

Calendar

Monday, February 22

8:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Young at Heart

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
6:00 PM Brownie Troop 13354
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 10430

Wednesday, February 24

9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle
12:00 PM Lent Devotional Worship & Lunch
1:30 PM Loving Care Circle
4:00 PM ASAZ
6:30 PM Lenten Worship
7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam,
C.I.A. (Children In Action), Living Faith & Desert Voice

Thursday, February 25

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
1:00 PM Braille
1:00 PM Ruth Circle
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 26

Saturday, February 27

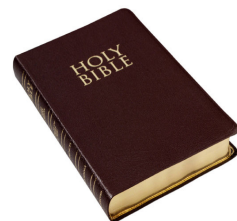
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Women of Destiny
5:00 PM Informal Worship

Sunday, February 28

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

Scripture Readers

February 24, 12noon - Mark Rettig
February 27, 5:00pm - Beryl Schultz
February 28, 8:30am - Mark Rettig
February 28, 10:50am - Cynthia Zuber



Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40 AM Table Talks
9:40 AM Discovering the Faith New Member Class
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

Nursery Schedule for February 28

8:30 AM Phil & Danielle Wentzel
9:40 AM Josh & Christina Krienke
10:50 AM Gary & Amanda Ford

Lion's Gate Christian Academy: A Lutheran school tradition continues as Lion's Gate Christian Academy is hosting a Salad Luncheon for Lutheran Education on Saturday, March 20 from 11:00am-1:30pm at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Admission is \$10 per person. The program features "The Hat Lady", LGCA students and a wonderful quilt auction. Call the LGCA South Campus office at 952-881-0036 for information.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 16th. Please join us at the *Twelfth Annual Empty Bowls*, a fundraising event to fight local hunger, sponsored by the Hopkins School District. Drop in between 11am and 7pm at the Hopkins Center for Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins.

- shop the silent auction
- choose a handmade bowl made by area art students
- eat a meal of soup and bread
- enjoy the entertainment
- make a free will donation

This event will benefit both ICA Food Shelf and Resource West. See you there! Thank you for your generous support.



Thank You

Thank you everyone for prayers, cards, calls, and Pastor Neal for the prayers on the phone, and visits to Abbott. I'm home recovering with daily visits from Home Health Care nurses. My second surgery is tentatively scheduled in about four weeks. My goal is to be back in church Easter Sunday. God bless everyone. *Corrine Gust*

February 21, 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.



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

Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30 a.m.
Contemporary 10:50 a.m.
Education Hour 9:40 a.m.

first and third weekends.

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, February 14	360
Adult Bible Study, February 14	63
Sunday School, February 14	79
Tithes & Offerings, February 14	\$16,237.60
Building Fund, February 14	\$3,054.55
Missions, February 14	\$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: 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: Katie Wareham; Matthew Stringer (son of Jean Stringer); Doug McDowell (brother of Helen Kruse); Mona Serber (daughter of Vernol & Alice Anderson); Ryan Gallipo (granddaughter's husband of Louella Coulter); Correne Mattson (cousin of Gary Shelton); Julie Hendrickson; Karlene Discher; Mel Carrigan; Don Barmann (brother of ZECC's Judy Fuhrman); Bob Ross; Amy Burau (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); and Lorna Roehm .

Thanksgiving: 99th Birthday of Loretta Kunkel; Birthday of Lorraine Krob; 69th Birthday of Judy Miller; and the 52nd Wedding Anniversary of Ted & Helen Kruse.

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: Gary & Bonnie Shelton; Sanden Shelton; Nita Shonka; Joy, Wendy & Matt Sichak; and Irene Siems.

Today's flowers are given by the children of Lorraine Krob in honor of her birthday. Also, flowers are given by Judy Miller in honor of her 69th Birthday and her great-granddaughter, Madison Mae Schrupp's 1st Birthday.



February 21 – First Sunday in Lent

To think that we cannot resist Satan and make good God-pleasing decisions is to deny the power of the One who faced Satan for us (Luke 4:1-13). He repelled Satan with the Word, "It is written." He defeated Satan with yet another Word, "It is finished." Satan is a defeated enemy and through the power of the risen Christ and His Word, we too can resist his temptations to think as the world thinks.



Zion's Happenings

LENT & LUNCH: 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 #3

The importance of Lent

Even a casual reader of the Gospels is impressed with the large proportion of space devoted to the last week of Jesus' life. Of the 16 chapters of Mark's Gospel, 6 are devoted to this week (10 chapters to 3 years, and 6 to 1 week). In Matthew, 8 of 28; in Luke, 6 of 24; and in John, 9 of 20, almost half.

Young at Heart meets Monday, February 22 at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. All seniors are welcome. Any questions call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.

Ruth Circle meets Thursday, February 25 at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. Helen Fox is the hostess. *Please bring your item for Sojourners.*

Morning Glories Circle meets Wednesday, February 24, at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. The topic is "Relationships 101: Comfort and Compassion" on page 23 of the Winter Quarterly. Marcella Harfield is the hostess with Ruth Amdahl leading the topic.

Lit n' Latte: Our 2nd meeting of Zion's new book of the month club is Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00pm at the home of Linda Swanson. (If you need a ride or directions, talk to Lisa Day.) The book we are talking about is another fun one: *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells. Lisa Day has one extra copy to lend – otherwise you can check it out from library or find a used copy on the Internet. Hope to see you at Linda's on March 9.

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.

Women of Destiny: Zion has welcomed a group of Kenyan women, known as Women of Destiny to meet for prayer and intercession on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Fireside Room at 3:00pm. All women are welcome to join in this time of worship, study, and focused prayer. If you have any questions, please call Karen Eck at 952-935-4356. Our next meeting is February 27.

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.

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.



Student Ministry News

Youth Confirmation Information

- Starting Wed. Feb. 24, we are having class from 7:15-8:00pm in the Fireside Room. (Feb. 24 is a class for all 6-8th graders – see next bullet point for future weeks.)
- 6th 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.

National Youth Gathering Participants: We are bagging groceries at Cub Foods, Minnetonka on March 14. Money raised will go into your family account based on the number of hours you work. Lori Schumacher is working out shifts for youth and adults for times between 11am & 6pm. Contact her to request shift times.