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Zion Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
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AUGUST 2012

Sunday School
Sunday, 9:00am
Worship
Sunday, 10:15am



Thank you all for your generosity! We've already raised most of the cost to repair the Good Shepherd window. Expect work to begin mid-August.

Going for Gold

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." (1 Cor. 9.24-25, ESV)

Every four years the Olympic Games captivate much of the

world. The display of athleticism and artistry are truly fascinating. I can't help but reflect on the fact that many athletes around the world have labored a lifetime, often training in obscurity, for the hope of a few moments of Olympic glory. For many athletes in many sports, there is no hope for a multi-million dollar payday playing professional sports. There are no huge endorsement

contracts for rowers or equestrian athletes. They train and compete for the love of the sport and to represent their country on the world stage.

Every athlete in the Olympic games of Paul's day was required to devote ten months to a strict training regimen. As is well known from such athletic contests both in ancient and modern times, serious competitors must



2013
Synod
Convention

Rev. Don Frerichs, pastor emeritus, from Florence presided over the electoral circuit meeting held on Saturday, July 28 at St. Paul, Roseburg. (Two southern Oregon circuits are combined for the purpose of the national convention.) The majority of those present were from Circuit Two. The Synodical Convention is scheduled for next summer in St. Louis, July 20-25, 2013. Elected to represent us were: Pastoral Delegate – Dr. Thomas Hirsch, St. Paul's, Grants Pass; Alternate – Rev. James Markus, Trinity, Cottage Grove; Lay Delegate – Greg Howald, St. James, Myrtle Point; Alternate – Chuck Wolfmueller, Faith, Rogue River.

Zion Lutheran Church,
led by God, has been
established to sow
God's Word, nurture
the believer, and foster
growth in Christ.

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renounce not only bad habits, but give up many things that are fine in themselves, in order to focus totally on preparation for the goal. The theme of self-control applies equally to the Christian life (1 Cor. 9.25).

We run, but our prize is that which Christ has won *for us*. As Christians, we must constantly exercise self-discipline, restraining our sinful natures and putting it to death by the power of the Spirit, so that we may live for God - going for gold - now and in eternity (Rom. 8.13). But while we toil, often in obscurity, with no recognition for our efforts, we "run the race" knowing that victory is already certain. We have *now* what God promises in Christ while we wait for His return in glory. While Olympic glory is fleeting, the glory of Christ is eternal.

+ Peace to you +
Pastor Scott

WISDOM FROM WITTENBERG

This regular feature shares a quote or short piece by a theologian from the Lutheran tradition.

Jesus said: "*Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.*" John 6.27

Martin Luther: "With these words Christ tears the hearts and eyes of us all away from all bakeries and granaries, from all cellars, storerooms, fields, and purses, yes, from all labor, and directs them to Himself. He declares that He Himself is an excellent baker, and He offers to provide what field and purse cannot supply. 'Such food you cannot obtain from a baker or gain by your toil. Cultivate your fields as you have been commanded to do since the day of Adam, but it is I who will provide you with this particular food. Your granary and your provisions will not do it.' We ask [Jesus]: 'After all, what do You own? In the end You are a beggar as much as St. Peter and St. Paul were, without a foot of ground that You can call Your own; and yet You boast that You are able to give us everything!' But this is pointing man away from temporal bread and provisions to a different type of food, an invisible food which requires no baker, brewer, chef, or peasant, but which Christ gives. He is the true

Chef and Miller, who supplies us with a different kind of corn from that commonly found in the world. We must look solely to Him, not to any creature. We must keep your eyes fixed on Christ and not give ourselves to scraping and scratching; we must shun greed. This is the message the Lord now presents.”

From Luther’s *Sermons on the Gospel of St. John, Luther’s Works*, vol. 23, page 11.

MISSION FIELDS: Germany

Matthew and Halle Warmbier serve the Lord in Frankfurt, Germany, where Matt serves as the vicar at Trinity Lutheran Church, an international Lutheran congregation. He works with Trinity’s pastor, Rev. Robert Flohrs, assisting with Bible studies, confirmation, preaching, sick calls and congregational

home visits. In addition, Matt works with the regional director of the LCMS in Eurasia and other missionary personnel in Eurasia to support witness and mercy work throughout the region — especially in Germany, working alongside the Free Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK), the LCMS partner church in Germany.

