

# Calendar

## Monday, February 15

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM CWF Quilting Days  
1:00 PM Messenger of Light Deadline  
7:00 PM Cards

## Tuesday, February 16

9:00 AM Braille  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM CWF Quilting Days  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
6:00 PM Executive  
7:00 PM Church Council

## Wednesday, February 17

**NO CLASSES**  
12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Communion Service & Lunch  
1:00 PM Braille  
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Communion Service  
7:30 PM Living Faith & Desert Voice

## Thursday, February 18

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
11:30 AM Caring Friends  
1:00 PM Braille  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Join in Prayer  
6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, February 19

8:00 PM Sr. High Lock-in

## Saturday, February 20

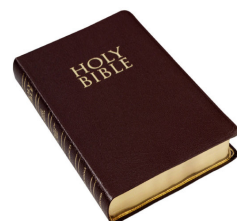
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM ZECC CPR Training  
9:30 AM Women's Summer Bible Study planning Meeting  
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

## Sunday, February 21

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
9:40 AM Discovering the Faith (New Member Class)  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

### Scripture Readers

February 20, 5:00pm - Tim Bodin  
February 21, 8:30am - Diane Ketcher  
February 21, 10:50am - Denise Rauchman



# Today at Zion

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

### Nursery Schedule for February 21

8:30 AM John & Jennifer Selander  
9:40 AM Peter & Amy Chase  
10:50 AM Christina Zafft and Jessie Goulet

**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 **TODAY** 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 perspective 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](http://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.

**Annual Fish Fry:** The annual Men's Club Fish Fry is Friday, March 5th. Please see posters for details. Advance tickets are available in the Gathering Area next to the office or call Harold Gust 952-935-1873.

## Life Thoughts

**February 14 – The Transfiguration of our Lord**  
Moses reflected the glory of God (*Exodus 34:29*). Jesus was the glory of God (*Luke 9:28-36*). Moses' glory faded. Jesus' glory was seen again on a cross. Our glorious God came, suffered, died, and rose again that we might share in His glory. Our glory does not come from glorious things or glorious health or glorious relationships. It comes from our glorious God in Christ.

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# Illuminations

## Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

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**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.



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, February 7	367
Adult Bible Study, February 7	60
Sunday School, February 7	67
Tithes & Offerings, February 7	\$15,476.78
Building Fund, February 7	\$3,445.62
Missions, February 7	\$1,212.16



## 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:** 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:** Mona Schumacher (daughter of Vernol & Alice Anderson); Lori Schumacher; Mitzi Erdmann; Julie Hendrickson; Susan Peltier; Alice Anderson; Kristen Burke (friend of Duane & Cindy Proell); Briana Franzmeier (friend of Tami Finney); Lorna Roehm; Corrine Gust; Mel Carrigan; Maryls Hellerud; Amy Burau (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); and Karlene Discher.

**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:** Erv Eickson; Erna Hoffmeyer (100 yr. old aunt of David Sieving and youngest sister of Pastor Sieving); and Ray Maher (friend of Lisa Day).

**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: Donna Schwartz; John, Jenn & Lilla Selander; Pat Shaughnessy; Karen Sheahan; and Sharon Shearer.

**Today's flowers are given** by David & Carol Peterson in honor of the their daughter's, Jessica's birthday.



## 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 #2

- The wearing of **sackcloth and ashes** is a custom going back to the Old Testament. Many Christians today still observe the custom on Ash Wednesday, using ashes of the previous year's Palm Sunday palms.
- **Shrove Tuesday ("Fat Tuesday")** is the day before Ash Wednesday and is observed by many as a day of feasting and merry-making. The French call it "**Mardi Gras**," the Germans, "**Fasching**."

**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 1<sup>st</sup> real meeting is this 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. If you haven't read it but want to still come and enjoy the talk, please do so.



## Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and phone calls during my surgery and recovery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. *Darlene Mueller*

**Inviting All Women!** We are entering a time of preparation and seeking the Lord's will for this year's Women's Summer Bible Study. Would you like to be in on the planning? Please come to our first meeting on Saturday, February 20 at 9:30am in Room 204. Call Karen Eck at 952-935-4356 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**55 Alive Defensive Driving Class:** A 4-hour refresher class is being offered on Friday, March 12 at 5:00pm. If you previously completed the 8-hour initial course, you need to have this refresher course every three years to save 10% on your auto insurance. Cost is \$12 per person if you are an AARP member and \$14 if not. A light supper is served. Reservations are required. Plan ahead and call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 or June Lundgren at 952-935-2327.



## Student Ministry

### Youth Confirmation Information:

- No class on Ash Wednesday, February 17.
- Starting Wed. Feb. 24 we are having class from 7:15-8:00pm in the Fireside Room. (Feb. 24 will be a class for all 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders – see next bullet point for future weeks.)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students (and others who need to take the Early Communion Class): You are having 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 come. All other Confirmation students are meeting in the Fireside Room.

**NYG Payment Plan:** To help pay some of the up-front costs for the NYG, your help is needed. The payment plan not only helps Zion, it also helps you so that you don't have to write a huge check in July. Making a \$125 payment to your account each month starting in February would be very helpful. Talk to Lisa if you have any questions.

**SR. HIGH Lock-In – February 19:** (7pm-8am) Cost is \$10 plus a snack to share. We are going to ComedySportz – so, I need your help: You MUST sign up and pay *today*. Adult chaperones are needed throughout the evening, please talk to Lisa.