



The Zion Bell

August-September, 2010



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124 and Counting

This August 29, Zion Lutheran Church will celebrate her 124th Anniversary, kicking off a year of events culminating in a celebration next August, date TBA. As our Anniversary Team focuses on events, themes, and other such plans, I am struck by the change this anniversary will have in store for Dear Old Zion. Those who remember the Centennial remember the Antique Car parade; many members grew beards and dressed the part; and there was a good deal of looking back along with the hopeful joy of what the Lord would bring to Zion in the years to come.

This time around, the looking back will be far less than the looking ahead. A quick comparison of the church rosters from 1986 and today helps explain why this is happening: So many people who in 1986 toiled and labored to make Zion what it is today have joined the Church Triumphant in the intervening years. In their place stand a new generation of members bringing with them new histories, new expectations, and new abilities.

Hanging in our Narthex is a photo from 1986 showing the congregation gathered outside the church, taken from on high by a crane. Take a look at the background: Farmland as far as the eye can see! Your pastor envisions having a similar photo taken next August from the southwest with folks lining up on the slope underneath the Lakeview Room. The background of that photo will likely show a widened Ida Street and homes going up on the hills to our north. Again, such a change from just a few years ago!

When we observed our 120th a few years

ago, we emptied out our storerooms and Library shelves to display items used throughout our years. Remember when Bibles were huge and hymnals **were tiny? How about the projector from the 1920's, the 45 record player, then the stereo LP record player, and so on until we got to Zion's first computer. I thought we'd "arrived!" Yet, in the intervening years we've changed hymnals once again; a new Concordia Self-study Bible has been published, our orders of service are done via software, our VBS registration can be done online and our congregation is now on Facebook.**

None of these things were known to us just FIVE years ago, but they were known to God.

So what do we make of our 125th Anniversary coming up? As plans fall into place, our focus is centering more on things to come. Our New Beginnings in Christ campaign has

brought our mortgage's termination into sight, freeing up contributions for new personnel and programs. Membership continues to grow in number, talents, and energy. More and more we can see that God has even more in store for us in the future than the tremendous blessings He has already given us.

So as we move forward, we will indeed remember those great blessings of years past, for they have formed the congregation we enjoy today. Yet we will increasingly cast our vision forward to anticipate those blessings yet unknown that our Lord may give us before another 25 years are past, and **we're wondering where the time has gone and if we could ever have imagined in 2011 how much we would be blessed by 2036, our 150th Anniversary.**

10 This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:10-11

Flatte Platte Dispatch

Alvina Crabmohr
Contributing Editor

What a time we had on our *Flatte Platte to Rosenblatt* Tour! All the things I had heard about the "Good Life" in Nebraska were indeed true!

Well, I should not lie. This heat and humidity is for the birds. Where I'm from, few people even bother with air conditioning; here it seems to come with your corn-head hat. Not that you'd ever want to wear the hat on a day like this. You'd sweat your brain out right through your hair and just stand there staring straight ahead with your jaw hanging open like Eusabius Trollhoffmeistersen did after he got hit in the head with the puck during a game in high school and went around the rest of his life scaring people into thinking he was a zombie.

Now, we can't do a thing about the humidity, but we can find some nice ways to cool off anyway. My favorite thing to do when it's this hot out is to put the lawn sprinkler on under a tree, drag a hammock under the spray and lay there in the shade with my swim goggles on and take a nap. Aside from wisecracks from the kids and some wrinkly skin it does me no harm, and at my age no one notices a few more wrinkles and I can't hear the kids if I leave my hearing aid out.

Speaking of, why do the kids have to go to water parks these days? What's wrong with having them just give the dog a bath? They get just as wet; they have just as much fun, the lawn gets watered and you don't have to check them for ticks or make them take a bath later on for all the flea soap the dogs shake onto them. But if parents want to waste their money while the dog goes smelly and unbathed, what's that to me? I don't have to sleep with the smelly little beasts.

One day I thought I'd go swim in the Platte River. Walking out from the shore to find the deep water, I kept walking until I reached the other shore and never even got my knees wet. Now I know why you don't see many folks try that. Too bad. A good swim against the river keeps the body slim. But when your gut rests on the bottom when you're trying to do that, it defeats the purpose!

