



Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 16

1:00pm Monthly Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm Cards

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:00pm Executive
6:35pm Moms in Prayer
7:00pm Church Council
7:00pm Lit n' Latte

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

9:15 ZECC Chapel
6:30pm Confirmation, Wednesday Table Talks,
Kid's JAM, Living Faith
7:00pm Desert Voice

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting
11:30am Caring Friends
1:00pm LBW Large Print
5:00pm-6:00pm ZECC Director/Parent Meeting
6:30pm Festival Ringers
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

5:00pm Saturday Informal Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40am Sunday School Adults & Kids
10:50am Contemporary Worship with Communion

When We Last Gathered April 7 & 8

Attendance	222
General	\$8,376.43
Missions	\$1,156.00
Building Fund	\$1,674.00
Dedicated	\$765.86
Clean-up	\$1,925.00

For Next Week—April 21 & 22

Readers

Craig Ahlman, 5:00pm
Vicki Peterson, 8:30am



Acolytes

Travis Beal, 5:00pm
Walta Negassie, 8:30am
Leah Rindal, 8:30am

Altar Care

Linda Strei & Rebecca Pruse



Today at Zion

Message Theme

“Victim or Champion?”
1 John 3:1-7

Scriptures

Acts 3:11-21, p. 911
1 John 3:1-7, p. 1022
Luke 24:36-49, p. 885
1 John 3:1-7, p. 1022 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist
Pastor Dan Schultz, Liturgist (8:30), Praise Leader (10:50)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music
John Herkenratt, Cantor (5:00)
Sanctuary Choir (8:30)
Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Don Ahlman, Reader (5:00)
Judy Miller, Reader (8:30)
Brian Olson, Slide Tech (5:00)
Amy Schmeling, Slide Tech (8:30)
Ben Monskey, Slide Tech (10:50)
Conor Brace, Acolyte (5:00)
Wayne Koester, Elder
Craig Ahlman, Associate Elder (5:00)
Rudy Niemiec, Associate Elder (8:30)
Matt Kan, Associate Elder (10:50)
Linda Strei & Rebecca Pruse, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 112, P&W 122, P&W 111, P&W 144, P&W 30

8:30am

Prelude: “With High Delight Let Us Unite”, Ar. Powell, Organ
LSB 483, LSB 605, LSB 828, LSB 815
Offering: “Alleluia”, Randall Thompson, Sanctuary Choir
Postlude: “Engelberg”, Arr. M. Sedio, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: “This Is the New Song We Sing”, Living Faith & Desert Voice
“Love Found Me”, “King of My Heart”, “I Am Free”, “Soul on Fire”

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News & Notes



FIRST TIME HERE? - Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church! We are so glad to have you worshipping with us. We hope your experience today connects you to the life-changing love of Jesus Christ. Please let us know you're here by filling out the "Friendship Register" located at the end of each pew. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you find what you're looking for right here.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Worship: Informal 5:00pm *Holy Communion is celebrated*
Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30am *the first and third weekends.*
Contemporary 10:50am

Education Hour: 9:40am

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

We are pleased to have children at worship. We have quiet activity bags for use during worship. They are available in the entry area at the rear of the church. There is also a "Children's Room" in the rear of the church for those wishing to stay with their children and still participate in the worship service. A nursery is open but unstaffed on the lower level on Sunday mornings.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM—Hearing enhancement devices are available at all services; obtain one by asking an usher to direct you to one of our Elders.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER (ATTENDANCE)

Please take a moment to clearly fill in the attendance sheet located in the maroon folder found near the center aisle in each pew so we may know how best to serve you.

LISTEN TO WORSHIP ONLINE OR WITH A CD—A free CD of today's 8:30 traditional worship service is available during the week in the Coat room, or sermons are available at www.zionhopkins.org under the "Online worship" *Quick link*.

