

# September & October 2011

## Fishing Line

the newsletter for

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### Usual Sunday Worship Schedule

September - October  
9:30 am worship at Zion

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10:45 am Family Bible Study

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#### Sept - Oct

Holy Communion  
September 4 & 18  
October 2 & 16



**While we are currently without a full time Pastor** please feel free to call or email the church office or by calling Mary Faulstich 712-260-1696 or LaDonna Faulkner 712-363-2956



### Women of Zion

September Do-Day  
Thursday  
Sept. 8th, 9:30am.

October Do-Day  
October 6th, 9:30 am



**Helen Oppedal is turning 90!**

Come Celebrate with us  
on Saturday, Sept. 17th  
Open House from 2-4 pm  
Zion Church Fellowship  
Hall  
No Gifts Please

## September

### Worship Notes

#### September 4, 2011

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40 (35)  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20  
**Color:** Green

#### September 11, 2011

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (8)  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35  
**Color:** Green

#### September 18, 2011

Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8 (8)  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16  
**Color:** Green

#### September 25, 2011

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9 (6)  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32  
**Color:** Green

### Servants

#### Readers:

**Sep 04** Connee Woods  
**Sep 11** Brenda Stukey  
**Sep 18** Bobbie Hansen  
**Sep 25** Mike Reynolds

#### Acolytes:

**Sep 04** Eric Sundall &  
Madison Schnetzer  
**Sep 11** Maya Cacek &  
Shaylee Horst  
**Sep 18** Hunter Cother &  
Keeven Long  
**Sep 25** Taylor Enderson &  
Tori Horst

#### Crucifier:

**Sep 04** Megan Rouse  
**Sep 11** Becca Sampson  
**Sep 18** Mac Hanson  
**Sep 25** Josh Titus

#### Communion Assistants:

**September 4:** Karla Gebel  
**September 18:** Brenda Roth

## October

### Worship Notes

#### October 2, 2011

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46  
**Color:** Green

#### October 9, 2011

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14  
**Color:** Green

#### October 16, 2011

Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22  
**Color:** Green

#### October 23, 2011

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46  
**Color:** Green

#### October 30, 2011

Micah 3:5-12  
Psalm 43 (3)  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12  
**Color:** Green

### Servants

#### Readers:

**Oct 02** Marlene Bart  
**Oct 09** Mary Faulstich  
**Oct 16** Mike White  
**Oct 23** Jessika Gustin  
**Oct 30** Mary Olson

#### Acolytes:

**Oct 02** Caleb Millsap &  
Eric Sundall  
**Oct 09** Shaylee Horst &  
Hunter Cother  
**Oct 16** Keeven Long &  
Taylor Enderson  
**Oct 23** Tori Horst &  
Taylor Enderson  
**Oct 30** Caleb Millsap &  
Mac Hanson

#### Crucifier:

**Oct 02** Madison Schnetzer  
**Oct 09** Maya Cacek  
**Oct 16** Megan Rouse  
**Oct 23** Becca Sampson  
**Oct 30** Josh Titus

#### Communion Assistants:

**October 2:** Pam Gustin  
**October 16:** Mary Olson



**We are grateful to everyone** who made contributions throughout the year, donated at meals we served, or bought pizzas, cupcakes, butter braids, cookie dough or Pizza Ranch punch cards. Thanks for your partnership. We had an excellent week of inspiration, service, worship, fellowship and fun at Norway, Michigan.

*Zion TeenServe® Youth*

**Zion Youth** say a big “Thank You” to the anonymous donor who recently gave \$1,000 to the Luther League. We appreciate your support.

**Thank you** to the anonymous donor who recently gave \$1000 to the Sunday School. We appreciate your support.

*Anne Hansen & Candace White, Co-Superintendents*

**Thank you** – We would like to express our thanks for the generous donation of \$1000.00 for our organization. It was greatly appreciated.