Matt and Halle are both products of the Northwest District. Matt’s hometown is Salmon, Idaho, and his home congregation is St. Peter Lutheran Church, Cornelius, Oregon, where his father, Rev. Mike Warmbier, is pastor. Halle is originally from Tacoma, Wash. They are both graduates of Concordia University, Portland. The Warmbiers were living in Oberursel, Germany, prior to the start of Matthew’s vicarage, as he studied at the SELK seminary through an exchange program with Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

You can learn more or support their ministry by giving online at <http://www.lcms.org/warmbier>. You can also make a

donation toward LCMS mission work by check. Mail your check, made payable to LCMS World Mission and designated with a missionary’s last name, if you choose, to:

LCMS World Mission

P.O. Box 790089

St. Louis, MO 63179-0089

(Or call 888-930-4438 to speak with someone in person.)

The Story Behind the Stained Glass

Zion’s beautiful stained glass windows were created by Dwight Fillmore in 1981. His wife, Bonita, designed the windows in the church nave, which we all enjoy during our church service every Sunday. However, they did not make the stained glass windows in our narthex. Those were created by Loretta Martinez, who still lives in Klamath Falls. Dwight now lives in a suburb of Portland



Halle and Matthew Warmbier

– in the town of Dundee – and works for the Dept. of Social Services. There was a front page article about Dwight, Bonita and the stained glass windows, in the Herald and News in August of 1982. The photographer for the article was a fellow by the name of Will Bloomgarten.

You might ask, as I did, “How did the windows come to be created for our church in the first place”? Most of us know, and love, Mildred Luft, who served on the Altar Guild for many years. She told me that the original windows in the nave were mottled, pale green. I learned from her that the Altar Guild is charged with enhancing the worship service. Mildred said that, “those pale green, mottled windows didn’t enhance my worship”, so she set about to find a person who would be able to help her, and the Altar Guild, to bring her vision of the stained glass windows into existence. So, now you know how we have those beautiful windows, and they surely do enhance our worship.

After 30 years, the stained glass window of Jesus, on the east side of the church, is in serious need of repair. During the month of July, a member of our congregation has offered to match the amount of funds, donated by members of Zion, for the repair of the window that depicts Jesus with arms outstretched, and a lamb at his feet.

We, here at Zion, are so blessed to have had the outstanding

stained glass windows for our worship enhancement all these years, and now, we continue to be blessed by a member of our congregation who has made the generous offer of matching funds for the repair of the east window, so we will continue to have the image of Jesus, looking over all of us, for many years to come.

Submitted by Blythe Tovrea

donate or support VBS with your time or talents, contact Joe Hartley at hartleyjoedeb@yahoo.com.



Get Ready for Vacation Bible School!

20-24 August 2012

9:00am - 11:00am

Bring your children and grandchildren! Invite your neighborhood children! If you have questions or would like to

Extra! Extra! Are you on any of Zion’s boards or committees? Got any “good news stories” to report to the congregation? Have any pictures of Zion “in action”? Send in something for your newsletter! Email articles or a short “blurb” to Pastor Scott!

pastor@zionklamathfalls.org

Newsletter submissions are due



Working the grill at the Green Mountain Ministries Emigrant Lake Waterpark Event. From left to right: Benita Miller, Lisa Waite, Curtis Waite, Joe Hartley, Hope Hartley (behind the grill), Debra Hartley. (That’s Ida Merrigan in the background.) Photo by Christy Brown.

BIBLE STUDIES @ ZION

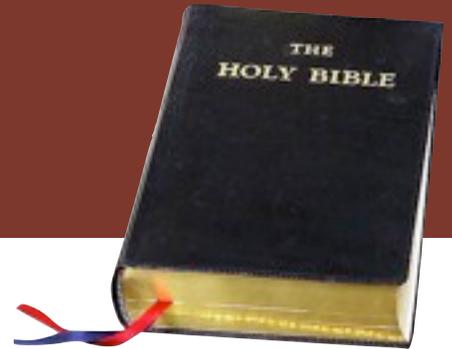
SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM
The Gospel of Mark
Location: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAYS, 1:00 PM
Adult Bible Study
Location: Family Room

LUTHERANISM 101

This class is for anyone who has never been through adult instruction or confirmation in the Lutheran Church... or wants a refresher! This class began in August and run 10-12 weeks.

