

This week at Zion: (October 2 - October 9)

Monday, October 3: PPHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 1:00-6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, October 4: Pastor at LHS Chapel 10:26 A.M.

Sunday, October 9: Sunday school & Bible Study 9:00 A.M.

1st yr. Confirmation class 9:00 A.M.

Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

Baptism of Jackson at Divine Service

2nd yr. Confirmation class 6:00-7:15 P.M.

Sunday, October 2, we recognize the outreach work of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Our own Mary Martha Guild is a chartered member. The LWML is known world-wide as an organization of Lutheran women who take seriously Our Lord's urging to reach out in works of mercy and witness. Their "Mite Boxes" have generated millions of mission dollars over the years and have funded worthwhile financial support around the globe. The local guilds support both the national and international work of the LWMW, while at the same time supporting outreach on a smaller, more local scale. We are rightly proud of our LWML gals and wish them many blessings as they continue to do their kingdom work both at home and abroad.

Sunday, October 9, Jackson will receive his heavenly washing in Holy Baptism. We rejoice with Chanda and Shawn and grandparents on this wonderful event.

Tuesday evening Bible Study will not be meeting on October 4th or the 11th but will resume on October 18.

There is some interest in reviving the Zion Dart ball team, but we need one or two more players. Games are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at various Lutheran churches in and around Springfield. Games generally last for a couple of hours. If you are interested in playing, or just have questions, please contact Paul Z or Ted M.

Beginning soon, a new Sunday morning Adult Bible class, "Witness, Mercy, and Life Together," by Dr. Al Colver, Executive Assistant to President Harrison.

The study explores the national synodical unifying theme in four sessions. Please plan to take advantage of this interesting informative, Biblical, and inspiring study!

The Central Illinois Community Blood Center will have a Blood Drive Monday, October 3, 2011 in the Parish Hall which is sponsored by Pleasant Plains High School. The hours are 1:00-6:00 P.M.

CID Family Life Convocation - Peoria - October 8, 2011

The Family Life Convocation is open to all Congregational Members of church. President Harrison is still planning to come and there is a Question and Answer period set up to meet with him. Information on the convocation is in the All-Saints addition.

“We must be willing to make the sacrifice and rearrange our lives to welcome that unanticipated beautiful new baby. We must pay the price in time, energy, and often money, to care for that sick, elderly person. We must pay the price in time and energy to care for that child with Down syndrome. We must pay the price of work, money, and effort, to teach, proclaim, and enact laws that defend life. But, dearly beloved, with the price paid there come great rewards.” *Rev. Don Richman, Lutherans For Life International Representative* - A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org

For our younger members....a special “Growing in Worship” bulletin just for the kids. Parents, your child will receive their bulletin during Sunday school. Please be sure to review the bulletin with your child.

GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE...Do any of these topics interest you?: Abraham, Understanding Old Testament Chronology, Joseph Forgives, The Parable of the Wedding Feast and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org.

Men’s Club 5th Annual Oktoberfest with Silent Auction: Join in an evening of fun, fellowship, and Oktoberfest food on October 22nd, 4 - 7 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2750 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield. The menu will

include Brats, Frankfurters, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, Hot German Potato Salad, Potato Pancakes, Apple Crisp and Hot Apple Cider. A free will donation will be taken.

Dr. Paul L. Maier will present a seminar on Saturday, October 22, entitled “New Horizons in the New Testament.” Dr. Maier, Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University, is one of the country’s leading authorities on the biblical world and a widely acclaimed author and speaker. His seminars add a fresh dimension of the Scriptures, illuminating them with important evidence from archaeology and secular history. The seminar will be held at Lutheran High School, 3500 West Washington in Springfield, IL. Doors open at 9 AM for coffee and rolls with the seminar starting at 9:30 AM and ending about 3:30 PM. Cost for the seminar, which includes lunch, is \$15/person or \$25/couple for early registration by Friday, October 7 and \$20/person or \$30/couple October 8 and after. For reservations call 546-6363.

The 22nd Annual Festival of Trees will be held November 19-27, 2011 in the Orr Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The Festival committee is looking for volunteers to help. You must be at least 14 years of age or older and those between the ages of 14-17 are required to provide a guardian’s signature. If you are interested in volunteering, more information is in the church office.