*The Women of Zion Luthren Church*

**Paula and I are grateful to God and to God's people** for the events planned for our farewell. The good natured humor of parts of the program and genuine heart felt words of other parts made for a meaningful time for us & our family. Greetings shared by individuals in conversation are also appreciated. *Pastor Luther Thoresen*

**Thank you to Pastor Luther** for all your help with the 125th Celebration. It was greatly appreciated.

*Lois Grange & Tammy Krieger*

**Thank you** for your generous donation of \$500 to CAASA. Your contribution and support to your local CAASA Center is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you** from Youth Encounter for your generous donation of \$500.

**MEN OF ZION:** We need Ushers! If you would be able to usher for a month, or be a funeral usher please contact me.

Thanks, *Bill Hansen*

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**Thank you – Thank you – Thank you**

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to these persons and/or businesses for supporting the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Zion Lutheran on July 9-10, 2011:

Gina Evans and Terri Whittaker at “Relativity T’s” and “Body Works” for designing our anniversary T-shirts, newspaper ads and the vinyl banner displayed on the back wall of our sanctuary (their work was above and beyond the “call of duty”), designed and prepared the Anniversary magnets;  
Dan Chapman for setting up his scaffold to be used in putting up the vinyl banner;  
Curt & Lisa Berkland and Bruce & Michelle Long for use of hay racks for the parade floats;  
Those who provided and transported picnic tables for the Saturday and Sunday meals;  
Drivers for the parade floats;  
Pastors and spouses who traveled and shared their time to be part of this event;  
Choir members and other musicians who added to the festival worship;  
Workers at the Belgian Waffle meal;  
Jay Schoning for his news coverage before and after the Celebration;  
Red Eaton for the use of his storage shed to prepare floats under shelter; and  
Dan Schnetzer and Justin Henningsen for set up assistance;  
Jim and JoAnn Schoning from Lakeland for ordering and donating the candy for Zion’s float in the parade;  
Any and all of the people that also helped prepare the church property for the celebrations;  
Others not noted here!  
Thanks again. *Zion’s 125<sup>th</sup> Committee Members (Tammy Krieger, Lois Grange, Sarah Henningsen & Pr Luther)*

**Zion members** – please take a moment to view the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Scrapbook. It is temporarily on display in the Fellowship Hall together with programs from the worship, refrigerator magnets and Palo Alto 135<sup>th</sup> booklets. Remember to “help yourself” to any of the multiple resources!

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## Zion Women News

Sept. Do-Day has been changed to Thur. Sept. 8th, 9:30am.

Need a hostess

We wish to Thank the anonymous donor for the \$1000 given to our ladies organization recently. We plan to use it wisely in the future.

There is a great need for volunteers for the Altar Guild. It's a duty that does take time at certain times, but if more could help it wouldn't be a burden on any of us. Please contact Candi or Ginger if you can help us out, we really NEED 5-6 ladies.

It's been a busy summer for all of us. I would like to thank those who helped at Lakeside in Aug. with Vespers, visitation, Bible Study & the Birthday cakes/party. Another need for volunteers you may not be aware of. We also need an Auxiliary representative for Lakeside.

OCTOBER DO-DAY Oct. 6th, 9:30 am



**Eldersversity - "The Great Dance"** September 13-16th, 2011 Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp While they are in the US, Tom and Laurie Summerfield enjoy sharing about their missions experiences, global trends in the Church and missions as well as visiting with folks about living out the Christian faith in the US, a

country which has now become the 3rd largest mission field in the world. They look forward to dialoguing with eldersversity participants about living out the "dance" with the Word and the World. As an eldersversity camper you can expect to hear personal stories from life abroad in the mission field. You will be encouraged by hearing what God is doing to shake up the church and missions around the world. Finally you can engage in meaningful conversation about what it means to be a "Global" Christian, living out God's call in our lives right now. We hope you join us for this great opportunity. **Full**

**Attendee:** \$139 each / \$239 for two **or Commuter:** \$69 per person

**A roofing fund** has been started for Zion. Currently the roof does not leak. At some point, probably within the next year, the sanctuary shingles need to be replaced. Take a look on the East side, they are curling a bit. These shingles have been there for at least 23 years, so they have served us well. We will be getting quotes on this soon.

