

# *The Contact*

## *August 2006*

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### **Worship Service**

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

**Saturday Evening Worship Service**

**July 15—September 2, 5:30 P.M. Zion Lutheran Church**

**Sauerkraut Supper Tuesday, September 19, 2006**

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For the past several years, one of the “umbrellas” under which we have collected an aspect of our ministry and outreach has been “In the City for Good”. The goal has been to make a significant difference in our local community through our presence in the downtown area and our support of various human service efforts and ministries. “In the City for Good” has included our support of Lutheran Services in Iowa and the HOPES House on Cedar Street, the Almoner’s Fund, the Muscatine Food Pantry; a room at the family shelter at MCSA, blood drives, the neighborhood block party, Loaves and Fishes, Emmaus Café, the Gateway House, and other partnerships. This emphasis has been a blessing to us and to the community, and we certainly plan to continue this important work.

At the synod assembly in Waverly in June, we were privileged to have as our guest Bishop and Mrs. Stefano Msangi of the Pare Diocese in Tanzania, the companion of our Southeastern Iowa Synod. At the forum he and Bishop Hougen led Saturday morning, we heard of the deep connections that have developed over the years, the friendships which have been made, and the partnerships which have been established which have nurtured the faith and life of Christian people both in Tanzania and in Iowa.

It became apparent to me in Waverly that this is an opportunity we should not squander and that even as we have been “In the City for Good”, it is now time for us to “Go Global” in a new and significant way by seeking to enter into a “Companion Congregation” relationship with a parish in the Pare Diocese. In future newsletters there will be additional information about this program. We will be looking for six to eight people to help us get this off the ground. Might one of those people be you?

Global connections are nothing new for us as we have supported a missionary, given to the ELCA Hunger Appeal, and worked with Lutheran World Relief, Disaster Relief, and Global Health Ministries. The companion congregation program can strengthen and personalize these connections in a significant way.

Pastor Ostrem

Greetings to the Home Team! During my two weeks in San Antonio I often thought of you as just that—the Home Team. I believe that this year’s Gathering was one of the best ever. I would like to highlight just a few things for you:

Orlando. That is Spanish for prayer. We met—via tape—a woman named Chilito who lives in a small “hut” with her handicapped husband. She is rich in faith and sang a song that her mother taught her. It talked about prayer. Her song continues to speak to me through my daily routine.

We met amazing speakers—Tony Compolo, Don Miller, Jim Wallis. We participated in a daily Bible Study led by Steve Bond. Using the Good Samaritan text, we saw a human flannel board (wow!) and were told that “Jesus refuses to rest until there is no one left at the side of the road.” Other speakers included Dr. San Juana Mendoza Bruce, a charity doctor who serves the poor in Juarez; Emmanuel Yeboah, a man from Ghana who rode his bicycle across his home country to challenge stereotypes of people with disabilities (he only has one leg); Francis Bok, a native of Sudan who was abducted by slave traders at the age of 7; Yessenia Vazquez who grew up in Guatemala in extreme poverty and ran away at age 15 to escape an abusive situation at home. There was also the amazing music of the Gathering stage band, and groups like the Katinas and the Newsboys (my two favorites!).

Add to that the fact that many of the youth participated in Servant Life projects throughout the city while many put together over 7,000 health kits in the convention center. As of July 17, the Gathering raised more than \$530,000 for Hunger. The spirit of the youth was an amazing thing to see, feel, and experience. In the word of one of Zion’s youth, “It was awesome.”

Thanks again to my Zion team who worked so diligently on the Gathering Volunteer Corp—Linda Bjella and Carol Ostrem; to Brad Krueger, Tina Moore, & Twyla Subbert for accompanying our youth; and to the volunteers from Zion: Kari and Terri Hanson, Carly Montgomery, and Mike and Fran Carter. In the words of singer/songwriter Ken Medema, “we must be different as we go.”

Blessings, Cheryl

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# Thank You!

Thank you for the many birthday cards, gifts and flowers I received from all my Zion friends on my birthday. It was so nice to be remembered.

Margaret Freese

Thank you for the nice Birthday cards I received from all my Zion friends on my birthday. It is so nice to be remembered.

Jeanette Tammenga

Thank you to everyone at Zion for helping celebrate my graduation. It was so thoughtful! I really appreciated the cards, gifts, and your presence at my party. Hope to see you all when I'm back for breaks!

