



Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:00pm Young at Heart
7:00pm Men's Club Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:35pm Moms in Prayer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30am Morning Glory Circle
12:00pm Lenten Devotional Worship
1:00pm Loving Care Circle
6:30pm Lenten Worship
7:15pm Confirmation, Early Communion Training,
Wednesday Table Talks, Kid's JAM,
Living Faith & Desert Voice

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9:00am-10:00am ZIPS (Zion in Prayer on Saturday)
5:00pm Informal Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

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

When We Last Gathered February 17 & 18

Attendance	259
General	\$17,195.73
Missions	\$1,426.00
Building Fund	\$3,007.00
Dedicated	\$505.75

For Next Week-March 3 & 4

Readers

Tim Bodin, 5:00pm
Dan Ahlman, 8:30am

Altar Care

Joyce Swinjakow & Nancy Daube



Acolytes

Ben Kallerup, 5:00pm
Jonah Schultz, 8:30am
Bethany Cacka, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

"The Disciple Perspective"
Mark 8:27-38

Scriptures

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, p. 11
Romans 5:1-11, p. 942
Mark 8:27-38, p. 844
Mark 8:27-38, p. 844 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Dan Schultz, Message & Liturgist, Praise Leader (10:50)
Carol Krueger, Piano (5:00)
Dan Stover, Cantor (5:00)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music
Sanctuary Choir (8:30)
Desert Voice & Living Faith (10:50)
Denise Stover, Reader (5:00)
Mark Rettig, Reader, Children's Message, Associate Elder (8:30)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)
Amy Chase, Slide Technician (8:30)
Maddie Wagner, Slide Technician (10:50)
Margo Brettin, Acolyte (5:00)
Marcus Johnson, Acolyte (8:30)
Dave Erdmann, Elder (5:00)
Gary Schuette, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)
Craig Ahlman, Associate Elder (5:00)
Larry Monskey, Associate Elder (10:50)
Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 164, P&W 180, P&W 194, P&W 144, P&W 229

8:30am

Prelude: "My Song is Love Unknown", Arr. B. Culli, Organ
LSB 430, LSB 427, LSB 708, LSB 837

Offering: "Jesu Grant Me This I Pray", Kitson, *Sanctuary Choir*

Postlude: "Fugue from Sonata II for Organ", Arr. Felix Mendelssohn, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: "In Christ Alone", Living Faith & Desert Voice
"Do It Lord", "Friend of God", "Thrive", "Today is the Day"

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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: birthday of Pastor Neal.


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), 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), David McWright Sr. (boyfriend of Cindy Parker), Kevin Stripling, Greg Holden (son-in-law of Gene & Sylvia Herzan), Irene Stephens, Denise Stover.

FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: Family of Allie Skaalerud (granddaughter of Janice Struthers, niece of Gary & Bonnie Shelton, cousin of Sanden Shelton). Family of Barb Johnson (cousin of Ray Lovel, Harold Gust, Corrine Gust, Pastor Howie Krienke). Family of Beth Crowell (granddaughter of Gene & Sylvia Herzan).

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: Chris, Carol, Shelby & Cory Yohnke; Dorothy Yohnke; Peter Zedler; Lois Zitzow; Chan & Nancy Zuber.

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:** Our younger students continued their Lenten devotions with the following: Zacchaeus, two disciples, a donkey, Jesus, cheering people, and a pathway. The 2nd through 5th grade students are working on the 23rd Psalm and the hymn "I am Jesus Little Lamb". Their devotions include He Leads Me, My Sheep Hear My Voice, They Follow Me, They will not Follow a Stranger, He will Feed His Flock like a Shepherd, and By Still Waters.

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.

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

 **FEBRUARY QUILT DAY 2018** - On Wednesday, February 7th, 19 quilters (including 4 ladies from Glory of Christ and 2 gentlemen) gathered to make 54 quilts and 79 baby quilts. Four baby quilts were given to ZECC and the rest of the quilts were sent to Orphan Grain Train. Lunch was served by the Thrivent group. Thank you to everyone who made quilt day successful!

 **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

Zion Happenings


SUNDAY TABLE TALKS - Pastor Neal continues a eight part Bible Class series "A Fragile Stone; Peter: Jesus' Friend" Sundays 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 #3


Family Traditions to Enrich your Lenten/Easter journey. Traditions - especially those children can see, hear, feel, smell and taste - provide vivid impressions on which parents can build year after year.

- **New Life:** As Lent begins; help your children plant crocus, daffodil, or hyacinth bulbs in a bowl of sand, covering halfway. Leave in a dark closet for two months, keeping soil moist (a process known as forcing bulbs). When shoots appear, let them bask in the sun. Don't forget to leave one bulb unplanted as a reminder of how they began.

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 Lent Service each week for a thought provoking and engaging discussion.

 **DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS @ BY MARCH 31ST.** Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2018, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Zion Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

MEN'S CLUB - February 26th @ 7:00pm. Doug Palmer and Deb Wold will finish their 2-part presentation of their trip to the Holy Land. They will describe what they observed and learned from this guided tour, and will share more photos. Bring a friend.

 **LOOKING FOR COMMERCIAL CONVECTION OVEN FOR ZION'S KITCHEN.** Our existing 40 year old convection oven no longer works. We would like to replace it (new or used). If you know of a source (individuals or businesses) please contact the church office. Dimensions of existing unit are: 38" width; 37" depth; 58" height.