	Diane Raymond
Feb 22—Ash Wednesday—6:00 p.m.—	Cathy Demel	

FEBRUARY PRAYER TEAMS

	<i>8:00 am</i>
Feb. 5	Charlene Soon, Brenda Sage, Daryl Wendler
Feb. 19	Marc and Chris Steffler, Carl and Doreen Catlin
Feb 22—Ash Wednesday—6:00 p.m.—	Charlene Soon and Daryl Wendler

FEBRUARY COUNTERS

Feb. 5	Rosalie Dulin and the Board of Finance
Feb. 12	Doreen Catlin and Marlene Cecil
Feb. 19	Barbara Borden and Judy Ritter
Feb. 26	Mary Alexander and Suzanne Longhurst

FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb. 5	Hillary Streich and Rosalie Dulin
Feb. 12	Lorrie Scarbrough and Diane Raymond
Feb. 19	Lorrie Scarbrough and Diane Raymond
Feb. 26	Laura Lougee and Dawne Clayton

FEBRUARY INFORMATION BOOTH

Feb. 5	Myrna DuVall
Feb. 12	Peggy Hinrichs
Feb. 19	Diane Raymond
Feb. 26	Kay Loomis

FEBRUARY AUDIO/VISUAL BOOTH

Feb. 5	Patrick Berg and Amy Majewski
Feb. 12	Patrick Berg and Kevin & Symone Conley
Feb. 19	Patrick Berg and Amy Majewski
Feb. 26	Patrick Berg and Youth

ZION SCHOOL NEWS



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PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND – NO SCHOOL

*Thursday, Friday, and
Monday
February 16, 17, and 20*

REGION 5 SPELLING BEE

*Grace Lutheran, Escondido
Friday, March 2*

EARLY DISMISSAL – TEACHER IN SERVICE

Friday, March 16

WASC ACCREDITATION VISIT

*Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
and Wednesday
March 18, 19, 20, and 21*

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES with Mrs. Hanford

*Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. in
Room 6
March 29
April 26
May 31*

SCHOOL DINNER/ AUCTION

Friday, April 27

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

February 2012

Beloved Zion Family,

We have again been blessed! An anonymous congregation member donated the piano that we requested in the December newsletter. Thank you so much for your generosity, dear brother or sister in Christ! The features of the new piano will be a blessing to those who prepare for worship services and other musical events at the school. We are so very grateful to you for your loving and generous support!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR SCHOOL! Please tell all your family, friends, neighbors, exercise partners, club members, business owners—everyone that you see—to check out Zion Lutheran School as a place to learn about Jesus and get a great education!

What can you tell them?

- We have a loving and supportive staff who takes the time to get to know each individual student's needs.
- What could be better than small class sizes?
- Our church members generously support the school.
- Zion's faculty is the best! Experienced teachers with the love of Christ in their hearts and the desire to share it with everyone.
- We have tuition assistance available for all who qualify, and we encourage everyone to apply to see if they do.
- Send them to our website: www.zlcs.org for lots of info!
**Be on the lookout for our new video!
- Kindergarten Open Houses with Mrs. Hanford are open to all:
 - Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 P.M. in Room 6
 - Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 P.M. in Room 6
 - Thursday, May 31st, at 6:00 P.M. in Room 6
- **HERE'S WHAT THE KIDS SAY:** Lots of nice people, great field trips, Christian environment, parents get to help out a lot, computer class is great with Mrs. Thomas, students are well-behaved (remember, that comment is from a student!), we have a Student Council, and my personal favorite "We learn about God here."

Love, Mrs. Donna Woods, Principal

Zion Lutheran School Wish List

1. Monetary donation to pay for a laptop that Pastor Demel needed.
2. Quality computer headsets for our computer lab to support our foreign language program (\$30.00 each).
3. Six new computers to replace staff computers that are 6 years old (approx. \$400.00 each).

EPIC 242

EPIC 242 Times:

Sundays

9:30-10:15 am - Children, Nursery and Adult Bible Studies

Wednesdays

5:15-6:00 pm dinner

6:00-7:30 pm Confirmation, Children, Nursery and Adult Bible studies, Activities

EPIC 242 Wednesday studies:

Adult Study - led by Carl and Doreen Catlin at their home

Adult Study - led by Mike and Tina McLeod in the ZFC

6th-8th - led by Gail Leehey

K-5th - led by Sonia Dombroski

Nursery - picture books and Videos



PHIT UPDATE (People Having Interests Together)

BASKETBALL – with **Mark Longhurst**. We meet each **Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 a.m.** and every **Saturday at 8:00 a.m.** in the ZFC. Come and join us!