Justine Schmelzer

To our Church Family,  
Mere words can not express our thanks for all of the cards and best wishes we have received from so many of you. We also appreciated having so many of you share our special 50th anniversary celebration with us. We are truly blessed with your friendship.

In God's Love,  
Henry & Pat Tober

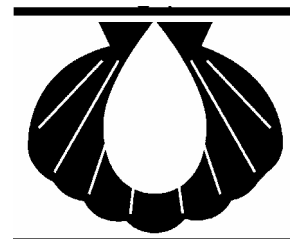
Hilda Collitz wishes to thank all her relatives and friends who made her 100th birthday on June 26 such a delightful experience. She received 100 birthday cards.

To Friends of Zion Lutheran Church, Special thanks for the precious cards on my 94th birthday.

Thank you,  
Marjorie Apland

I want to thank everyone who took the time to send me a Birthday Card, your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

God's Blessing,  
Dick Boldt



## FAITH STEPPING STONES...

**Confirmation:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will receive a blessing during the worship service (9:00 AM) on Sunday, August 27. Afterwards, there will be an orientation at 10:15 AM for all Confirmands and their parents.

**Three Year Olds begin Sunday School.** Sunday School will begin on Sunday September 10 and the 3 year olds who will receive a blessing on Sunday, September 17 (both services).

**Bibles to Third Graders:** The Third Grade class will begin a review of the Bible on October 8 & 15. They, along with their parent(s), will work on finding specific verses in the Bible and reviewing both the Old and New Testaments. On Sunday, October 22, they will receive their Bibles and a blessing as part of both worship services.

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## 50+ Wedding Anniversary

Marvin & Nancy Franklin  
August 16, 1952

Ron & Doris Evans  
August 21, 1953

Clarence & Doris Dreyer  
August 27, 1947







## SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

The annual Sauerkraut has been scheduled for:

**Tuesday, September 19, 2006  
4:00—6:30 PM**

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

Tickets will go on sale August 20, 2006. To purchase tickets call the church office. Tickets will be on sale until noon on September 19th.

The menu includes: Sauerkraut with Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Homemade Noodles and Applesauce, Roll & 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 18th 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.

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### **Sauerkraut Supper Meetings**

The meetings for the Sauerkraut Supper have been scheduled. They will be held in the lower level of the church at 6:00 P.M. on August 15 and September 12.

## ZLCW NEWS

*“TO MOBILIZE WOMEN TO ACT BOLDLY ON  
THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST”*

**“OUR YEAR TO CARE ~ OUR YEAR TO SHARE”**

**“To Mobilize Women to Act Boldly on Their Faith in Jesus Christ”**

**“Our Year to Share, Our Year to Care”** project for August is **school kits**. While out shopping, stop and pick up a few items for Lutheran World Relief. They include: Notebooks of 150 sheets of ruled paper, 1 blunt scissors; 1 (30 cm) metric ruler (can have inches), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 (2½”) eraser; 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers; 12 sheets construction paper; 1 box of crayons (8, 16 or 24 count). Cloth bags will be provided. You may put your donations in the boxes on the lower level of the church by the ZLCW bulletin board. If you are donating postage stamps and eyeglasses, please put them in the box provided by the ZLCW bulletin board.

Coffee, cards and napkins continue to be available and will be sold after Sunday worship services on August 13 (Group 5); August 20 (Group 6); and August 27 (Group 4). If you are looking for a particular flavor and don’t see it, please let us know and we will be glad to order it for you with our next order.

I know this is repeated but it is important. New officers need to be elected for the 2007-2009 term. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Jacobsen. Remember, you do not have to belong to a group to serve on the board. **If you are 18 years of age or older and a female member of Zion, YOU ARE PART OF THE ZLCW!** All positions are available. Elections will be held at our November 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

Do you have something you’d like to share? Feel free to post it on the ZLCW bulletin board. Remember to visit the women’s page on Zion’s website at <http://www.zionmuscatine.org>

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- August 7 BOARD MEETING – 7:00 p.m. at church
- August 13 Group 4 – 1:30 p.m. at church
- August 17 Group 5 – 6:00 p.m. at Lee Denker’s  
(Pot Luck)
- August 24 Group 6–6:00 p.m. at Lighthouse  
(formerly Charthouse)

# STORIES TO TELL - GIFTS TO SHARE

Over the balance of this year the Stewardship Committee will be sharing stories for the work and efforts of the ELCA at home and around the world.

