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# Zion News

A newsletter of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville, Georgia – April, 2008

**“Come let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God.” Jeremiah 51:10**

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## 10th anniversary service, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville, GA, January 27, 2008

***“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain” (Psalm 127:1).*** That was the theme of the special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service celebrated recently by the congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville, GA.

Jan. 27 was the day set aside by the people of Zion to remember those who put their hearts, time, and energy into establishing a CLC congregation for the people of North Georgia (and Tennessee) to worship and learn God’s Word. But this story starts much earlier than 10 years ago.

According to a time-line presented by Mark Greve, treasurer of the congregation, in 1984, an Atlanta area preaching station was started when Pastor Vernon Greve (I’ve heard that name before!) asked a fellow pastor, Robert Mackensen to visit his son. Pastor Mackensen’s church in Hendersonville, N.C., gave its blessing for Pastor Mackensen to serve a new preaching station on a monthly basis. Between 1984 and 1997, Pastor John Schierenbeck and Pastor Warren Fanning

(both coming from Columbia, S.C.) also served the start-up.

In those early years, a handful of people gathered, first in congregants’ homes (complete with singing parrots and barking dogs), and later in a series of motel rooms and meeting rooms, which led to the church’s incorporation in April 1998. Mark described the first permanent worship location (secured in July 1998) on Hurricane Shoals Road, and recounted how dedicated members – such as Bob Knowlton, who built several pieces of altar furniture that are still used today – held weekly lay services to supplement the monthly communion worship.

Following Mark’s presentation, we gathered together to praise the Lord for His marvelous grace unto us. There were 56 in attendance, including 25 visitors from six CLC congregations.

Opening the worship service was a special musical offering of Alleluja from Exsultate Jubilate – W.A. Mozart – played by Aaron and Amanda Durst on saxophone and piano.



Picture: Members of Zion who gathered for Zion’s special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary service on January 27, 2008.

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The sermon was divided into three parts, which were given by the former servants of Zion – Pastor John Schierenbeck, President of the CLC and pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winterhaven, FL; Pastor John H. Johannes, first full-time pastor of Zion, currently retired in Fargo, N.D., and a member of Gift of God Lutheran Church in Mapleton, N.D.; and Pastor Vance Fossum, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, S.C.:



Shepherds of Zion, past and present.

- I. **Grace Alone** – I give Thanks for the Grace of God, presented by Pastor John Schierenbeck (1985 to 1995).
- II. **Faith Alone** – Faith Stands Alone, presented by Pastor John H. Johannes (July 1999 to August 2002).

III. **Scripture Alone** – By scripture alone you stand and deliver! Presented by Pastor Vance Fossum (May 1998 to July 1999).

Following the worship service, everyone quickly cleared the decks (since we worship in a multipurpose room) and tables and chairs were set up to accommodate the crowd for a covered dish lunch. While food was eaten and memories were shared, Brian Radichel, president of the congregation, entertained the group with a slide show, “10 Years of Zion.” People were amazed by the head of hair Brian was sporting in some of the earlier slides.

When everyone had eaten his fill, a number of photos were taken, some of which are found in this article.

The people of Zion have much to be thankful for, one of which is our faithful pastor Nathanael Mayhew (September 2002 – present), his wonderful wife Debra and their loving children: Luke, Katherine, Hope, Daniel, and Julia, and baby Mark – their newest addition. We look forward to another 10 years and welcome the challenges and blessings that lie ahead. Praise be to our Triune God! †

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*Reported by Ann C. Duncan, Lawrenceville, GA.*

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## Remembering God’s Grace at Zion

As a reminder of the grace God has shown His people here at Zion we have purchased special coffee mugs commemorating Zion’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (A sample mug can be found by the guest register by the tract rack.)

There are quite a few mugs still available. If you didn’t get



one the first time around, or if you would like some additional mugs, please see the pastor.