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## **National "Back to Church Sunday" – September 18, 2011**

Did you know that there is a National "Back to Church Sunday" each year? An independent group of persons from many denominations began this emphasis a few years ago. Last year 3,800 congregations across the US participated and this year's theme is "The Doors are Open." Organizers anticipate as many as 10,000 participating congregations in 2011.

The goal of the movement is "to reverse declining church attendance and encourage everyone to revisit congregational life"

From the "back to church" web site, we share these notes:

"Lending his voice to this year's event is Texas Rangers all-star Josh Hamilton, the 2010 American League Championship Series MVP who credits his comeback from drug addiction and suspension from the game to his faith and church. 'God's word tells us to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, and not give up meeting together,' Hamilton said. 'We are to walk through life with other believers. My family and I have found that church is a wonderful way to do this, so I encourage you to join thousands of Americans as they go back to church on National Back To Church Sunday.

... This event reignites the power of personal invitation to empower church members to bring the community back to church."

**Zion Caring-Sharing-Mission Committee** is looking for opportunities in this area to serve those in need. Please let anyone on this committee know if we can be of service to someone. They do not necessarily have to be members at Zion. Committee members are: Pastor Bill Smith, Lynn Smith, Mary Olson, Mary and John Faulstich, Marilyn Ruehle, and Regina Reynolds.

**New Address** for Pastor Luther & Paula Thoresen

1105 F Ave

Grundy Center, IA 50638

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## Prayer List for September 2011

1. Michael White
2. James Wichman
3. Alden & Elsie Wigdahl
4. Evelyn Wigdahl
5. Elaine Wigen
6. John & Amber Wilbur
7. Alex Williamson
8. Betty Williamson
9. Doug, Jill, Keely, Carter, Rylee & Taylor Williamson
10. Mildred Williamson
11. John, Vicki, Ashley & Heather Williamson
12. Norman Williamson
13. Richard, Julie & Bryce Williamson
14. Zachary Williamson
15. Nicole & Hudson Williamson
16. Laci Williamson
17. Robert & Louella Williamson
18. Roger, Lori & Ryan Williamson
19. Susan Williamson
20. Steve, Courtney, Madison, Chase & Taylor Williamson
21. Don & Margo Winter
22. Jerry, Carol & Garth Wolff
23. Charles & Valerie Woods
24. Cory Woods
25. Ronald & Connee Woods
26. Diane Zadow
27. Katie Ahern
28. Shirley Anderson
29. Stephanie & Alyssa Baas
30. Diane, Roman & Tyane Baker

## Prayer list for Zion-October 2011

1. William, Megan, Abigail, Hailey & Nolan Bailey
2. Marlene Bart
3. Molly & Kendal Baschke
4. Leann & Aaron Beckman
5. Doug, Jessica & Brooke Berger
6. Adrian, Alecia, Sean & Ryan Brennan
7. Rebekah Broadie
8. Terry Brown
9. Linda Burris
10. Jeff, Leah & Hannah Cacek
11. Michael Cacek
12. Keith, Jennifer, Maya & Treyton Cacek & Tyson Kruse
13. Dan, Tammy, Joseph & Rachel Chapman
14. David, Lisa, Cody & Jenna Chapman
15. Nicholas Chapman
16. Kirby, Candace, Alex & Brandon Clark
17. Richard & Evelyn Clasing
18. Larry & Kathy Coleman
19. Lawrence & Bernadine Coleman
20. Nathan Coleman
21. Tracy & Titan Coleman & Larry Wigen
22. Joey, Kristine, Hunter & Ashlyn Cother
23. Toni, Michael, Tanner & Luke Daniels
24. Jonathan & Tina Dausat
25. Bill, Jaime & Gavin Dodd
26. Jhnnette, Kaine & Brock Dodds
27. Ashley, Jeff & Cailyn Dole
28. Bob & Nancy Drum
29. Rochelle, Skyler & Katelyn Elder
30. Bruce, Tracy, Trevin & Taylor Enderson
31. Tyler, Dallas, Jayden & Cayleb Enderson

