

# Calendar

## Monday, March 8

8:00 AM Braille  
12:00 PM Braille

## Tuesday, March 9

9:00 AM Braille  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
6:00 PM Brownie Troop 13354  
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 10430  
7:00 PM Lit n' Latte

## Wednesday, March 10

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), Living Faith & Desert Voice

## Thursday, March 11

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

## Friday, March 12

*ZECC Closed*  
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM 55 Alive

## Saturday, March 13

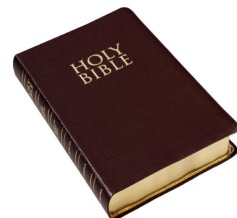
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

## Sunday, March 14

*Deacon Installation for Dan Schultz - both services*  
*Daylight Savings Time Begins*  
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  
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Youth Bagging at Cub Foods

### Scripture Readers

March 10, 12noon - Mark Rettig  
March 10, 6:30pm - Denise Rauchman  
March 13, 5:00pm - Beryl Schultze  
March 14, 8:30am - Dan Ahlman  
March 14, 10:50am - Karen Eck



# Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 AM Sunday School & Table Talks  
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

### Nursery Schedule for March 14

8:30 AM Richard & Holly Thorson  
9:40 AM Gary & Amanda Ford  
10:50 AM Christina Zafft and Jessie Goulet

**JOB OPENING: OFFICE ASSISTANT** for Zion Lutheran Church. Candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Office programs. Responsibilities include: office receptionist, worship bulletins, Illumination weekly newsletter, Messenger of Light monthly newsletter; perform other duties as assigned by the Office Manager; 28 hours per week. Benefits include: paid holidays, disability, retirement & 403b matching funds. Send resume by March 22, 2010 to the attention of Office Manager at Zion Lutheran Church, 241 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Hopkins, MN 55343 or send via e-mail to: [zionlutheran@zionhopkins.org](mailto:zionlutheran@zionhopkins.org)

**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.

**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.



## Thank You

I want to thank Pastor Neal and friends at Zion for their prayers during my recent surgery. God bless you all.  
*Mel Carrigan*

# 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](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

Tithes & Offerings, February 28	\$8,087.02
Building Fund, February 28	\$3,889.55
Missions, February 28	\$516.05



## 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:** people of Chile (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:** Jan Cavier; Susan Peltier; Glenda Arm (niece of Gloria Neu); Asher Clark (great-grandson of Larry & Betty Dagan); Bob Ross; and Lorna Roehm .

**Thanksgiving:** 47th Birthday of Dan Ahlman; 25th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Debi Herzan Parker; 60th Birthday of Gerry Formo; Baptism of Devin Edward Randall (son of Nathan Randall & Jessica Debrowski; grandson of Michael & Marcia Randall; godson of Gabriel Randall and Randi Lundberg.); and for Ryan Butler who is home for 2 weeks for R&R.

**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, Katie & Wyatt Smith; Sammy & Joan Smith; Bill Stamm; Jordan & Abby Stans; and Bill & Sue Stans.

**Today's flowers are given** by Tom & Debi Herzan Parker in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.



**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.



## 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 #5

- **Catechumens and Lent** (#1). Before Rome had become thoroughly Christianized, the weeks before Easter were the time when candidates for Baptism received intense instruction and training, with Baptism taking place on Easter Eve.
- At the beginning of Lent those who wished **Baptism** were challenged to give up their allegiance to Satan. During this ceremony they stood barefoot on goatskins. In this period of instruction the catechumens could not bathe or shave. They could eat only after sundown. Their chief occupation was meditation and contrition, often within the walls of a church.

**Zion's Festival Ringers** are hosting the Coffee Hour between services March 14. Donations will be used for refurbishing our handbells. It will cost \$2,000 to replace clapper parts and polishing. Thank you for helping the handbell choir raise these funds.

**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 TODAY 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.

**Camp Omega** is accepting registrations for the 2010 summer camp program. Register online at [www.campomega.org](http://www.campomega.org). You can also download and print a copy of the brochure to complete and send by mail or fax. Questions? Contact them at [info@campomega.org](mailto:info@campomega.org) or by calling 507-685-4266.

### As I See It –Padre Howie Krienke

Two former members of Zion excelled recently in high school wrestling tournaments. Drew Flemming, 125 lbs., wrestling for Watertown-Mayer-Lutheran High won his sectional tourney. Michael DeJolsvay, also 125 lbs, wrestled for Hopkins and won his sectional! Both as section champs will advance to state this weekend. Also, Donny Genadek wrestled well at 121lbs. for the Royals. He is Gina Genadek's son and Vern & Alice Anderson's grandson!

### Going to Nationals

The granddaughter of Dave & Mitzi Erdmann plays on the St. John's Lutheran Grade School's basketball team that won the state Lutheran tournament at Concordia University, St. Paul! They now move on to Valpariso, IN to play in the nationals.