



March 2010

Welcome to Zion!

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FROM DA PASTOR - February 2010

March this year brings us through the bulk of Lent, Holy Week and then into April and Easter.

Three things seem to come into focus for me this year. The first is the question does Lent really matter to Protestants and even some Catholics any more? There are still some churches that have soup suppers and Lenten Services. But the whole idea of an inward spiritual journey doesn't seem to affect the post-modern age. Confusion, anger and disappointment seem to be the main themes in a world that appears to be itching for another war and further destruction originating from Wall Street. And then no body wants regulation as corporations carve up what is left of America and buy politicians at the same time. Those expressing anger (Tea Partiers) are hoping for failure, and dissolution of what isso we can begin again. However, they are not understanding such chaos only brings more chaos and dictatorship as it did in 1917 in a place called Russia.

Then there is the matter of change. Other words like "return" and "repentance" try to get at the same issue but no one.... nor does one's ego want change. Transformation is a better term, I think. But how does one get at that except to wait for pain enough that forces one to examine one's self. Even then, many do not change or get transformed. Some say that behavioral change leads to inward change or deeper insight. Just do things differently. Be more intentional....more focused. What do others want of me? What does God want of me? What do I want of me? How do I get there? Am I already there and don't know it?

The third thing is the matter of following. The disciples in at least the gospel of Mark never "get it." (Possibly hope for us). They just learned to follow. Bonhoeffer called that obedience. We wind up changing by first just doing what Jesus and the prophets before Him called us to do. Not religious stuff, necessarily. But acts of kindness, matters of justice and deeds of righteousness.

I realize that after America spent a couple of trillion dollars on two lost wars that are not as yet over and we can't seem to care about 47 million (And growing each day) who are those without health care what we do each day seems so insignificant. And everything seems to want our money to fix or change things.

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FROMdaPASTOR (continued)

The mail most of us get each day is unbelievable. Donate to one thing and one not only gets repeat mailing but dozens of other causes seem to flood the mail box. It seems to me that great things of obedience fall under being faithful as God is faithful (Hesed in Hebrew). Faithful to God, faithful to family, faithful to friends and faithful to community and anywhere we see hurt or need

Some comedian said that 70% of success is just showing up. I think that is the way of obedience and faithfulness. Fill out the census form! Vote! Visit others who need you. Stop being fearful and paranoid about things.

In the 1960's there use to be a button that said, "Give a damn!" In those days it was about war, poverty, racism, sexism, bigotry, and goofy government. (Of course, the Missouri Synod and some other denominations and conservatives thought it meant give a rip about right doctrine, not people). It appears nothing has really changed on any of these things.

I think for Lent and for the whole year we need to follow Jesus. Not be goody two shoes, but giving a d... in the obedience of following. And then one never knows. Change may happen or at least transformation. Even in Clear Creek County. Even in America. Even in ourselves.

Pastor Don

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Happy Birthday

Whitney DuBois

March 21

Karin Gibbs

March 29

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Happy Anniversary

Bill & Diana VanVoorst March 17

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Congratulations Tami on your new position as City Clerk for Idaho Springs

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From the Council

Council meeting for February 7th was called to order by President Stephanie Behring at 9:30 am. Council members Phil Fulton, Lori Albers, Diana VanVoorst, Daryle Betts, Tom Bock, Pastor Marxhausen, and Tami DuBois were present. Member Jennifer VanVoorst was absent.

New business:

Gretchen and children are back! She would like to start Sunday school. She requested the Council order some updated curriculum. Tami DuBois was directed to contact Mary Lorenz to see if she would bring her boys back since Sunday school would be up and running. Diane VanVoorst moved to purchase curriculum from age groups 3 yrs to 8th grade. Tom Bock seconded the motion and carried unanimously. Tami will order the materials from Augsburg.

Pastor brought in a list of current goals that St. Paul is adopting to add to there annual report. He asked Council to review the list to see if there were goals on there that Zion would like to adopt. We are already doing several of them.

Pastor is looking into sending Lexi Schmidt to Confirmation camp. If she could, maybe she could piggyback with another local church to go to Rainbow Trail. Zion could cover at least \$100 of the cost. Tom Bock moved to pay the deposit for Lexi for up to \$75 to \$100. Tami DuBois seconded the motion. Pastor will call Pastor Vera at Evergreen.

Call committee reported that they are a quarter of the way through the Call paperwork.

