



Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 12

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

9:00am LBW Large Print
11:00am–7:00pm Empty Bowls @ Hopkins Center for the Arts
11:00am - 1:00pm Zion Staff serving at Empty Bowls
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:00pm - 7:00pm Zion Youth serving at Empty Bowls
6:30pm - 8:00pm Laundry Ministry @ MegaWave
6:35pm Moms in Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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, MARCH 15

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting
11:30am Caring Friends
1:00pm LBW Large Print
1:00pm Monthly Newsletter Deadline
6:30pm Festival Ringers
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

1:30pm Church Office Closes
5:30pm–7:00pm Men's Club Fish Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Spring Food Drive
5:00pm Informal Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Spring Food Drive
8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40am Sunday School Education—Kids & Adults
10:50am Contemporary Worship with Communion

When We Last Gathered March 3 & 4

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| Attendance | 251 |
| General | \$11,808.32 |
| Missions | \$838.00 |
| Building Fund | \$1,966.00 |
| Dedicated | \$295.84 |

For Next Week—March 17 & 18

Readers

Denise Stover, 5:00pm
Vicki Peterson, 8:30am

Altar Care

Brenda Walsten & Eveline Haag



Acolytes

Sean Lucas Brace, 5:00pm
Leah Rindal, 8:30am
Allyn MacKay, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

"The Night Visitor"

John 3:14-21

Scriptures

Numbers 21:4-9, p. 129
Ephesians 2:1-10, p. 976
John 3:14-21, p. 888
John 3:14-21, p. 888 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist
Pastor Howie Krienke, Liturgist (8:30)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music
John Herkenratt, Cantor (5:00)
Sanctuary Choir (8:30)
Marcia Randall, Soloist (8:30)
Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)
Kings Kids (10:50)
Joyful noiZ (10:50)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Karen Eck, Reader (5:00)
Judy Miller, Reader (8:30)
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)
Dan Ahlman, Slide Technician (8:30)
Teresa Johnson, Slide Technician (10:50)
Libby Jacobs, Acolyte (5:00)
Dave Erdmann, Elder (5:00)
Lyle Discher, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)
Russ Peterson, Associate Elder
Joyce Swinjakow & Nancy Daube, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

Prelude: Favorite Hymn Time
P&W 213, P&W 230, P&W 111, P&W 187, P&W 229

8:30am

Prelude: Favorite Hymn Time
LSB 744, LSB 571, LSB 918

Offering: "God So Loved the World", Arr. Bob Chilcott,
Sanctuary Choir, Marcia Randall, Soloist
Postlude: "Processia Nova", Arr. Kenneth DeJong

10:50am

"This I Believe", "Soul on Fire", "My Lighthouse", "This Is Amazing Grace"

"King Kids: "King Jesus is All", Angela Naeve

Joyful noiZ: "You Are Good", "God Is So Good"

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News & Notes

FIRST TIME HERE? - Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church! We are so glad to have you worshiping 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: 55th birthday of Dan Ahlman.

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, Grace Goulet (granddaughter of Vivian Goulet), Dennis & Jennifer Bernard (son-in-law & daughter of Allan & Judy Johnson), Robert Carroll (son of Robert & Shirley Carroll), Davi McWright Sr. (boyfriend of Cindy Parker), Kevin Stripling, Greg Holden (son-in-law of Gene & Sylvia Herzan), Irene Stephens, Denise Stover, Elaine Keehl, Michelle Gelineao (friend of Shelly Gonshorowski), Lu Dixon, Carol Larson, Terry Burns (brother-in-law of Ann 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: Don & Nita Ahlman; Alice Anderson; David & Jenee Anderson; David, Renee & Tyra Anderson; Donna Anderson.


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. April 7th 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.


 **TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Darlene Klug in memory of Jim Klug.

Zion Happenings


 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Classes are singing today at the 10:50 service. 2nd through 5th grade students pondered Lenten devotions about Your Rod, Your Staff, They Comfort Me, a Sling, David & Goliath, and the Most Frightening Giant. 3 year olds through 1st grade read about Judas, Peter, a servant girl, a rooster, the chief priest, and hands tied. Another unfamiliar verse of I Am Jesus Little Lamb is When I Wander from the Sheep, Jesus will His Promise Keep: He will search until He's found me, Throw His loving arms around me, bring me back till I'm restored, to the pasture of the Lord.

ZION'S MEN'S CLUB ANNOUNCES OUR ANNUAL FISH DINNER - Friday, March 16th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Hand battered & fried Alaskan Pollock served with  coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, buns, cake, and beverage. Get your tickets early from the Information Center (or the church office during the week). Tickets \$9.00/adult & \$5.00/youth ages 6-12. \$10.00/Adult at the door. Proceeds go to support the "Hopkins Zion Men's Club", a Zion Men's ministry.

 **YOUNG FAMILY POTLUCK:** As one of the ever growing number of young families at Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins, you are invited to the **YOUNG FAMILY POT-LUCK TODAY**, Sunday, March 11th at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room (lower level room #102). See Pastor Dan with any questions.

 **IN NEED OF EASTER BREAKFAST FOOD DONATIONS** - Each year Zion's Youth host their biggest fundraiser and feed all of us a fabulous Easter breakfast. How great is that! You may be wondering how you can help. Well, you can show up hungry on Easter morning with a free-will donation AND you can also donate food to help offset some of the cost. How great is that! Please see the sign-up sheet at the Information Center for our food needs. Thank You!

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 "Easter Dinner in Chanhassen" on Saturday, March 17th. For additional details please contact John Strom at jstrom@olsentool.com or 952-556-3104.

 **EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN** - We have many plant options available for you to order in memory or to honor a loved one. Order forms are at the Information Desk and due in to the church office by Monday, March 12th.

SOUPS ON! 'EMPTY BOWLS' - Tuesday, March 13th from 11:00am - 7:00pm at Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Come for lunch, dinner, or anytime in between for some delicious soup, entertainment, and BOWLS! Our own Zion staff will be there serving from 11:00am–1:00pm, and the Zion Youth will be serving from 6:00pm–7:00pm.

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 #5

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.

- **Mite box:** Select a charity that helps those in need. Help your children decorate a box with a slot on top. Display where everyone at home will remember to contribute their change. On Easter, empty box, count together, and put a check in the mail.

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.

 **HUMAN CARE BOARD FOOD DRIVE:** ICA serves our neighbors who find themselves struggling to make ends meet. Most of their clients work, but do not make enough money to cover the basic needs of their families. The Human Care Board is holding a Food Drive for ICA March 10/11 & 17/18. Please bring nonperishable food items or put your cash donation in a pew envelope marked "Food Drive." Make checks payable to Zion and marked Food Drive. Every \$1.00 donated buys \$5 worth of food. Please help if you can. Thank you.

 **55 ALIVE DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS:** A 4 hour refresher class will be offered on Friday, March 23 at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you previously completed the 8 hour initial course, you need to take this refresher course every three years to save 10% on your auto insurance. Cost is \$15 per person if an AARP member or \$20 if not a member. A light supper will be served. Reservations are required. Plan ahead and call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 or June Lundgren at 952-935-2327.