

# Calendar

## Monday, February 25

1:00 PM Young at Heart  
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scouts

## Tuesday, February 26

9:00 AM Braille  
9:15 AM Lifelight  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts

## Wednesday, February 27

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
12:00 PM Lent & Lunch  
4:00 PM ASAZ  
6:30 PM Lenten Service  
7:15 PM Living Faith & Desert Voice  
7:15 PM - 8:00 PM WAZ (Confirmation (Fireside Room), Adv. Club, Sr. High Bible Study & Adult Bible Study)

## Thursday, February 28

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
1:00 PM Ruth Circle  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Join in Prayer  
4:30 PM Endowment Meeting  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scouts  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM First Aid Class (must pre-register - \$50)  
6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, February 29

## Saturday, March 1

5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

## Sunday, March 2

*Lutheran Schools Week*

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 AM Discovering the Faith Class - New Member Class  
9:40 AM Mission Trip Meeting  
9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion & ZECC children singing



### Nursery Schedule for March 2

8:30 AM Peter & Amy Chase  
9:40 AM Kirk & Hope Hughes  
10:50 AM Gary & Amanda Ford



**Feeling tongue-tied or unprepared** when it comes to sharing your faith? We all have missed opportunities. Imagine having tools to help you for the next time God sends the unbeliever in your direction! Come to the *Equipping to Share Evangelism Worship* on Saturday, March 15 @ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 23290 Hwy. 7, Excelsior. The workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (registration/snacks @ 8:30 a.m.). This workshop is free and includes a lunch (free-will offering). This interactive training from Lutheran Hour Ministries helps believers with the privilege of sharing the truth and love of Christ in everyday situations. Call Jerry to register by March 12 @ (952)474-5181 ext. 23 or email Jerry at jerry.rosamon@oslcs.org.

## Today at Zion

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School Education  
9:40 a.m. New Member Class  
10:50 a.m. Contemporary Worship

*Please join us for coffee and treats,  
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, between services.*

## Youth News

### Bethesda Thrift Shop Service Project for All Youth (grades 6-12)

When: Sunday, March 2

Time: Right after the late worship service until 4:00

What: Start with Pizza in the youth room and then going to help with product changeover.

Sign Up: On the Bulletin board on/Before Feb. 27 so we have enough pizza.

Adults: Yes, adult help is extremely appreciated!

### 2008 Summer Youth Mission Trip Meeting Next Sunday

*A special meeting for youth & parents interested in more information will be held on Sunday, March 2 during Education Hour – 9:40 am – in the Youth Room*

Who: Current 8-12 graders

What: Youth Mission Trip/Servant Event

Where: Cincinnati, Ohio

When: July 26-August 2, 2008

**Lutsen Weekend Ski/Snowboard Trip:** Registration is due by next Sunday... Turn in money and registration form (from Lisa or download from website).

The Trip: Friday-Sunday, March 7-9

Time: Leave as soon as possible after school on Friday, return at about 8:00pm Sunday

What: Ski/Snowboard Trip to Lutsen Mountains

Cost: \$150 (for everything except fast food on the way to and from) plus rental.

\*\*If you want to go but don't want to ski/snowboard, talk to Lisa.

Rental: Handle this on your own before we leave: go to [www.lutsen.com](http://www.lutsen.com), click on "Plan & Buy"; select "Rentals"; decide what you want and finish your purchase online (this saves time and money). You MUST do this at least 3 days prior to leaving.

February 24, 2008

# Illuminations

## Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

241 5th Avenue ♦ Hopkins, MN 55343

952.938.7661 ♦ [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org)

## Welcome to Zion

**It is a joy to have you with us today.** We pray that through God's Word and through the love of His people, you will be connected to God's love and be empowered to live as God's child this week.



**ZION** *a place to belong*

Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center

### **Our Vision:**

To become an outreach center for Christ centered health and wholeness.

### **Our Mission:**

To encourage one another to discover or rediscover a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **Weekend Schedule:**

Saturday Worship: Informal 5:00 p.m.

*Holy Communion is  
celebrated the  
first and third weekends.*

Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary 10:50 a.m.  
Education Hour 9:40 a.m.