Anyway, it was good to see the state last month. Stay cool and happy.

Alvina



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Summer Newsletter 2010

Six Omaha metro congregations participated in the Walking Together Lutheran Ministries sponsored "Windshield Washing Servant Event." Members of Mount Olive, Saint Paul, Atonement, Saint John, and Pacific Hills were "stationed" at area convenience stores on Saturday, June 12th, while Divine Shepherd is participating on June 19th after rain postponed their event. At each location drivers were asked if they wished to have a free windshield wash. They were offered an evangelism brochure and free Bibles, with conversation explaining that Lutherans were doing this as a service to their community.

Over 1,000 windshields were washed, 700 evangelism brochures were distributed, and 400 free Bibles were given away, along with an invitation to visit one of the congregations participating. Most importantly, those participating had an opportunity to share their faith with people. One volunteer said at the beginning of his shift, "I have never done anything like this before, and I don't know what to do." At the end of his shift, his tone had changed. "This was easier than I thought, and we need to do this again, some time real soon."

Walking Together Lutheran Ministries is a shared ministry of Omaha metro congregations. Its mission is to gather people together to grow in Christ, address human need, and share the hope of the Gospel. Walking Together Lutheran Ministries recently received its tax exempt status from the IRS and will be applying to Synod for RSO status. Individual contributions to Walking Together Lutheran Ministries are now "deductible" for income tax purposes.

An upcoming event of Walking Together Lutheran Ministries is "Faith and Family Night with the Omaha Royals." Lutherans throughout the metro and beyond are encouraged to invite their unchurched friends to an evening of baseball, fireworks, and a Christian music concert by Rebecca St. James at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha. Christian ball players will give witness to their faith in Jesus between some of the innings. Metro area LCMS congregations will each be able to have an outreach display from their congregation. Free Bibles will be available for people to take home. For more information and for discounted tickets, please see page 7. Listen and watch for spot announcements of this event on Omaha radio and television stations.

Student Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL

Water Olympics

Sunday, August 15 - 6:30-8 PM. Wear swimsuits and bring towels. "World's" Longest Slip and Slide.

Snowball Fight

Sunday, August 22 - 6:30-8 PM. Why yes we are expecting snow in August. Join us for a snowball fight, snow cones, and dinner. Bring a dish to share. We will have hamburgers/hotdogs to grill.

Worlds of Fun

Saturday, August 28 - Leaving at 7 AM return by 11 PM. Cost is \$32 plus you are responsible for all food/snack/souvenir costs. To RSVP you must turn in \$32 and permission slip by Sunday, August 22. You must go to church on August 29.

Presentation

Sunday, August 29 @ 5 PM - Those that went to New Orleans for the Nation Youth Gathering will do a short presentation for the congregation.

Sept 5

NO Youth Group

Sept 12

6:30 - 8 PM Activity TBA

Sept 19

6:30 - 8 PM Activity TBA

Sept 26

6:30 - 8 PM Activity TBA



FAMILY FUN NITE

SUNDAY, JULY 25

4-6 PM

All are invited to join for a Sunday afternoon of water fun and potluck.

We will have tons of water fun (sprinklers, slip & slides, splash pools).

Please bring your favorite water toys (sprinklers, water guns, etc.) towels, sun block and a dish to share. The Board of Education will supply brats & hotdogs.



Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS 9:15-10:15 AM

FALL CLASSES START SEPT 12

A special place has been created for all 2 years old through high school.

MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAYS 5:30-6:30 PM

STARTS, SEPT 15

Midweek is for those that are 4 years old through the 5th grade. Each night they hear a new Bible story and experience by rotating through stations of crafts, snacks, and games. Midweek meets on Zion's main level.

CONFIRMATION

WEDNESDAYS 5:30-6:30

STARTS, SEPT 15

Youth must be at least in the 6th grade to start confirmation classes.

There will be a parent meeting and intro to acolyte instruction on Wednesday, Sept 1 @ 7 PM in the Lakeview Room.

