

# *The Contact*

*August 2005*

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## **Worship Schedule**

**Sunday Worship Service - 9:00 A.M.**

**Saturday Evening—5:30 P.M. Zion Lutheran**  
**July 16—September 3, 2005**

**Sauerkraut Supper is Tuesday, September 20, 2005**

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*“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:10-11*

A little rain and snow sounds pretty attractive right now – well, maybe a lot of rain and no snow. It just seems we haven’t been in the right place this year to receive the much needed moisture. The family farm in Central Iowa seems to be getting the rains in a timely fashion and it shows. When we were back in early July, we noticed how the green, lush grass there stands in sharp contrast to the brown, dry stubble that characterizes most of this area. Where the rain falls, the earth is watered making the seed sprout to bring forth a bountiful harvest. As we well know, without it, we dry up.

I remember a person from our congregation a number of years ago telling me that her goal in life and in her faith was always to “stay green”. She meant by that to keep her faith active and alive, growing and bearing fruit. I observed her doing that my being attentive to daily scripture reading and prayer; by being present, almost without exception, on Sunday mornings for worship; and by taking advantage of study opportunities. There was an awareness and confidence in her life that just as the rain waters the earth and causes it to become green and bear fruit, so the Word of God would provide living water for her life, renewing her faith and bearing good fruit in her life, her family, her church, and her community. She knew that removed from the Word of God, she would dry up like a drought-afflicted pasture.

We can’t pick up and move our crops, gardens, or lawns to the place where the rains are falling, but we can situate ourselves in the midst of those places where the Word of God falls like gentle dews. The promise is that this Word will accomplish what God intends in the hearts and lives of those who hear it. It will not return empty, but will bear good fruit and a bountiful harvest in people of faith.

Connections...As I am writing this article it is quickly becoming time for the youth to leave on their Mission Trip. The theme of our trip is FaithVentures and the purpose is to connect faith and daily life, daily activities. We will be working on the Native American Reservation, in a day care center, in a thrift store, and at a nature center. We will also be enjoying some adventures—whitewater rafting and tubing. All of these daily activities will be connected to our faith and faith journey--the journey that began with our Baptism.

Connections...We will have been commissioned for our trip during the Saturday evening service. During that commissioning, we each will have received a carabiner. A carabiner is “an oblong metal ring with one spring-hinged side that is used especially in climbing as a connector and to hold a freely running rope.” It will serve as a visible symbol throughout the trip—a symbol of connections to each other and to our faith.

Connections...The youth are not the only ones who will be looking at and experiencing opportunities to connect faith to daily life. On Rally Day, September 11, Centered Life and the Evangelism Committee are inviting you to participate in a *Connections Fair* that will be held in the Fellowship Hall, after each worship service. The Connections Fair will give everyone at Zion an opportunity to do just that. There will be interactive displays and booths of all sorts; ways to learn more about opportunities both at Zion and in the community. At the same time, the Sunday School will be holding their own Connections Fair downstairs. They will be connecting with teachers and looking at what the word FAITH means to them. Mark your calendars now.

Connections...with this issue of the Contact, we are premiering a new article entitled *Faith Intersections*. Each month, *Faith Intersections* will highlight members of Zion through the answering of some basic questions. We begin with members of the Church Council. It gives you a chance to better connect with them and a way for them to articulate their personal faith connections.

## PRAYER CORNER

*"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs."*

### THOSE HOSPITALIZED & THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS:

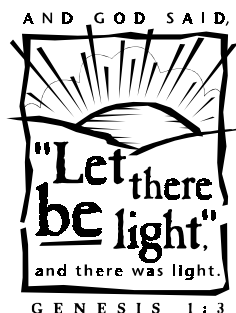
Karen Padgett Lisa (Frieden) Dowell Art Miller  
Betty Miller Lorna Welk Gerry Andrews  
Barb Sabbath Tom Young Mary Koester  
Cynthia Maeglin Abigail Frye

### Those who have lost loved ones:

The family of Tim Stange  
The family of Viola Jensen  
The family of Edna Henning

### Other Special Needs:

- 1) Pray for the hungry and the homeless throughout the world.
- 2) Pray for our Bishops, Mark and Philip; our missionary to Japan, Heather Simpson; and all who serve the Church.
- 3) Pray for our nation, for peace in our world, an end to all conflicts, and for all those who serve our nation on foreign soil, especially for Andy Ruden serving in Iraq.
- 4) Pray for Jennifer Wheeler and Adam White who will be married at Zion on August 27.
- 5) Pray for safe travels for those vacationing these summer months.
- 6) Pray for college students as they enter a new academic year.
- 7) Pray for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Florida, August 8-14.
- 8) Pray for school teachers, administrators, staff, and students as school begins.



