

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Greetings Zion/Clarion Family,

A new year is upon us. The older we get the faster the years seem to fly by. Many folks like to make New Year's resolutions as we flip over the calendar. It is always a good thing to evaluate where we are in life and where we are going. If we have no evaluation and no plan, we will certainly not get anywhere beyond where we are.

It is a good time to ask the deeper questions; not just where should I think I should be in my life, but where does **God** want me to be? Where do I spend the time and money and other resources GOD has given me? Am I using those gifts for His glory? Am I growing God's Kingdom with my life: time in worship, financial resources, Bible study habits, encouraging others, serving others with my talents?

Don't despair if desires do not match reality. We've all been there. We are all sinners. We all fall short. There is Good News! God is an expert in making all things NEW! That is why Jesus was born; break into our old world with a new path to God, realizing that we cannot do it on our own. By the end of Revelation we read from the lips of Jesus, "See, I am making all things new.ö (Rev 21:5)

God want to make your life NEW every day. God wants you to grow in his grace. God wants you to live a fulfilled life, and only God knows what that is for he is the one who created you. Turn your life over to him every morning, and let him shape and mold you to be the child he has destined you to be.

Celebrate that God can take us where we are, and make everything in us NEW for His Glory!

Shalom,  
Pastor Kevin Weeks <><



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	45.13
	20.25
Rebate	5.00
Gift	<u>1,189.20</u>
Subtotal	\$ 11,959.58
November Expenses	<u>9,725.63</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/11	\$ 2,233.95

### Benevolence Report - November

Beginning Balance 11/01/11	\$ 40.00
Receipts - November	<u>1,444.00</u>
Subtotal	1,484.00
Expenses - November	<u>1,092.00</u>
Ending Balance 11/30/11	\$ 392.00

Remaining balance held until December



To all who sent cards, made visits and calls and the many prayers for **Howard Schammel** while he went through double knee surgery. We thank you because it means so much to know our church family is there for us. Thanks to Pastor Kevin for prayers and visits.

### Evangelism

Anyone who needs a ride or is willing to offer rides to church should contact Carolyn Motter. She will be coordinating transportation for members who need a ride to church. She can be reached at 815-538-2606.

## We Remember

*Clifford Geuther*

*Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with the family and friends upon his death on December 13th, 2011. May God comfort family members and friends in their loss.*



### Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 12:3: "Jesus is Lord"!

Our Church Website can be found on the internet by typing:

[www.orgsites.com/il/zionlutheranchurchlamaille/index.html](http://www.orgsites.com/il/zionlutheranchurchlamaille/index.html) (no spaces)

Or type in search box

Zion Lutheran Church LaMoille

Or Zion Lutheran Clarion



### WINTER GET-A-WAY-MIXED CHOIR YES! YOU HEARD IT HERE!

Rehearsals begin on Sunday January 29th: 1:30-2:45 p.m.. Music Packet payment of \$10 is due any time until Saturday, January 7, 2012

#### Dates & Times for Rehearsals:

Sanctuary of St. John's

Sundays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26th

1st Concert is on Sunday, Mar., 4, 2012

Please contact Celeste Faber

Phone #(815)638-2788

Email: [dafaber@hughes.net](mailto:dafaber@hughes.net)

or Christa Davis

Phone#(815)866-2094

Time of fellowship with family and fellow members of Zion-

An opportunity to experience a "bit" of life in another community-

A few days to use TALENTS that you've been given in service to others-

The place is Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. The date is June 17, 2012- June 21, 2012. (Sunday afternoon—Thursday, morning) For more details and to see a sample schedule of activities refer back to the handout given on Nov. 20th. You may also speak to Pastor Kevin or feel free to go to website: [www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)

Many People find the following prayer format helpful in the their prayer life. Try using the acronym A.C.T.S.  
**A- Adoration**, we praise God for who He is,  
**C- Confess**, when we realize who God is, we realize who/what we are: sinless and unclean, so we Confess ours sins to God,  
**T- Thanks**, when we realize the forgiveness we have, we give God Thanks for many things,  
**S- Supplication**, we pray for others in need,  
**ACTS-** we then ask for power to go out and perform ACTS that grow God's kingdom.



