

# Calendar

## Monday, April 7

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scouts  
7:00 PM Cards

## Tuesday, April 8

9:00 AM Braille  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Bethesda  
7:00 PM Music on the Blacktop Meeting

## Wednesday, April 9

8:00 AM Braille  
9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
1:00 PM Braille  
4:00 PM ASAZ  
6:15 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation  
6:15 PM - 8:00 PM WAZ (Wednesdays at Zion)  
6:30 PM Living Faith  
7:00 PM Desert Voice



## Thursday, April 10

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
1:30 PM Nomination Committee  
6:00 PM - 8:45 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting  
6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, April 11

## Saturday, April 12

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM Women's Fireside Retreat  
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

## Sunday, April 13

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time  
9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
10:35 AM Contemporary Worship & New Member Reception  
12:00 PM Potluck to Welcome Zion's New Members



### Nursery Schedule for April 13

8:30 AM Gary & Amanda Ford  
9:40 AM Eveline Haag  
10:50 AM Mitch & Jennifer Mason

# Today at Zion

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

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



**Summer Coffee:** Starting this Sunday, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is serving coffee most of the spring and early summer. The proceeds will be matched by Thrivent and used for the Confirmation Dinner in October and the Senior Dinner in December.

**Concordia Academy Boys Basketball Camp** is July 7-11, 2008.

Grades: 4-6 9am-12pm  
Grades: 7-9 1pm-4pm  
Cost: \$100

Please contact Eric Schutte @ 651-983-3505 if you are interested and would like to receive a brochure.

## Youth News



**Sr. High Youth Local Service Project:** We are going to the Chanhassen site of Feed My Starving Children this Friday, April 11 to help package food for needy people. We will leave Zion at 7pm. We will serve FMSC until 9:30 and return back to Zion. A sign up sheet is on the youth room bulletin board. Friends are more than welcome to come along - the more people we have, the more people we serve. Talk to Lisa if you have any questions.

**Greetings** - for those of you who would like to help Zion's Youth Ministry raise some extra funds - here's a way that you can, without changing anything in your life - just how you search on the web - don't use Google, MSN or any other search engine - use Goodsearch.com. Here is the official weblink - that you can use and avoid the "searching for Zion Hopkins" and scrolling for the charity...

<http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=867860>

This will place Zion Lutheran Church - Hopkins, MN in the search charity immediately, therefore not adding to the sign in confusion. So far in a month and a half, we have raised over **\$17.80** - if EVERYONE would use this link to do searches - we could raise LOADS of money for Zion's Youth Ministry. You can also shop at Goodshop.com and we can earn between .5 and 7% of your purchases - depending on the company or store.

April 6, 2008

# Illuminations

## Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

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## 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*

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

*first and third weekends.*

**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 - March 30	397
Sunday School - March 30	60
Adult Education - March 30	77
Tithes & Offerings - March 30	\$8,252.97
Building Fund - March 30	\$1,029.00
Missions - March 30	\$466.95



## 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), John Kaminski (nephew of Joan Gilmore), the U.S. Military and Zion Women's Retreat.

**Medical Concerns:** Clem Rathmanner, Gene Bachman, Cynthia Zuber, Dave Brue (friend of Jane Lehman), Bev Mueller (daughter of Darlene Mueller), Marietta Nordstrom (mother of Dan Nordstrom and grandmother of Derek Nordstrom), Mike Lovel, Melbourne Carrigan, Nikki Laub, and Gerri Loder (mother of Chris Ahlman).

**Thanksgiving:** 60th Wedding Anniversary of Herb & Elizabeth Weckman, 35th Wedding Anniversary of Lee & Dee Lennander, Birthday of Vicki Peterson, and Jacob Olson is cancer free (friend of Gene & Carolyn Bachman)!

**Bereaved:** Will Kruse (brother of Don & Vern Kruse).

**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 Michael, Marcia & Gabe Randall; Nathan & Travis Randall; Shania & Tyler Rasmusson; Francis & Betty Rathbun; and Dorothy Rathmanner.



**Flowers are given by** Herb & Elizabeth Weckman in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and Lee & Dee Lennander in honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

## Life Thoughts

### April 6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

The Word of God points to a resurrected Jesus. (Luke 24:27). The Word of God gives new life, is "living," and "remains forever." (1 Peter 1:22-25) It is the perfect word to apply to life and those issues that deal with life.