**Wednesdays at Zion (WAZ):** 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Confirmation, Adventure Club, Sr. High Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study

### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(952)938-7661

Visit us on the web at [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org).

### **Zion Early Childhood Center (ZECC)**

A nurturing and loving environment for the growth and development of your child.

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
(952)938-7661 ext. 21

### When Last We Gathered

Attendance - February 17	399
Sunday School - February 17	60
Adult Bible Class - February 17	59
Mid Week - February 13	168
Tithes & Offerings - February 17	\$12,975.68
Building Fund - February 17	\$2,343.33
Missions - February 17	\$719.45



## Prayer Page

Jesus said, "If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, My Father in heaven will do it for you."

Matthew 18:19

Requests for prayers may be submitted in writing, phoned into the church office (952-938-7661) or by email at [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org). Prayers may also be submitted to the prayer chain by calling Al Reich, 952-960-4352. Anniversary, birthday, wedding and thanksgiving prayers will normally be included for one week. Medical and special concerns may be included for longer as needed. *Please take this newsletter with you* and remember the following people in your personal prayers this week:

**Special Concerns:** Serving in Iraq: Lt. CMDR Jay Johnson (brother of Dave Johnson), Eric Emery, SPC Ryan Butler (son-in-law of Gerry & Chris Formo), PFC Nathan Ruth (son of Linda Ruth), SPC Thomas Miller; Paul Hassing (brother of Brad Hassing), and the U.S. Military.

**Medical Concerns:** Marilyn Gliem, Dick Yackel, Irene Palmer, Esther Schepper, Helen Negri (mother-in-law of Ken Gust), Markus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman), Jack Durose (Vicki Peterson's brother-in-law), and Leonard Kramer (father of Jane Lehman).

**Thanksgivings:** 49th Wedding Anniversary of Gene & Sylvia Herzan, 6th Wedding Anniversary of Larry & Anna Monskey, 81st Birthday of Lorraine Krob, 67th Birthday of Judy Miller, Birthdays of Dick & Darlene Yackel, and the Birth of Caleb Andrew Frerick (son of Andy & Laura Frerich, grandson of Pastor Randall and Elizabeth Neal).

**Bereaved:** Sadie Falon, Edward Kuzma (father of Lil Ahlman) and Gene Negri (father-in-law of Ken Gust)

**Zion Member Families:** Each week the Ministry Leadership Team at Zion (pastors and staff) meet to coordinate the many different ministries here at Zion and to pray for individual families. This past week we prayed for Kirk, Hope & Evan Ortloff-Hughes; Jeff, Renee, Joseph & Jonathan Palm; Doug & Irene Palmer; Tom, Debi, Angela & Laura Parker; and Bob, Angie & James Parker.

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"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible!"  
--President George Washington

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**Flowers are given by** Dick & Darlene Yackel in honor of their Birthdays, Judy Miller in Thanksgiving for 67 years and for family at home and at church, and from the children of Lorraine Krob in honor of her 81st Birthday.

## Zion's Happenings

Please join us each Wednesday during the six weeks of Lent at 12:00 noon or 6:30 pm February 6th through March 12th for a midweek escape from the many tugs and pulls of your busy life. **A Journey of Promise** is the Lenten theme for this year. Our 12:00 noon service begins with a 1/2 hour devotional time followed by a soup and sandwich lunch provided by Zion Lutheran Church.



**Morning Glories Circle** is meeting Wednesday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Ruth Amdahl and Marcella Harfield are the hostesses.

**Ruth Circle** is meeting Thursday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Elrena Barlau is the hostess.

**Come kick off the Leap Year with the JOIN IN PRAYER GROUP** Thurs., Feb 28 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Room #204 at Zion! Folks come together to pray for concerns, requests, seeking God's heart for our community, nation and world. We pray silently or out loud. Whatever is comfortable for you. Each session is informal... Questions? Call Coordinator, Carolyn Bachman at 952-935-5909 or Zion's office at 952-938-7661. Hope to see you there!

