

The View From Zion's Window

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Pastor Boernke's Ponderings... Personalize It

You receive a card in an envelope. For your birthday. For an anniversary. From the consultant you just hired. For a speaking engagement or as thanks for helping a friend move into a new home.

You curiously open the envelope and slide the card out, glancing at the front cover, which says something nice like, "Happy Birthday!" or "Friends are like rainbows," or "An Anniversary Prayer."

Then you open up the card and you see two different types of writing on the inside, one is pre-printed on the card and the other writing is scribbled by a friend or uncle or your boss or your 4-year-old granddaughter. Which do you tend to read first?

Okay, maybe you're an overly organized, orderly type of person and you're attracted by the handwriting, but you just have to read from the top to the bottom, so you start with the pre-printed words and finish with the personal note. Even then, which writing is more meaningful?

Even though a paid professional created the pre-printed message, and even though the font on the pre-printed message is symmetrically balanced and the letters are curved and spaced to perfection – the personal note is more meaningful. Some of you may actually have personal notes of encouragement, love or thanks from years ago filed some place special because they're still meaningful today. In one-on-one communication, personal notes are more appreciated than professional poetry because they're spoken from the heart.

Imagine this parallel scenario. Your friend is curious about God. You've talked religion together a little bit but not much, still she knows you're a Christian. She e-mails you and asks how you can believe in a God who allows so many bad things to happen. Do you ... A) forward her question to your pastor who, as the religious professional, can expertly craft a detailed response loaded with doctrine, or B) give it your best shot and tell her what you think, maybe including a time when you wondered the same thing?

In one-on-one communication about faith, personal witnessing is more meaningful than professional dissertation because it's spoken from the heart.

The Bible refers to Christians as "jars of clay." Clay pots. That label implies that there's nothing flashy about our communication of our faith. We aren't experts. We haven't won any awards for Christian broadcasting. We haven't been asked to appear on Oprah for an interview. We don't preach like Paul. But we still get the job done – because of what's in here. In the heart. "Setting forth the truth plainly ... we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord" (2 Corinthians 4:2,5).

Now, don't get me wrong. There are times when a polished, professional Christian message is entirely appropriate, even necessary. The Sunday sermon is a good example. It should be crafted and delivered by an expert. It's not a time for collaboration or debate sharing life experiences with each other but a time to hear the objective truths of God's Word proclaimed authoritatively.

However, when we speak to others about our faith, it's more important to be personal and transparent. We personalize everything these days – screen savers, cell phone displays, license plates, passwords. So personalize your witnessing that tells what Jesus has done in your life.

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From the Board of Stewardship

“The blessings of honest work”

On Monday, September 6, Americans and Canadians will observe “Labor Day,” a legal holiday set aside to honor labor. Work is often thought of as drudgery--something that you have to do to make a living. So we sometimes call work toil, a chore, an obligation, or even a necessary evil. The New World Dictionary does not agree with that, but holds work up as honorable and positive. Part of its definition goes as follows: ***“work is physical or mental effort exerted to do or make something and be involved in purposeful activity.”***

The Bible takes an even higher view of labor. Labor is actually a gift from God meant to fill our hours and days with meaningful activities that honor God, respect His creation, and provide blessings for others and ourselves. It was God who put Adam in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it (Genesis 2:15). This work was given to Adam before the fall into sin and thus was a blessing from God. It is true that after the fall into sin, work became wearisome toil as the ground was cursed so that sinful human beings would have to earn their daily bread by the sweat of their brows until their dying day (Genesis 3:17b-19). But, in spite of that curse, labor, or work, remains a blessing from God.

Dr. Martin Luther (who wrote much on the subject of vocation) believed that vocation was a calling, which encompassed the whole of the life of the believer, and was NOT narrowly defined as a job, trade, or even a religious vocation. Luther believed that the honest work of a janitor, maid or housewife was just as important and pleasing to God as the work of a president, pastor, teacher, doctor, scientist or any other vocation held in high esteem.

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 (NIV) reads: ***“A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment?”***

St. Paul in writing to the Ephesians and Thessalonians said: ***“He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.”*** (Ephesians 4:28 NIV). ***For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.”*** (2 Thessalonians 3:10 NIV).

