

Calendar

Monday, March 9

12:00 PM Braille

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 AM Braille

9:15 AM Lifelight

1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 12981

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 430

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 AM Braille

12:00 PM Devotional Worship & Lunch

1:00 PM Braille

4:00 PM ASAZ

6:30 PM Lenten Service

7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam & What's Up

7:15 PM Living Faith & Desert Voice

Thursday, March 12

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting

6:30 PM Festival Ringers

7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 13

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Men's Club Fish Fry

Saturday, March 14

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 13660

5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

Sunday, March 15

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion

9:40 AM Sunday School Education

10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

Clarity in the Crisis, a Leadership Breakfast with Larry Julian: Larry Julian, author of the business bestseller, *God is My CEO*, and newly-released *God is My Coach: A Business Leader's Guide to Finding Clarity in an Uncertain World* presents Clarity in the Crisis, a leadership breakfast brought to you by Wayzata Redeemer Lutheran School. Individual tickets \$20. March 21, 8-10:30am, Radisson Hotel and Conference Ctr. For more info, pick up a brochure in the Gathering Area. Register today at www.larryjulian.com click on "Store", or www.larryjulian.com/registration. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit Redeemer Lutheran School.



Today at Zion

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

9:40 a.m. Sunday School Education

10:50 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Nursery Schedule for March 15

8:30 AM Phil & Danielle Wentzel

9:40 AM Gary & Amanda Ford

10:50 AM Kevin & Reena Stripling

College Student Care Package Ministry The Board of Student Ministry will be sending 'Care Packages' to Zion's college students who are away at college. Below are two ways you can help with this ministry. Talk to Lisa Day if you have any questions.

- 1) You can donate new devotion books, bake something, or donate something else in good condition. Items must be received by Tuesday, March 10. Our Youth will be packing the boxes on Wednesday, March 11.
- 2) If you can't donate any items and still want to help, you can 'sponsor' one of the boxes by paying for the postage. Pre posted and packed boxes will be available in the gathering area on March 14-15. An envelope will be on the box listing the amount it would take to mail the package. All you will have to do is take the envelope, fill out the information, enclose your payment and return it to the church office. Boxes will be mailed on March 16.

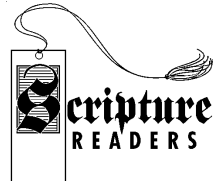
How to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church

Step 1: Come and worship at Zion Lutheran Church. "Check it out", participate in worship, observe, and ask questions.

Step 2: Set an appointment with one of the pastors to get acquainted and discuss expectations of membership. (952-938-7661 or www.zionhopkins.org)

Membership can be by:

- **Transfer** – from another LCMS congregation where you are currently a member.
- **Adult Confirmation** – completing a ten (6) week class of background information about beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church.
- **Profession of Faith** – formerly an LCMS member but not currently one.



March 14, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske
 March 15, 8:30am - Dan Ahlman
 March 15, 10:50am - Cynthia Zuber

March 8, 2009

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.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (September - April)

Confirmation, 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.

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 1	379
Adult Bible Class - March 1	47
Sunday School - March 1	75
Tithes & Offerings - March 1	\$12,301.60
Building Fund - March 1	\$3,056.55
Missions - March 1	\$758.05



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. 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: The U.S. Military and the U. S. economy.

Medical Concerns: Mabel Thronson, Barbara Nymark (sister-in-law of Jo Carroll), Cindy Marschel (cousin of Mark Rettig), Gina Langaard (daughter of Richard & Shelly Hendrickson), Marty Brown (uncle of Amy Bartley), Paula Oberlander (mother of Sarah Oberlander), Anthony Bode (cousin of Joan Gilmore), Kent Hellerud, Jack Durose (brother-in-law of Vicki Peterson), Karlene Discher, John Laub (brother of Daryl Laub), and Gloria Redburn.

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Madison Rae Horton (daughter of Amber Lee Horton and godchild of Raenel Horton), Birthday of Dan Ahlman and the Birthday of Carol Krueger.

Bereaved: Agatha Vinbemier (relative of Ray Lovel, Harold Gust, Corrine Gust, & Padre Krienke).

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 Mike & Jill Frederick; Marge Fricke; Kyle Frisk; Claudia Frisk, Brianna & Christopher Morris; and Pat Fritsche .

Bus Driver: We are looking for individuals to serve as ZECC's bus driver. If you are interested, please call Lisa Day at the church office.