## CAROLYN MOTTER NAMED MENDOTA EMPLOYEE of the YEAR!

The 2011 Tom Merwin Gold Star Award for the Mendota area employee of the year was awarded to our very own **Carolyn Motter**. This award is presented to an employee that has been nominated by letters written from people from our community that felt Carolyn provided exemplary service and that felt she stood out for her work ethic and kindness. The award was started in 1992 to honor employees that go above and beyond the call of duty and Carolyn certainly meets the qualifications for the award. Carolyn was honored at a dinner hosted by Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce that included 25 guests and her husband Ray. Carolyn has been with Mendota Lutheran Home for 27 years and has seen many changes. Her warmth, knowledge and loving attitude have welcomed and helped many people. Carolyn is very active at church and always willing to help family and friends any way she can. Carolyn and Ray have been married 49 years, have 2 children, 7 grandchildren, & 1 great grandchild. Her family is her life and cooking for them and being with them gives her great joy. We applaud her great faith and positive attitude and we are inspired by her love for all.

*Congratulations!*



# Days & Anniversaries

## Baptismal Anniversaries

- 4 Ava Grace Kyle
- 10 Brittany Gascoigne
- 15 Jonathon Hohertz
- 21 Thomas Stamberger
- 25 Alan Stegmann

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Mark and Teresa Rod
- 20 Brad and Deb Geuther

- 3 Sylvia Sprung
- 4 Elaina Carol Koch  
Nichole Rhae Schabacker
- 6 Chad Geuther  
Christy Liesse  
Richard Sibigroth
- 10 Marilyn Goetz
- 18 Lindsay Hohertz
- 23 Seth Geuther
- 24 Colton Pohl
- 28 Ruth Geuther
- 29 Matthew Smith
- 30 Alex Barrera  
Nick Piller
- 31 Carly Dean  
Garrett Geuther  
Landon Lee



### W. O. W.—Women of Worship News

We will be sewing quilts on Thursdays in January: 12th & 26th. (Weather permitting of course)

Hannah circle : Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012

Thank you to the Women of the Word who do so many things throughout the year and go unnoticed. We Thank you for your time and talents. It is appreciated!

### ZION ZEBRAS

Check out our ZEBRAS on face book! **Next Youth Team Mtg. will be January 24th, 2012**

Thank you to Tammy Stuepfert, Jan Geuther, Pastor Kevin, Jim Hamacher, Dallas Stamberger, Mike Silfies and Sarah Weeks for assisting our youth putting together fruit baskets. They all enjoyed a simple lunch and a gift exchange. Look for upcoming events for our youth.

On **January 6-8**, our will be attending The Youth Encounter Quake in Wisconsin Dells. There will be music speakers & bible study.

Our Zion Zebras will be serving our lunch after our *Annual Meeting on January 29th, 2012*. We will be asking our youth to sign up for specific food/ drinks needed.

Following radio stations.

- WZOE FM 98.1
- WGLC FM 100.1
- WZOE AM 1490
- WLPO AM 1220

Or the TV Station WQAD TV Channel 8

Please remember our military members in your prayers. They are:

**Josh Morehead**  
**John Labriola**

We're proud of you!



## Annual Meeting- January 29th, 2012

This year's annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Your attendance is important! Please plan to attend. Meeting will follow worship service. Lunch will follow meeting.

## NEW CONSTITUTION

New PROPOSED constitution for Zion Lutheran of Clarion is available in the Narthex. Please pick up and review your copy. We plan to vote on a new constitution at our Annual Meeting on Jan 29, 2012. Reports from all committees and groups regarding activities and finances are due by Jan 15, 2012, so we have time to assemble Annual Report and let people review it before the meeting. Please have reports in a ready to copy format. MANY THANKS

## Sign up for 2012 Worship Service

We will be needing our congregation members to help serve during our worship service for the coming new year. Look for sign up sheets for 2012 Readers, greeters, and Communion Servers. Please sign up for as much as your willing to help with. We appreciate your time & talents.

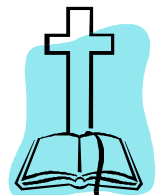


From **Marietta Anderson** who is recovering from knee surgery. She is home and doing physical therapy and doing well. God bless for all the cards, visitors and phone calls. It is a blessing knowing someone cares.

## "Tidbits for the Trail"

Pastor Kevin is sending a new devotional email with thoughts and tidbits on life's spiritual journey. If you wish to receive it, please send an email to Pastor Kevin at: [weeksfour@yahoo.com](mailto:weeksfour@yahoo.com).

