

# Calendar

## Monday, April 21

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Girl Scouts  
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scouts  
7:00 PM Cards

## Tuesday, April 22

9:00 AM Braille  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts

## Wednesday, April 23

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle  
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 24

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Join in Prayer  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scouts  
6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, April 25

## Saturday, April 26

11:30 AM CWF Spring Salad Luncheon  
5:00 PM Informal Worship

## Sunday, April 27

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship

### YOUNG ADULTS - WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Are you willing to step up & be a part of the new Young Adult Leadership Team? We are looking for 2 or 3 more people to help shape & plan the future of the Young Adults Group! We will be meeting at 12:30 (after the late service) on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> with Pastor-Neal. Please RSVP to Amanda at amnsweets02@hotmail.com, or just show up! Thank you for considering this opportunity!



# Today at Zion

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School Education  
10:50 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion  
12:00 p.m. Living the Vision Kickoff - Potluck Dinner

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



### Nursery Schedule for April 27

8:30 AM Brian & Karen Ringsven  
9:40 AM James & Sonjia Wagner  
10:50 AM Todd & Wendy Turgeon

**Beauty and the Beast at Concordia:** Concordia Academy-Bloomington presents the stage version of Disney's beloved family musical Beauty and the Beast today April 20 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and \$15 for "Best In The House" reserved seats. CA-Bloomington is located at 8201 Park Avenue South in Bloomington.

**Concordia Academy Open House:** Prospective students and families are invited to attend an evening open house at Concordia Academy-Bloomington on April 29, starting at 7:00 p.m. The evening begins with a brief presentation in the chapel, followed by student-led tours. Several teachers and administrators will also be available to meet with families and answer questions. Come learn about both our junior high (grades 7-8) and high school (grades 9-12) programs.

### As I See It —Padre

Harvey & Ruby Thielke were chosen *Cupids of the Year* in Chanhassen. It was announced in the February 14 Chanhassen newspaper. Ruby also was pictured this week as a hat model of silly hats.

## Thank You

Dear Zion Family, Thank you for your prayer support for the Women's Retreat last Saturday! We were blessed in many ways, right down to the big snow storm missing us here at Zion. "In Christ we who are many form one body" *Romans 12:5a NIV* was evident all day long. May it continue to bring Him glory! Thanks from the committee and those attending the Women's Retreat.

April 20, 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 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 - April 13	406
Sunday School - April 13	63
Adult Education - April 13	69
Tithes & Offerings - April 13	\$11,474.84
Building Fund - April 13	\$1,711.00
Missions - April 13	\$408.95



## 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, PFC Nathan Ruth (son of Linda Ruth), SPC Thomas Miller; Paul Hassing (brother of Brad Hassing), John Kaminski (nephew of Joan Gilmore), and the U.S. Military.

**Medical Concerns:** Sandy Berggren, Peggy Nesheim, Florence Michaletz, Lorena Remer (mother of Shelley Goronowski), Darlene Best, Dave Brue (friend of Jane Lehman), and Gordy (uncle of Rick Tupa).

**Thanksgiving:** 83rd Birthday of LeRoy Peterson, 48th Birthday of Brad Hassing, 19th Birthday of Lexie Hassing, the Birth of Caden Klement Stripling (son of Kevin & Reena Stripling), 60th Wedding Anniversary of Stanley & Arlene Herrmann, 59th Wedding Anniversary of LeRoy & Lois Peterson, and Don's recovery (brother of ZECC's Judy Fuhrman).

**Bereaved:** Clem Rathmanner and Winnifred Stimmler (sister-in-law of Florence Michaletz and Dottie Michaletz).

**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 Mark Rettig; Ray & Tim Riethmeier; Margaret Riley; Rick & Kathy Riley; and Brad, Diane & Leah Krenz-Rindal.



**Flowers are given by** Diane Phimister in memory of her husband and by Stanley & Arlene Herrmann in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Also, flowers are given by Wendy Booth in memory of her parents and from the family of Clem Rathmanner.

## Life Thoughts

**April 20 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

As we rejoice and take comfort in His promise, "I go to prepare a place for you," so we must trust in His timing, "I will come again and will take you to myself." (John 14:3)

## Zion's Happenings



**Living the Vision** -Accepting God's Challenge has begun! Today following our 10:50 AM worship service, we are joining together in a celebration of thanksgiving for our many blessings with a potluck dinner. Music will be provided by Bob Parker and Katie Wareham with Rev. Donald Johnson, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, as our guest keynote speaker.

- Please make it a point to sign up for a Cottage Meeting
- Advanced Gift visits are nearing completion
- Challenge Pledge cards may be returned to the Church Office
- Cottage meetings start Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>!
- We do have members regularly praying for God's direction, guidance, and blessing upon our **Living the Vision** campaign and Christian maturity as the Family of God here at Zion.

Note: We need a full congregational effort to make this campaign a success so that we can continually improve our efforts "to make disciples of all nations..." Please respect our volunteer lay members and their time by making the effort to sign-up and attend a cottage meeting. At the cottage meetings members are asked to come prepared to make a prayerful financial commitment toward the goals of *Living the Vision*.

**Morning Glories Circle** meets Wednesday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the HOME of Doris Waterman.

**Ruth Circle** meets Thursday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. at the HOME of Alice Anderson.

**You are invited** to the Music Recital of Carolyn Kan on Monday, April 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel University's Benson Great Hall.

**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.

**Join in Prayer Group:** Want to come for a short time of intercessory prayer with others here at Zion? The Join in Prayer Group is a varied group of folks who come together and pray silently or aloud for various needs, concerns, our community, and world. Please join us for this informal time of prayer on April 24 from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. in Room #204. Questions? Call Coordinator, Carolyn Bachman at 952-935-5909 or Zion's office at 952-938-7661.

**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 to hear our guest speaker, Anne Zemke who has handcrafted over 150 unique quilts. Anne is presenting a special quilt she made in memory of her grandmother, Marjorie Peterson, an orphan train rider. Please join us for *The Brave Journey of an Orphan Train Rider* as Ann shares her grandmother's story. In addition, we have Concordia Academy - Bloomington Madrigals for our entertainment. Don't forget to place a "letter" label on your salad container. We are eating at 12:00 Noon because our music program begins promptly at 12:45 p.m.

## Youth News

**Do You Search (or shop) on the WEB???** Go to [www.goodssearch.com](http://www.goodssearch.com) and do your searching and raise money for our Zion Youth Ministry. For every (non fraudulent) search we make money. Also, to raise more funds, if you shop online, follow the goodshop link at goodsearch and see what stores will donate a certain percentage of your purchase to the youth group. As of April 13 we had earned \$23.50 for Zion's Youth Ministry – just for searching the web! Thank you.

### 2008 Summer Youth Mission Trip

Who: Current 8-12 graders

What: Youth Mission Trip/Servant Event

Where: Cincinnati, Ohio

When: July 26-August 2, 2008

As of this printing we have 5 spots open for youth to attend this awesome event! If you haven't turned in your registration forms and the \$50 deposit, please do so quickly. Talk to Lisa if you have any questions.

**Caribou Wednesdays** – All Sr. High youth are invited to the Hopkins Caribou (Hwy 7 & Hopkins Crossroads) each Wednesday night in May. No official agenda is set for this time – we will see where God takes us in our discussions during the evening. We'll plan to be there from 7-8:00pm. You certainly don't have to buy something there, but if you want to, please bring your own money. If you need a ride, contact Lisa.