

Calendar

Monday, April 13

Church Office Closed
12:00 PM Braille

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
4:15 PM Memorial Committee
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 12981
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 430

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 AM Braille
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Zion Quilters
9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
1:00 PM Braille
1:00 PM MOL Deadline
4:00 PM ASAZ
6:30 PM Confirmation - Parent Night
6:30 PM Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam & What's Up
6:30 PM Living Faith
7:15 PM Desert Voice

Thursday, April 16

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
11:30 AM Caring Friends
1:30 PM Nominations Committee
5:45 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 10722
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir



Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 13660
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 19

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion
12:00 PM Elder Home Communion Visits

Today at Zion

Easter Sunday

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



Nursery Schedule for April 19

8:30 AM Mitch & Jennifer Mason
9:40 AM Kyle & Theresa Johnson
10:50 AM Richard & Holly Thorson

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 9:45 am in the office suite (aka Pastor's office).



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.)

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.

April 12, 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 April 1	180
Attendance - April 5	490
Adult Bible Class - April 5	56
Sunday School - April 5	55
Tithes & Offerings - April 5	\$19,574.50
Building Fund - April 5	\$3,980.38
Missions - April 5	\$955.05



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 have lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Red Burg, Larry Dagan, Sue Ketcher (sister-in-law of Keith & Diane Ketcher), Mary Lastine (friend of Lori Ebert), Herbbie Hoffman (uncle-in-law of Padre Krienke), Chelsey Nordstrom, Lil Ahlman, Lauren Longworth (father of Lori Ebert), Barbara Nymark (sister-in-law of Jo Carroll), and Anthony Bode (cousin of Joan Gilmore).

Thanksgiving: the 19th Birthday of Jared Betterman and for our Lord and Savior!

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 Ed Gust; Harold & Marcie Gust; Eveline & Ellie Haag; Lyman & Margy Haag; and Michael Haag.



Coins for Christ - As a way of supporting individuals studying to become new Lutheran pastors the loose coins (nickels, dimes, and quarters) which are put into the weekly offering plate are joined with coins from other local Twin Cities suburban Lutheran congregations.

These funds are then sent to one of our seminaries for the benefit of a student from the Twin Cities area.

Life Thoughts

April 12 – The Resurrection of our Lord

"Who will roll away the stone . . .? (Mark 16:3b) Where do we turn to "roll away" the struggles of dying and death? The risen Christ! We live in His victory! We trust that He gives purpose to our living and certain hope in our dying.

Zion's Happenings

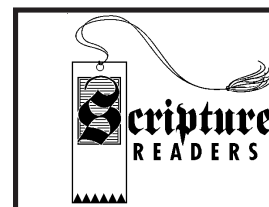
Women of Destiny: Zion welcomed a group of Kenyan women, know as Women of Destiny, to meet for prayer and intercession on the third Saturday of each month. We gather in the Fireside Room at 3:00pm and we end around 6:00pm. All women are welcome to join in this time of worship, study, and focused prayer. If you have any questions, please call Beth Lewis at 763-515-3331 or Karen Eck at 952-935-4356. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 18.

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) is having their Annual Spring Salad Luncheon April 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to bring their favorite salads and their favorite salad recipes for the gathering and it's a nice way to entertain your friends. Please join us for a pleasant Saturday as we get together to share recipes with everyone!

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.

New Members will be received at the end of May. If you would like to become 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.

Camp Omega Memorial Work-Weekend, May 22-24, 2009: Join in Christian fellowship as volunteers prepare the camp for summer programs and the arrival of 1600+ children, youth and adults. Come Friday evening and stay through Sunday lunch, or any portion thereof. The event includes free lodging, meals, and use of the camp's recreation facilities. Please let Vicki Peterson or Lisa Day know if you need a ride; we might take the bus down, depending on interest. Camp Omega is located near Waterville, MN; only 1 1/2 hours away! More information is available at <http://www.campomega.org>. Flyers will be given to the Sunday School children, Junior and Senior High youth and are also available on the Gathering Area table.



April 18, 5:00pm - Tim Bodin
April 19, 8:30am - Mark Rettig
April 19, 10:50am - Daryl Laub

Are you searching for a job? 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 contracted with a professional company that specializes in providing help with job hunting skills for individuals. There will be no cost to the individual. Zion will pay for the services. You will receive encouragement, discover successful ways to do job searches, networking, and freshen up on interviewing skills, and polish your resume. Three sessions, and each session is different. The dates are Wednesday, April 22, Tuesday, April 28, and Thursday, April 30. Each evening begins at 6:30pm in Room 102 and ends at 8:30pm. If you or if you know of anyone 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 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. For tickets call 952-881-0035.

Thank You

Dear Members of Zion, Thank you for the prayers, well wishes, cards, phone calls, and visits during my recent health issues. *Marie Wendell*

Thanks to all the wonderful people who helped with the Lenten lunches and thank you for sharing your time. *Lenten Lunch Kitchen Staff*

Youth News

Confirmation Items: Parent's Night is Wednesday, April 15 and the Last Class, Celebration & Evaluation, is Wednesday, April 22.

Sunday JAM (Jr. & Sr. High): During April, Lisa is teaching both Jr. & Sr. High Youth. We are studying 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.