MOBILE FINANCIAL GIVING TO ZION (Smartphone Users)

- Online: Scan Zion's QR code which takes you to Zion's web page then click on Donate Online.
- Give by Text: Send a text message to 952-260-0635 with the dollar amount you want to give; wait for a reply message, click on the link, enter your details. For future donations send text message to the same text number.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm
Friday 9:30am - 1:30pm
952.938.7661 Visit us online at www.zionhopkins.org.

ZION EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ZECC)

A nurturing and loving environment for the growth and development of your child, ages 6 weeks to Pre-K.
Monday - Friday 7am - 6pm
952.938.7661 ext. 21

Prayers

In your personal devotions, please pray for those in our Body of Christ who have requested your prayers and praises:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING FOR: 93rd birthday of LeRoy Peterson, 91st birthday of Cliff Evenson, 73rd birthday of Linda Krienke, 69th wedding anniversary of LeRoy & Lois Peterson.


FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH: Eric Olson, Scott Olson (son of Pat Mattson & nephew of Paula Rosengren), Dan Damschen, Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Dennis & Jennifer Bernard (son-in-law & daughter of Allan & Judy Johnson), Robert Carroll (son of Robert & Shirley Carroll), Kevin Stripling, Greg Holden (son-in-law of Gene & Sylvia Herzan), Irene Stephens, Michelle Gelineao (friend of Shelly Gonshorowski), Terry Burns (brother-in-law of Ann Hanke), Barb Chase (mother of Pete Chase), Sandy Fink (friend of Don & Nita Ahlman), Darlene Howard (friend of Bob Shorten), Michael Smith (friend of Holly Thorson), Dave Mentzer (father of Becky Riethmeier), Lori Wildermuth, Doug Palmer.

FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: family of Gene Bachman, family of Bernie Altenhofen (cousin of Corrine Gust, Harold Gust, Ray Lovel, and Padre).

FOR SPECIAL CONCERNS: Missionaries: Rev. Cullen & Deaconess Jacqueline Duke; for those in the Armed Forces; for all people in this current economic downturn, especially those for whom employment, credit, investments and housing have been adversely affected; for those affected by natural & manmade disasters.

PRAYERS FOR ZION MEMBER FAMILIES: Each week the Ministry Team at Zion meet to coordinate the many different ministries here at Zion and to pray for individual families. This past week we prayed for: Daryl & Pat Bell; Helen Berggren; Ted & Lisa Bertrand; Duane & Darleen Best; Phyllis Blocker.

FOR ZION: That God would continue to bless Zion Lutheran Church and allow us to be a blessing to our community; that He would abundantly provide the resources needed for faithful ministry.


 **PRAYER WARRIORS: (ZIPS)** "Zion in Prayer on Saturday" meets monthly on the 1st Saturday from 9:00am–10:00am in the Fireside Room (#102) where they pray for everyone on our prayer list and then some. Everyone is welcome. May 5th is the next gathering. Contact Karen 952-935-4356 or Carolyn 952-935-5909 with questions.

MOMS IN PRAYER Our children need our prayer support. Come pray with other women for one hour each week. We will be praying each Tuesday evening at 6:35pm in Room 205. More information is available at the Information Center or from Barb Kan.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

- Submit in writing, phone into the church office, by email, or via our website at www.zionhopkins.org
- Prayers may also be submitted to the prayer circle by calling Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.
- Anniversary, birthday, wedding, and thanksgiving prayers will normally be included for one week.
- Medical and special concerns may be included for longer as needed. Be sure to keep us informed on any updates or changes to your loved ones condition.

Zion Happenings

 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Congratulations to the 3 year old, Pre K, and the 3rd grade classes on perfect attendance last week. All students are working on music for the May 20th service.

HEART ATTACK RESPONSE TRAINING will be presented to all Officers and Board members at our "Leadership Night" on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00pm. A representative from the Hopkins Fire Department will be here to take us through how to use our church owned "defibrillator" (stored on the wall by our Information Center).

