

Calendar

Monday, March 23
1:00 PM Young at Heart

Tuesday, March 24
9:00 AM Braille
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Empty Bowls @ Hopkins Center for the Arts
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

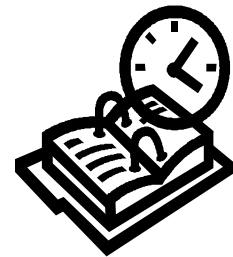
Wednesday, March 25
9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle
12:00 PM Devotional Worship & Lunch
1:00 PM Loving Care Circle
4:00 PM ASAZ
6:30 PM Lenten Service
7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam & What's Up
7:15 PM Living Faith & Desert Voice

Thursday, March 26
10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
1:00 PM Ruth Circle
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28
5:00 PM Informal Worship

Sunday, March 29
8:30 AM Traditional Worship
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion



Life Thoughts

March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent or The Annunciation of our Lord.
John 3:16 is said to be “the Gospel in a nutshell.” A seminary professor commented, “How does anyone think the Gospel could ever possibly be contained in a nutshell?” True, the Gospel is too wide and high and deep to be contained. Yet, it is also a simple message. So, daring to summarize the summary of John 3:16, “God loves life”!

Today at Zion

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday School Education
9:40 a.m. Children's Friendship Day
10:50 a.m. Contemporary Worship
12:30 p.m. All Youth Bowling @ Tuttle's

ICA Bread Bake: Thank you to all who ordered Great Harvest bread for Baker of the Day for ICA Foodshelf. Please remember to pick up your bread TODAY at Great Harvest, 17416 Minnetonka Blvd (101 and Minnetonka Blvd), Minnetonka.

Young at Heart will be meeting on Monday, March 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. Ann Buck from the Hopkins Police Dept will be there to talk on Safety. All members are welcome. Any questions call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.


Morning Glories Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 25, at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room at Zion. Alice Carrigan and Ardes Maasch will host the meeting. Our topic will be from the Spring Quarterly page 20. Note the later start time.

Ruth Circle will meet March 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess is Mary Burg.



Old Log Theater: Young at Heart is going to the Old Log Theater to have lunch and see the play “Alone Together” (a comedy) on Wednesday, April 15. Cost is \$30.25. Bus leaves Zion at 11:00 a.m. For reservations call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 before April 6. All are welcome.

New Lutheran School: Announcing the opening of Lion's Gate Christian Academy (K - 12) for the fall of 2009. A school of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod located in Bloomington near 35W and Old Shakopee Road. Applications are being accepted now. Visit our website: www.newlutheranschool.org for details.



March 25, Wed. - Mark Rettig
March 28, 5:00pm -
March 29, 8:30am - Dee Anderson
March 29, 10:50am - Denise Rauchman

March 22, 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 11	162
Attendance - March 15	365
Adult Bible Class - March 15	59
Sunday School - March 15	57
Tithes & Offerings - March 15	\$9,176.01
Building Fund - March 15	\$2,181.55
Missions - March 15	\$637.05



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, the U. S. economy, members who have lost their jobs, and Kelly Eck (niece of Karen Eck) and her father for safe travel to her competition for the World Jr. High Synchronized Swimming meet.

Medical Concerns: Padre Krienke, Monica Goede, Chelsey Nordstrom, Merle Cavier, Mitzi Erdmann, Norm Haedtke, Lil Ahlman, Sandy (friend of Karen Eck), Forrest (nephew of Karen Eck), Lauren Longworth (father of Lori Ebert), Barbara Nymark (sister-in-law of Jo Carroll), Cindy Marschel (cousin of Mark Rettig), and Anthony Bode (cousin of Joan Gilmore).

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Carter Francis Wagendorf (son of Jay & Jessica Wagendorf, godchild of Shane Dore and Kelly Nelson), 11th Wedding Anniversary of Gary & Bonnie Shelton, 94th Birthday of Mille Anderson, Birthday of Vicki Peterson and the 1st Birthday of Ariail Lowder (daughter of Amanda Hassing and granddaughter of Brad & Teresa Hassing)

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 Milton Giese; Joan & Marcus Gilmore; Rena Glaser; Bud & Marilyn Gliem; and Chuck Gligor.

Volunteer Opportunity: Methodist Hospital Hospice will be providing training sessions this spring for new volunteers. Our volunteers give respite care to caregivers who are caring for terminally ill loved ones in their own private homes. Commitment is a maximum of 4 hours per week, and training is 4 sessions. If interested, please call Libby Swanson at 952-993-5381. Thank you for your interest.

Lutheran Counseling Center serves as a referral counseling agency to the Minnesota South District of the LCMS. Their approach to counseling draws upon the power of our Christian faith. They offer a sliding fee structure that allows those with limited resources and without insurance to find the help they seek. If you would like to speak to someone from LCC they can be reached at 952-894-4828 (Twin Cities); 800-466-0401 (Outstate Minnesota), or www.lutherancounseling.org.

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 is listening to the book on audio tape, and it requires no preparation for those attending. Join us on Sundays at 9:45am in **Room #204**.

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.

New Members will be received at the end of May. If you would like to be a member of Zion Lutheran Church, please contact the church office. A brochure on how to become a member is included in the "Welcome" packet located at the Gathering Area entrance.

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.

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*

Human Care Board Food Drive: Minnesota has been hit hard by the current economic recession. By year's end, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis forecasts Minnesota's unemployment rate to climb to 7.8%. As unemployment rises, so does the number of people needing help. ICA reports a drastic increase in the number of people needing to use the food shelf in order to make ends meet. The Human Care Board will hold a Food Drive the weekends of March 28 & 29 and April 4 & 5. Please bring in your non-perishable food items; or put your cash donation in a pew envelope marked "FOOD DRIVE." Every \$1 donated buys \$5 worth of food. Please help if you can.

Isaiah 58:7-8: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.



Altar Care Reminder: Cleaning Bee & Meeting will be Saturday, April 4th from 9 a.m. to noon. Please remember to bring cleaning supplies.

Youth News

6th Grade 1st Communion Instruction is being 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 Class for 7-8th Grade is being held from 7:15-8:00pm on Wednesdays until April 1 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be learning more about New Testament history in the next few weeks.

Empty Bowls All youth from Zion are invited to meet for supper THIS 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.

Got Attitude? Those youth who have registered for the 1st Annual Sr. High Leadership Conference at Concordia... remember that we are leaving Zion at 8:30am and returning at around 7pm on April 4th.

26th annual Jr. High Youth Gathering at Concordia University. It's a great event for over 300 Jr. High students from around MN, WI, ND, SD, and IA – and you get to stay on the University Campus. It will be held April 24-25. Talk to Laura, Kaitlin, or Heather to find out how much fun it was last year. Cost is \$44 – you get meals, worship, and much more – even a t-shirt! Registration forms are on Zion's website (JRHI Gathering) and must be turned in along with your \$ by April 1.