Confirmation classes will take place downstairs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25

Aug 6-7

Aug 22

Aug 28

Sept 1

Sept 5

Sept 12

Sept 15

Sept 15

Dec 18

Family Event

HS Leadership Retreat

World's of Fun RSVP

HS World's of Fun

Confirmation Parent Meeting

No Sunday School

Rally Day

Midweek starts

Confirmation starts

Children's Christmas Service

ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS

Children's ministries at Zion keep growing! According to my latest calculations it takes at least 140 volunteers to make Children's ministries happen.

These 140 volunteers come from different walks of life: high school youth, retirees, parents, married couples, singles, executives to domestic engineers. They help in a wide variety of ways and areas. All of them give their time and God-given talents so that Jesus' love can be shared with our youngest members.

Please prayerfully considered how you might use your time and talents to share the Gospel with the next generation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday School volunteers work in teams so that you do not have to be there every week. With the younger classes you will have at least two adults in the room each week.



People are needed to help with: PK 2-3, PK 4, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade, 7th & 8th grade, 9th -12th grade, music, opening message, coordinator.

MIDWEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Midweek volunteers work in pairs so that you can alternate responsibility by week/month or quarter.

People are needed to help with: Opening/Closing, Snacks, Crafts, Games, Shepherds, and Director.

**Contact Andrea to see how you can help
493-1744 zionwestdce@msn.com**

THIS YEAR AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year at Zion's "Planet Zoom", 113 kids "Zipped" into Vacation Bible School, "Zapped" into God's Word, and "Zoomed" out into the world to tell others about God's amazing love.

Through their offerings the children raised \$502.82. \$251.41 went to "Orphan Grain Train" to purchase temporary housing for displaced people in Haiti & \$251.41 went to purchase mulch for the church's new playground.



Bee Bold, Bee-lieve, Be His

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VBS VOLUNTEERS

Suzy Allen, Katy Anliker, Chari Banks, Peg Bartelt, Steve Bartelt, Dawn Beck, Jody Berg, Tony Berg, Jenn Bieneman, Becca Bosley, Sidney Bosley, Misty Bristol, Nick Bristol, Kris Cheek, Sally Cheek, Violet Christensen, Lisa Crockett, Amy Dall, Laura Deardoff, Katie Elder, Theresa Elder, Brooque Ellis, Mike Ellis, Greg Gibson, Rebecca Gibson, Regan Gilmore, Yolanda Gilmore, James Grundke, Susie Grundke, Anna Hudson, Steve Hudson, Rebecca Kander, Sandra Kander, Deana Kelly, Greg Kelly, Colette Lewis, Myranda Lewis, Todd Lewis, Sarah Lindau, Barb McDonald, McCoy Family, Kay Miles, Jaki Moody, Jessica Myer, Aleta Neuhaus, Holly Olson, Brent Pfeiffer, Michelle Pfeiffer, Rau Family, Becca Reedy, Tony Reedy, Andrea Roettger, Craig Rohloff, Kathy Rohloff, Marguerite Sandelin, Marlene Sargent, Carol Scebold, Stan Scebold, Pastor Schmitt, Marcia Shannon, Dawn Sharp, Greyson Sharp, Jalen Timm, Jerry Treadway, Amy Wallace, Phil Wandrey, Sharon Wandrey, Buck Wehrbein, Sandy Wehrbein, Amber Weyhrich, and that one person I neglected to list (sorry!).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS @ 6:30

STARTING SEPTEMBER 13

The women of Zion invite women of all ages to join them on Mondays at the church for fellowship and study. We will be reading and discussing the book "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. Copies of the book will be for sale through the church office.



Coffee and Donuts

On the bulletin board by the Lakeview Room there is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to serve coffee and donuts after the 8:00 service. You could do it for an occasion such as an anniversary or birthday.

All it requires is to bring donuts, cookies, or anything tasty, make coffee (coffee and kool-aid already bought and in the cupboard), serve, and clean up.

Thank you to Barb McDonald, Board of Discipleship, Loren and Marybeth Cohrs, Ken Backhus, Stan and Carol Scebold for providing these treats in June and July.

~Board of Fellowship~



Thank You!

