

# Calendar

## Monday, March 15

1:00 PM Messenger of Light Deadline  
7:00 PM Cards

## Tuesday, March 16

9:00 AM Braille  
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Empty Bowls @ Hopkins Center for the Arts  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
6:00 PM Executive  
7:00 PM Church Council

## Wednesday, March 17

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 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, March 19

## Saturday, March 20

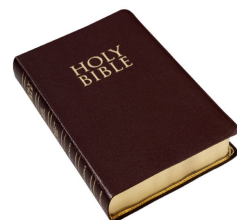
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

## Sunday, March 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  
12:15 PM All Youth Bowling @ Tuttle's

### Scripture Readers

March 17, 12noon - Mark Rettig  
March 17, 6:30pm - Dan Schultz  
March 20, 5:00pm - Tim Bodin  
March 21, 8:30am - Diane Ketcher  
March 21, 10:50am - Cynthia Zuber



# Today at Zion

*Deacon Installation for Dan Schultz - both services*  
8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time  
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  
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Youth Bagging at Cub Foods

### Nursery Schedule for March 21

8:30 AM John & Jennifer Selander  
9:40 AM Peter & Amy Chase  
10:50 AM Josh & Christina Krienke

**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.

**March Madness!!!** Bayside Grille in Excelsior will be opening their doors ALL DAY for ICA on Sunday, March 21 from 9am-9pm. Come for breakfast, lunch or dinner - - plus 100% of the proceeds go to ICA Food Shelf. Please make a reservation 952-470-VIEW(8439). See you there.

## Thank You

The family of Karlene Discher wish to express their sincere gratitude and thanks to the Morning Glory Circle, the staff, and the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church. Actions speak louder than words, but words spoken have great power so we say a heartfelt Thank You for all your actions of love and support you showed Karlene. A special thank you to Pastor Howie. Many of you have asked about her burial, she is laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Shorewood, MN.  
*The family of Karlene Discher*

March 14, 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](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, March 3	65
Attendance, March 7	402
Adult Bible Study, March 7	96
Sunday School, March 7	79
Tithes & Offerings, March 7	\$19,135.34
Building Fund, March 7	\$3,534.12
Missions, March 7	\$1,152.16



## 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 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:** Marie Wendell; Sylvia Herzan; Corrine Gust; Lois Hendricks (sister of Jean Brandenburg); Susan Peltier; Lorna Roehm; Evelyn Day (niece of Lisa Day); and Lois Hanson (sister of Dee Anderson).

**Thanksgiving:** Birth of Lily Anne Carlson (daughter of Jamie & Jennifer Carlson; grandson of Sue Carlson); 86th Birthday of Fred Rettig (father of Mark Rettig); 74th Birthday of Merle Cavier; 73rd Birthday of Carol Krueger; Birthday of Pat Fritsche; Birthday of Susan Peltier; Birthday of Wendy Booth; and the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Mike & Marcia Randall.

**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: Fred Stern; Cindy & Christopher Stover; Dan, Amanda & Jennifer Stover; Gary, Linda & David Strei; and Rachel Streich.

Today's flowers are given by Merle & Jan Cavier in honor of Merle's 74th Birthday.



**Easter Memorial Garden:** Monday, March 15 is the last day to order flowers for Easter. Order forms are in the Gathering Area.



## 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 #6

**Catechumens and Lent (#2).** On Passion Sunday, those wishing to become baptized heard the **Apostle's Creed** for the first time, and on Palm Sunday, the **Lord's Prayer**. These came in a secret ceremony where they shook hands, promised faithfulness, and stated their desire to become members of the church. On Holy Saturday (*day before Easter*), there was a public examination. Late at night the catechumens were left alone to meditate and pray, anxious for Easter to come the next day, when they would be received in Baptism and would share in Holy Communion for the first time.

**Zion's Festival Ringers** are hosting the Coffee Hour between services TODAY. 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.

**Altar Care Spring Cleaning** is Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 12:00. We are having a short meeting at 9:00am with coffee and rolls. For our cleaning, please remember to bring buckets, rags and cleaning supplies.

**New Member Reception:** March 28 at the 10:50 service, we will be welcoming new members to Zion. Following the service, join us for a tasty potluck. Bring your warmest smile and favorite dish to share.

**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)

**The Sanctuary Choir** will present "God's Holy Lamb," a cantata for Holy Week on Saturday, March 27, 5pm and Sunday, March 28, 8:30am. This cantata combines music and narration to tell the story of Palm Sunday through Good Friday.

**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.

**New Ladies Group (Circle)** Are you interested in being part of a new ladies group (Circle)? We will soon begin an evening group for ladies 45-60. It is intended to meet monthly or every other month. The purpose is for fellowship, mutual support and spiritual development. We have several daytime ladies' groups who meet, but none who meet in the evening. Interest has been expressed to start such a group. Leave your name and contact information at the church office if you might be interested in participating 952-938-7661.

**Christian Women's Fellowship:** Mark your calendar for the CWF Spring Luncheon, May 1! Tickets available soon. More information to follow.

### ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?

After special training in providing one-to-one Christian care, several individuals within our congregation are ready to begin a caring relationship. **Lay Visitation Ministers** are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times such as grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, or illness. The care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn how you-or a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative-can receive care, talk to Pastor Neal or leave your contact information at the church office.

**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.