## MISSION – SCHOOL KITS:



School time is fast approaching. Even with good sales right now, the kits cost just over \$5/each – which includes the bag. If you are shopping and wish to buy items OR if you make cash donations – THANK YOU! Here is what goes into each kit—please note that the supply list is different from the past: 4 Spiral Notebooks (70 pages each), ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, 2 ½ inch eraser, 5 #2

pencils, 5 ballpoint pens, box of crayons (16 OR 24), and 14 x 17 drawstring backpack style bag with shoulder straps (NO standard backpacks). There is a plan to purchase the backpacks in bulk, and will cost around \$1.25 each. **The noisy offering has contributed more than \$250** to this project!! Keep collecting and donating those coins! If you have any questions, please call Regina Reynolds, project coordinator @ 837-5211

**Hospice of Spencer Hospital invites you** – Please join us in celebrating 25 years with a presentation and butterfly release. Come & Go Reception from 5-7 pm Butterfly release & Presentation @ 6 pm. Thursday, September 1st Grand Avenue Park.

**Sympathy** is expressed to Rena Hansen on the death of her sister, Lena Rosewall who died Thursday, June 23 at the Ruthven Community Care Center. Lena's funeral was Monday, June 27, 2011 at the Ruthven United Methodist Church.

**Sympathy** is expressed to the family of Peg Peterson who died at Hartley Community Memorial Health Center on Monday, July 18, 2011. Her funeral was Thursday July 21 at Zion.

**Sympathy** is expressed to Marvin Meusburger on the death of his mother, Violet Meusburger who died Thursday, July 21 at a Fort Dodge Hospital. Her funeral was Saturday July 23 at Rockwell City, Iowa.

## Zion Lutheran Church Council June 9, 2011 Highlights

Mary Faulstich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Others present included: Karla Gabel, Mike Gebel, John Faulstich, Candy White, Pam Gustin, Mary Olson, Darrell Reed, Pastor Luther and Marcia Langner.

Pastor Luther led devotions and prayers. Motion to approve the secretary's minutes, seconded. Motion carried. Motion to approve the treasurer's reports, seconded. Motion approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Reports from Project Teams

- Caring-Sharing-Missions: Past project were reviewed. The team received a letter from an orphan student expressing thankfulness of financial sponsorship. The team is investigating a well water project along with local mission opportunities. A motion and second to utilize \$200 from the Good Samaritan fund to support a team project to benefit s local family in need. Motion carried.

- Worship Team: Plans are in place through July. Team members are also taking the lead on the 125<sup>th</sup> worship service.

B. Congregation Constitution Committee: A draft has been completed through the chapters of the constitution, to be shared with the committee prior to the next meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

C. 125<sup>th</sup> Committee: Catered meal is planned, picnic tables are needed for Saturday and Sunday events.

D. "Country Church Salute" on US Farm Report: submission is yet to be made.

E. Bible Camp Sunday(s) Report: [May 29 & May 22] All went well. Thanks to Mary and John for taking the lead on meal preparations following the worship services. Donations were received which will support Bible on Wednesday's.

F. Blood Drive @ Zion on June 15 Report: Calling was completed. Candy and Arne Hansen will service as hospitality persons.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. BBW Parade Plans: Red Eaton is willing to lend the use of his shed for float building and storage.

B. NALC convention in Aug: Mary F has info if anyone is interested.

D. Pr Kimball will visit Thursday, June 16; meeting with council and call committee at 6:00pm and any congregational members at 7pm.