Boy Scout Troop 412 would like to thank the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church for outstanding donations after their Cooking Merit Badge class in June. The Scouts prepared many delicious Dutch oven dishes and then offered them to the congregation after church service. The Scouts collected over \$700 that morning. All donations went to the Little Sioux Scout Ranch rebuilding fund. Thank you for being such a giving church!

PIE AUCTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

11:45 AM

All are invited to join the Youth for Zion's Annual Pie Auction.

Lunch starts at 11:45. Please bring a potluck item, youth are supplying brats & hotdogs.

All proceeds go to support Zion's Youth activities.

PIE IN THE FACE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

11:45 AM

Every year one lucky person gets a pie in the face. Last year Larry Klaus took one for the youth.

Anyone that hasn't already taken one for the team is eligible for nomination. All votes are \$1.

Vote early, Vote Often!

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The youth humbly request donations of cakes, pies or other similar services to auction off at the pie auction. Please deliver all goods to the Lakeview Room prior to 10:30 AM on Sunday, September 26. Thank you for your support!



MAGIC AGE

Magic Age gets together for **potluck** and **card games** on the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Bring a friend and join in the fun, food and fellowship.

No one is too young or too old for Magic Age!



Are you ready to join the Cub Scouts?

You can sign up now and join Pack 412 for the best scouting experience ever! Cubs in pack 412 benefit from participating in a focused, safe environment, and being with like-minded families.

Your son's adventures will be endless when he joins Cub Scouts. He'll participate in camping, Pinewood Derby Races, nature hikes, field trips, service projects, and more. Scouting is not only a great adventure, it's also a great builder of self-esteem and social skills, and a great way to meet new friends and learn new things. In order for your son to sign up for Cub Scouts, a parent must be present. The membership also includes a subscription to boys' life magazine. Boys rising to first grade or older can join cubs (ages 7-10).

Pack 412 has our Pack meetings each 3rd Monday of the month at Zion Lutheran Church from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. The Dens meet several times a month on their own schedule at different locations. We hope that you will join us. Call or e-mail us now for more information and to submit your son's scouting application. For more information, contact George McCoy (Email: GeorgeMcCoy@zion412.org or Phone: 402-541-6964). You can visit our website at www.zion412.org/pack412. Pack 412 is chartered by Zion Lutheran Church (West) Located At 144th and Ida Streets.



Cub Scout Promise

I, (name), promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best

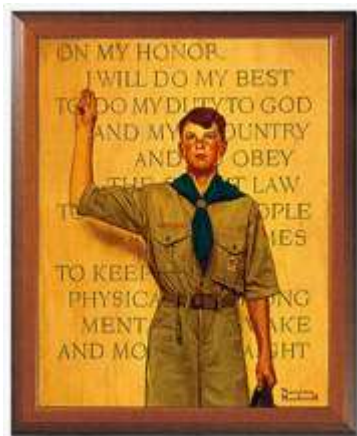
Are you ready to join the Boy Scouts?

Do you like to camp and enjoy the great outdoors? Scouting offers you the chance to learn skills like hiking, camping and learn about nature. You'll meet other scouts like yourself that may be in your school or church. You'll learn how to help others in your community. The fun starts now - the values last a lifetime.

A boy can join the Boy Scouts if he is 11 years old, or has completed the 5th grade, or the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but is not yet 18 years old.

Troop 412 meets most Mondays at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. We camp at least once a month. We hope that you will join us.

Troop 412 is chartered by Zion Lutheran Church (West) Located At 144th and Ida Streets. For more information please contact Scoutmaster Jon Lyster at aloacr1@hotmail.com



The Boy Scout Law

A Scout is:
Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
and Reverent.

Boy Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally
awake and morally straight.

Boy Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Boy Scout Slogan

Do A Good Turn Daily

MISSION CENTRAL DAY TRIP

Zion is planning a Saturday tour of Mission Central on August 21st. Log on to www.missioncentral.us to learn more about this unique facility jointly owned by the Nebraska and Iowa West districts of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Mission Central's co-directors, Gary and Maxine Thies, have provided a schedule of the day's activities, and they emphasize that the noon meal is at no cost to us. This schedule is currently being included as a bulletin insert. A bonus that day will be a presentation by Hong Kong missionary, Lynette Lierman, and there will be some of her supporters there to hear an update on her work. We will rent a van or charter a bus if there is enough interest; otherwise we will just take a few of our own vehicles. Contact Richard Thies if you are interested in going.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT ROSENBLATT STADIUM

Join Zion and Walking Together Lutheran Ministries for
Faith and Family Night at Rosenblatt Stadium on **Saturday, August 7.**

Fun pre-game activities at the entrance!

