



Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 19

7:00pm Cards

TUESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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, MARCH 22

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting

10:00am Messenger of Light Assembly

1:00pm LBW Large Print

1:00pm Ruth Circle

6:30pm Festival Ringers

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

1:30pm Church Office Closes

5:30pm-9:30pm 55 Alive

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY

5:00pm Informal Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

PALM SUNDAY

8:30am Traditional Worship

9:40am Sunday School Education-Kids & Adults

10:50am Contemporary Worship

When We Last Gathered March 10 & 11

Attendance	297
General	\$10,964.18
Missions	\$355.00
Building Fund	\$943.00
Dedicated	\$1,096.00
Parking Lot	\$10.00

For Next Week-March 24 & 25

Readers

Rachel Camann, 5:00pm

Dee Anderson, 8:30am

Altar Care

Brenda Walsten & Eveline Haag



Acolytes

Travis Beal, 5:00pm

Walta Negassie, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

"The Days Are Coming"

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:31-34, p. 660

Hebrews 5:1-10, p. 1003

Mark 10:35-45, p. 846

Jeremiah 31:31-34, p. 660 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Dan Schultz, Message & Liturgist & Praise Leader

Pastor Randall Neal, Liturgist (8:30)

Carol Krueger, Piano (5:00)

Dan Stover, Cantor (5:00)

Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music

Festival Ringers (8:30)

Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)

Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)

Denise Stover, Reader (5:00)

Vicki Peterson, Reader (8:30)

Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)

Debi Herzan Parker, Slide Technician (8:30)

Ben Monskey, Slide Technician (10:50)

Sean Lucas Brace, Acolyte (5:00)

Leah Rindal & Allyn MacKay, Acolytes (8:30)

Wayne Koester, Elder

Craig Ahlman, Associate Elder (5:00)

Mark Rettig, Associate Elder (8:30)

Larry Monskey, Associate Elder (10:50)

Brenda Walsten & Eveline Haag, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 196, P&W 138, P&W 193, P&W 195, LSB 434, LSB 753, P&W 183

8:30am

Prelude: "O Mensch, bewein Sunde Gross", J.S. Bach, Organ

LSB 857, LSB 543, LSB 433, LSB 434, LSB 753, LSB 878

Offering: "Gethsemane", Festival Ringers

Postlude: "Calvary", Richard Bellingham, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: "Your Love Awakens Me", Living Faith & Desert Voice

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High", "You Are Good",

"Here Is Our King", "My Lighthouse"

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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: 94th birthday of Fred Rettig, 97th birthday of Marian Groh (mother of Mary Rettig), birth of Daisy Ida Gallagher (granddaughter of Daryl & Pat Bell), 57th wedding anniversary of Gene & Carolyn Bachman.

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), Families of West Jr. High, Barb Chase (mother of Pete Chase), Mike Riethmeier (brother of Ray Riethmeier), Mark Rettig.

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: Ray & Dee Anderson; Carole Arndt; Gene & Carolyn Bachman; Agatha Baden; Bill & Sandra Bakeberg.

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.


Zion Happenings


 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Thanks to our students for singing last week. On Palm Sunday at both Sunday services, students will be processing through church with palms, meet in back of the church. Our devotions for the younger students included: Pontius Pilate, an angry crowd, Barabbas, a water bowl, a thorny crown, and soldiers. The lent devotions for the older students included: Life, More Abundantly, He will carry them in His bosom, He will gently lead the mother sheep, He leads me in right paths, For the Sake of His Name, and Green Pastures. The verse of I am Jesus Little Lamb for the week is When by Jesus Christ I'm led, Fragrant oil anoints my head, All good gifts my host bestowing, Till my cup is overflowing. Oh, how richly I am blest at His table as His guest!

 **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!

CHURCH SAFETY PROCEDURES will be presented to all Officers and Board members at our next "Leadership Night" on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00pm. A representative from the Hopkins Police Department will be here to take us through what we should do in case of a crisis situation at Zion.

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 "Difibulator" (stored on the wall by our Information Center).

 **TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given by Gene & Carolyn Bachman in thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing them with this many years of marriage.

 **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION** takes place today. Those desiring to be guests at the Lord's Table must

- 1) Believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord;
- 2) Confess their sin, seek the assurance of forgiveness, and intend, with God's help, to amend their sinful life;
- 3) Believe that Christ is really present in this Sacrament.

If you are unsure of what has been stated here, or if you have not been baptized, or if you are unable to answer yes to any of these questions, please speak with the pastor before communing. For the benefit of communicants who are allergic to alcohol or who have dependency problems, several individual cups containing white grape juice with a slight tincture of wine are included in the center of each communion tray (5:00pm & 8:30am) or the center chalice [large cup](10:50am). If you would like more information you may pick up a brochure on the subject at the Information Center tract rack in the Gathering Area.

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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.

- **Devotions:** Lent can be a time of family focus on the meaning of the Christian life. You may want to commit to a regular pattern of family worship - daily, weekly, or whenever you can. Or you may post Bible verses, especially the words of Jesus, on the refrigerator, bathroom mirrors, wherever a busy family is sure to see them. Talk about them at dinner or on the way to school - especially how verses apply to events in our daily lives.

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.



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.

SPRING WOMEN'S QUARTERLY'S ARE IN. Feel free to pick up the Spring Women's Quarterly from the kiosk upstairs by the elevator or downstairs by the confirmation pictures.

RUTH CIRCLE meeting Thursday, March 22nd at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Alice Anderson will be our hostess. All are welcome!