BOOK CLUB - Our next meeting is at 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 27** at Ann Niese's home. We will discuss the book "*Desert Flower*" by Waris Dirie.

PRAY AND PLAY – meets the **2nd Tuesday of every month from 9:00-12:00** in the Social Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 14**. Come for a casual, friendly gathering. We serve coffee, cake, have a short devotion, play rumicubes, cards, other games, or just enjoy visiting with one another. All are welcome to join us!

SHARP'S SPADES – Our group meets twice a month, the second and fourth Friday at 6:30 p.m. in our home. During February we will meet on **Friday, February 10 and 24**. Do you know the game or are you a new player? Some of us have been playing for a while, so if you are a new player, we will start you with some lessons. It is a fun group! It is an adult only group so if you have small ones, you will need to arrange for babysitting. BYO drink and an appetizer/snack to share. For more information call 760-731-7006 or email nks52@aol.com. **Ron and Nancy Sharp**

TABLES OF 8 - This PHIT group is a great way to get to know other church and school members on a deeper, more personal level. Singles and/or couples will be gathered into groups of 8. One couple/single will plan a meal; pot-luck or not; at their home or wherever they choose. The groups are responsible for scheduling and planning each meal. Sign-up in the ZFC! Call **Ann Frederick** at 760-723-9692 or **Doreen Catlin** at 760-728-4217 if you have any questions.

TENNIS – **Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.** Contact **Don Hall** at 760-728-1466

Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY,
February 22 and continues through
Wednesday, March 28

Soup Supper in the ZFC at 5:00 p.m.
Worship in the Church Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY - April 1

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
with Confirmation in the ZFC

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 5

6:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary
with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY - April 6

6:00 p.m. Worship in the Church Sanctuary

HE IS RISEN!

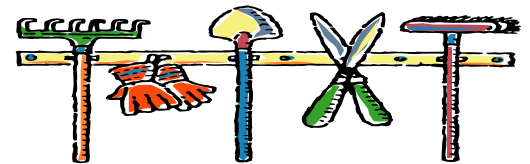
EASTER SUNDAY - April 8

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Easter Worship (upper field)
8:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Worship (ZFC)
7:00-10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (ZFC)
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt



Zion's Sunday School is having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday. It would be very much appreciated if you could help by bringing wrapped candy to the Zion Fellowship Center or to the church office before Sunday, March 25.



Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

Work Party

Saturday, March 3

8-12 noon

Join us as we clean up our campus and make it ready for Easter Sunday!

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ZION'S FAMILY OF FAITH...

Change of address

**Kean Byrnes
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**J.P. & Lisa Wilson
Julia and Micah**
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John & Barbara Chambers
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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

EPIC 242

Pastor Mark Demel leads a study on the Gospel of John at 9:30 a.m. in the ZFC.



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES


Men's Weekly Breakfast Study - Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant in Fallbrook.

Temecula Ladies Prayer Circle - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Elizabeth Williams**

EPIC 242 - Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

Fallbrook Home Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Carl and Doreen Catlin**

WOW (Women of the Word) Adult Bible Study - "Live A Praying Life" Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the church social hall.



February Voters Meeting
Sunday, February 26
 immediately following the 10:30
 worship service in the ZFC
**Review of Zion Church & School
 Budget**
**Nominations and elections of
 2012-2014 officers and board
 members**



VAL-O-GRAMS

Send your thanks, encouragement, or kind thoughts to a church or school staff member, student, or fellow Zion member. Val-o-grams can also be purchased for family, friends, neighbors, or even to take home to your sweetie!

Your message can include your choice of a sweet treat for \$1, a plush animal for \$2, or potted heart-shaped plant for \$5. Those purchasing plants have the option to personalize their pot with special markers that work on glass/glazed ceramic pots.

Val-o-gram orders will be taken after services on Sunday, February 5.

Val-o-grams going to church members who are not students or church/school staff will be issued on Sunday, February 12, but those going to students and church/school staff will receive them according to the usual delivery process by sixth graders on Tuesday morning, February 14.

Zion Sixth Graders thank the Lord and you for your support of their trip to MSA Outdoor Education Camp at Emerald Bay, Catalina Island.

Donate Unwanted Shoes

Zion students are collecting unwanted shoes to raise money for scholarships and supplies for our school. All they need are your pairs of old shoes - any kind, any condition, any size. We are paid by the pound! The shoes are reconditioned and distributed to those in need. Clean out your closets and garage. Bind each pair, tie pairs together with the shoelaces, or bag each pair securely and drop them in the marked receptacles in the church and ZFC. **Final collection day is Saturday, February 25 in the upper parking lot.**



ALL BOARDS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

All Boards will not meet on Tuesday, February 14. Boards are encouraged to meet at their own date and time.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Social Hall. All Boards are requested to send a designated representative to the Church Council meeting.

