

# Calendar

## Monday, March 1

*Lutheran Schools Week*

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

## Tuesday, March 2

*Lutheran Schools Week*

9:00 AM Braille  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
6:00 PM Executive  
7:00 PM Leadership

## Wednesday, March 3

*Lutheran Schools Week*

12:00 PM Lent Devotional Worship & Lunch  
4:00 PM ASAZ  
6:30 PM Lenten Worship  
7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam,  
& CIA (Children In Action)

## Thursday, March 4

*Lutheran Schools Week*

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

## Friday, March 5

*Lutheran Schools Week*

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Men's Club Fish Fry

## Saturday, March 6

*Lutheran Schools Week*

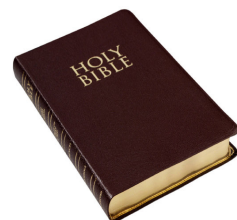
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

## Sunday, March 7

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
9:40 AM Parent Day for 3 & 4 year olds  
9:40 AM Discovering the Faith (New Member Class)  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

### Scripture Readers

March 3, 12noon - Mark Rettig  
March 3, 6:30pm - Dan Schultz  
March 6, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske  
March 7, 8:30am - Judy Miller



# Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
9:40 AM Sunday School & Table Talks  
9:40 AM Discovering the Faith New Member Class  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship

### Nursery Schedule for March 7

8:30 AM Todd & Amy Bartley  
9:40 AM Kirk & Hope Ortloff Hughes  
10:50 AM Dan & Kinlin Schultz

**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. A group is taking Zion's bus and leaving at 10:30am. Please call Linda Krienke to purchase tickets and/or to reserve a space on the bus 952-934-4205.

**Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 16.** 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, and 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.



**Quilting Days:** Thank you volunteers who come every year and to our first-timers who made our February Blanket Days a success. During our two-day work sessions, 125 quilts were made and were sent to Lutheran World Relief. During the year a smaller group of women meet monthly to work on quilts. Last year, this group made 292 quilts. The total amount of quilts made from March '09 to February '10 was 417. We thank God for all the people who donate their time and items, the men who take them to World Relief in St. Paul, and to Thrivent who provided lunch on Tuesday.

**Thank you:** I want to thank everyone for all your thoughts and prayers while I was having my six-month cancer tests. They all came out negative! Praise God! *Mona Serber*

February 28, 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.	<i>Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third weekends.</i>
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, Ash Wednesday	269
Attendance, February 21	362
Adult Bible Study, February 21	53
Sunday School, February 21	50+
Tithes & Offerings, February 21	\$14,377.15
Building Fund, February 21	\$3,463.71
Missions, February 21	\$950.16



## 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:** Glenda Arm (niece of Gria Neu); Asher Clark (great-grandson of Larry & Betty Dagan); Mr. & Mrs. Larry Johnson (parents of Brenda Jorde); Katie Wareham; Matthew Stringer (son of Jean Stringer); Doug McDowell (brother of Helen Kruse); Ryan Gallipo (granddaughter's husband of Louella Coulter); Correne Mattson (cousin of Gary Shelton); Don Barmann (brother of ZECC's Judy Fuhrman); Bob Ross; and Lorna Roehm .

**Bereaved:** Karlene Discher.

**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: David Sieving; Susan Silliman; Evelyn Slavin; Barbara Smith; and Darrell Smith.

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**A Master Calendar Board** for Zion's events and activities was installed in the church office. Because of the many and varied uses for Zion's building and grounds, we are asking all boards, organizations, committees, special interest groups, and individuals wishing to use Zion's facilities to coordinate the space needs with our Office Manager, Bonnie Shelton. When the request for space has been approved, the event/activity will be placed on the master calendar securing the day, time and place for that event/activity.

**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.



## Zion's Happenings

**LENT & LUNCH:** You are invited to join your fellow worshipers each Wednesday for six-weeks at 12:00noon or 6:30pm 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. The devotional style services are 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 #4

- **Easter Customs.** Many Easter customs and legends were pagan. These the church reinterpreted. Even the name Eater is pagan, meaning simply "springtime."
- **Chick and egg** – represented the gift of new life and also the Christian belief in life bursting the walls of death in Christ.
- **Easter Parade** – Four or five hundred years after the first Easter, the Byzantine emperors encouraged their courtier to wear their finest garb.

**Ham** – After six weeks of meatless meals anyone with a few spare coins celebrated eating as well as he could. The pig was the symbol of good luck and prosperity (*like, piggy bank*).

**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.

**Lit n' Latte:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 will talk about is another fun one: *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells. Lisa Day has one extra copy to lend – you can also check it out from library or find a used copy on the internet. Hope to see you at Linda's on March 9.

**You can still join in!** Planning for the Women's Summer Bible Study continues. Our study this summer focuses on *What Happens When Women Pray* by Evelyn Christensen. Our next planning meeting is Saturday, March 13 at 9:00am in the Council Room (room #204). Come and share the fellowship and joy of seeing the Lord work. Call Karen Eck at 952-935-4356 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

**Updating Zion's Website:** We are beginning the process of updating Zion's website. We are looking for several members who are Internet/website savvy to serve on a short term "Task Force". The goal is for the Task Force to bring recommendations to the Board of Technology for implementation. If you have interest and some ability in this area, please contact Teresa Hassing, our Director of Technology, at the church office 952-938-7661.

**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 News

### Youth Confirmation Information

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students (and others who need to take the Early Communion Class): 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.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students (those not attending Pastor Neal's Early Communion class are attending Lisa's class in the Fireside Room from 7:15-8:00pm

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