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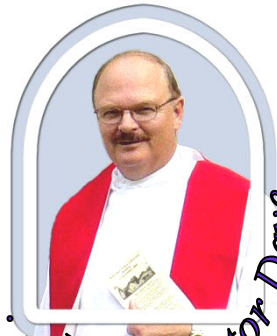
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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays
Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study
3rd Saturday 10:00 AM

**Hear Pastor Dave's
God's Loving Kindness
in the Morning**
WHEP Radio AM 1310
6:44 AM Sundays

"We Are the Last Generation. Our Hope Is in Our Children!"



From Pastor Dave

Deuteronomy 4:9 "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren."

Psalm 34:11 Come, you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Mark 10:14-16 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Children and Zion. In the early 1920s Zion Lutheran Church was so concerned about the unreached children of the Silverhill area that it commissioned a children's missionary who focused especially on Bohemian children.

We are now about 90 or so years later and guess what? We still have children in the Silverhill area that need to hear about Jesus. We are located just across the street from Silverhill School-that is a very strategic distance, because proximity makes it easy to minister to youngsters.

A Last Generation? We may have grandchildren, but God has no grandchildren, only children. Unless we reach the children, there is no hope for them because they will not know Jesus. Deuteronomy 4:9 explains that our witness is to be real to us, and that we are to share what God has done for us WITH our children. Psalm 34:11 explains that there is plenty to teach our children, but understanding God and His place in our life is the centerpiece of Christian education.

No One Turned Away. Jesus Christ was appalled when His very disciples turned children away. You see, a child can come to faith-you do not have to be an adult to know Jesus. Mark 10:14-16 helps us understand why children are so special: They are willing to be close to Jesus and to accept Him. We would say that they are "open" to Him. As we look at children's ministry for Zion, we need to remember that we want to cultivate "OPENNESS" and lovingkindness in the Name of the Lord.

After-School Music Program Continues. Over the last couple years, we have been reaching out to our Silverhill School through a short-term music program. This year we have ten first-graders enrolled in our music/teaching after-school class with Carolyn Moseley, Miss Jo from Silverhill School, and myself teaching. Our format is very simple: Snack, object lesson, Bible teaching, character lesson, and music. We start right after school on Wednesdays and we are done at 4:15 PM. We had planned about a month-long program, but it looks like we might be able to extend it a couple weeks at this time.

How to Pray. Please pray that children's families can connect with us for through this little outreach program. Pray that the hearts of little children can learn about and receive Jesus. Pray that the music and witness will be a blessing and witness to the love of Christ at Zion Lutheran Church.

--Pastor Dave

Sanctuary Open for Prayer on Election Day, 7 AM to 8 PM



We will open our Sanctuary for Prayer for our Nation on Election Day. Please come and pray and have a cup of coffee afterwards. We will have a number of Scriptures and prayer suggestions for you.

Below is part of an e-mail that was forwarded to me. I believe our nation is in a mess and needs God's intervention if we will humble ourselves and PRAY!

"Do you believe we can take God at His word? Call upon His name, then stand back and watch His wonders to behold. This Scripture gives us, as Christians, ownership of this land and the ability to call upon God to heal it. I challenge you to do so. We have never been more desperate than now for God to heal our land.















2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

During WWII, there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.



*He giveth power to the faint;
and to those who have no might
he increaseth strength..*
—Isaiah 40:29

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Altar This Month: Burnett						1 
2 	3	4 	5 	6	7	8
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16 	17	18	19 	20	21 	22
23	24	25	26 	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Cake & Coffee after service						



**Zion Lutheran Church
 Honors Pastor Dave
 & Cindy Johnson**

The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church honored Pastor Dave and Cindy with a pot luck fellowship on Reformation Sunday, October 26 to commemorate their 6 years of ministry in Silverhill and also their wedding anniversary. Anna and Jeff Cockrell enjoyed Pastor Dave's children's lesson. Milt Luoma presented the John sons with cards and a Love Offering from the congregation.

- Activities**
- Tue Nov 4 Election Day
 - Sun Nov 9 Camp Dixie
Chicken Dinner
 - Mon Nov 10 Council Meeting 7 PM
 - Tues Nov 11 Men's 710 7:10AM
Veteran's Day
 - Wed Oct 26 Coleman Wedding
 - Thur Oct 27 Thanksgiving Day
 - Sun Oct 30 Cake & Coffee after Church Service



Birthdays

Nov 11	Cindi Johnson
Nov 12	Charles Canning
Nov 21	Shirley Stephens

Anniversaries

Nov. 9	Pastor Dave & Cindi Johnson
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From the Treasurer . . .

Budget Bottom Line
Sept 30, 2008

	YTD	Receipts	Expenses
Gen Fund		\$50,444	\$52,930
Debt Fund		\$6,930	\$6,925

~ D. Tasso, Treasurer

