

# Calendar

## Monday, April 20

7:00 PM Cards

## Tuesday, April 21

9:00 AM Braille  
 1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting  
 6:00 PM Executive  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 1652  
 7:00 PM Church Council

## Wednesday, April 22

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
 9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle  
 1:00 PM Loving Care Circle  
 6:30 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam & What's Up (last class)  
 6:30 PM Living Faith  
 7:15 PM Desert Voice

## Thursday, April 23

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
 1:00 PM Ruth Circle  
 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Join in Prayer  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ZECC Parent/Director Meeting  
 6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, April 24

4:30 PM Leave for Jr. High Gathering

## Saturday, April 25

11:30 AM CWF Spring Salad Luncheon  
 4:30 PM Return from Jr. High Gathering  
 5:00 PM Informal Worship with MN Teen Challenge

## Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with MN Teen Challenge  
 9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
 10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with MN Teen Challenge



# Today at Zion

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School Education  
 10:50 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion  
 12:00 p.m. Elder Home Communion Visits  
 12:00 p.m. TX Mission Trip Meeting



### Nursery Schedule for April 26

8:30 AM Gary & Amanda Ford  
 9:40 AM Dan & Kinlin Schultz  
 10:50 AM Kevin & Reena Stripling

**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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. **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.) Please call Joan Gilmore if you would like to ride Zion's bus. The bus is leaving at 6:15pm.



## Treasure Seekers

*A Ministry for Young Adults*

**The End of the World is Coming!! ARE YOU READY FOR IT?**  
**Join the Young Adults group for our new 6 week study on Jesus and the End of the World~**

- \* Have you ever wondered what Jesus' 2nd coming will be like?
- \* What happens when you die?
- \* Is Revelations a factual account of Heaven?

Join us as we discuss these questions plus many more riveting topics! We meet each Sunday morning at 9:40am in Room 208. Join us for meaningful discussion, a cup of coffee and snacks...what could be better??

### Take Me Out to the Ballgame...TAKE ME OUT TO THE CROWD!!!

Join us for some good Midwest fun!

**What:** Twins Game vs. Kansas City

**When:** Friday, May 1st- Game @ 7:10

**Where:** Meet at Zion @ 5:45 and carpool to Metrodome

**OR** meet us at the Lightrail Station by Metrodome @ 6:50

**Cost:** \$8

**PLEASE RSVP** to Nikki by **Friday, April 24th** in order to reserve a ticket!  
 nikki0384@hotmail.com or 605-261-7105

April 19, 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](http://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 9	226
Attendance April 10	248
Attendance - April 12	611
Easter Breakfast- April 12	256
Tithes & Offerings - April 12	\$17,041.42
Building Fund - April 12	\$2,085.55
Missions - April 12	\$588.05



## 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](http://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:** Larry Dagan, Mary Lastine (friend of Lori Ebert), Herbbie Hoffman (uncle-in-law of Padre Krienke), Chelsey Nordstrom, Lil Ahlman, Barbara Nymark (sister-in-law of Jo Carroll), and Anthony Bode (cousin of Joan Gilmore).

**Thanksgiving:** 92nd Birthday of Monica Goede, 86th Birthday of Red Burg, 84th Birthday of Leroy Peterson, Birthday of Daryl Laub, 60th Wedding Anniversary of Leroy & Lois Peterson, the Baptism of Casey Timothy Nordstrom (son of Derek & Vanessa Nordstrom, godson of Bryan & Katie Dade and Andrew & Amberlee Johnson), and the Birth of Wyatt Daniel Smith (son of Dan & Katie Smith, grandson of Gary & Linda Strei).

**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 Norman & Elaine Haedtke; Mary, Aaron & Hannah Hagan; Silas & Coreen Hagon; Ann Hanke; and Matt & Katie Hanson.

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**ICA:** We want to thank you for mixing in your "special ingredients", \$100.00, to make our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for our local foodshelves a great success.

Our Recipe to fill Empty Bowls in our Community:

- \*1190 bowls created by our students, staff, and community potters
- \*34 Hopkins Public Schools art, music, and elementary teachers
- \*241 volunteers and 335 entertainers of all ages
- \*67 unique celebrity bowls for the silent auction
- \*1560 servings of donated soup and bread
- \*47 sponsors of in-kind services

Mix well together and the yield will **\$58,823!** (including the \$44,936 Challenge to the Community Fund sponsored by Supervalu and Choices for Children and 135 business, civic and school district leaders. All proceeds will go to support the work of ICA Foodshelf and the Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center. Gratefully, *Chairs of Empty Bowls 2009*

## Zion's Happenings



**Join in Prayer Group** meets Thursday, April 23 at 1:30pm in Room #204. Please join us as we prayer for our church and lift personal prayers to our Lord and Savior.

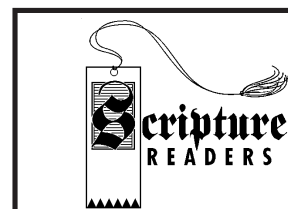
**Ruth Circle** is meeting Thursday, April 23 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Elrena Barlow is the hostess.

**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. We are honored to have Dick Ramberg as our guest speaker. Jazz clarinetist Dick Ramberg's entertaining and inspiring presentation weaves live music and humor in with his experiences and insights from overcoming blindness and his successful careers in both business and music. Please join us for a pleasant Saturday as we get together to share recipes and listen to Dick's lively presentation!

**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.

**Women of Destiny:** Zion has 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, May 16.



April 25, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske  
April 26, 8:30am - Diane Ketcher  
April 26, 10:50am - Denise Rauchman

**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 is paying 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.

**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**.

**Bethesda Thrift Shop Paid Position:** Bethesda is looking to **hire** a Store Manager for the Hopkins Thrift Stop, 40 hours a week. Will be supervising and working along side volunteers. Should have 2 years minimum business management experience. If interested, please contact James Clary at [JClary@blhs.org](mailto:JClary@blhs.org) or call James at 1-800-369-4636 Ext 4423, Cell # 920-248-1730.

**Concordia Academy-Bloomington:** To praise God for His goodness and mercy over the last 45 years of ministry at Lutheran High School/Concordia Academy-Bloomington, a weekend of special commemorations is planned for Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, at Concordia Academy-Bloomington. More details about the events can be found on our website at [www.concordiaacademy.com](http://www.concordiaacademy.com) (click on "Bloomington" and the Lancer link). All are invited to attend.

## Youth News

**Confirmation Items:** The Last Class, *Celebration & Evaluation*, is Wednesday, April 22 beginning at 6:30pm.

**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 TODAY. 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.