FAMILY OF FAITH NEWS



Dear family of faith at Zion,

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support of my education here at Concordia Seminary. I cannot tell you how much your financial support is both needed and appreciated! It is because of churches like yours that the LCMS is able to continue Christ's mission here on earth. Thank you!

I hope and pray that you all had a truly blessed Christmas, celebrating the arrival of Jesus yet again! Based off of your December newsletter, it looks as if you had much going on, with three services on Christmas Eve and worship on Christmas morning as well. It is really encouraging to me to see pictures and read reports of the various ministry and fellowship events that your church holds. I will be sure to continue praying for your church, that God will continue to use you in the specific way He has planned in the Fallbrook community as you and your school begin this new calendar year.

I had a wonderful Christmas break! Since the Seminary operates on the quarter system, our break fell in the middle of an academic term. We began the quarter after Thanksgiving, and had our first 3 weeks of classes before having two weeks off. The first three weeks were certainly a challenge. Thankfully, break came at a wonderful time, and I was able to enjoy it fully. I traveled to the Washington, D.C. area for Christmas to visit my fiancée's family. She lives in Leesburg, VA, which is only an hour west of the D.C. metropolitan area. I had so much fun visiting her, and worship at her church was wonderful. I could not have asked for a better way to celebrate Christ's birth than to spend the Christmas holiday with her. However, I traveled back to St. Louis on New Year's Day, and school started up January 3. The break was very relaxing, but I am certainly excited to be back in the school grind.

The Preachers' basketball season is also in full swing, so the homework load was coupled with several basketball games. One of these games was against our sister Seminary. We recently paid a visit to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for a tournament and had a blast. I can report that we defeated Fort Wayne for the 54th (I think) consecutive time, winning 81-62. Everyone on the team played a lot and scored; but most importantly, the streak continues! They paid a visit to us for the Preacher Classic on the weekend of January 20. It is always great to be able to meet our fellow LCMS brothers both on and off the court and to get a feel for what life is like at the other Seminary.

Other than that, the most significant event of Seminary life for me is my upcoming vicarage interview on January 16. We will be leaving for vicarage in July, so the application and interview process is upon us. Thankfully, God is in control, and He will send me to the place He has already prepared. I will be sure to update you when I find out where God is sending me. Call day is Tuesday, May 1, which I have circled and highlighted on my calendar!

I love how Paul talks about Christ's humility in Philippians 2. The Lord of the universe, Yahweh Himself decided to humble Himself to our level, to become a man like us, so that we might be saved. What a true joy it is to serve a God who loves us that deeply! Regardless of the successes and struggles that 2012 brings, I hope and pray for you all that you would experience the joy of the Gospel, the joy of serving the God who gives, who loves, and who lives!

Thank you again, so much!

Harry Smith

February Birthdays:

Suzanne Longhurst	2/1	Jason Bardeen	2/18
Hertha Bula	2/2	Sandie Fischer	2/18
Dana Taylor	2/7	Judy Levy	2/19
Marcy Carle	2/8	Cody Ocheltree	2/21
Megan Haugh	2/10	Lauren Dabbs	2/22
Steve Valencia	2/10	J.R. Douglas	2/23
Elizabeth Williams	2/10	Jacob Graef	2/23
Hailey Jackson	2/12	Mike Richelieu	2/23
Georgiana Berg	2/14	Brooke Roberts	2/23
Don Hall	2/14	Marcello Robertson	2/23
D.J. Lougee	2/15	Hannah Hanford	2/25
		David Wilson	2/25
		Billy Crew	2/26



Paul Gonzales	2/26
Jeff Rose	2/26
George Stroesenreuther III	2/26
Sal Aguilar	2/28
Doreen Catlin	2/29



February Anniversaries:

Jeff & Karen Gordenier	2/6/1993	19 years
Rob & Bobbi Kuhlmann	2/11/1995	17 years
Michael & Maya Avery	2/12/2000	12 years
Steve & Darlene Oetgen	2/12/1972	40 years
Leo & Denise Dennis	2/14/1985	14 years
Doug & Lesa Haugh	2/14/1985	27 years
Craig & Debbie Wall	2/15/1989	23 years
Jeff & Gay Rose	2/16/1974	38 years
Harry & Elaine Solter	2/19/1967	45 years

LCW EVENTS UPDATE

February 12 – MITE BOX SUNDAY

2012 starts a new biennium for the mite box program. The mites collected for the next two years will be used to fund the new mission grants that will be voted on at the LWML district convention in June. Last year Zion's mite box contributions totaled \$912.56. **Let's all get behind the mite box program and exceed last year's contributions.** It's easy. Pick up a small mite box, fill it with change, and return it to the large mite box on the information tables. Or just drop your change into the acrylic collection boxes on the tables.