The Fellowship Committee invites you to express your warmest wishes to the following members of Zion who celebrate their 80th or older birthday this month:

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

<i>*EMILIE STRATTON</i>	<i>AUGUST 6</i>
<i>CLARENCE DREYER</i>	<i>AUGUST 11</i>
<i>ESTHER AXEL</i>	<i>AUGUST 13</i>
<i>*BERTHA TOYNE</i>	<i>AUGUST 16</i>
<i>GENEVIEVE GETZ</i>	<i>AUGUST 16</i>
<i>GLENN WEISS</i>	<i>AUGUST 23</i>

+DENOTES 90 YEARS



### SOWERS \* \* \*

*Sowers will meet with June Pries on August 15, 6:30 p.m. If you are working on a project or wanting to start a new one, come and join us, we have fellowship, food and fun.*

## HIS PEOPLE

**"I was born to a woman I never knew and was raised by another who took in orphans," said author James Michener. "I do not know my background, my lineage, my biological or cultural heritage. But when I meet someone new, I treat them with respect. For after all, they could be my people."**

# Thank You!

“O, how I love my church family.” Thank you.

Barbara Sabbath

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayer shawl and prayer book on graduation. Also the special service for church meant a lot! I am going to miss going to Zion, but I know I'll find a nice church in Iowa City.

Thank you for making it a special day!

Love, Miriam Pusateri

Thank you for the visits, cards, food and prayers during my recovery. I appreciate the kindness and fellowship.

Kathy Othmer

Thank you so much for the beautiful cards I received on my birthday. I appreciated them all so very much.

Iola Lichtenwald

## CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

Pastor Ostrem and Cheryl Hollich will be attending the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA in Orlando, Florida, as voting members August 8-14. Pastor Don Sondrol will be “on call” during their absence. If you want to keep up to date with the proceedings, visit daily the assembly’s website at [www.elca.org/assembly/05](http://www.elca.org/assembly/05)

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**School starts  
August 18**



*Happy Anniversary!*

*Marvin & Nancy Franklin  
August 16, 1952*

*Ron & Doris Evans  
August 21, 1953*

*Clarence & Doris Dreyer  
August 27, 1947*

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## Mark Your Calendar

Worship Services will return to the Fall Schedule on September 11 with Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will also begin on September 11 at 9:15 a.m.



Mark your calendars and celebrate the end of Summer by attending an Ice Cream Social at Zion. On Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 p. m. the Social will begin with special guests, Pr. Kathy Gerking and a student from Tanzania. They will be presenting “A Visit to Our Companion Synod—Tanzania;” a close-up look at the people and places through story and photos.

After the presentation, there will be time for ice cream and fellowship. Sign-up on the upstairs bulletin board near the Nursery.

# Financial Report

If you would like to see the full report as the finance committee and council sees it and reviews it each month, please call or stop in the church office and we will gladly share it.



Articles for the 'Contact' will be due in the office Monday, August 29 with assembly on September 1 at 9:00 in the Multi-purpose Room. Come join us.

If you know of any of our Zion family going off to college this fall we would like to have their home address and e-mail address. Please e-mail or call the church office. We would like to keep them in touch with our happenings by sending them the "Contact."

If you have an e-mail address and would like it added to your records in the church office please send it to wroach\_zion@machlink.com or call the church office, 263-5074.

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## Sauerkraut Supper Meetings

We will meet to plan the Sauerkraut Supper on the following dates:

- August 16, 6:00 p.m.
- September 13, 6:00 p.m.
- October 4, 6:00 p.m.



