

Zion Lutheran Church

*907 Hicks St.
Tomball, Texas 77375
281-357-5757*

Worship Services

*Sunday
8:00 am & 10:30 am
Wed. 8:00 pm*

Sunday School & Bible Classes

*Sunday
9:15 am
Bible Studies
Tuesday
9:00 am Bible Study
Wednesday
6:00 pm Midweek
July 2010*

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Luke 11: 1-13

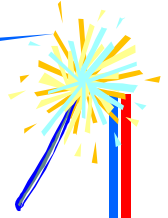
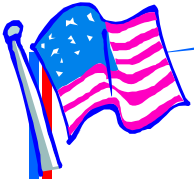
BREAKING THE SUMMER CYCLE

Here it is the 1st of July and we are in the middle of the summer cycle. The children are out of school and lot of folks are traveling to cooler places to find respite from the heat and humidity.

Here at Zion, the summer activities, vacations, and travel generally effect our attendance at our Sunday services and Sunday school. In the meanwhile our Pastors, church workers and employees at our child care facility are busy as they continue to minister and serve our members and our community. Activities throughout the day and week in this hot weather will necessarily drive up the cost to cool our facilities, whether it be the school, Family Center, Parish Hall or Sanctuary as they are needed. We would remind those directly involved in the use of either of those facilities to be good stewards of the power usage.

During this summer cycle, a slight drop in attendance will generally bring about a short fall in each Sunday's contributions while at the same time the cost to cool our buildings increase. Your regular contributions are vital in meeting these increased costs. Help us break that summer cycle by your regular attendance and giving.

Won't you make it a point to join us each Sunday morning for worship? Bring your child to Sunday school and be part of one of the three Bible classes beginning at 9:15AM. It is in His Church where God uses His Word, Baptism and Communion to reach down and lift our heads to see him and the beauty of His Grace, in which we live.



ZION MEN'S CLUB

JULY 4th Celebration

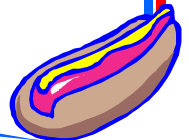
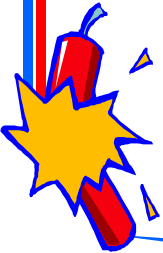


Come and celebrate
the 4th of July with us!!!

Enjoy Hot Dogs with all the fix-ins.
A delicious Ice Cream Social
and all this while you are
playing games and
enjoying the fellowship.

After dark we will enjoy
the Fireworks Show
presented by the
City of Tomball.

Bring your Lawn Chairs
and join the fun!!





LUTHERAN DAY WITH THE ASTROS

Minute Maid Park
July 11th 1:05 pm

Houston Astros vs St. Louis Cardinals

Tickets www.astros.com/lss (Password: lss)

The Houston Lutheran Chorale
will sing the National Anthem

DYING TO LIVE THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS Continued

Let us continue to consider "DYING TO LIVE: The Power of Forgiveness". We continue again this month examining "liturgy".

In John chapter four, we encounter the story of Jesus and the woman of Samaria at the well. In that exchange, the woman tried to debate with Jesus concerning liturgical style. She wanted to know whether Mt. Gerizim in Samaria or Mt. Zion, that is Jerusalem, was the proper place for worship. Jesus cut right through her questions and argument to the true core or "heart of the matter". (Senkbeil, p. 123)

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him." (John 4:23; ESV)

Consider Jesus' statement very carefully. It is loaded with important liturgical implications for the church today. Man desires, out of his sinful nature, to seize control of man's relationship with God. However, Jesus makes it very clear that "genuine worship is always initiated by the Father, who actively seeks out worshipers. He also spells out the Trinitarian shape of the liturgy: genuine worship of the Father is done 'in' the Spirit and the Son (who is the Way, and the Truth and the Life). True worshipers always worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth." (Senkbeil, p. 124) That remains absolutely true today.

"In this liturgical setting the church receives the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation *from* the Father *through* the Son *in* the power of the Spirit, and there she also offers her sacrifice of worship *in* the Spirit *through* the Son back *to* the Father." (Senkbeil, p. 124)

It is a perversion of true worship to place the primary emphasis on what we do in that setting. God gathers us for Him to feed us, and by His Word and Spirit working within us, by His power, His Word is return to Him in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. The Church is built by His Word upon His Word, filled with only His Word, and empowered only with that same Word.

