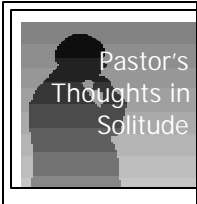


# The Zion Tidings

**SIZZLIN**

**HOT**

**AUGUST  
2009**



Pastor's  
Thoughts in  
Solitude

**Sizzlin Sun, sand and water** reminds me of sand castles and Mid-Summer Night Dreams. As a child I played in the sand and I would build no ordinary castles in the sand. I

would labor long and hard working through the heat of the noonday sun. Gradually the sand castle began to really take on the shape of a Middle Age castle when knights of old were bold. I thought what is a castle without a magnificent moat around it to protect it from "invaders." I built huge buttresses and stately towers, complete with brightly colored flags that fluttered softly in the gentle ocean breeze.

Yet I had become so engrossed in my summer labor I failed to notice that the sun was sinking into the ocean. I was totally in my own world and oblivious to the dark clouds forming on the horizon and blinded to the ocean creeping ever closer and closer.

Finally it happened in the ever growing crescendo of wave after wave crashing over my castle and sheets of rain stamping out my dreams until the castle and its great moat were no more. I sat there in the sand and water looking in utter disbelief. Yes, the towers had crumbled, my moat had been overwhelmed, and my flags washed out to sea. There I sat in the muddied sand with my tears. A sad story?

Not as sad as how accurately it portrays the time we live in. People have been busily engaged in building their own dream castles unaware of the sinking sun, dark clouds and waves drawing ever nearer. We have all been witness to the waves life crashing down on the family, marriage, the economy and personal investments. People have lost jobs and homes and still they feel no need for Jesus and His Church.

All this without a single shot being fired, America has been converted to a new religion, a religion of humanist that have promoted themselves to godhood.

Eastern mysticism and the occult, along with multitudes of cultic groups, have been gaining an alarming level of credibility here in the United States. From mind sciences to the New Age movement, our young people are being bombarded by the idea that "all is one, all is God, and man is God." Many churches, pastor's, theologians, and religious teachers have taken great delight in proclaiming their own deity, all the while naming the name of Jesus Christ.

In this kind of topsy-turvy world we need to pray and keep our Lord in our heart and bring the news of Christ to seeking hope.

## ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

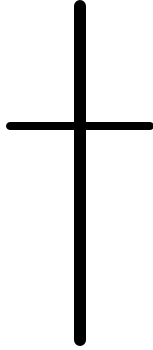
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**Edward R. Lazarchak** Pastor/Spiritual Leader

**Anthony M. LaMort** Minister of Music

**Mary Cox** ~ Parish Administrator

**William Ashley** ~ Parish Custodian



### ORGANIZATION CHAIR PERSONS

**Betty Ann Lindhurst** ~ Acolytes

**Gail Weigel & Linda Arzinger** ~ Altar Guild

**Anthony LaMort** ~ Choir & Music

**Pastor & Hoard Acker** ~ Confirmation

**Fran Bene & Kathy Schmidt** ~ Craft Club  
(VACANT) ~ Evangelism

**Kathy Schmidt** ~ Fellowship & Social Group

(VACANT) ~ LWMS

**Fran Bene** ~ NLC (Quilting Group)

**Betty Ann Lindhurst** ~ Priscilla Guild  
(VACANT) ~ Stewardship

**Linda Arzinger & Howard Acker** ~ Sunday School

**Kathy Schmidt** ~ Thrivent for Lutherans

**John Blume** ~ Tellers & Ushers

**John Blume** ~ Voter's Council

(VACANT) ~ Youth Leader

### ELDERS

**Howard Acker**

**John Blume**

**Robert Bosse**

**Scott Davidson**

**Frederick Nilsson**

**Donald Reichert**

**Anthony LaMort**

**Larry Schmidt**

**Richard Trombitas** ~ Elder Emeritus

**William Wiesing**

### OFFICERS

**John Blume**, Parish President/ Head Elder

**Howard Acker**, Vice President

**Robert Bosse**, Parish Treasurer

**John Keil**, Financial Secretary

**Edna Bertholf**, Board President of Noah's Ark

### Noah's Ark Board

**Edna Bertholf**, Board President

**Linda Arzinger**, Recording Secretary

**Jay Bene**, Financial Secretary

**Robert Englebrecht**, Board Member

**Frank Lichtenberger**, Board Member

**Larry Schmidt**, Board Member

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**Mary Ellen Marik**      **Director of School**

**Jill Coyle**

**Maria Buckmaster**

**Michelle Brucato**

**Melissa Sotomayor**



# August We Will Chart a New Course, Seven Steps to a Christian Life

## A LOOK AT AUGUST PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Pentecost Nine      Sunday, August 2, 2009      Holy Communion**  
**Sermon Title ~      “The Two Parts of Wisdom”      Altar Color is Green**

**Readings**  
 Exodus 16:2-15  
 Psalm 145:10-21  
 Ephesians 4:1-16  
**JOHN 6:22-35**

**Hymns**  
 811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices  
 651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord  
 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray  
 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

**Theme:** Proverbs 4:7 tells us “Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.”

**Pentecost Ten      Sunday, August 9, 2009      Holy Communion**  
**Sermon Title ~      “A Look At God’s Attributes”      Altar Color is Green**

**Readings**  
 First Kings 19:1-8  
 Psalm 34:1-8  
 Ephesians 4:17-5:2  
**JOHN 6:35-51**

**Hymns**  
 804 O Worship the King  
 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus  
 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Theme:**  
 Few people today are pursuing a life of devotion and study of God. Our age is a biblically illiterate age.