God’s redeemed people understand that Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, **in managing all of life and life’s resources** for God’s purposes. Giving money to support the work of the church and other institutions, giving time to help with honest efforts, and using our talents to bring glory to God and blessings to others are all important parts of Christian stewardship. This truth is summed up beautifully in these words from 2 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV): ***“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”***

This Labor Day and every day give thanks to God for the blessing of work. Giving thanks for honest labor is something that Christian stewards can remember to do in their daily thoughts and prayers. So, enjoy whatever you are doing to observe Labor Day, and then continue your daily work with joy and enthusiasm.

Women in Mission Ministry

September and October will be busy months for the ladies of Zion's LWML. Our year begins on Monday, September 13, with an Ice Cream Social. We'll begin at 6:00 p.m. Our special guests for this event are the officers and board members of Zion. We invite and encourage you to stop in before your meetings that night to enjoy a tasty treat!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010, is the date to remember for our annual **Fall Festival** which is organized by the Women in Mission as well as the Good Shepherd Auxillary. (Note that this is several weeks earlier than it has been in the past, so please spread that word around to anyone you know!) This is a big event, and the help and support of the entire congregation is appreciated and needed for it to be successful. Many people from Brighton as well as surrounding communities attend our festival and look forward to the delicious luncheon, excellent baked goods and unique crafts. Whatever your particular craft may be, we would welcome your donations - Autumn, Christmas or other holiday decorations and decor, woodworking projects, knitted, embroidered or crocheted items, paintings, live plants, or whatever! The proceeds from the luncheon are split between Good Shepherd Homes and Zion's Women in Mission. Zion's Women in Mission are distributed to benefit a Zion project, a local charity and a world mission. We would love to have you join us in HONORING JESUS BY SERVING OTHERS!

Messiah, Longmont, Women in Mission will be the hosts for our Northern Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 9. The theme for the day is Daughters of Destiny. Mission speakers Mel Goebel and Annie Island will talk about their ministry to women in prison. The Gifts of the Heart ingathering will be for this ministry. (Please note that everything given to the inmates for their children must be new.) The list includes: Bibles, Women's Devotions or Journals, Teen or children's Bibles and devotionals, and Christian DVD's for kids and teens. Plan now to attend. Lunch will be provided - and served by Messiah's Men in Mission!

We invite any ladies of Zion - young, old, or in-between - to join us for any or all of our activities and events. We have a good time working together, meeting new friends and getting to know longtime friends even better!



50 years of music:



Marlys Harp has been serving in music ministry for 50 years! Let's celebrate this accomplishment with fellowship, music and food! November 7, at 12:30. Watch for more information coming soon.

Membership Report - August 2010

Deaths:

Miss Ruby Wegner
July 26, 2010

Mr. Bud Miller
August 14, 2010

Address Changes:

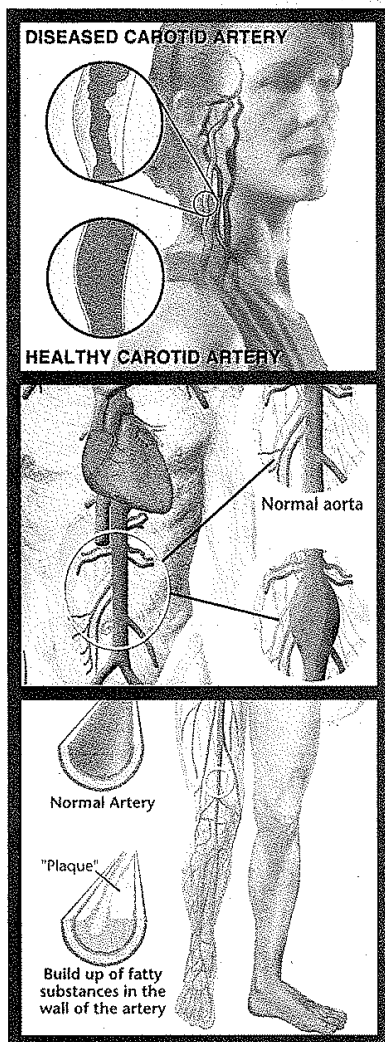
Mrs. Andrea Jensen
11360 River Run Pl.
Henderson, CO 80640

Transfers In: Eric & Kimberly Bemiss

Transfers Out: Karen Todd
Sonny & Janet Pethan



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Life Line Screening has screened over 6 million participants and has partnered with hospitals across the country. Why? Because the ultrasound screenings that we offer can help save your life.

1 Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening

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2 Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)

A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat at the time of the screening.

3 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Ultrasound is used to screen for the presence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

4 Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease.