Join us in our life together in His Word by participating in one or more of the Bible classes offered here at Zion.

Board of Parish Education

**Congratulations,
Class of 2010!**



News and Notes from the 'Net

... The Number You Have Dialed Is Temporarily Not in Service...

You know those days when everything runs smoothly and every piece of technology does exactly what you want it to, when you want it to do whatever you wanted?

Me neither. While I appreciate the fact that computers give me a wonderful window on the world, I do not believe that any more annoying piece of technology has been made by the hands of man. (All right, maybe my wheelchair... but I consider it part of my computer, too. After all, it operates my mouse – and I can drive the mouse much better than I drive myself.)

If you have tried to use the Zion Church website, you have noticed that it is down – and has been since mid-June. We have been having a lot of trouble with malware (little bits of computer code that are deliberately written to do something to either your computer or your information) infections. At first, it was several months between attacks, but the time between attacks kept shrinking. When I shut the website down, it had shrunk to approximately 36 hours between attacks.

I've been trying to educate myself on how to PERMANENTLY fix the problem. If you have any expertise in this, Zion certainly could use your help – and I would love to learn what to do. For now, this is my list of playbooks:

<http://25yearsofprogramming.com/blog/20070705.htm>

<http://www.unmaskparasites.com/malware-warning-guide/#cleanup>

<http://www.stopbadware.org/home/security>

<http://www.google.com/support/webmasters/bin/answer.py?answer=163633>

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this in the newsletter, the problem will have been permanently dealt with. If not, you can be more than sure that I am working as hard and fast as I can to resolve the issue.

Happy (?) Netting!



CAMP LONE STAR

Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas

Annual Live, Silent & Online Auctions Support Camp Lone Star

The Camp Lone Star Barbecue and Auction is just around the corner!

Plan to attend this celebration on Sunday, July 25th. Activities kick off with an outdoor service at 11 a.m. and Rev. Michael Meissner, pastor of Lifebridge Mission in Cypress. A delicious barbecue meal is served following the service. Come and be a part of this ministry!

The ever-popular fund-raiser live auction is held in the air-conditioned Koop Center from 1 - 3 pm. Silent auction tables will be scattered around the Koop Center area. There's bound to be at least one item just for you! All are invited! An online auction will also be held after July 25th.

Visit us at www.lomt.com for more information, a map to camp, or to donate an item to the auction, or call 800-362-2078.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Attendance	General	Bldg.	Miss.
June 06	90/119	7,323.	519.	20.
June 13	100/108	4,787.	165.	80.
June 20	85/140	6751.	135.	110.
June 27				



LCMS LOGO CROSS APPROVED FOR VERERANS GRAVES

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in April approved the use of the trademarked logo cross of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod on government headstones and markers at graves of U.S. veterans.

The LCMS cross is no. 38 on the list of "Available Emblems of Belief for Placement on Government Headstones and Markers" (www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmemb.asp). It joins no. 6, the "Lutheran cross," which features a version of "Martin Luther's seal" with a cross enclosed in a heart.

No graphics are permitted on government-furnished headstones or markers other than the 41 approved "emblems of belief," the Civil War Union Shield, the Civil War Confederate Southern Cross of Honor, and the Medal of Honor insignias.

"There's always been a wide selection of crosses that you could use, but having an option that specifically denotes the LCMS is especially significant," said Chaplain Mark Schreiber, director of the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces. "We rejoice with LCMS veterans and their families that this option to give testimony to their faith for generations to come is now available."

To request the LCMS logo on new tombstones or markers -- or those already in place -- go to www.cem.va.gov, click on "Headstones and Markers," then download and complete VA Form 40-1330, "Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker."

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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FUNERAL HISTORY

Have you ever needed to bury a Pope? How did they embalm during the Civil War? Love to fish and want to be buried in a fish? Or, your favorite car? Or, in your recliner? It can be done and the National Museum of Funeral History will show you how. This fun museum will teach you about the history of funerals from the pyramids to today as well as show you how funerals are done in other countries and for past celebrities.

