

Calendar

Monday, March 30

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, April 1

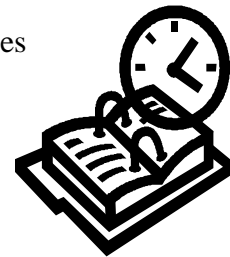
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 AM Braille
9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
12:00 PM Devotional Worship & Lunch
4:00 PM ASAZ
6:30 PM Lenten Service
7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam & What's Up
7:15 PM Living Faith & Desert Voice

Thursday, April 2

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
2:30 PM - 6:00 PM ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences
5:45 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 10722
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 3

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences

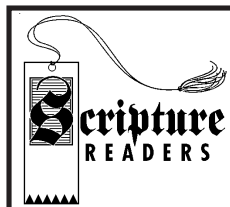


Saturday, April 4

8:15 AM Sr. High Gathering @ Concordia
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Altar Care Cleaning Bee
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday
8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion
2:00 PM Festival Ringers



April 1, Wednesday - Mark Rettig
April 4, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske
April 5, 8:30am - Mark Rettig
April 5, 10:50am - Cynthia Zuber

Today at Zion

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



Nursery Schedule for April 5

8:30 AM Larry & Anna Monskey
9:40 AM Peter & Amy Chase
10:50 AM John & Jennifer Selander



Please be respectful of Zion's handicapped and visitor parking spaces. Thank you!

Fargo flood clean up: We will be coordinating a day trip for individuals wanting to help with the clean up effort in Fargo once the Red River flood waters recede. If you would like to participate be watching for details as they become known. You may leave your name and phone/email with the church office if you would like to participate.



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 **the office suite** (aka Pastor's office).



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.

The Suburban Lakes LWML Spring Zone Rally will be held at Golden Valley Lutheran Church (5501 Glenwood Avenue, Golden Valley MN 55422) on Tuesday, April 21st. Registration and dessert are at 6:30 PM and the Rally is at 7:00. Cost is \$4.00; first-time attendees are free. *All women are welcome* to attend this special event. The theme is: *A Promise Kept*. The featured presenters are Pastor Rex and Linda Rinne. (Pastor Rinne began serving Golden Valley Lutheran Church in March of 2008. Together with his wife Linda, they have a passion for mission work.) **Gifts from the Heart:** new white t-shirts, plain sweatpants and plain sweatshirts for ages 5 through 13 (This is the mandatory outfit for children to be able to participate in physical education at school in Zbynova, Slovakia, according to Pastor Rex and Linda. Children from poor families rarely fulfill this requirement.)

March 29, 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 18	185
Attendance - March 21	391
Adult Bible Class - March 21	71
Sunday School - March 21	74
Tithes & Offerings - March 21	\$15,869.04
Building Fund - March 21	\$2,889.88
Missions - March 21	\$844.60



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, Red River Valley flood victims, and Zion members who lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Celeste McMillan, Padre Krienke, Chelsey Nordstrom, Mitzi Erdmann, Norm Haedtke, Lil Ahlman, Lauren Longworth (father of Lori Ebert), Barbara Nymark (sister-in-law of Jo Carroll), and Anthony Bode (cousin of Joan Gilmore).

Bereaved: Vern Kruse, Cindy Marschel (cousin of Mark Rettig), Clifford Gutzke, Marty Brown (uncle of Amy Bartley), and John Laub (brother of Daryl Laub).

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 Sarah Gober; Cheryl Goede; Louise Goede; Monica Goede; and Nick, Niya & Jaidee Goehring.



Please consider signing up to provide flowers for a worship service this year. Flowers may be given to celebrate an anniversary, birthday or other special occasion, in remembrance of someone special or in thanksgiving for the many blessings you've received from God. Flowers may be ordered from a florist and delivered to the church or call Barb Bohach and she will put together a floral arrangement for you (952-938-2036).

Telephone Equipment at No Cost: Do you wish it was easier to hear callers clearly, to hear the phone ring, to dial or hold the phone, or to have your voice understood on the telephone? You may be eligible to receive the telephone equipment you need **free of charge** from the State of Minnesota's Telephone Equipment Distribution Program. You are already paying for this service through a telephone surcharge on your phone bill. For more information call: 1-800-657-3663 (TTY callers 1-888-206-6555) or visit our web site at www.tedprogram.org.



Zion's Happenings

Guest Speaker: Our guest preacher today is Rev. Dr. Mark G. Press. Pastor Press has served as a parish pastor for over 30 years and now serves as the Director of The Oswald Hoffmann School of Christian Outreach at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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.

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. 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 is holding a Food Drive this weekend 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.



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.

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 Saturday, April 4.

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.

Easter Breakfast Set-Up – Saturday, April 11, 2009: Meet at Zion at 10:00am to help prepare food, set up, and decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Easter Breakfast. Anyone can come and help!

Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 12, 2009: We need workers from 6:30-9:30am; 7:00-10:30am; and/or 9:30-Noon. A sign-up sheet is on the -dry-erase board as you enter the Youth Room. Out of respect for the organizers and more flexible volunteers, please sign up ahead of time for the times you can work. Not that we don't need people at other times, but volunteers tend to disappear when clean up is needed - I would greatly appreciate it if some people could help during that last shift.