## SUPPER CLUB—

August 20th Supper Club will enjoy an evening at Breeze Restaurant & Lounge. If you have not come to our supper club before, come join us at 6:30 p.m. for good fellowship and fun.

Sign up on the bulletin board near the Nursery.



## CHANTERS TO SING AT ZION

The Muscatine Elks Chanters will be singing three anthems at our 9:00 AM worship service on Sunday, August 7. Several people from Zion are a part of this group and we are pleased to have all of them share their musical gifts with us.

### ZLC Monthly Financial Update

	June, 2005	6/12 Year	Year-to-Date
	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Income</b>			
Budgeted Income	\$ 148,952	\$ 150,000	\$ (1,048)
Unbudgeted Income	\$ 11,701	\$ -	\$ 11,701
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 160,653	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,653
<b>Expenses</b>			
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 150,336	\$ 150,000	\$ 336
Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ 10,989	\$ -	\$ 10,989
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 161,326	\$ 150,000	\$ 11,326
<b>Income - Expenses</b>	\$ (673)	\$ -	\$ (673)
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Current Fund	\$ 27,164		
Memorial Fund	\$ 10,496		
Building Fund	\$ 21,946		
Gateway Apartments	\$ 29,739		

## Farmer's Market

It's that time of year again when our gardens that we have planted and cared for begin to bring forth wonderful gifts of vegetables. But sometimes we get too many at the same time.

The Market will continue through August and you are being asked to share your surplus produce through Zion's Farmer's Market. Each Sunday, produce will be placed on the "market table" and if anyone is interested they can leave a donation for the produce. All money collected will go to World Hunger and any left over produce will go to MCSA.

Don't forget...your garden can help others. Bring your surplus produce!





Bring the WHOLE family!

## SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

The annual Sauerkraut Supper has been scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 20, 2005  
4:00—6:30 PM

Tickets: \$7.00 for adults  
\$4.00 for children  
(10 & under)

Ticket sales are limited to 450 tickets. To purchase tickets call the church office. Tickets will be on sale until 12:00 noon on September 20th.

The menu includes: Sauerkraut with Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Homemade Noodles and Applesauce, Roll and Butter, Homemade Pies, Coffee and Milk.

**Carry Outs Available  
(with tickets)**

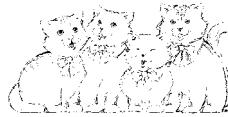
**Homebound members need reservations called in no later than 12:00 (noon) on September 19th for delivery of supper to their home.**

A sign-up sheet is on the easel in Fellowship Hall to sign-up for donations for the supper.

### ZLCW NEWS

- Group 4 - August 16, 1:30 p.m. -  
Rosemarie Paul
- Group 5 - August 18, 6:30 p.m. -  
Floodwaters
- Group 6 - August 25, 6:00 p.m. -  
Charthouse

Raise Your Voice—



Join the Choir!

## Join the Church Choir

The brilliant Christian psychiatrist, Dr. Walter Menninger, said that singing in a church choir was very helpful to him. After an exhausting day at work, he found it inspirational and soothing to go to choir practice at his church. The music enabled him to put the stress of his day behind him, get in touch with something beautiful and holy, and end the day relaxed and uplifted.

Ask a choir member what singing in a choir does for him or her. Its very likely that you'll find he or she gets great joy in serving the Lord through singing. And remember, also there is wonderful fellowship among choir members. Singing in a choir is a good way to make new friends. Try it.