## Zion's Happenings



**Living the Vision** begins in two weeks. You should have received two letters during the past several weeks which explain the plans and goals of this three year debt reduction & building improvement campaign. We are asking all of our members to attend one of many cottage meetings hosted by fellow members of Zion during a 3½ week period between April 21<sup>st</sup> and May

18th. The cottage meetings are designed so each member will get detailed information on what **Living the Vision** hopes to accomplish, and for fellowship with each other as Christians. At the cottage meetings members will be asked to make a prayerful financial commitment toward the goals of **Living the Vision**. **Please sign up** for a time which will work for you. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area.

**Pastor Krienke's retirement** – Late last year Pastor Krienke announced to the congregation that on August 10, 2008 he will formally retire. After almost 29 years of faithful service to our Lord, Jesus Christ and Zion Lutheran Church Pastor Krienke will step down as Associate Pastor of Zion. We will be having a "Thank You for Your Service Retirement Celebration" on that day with many special events. The Board of Elders is asking any individual(s) who would like to be part of the Celebration Steering Committee to contact any Elder, the church office, or Pastor Neal by April 13th.

**New Member Reception and Potluck:** On Sunday April 13 in the 10:50 service, Zion's new members will be received into the congregation! We are encouraging you to bring your best home cooking to the potluck and your warmest smile to greet and welcome them. This is such a fun and neat way to have time to visit with them and show our welcome. Start thinking about what you will bring!

**Emma Krumbee's Bus Trip:** Young at Heart is going to eat at Emma Krumbee's in Belle Plaine Thursday, April 17. The bus is leaving Zion at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to go. The bus holds only 25, so call early. Alice Anderson (952)938-5144.

**Table Talks – What's So Great About Christianity?** Pastor Neal will be leading a new Bible Class series beginning Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:40 am in the Fireside Room (#104). Each week he will lead a lively discussion based on the book **What's So Great About Christianity?** by Dinesh D'Souza. Can an intelligent, educated person really believe in the Bible? Or do the atheists have it right? Has Christianity been disproved by science, debunked as a force for good, and discredited as a guide to morality? Dinesh D'Souza, is a former White House domestic policy analyst, is currently the Rishwain Research Scholar at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. We will use his book as a basis for our discussion during the next several weeks. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.

**Hi Ladies!** The retreat is this Sat., April 12! Last chance to sign up... The registration forms are available in the Gathering Area, in Zion's office, and also at the [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org) web site. Come and hear Earlyn Manlay tell of what life is like in Liberia, how God is a part of her life and how we can be encouraged in our daily life and spiritual journey. The Liberian Praise and Worship team will be here for the day also. Lunch is included in the \$10 registration. Here is a place for you to come for a time away from routine and take a breath to become renewed, refreshed, rejuvenated! Questions? Call Carolyn 952-935-5909, Nancy 952-935-9445, or Karen 952-935-4356. The retreat is open to the women in the community so invite a friend to come! She'll be glad you did!

**Ladies, please plan on attending the LWML Spring Rally** on Tuesday, April 15th, at Victory Lutheran in Eden Prairie. Dessert and registration are at 6:30 pm and the rally starts at 7:00 pm. Our speaker is David Berg, Shakopee Women's Prison Chaplain. Also, a former offender is sharing her experiences. The cost is \$4 and first timers are free. If you plan on riding Zion's bus or have any questions, please call Joan Gilmore at 952/936-9185.

**Attention Thrivent Members!!** Did you know that when you transferred to Zion, your Thrivent membership didn't transfer automatically? If you would, please call Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (1-800-236-3736 option 1) and let them know that you are now a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins, MN church #6746, it would be appreciated. Thank you for your help.  
–Zion Thrivent Coordinators

**Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)** is having their Annual Spring Salad Luncheon April 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to bring their favorite salad for the gathering and it's a nice way to entertain your friends. Please join us for a pleasant Saturday as we get together to share recipes with everyone! Expert quilter, Ann Zemke, is our guest speaker and she will share many quilting ideas and helpful hints. Watch for more news! Tickets are available in the Gathering Area.

### 2008 Hunger Facts – ICA Food Shelf, Minnetonka

- ICA distributed 514, 245 #'s of food to 4,900 households in 2007.
- ICA served 349 households with financial assistance of \$256,087 in 2007.
- In 2007, there were 1.8 million food shelf visits statewide, distributing 42 million pounds of food.
- Food shelf use is at record highs across the state: 52% higher now than in 2000.
- 20% of food shelf visitors make less than \$1,000 a month, not enough income to cover their basic needs.