Reminders of Ash Wednesday, February 17th at Zion, Maundy Thursday Pot Luck and Services at Zion at 6:00 pm, and Easter Sunday, April 4th.

Insurance: Tom suggested to form a committee to look into current insurance and maybe changing. Pam Thomas volunteered to contact Mike from Georgetown to look over the proposal that he has put together.

Tom volunteered to fingerprint the Sunday School teacher. Something that needs to be done to stay compliant with the Insurance company.

From the Council (continued)

Census will be using the Church basement for Census training from now until the end of April.

The Lexmark printer/copier/scanner is not working. Pastor, Tom Bock, and Phil Fulton will research the cost of a replacement. Tom moved to purchase 3 to 4 large orange cones to put in front of the rocks from the retaining wall in front of the parsonage. Randy Rasmussen from the City has called asking for the rock to be moved. On a snowy day, the City truck hit them as it was plowing snow. Tami DuBois seconded the motion. Phil will purchase the cones.

Next meeting will be March 7th at 9:30 in the church basement. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20. Minutes submitted by Tami DuBois, secretary

Thank you: Judy and Nancy for your music, all who help with the Sunday services each week and to those of you who do all the extra necessary chores, behind the scenes. You know who your are, We sincerely appreciate it. To those who provide the delicious goodies for after church and to those who put their extra change in the jar at the back of the church.

Thank you All.

Your Council Members Are

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United Center Presents.

Date	Attendance	Collections
February 7	20	\$ 761.30
February 14	21	954.30
February 21	20	1,420.80*
February 28	22	623.50

Total for February \$ 3,759.90*

* Includes \$50.00 for Lutheran World Hunger

Needed for budget each week \$997.00

Donations to the Building Fund YTD \$

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The youth group will meet every Sunday @12:30 at the United Gathering Place (UGP)

Topics for March

Continue with Life skills

Fundraising ideas

Youth Video Challenge Project- Prize one of two 25,000 endowments sponsored by www.ymlive.org

Making and submitting a video based on John 7:38 " Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters."

Seder dinner fundraiser (planning)

Games, Food and Fun!!!!

A special thanks to Pam Thomas and Mary Ann Dimand for leading the youth in the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans program.

Any Questions please contact me @ 303-567-2935

Laura Marquardt

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**Good Friday Community Service
April 2nd 7:00 pm
at The United Church**

Everyone is Welcome !!!

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First Saturday Series, Saturday March 6, 2010
Doors open at 6:30 PM show starts at 7:00 PM.
Admission is Free

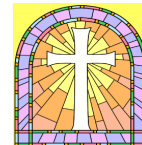
Next Event:
Friday March 12, 2010 Flexigrass
Doors open at 7:00 PM concert starts at 7:30 PM.

Flexigrass debuts. A unique combination of Dixieland jazz and bluegrass and more, this Colorado band has delighted audiences worldwide. They bring decades of performance experience into a fascinating, distinctive sound. With vibraphone, and Joan's vocals, and highlighting Pete Wernick's 5-string banjo and Bill Pontarelli's luscious clarinet, their sound is rich and full.

Tickets are \$15.00 at the door - purchase discount tickets at Java Mountain Roasters, Two Brother's Deli, in Idaho Springs, and Tomay Memorial Library in Georgetown.

A ticket package will be available for sale at this event, 6 shows for \$60.00.

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Stained Glass Window Workshop

We will still have workshop on Monday March 8th at 6:00 - ?? PM.

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Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund

All contributions given to this fund will go to pay for our Grant Match, which will go specifically for work on the church structure.

Please give generously

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Remember the Glass Jar

(at the back of the church)

We are collecting for Grant Street Outreach

(unless otherwise decided by the council)

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**Important Dates to Remember
in March**

Sunday, March 7th

Council Meeting 9:15 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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Monday, March 8th

6:00 PM
Stained Glass Window workshop

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Sunday, March 14th

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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Sunday, March 21st

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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**Sunday, March 28th
Palm Sunday**

Sunday School 9:30 AM
10:30 am Worship Service

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Joint bible study

"The Minor Prophets"

by Gene M. Tucker

every Wednesday at 5:00 pm
at the United Church

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Next Month

Friday April 2nd

Good Friday

Community Service
7:00 pm at
The United Church

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PRAYER REQUEST

For Healing and Counseling: **Audrey Keller** (cancer and grief), **Melissa Sweeter** (Marilyn Burkett's Daughter), **Harley Lucas** (healing), **Karin Gibbs** (healing), **Denise Albers** (Tumor—Lori's niece), **Patty Septon** (Cindi Nordine's sister—healing and support), **Jeanie Gibbs** (Bob and Karen Gibbs niece with breast cancer and lymphoma), **Herb Albers** (Lori's husband—healing), **Kathy Nixon** (Postal worker seriously hurt in a car accident last week), **Sharon Tilley** (Car accident), **Elaine Hillman** (liver cancer)

