



Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00pm Cards

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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, FEBRUARY 21

12:00pm Lenten Devotional Worship
6:30pm Lenten Worship
7:15pm Confirmation, Early Communion Training,
Wednesday Table Talks, Kid's JAM,
Living Faith & Desert Voice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting
1:00pm LBW Large Print
1:00pm Ruth Circle
6:30pm Festival Ringers
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00pm Informal Worship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

When We Last Gathered February 10 & 11

Attendance	254
General	\$6,003.85
Missions	\$313.00
Building Fund	\$888.00
Dedicated	\$250.42
Parking Lot	\$500.00

For Next Week—February 24 & 25

Readers

Denise Stover, 5:00pm
Mark Rettig, 8:30am

Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold



Acolytes

Margo Brettin, 5:00pm
Marcus Johnson, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

"Tempting Choices"
Mark 1:9-15

Scriptures

Genesis 22:1-18, p. 16
James 1:12-18, p. 1011
Mark 1:9-15, p. 836
Mark 1:9-15, p. 836 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist
Carol Krueger, Piano (5:00)
Lori Ebert, Cantor (5:00)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music
Festival Ringers (8:30)
Desert Voice & Living Faith (10:50)
Craig Ahlman, Reader (5:00)
Dee Anderson, Reader (8:30)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)
Debi Herzan Parker, Slide Technician (8:30)
Ben Monskey, Slide Technician (10:50)
Walta Negassie, Acolyte (5:00)
Leah Rindal & Travis Beal, Acolytes (8:30)
Wayne Koester, Elder
Russ Peterson, Associate Elder
Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 230, P&W 200, P&W 228, P&W 204, LSB 718, LSB 727, P&W 123

8:30am

Prelude: "Jesus Lead Thou On", Arr. P. Manz & D. Cherwien, Organ
LSB 544, LSB 418, LSB 490, LSB 718, LSB 727, LSB 544

Offering: "As the Deer", Festival Ringers

Postlude: "Deo Gracias", Arr. A.D. Miller, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: "One Thing Remains", Living Faith & Desert Voice
"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises", "Lord I Need You",
"Your Grace Is Enough", "Thrive"

Communion Distribution: "More Than Conquerors", Living Faith & Desert Voice

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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: 59th wedding anniversary of Gene & Sylvia Herzan, Brian Olson, 84th birthday of Anna Wagner.

FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH: Eric Olson, Allie Skaalerud (granddaughter of Janice Struthers & niece of Gary & Bonnie Shelton), Scott Olson (son of Pat Mattson & nephew of Paula Rosengren), Dan Damschen, Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Una Swanson, Ray Lovel, Leroy Peterson, Grace Goulet (granddaughter of Vivian Goulet), Dennis & Jennifer Bernard (son-in-law & daughter of Allan & Judy Johnson), Darrell Smith, Robert Carroll (son of Robert & Shirley Carroll), Davi McWright Sr. (boyfriend of Cindy Parker), Kevin Stripling.

FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: Family of Henry Stern Jr. (brother of Fred Stern), Family of Ardola Huisenja (family friend of Anne Hanke).

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.

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: Bonnie Wildberg; Evelyn Wildermuth; Bruce, Lindy, Heather, Holly & Robert Wilson; Deb & Naomi Wold; Darlene Yackel.

 **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. March 3rd 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 Corrine Gust at 952-974-3846.
- 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: Last week we celebrated Friendship Sunday. Three friends joined us for class. All students participated in packing a snack bag for Pinky Swear that will be delivered to them to supply snacks for families that need a treat while their child is undergoing cancer treatment. Younger students started the Lenten devotion entitled Hosanna to the King. They will journey for 40 days with Jesus and a donkey adding stickers each day. The devotions were about Jerusalem, Jesus teaching, children, and a blind man. The 2nd-5th grade devotion is Jesus Loves Me and those devotions included I am Jesus' Little Lamb, The Lord is my Shepherd, I Shall not Want, and He Makes Me Lie Down.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, February 23rd, 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Come join us for pizza & popcorn while we have a family devotion, music and watch Disney Pixar's "Cars 3." Kids can come in their pajamas, bring their favorite blanket or stuffed animal too! Sign up at the Information Desk, feel free to invite your friends!!! This is a goodwill donation event. Any questions contact Kinlin Schultz or Jessica Wagendorf.