5 Osteoporosis Screening

An ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

**Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package;
all 4 tests for only \$149**

**Add an osteoporosis screening for \$10 more;
all 5 tests for \$159 (\$86 savings!)**

A stroke screening is coming to your neighborhood:

Where: Brighton - Zion Lutheran Church

When: Thursday, September 23, 2010

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851

Bethesda Lutheran Communities

The Good Shepherd Auxiliary is looking for donations of handmade items to be sold at their upcoming Fall Craft Sales. If you have any items to share or need further information, please contact Donna Steele at 303-936-5555. The GSA prayerfully provides spiritual and financial support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Thank you and may God bless.

The Good Shepherd Auxiliary, Colorado Unit is accepting annual memberships. The requested membership donation is \$5 per person, men and women are welcome to join and will receive quarterly updates on the work of the Auxiliary. **The VISION** of the GSA is to create greater awareness of the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities. All we ask is that you continue to keep the work being carried out by the GSA in your prayers. For details, please call Ruth Rosenbrock @ 303-659-3338, thank you.

Bethesda 13th Annual Kirk John McGregor Golf Tournament Friday September 10th, Buffalo Run Golf Course, Commerce City, CO. Lunch tickets also available. We're looking for teams and individual golfers to participate in this annual event that supports the efforts of Bethesda in providing supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living right here in Colorado. Games, Prizes, and an impressive Silent Auction. Go to <http://www.bethesdalutherancommunities.org/?golf> or call 303-795-2061 for registration information and event details.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Delicious Salad Luncheon

Bake Sale

Handmade Crafts



**Sponsored by Zion Lutheran
Women in Mission (LWML) & Good Shepherd Auxillary**

Salads for the luncheon, craft projects, baked goods, and workers will be needed for the festival. Please think about what you could do to lend a hand and support this event.

Contact any LWML member if you have any questions.

Book Club

Zion's Book Club will resume discussions in September. Our 2010-2011 reading list includes a variety of books that has something appealing for everyone! September's selection is Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas, a Colorado author. Tallgrass is set near the town of Granada in southeast Colorado, and the novel is based on Amache, the World War II Japanese internment camp located in southern Colorado. The story is told through the voice of Rennie Stroud, a 13-year-old girl whose family farm was less than a mile from the camp. Lives are turned upside down with the opening of the internment camp, and suspicions become rampant when a young girl is murdered. Who committed the crime? What other secrets are being held? Read this great novel to find out!

Discussion will be held on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in Zion's Library. Reading guides are available by the mailboxes in the narthex. Join us to add your perspective and to learn a bit about World War II history. Everyone is welcome!

Historical Guild

Do you like history? Are you interested in the history of Zion Lutheran Church?

The Historical Guild is looking for new members. We are a relaxed and informal group that meets the first Tuesday of each month from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. The Guild was formed in 1984 at the request of Pastor Gordon Gross.

Our responsibilities include maintaining and updating the confirmation picture stand as well as the picture frames on the wall of the Fellowship Hall. Have you ever looked at the various artifacts in the display case on the southwest side of the Fellowship Hall? We maintain that as well. Another task is collecting, cataloging, and filing important papers pertaining to the church, such as meeting minutes and church expansion information. Newsworthy articles and pictures of our members and church activities are compiled and preserved in many albums.

If you are interested in joining us or need more information, please contact Ruby Swanson at 303-659-5535 or Jennifer Hays at 303-659-5510.

Sunday School

Sunday school for the 2010-2011 school year (age 3-12th grade) will begin on August 29, 2010 at 09:30. Please register your child(ren) so we know how much class material to order. Registration forms are available in the Sunday school office and the church office.

Volunteers are needed to teach Sunday school for the 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you for Honoring Jesus by Serving Others. Any questions or to volunteer please contact Patti Johnson @ 303-916-8127.