For comfort and guidance: All the troops worldwide and their families, our children, teenagers, and parents, all those traveling, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Urban Servant Corps, Dave Jarvis and the Rainbow Trail Ministry; for peace in the Middle East, for the whole church around the world, especially our companion synods of the Malagasy Lutheran church, the Mahajanga and Antsiranana Synods, all the lay evangelists who risk their lives to preach the Gospel, and Zion Lutheran Church in this time of transition and revitalization of membership

If there are any changes, please contact the church office at 303-567-4378

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STATEMENT FROM CALL COMMITTEE

Call Committee, Pam Thomas, Eric Nordine, Donna Swanson, Diana VanVoorst, and Stephanie Behring, has met several times and have a rough draft of the ministry site profile. Pam, Eric, and Tom Bock plan to meet with Dan Bollman, Rocky Mountain Synod, soon. Once the profile is finished, it will be posted by Synod.

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Facts to Live By

**You don't have to win every argument..
Agree to disagree.**

**God loves you because of who God is,
not because of anything you did or didn't do.**

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Food SHARE America

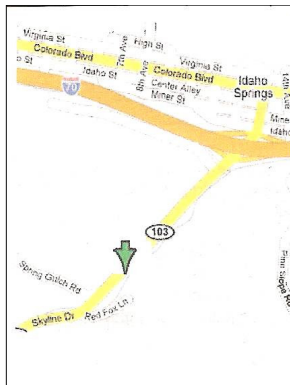
Providing food and Support to Clear Creek and Gilpin. Counties

Hours:

Food stocking and distribution
Wednesdays 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursdays 10:00 AM to 3:00PM
GED

- Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Bible Study
- Thursdays 11:00 to 12:00 noon

March 2010 is Paper Month
THIS MONTH'S NEEDS ARE
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Napkins
Facial Tissues
Diapers



Directions

**Loaves and Fishes is located on hwy 103
Behind Evergreen Sport and Spinal**

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You might be Lutheran if

...someone asks you after church if there's any "decaf coffee" and you laugh because you KNOW that if it doesn't have caffeine, it can't be coffee!

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you hear something really funny and smile as loud as you can.

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...doughnuts are in the official church budget.

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The goal of **FSA** is to help families save about 50% on their groceries, while encouraging the building of relationships with their neighbors in the community. Any one from the affluent to those with struggling budgets can participate in **FSA**.

There are no qualifications...if you eat, you qualify.

Our menu consists of about twenty items that you're most likely to buy at the grocery store, including fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meats. Through a national affiliate network, we purchase massive quantities of these items at very low prices. At no time do we ever accept donated food for distribution.

Look on our website www.sharecolorado.com and find your zip code, or one close to it, to find a host site location in your area. Place and pay for your order over on the website or by calling the numbers for the host site. You can also place your order over the phone at the **FSA** main office, (303) 428-0400, or 800-933-7427, and we can add your order to the site where you want to pick up. Host site locations accept Cash, Quest cards, and most take checks. If placing an order over the phone with the main office, you can use a credit card (Visa, M/C), Quest card, or check by phone.

After you place your order, go back to your selected host site during the designated distribution/pick up day and time to pick up your order.

If you're really not interested in participating, consider ordering a \$10.00 pantry box that will be donated to help a family in your community that needs help.

To order from Idaho Springs SHARE, or for information, call Diana at 303-569-3460, send an e-mail to diana_vanv@yahoo.com

We welcome you to the **FSA** family and hope you enjoy the program

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TECHNOLOGY

5 Things You Never Knew Your Cell Phone Could Do

For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST

Emergency

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find Yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to Establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND

Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys In the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other ' remote ' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

THIRD

Hidden Battery Power

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

FOURTH

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone ' s serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: *#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

Cell Phone (continued)

And Finally.....

FIFTH

Free Directory Service for Cells

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800)FREE411, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

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GPS

A couple of weeks ago a friend told me that someone she knew had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans.

Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard.

When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen.

The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents.

Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

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