The Zion Young at Heart and Over 50 will be touring this museum on Thursday, August 19, 2010 and having lunch afterward at the Barbecue Inn which opened in Houston in 1946. (The menu is on the narthex table.)

The cost for the museum is \$9.00 for seniors and veterans. Dinners at the Inn are all under \$13.00 and sandwiches are all under \$6.50. Seafood dinners are \$12.00 to \$22.00.

The museum has benches placed to rest as you tour. Please join us for an entertaining look at an industry we will all need some day. We leave Zion at 10:00 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. As their motto says, "Any day above ground is a good one."



F.I.T.

Foster In Texas

New in the Spring/Conroe/
Woodlands area is the
Lutheran Social Services
Foster Care and Adoption
Agency. This office will open
July 6, 2010 and will be part of
Lutheran Social Services of the
South, Inc.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or in an adoption visit their website at www.FosterInTexas.org



T.E.A.M.

During the summer when the children are out of school, additional items are needed to feed and take care of them. T.E.A.M. is in need of non-perishable items to distribute to those who need them.

Some Suggestions:

Mac & Cheese
Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Pasta & Sauce
Cereal
Toilet Paper
Soap (Bath and Dish)
Laundry Detergent
Etc.

Please have newsletter articles in the office by the 15th of the month. (zion@ziantomball.org)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR is available Sundays on KSEV 700 am AT 6:30 AM or KHCB 105.7 at 12:30 P.M.

Issues, Etc.TM broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 PM Central. You can listen by clicking "Listen Now"

"Dying to Live" www.PirateChristianRadio.com. Listen at 1:00pm, 5:00 pm and 11:00pm every Monday.

TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries

COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION SUMMER SCHEDULE

BEAT THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL RUSH

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING 8:30 A.M.

1ST TUESDAY EVENING 5:00 P.M.

FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE

&

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

CALL THE CLINIC FOR AN APPOINTMENT: 281-357-0747

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2010

TOO LATE TO BEAT THE RUSH

AUGUST 12 & 19, 2010 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE

Please note:

YOU MUST BRING YOUR CHILD'S COMPLETE
IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Current health record from the school is acceptable.

PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN (with papers) should accompany the child. A RELATIVE OR FRIEND, with signed and dated note from parent making that person responsible for the child's care and giving permission for the relative or friend to sign clinic paperwork, is acceptable but not advisable. Person bringing the child must know the child's allergies and health history.

COST: \$10 per CHILD, CASH ONLY

AGE: 18 AND YOUNGER

**WE WILL NOT GIVE IMMUNIZATIONS WITHOUT
IMMUNIZATION RECORD.**

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ONE PARSON'S OPINION

While we relax a little in the Summer time, it's not too early to start thing about this fall.

Something that is very important to each one of us as individuals and as a congregation is continuing education, for children, and for adults. It is through Word and Sacrament, that God calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it in the one true faith. In the Church, our doctrinal problems in district and Synod come from the fact that many Lutherans do not know the basic teachings of the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism. We have erring Pastors because many of our lay people do not know enough doctrine to stand up for the truth. What if there were to be a bad split in the Missouri Synod over doctrinal issues. Will you know which side is doctrinally correct? If Zion has to vote as to which group they will go with, based upon the doctrines taught, will you know how to make a good choice based on the teachings of Scripture? Every member of Zion needs to be reading and studying their Bible regularly, both privately and together with other Christians.

To make this happen, Zion offers many different opportunities for Bible Study for youth and adults. Sunday School attendance is important for children and adults. And if we cannot be in study on Sunday mornings, there are other classes offered other days like LifeLight on Tuesdays, Wednesday night Bible Study and other regular and special adult education opportunities.

Christian faith does not JUST HAPPEN! God creates and strengthens faith in us through His Word and Sacraments (Means of Grace). We grow in our faith in Jesus Christ through those Means of Grace. If we are not making use of these Means, we can very easily lose that faith through the temptations of the Devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh.

So start making your plans now. Get ready for this fall and the start of new classes. What Bible Study program will you be an active and regular part of as you make God's Word, "A Lamp to your feet and a light for your path.?" (Psalm 119:105)

Pastor Teichmiller