

Calendar

Monday, February 8

8:00 AM Braille
12:00 PM Braille

Tuesday, February 9

9:00 AM Braille
9:00 AM Feed My Starving Children
9:15 AM Lighthouse
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
4:15 PM Memorial Committee
6:00 PM Brownie Troop 13354
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 10430

Wednesday, February 10

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
1:00 PM Braille
4:00 PM ASAZ
6:30 PM Confirmation Parent's Night, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam,
C.I.A. (Children in Action) & Living Faith
7:15 PM Desert Voice

Thursday, February 11

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
1:00 PM Braille
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 12

Saturday, February 13

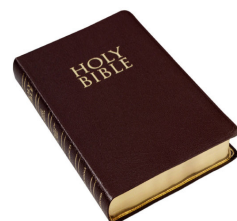
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

Sunday, February 14

Sunday School Friendship Day
8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
9:40 AM Discovering the Faith (New Member Class)
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship

Scripture Readers

February 13, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske
February 14, 8:30am - Dee Anderson
February 14, 10:50am - Don Ahlman



Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40 AM Table Talks
9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

Nursery Schedule for February 14

8:30 AM Richard & Holly Thorson
9:40 AM Kirk & Hope Ortloff Hughes
10:50 AM Dan & Kinlin Schultz

Bus Driver Needed: We are hopping around Zion so much that we need an extra bus driver! We keep the other two drivers so busy that they could use some help. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Lisa Day at the church office and she can tell you what you need to do to become licensed. Your help is very much appreciated.

Interested in possible membership at Zion? Please contact the church office for details. In addition a new 6-week *Discovering the Faith* course (DTF) designed for new believers as well as committed Christians who would like to brush up on the essentials of the Christian faith begins **Sunday, February 14, 2010** from 9:40 to 10:35am in Room # 204 (Council) upstairs in the educational wing. Join other interested individuals as we explore the Christian faith from a Lutheran prospective as well as prepare interested participants to be received into membership at Zion Lutheran Church. 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: We are receiving new members on **Sunday, March 28, 2010**. If you would like to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church please contact the church office for details. A brochure on how to become a member is included in the "Welcome" packet located in the Gathering Area entrance.

February 7, 2010

Illuminations

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

241 5th Avenue North ☩ Hopkins, MN 55343

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, January 31	359
Adult Bible Study, January 31	71
Sunday School, January 31	86
Tithes & Offerings, January 31	\$9,793.37
Building Fund, January 31	\$1,474.05
Missions, January 31	\$630.05



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: people of Haiti (earthquake); Jack & Cathy Carlos and children, Raymond & Hannah; Coral Rose; the U.S. Military; the U. S. economy; CW2 Christopher Sprung (stationed in Iraq, nephew of Lori Ebert); Sgt. Ryan Butler (stationed in Iraq, son-in-law of Gerry & Chris Formo); E4 Jessica Sprung (stationed in Iraq, niece of Lori Ebert); and Zion members who have lost their jobs.

Medical Concerns: Julie Hendrickson; Susan Peltier; Alice Anderson; Kristen Burke (friend of Duane & Cindy Proell); Briana Franzmeier (friend of Tami Finney); Ray Maher (friend of Lisa Day); Lorna Roehm; Corrine Gust; Kathy Johnson (sister of Peggy Neishem); Susan Horton (aunt of ZECC's Amber Horton); Ruth Kiecker (mother of Joan Gilmore); Mel Carrigan; Maryls Hellerud; Amy Bureau (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); Karlene Discher; and Jerry Karsikas (friend of Loren Meinke).

Thanksgiving: Birthday of Helen Kruse; 80th Birthday of Mary Burg; 72nd Birthday of Marcie Gust; 62nd Birthday of Brian Olson; 56th Birthday of Dawn Nelson and the Baptism of Carter Joe Strippling (son of Kevin & Rena Strippling and godchild of Andy & Corey Maw).

Bereaved: Doris Rigby Johnson (sister of Karlene Discher) and Suzanne Graft (Friend of Jane Lehman).

