

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ZION!

Each Sunday	9:30 am 10:40 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Each Wednesday	7:00 pm	Family Ministries

October 2-4		Women's Retreat in Hesston
October 7	6:00 pm	Family Jam—Dinner begins at 6:15 pm
October 13	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting Church Board
October 17	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
October 20	9:00 am	Sewing Circle at Katy Zook's house
October 24	5:00 pm	Fall Festival at the Engle Cabin

Please remember to contact the Church Office by the 20th of each month about any dates or articles that you would like included in the next newsletter. It is appreciated.

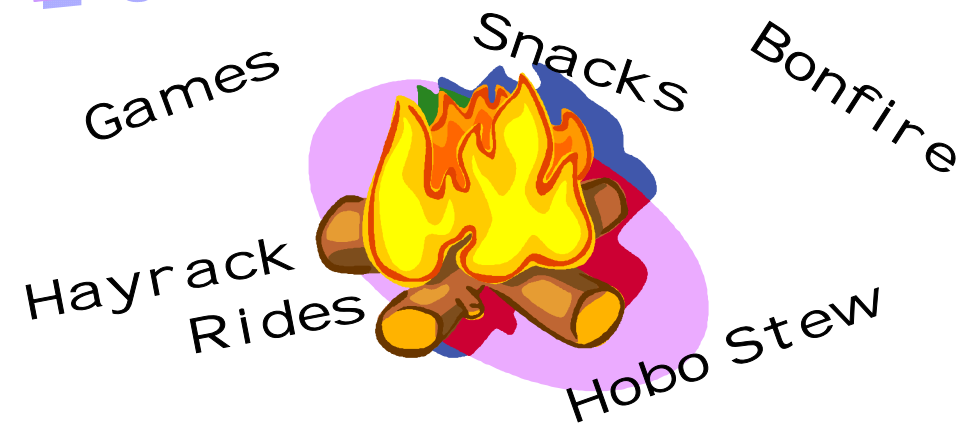
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## NEWSLETTER

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# Fall Festival



*All the fun will take place at the Engle cabin beginning at 5:00 pm. Please bring a can of vegetables for each person attending to add to the Hobo Stew and a snack to share.*

*Invite your friends to this fun and informal event!*

### Directions from Zion Church:

- \*go north approx 4 miles
  - \*turn right, or east, on 3400 ave.
  - \*go one mile and turn left, or north, on Indy Rd
  - \*turn right, or east, on 3500 ave. and go 100 yards to white gate.
- We will have signs to direct you from the Zion Church.

## From Pastor Bob:

I have been spending a lot of time recently thinking and examining just how real God is to me. Not just being able to prove the existence of God, or parrot the theological tenants of his reality. Not just explaining him or repeating what I have read about him, but actually in the midst of everyday life how much I notice his presence and experience his power. I've been evaluating how tuned in I am to the voice of God and if I take time to notice his work around me.

When I first began this evaluation I realized that my times of evaluation were at the end of the day and when I would reflect back on the day I was rarely able to identify specific times from that day when I was truly aware of his presence, though I was able to identify his work retrospectively. But the great outcome of these evaluations at the end of the day was that they began to help me recognize his presence during the day and I didn't have to wait until that night to think back about where he may have been. That has been life changing for me. It has changed how I read scripture, how and when I pray, it has changed how I look at people and it has changed how I think about and experience God.

God has told us that through his Spirit he is with us, he empowers us, he leads us into truth, he helps us conquer sin and live a life of freedom in him. For too long I have known this, but I have not lived and experienced this. I mean it is one thing to be able to tell someone about God, but it is another to be able to share his love and grace out of first-hand experience. A.W. Tozer identified this reality in his book *The Pursuit of God* (if you haven't read it, I would highly recommend it!), "...for millions of Christians, [nevertheless], God is no more real than He is to the non-Christian. They go through life trying to love an ideal and be loyal to a mere principle."

I am so thankful that God continually draws us closer to himself and teaches us more about who he is and about the reality of his love, grace and presence. The reality is we are all on a journey and along the path God intends for us to walk in growing relationship with him. It is just a question as to whether or not we will acknowledge and join him along the journey or simply be content to know about him. Having experienced him, I mean really encountered him, we will never be content to just know about him. And when he moves within us and we live out of the overflow of his presence the world around us will take notice, not of us, but of the one who lives within us. And isn't that the point?!

~Pastor Bob



...Living the Legacy

**Check out our new website at [www.zionbic.org](http://www.zionbic.org)**

If you have not already visited our new website, we encourage you to check it out and use it.

This website is set up to be useful to you and to those who want to check out Zion who are not currently attending Zion.

**Some useful pages to highlight for you are:**



**LISTEN  
ONLINE**

**Sermons Online**—Bob's sermons are posted on the website and you can download them onto your computer and listen.

**Calendar**—We will be keeping this up-to-date and so if you can't remember the date of an event or meeting, the time it starts or the details, check out the calendar to find the information.