Milestones for September 2010

September Birthdays



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| <p>1 - Mandy Gruenberger,
Sara Lemke, Andra Thaden</p> <p>2 - Karen Keehn, Joan Kniss,
Jessica Lemke, Logan Schmidt</p> <p>4 - Grace Seifert</p> <p>5 - Luke Daniel, Mary Sewell</p> <p>6 - Andy Perez, Lois Todd</p> <p>7 - Zach Brewer, Trisha Lemke</p> <p>8 - Donna Gillis, Mackenzie
Larson, Kyle Michel, Linda
Phelps, Mallory Storie</p> <p>9 - Devlin Granberg, Brylyn
Haddick, Lanai Lucera, Steven
Schoeneck, Carol Wiedmeier</p> <p>10 - Heather Dietrich, Kristen
Egan, Austin Goens, Sophia
Reck, Jeff Williams</p> <p>12 - Kaden Tjeerdsma</p> <p>13 - Rebecca Bearson, Josiah
Fingerlin, Rudy Marquez,
Matthew Wood</p> <p>14 - Bobbie Burke, Tonia Keck,
Steve Kniss, Joyce Nance,
Bob Richardson, William
Schwab, Christine Terry,
Cindy Wittmus</p> <p>15 - Floy Timmerman</p> <p>16 - Renae McCormack</p> | <p>17 - Miriam Hast, Phyllis Mayhew,
Teri Reck, Sara Walker</p> <p>19 - Jack York</p> <p>20 - Philip Daily, Addison Freedle,
Kerri Keller, Jordan Nance,
Patricia Thaden, Bernice
Timmerman</p> <p>21 - Christopher Komoczi</p> <p>22 - Eileen Meehl</p> <p>23 - Mary Ann Bokn, Gunner
Gobbo, Shandra Hergenreter,
Rhonda Knodel</p> <p>24 - Diane Herbeck</p> <p>25 - Lynne Lillard, Gary Osborn</p> <p>26 - Jim Jaeger, Nicholas Slorf</p> <p>27 - Emerson Smith</p> <p>28 - Kristin Alexander-Geske,
E.J. Reed</p> <p>29 - David Gobbo, Lori Klein,
Christina Smith</p> <p>30 - Carroll Dragon, Andy York</p> | <p>4 - Toby & Karla Storie,
Bob & Marcia Willson</p> <p>5 - Jay & Michelle Haddick,
Keith & Annabelle Hitner</p> <p>6 - Daniel & Donna Gillis</p> <p>11 - Bob & Shirley Richardson,
Michael & Lori Schmeling</p> <p>14 - Kirk & Tiffany Freedle,
John & Patricia Thaden</p> <p>16 - Kevin & Sheree Coates</p> <p>19 - Douglas & Angela McCorkle</p> <p>20 - Jason & Erika Armistead,
William & Claudia Beck,
Jerry & Julia Glass</p> <p>22 - Karry & Bobbi VanBlarcom</p> <p>24 - Matthew & Cheryl Wood</p> <p>27 - Robert & Bree Almgren,
Sandy & Lucy Kraft</p> <p>28 - Tim & Renae McCormack</p> <p>29 - Michal & Rebecca Bearson</p> <p>30 - Tony & Cari Johnson</p> |
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August Anniversaries



- 1 - Ron & Carol Young
- 2 - Richard & Melba Horth,
Scott & Valerie Stopher
- 3 - Jeffrey & Mary Bell,
Trevor & Megan Strohfus

Our sincerest apologies if
any birthday or anniversary
information is incorrect
or incomplete.

Please let the church office
know if you have a correction
or addition to make.

Long Term Prayer List

Jim Chisel, friend of the Wood family, diagnosed with leukemia.

Jack Clark, father of Rod Clark, with health concerns.

Bob Crump, health concerns.

Chairy Edmunds, friend of Kathy Kniss, with lymphoma.

Kathleen Fiechtner, mother of Karen Keehn, health concerns.

Eunice Gohr, health concerns.

Bernice Graves, aunt of Vickie Wold, undergoing cancer treatment.

Karen Hagert, health concerns.

Dale Heermann, cousin of Audrey Sokol, diagnosed with cancer.

Craig Horth, health concerns.

Joni Johnson, cousin of Tracie Nance, undergoing cancer treatment.

Karen Keehn, health concerns.

Jerry Maxwell, friend of Linda Jensen, with pulmonary fibrosis.

Bud Miller, health concerns.

Rollin Olesen, father of Julie Heidt, health concerns.

Frank Pangburn, brother of Patty Crump, diagnosed with cancer.

Matthew Purdy, former Zion student, son of Margie Hoffman, serving in Iraq.

Kayla Quist, health concerns.

Pastor Jim Robinson, health concerns.

Betty Schmeh, health concerns.

Ida Schulz, health concerns.

Audrey Sokol, health concerns.

Harry Stahla, health concerns.

Dorothy Thorson, health concerns.

Daryl Tilden, friend of Jean Grissom, health concerns.

Glen Volmer, friend of the Stewart family, with stomach cancer.

Wilma Werner, health concerns.

Sandra Wood, aunt of Matt Wood, diagnosed with colon cancer.