## REPORTS

### TRUSTEES'

- A new fund needs to be established to shingle the roof on the East side of the sanctuary.
- Darrell will ask Mike White if he has any supplies remaining to construct a new railing by the sloping sidewalk on the West entrance.
- John will call Copper Cottage to follow up on noise reduction for the AC
- Carpet samples were viewed. Trustees would like time for additional input on the selection of carpet for the back of the sanctuary. Since matching the center isle maybe an issue the idea was shared to build the carpet fund and carpet both the back and the isle with the same carpet at a later date.
- Spring Clean up: Much was accomplished during the two spring workdays. Tasks need to be accomplished so a "To Do List" will be posted so congregational members can see what needs to be done.
- Mike secured new Zion signs for downtown Ruthven.

### DEACONS'

- Welcome Wagon: Karla made visits
- Servant Friends: Several families to keep in your prayers
- Candy White is leading a new member class
- "Back to Church" Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Luther is writing an article for next newsletter.

### Parish Ed

- VBS will conclude with a program at 11:00am on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 kids participated.

### Lakeside Lutheran

- Facility is staying pretty near capacity.

### Luther League

- Pizza sales. 3 adults and 13 youth are registered to attend Teen Serve

### Pastor

- Completed one interview.

### Miscellaneous

- June 19<sup>th</sup>, Rite of Confirmation for Kyle Long & Jessika Gustin.

Meeting was adjourned by president, Mary Faulstich and concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded by council secretary, Marcia Langner. **Page 12**

## Zion Lutheran Church Council Highlights July 14, 2011

Mary Faulstich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Others present included: Darrell Reed, Mike Gebel, Karla Gabel, Marilyn Ruehle, Candy White, Ron Woods, John Faulstich, Pastor Luther, LaDonna Faulkner, Pastor Roger Maize and Jane Miner.

Pastor Maize and Jane Miner provided information about a "Blessing Day in Ruthven" which the U MC is planning. They invited our council and congregation to take part in the event on Sat., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Luther led devotions and prayer.

Motion to approve the secretary's minutes, seconded. Motion carried.

LaDonna reviewed the financial reports noting that a designated donation of \$8,000 had been received. \$1000 was given to each of the following: Sunday School, Luther League, Women of Zion, Evangelism, Missions as well as \$3,000 to Local. She also mentioned that \$500 has been donated to start the roof fund. Motion, seconded to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion approved. Motion, seconded to use reserve funds to pay the remaining expenses for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. Motion carried.

Marilyn Ruehle gave an overview of the Dad's Belgian Waffle event. She strongly suggested not to conduct the event during BBW in the future. Profit of \$1,083.20 and will be place in the carpet fund. She suggested the 2012 waffle event be held the last Sun in June.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Reports from Project Teams

- Caring-Sharing-Missions: Mary O. reported that small stuffed animals are again being collected for children in Afghanistan. The team would like to provide support for local missions and is seeking input from others about local needs and possible projects.
- Worship Team: Plans are in place for August.

B. Congregation Constitution Committee: The committee met July 21<sup>st</sup> and has a rough draft created. They will meet again on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to work on making the rough draft into a proposal for the council to review.

C. Reflections on 125<sup>th</sup> celebration: 3 floats looked good; Worship festival was very nice, 5 pastors present, beautiful music; meal was delicious but lower than expected attendance.

D. "Country Church Salute" on *US Farm Report*: Zion will be

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Featured on Sun, July 17<sup>th</sup>

E. Pastor Kimball visited with council and congregational members on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He is looking to plan some NACL events for Iowa congregations.

F. The blood drive at Zion resulted in 24 donors & 22 units collected.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Motion, seconded to use recommendations from the transition team. Motion carried.

B. Sunday Leadership after Pastor Luther's departure was reviewed. Mary F. plans line up pastoral arrangements. Candy will schedule worship leaders.

C. Marcia volunteered to take on leadership for Confirmation classes.

D. Motion, seconded to use the recommendation from the Deacons for undesignated memorial funds (\$44.22) to be used to purchase books for the East Room. Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS TRUSTEES'**

- A few items in the parsonage were called to the attention of the trustees.
- Noise reduction for the AC continues to be an issue. John and Ron will tackle this at the end of August.