We will meet in Pastor Scott's office on Sundays after worship for about 45 minutes. See Pastor for more information!



no later than the third Sunday each month. Thanks!



Have you met...?

Carol Lett

With this segment, we'd like to introduce members of our Zion family. If you'd like to write an article for this segment, please let Pastor Scott know!

Have you seen the sweet, smiling lady (usually wearing pink) walking around town? That's our own Carol Lett!

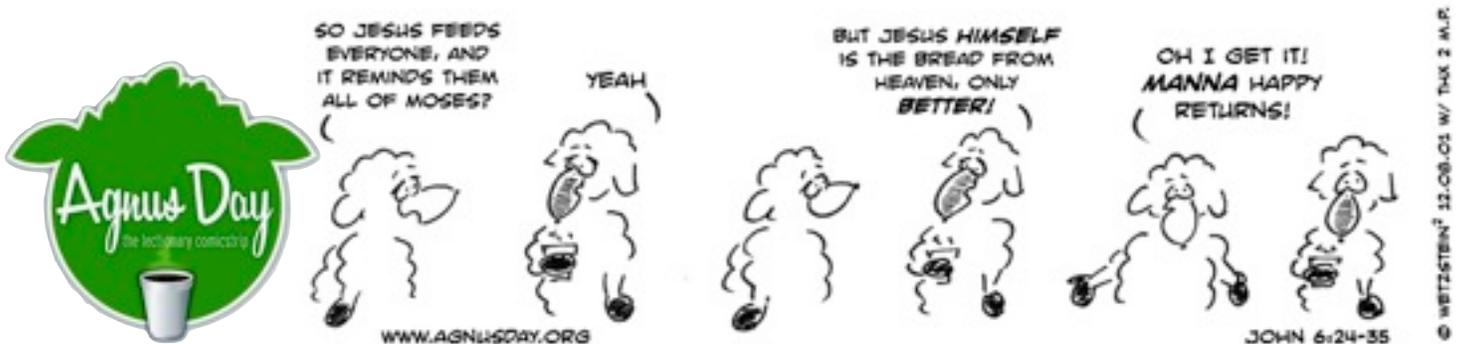
Carol was born in Orange, New Jersey. When Carol was 12, she became sick and it was advised that she live in a warmer climate. As a result, she and her family moved to Azusa, California. While living at the beach, Carol taught herself to surf, learned how to scuba dive from her Dad, and was a lifeguard on the beach during high school.

In 1963, Carol married Larry. They had 4 children, 3 girls and 1 boy. In 1979, they all moved to Oreville, Washington, which is close to the Canadian border. It was also here that Carol first met Pastor Larson. The family moved again in the 1980s to Eugene,

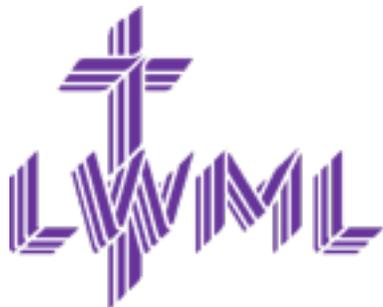
where Carol took nursing classes at Sacred Heart Hospital. She then worked at the Santa Clara Residential Inn for 12 years.

Five years ago, Carol moved to Klamath Falls. Her son and one of her daughters live here, also. Upon moving here, she was looking for a Lutheran church and stumbled upon Zion without knowing that Pastor Larson had accepted a call to Klamath Falls. Carol is active with the altar guild and LWML at Zion.

On Sundays after church in the fall, you'll likely find Carol watching NFL. Her favorite team is the Indianapolis Colts. She's a big Peyton Manning fan so she



assumes she'll have to watch the Broncos this season as well. In addition to football, Carol likes the Los Angeles Lakers, USC, and Los Angeles Angels. When she has free time, she enjoys playing board games and reading, especially mysteries and Christian novels.



Zion's LWML recently participated in a Southern Oregon Zone servant event in which several of us gathered at church to sew pillowcase dresses to be shipped to Africa via Orphan Grain Train. Zion contributed 15 dresses to the total of 177 made in Southern Oregon.

In July, we gathered for our annual summer BBQ, which is a relaxing event enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to hosting the Southern Oregon LWML Zone Rally on Saturday, Oct. 20.

We welcome new members at any time. Our meetings are short and casual and the next one will be Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 1:00 pm in the family room.