**PENTECOST ELEVEN      SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2009      HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SERMON TITLE ~      “LOSING OUR CLARITY AND FOCUS”      ALTAR COLOR IS GREEN**

**Readings**  
 Proverbs 9:1-10  
 Psalm 34:12-22  
 Ephesians 5:6-21  
**JOHN 6:51-69**

**Hymns**  
 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul  
 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared  
 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Theme:**  
 The fastest way to a fifth gospel is to be deceived by leading an overly busy, unexamined life. One of the most revealing Biblical word studies I’ve ever done is on the word **deceit!**

**PENTECOST TWELVE      SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009      ALTAR COLOR IS GREEN**  
**SERMON TITLE ~      “MAINTAIN PRIVATE DEVOTIONS”      PRAYER FOR HEALING**

**Readings**  
 Isaiah 29:11-19  
 Psalm 14  
 Ephesians 5:22-33  
**MARK 7:1-13**

**Hymns**  
 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring  
 698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill  
 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

**Theme:**  
 I don’t recall the scriptures saying one should read the Bible and pray every day. Instead, they say we should continually meditate on the Word and pray about everything. Thus, the Biblical concept is continual devotions.

**PENTECOST THIRTEEN      SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009      ALTAR COLOR IS GREEN**  
**SERMON TITLE ~      “THINK DIFFERENTLY”      HOLY COMMUNION**

**Readings**  
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
 Psalm 119:129-136  
 Ephesians 6:10-20  
**MARK 7:14-23**

**Hymns**  
 578 Thy Strong Word  
 763 When Peace, like a River  
 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
 801 How Great Thou Art

**Theme:**  
 As a follower of Jesus Christ is to **add** Him, but also to **subtract** some things—what the Bible calls repentance.

## A Message from our Head Elder/President

Greetings to all:

Last December, our congregation approved our operating budget for the year, 2009. Unfortunately, we could not include any financial compensation for our Pastor; he still is at \$25K two years later. Since then, we have had to make emergency repairs in both of our East Pleasant Ave. driveway drain systems. This set us back @ \$3,000. In addition, our School Administrator has approached me to have the gym floor stripped and waxed for the coming school year. Our gym floor is in very bad shape. This will cost us another \$1,000.

Last December, the congregation suggested that we review our finances in June of this year to see if we could afford to give our Pastor a raise. June came and went and we still cannot afford to give our Pastor a raise.

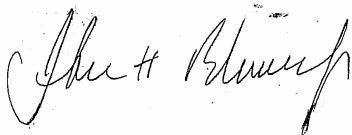
Has any thought been given to the fact that, when we were searching to call a pastor, we were thinking along the lines of calling a pastor fresh out of seminary? If this were so, we would have been obligated to offer the pastor anywhere from \$35K to \$40K PLUS benefits. Where were we going to get all this money from?

I held an Executive Board (Officers and Elders) meeting in June to discuss this very issue, about finding money to give Pastor a raise. No one had any answers except, wait until January.

The school contributes money, the Japanese are contributing as much as they can, our church attendance has fallen off considerably as well. Thus, revenue has fallen. People seem to forget; if you do not attend church, our expenses go on just the same. If you do not attend a service, please remember to place more in the envelope next time to make up for the Sundays that you missed. A HA!

One of the main responsibilities of the Board of Elders is to ensure the Pastor's welfare. I am proposing that we have a fund raiser as we did when we had the leak in the roof. We could have a special collection box in the narthex, and make some effort to raise money to offset these extraordinary expenses. I pray that I receive support for this endeavor. If this is acceptable, we could do this in September. Please stay tuned for more info.

Your friend in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Blume, Jr.", written in dark ink on a light background.

John H. Blume, Jr

July 13, 2009

Dear Everyone at Zion,

Where do I begin. You have always been so kind and supportive to my Mom and now at this most difficult time you have been so supportive to me and my family.

Thank you for your cards and visits to my Mother while she was at Hackensack University Medical Center and for the many beautiful cards and lovely notes since her passing. Your out pouring of love both during her viewing and her funeral were tremendous. The flowers, memorial gifts to the church and all your kind words have been wonderful.

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. They give us strength. Zion Lutheran is truly a special place and a special group of people. You have given us comfort at this most difficult time.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

*Edward Bennett's Family*

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## Prominent Maywood Attorney annoyed at Lutheran Church Carillon!

Maywood Attorney, Thomas Hynes, who lives next door to Zion Lutheran Church on East Pleasant Ave., has complained to Pastor Lazarchak about those “annoying” church bells, and demands that they cease and desist. The counselor has written many letters to the church along with a petition of 30 signatures. He has also complained to the Borough of Maywood and also the Bergen County Health Department about the “noise” and the impact that this is having on his health.