### Change in Young Adults Volunteer Project:

Bethesda Thrift Store is a wonderful organization that accepts donations & uses the proceeds to benefit the Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Services for the Disabled ([www.blhs.org](http://www.blhs.org)). After the late service on Sunday, March 2nd, please meet at Bethesda Thrift Store (around 12:30 p.m.) and the couple who runs the store, Brian & Janet Olson, are serving pizza at 6:00 p.m., so stick around for that!!! Please consider sharing your time & energy to serve someone else in the name of Jesus! If you are interested in this opportunity, please let me know so I can let the Store know how many people they can expect to help! - Amanda Boysen, 952-836-8735

### Young Adults Let's go to a Wolves game!!!!

We have the chance to get tickets to a Timberwolves game! (Thanks to one of the friends of the group)  
**When:** Tuesday, March 11th, 7:00pm  
**Where:** Target Center, Minneapolis (We can meet at church & carpool)  
The Wolves will be playing the LA Clippers & it's sure to be a good game! Even if you're not a basketball fan, we're going to have a great time!! So let me know ASAP if you're interested and able to attend...  
I need to line up the correct number of tickets. Maybe we can grab some wings after the game, too! Amanda Boysen, 952-836-8735

## Life Thoughts

### February 24 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Jesus confronted the woman at the well with her sin (John 4:16-18). Jesus presented Himself to this woman as her Savior (4:25-26). God's people must be confronted with the horrible reality of the sin of abortion. Those who have committed this sin and are crushed with repentant hearts, need Jesus presented to them as their Savior.

**An ensemble of singers from the Concordia University Christus Chorus** will join us for worship and offer some musical selections at the 8:30am and 10:50am services on March 9. Singing at local churches helps them to prepare for their tour in Ghana, Africa, in May.

**BETH MOORE**, a speaker and author of best-selling Bible studies and other books for women is coming to Minneapolis July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008!! Beth Moore is a woman of purpose, preparation, prayer, and passion: a passion to share the joy and life saving message of Jesus Christ. The Beth Moore Conference is set for the Target Center in Minneapolis July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-9:30pm & 19th, 8:30am-Noon. Tickets are \$55 each (sorry, no group discount). Planning to go as a group? Order your tickets together. Call 1-800-254-2022 or check the web site [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com) and follow events link. Hurry-Moore's Events sell out quickly!

**Dying – A Beginner's Guide:** Learn about the end-of-life health care decisions from the experts, and create your own health care directive February 25 and March 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ridgedale Public Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka. For more information contact Fran Conklin: (651)659-0423 or [fran@hospicemn.org](mailto:fran@hospicemn.org).

**55 Alive Defensive Driving Refresher Course** will be offered on Friday, March 7, 2008. Beginning at 5 p.m. with dinner, followed by the class. Cost is \$10 a person. If you have previously completed the 8 hour initial course, you need to have this refresher class every three years to save 10% on your auto insurance. Please make reservations with Dottie Michaletz at 952-929-2377.

**Salad Luncheon, Style Show, and Quilt Auction April 5:** It's almost time for that grand LHS/CA-Bloomington tradition: the annual Salad Luncheon, Style Show, and Quilt Auction. This Year's event, "Singing in the Rain," takes place on April 5, starting at 11:00 a.m. in the Dan Reuss Memorial Gymnasium at CA-Bloomington. Join women from throughout the Twin Cities for a punch reception, a salad luncheon that includes the famous Valparaiso Salad, a style show, and the ever-popular quilt auction with our own celebrity auctioneer, Chris Roth. Entertainment will be provided by CA-Bloomington's Madrigals. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. Get yours by calling CA-Bloomington office at 952)854-0224. Proceeds support the ministry of CA-Bloomington.

## Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers, our old ones who come every year and to our first-timers, who made our February Blanket Days a success. During our two-day work sessions 121 quilts were made to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. During the year a smaller group of women meet monthly to work on quilts. Last year, this group made 482 quilts. Seventy-three of these quilts were sent to Liberia and the rest were sent to the Orphan Grain Train. The total amount of quilts made from March 2007 – February 2008 was 603. We thank God for all the people, who sew tops and backs, donate material, donate old blankets & sheets, sew fillers together, the men who take them to St. Paul and deliver them to World Relief, and the ladies who serve us lunch donated by Thrivent.