A suggested donation for the coffee mugs is \$5 – to help defer the cost of the anniversary mugs. You can place your donations in the offering box for that purpose which is found across from the water fountains. †

## Outreach efforts at Zion



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Last year the CLC Mission Board financed the production and distribution of the *Tacoma Outreach Manual* and Menu for all CLC subsidized congregations. The purpose of this resource was to place before our congregations numerous ideas for proclaiming the truth of salvation in Jesus Christ to the community, and suggestions for how to make our churches more visible to the public.

Last October the Mission Board also sponsored the Outreach Seminar that was put on by Mr. Marty Beekman and Pastor Walter Schaller. In their presentation they encouraged our congregation to go through this Outreach Manual and begin putting some of the ideas into practice.

Since that time, the Outreach Committee and the Church Council has been going through this manual looking for outreach ideas that are feasible for our congregation to implement.

Beginning last month our congregation began implementing some of the outreach ideas in our community. Here is an overview of the projects:

### Easter door hangers:

Before Easter we designed and produced over 600 door hangers and half-page flyers announcing our upcoming Easter morning worship service. The congregation was encouraged to take some of these and give them to friends or acquaintances, or

place them in public places in the area. This was the first time that we have announced our Easter services in this way.

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### Hotel directory:

We have received permission to display pastor's business cards and informational flyers about our congregation in several hotels close to our church. These hotels include:



- Microtel Inn (Hwy 316)
- Holiday Inn Express (Hwy 120)
- Days Inn (W. Pike St.)
- Country Inn and Suites (Hwy 120)
- Suburban Lodge (Hwy 20)
- Hometown Inn - Extended Stay America (W. Pike St.)

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Front and back of information cards for hotels

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tired?</b> <b>Worn down?</b> <b>Need to re-charge?</b> <b>Something missing</b> <b>in your life?</b></p>  <p>Jesus said: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Come and find what you are looking for!</p> <hr/> <p>Zion Ev. Lutheran Church 468 Northdale Rd. Suite D Lawrenceville, GA 30045 770-962-9034</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Schedule and Activities</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Every Sunday:</b> Children's Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study - 10:00 A.M. Family Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>By Appointment:</b> In addition, our pastor is always available and is willing to schedule a meeting for personal one-on-one Biblical instruction, encouragement, or counseling.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions?</b></p> <p>If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact our pastor, Nathanael Mayhew: Phone: 770-962-9034 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ndm@zlhcn.com">ndm@zlhcn.com</a> Or you can visit our website: <a href="http://www.zionlutheranlouisville.com">www.zionlutheranlouisville.com</a></p>
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**Bible story coloring sheets for kids:**

We have created a short Bible story coloring / activity sheet workbook which are intended for distribution in public waiting areas for young children. We are also going to look into the possibility of distributing these to day care facilities in our area.

This first edition covers the fall into sin, and the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus - our Savior from sin. If this first edition is received well in these locations, then we may develop more editions in the future which will cover other aspects of Christ's work for our salvation.

The back page of the coloring workbook has a page with information about our church and an invitation to come and learn more about Jesus (see picture to the right).


If you know of a place that would be able to use these coloring sheets, please let the pastor and we will provide the necessary workbooks.

**Money donated for outreach effort:**

We recently receive a donation of \$500 from some CLC member through the mission board. The donors request was that the money be used for the purpose of outreach in our community. After considering a number of options, the Church Council felt that the money would be best spent on several signs and banners for our church. The signs and banners would be portable and could be used here at church or off site (church cookouts, etc.).

With the voters' approval at the last meeting we are now in the process of designing a church logo which would be used on these banners and signs. Look for these to be displayed around our church in the coming future! †

God does indeed keep all of His promises!




Come and learn about the only Savior  
this world will ever have!

All new CLC coloring book.  
2008 Edition  
Made especially for little folks.

This is a gift from:  
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Sunday Worship: 11:00 A.M.  
Kids Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.  
Adult Bible Class: 10:00 A.M.



Back page of Bible story coloring sheet workbook

We pray that our Savior Jesus - the great Shepherd of the sheep - would bless all our outreach efforts as we give witness to all He has done for us, to the glory of His name! †