- Ron will get estimates on various roofing options for the sanctuary roof to provide the council and congregation with an idea of funds needed to be collected before repairs can be made.

#### **DEACONS'**

- Welcome Wagon: Karla visited three families last month.

- Marlene Bart made a 125<sup>th</sup> banner and continues to work on additional banners

- Organist scheduling is complete for August

- Candy will visit with Pastor Maize regarding plans for back to church Sunday in September

**Parish Ed** • Need to have a "good" meeting in August before the start of Bible on Wednesday's.

**Luther League** • the group had a float in the Bully Bullhead parade. July 31<sup>st</sup> Luther League will present to Zion congregation a report on the recent Teen Serve event.

**Pastor** • Updates were given on recent interviews and possible call.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Meeting was adjourned by president, Mary Faulstich and concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded by council secretary, Marcia Langner.

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## **September Article from Lutheran Services in Iowa**

### **Building relationships that make a difference**

Relationships occur throughout our lives. We go through life building them with family, friends, ourselves and of course, with God. These relationships shape us, give us happiness, and provide us with support and so much more.

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we build healthy relationships with our clients to help them in their times of need. LSI staff work closely with children, families and individuals to build on strengths, identify struggles and ultimately find success. Across our services, whether we are meeting with people in their homes, on our residential treatment campuses or in the community, LSI works to develop skills that last a lifetime, and sometimes relationships that do too.

LSI is blessed to have a strong relationship with the church. It is a relationship that involves you, your congregation and the people LSI serves. It is a relationship built on our shared, Christ-centered mission that leads us to respond to His love through acts of service to all.

### **A lifetime relationship brings joy, builds strength**

From fourth grade to high school, Hannah Fulton has always had a special sidekick looking out for her.

"When Hannah was born, she had severe problems with her brain and spinal cord," said Ken Clark, LSI nurse. "Her brain herniated to the base of her skull, so they placed a shunt to drain the spinal cord. She's had numerous surgeries on her spine and lost part of her swallow reflex, so she can have difficulty swallowing or breathing on her own."

Ken is Hannah's full-time nurse, at her side 44 hours a week for the last seven years.

"Hannah was 10 years old when I started with her, and we've helped her go from being very weak to growing into a 17-year-old," said Ken.

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Ken has attended school with Hannah each day since the fourth grade, serving as both nurse and educational assistant when she is in class. He also helps her in the community, going to swimming or therapy appointments.

Hannah has braved serious adversity, but she also has plenty of success to celebrate. Now stable and out of hospitals for several years, she can concentrate on being a high school sophomore. She loves fingernail polish, jokes and her friends and family. Movies and shopping are big favorites, as is her golden retriever Harry.

After seven years with the Fultons, Ken is like family. When Hannah was maid of honor in her sister's wedding last summer, Ken was invited, too, as the man of honor. Those kind of meaningful relationships are why he loves nursing, he said.

“It tugs at my heartstrings like no other,” he said. “It’s more proof that this is the most rewarding work I can do. It means the world to me, and my goal is someday to work myself out of a job here.”

Read more stories and see video at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org).

**Mission Interpretation:**

Zion has budgeted \$3,000.00 annually toward the hospice program in Tanzania. There are 12 hospitals that this program serves, some of which are in the southern diocese where our companion synod is. Dr. Kristopher and Rebecca Hartwig are a hometown connection we have there. They have worked with this hospice program for many years, but will be returning to the states in June of this year.

For about 5000 dollars a year we supply one hospital with staff time, transport, medications, office supplies, an annual supervisory visit, and an annual gathering in Arusha for team education and strengthening.”

The hospice program in TZ has a similar mission to hospice programs in Iowa. That is to help those that are dying to do so in dignity and comfort, and to offer spiritual support to patient and family.