IGNITING A PASSION TO PRAY - This is a DVD based study produced by Moms in Prayer International to help develop us into people who pray. Come each Sunday to the chapel between worship services (9:40am). Everyone is welcome! See Barbara Kan with questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE INFORMATION CENTER—Volunteers needed for the Information Center on Saturday night before the service and Sunday morning for the 8:30am service from 8:15am-9:45am, and the 10:50am service from 10:30am-12:10pm. For more information, please contact Carol Peterson at 952-931-0138 or Bonnie Shelton in the church office.



FAVOR TO ASK REGARDING JESSICA NEAL - Thank you to all of you who love on Jessica by giving her candy. We are sure you enjoy the smile on her face when you give it to her. However, there are two issues that have arisen from this love gift. The first is that there are numerous people giving her candy every week which is causing her to gain weight and her clothes are getting tight; and on Sundays she is getting so much candy she is having trouble sitting still at the 10:50 service from the sugar high. The second is those who give her chocolate - she stashes the candy in her pants pocket, where it melts, later she pulls the candy out to eat and she is getting melted chocolate all over herself, her clothes, and everything she touches (furniture, hymnals, etc.). If you are one of the individuals giving Jessica candy, we are asking you to please refrain from giving her chocolate (or anything that can melt in her hand or pocket) and to please consider either stopping or cutting back on how often you give her candy. Again, thank you for the love you show to Jessica, it warms our hearts. Thank you for your consideration, Bonnie Shelton and Carol Kline

THANK YOU ZION MEMBERS - Thanks be to God for His healing of my cancer, as I am now in remission. I want to thank all of the Zion members for their prayers and support on my behalf. Praise to our wonderful Savior! ~Brian Olson

Zion Happenings

SUNDAY TABLE TALKS - Pastor Neal will be leading a new eight part Bible Class series "A Fragile Stone; Peter: Jesus' Friend" beginning TODAY, Sunday, February 18th at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#102). If Jesus had a best friend it was probably Simon Peter. Peter's faults are well documented, yet Jesus was drawn to Peter. Like Peter, you have the opportunity as a believer to face the challenges and obstacles being a "friend" of Jesus brings. Join Pastor Neal as we learn important lessons about our life and relationships. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.

LENTEN TIDBIT #2

- The wearing of **sackcloth and ashes** is a custom going back to the Old Testament. Lent can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to him. Thus it is fitting that the season of Lent begin with a symbol of repentance: **placing ashes mixed with oil on one's head or forehead** using ashes of the previous year's Palm Sunday palms.
- **Shrove Tuesday ("Fat Tuesday")** is the day before Ash Wednesday and is observed by many as a day of feasting and merry-making. The French call it "**Mardi Gras**," the Germans, "**Fasching**."

WEDNESDAY TABLE TALKS - "IF" During Lent, following the evening midweek services, we will be learning from Pastor and author Mark Batterson in a DVD-based series titled "Trading Your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities. "IF". It's a tiny two letter word, but it's pregnant with possibilities. There are 1,784 ifs in the Bible. Most of those ifs function as conditional conjunctions on the front end of God's promises. If we meet the condition, God delivers on the promise! So all that stands between your current circumstances and your wildest dreams is one little if. One little if can change everything. One little if can change anything. Join us in the Fireside Room after the service each week from February 21 - March 21 for a thought provoking and engaging discussion.

RUTH CIRCLE meeting, Thursday, February 22nd at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Jean Brandenburg will be the hostess. All are welcome!

WOMEN IN COMMUNITY Would you like to meet other women from Zion and chat over coffee and dessert? Whether you are a "new" or a "long time" member, whether you are younger or older, Women in Community is encouraging women to gather and share their common bonds. We are a new group at Zion hoping to draw women closer and to also look at ways to respond to needs that may arise in the community. Please join us on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00am in the Fireside Room. Bring a dessert or some fruit to share. If you want to come and need a ride, please call Karen Eck at 952-935-4356 or Reena Stripling at 612-716-2961. Hope to see you there!