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: Dan, Kinlin, Annica, Jonah & Elliott Schultz; James Schultz, Joeana Taylor & Logan Schultz; Beryl Schultze; Mike, Lori, Kaia & Kalli Schumacher; and Ginnie, Heather, Heidi, Jesse & Holly Schumacher.

Today's flowers are given in memory of Bill Mason by his wife, Marilyn, and their children. Also, flowers are given by Steve & Wendee Larson in honor of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.



Zion's Happenings

LENT & LUNCH The 40 day Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010. You are invited to join your fellow worshipers each Wednesday for six weeks at 12:00 noon or 6:30 PM for a special time of reflection and renewal. The short noon devotional service is followed by a light soup & sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Ash Wednesday will be the only Holy Communion service of the midweek series. The other devotional style services will be shorter and follow the theme this year "Words of Life from the Cross" (The seven last words of Jesus while on the cross).

LENTEN TIDBITS #1

- "Lent" comes from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning, "spring."
- The 40 days of Lent correspond to Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.
- The **date of Lent** is determined by the date of Easter. In A.D. 325 the Council of Nicaea stated that "Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the 14th day of the Paschal moon."
- The latest that Lent can begin is March 10. That happens again in 2038.
- The earliest Lent can begin is February 5. That last happened in 1818.

Zion's Quilting Extravaganza! CWF Annual Quilting Day for Missions is Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16, from 9:00am to mid-afternoon. Come help tie, pin, and sew quilts. Bring a pair of scissors. No experience necessary! Come for a couple hours or stay all day. On Monday bring a bag lunch. Tuesday's lunch is provided by Thrivent. Men are most welcome to come, too! All of the quilts will go to Lutheran World Relief and they will send them to Haiti. If you want to do something for Haiti this is an easy and fun opportunity to help those in need.

Lit n' Latte: Our first real meeting is Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00pm at the home of Linda Swanson. (If you need a ride or directions, talk to Lisa Day.) The book we will talk about sounds like a fun one: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Pick it up at the library or find a used copy on the internet, enjoy reading it, and join us at Linda's house for a fun discussion.

Table Talks – The Book of Revelation

Pastor Neal is leading a new Bible Class series beginning Sunday, March 7 at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#104). There is perhaps no more misunderstood book of the Bible than **Revelation**. Yet, it has a clear message of hope for all who take time to read and reflect upon it. Join Pastor Neal as he leads us in digging deeper into this mysterious book. We will learn important lessons about our life and relationships from this unique and special book of God. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.



Student Ministry News

Youth Confirmation Information:

- No class on Ash Wednesday, February 17.
- Starting Wed. February 24 we will have class from 7:15-8:00pm in the Fireside Room.
- 6th Grade Confirmation Students (and others who need to take the Early Communion Class): You will have classes on Wed, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 (7:15-8:00pm) in the Chapel next to the Youth Room. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Confirmation Parent's Night is this Wednesday, February 10. All parents are asked to join in the large group time at 6:30. A special parent's only time is from 7:30-8:00pm.

SR. HIGH Lock-In – February 19: Cost is \$10 plus a snack to share. We begin at 7pm. As an added fun experience, we are going to ComedySportz in Minneapolis as part of the event. I need your help for this one....You MUST sign up and pay by February 14 so I can make reservations. Adult chaperones are needed throughout the evening, please talk to Lisa.

Jr. High Sled and Supper Saturday, February 13 starting at 2pm and ending at 6pm. Cost is \$8.00. We are going out to a super sledding hill in the area so bring your sled and appropriate clothes. After sledding we are going to Cici's Pizza for supper. Adult chaperones are needed. If you are able to help, please talk to Lisa Day. Sign up and pay by February 7 and save \$2!!



Life Thoughts

February 7 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Known, formed, consecrated, and appointed—and all before Jeremiah was born (*Jeremiah 1:5*). It seems that Jeremiah was more to the Lord than the "product of conception" or "a glob of tissue" or some "non-human, non-person entity." So he was. So are we all.