

Calendar

Monday, April 6

6:00 PM ZECC Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Cards

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
6:00 PM Executive
7:00 PM Leadership

Wednesday, April 8

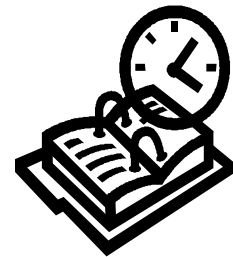
No Classes
8:00 AM Braille
9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
1:00 PM Braille
6:30 PM Living Faith
7:15 PM Desert Voice

Thursday, April 9

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
12:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion & Confirmation First Communion
8:00 PM Confirmation First Communion Reception
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 10

Church Office Closed
12:00 PM Good Friday Service with Communion
7:00 PM Good Friday Service with Communion



Saturday, April 11

No Saturday Worship
9:00 AM Easter Buffet Bread Baking
9:00 AM Easter Memorial Garden Set-up
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Easter Buffet Set-up

Sunday, April 12

6:30 AM Sunrise Easter Worship
7:30 AM - 10:15 AM Easter Breakfast Buffet
8:30 AM Traditional Easter Worship
10:50 AM Contemporary Easter Worship

Monday, April 13

Church Office Closed
12:00 PM Braille

Today at Zion

Palm Sunday

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.)

April 5, 2009

Illuminations

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

241 5th Avenue " Hopkins, MN 55343

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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 25	157
Attendance - March 29	383
Adult Bible Class - March 29	63
Sunday School - March 29	61
Tithes & Offerings - March 29	\$12,183.93
Building Fund - March 29	\$1,499.55
Missions - March 29	\$469.05



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, Sgt. Sam Raiche (stationed in Afghanistan, friend of Debi Herzan), Red River Valley flood victims, and Zion members who lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Red Burg, Larry Dagan, Jillian Lehman (niece of Brian & Jane Lehman), Mary Lastine (friend of Lori Ebert), Herbbie Hoffman (uncle-in-law of 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).

Thanksgiving: 40th Wedding Anniversary of Gerry & Chris Formo, 23rd Wedding Anniversary of Matt & Barb Kan, Birthday of Doug Palmer and the 90th Birthday of James Wangen (father of Marcia Randall).

Bereaved: Celeste McMillan, Rose Carlson (aunt and godmother of Gary Shelton), and Edythe McLeod (aunt of Doug Palmer).

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 Shelly Gonshorowski; Vivian Goulet; Bob & Christie Grey; Charlie & Frances Grover; and Corrine Gust.

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 six (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.

Zion's Happenings

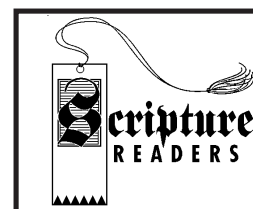
Guest Speaker: Our guest preacher today is Rev. Dr. Mark G. Press. Pastor Press has served as a parish pastor for over 30 years and now serves as the Director of The Oswald Hoffmann School of Christian Outreach at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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. 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.

Human Care Board Food Drive: Minnesota has been hit hard by the current economic recession. ICA reports a drastic increase in the number of people needing to use the food shelf in order to make ends meet. Zion's Human Care Board is holding a Food Drive this weekend. 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. Your help is very much appreciated.

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.

Church Careers: Do you know a student interested in serving in full time ministry? Invite them to attend Concordia University's Exploring Church Careers Weekend held April 24-25, 2009. The event is designed to help high school students discover their calling in God's world. During the weekend, students will have the opportunity to learn about different professional church careers, worship with and meet high school students from around the country, and explore CSP's campus. This event is FREE for all 9th-12th grade students. Talk to Lisa Day for more information.



April 12, 6:30am - Dee Anderson
April 12, 8:30am - Beryl Schultze
April 12, 10:50am - Cynthia Zuber



Job Hunting: We need your help. We are looking for individuals who have been affected by the recent economic downturn and lost their jobs or had their job hours or pay reduced or negatively affected in any way. These individuals can be a member of Zion congregation or a neighbor or a friend or a relative; it doesn't matter. We have lined up to come to Zion a professional company who specializes in providing help with job hunting skills for individuals needing these services. There will be no cost to the individual. Zion will pay for the services. Before we contract with this company we need to know if anybody is interested and would participate. If you know of anybody needing this kind of professional help please inform Pastor Neal, Vicki Peterson or leave your name and contact information with the church office.

Gala 2009: The Mt-Hope-Redemption and Lion's Gate Christian Academy communities cordially invite you to attend GALA 2009 on Saturday, April 18. The evening will incorporate a Riverboat theme and is entitled "Full Steam Ahead". The evening will include entertainment, music, dinner, and a live auction featuring special celebrity auctioneer Frank Vascellaro of WCCO Channel 4 News. 50% of proceeds raised will benefit the endowment / scholarship fund at MHR and 50% will benefit Lion's Gate Christian Academy. The Gala will be held at Lutheran Church of the Redemption, 927 East Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN. Tickets are \$25 per guest. Checks are payable to MHR Lutheran School. For tickets call 952-881-0035.

Youth News

Confirmation Items: 1) No class on Wednesday, April 8; 2) Early Communion Service on Thursday, April 9 at 7pm; 3) Parent's Night on Wednesday, April 15; 4) Last Class – Celebration & Evaluation on Wednesday April 22.

Early Communion Service – This Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm: Please pray for the following students who have completed their Early Communion instruction and will be taking their 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday. The students are: Josie Brott, Tyler Kirby, Max Narr, Matthew Ringsven, Hannah Hagan, and Holly Wilson. A reception for these students will be held following worship on Maundy Thursday

Early Communion Students: Please be at Zion on Thursday, April 9 no later than 6:30 pm for pictures and any final instructions.

Sunday JAM (Jr. & Sr. High): During April, Lisa will be teaching both Jr. & Sr. High Youth. Last week we started learning about what God did through Noah as he stood up for God in an evil world.

TX Mission Trip Participants: 1) For those of you on the 'Fundraising Committee' and the 'Fun Event/Photo Committee' there will be a meeting after worship on Sunday, April 19. We need to start finalizing our plans for the trip so the necessary reservations can be made early. 2) Don't forget the payment plan highlighted at the last meeting. Your next payment of \$100 is due April 15.