Game starts 6:35

Omaha Royals v. Portland Beavers

in one of the last games at The Blatt!!!!

Seats are lower reserved area, assigned seats.

\$4 per seat!! For each ticket you purchase, you will receive a free ticket to invite an unchurched friend, relative, co-worker, etc.

This is an outreach event, so please invite your friends.

Following the game, stay for fireworks, then a Christian music concert in the parking lot, featuring Rebecca St. James.

Tickets are in the narthex, on an honor-system basis:

Take the number of tickets you need and deposit your payment in the box.

(2 tickets for \$4)

Make checks to: Walking Together Lutheran Ministries

Military Shadow Box

To bring our Military Tribute Shadow Box up to date, we would like to recognize all past and present members of Zion who have served in the military of the United States of America. Please help us by bringing the names, rank, pictures, years of service or location of service to the church office by September 30, 2010. Any stories would be welcomed as well. Thank You!

HELP YOUR YOUNG ADULT CONNECT WITH A CHURCH WHILE AT COLLEGE

Visit www.lcmscampusministry.org today and connect through the StudentConnect service. It's free—and can make a difference. An LCMS Pastor or campus ministry worker from the campus community will contact the student personally and offer some information about the local Lutheran campus ministry and how to get involved there. When your college bound student gets connected to a ministry, their faith grows, they engage in building up the body of Christ, and they reach out to their campus community with the love and power of God.

CONCORDIA JR/SR HIGH

Concordia is hiring for the following activities positions; experience is preferred: Boys Assistant Varsity and JV Basketball, High School Football Assistant/Coordinator, Varsity Girls Soccer. Please contact Steve Zehnder at 445-4000, ext 2101.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR/TEACHER WANTED

St Mark Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Preschool Director/Teacher to teach five mornings a week. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call Angie Miller at 445-4221 or send your resume to:

Email: education@stmarkomaha.org
Mail: St Mark Lutheran Church, 1821 North 90th Street, Omaha, NE 68114
Attn: CEMAT Preschool position

Rebekah Circle News

On May 25th ten Rebekah members welcomed new member Anna Hudson and guest, Elinore Sorenson to our birthday night out at Charleston's Restaurant. There was no formal meeting, but Judy handed out new Quarterlies and Leaguers and asked that we prepare the Bible Study lesson called "Unplugging: Real Rest for the 21st Century", for our meeting in June. We exchanged white elephant gifts and enjoyed our meals and fellowship.

On June 22 ten Rebekah members and guest Elinore Sorenson along with Pastor Schmitt met for our meeting. Karen gave the opening devotion from Matt. 25:21 and 1Cor. 4:2 which encourages us to discover our talents and then use them to serve others.

The following members from Zion's Circles attended the LWML Convention at King of Kings on June 4th and 5th: Mary Christensen, Barb Kruse, Rudy Murchie, Aleta Neuhaus, Eunice Neuhaus, Elaine Raabe, Carole Thompson, Judy Treadway, Joann Walters and Marilyn Walz. Pastor Schmitt presented one of the Bible Studies using the convention theme called "Praise, Serve and Tell".

The cookbook update reported there has been 103 recipes turned in; the work continues. The plans for the joint meeting in September are being made. We welcome guests at all of our meetings.

Members voted to cancel the July meeting, so our next meeting will be August 24th which is our Family Night. The meeting adjourned and Carole Thompson served a delicious lemon dessert for our refreshment.

Carol Scebold, Secretary

Lydia Circle News

Our annual birthday was held on May 27th at Vincenzo's Restaurant. Thanks to Joan Graham and Tina Grose for a nice party. Ten members and Pastor were present.

Joan opened with a birthday prayer. We had a short meeting pertaining to the upcoming LWML convention and the recipes for the cookbook we are putting together for the 125th Anniversary of the church.