For the biennium that just ended on December 31, the Pacific Southwest District's mission grant goal of raising \$130,000 to fund 14 mission grants was met! All 14 mission grants were funded through the mite box program! This included a grant to the Fallbrook Pregnancy Resource Center in the amount of \$9,900.

February 12 – UNDIE SUNDAY

The Orphan Grain Train is sponsoring "Undie Sunday." Please bring a package of new underwear or socks for men, women, girls and boys. These donations will be used to minister to needy people within our Pacific Southwest District, in Mexico, and beyond. Boxes will be set up in the church social hall and the ZFC foyer to receive your donations. Cash donations are also needed to pay for the delivery of these gifts. Checks can be sent to Orphan Grain Train at 555 Manzanita St., Chula Vista, CA 91911.



February 16 – LCW MEETING

LCW will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Silvergate Retirement Residence at 420 Elbrook Drive in Fallbrook. We'll have a brief business meeting, devotion, entertainment and Christian fellowship. **All women of the congregation are invited.**

SAVE THE DATE!

June 8-10, 2012:

The Pacific Southwest District LWML convention will be held in Ventura, California.

Our theme is *"His Living Water – Our Joy in the Lord"* based on Psalm 126:3 – *"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy!"*

Details will be coming out soon. We have a beautiful site at the Crowne Plaza in Ventura Beach, with lots of possibilities for family activities. There will be exciting speakers which the Host Convention Committee is planning. Come and experience a wonderful weekend for you with your sisters in Christ.

For more information or to register to attend, please call **Judy Levy** at 760-723-5217.



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ZION YOUTH MINISTRY

ASK

College
Meets year-round
on Tuesday
evenings from
7:00-8:00 p.m.

SEEK

Grades 9-12
Meets year-round
on Tuesday
evenings from
6:00-8:00 p.m.

KNOCK

Grades 6, 7 &
8
Meets during
the school year
on Wednesday
evenings during
EPIC 242 from
6:00-7:30 p.m.

KNOCK News:

Current Bible Study - We are continuing our study of "The Story" (the Bible written as a story) and have completed learning about the Israelites long long journey to the Promised land - they finally made it.

The Starfield Concert and worship

outing on January 22 was an event to remember -The Starfield bands music and Mitch Botsford message about Salvation was excellent. The youths comments on the way home were "it was great", "cool", " the speaker was amazing - a great message", "awesome", "hey are we going next month because I definitely want to come". On February 26th we will be seeing Kutless (another great christian band) and listening to another great message about Jesus Christ in our lives. Contact Gail for further information.

February 24 - ATF (Acquire the Fire) -

Pre event bible study and Mulligan's Lock in 6pm to 12:30am. Meet at Zion Room 20 (Knock Youth Room)

February 26- ATF - Pre event bible study, games and food

- In Knock Youth Room at Zion. Time 2:pm till 4:pm then join us to see Kutless.

March 24, 2012 ATF - Acquire The Fire in San Diego at Viegas Arena.

If you haven't signed up contact me immediately as they have a few seats available. Cost is \$75.00. It is going to be amazing.



ASK, SEEK AND KNOCK -

February 12 - National Youth Gathering Information meeting for Parents and Youth.

The National Youth Gathering is in San Antonio, Texas July 1-5, 2013. **Youth ages 14 or going into 9th grade to 20 years old at time of the event can attend.** Don't miss this meeting! We have always had fund-raising to assist all youth attending.

9:30am in Fellowship Youth room down stairs.

2013 National LCMS Youth Gathering

July 1-5 in San Antonio.

"Live Love(d)" based on I John 4:9:

"This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9)

Zion Youth Ministry is a Christ-centered relationship building program where through activities, service, friendship and Biblical training, young people can grow and share their faith and love for Christ.

Questions on College & High School Youth Events? Call **Ted Hemeyer** at 951-265-9305 or email Ted at mrhemeyer@hotmail.com

Questions on 6th, 7th, & 8th grades Youth Events? Call **Gail Leehey** at 760-723-5485 or email gleehey@zlcms.org.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Thank You Lord for fellow believers & Zion's family of faith.
 For our nation, all of our leaders, and the welfare of our people.
 For missionaries and for the Church throughout the world.
 For God to bless Lutheran schools, and especially our own Zion Lutheran School.