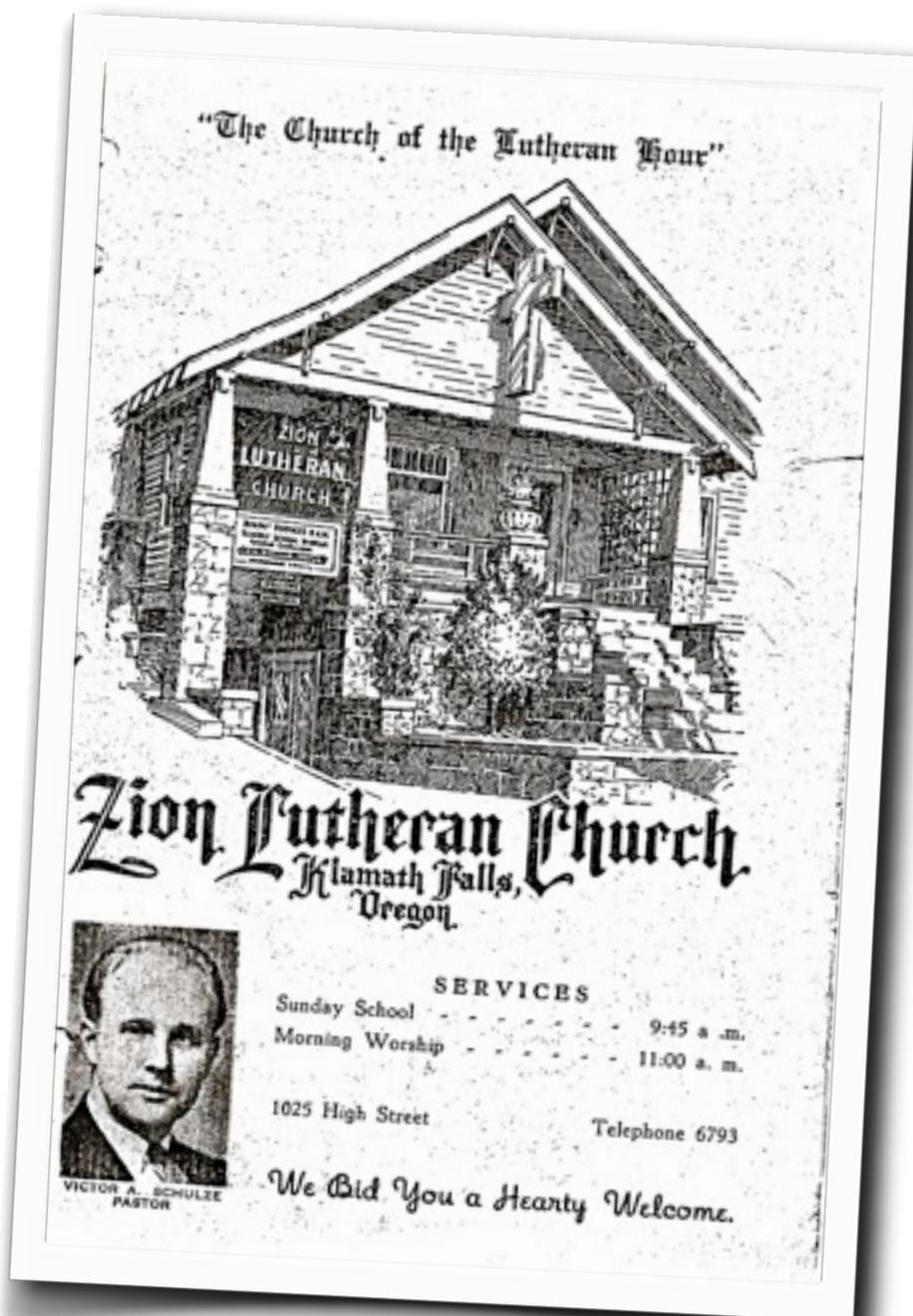
Marie Tuhy
LWML President

Rides Needed

We have two opportunities to serve by sharing rides to church on Sunday morning. One individual lives at Pelican Pointe; and there is a couple who lives approximately one mile from Zion. If you can help, please contact Pastor Scott.

Altar Guild Notes

The next Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for **September 16th** after worship. Altar service for August is provided by **Sarah Parsons**.



Above: A bulletin from the 1940s. Notice the phone number and the slogan, "The Church of the Lutheran Hour."