### Rehearsal Time



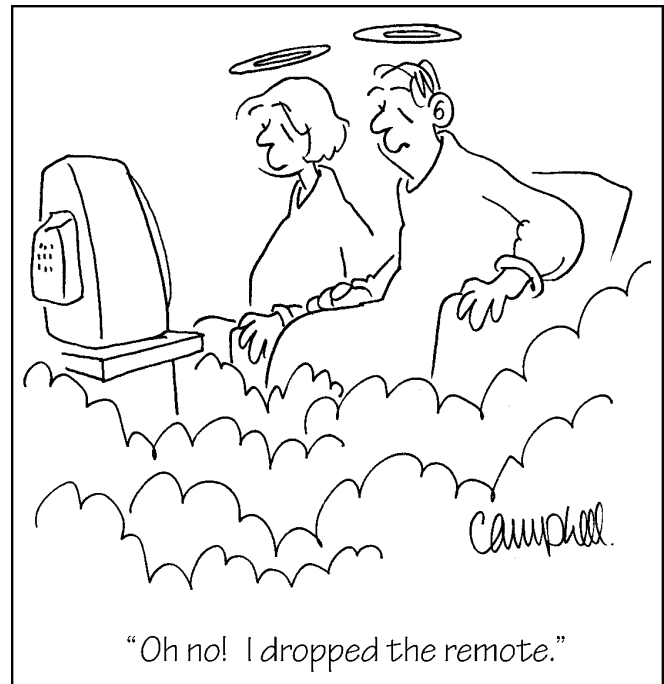
Youth Choir - September 7, 5:15 p.m.

Bell Choir - September 7, 6:10 p.m.  
(10:30)

Bell Choir - September 11, 9:15 a.m.  
(8:00)

Senior Choir - September 7, 7:00 p.m.

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"Oh no! I dropped the remote."



# Faith Intersections

## **Tom Burzlaff** Congregational President

*\*Occupation:* National Customer Service Manager for The HON Company.

*\*Interesting Fact:* Looking to rejuvenate interest again with model trains. Had fun with them when younger.

*\*How do you serve God in the world?* Reading and telling Bible stories to my children. Also trying to answer their questions about God.

*\*How has your faith helped you?* During low points in my life I have found prayer truly works. The story of "Footprints in the Sand" is a reality.

*\*Favorite Hymn:* "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" but a close second is "Lift High the Cross."

*\*Like most about Zion:* Going to church at Zion feels like coming home. Our members are always very friendly and willing to help.

## **Austin Cole** Congregational Vice President

*\*Occupation:* Retired from HON Industries.

*\*Interesting Fact:* I have a twin sister.

*\*How do you serve God in the world?* I try very hard to utilize my God-given musical talent to sing praises or to use it as a recognition that God has blessed me with this talent.

*\*How has faith helped you?* I approach each day by asking for wisdom, strength, patience and understanding. I say my prayers and ask for comfort.

*\*Favorite Hymn:* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*\*Like most about Zion:* Commitment to liturgical worship; associating with other believers who look to the church as the moral compass in their lives.



## **UPDATE ON BELOIT BUILDING PROJECT**

Ribbon cutting on the new Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames was held on July 22, with over 150 guests and children attending. Children are moving into their new facility and are overjoyed to show it off to visitors. Dedication will be on Sunday, September 11, 2005, at 2:30 PM. Thank you to everyone who participated in the "It's about the Kids" campaign to make this dream a reality!

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# Youth News

## Messy Games

**Saturday, August 20,  
2-5:00 PM**

Here's your chance to show off your athletic skills but the skill will be getting "messy" and still competing with other team members. Bring a friend...if you dare.

Wear old clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting muddy, etc...also a towel. Bring something cold to drink. We'll provide the rest.

Sign up today.



**Swim, Food, & Photo Party  
Sunday, August 28  
2:00-6:00 PM**

Kirsten Schneider's home. 1017 Wier. **All youth are invited** but we will also take time to share stories and trip photos. Sign-up today.



## **ELCA National Youth Gathering July 12-16, 2006**

- If you are entering the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade by August of 2006, or will be a 2006 high school graduate, you are able to attend the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX.
- Cost is \$235 per person plus transportation, lodging, meals, and personal expenses.
- Registration opens *September 15, 2005* so registrations are due to Cheryl by **August 15**.

If you missed the information meeting, contact Cheryl Hollich.

## **Labor Day Brunch Sunday, September 4 10:15 AM**

The youth will be sponsoring the Labor Day Brunch after the 9:00 AM worship service on September 4. Food donations, kitchen help and workers will be needed. Sign-up today. Money earned will go towards summer programming.