Kevin Ziebell, nephew of Janet & Dennis Austin, serving in Iraq.

If you have updates or additions for the prayer list, please contact the church office.



Remember our members serving in the military with your special prayers...

Remembering Our Shut-Ins...

Gray Cara PO Box 155, Keenesburg, 80643

Wilma Werner

Villas at Sunny Acres c/o 2501 E. 104th Ave. Unit 739, Thornton, CO 80233

Miriam Hast

Brighton Care Center:

Karen Hagert—555 S. 24th Ave.

At Home:

Gertrude Colley - 272 S. 22nd Ave.

Dan Cutler

Eunice Richardson 1111 Cardinal Ave

Ida Schulz - 81 Sanders Place

Inglenook 2195 Egbert, Brighton, 80601

Alvin Anderson # 025

Eugene Doversberger # 202

Beatrice Hitner # 219

Reva Lapsley # 147

Betty Quant # 113

Evelyne Schmidt #137

Dr. Lowell Troester # 248

Lois Wall # 105



Did you know? Zion does services at Brighton Care Center the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend!

Serving the Lord in September

ELDERS	1-5 – Adam Kniss, Marcus Gould 6-19 – David McWilliams, Jim Jaeger		20-30 – Mike Wold, David Fitzjohn	
	8:00 A.M.		10:45 A.M.	
USHERS				
9/5	Team #1 – Don Haiar, Richard Butz, Bob Harp, Ken Butz, Jim Jaeger		Team #14 – Mike Karl, Scott Karl, Zach Brewer, Lee Dickman, Jack Jensen	
9/12	Team #2 – Paul Albers, Richard K. Johnson, Doug Kistler, Kirby Werner, Jason Wold		Team #15 – Chris Schoeneck, Daniel Lahaie, Jerry Glass, Dan Bargmann, Andrew Boernke, Dave Hunt	
9/19	Team #3 – Rob Michel, Kyle Michel, John Haddick, Scott Wright, Bob Cassidy		Team #9 – Mark Heidt, Neal Heidt, Toby Heidt, Phil Daily, David Fitzjohn, Rusty Komar	
9/26	Team #4 – Doug Haiar, Kelton Korth, Jason Korth, Jared Korth, Roger Barger, Al Johnson		Team #10 – Bob Swanson, Ken Mehrer, David Stevenson, Alan E. Mazzotti, Bob Espeland	
ALTAR GUILD	Lucy Kraft, The Recks		Gail Cornett, Darlene Rock	
SOUND SYSTEM	Jack York		Josh Meyer	
GREETERS				
9/5	Ken & Floy Timmerman, Will & Bernice Timmerman, Wayne & Candy Hintz		Macel Schellhorn, Will & Bernice Timmerman, Billie Schmer	
9/12	Josh & Kara Meyer & Family, Michael Pollard, Roger Barger		Brian & Teri Reck, Carlos & Carmen Castillo & Family, Tonia Keck, Shandra Hergenreter	
9/19	Darlene Rowe, Ron & Carol Young, Jim & Paula Zagel		Brian & Teri Reck, Mike & Val Wiedrich, Bob & Marcia Willson	
9/26	Carol Wiedmeier, Wayne & Candy Hintz, Chad & Kelley Goens & Family		Dorothy Thorson, Bob & Marcia Willson, Pam Boernke	
ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	5:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	
9/4-5	Nolan Egan	Jadon Kniss	Anna Hunt	
9/11-12	James Slorf	Kayla Michel	Ashley Bargmann	
9/18-19	Emma Hunt	Nolan Egan	Austin Bargmann	
9/25-26	Jadon Kniss	Hannah Hart	James Slorf	
LAY READERS	5:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	10:45 P.M.	
9/4-5	Elder	Elder	Mike Karl	
9/11-12	Sherie Austin	Angie Brewer	Becky Hueske	
9/18-19	Elder	Elder	Shawna Karl	
9/25-26	Kristen Egan	Zach Brewer	Kathy McFall	
	COFFEE/DONUT HOSTS		COUNTERS	
9/5	Adam & Joan Kniss		Bryce Alexander, Carroll Dragon, Cindi Alexander	
9/12	Rodger & Dian Quist		Bryce Alexander, Carroll Dragon, Cindi Alexander	
9/19			Linda Jensen, Don Jensen, Millie Thaden	
9/26	Thrivent Financial		Linda Jensen, Don Jensen, Millie Thaden	



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