Thank You

Dear Members of Zion, Thank you to everyone for your prayers and well wishes during my surgery. *Jim Klug*

Zion's Happenings

Table Talks – I Timothy: Pastor Neal is leading a new Bible Class series at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#104). Without trying, we model our values. Parents in particular demonstrate to their children what they consider important and valuable. "Like father, like son" is not just a well-worn cliché; it is a truth repeated in our homes. The Biblical book of I Timothy is a prime example of one who was influenced by godly relatives. Timothy was influenced by his mother, Eunice, and grandmother Lois, St. Paul, and others. What can we learn from Godly role models? How can we be positive, Godly role models? Join Pastor Neal as he leads us in digging deeper into these cultural and ethnic questions and 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.

New Class: We are discussing *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis. The class will be listening to the book on audio tape, and it will require no preparation for those attending. Join us on Sundays at 9:45am in the Office Suites (aka pastor's office).

Soup & Sandwich during Lent: If you are interested in helping, please call Isabel Kloss at 952-938-6930.

Men's Club/Thrivent Fish Dinner: Our Annual Fish Dinner is Friday, March 13th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. See flyers posted for more details. Advance tickets (save a buck) are available in the Gathering Area and from Dan Ahlman, Eddie Lundgren, Vern Anderson, or Harold Gust.

Emma Krumbie's Bus Trip: Young at Heart is going to eat at Emma Krumbie's in Belle Plaine on Friday March 20th. Bus will leave Zion at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to go. Bus holds only 25 so call early. Alice Anderson 950-938-5144

Discovering the Faith Class: This 6-week course is designed for individuals who have not completed an information class on the fundamentals of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Those completing this course will be invited to consider full membership at Zion Lutheran Church. The next course begins Sunday, March 29, from 9:40 to 10:35am in Room #204 (Council) upstairs in the educational wing. All materials are provided free of charge. There are no tests nor will anyone be asked to read aloud. If you are interested or know someone who might be please give the name to the church office, 952-938-7661 or www.zionhopkins.org for further details and to pre-register.

Interested in possible membership at Zion? You are invited to attend a one-hour informational session to hear what is involved in becoming a full member of the Zion Lutheran Church family. The next session is April 5, 2009, from 9:40 to 10:35am in Room #204 (Council) upstairs in the educational wing.

BETHESDA THANKS YOU! Wow, what a day we had at Bethesda Thrift Shop for our semi-annual clothing changeover. We had 35 Zion members turn out to help. It really did help make a big difference and we got done at least 1 hour earlier than we normally would have. This a perfect example of youth and adults working together for a common project. PRAISE GOD FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. Thanks again for the use of your precious time and talents! *Brian and Janet Olson*

LWML: Ladies, our national LWML mite offerings need to be postmarked by March 31st to be counted toward this biennium's mission goal. As of last month, we still needed \$171,000 to reach our goal. Please grab a mite box from the table by the church office door or you can just write a check and give it to me. Also, remember, the LWML Spring Rally is at Golden Valley Lutheran on Tuesday, April 21st. Thanks, *Joan Gilmore*

Youth News

6th Grade 1st Communion Instruction is held on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00pm until April 1 in the Chapel. Students must take this class in order to participate in Holy Communion. Parents are also strongly encouraged to attend.

Confirmation Classes for 7-8th Grade are held from 7:15-8:00pm on Wednesdays until April 1 in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to some New Testament history, this week we will be packing 'care packages' for Zion students who are away at college.

All Youth Friendship Day Bowling at Tuttle's is Sunday March 22. Bring a friend for free... If you bring a 6-12th grade non-Zion friend along, you get a 2 for 1 deal! Only 1 offer per person. All Zion youth and their guests are invited. We will leave Zion after the 10:50 service (you can meet us at Tuttle's at 12:20 if that's easier). Cost is \$18 - you get 2 hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, pizza, & beverages. To sign up, complete a registration form from Zion's website, and turn it in with your \$\$ by March 18. Guests must have a registration form turned in too. Remember - All registration forms (for members and guests) along with your money must be turned in by March 18 or you may not be able to go.

Got attitude? The 1st Annual MN South District Sr. High Youth Gathering hosted by Concordia University. You can visit the event page titled "Got Attitude?" on Facebook. Cost is \$35 and includes a give-away, service project transportation, two snacks, and a lunch. We'll leave Zion on Saturday, April 4 at 8:30am and return at around 7:00pm. This is for all youth in 9-12th grade. You can find the registration information on Zion's website... find the link for SRHI Leadership Conf. Registration and payment is due *next* Sunday, March 15.

Empty Bowls: All youth from Zion are invited to meet for supper on Tuesday, March 24 at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. If you'd like to support this wonderful project and enjoy dinner with other Zion Youth, meet outside the building at 6:00pm. The dinner is over at 7:00pm. Bring money for a donation.