



Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 26

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

No Classes
9:15 ZECC Chapel
9:30am Morning Glory Circle
1:00pm Loving Care Circle

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

12:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
1:00pm LBW Large Print
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion & Confirmation First Communion
8:00pm Confirmation First Communion Reception

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

ZECC Closed
Church Office Closed
12:00pm Good Friday Service with Communion
7:00pm Good Friday Service with Communion

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

No Saturday Evening Worship
9:30am-11:00am Easter Family Fun
9:30am-11:30am Easter Set-up & Musician Rehearsal

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

7:00am Easter Worship Festival
7:45am-10:15am Easter Breakfast
9:00am Easter Worship Festival
11:00am Contemporary Easter Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Church Office Closed

When We Last Gathered March 17 & 18

Attendance	223
General	\$12,601.79
Missions	\$962.00
Building Fund	\$2,663.00
Dedicated	\$519.69

For Next Week—April 1

Readers

Dan Ahlman, 7:00am
Beryl Schultze, 9:00am

Altar Care

Eveline Haag & Amy McCutcheon



Acolytes

Sean Lucas Brace, 7:00am
Jonah Schultz, 7:00am
Marcus Johnson, 9:00am
Ben Kallerup, 9:00am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

"Exceeding Expectations"
John 12:20-36

Scriptures

Zechariah 9:9-12, p. 797
Philippians 2:5-11, p. 980
John 12:20-43, p. 899
John 12:20-36, p. 899 (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
Marcia Randall, Cantor (5:00)
Sanctuary Choir (8:30)
Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Rachel Camann, Reader (5:00)
Dee Anderson, Reader (8:30)
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)
Shelly Gonshorowski, Slide Technician (8:30)
Rhett Dressel, Slide Technician (10:50)
Travis Beal, Acolyte (5:00)
Walta Negassie, Acolyte (8:30)
Gary Schuette, Elder (5:00)
Brian McCutcheon, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)
Steve Larson, Associate Elder (5:00)
Ray Riethmeier, Associate Elder (8:30)
Richard Thorson, Associate Elder (10:50)
Brenda Walsten & Eveline Haag, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 82, P&W 65, P&W 193, P&W 19, P&W 14

8:30am

Prelude: Partita on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor", Arr. M. Burkhardt, Organ
LSB 442, LSB 837, LSB 512, LSB 441

Offering: "My Eternal King", Jane Marshall, Sanctuary Choir
Postlude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns", Ar. M. Burkhardt, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: "Open the Eyes of My Heart", Living Faith & Desert Voice
"Trading My Sorrows", "Unstoppable God", "Lay Me Down"
Procession of Palms with Kids: "That's Why We Praise Him (with Hosanna's)"

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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 (See Calendar for Holy Week 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: 20th wedding anniversary of Gary & Bonnie Shelton, 92nd birthday of Betty Karner.


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, 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, Sandy Fink (friend of Don & Nita Ahlman), Marie Pangman (godmother of Ted Bertrand), Darlene Howard (friend of Bob Shorten), Caitlin Adam.

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: Beth Barlau; Elrena Barlau; Todd, Amy, Matthew & Kyla Bartley; Jay, Jill, Travis & Cameron Beal; Donna Bechthold.

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND PEACE FOR: family of Carol Larson, family of Sahn Truong (co-worker of Anne Hanke).

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:** Congratulations to the 3 and 4 year old class and the 4th grade class on perfect attendance last week. Today students will be participating in the Palm Sunday processional. Meet in the back of the church. We will not be meeting on Easter Sunday. Our devotions for the younger students included A Heavy Cross, Crying Women, Simon, The Cross, A Thief, and Another Thief. The devotions for 2nd through 5th graders included Valley of the Shadow, The Shadow of Death, I Will Fear No Evil, For You Are With Me, The Lost Sheep is Found, and He will Gather the Lambs in His Arms.


 **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).

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.

YOUNG AT HEART is going to Perkins in Hopkins on Highway 7, Monday, March 26th at 1:00pm. All seniors are welcome. Questions call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.

 **EASTER BREAKFAST:** The Zion Youth are hosting an Easter Breakfast for all on Easter morning from 7:45-10:15. We will be serving hot pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and fresh fruit. Please join us in celebrating the joy of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU - On behalf of the Zion Men's Club Ministry, we would like to wholeheartedly thank all those that participated in the Friday, March 16th Fish Fry. Over 225 people attended with 20+ volunteers helping in the following support areas: planning, advertising, ticket sales, room set-up, decorating, food purchase/prep/cooking/serving, and clean-up! We are already looking forward to another successful fish fry next year. Again, thank you! -In God's service: John Herkenratt and David Peterson

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


Easter Foods: There are some special foods eaten at Easter time, some of the most famous:


- **Hot Cross Buns.** These are often eaten in the U.K. on Good Friday. These are yeast dough buns with currants and raisins in them. They were eaten all year round in pagan, pre-Christian times. The bun represented the moon and the four quarters, the four seasons. Christians took over this yummy tradition and changed the meaning so the cross represented the cross that Jesus died on.
- **Ham.** After six weeks of meatless meals anyone with a few spare coins celebrated eating as well as they could. The pig was the symbol of good luck and prosperity (like, piggy bank).

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29th	<i>Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion (& Rite of First Communion 7:00pm)</i> 12:00 noon & 7:00pm
March 30th	<i>Good Friday with Holy Communion</i> 12:00 noon & 7:00pm
March 31st	NO Saturday evening worship service
April 1st	<i>Easter Sunday Celebration Worship</i> 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am <i>Easter Breakfast sponsored by Youth of Zion</i> 7:45am - 10:15am

 **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 952-935-5144. Thank you.

 **TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given in memory of John Kallerup by Kim, Nick, Ben, and Katie Kallerup. And in celebration of 20 years of marriage by Gary & Bonnie Shelton.

 **COMMUNION** - Due to Easter, Holy Communion will be on the second and fourth weekends of April.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING - Meets Monday, March 26th at 7:00pm. All are welcome!