

Calendar

Monday, March 22

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

Tuesday, March 23

1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
6:00 PM Brownie Troop 13354
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 10430
6:30 PM Living Faith
7:15 PM Desert Voice

Wednesday, March 24

9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle
12:00 PM Lent Devotional Worship & Lunch
1:30 PM Loving Care Circle
4:00 PM ASAZ - last for school year
6:30 PM Lenten Worship
7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam, & CIA
(Children In Action)

Thursday, March 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, March 26

Saturday, March 27

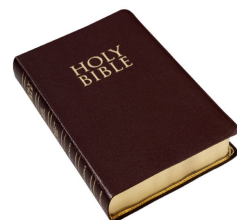
5:00 PM Informal Worship – Choir Cantata

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday
8:30 AM Traditional Worship – Choir Cantata
9:40 AM Hosanna Sunday Celebration for 3 yr. old - 5th grade
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with New Member Reception
12:00 PM Potluck to Welcome Zion's New Members

Scripture Readers

March 24, 12noon - Mark Rettig
March 24, 6:30pm - Denise Rauchman
March 27, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske
March 28, 8:30am - Dee Anderson



Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40 AM Sunday School & Table Talks
9:40 AM Discovering the Faith New Member Class
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion
12:15 PM Youth Bowling @ Tuttle's

Nursery Schedule for March 28

8:30 AM Phil & Danielle Wentzel
9:40 AM Kirk & Hope Ortloff Hughes
10:50 AM Dan & Kinlin Schultz

Bethesda Thrift Store: The new address for Bethesda Thrift is 4749 Co Rd 101 Minnetonka, MN 55345. The phone is 952-939-0988, the same as the Hopkins store. APRIL 6 is our Grand Opening date. Store and donation hours will be Tue - Sat 10am to 4pm. We are taking donations during construction. Please bring them to our back door marked 4749 Bethesda Thrift from 10am to 3:30pm. From March 22 - April 5 we are in need of extra help to move, unpack, put together fixtures and set up the store. Please call 952-939-0988 if you can give us some help. Thank you all for your many years of support and we are looking forward to seeing you at our new store. Blessings to you all. *Bethesda Thrift*

The Suburban Lakes LWML Spring Zone Rally will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (5701 Eden Prairie Road, Minnetonka, MN 55345) on Tuesday, April 20th. Registration and dessert are at 6:30pm and the Rally is at 7:00. Cost is \$5.00; first-time attendees are free. All women are welcome to attend this special event. The theme is *A Hmong History and The Hmong Ministry Today*, which will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Robert Holst, President of Concordia University, St. Paul. Zion's bus is leaving at 6:15pm and if you are interested in riding, please call Joan Gilmore at 952-936-9185.

Gifts from the Heart

- for Concordia U. Foodshelf which serves students in need - Non perishable food items
- for VBS to be held at Concordia U. in June for ethnic area children:
 - Individually wrapped snacks: cereal bars or fruit roll-ups
 - School supplies: crayons, pencils, markers, children's scissors, glue sticks, glue bottles, construction paper, scribble pads

March 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 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.

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 10	154
Attendance, March 14	342
Adult Bible Study, March 14	61
Sunday School, March 14	75
Tithes & Offerings, March 14	\$10,405.19
Building Fund, March 14	\$1,852.05
Missions, March 14	\$450.05



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 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: Chelsea Nordstrom; Bea Reynolds (friend of Brad & Teresa Hassing); Marie Wendell; Sylvia Herzan; Corrine Gust; Lois Hendricks (sister of Jean Brandenburg); Susan Peltier; and Lois Hanson (sister of Dee Anderson).

Thanksgiving: 49th Wedding Anniversary of Gene & Carolyn Bachman; Birthday of Al Reich; and the Birthday of Rachel Streich.

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: Jean Stringer; Kevin, Reena, Caden & Carter Stripling; Dick & Barbara Suchomel; Linda L. Swanson; and Elizabeth Swanson.

Today's flowers are given by Gene & Carolyn Bachman in honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary.



Morning Glories Circle meets Wednesday, March 24, at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. Alice Carrigan and Ardes Maasch are hosting the meeting. Addy Malvey is leading the topic, *The Best Time Ever*, on page 16 of the Spring Quarterly. Please join us! New members welcome!

Deadline Extended for Easter Memorial Garden: Monday, March 22 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 #7

The name for **Maundy Thursday** is so ancient that there is some doubt what "Maundy" really means. Most scholars agree that it is a late Latin corruption for the word *mandatum*, "commandment." Then "Maundy" would refer to the instructions Christ gave His disciples "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another." Other likely possibilities are the Latin word *mando*, "to wash," referring to the foot washing; or the Saxon *maund*, "basket," referring to the distribution of money and food to the poor.

Entry Doors from Parking Lot Update: The handicap door button for the double glass doors from the parking lot has been repaired and is in service for worship services. Outside the church the button is located on the inside of the left column. Inside the church the button is to the right of the double glass doors. The city of Hopkins received a grant to improve the handicap accessibility of polling sites and used some of the grant money to repair our entry door.

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 5th Avenue North, Hopkins, MN 55343 or send via e-mail to: zionlutheran@zionhopkins.org

Ruth Circle is meeting Thursday, March 25 at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. Carol Krueger is the hostess.

Altar Care Spring Cleaning is Saturday, March 27, 9:00am to 12:00pm. 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.

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.

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.

Media Equipment: If you need any media equipment (VCR, TV, projector, etc.) for Sunday School, Bible Study, etc., please see our Director of Media, Teresa Hassing. Teresa keeps a calendar, somewhat like a library check-out system. This ensures that you get what you need and when you need it rather than going to get something only to find that it's gone. Teresa can be reached at the church office 952-938-7661 or by email teresa.hassing@zionhopkins.org.



Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, visits, memorial gifts, and prayers during the loss of our beloved, Erv Erickson. God bless you. *The family of Erv Erickson*