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## Lay Readers

9:00 A.M.

|               |    |                  |
|---------------|----|------------------|
| <i>August</i> | 7  | Julie Haage      |
|               | 14 | Jim Haage        |
|               | 21 | Rosemary Hollatz |
|               | 28 | Shirley Stange   |

## Greeters

9:00 A.M.

|               |    |                        |
|---------------|----|------------------------|
| <i>August</i> | 7  | Avery & Amy Zybarth    |
|               | 14 | Bob & Elaine Herwig    |
|               | 21 | Karmon & Linda Bjella  |
|               | 28 | Ralph & Barbara Buster |

## Acolytes

9:00 A.M.

|               |    |                                  |
|---------------|----|----------------------------------|
| <i>August</i> | 7  | Justin Honeyman & Mario Alvarez  |
|               | 14 | Sara Subbert & Kathleen Pusateri |
|               | 21 | Halston Phelps & Marissa Toyne   |
|               | 28 | Brandon Bass & Meredith Baird    |

## Ushers

9:00 A.M.

|                   |                   |                   |              |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Paul Ruden</b> | <b>Bill Toyne</b> | <b>Dyann Roby</b> | Gary Sebbert |
| Ray Stange        | Denise Baird      | Mike Batenhorst   | Paul Wedel   |
| Jeff Baird        |                   | Kent Heckman      | David Ostrem |
|                   |                   | Jennifer Heitmann |              |

## Hospitality

## Altar Guild

|               |    |                       |
|---------------|----|-----------------------|
| <i>August</i> | 7  | Parish Ed Committee   |
|               | 14 | Stewardship Committee |
|               | 21 | Youth Committee       |
|               | 28 | Evangelism Committee  |

Mary Koester  
Dorothy Thompson

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# AUGUST 2005

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                           | Thursday                                                                                                                            | Friday                                              | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>31</b><br>Farmer's Market<br><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion                                                   | <b>1</b><br>(Empty)                                                                                                                     | <b>2</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b> Memorial Committee<br><b>6:15 PM</b> Fellowship Committee<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Evangelism Committee    | <b>3</b><br>(Empty)                                 | <b>4</b><br><b>4:45 PM</b> Planning Committee<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Social Ministry Committee<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Committee       | <b>5</b><br>(Empty)                                 | <b>6</b><br><br><b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service - Zion                                                              |
| <b>7</b><br><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Youth Committee<br><b>2:00 PM</b> Ice Cream Social | <b>8</b><br>ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Orlando, FL<br> | <b>9</b><br>ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Orlando, FL<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Stewardship Committee<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Finance Committee | <b>10</b><br>ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Orlando, FL | <b>11</b><br>ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Orlando, FL<br><b>6:45 PM</b> Executive Committee<br><b>7:30 PM</b> Church Council          | <b>12</b><br>ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Orlando, FL | <b>13</b><br>ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Orlando, FL<br><b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service - Zion                                                                                                          |
| <b>14</b><br>ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Orlando, FL<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service                                                                                                                                     | <b>15</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> AARP<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Sowers at June Pries                                                                 | <b>16</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b> Parish Ed Committee<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Trust Fund Committee                                         | <b>17</b><br>(Empty)                                | <b>18</b><br><b>1:30 PM</b> Group 4 - Rosemarie Paul's<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Property Committee<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Group 5 - Floodwaters | <b>19</b><br>(Empty)                                | <b>20</b><br><br><b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service - Zion<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Supper Club at Breeze Restaurant & Lounge |
| <b>21</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                           | <b>22</b><br>(Empty)                                                                                                                    | <b>23</b><br>(Empty)                                                                                                           | <b>24</b><br>(Empty)                                | <b>25</b><br><b>7:30 PM</b> Group 6 at Lighthouse                                                                                   | <b>26</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> Wheeler/White Rehearsal | <b>27</b><br><br><b>3:00 PM</b> Wheeler/White Wedding<br><b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service - Zion                    |
| <b>28</b><br><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Confirmation Orientation                                            | <b>29</b><br><br>Contact Articles Due                | <b>30</b><br>(Empty)                                                                                                           | <b>31</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation Make-up    | <b>1</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Assemble Contact                                                                                         | <b>2</b><br>(Empty)                                 | <b>3</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service - Zion                                                                                                                                                     |