TAX TIME THANK OFFERING! If you are one of those fortunate folks who will be getting a refund this year would you consider sharing a portion of it with Zion? Imagine if all of our members and friends of Zion were to give just 10% (a tithe) of their refund check? Those extra funds could help accomplish our God given mission of sharing the love of God through Jesus Christ.



During the weeks surrounding April 15th

1. **PRAY** for God's blessing and guidance.
2. **BE PRESENT REGULARLY** (every week if possible) at a worship experience.
3. **GIVE A FINANCIAL DONATION** to help support the many physical needs and ministries of Zion. [KID's JAM (children), Laundromat ministry in Hopkins, ZECC (early childhood center), Shut-in visits, local and overseas missions, staff salaries, building and grounds, etc.] Use any means you choose... check, cash, electronic giving (via Simply Giving automatic withdrawal program), credit card (via our website), stocks, bonds, property, etc., \$1, \$100, \$1,000, \$10,000, or more. Give as you are able. Since we are still funded almost exclusively by individual donations from our members and friends your loving support is very important.



VOLUNTEERS: Are you looking for a way of serving your Lord here at Zion? Check the Time & Talent Volunteer card in your pew. This list contains some of the ways you might serve. *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5)

LIT 'N LATTE: Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. April 17th is the next meeting for this season, we will be discussing "*Lion*" by Saroo Brierly. If you have any questions, please call Linda Krienke at 612-709-0510.

30 SOMETHING AND 40 SOMETHING SINGLES: The Lutheran Singles Group out of St. Michaels Lutheran Church would like to invite the 30 Something & 40 Something Singles to join them for an upcoming event which will be "Minnesota History Center in St. Paul" on Saturday, April 21st. For additional details please contact John Strom at jstrom@olsentool.com or 952-556-3104.

Zion Happenings

SUNDAY TABLE TALKS - Have you ever thought of Jesus' death on the cross in terms of a human sacrifice? Pastor Neal will be leading a new eight part DVD based Bible Class series "Jewish Foundations [Sacrifice, Worship & the Messiah]" beginning Sunday, April 22nd at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#102). Christians, Jews, and pagans all have utilized sacrifices down through the ages as they conducted their worship. As troubling as that connection might seem, it is possible to see the distinction that makes all the difference. Pagan worshipers saw their sacrifices - which included the offering of children on the altar - as appeasement to their gods. Jewish communities were instructed to sacrifice animals during their worship as a covering for sin. The Christian faith centers on the sacrifice of a human - the Man Jesus who voluntarily gave His life for us. Join Pastor Neal as we examine what is behind the systems and why one of them has saving power today. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.



CORN FEED We are in need of individuals to form a committee or group willing to organize the annual corn feed. Sadly if we don't get the needed volunteers, there will be no corn feed this year. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144. Thank you.

LWML SPRING CELEBRATION—You are invited to the LWML Spring Rally Celebration on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00am - 11:00am. The Rally will be held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 5218 Bartlett Blvd. in Mound. Randy Ash, Camp Omega's Campaign Director, will share what is new at Camp Omega (a recipient of a Minnesota South District LWML Mission Grant). There is a suggested registration fee of \$5. A free will offering will be collected for District Mission Grants. Gifts from the heart being collected for Camp Omega include para-cord, tin foil, tea light candles, colored duct tape, pool noodles, a megaphone, large scissors, plain white t-shirts, white sheets (for making flags). Parents are invited to attend to hear more about Camp Omega and what they have to offer!



JOIN US FOR A CONCERT BY CAMERATA BRASS - Saturday, April 28th at 7:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church. Two songs are brass and organ with our own resident organist, Brice Petersen. Bring the entire family to this free event; with free will offering.

ZION FAMILY SUMMER CAMP OUT AT LAKE PEPIN - Save the date! The annual Zion family camp out at Hok-si-la Park on Lake Pepin will be held July 20th - 22nd. Swimming, canoeing, campfires, music, devotions, and a whole lot of outdoor fun. To register for the event please see the Information Center.