A delicious lunch and fun games were enjoyed. Of course there were fun prizes to the winners.

Our June meeting opened with President Elaine reading an article titled "Stop, Look & Sniff". We should learn to enjoy the things around that God has given us.

Thinking of You cards were sent to Clarence Schneider, Marvely Klinker and Mary Schmitt. A rose bush was also purchased for Mary.

Rudy gave a very interesting report on the NE North District Convention where she was a delegate. Those that were there also enjoyed the Bible Study that Pastor gave.

Shirley Lang reported 200 recipes had been received for the cookbook; our goal is at least 300.

Elaine distributed the mite calendars we are using for the month of July.

Pastor led us in a Bible study, "Unplugging: Real Rest for the 21st Century". It reminded us of God's commandment to "Remember the Sabbath Day" and how caught up we are in today's world.

Marybeth Cohrs will be hostess for the July 29th meeting. We adjourned with the 23rd Psalm.

Hostess Elaine Raabe served a refreshing lemon cake and cookies, also nuts, candy and coffee.

Aleta Neuhaus, Secretary

PROJECT HOPE

Final Feinstein Report: Thank you to everyone who helped us (Project Hope) this year with the Feinstein Challenge. Zion Lutheran Church was our winning church again this year. Our grand total of food donated from March-April totaled 33,409 items. As in years past, donated food items are credited one dollar a pound or item. Our monetary donations totaled \$13,567.28. The grand total reported to Mr. Feinstein for the challenge was \$46,976.28. Project Hope should be receiving their portion of Mr. Feinstein's \$1,000,000 shortly. Thank you to everyone who helped out this year!

Leigh Trumble, Project Hope

The monthly needs for August are tomato products and soup and for September it is Halloween candy, Halloween treats, and cookies. Project Hope also is always in need of bathroom tissue, shampoo, bar soap (a wash cloth will be added to each bar of soap), toothpaste, deodorant, baby bath items and body wash. Since Project Hope has not been able to order Microwave Popcorn from the Food Bank in over a year, this is also a much needed item as well as all nonperishable food items.

Did you know that Project Hope has a satellite pantry? It is located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and operates the third Thursday of the month. The congregation of Holy Cross welcomes Project Hope clients into their church to hand out pantries. This ministry continues to grow and they are so pleased to have the support and help in serving clients in Northwest Omaha.

Project Hope needs HELP!!! So far 2010 has not been a great year for Project Hope financially. The in-kind donations have been wonderful, but the financial donations are much lower than last year. With the price of so many things that affect them going up substantially, they could use our help. Would you consider giving them a financial gift? You can donate from their website at www.projecthopeomaha.org or we have provided envelopes and a box in the Project Hope cart in the narthex for your convenience.

Thank you for your generous gifts, they help Project Hope to continue to serve the poor and needy.

Also, Project Hope can be found on Facebook. Updates, activities, and new staff -- they will keep you up to date with the happenings at Project Hope!

Kathy Rummel, Project Hope Coordinator

POP CAN TABS

We are slowly getting closer to our end of summer goal of 75,000 tabs. We recently collected another 1,044 tabs. That brings our total to 57,619, which means we have a little over a month to collect 17,381 tabs. Can we do it Zion? Just bring your pop can tabs to the Lakeview Room and put them by the little Ronald McDonald house on the east counter. With almost 6 weeks until Labor Day we should be able to make that goal or come very close.

CARD COUNTER

For any of your greeting card needs, please feel free to stop by the card counter in the narthex. There is a good selection of birthday, get well, sympathy, wedding, anniversary, new baby as well as thank you and some children's cards. Cards are very reasonably priced at 50 cents each and all have scripture verses. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Rummel.

PROJECT HOPE/OPEN DOOR MISSION TREE

It is almost time again to start thinking of the needs of the poor and homeless during the cold winter months. The annual Project Hope - Open Door Mission tree will be going up in mid fall. For all you knitters and those that crochet, now would be a good time to stay inside on these hot days and do some knitting or crocheting of hats, scarves or mittens and then when the tree is up, help us decorate the tree with these donated items. It won't be long and the stores will have these items available for the winter ahead. Remember last winter?? These items were really needed so please keep this in mind in the months ahead.