The Board of Elders has met to discuss this issue, and pending the outcome of the findings of the noise level from the Bergen County Health department, recommended no further action at this time.

Subsequent to the Elders meeting, the county health department has taken noise measurements and states that the noise level exceeds the 65 decibels by 10 decibels (75 decibels) and this is a violation that needs to be corrected. This warning was verbal and gives us time to decide what action to take. There are things that we can do:

Do nothing and fight this in court  
Lower the carillon volume to 65 decibels  
Stop the 9:00 AM carillon and continue with 12 noon, 3:00PM and 6:00PM.  
Stop the carillon altogether

Please stay tuned.

Your Head Elder

## PASTOR CELEBRATES 30 YEARS IN MINISTRY

*Head Elder John Blume has set a date for our 110th anniversary celebration on Sunday October 4th, 2009 at 9 a.m. LCMS NJ District President Rev. William Klettke and his wife will be our guests that Sunday. Following our service we will hold a special breakfast in our gym. We hope to have the event catered so all can enjoy the event.*

*More information will be forthcoming!*

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3) John Blume
- 5) Linda Keil  
Jill Ressler
- 8) Jonathan Davis, Jr.  
Stephanie Lindenau
- 9) Evelyn Loche
- 10) Scott Davidson
- 20) Melissa Keil
- 22) Elsie Rieck
- 24) Andrea Engelbrecht
- 25) William Rudlof
- 28) Susan Larkins

## Please Keep These People In Your Prayers



Louise Arnebold	Jean Harvey
Patty Avery	Judy Hopkowitz
Doris Cunningham	Lorraine Jordan
Ann Daniels	Hanna Powell
Marie Donaldson	Nancy Rhein
Connie Harris	Ruth Schmidt
Richard Ptasnik	Gail Weigel
Viola Engelbrecht	Amy Weiss
	Sharon Bergin
	John Berezonski

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS  
WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

**ELEANOR BENNETT**

<b>Bob Parker</b>	<b>John and Linda Keil</b>
<b>Don Wissell</b>	<b>Betty Anne Lindhurst</b>
<b>Roslyn Katz</b>	<b>Liselott and Rainer Tauchert</b>
<b>Rosemarie Kavalich</b>	<b>Ann Walker</b>
<b>Eileen Lukich</b>	<b>Nancy Hurm</b>
<b>Sharon Goldstein</b>	<b>Lucia and Frank Sylvester</b>

**SABINA MORDHORST**

<b>Noah's Ark Nursery School</b>	<b>Betty Ann Lindhurst</b>
<b>Katherine and Larry Schmidt</b>	<b>John and Linda Keil</b>
<b>Zion Lutheran Church Altar Guild</b>	<b>The Fellowship Society</b>
<b>Louise Arnebold</b>	<b>Edward and Marta Fecht</b>
<b>Gerda Meisterfeld</b>	<b>William and Elizabeth Wiesing</b>
<b>Fred and Jane Nilsson</b>	<b>George and Alice Frylinck</b>
<b>Glen and Edna Bertholf</b>	

**ROBERT LANSEY**

<b>Katherine and Larry Schmidt</b>	<b>Fred Nilsson</b>
<b>Glen and Edna Bertholf</b>	<b>John and Linda Keil</b>
<b>Helen and Richard Trombitas</b>	<b>Lawrence and Diane Russo</b>
<b>James and Laura Chumas</b>	<b>Alan Wacyra</b>
<b>Gerda Meisterfeld</b>	<b>Louise Arnebold</b>
<b>G. Scott and Gwenn Kearns</b>	<b>Jane Haedrich</b>
<b>Betty Ann Lindhurst</b>	<b>Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Abma</b>



***Robert K. Lansey***  
***July 2, 2009 at the age of 82***  
***Beloved husband of Daisy (nee Burgi) (deceased)***

***Our dear brother entered a new life with our Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Survived by his children K. Scott Lansey and wife Lori of Wyckoff  
and Susan Lansey of Lodi.***

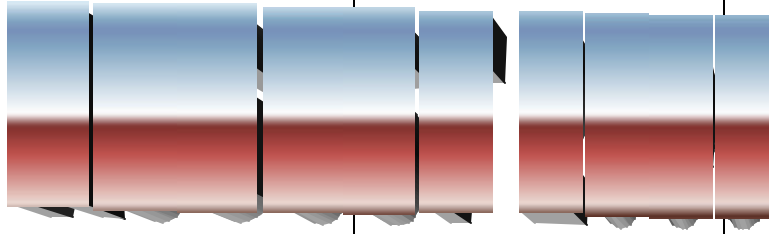
***Loving grandfather of Kenneth and Kyle Lansey. Dear brother  
of Arthur Lansey of Wayne.***

***Bob, of Lodi, formerly of New York City and Ohio, was the manager  
of Grand Union in Carlstadt before retiring.***

***He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He served the usher  
Corps at Zion and was always willing to fill in for absent ushers.***





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