**Upcoming events**—This page will give you more details than the calendar about special upcoming events.

**A HUGE thank you to Heather for all her hard work in getting the website created!**



# Get to know the Lueth Family

Rob and I both attended Hope School. Rob graduated in 1984 and I in 1986. We were married July 12, 1986 at Zion Brethren in Christ Church. We moved to Hutchinson, KS where I attended Hutchinson Community College and became a Radiologic Technologist. Rob and I moved to Newton, KS and started our family. Our son Kenneth was born October 3, 1990. We moved from Newton, KS to Hope, KS in 1993 having a daughter, Ashley, on April 7, 1997. Our last move was in 2001 to Salina, KS. I think we are finally "settled."

Kenneth attended Salina South High School graduating in 2009. Kenneth married Melissa Rinke on August 1, 2009 at Zion Church. Kenneth and Melissa are both pre-pharmacy students at Kansas University and live in Lawrence, KS. Kenneth is also taking some business courses in hopes of one day managing their own pharmacy.

Ashley attends Salina South Middle School. She is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She loves to draw! She wants to do "animation" drawing. She also enjoys playing volleyball at the YMCA and playing percussion in band at school. Her favorite subject is science and her least favorite is math.

Rob works at Great Plains Manufacturing in the Land Pride Division at Abilene, KS. He has been there since 1994. He is an electrostatic painter now, but has done, and still does many other jobs there. He has worked in materials handling, assembly, maintenance and even weld. Rob enjoys co-coaching Ashley's volleyball team at the YMCA.

I am employed at Salina Regional Health Center. I started working there in 2001 doing Diagnostic Radiography and Mammography. I help with community education on breast cancer awareness and participate in the annual "Relay for Life" American Cancer Society events.

~The Lueth Family

Notes from the church office:

- Thanks to all of you who attended the Town Hall meetings last month. We appreciate your input and interest in the future of Zion!
- If you are missing a watch and bracelet that was left by the window in the kitchen, please contact Karen.
- Sermons are now available on our website. If you have problems downloading the sermons onto your computer, please contact Karen and she can help you or make you a CD of the sermon.

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## XYZ REPORT

We have had approximately 20 junior and senior high youth attend Wednesday night XYZ. The format is different this year in that there are individual girls and boys small group time. Those small groups have been led by Estol Bathurst, Bill Christner, and Amanda Lindahl. We are still looking for parents and/or other volunteers to help lead small groups. If you would like to help, or serve in another way for the youth, please let Tara know. Sunday school this term is being led by Howard Engle and the youth are going through the book of John.

~Tara Lindahl

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## Are you looking for a good book?

Pastor Bob is making his books available for you to read. Come by the office and browse his books and find one of interest to you.

~For Women Only by Shaunti Feldhahn

~The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey

~Waking the Dead by John Eldredge

~Miracles by C.S. Lewis

~The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel



## Mission Trip Update

There is still time to sign up!  
What is this mission trip all about?

Check out [www.zionbic.org](http://www.zionbic.org) and click on Mexico Mission Trip 2010 on the home page for more information or call the church office.

The trip to Mexico is scheduled for Spring Break, March 13—19, 2010. If you are interested in going but was not able to make it to the meeting, please contact Karen in the church office. The team needs to be finalized by October 18 with a \$100 deposit. Please make your checks payable to Zion Church.

Looking forward to this opportunity and we hope you can make it!

Questions? Talk to Karen in the church office.

Once the team is formed, we will be in contact with more specific details.



# Kids' Zone

When Karen Hess is not serving us in the church offices, chances are that she is working on her Sunday School classroom or preparing for her small group of children on Wednesday evenings. Karen says she really values giving children consistency and ongoing interaction, which she offers generously both on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Her favorite part of teaching is enjoying the variety of activities that our children experience at Zion, and seeing them have fun learning about Jesus.



When she is not at the church, you might find Karen taking a walk, enjoying God's creation, or reading a good book. Karen loves eating Italian and Mexican foods. She says that you can never go wrong with those! Her favorite colors are purple and red, and she loves spending time with her family. In fact, Karen's favorite family vacation was a trip to the Rocky Mountains!

Karen's favorite Bible story is when Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal on the mountain, and God reveals his power through enough fire to consume water, altar, and all! This story is a favorite with Karen because she loves watching God "do His thing" even when it defies earthly knowledge and understanding. However, while this story has been a great encouragement to Karen, she also quotes a passage in the New Testament as her motivating life verse, Colossians 3:12 – 14:

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other, and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

A life which truly reflects the Word of God is what draws our children to Karen and makes her such a powerful and effective influence in their lives. The next time you see Karen, please remember to thank her for the way she serves us and our children!

~Heather Beaty

Zion Missions Trip to Mexico!