We pray a special prayer for **Scott and Sonia Dombroski** as they have met with a potential 15 year old birth mother. Pray that God's will is done and that if possible, He would bless them with the adoption of this little baby.

Those who are deployed and serving our country, especially:

Sharon Rohde, Drake Woodside, Billy Crew, Scott Dombroski, Louis Konez

Those who grieving and in need of comfort, especially:

For Tom and Elizabeth Williams and family upon the death of Tom's father, Walter Williams

For the Rogers family and Ann Frederick upon the death of Ann's friend, Bethany Rogers

For the Majevskis family and Lorenz Parker upon the death of Lorenz's friend, Vilis Majevskis

For Mark Grimsley and Sheila Johnson upon the death of Mark's mother and Sheila's sister-in-law, Judy Grimsley

For Lucy Ceretto, Hertha Bula, and family upon the death of Lucy's father and Hertha's uncle, Miguel Peinado

Those who are experiencing physical illness, injury, or disability, especially:

Bert Sage, Ann Egan, Sally Nguyen, Ann Jackson, Jacqueline Carter, Carol Erling, Ryan Kenney, Harry and Elaine Solter, Sergio Meza, Gary Sensireno, J.R. and Jan Douglas, Thomas and Robert Hosley, Shirley Keist, Hildegard Kavanagh, George Jackson, Eleanor Hauger, Rosanne Kenney, Joy Wilson, Marlene Dombkowski, Heidi Schrader, Armgard Wictorin, Sarah Gutierrez, Ed Wegner, Harry Hoelzel, Jerry Simmons, Pat Carter, Bonnie March, Alice Noble, Marty Nichols

Those living with cancer and undergoing treatment, especially:

Floyd Woods, Pauline Perra, Mark Frederick, Tom Day, Jim Jordan, Dot Mericle, Laura Ray, Amber Hohman, Janie Landig, Gloria Garcia, Billy Johnson, Jane Sacher, James Hampton

Those who are awaiting, undergoing or recovering from surgery, especially:

Ron Sharp, Bob Hayes, Ian Kuhnke, Jeff Gordenier, Ken Rice, Eileen Collie, Trina Miller

Those who are experiencing personal difficulties, especially:

Hailey Gross

Those who are seeking employment, especially:

Linda Richmond, Michelle Stevens

PRAYER CHAIN

A link to God through men and women dedicated to pray for specific needs of our members, their families and school families. The prayers are communicated by email through **Marlene Cecil**.

These prayers are often confidential and require the utmost of care. Prayer does make a difference. There is always room for dedicated prayer warriors to make this commitment of time and prayer. You can reach Marlene at 760-728-5387 or mcecil1349@aol.com

CARING OUTREACH MINISTRY

If you or anyone you know is experiencing grief for *any* reason — let us help.



Call the church office at 760-728-8288 or contact an Elder during Sunday worship.

Your concerns will be kept in the strictest confidence.

THE LCMS AT A GLANCE

Members - 2,278,586

Congregations - 6,162

Preschools - 1,393

Elementary Schools - 899

High Schools - 90

Colleges - 10

Seminaries - 2

Check out www.lcms.org

or call LCMS Church

Information Center at

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(843-5267)



*For the marriage of
 Crystal Pepper and
 McRae Meyer on
 Saturday, January 28*

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Zion maintains a Family Assistance fund (which our members generously contribute to) to be used for our members in need. Funds are dispersed upon request by the Board of Elders, with understanding of the need and prayer for the individual. If you find yourselves in need of a little Family Assistance, or are aware of someone else's need, please contact your elder or the pastor.



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LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

with Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

and continues through Wednesday, March 28

Lent Soup Suppers at 5:00 p.m. in the ZFC

Lent Worship at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



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Sunday Worship Schedule

Nursery care available 7:45-11:45 am

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| 8:00 am | Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st & 3 rd Sunday |
| 9:30 am | EPIC 242 |
| 9:30 am | Adult Bible Studies |
| 10:30 am | Contemporary Worship in Zion Fellowship Center
Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st & 3 rd Sunday |

EPIC 242 Is For You!!

Join us as and invite others for EPIC 242 at Zion on Wednesdays from 5:15 -7:30 pm.

We begin with a fellowship meal followed by K-8 youth programs, Confirmation class, and Bible studies for adults. (Nursery/Preschool care and activities, too!)

EPIC = "Every Person in Christ"

Connect, learn, grow, share!

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42