## The ONE Campaign & BREAD FOR THE WORLD

*(The following is from an email recently received as a part of our participation in "Bread for the World".)*

My name is Shayne Moore. I am a stay-at-home mom and a ONE member from Wheaton, Illinois, and I've been taking in all the sights and sounds of St. Petersburg, Russia at the G8 Summit.

On Saturday, I attended a press conference with President Bush and Russian President Putin. They discussed important global concerns, including questions on security, energy policy, and nuclear arms. Having never been in the same room with a U.S. President, I was quite taken with it all. But with so much talk of war and conflict, I keep having this nagging thought in the back of my head: Extreme poverty kills thousands of people every single day and will continue to take innocent lives... will the G8 leaders keep the promises made last year or will they break their word?

Last year, President Bush pledged on behalf of America that we assist the world's poorest nations. Congress must now honor our pledge by writing the check to fund life-saving programs.

[Join me in urging Congress to keep America's promises to the world's poorest nations just one year ago.](#)

I was lucky enough to attend the G8 Summit last year as a ONE delegate when G8 leaders promised \$50 billion more in effective development assistance per year by 2010. This critical funding means real help for real people, to care for AIDS orphans, give basic education to all children by 2015, and much more. We've made some important progress on canceling debts for 19 countries, but there are many more on the list. In the last year, we accomplished a great deal, but we've only scratched the surface.

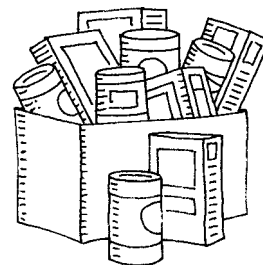
President Bush requested a \$3 billion increase in effective international assistance so that America can keep our promises on track. Currently, Congress is going only about a third of the way to help Africa and the world's poorest nations. Both the House of Representatives and Senate cut around \$2 billion from the President's request, putting America's G8 pledges in jeopardy.

I'm just one, ordinary person who in this moment is having an extraordinary experience. That is the power of ONE. As one person I'm just sitting in a room full of people with my own questions. Together, we're loud and those same questions become points on the agendas of world leaders.

[Join me in urging Congress to keep America's promises to the world's poorest nations just one year ago.](#)

Thank you,

Shayne Moore, ONE Member



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**



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## Lay Readers

**9:00 A.M.**

*August* 6 Julie Frye  
13 Susan Burzlaff  
20 Dave Pusateri  
27 Jonathan Benson

## Greeters

**9:00 A.M.**

*August* 6 Paul & Cathy Ruden  
13 Karmon & Linda Bjella  
20 Ralph & Barbara Buster  
27 Keith & Mary Butcher

## Acolytes

**9:00 A.M.**

*August* 6 Zarah Batie & Marissa Toyne  
13 Chelsea Echelbarger & Meredith Baird  
20 Alex Merrill & Brandon Honeyman  
27 Kody Bass & Brandon Bass

## Ushers

**Richard Jacobsen** Mark Evans  
Wilmer Denker Alan Lange  
Bob Schreiner

**Daryl Smock** Mark Frye  
Ron Subbert Mike Carter

## Hospitality

*August* 6 Planning Committee  
13 Evangelism Committee  
20 Social Ministry Committee  
27 Parish Ed Committee

## Altar Guild

Nancy Keel  
Leslie Watson

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# AUGUST 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service W/HC	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Evangelism Committee	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> Planning Committee <b>6:00 PM</b> Gateway Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Committee	<b>4</b>  Youth Return from MN	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service at Zion
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service W/HC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Memorial Committee <b>6:15 PM</b> Parish Ed/Fellowship Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> Stewardship Committee <b>8:00 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Executive Committee <b>7:30 PM</b> Church Council	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Riley/Colon Rehearsal	<b>12</b>  <b>3:30 PM</b> Riley/Colon Wedding <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service at Zion
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service W/HC	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Group 4 - at church <b>5:30 PM</b> Parish Ed Committee <b>6:30 PM</b> Thrivent Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> Trust Fund Committee	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Property Committee <b>7:30 PM</b> Group 5 - Dinner Out	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service at Zion <b>6:00 PM</b> Supper Club - Bishop's Buffet
<b>20</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service W/HC <b>4:00 PM</b> A Visit to Japan/Ice Cream Social	<b>21</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> AARP <b>6:30 PM</b> Sowers-Bonnie Nicolai	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>7:30 PM</b> Group 6 - Dinner Out	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service at Zion
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service W/HC <b>10:15 AM</b> Confirmation Orientation	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation Catch-up (8th & 9th Grade)	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Service at Zion