## We Welcome



*Lydia Jane Kyle, was welcomed to the family of Zion through holy baptism on Sunday, November 20th, 2011. Born on September 14, 2011 Parents are Don and Sheila and proud big sister is Ava. God Bless My Child*

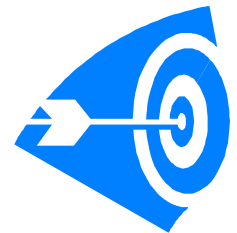
# y Services

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Date	Greeter	Reader	Piano/Organ	Special Music	Acolytes	Communion
Sun. Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. <i>Happy New Year</i>	Don and Christine Liesse	TBA	Myron Goetz	Clarion Choir	Cara 7 Baylee	
Sun. Jan. 8 9:00 a.m.	Marilyn Goetz and Lori Rosenwinkel	TBA	Annette Stamberger		Haylie & Lauren M.	
Sun. Jan. 15 9:00 a.m.	Kay Stuepfert and Barb Donahue	TBA	Annette Stamberger		Lauren S. & Alan	
Sat. Jan. 22 9:00 p.m..	Gloria Cogdal and Carolyn Motter	TBA	Myron Goetz		Cara & George	
Sun. Jan. 29 9:00 a.m. <i>Annual Mtg.</i>	Leslie and Cara Motter	TBA	Myron Goetz		Haylie & Baylee	

We are in need of a secretary to begin the end of May, and we will also need someone to take over the bulletin approximately the same time. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact a Council Member or Pastor Kevin.

## DARTBALL IS BACK!



January 16- Home- Red Oak 7p.m.  
23- Home- Princeton 7p.m.  
30- @ LaMoille 7p.m.  
February 6- Home- Sterling 7p.m.  
13- @ Dover 7p.m.  
26- Tournament @ Red Oak

2p.m.  
Interested call Howard Schammel  
815/638-2239

### Deadlines:

Please get bulletin information to **Jacob Weeks** before Wednesday at 8:00pm. You may put info in his box at church or via email at:  
[j.weeks12@yahoo.com](mailto:j.weeks12@yahoo.com); phone: (815 539-7820)

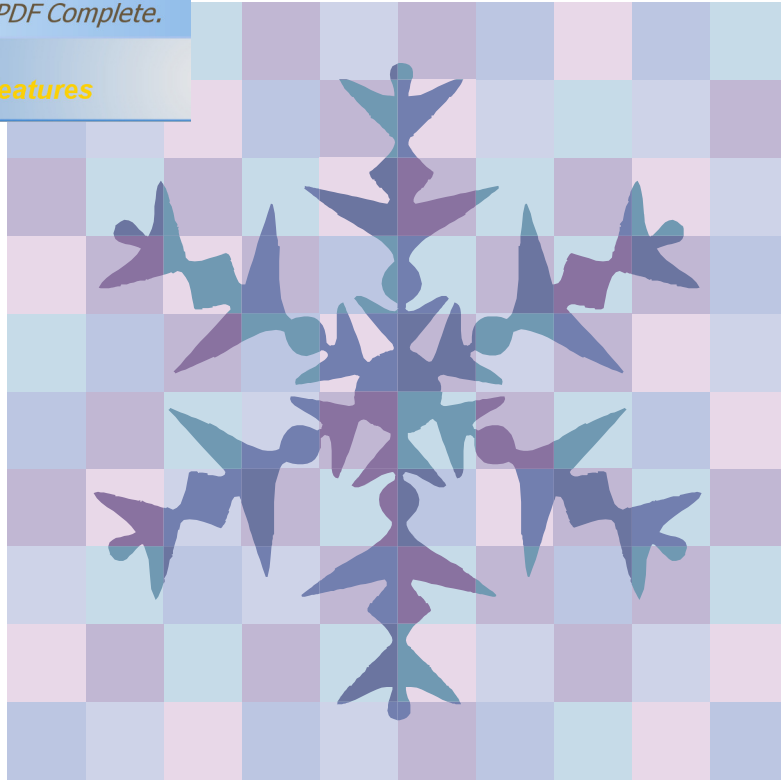
Material for the Bell Ringer should be at the church or emailed to **Missy Silfies** by the 20th of each month Email address: [silfies401@yahoo.com](mailto:silfies401@yahoo.com) (phone: 815 915-5035)



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# JANUARY 2012

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
1	Happy New Year! 9:00 a.m. Worship Service No Sunday School	2	3 Hannah Circle 7:00p.m.	4 5;30—Confirmation 6:30—Prayer Time 6:45—Adult Bible Study	5 Parish Education 7:00 p.m.	6 Youth Encounter Quake	7 Youth Quake
8	9:00 a.m. Worship Service With Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Adult Bible Study	9	10	11 5;30—Confirmation 6:30—Prayer Time 6:45—Adult Bible Study	12 Sewing—8:30a.m.	13	14 Worship—8:00 a.m.
15	9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study <b>Reports Due</b>	16 Dartball—Home Red Oak 7 p.m.	17 Church Council 7:00p.m.	18 5;30—Confirmation 6:30—Prayer Time 6:45—Adult Bible Study	19	20 <b>Bell Ringer Dead- line</b>	21
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