

Calendar

Monday, April 5

Church Office Closed

ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 AM Braille
6:00 PM ZECC Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Cards

Tuesday, April 6

ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences
9:00 AM Braille
9:15 PM Lighthouse
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
6:00 PM Executive
7:00 PM Leadership

Wednesday, April 7

ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Zion Quilters
9:15 AM ZECC Chapel
6:30 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam,
& CIA (Children In Action)

Thursday, April 8

ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences
10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
1:00 PM Braille
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 9

ZECC Parent/Teacher Conferences

Saturday, April 10

5:00 PM Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

Sunday, April 11

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
9:40 AM Sunday School Parent Day K-1st grade
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship

Today at Zion

Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Worship
7:15 AM - 10:15 AM Easter Breakfast Buffet
8:30 AM Easter Traditional Worship
10:50 AM Contemporary Easter Worship

Nursery Schedule for April 11

8:30 AM Richard & Holly Thorson
9:40 AM Peter & Amy Chase
10:50 AM Josh & Christina Krienke

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 7:00pm. 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

Life Quote

April 4 "You are valuable to God because He made you and He loved what He made so much that He was conceived in a womb, born in a stable, suffered on a cross, buried in a tomb. Then He rose again to say 'Yes' to it all, to say 'Yes' to you, to give you His victory over death and the grave. That's love!"

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org.

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.	<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.

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 17	148
Attendance, March 24	177
Attendance, March 28	452
Adult Bible Study, March 28	91
Sunday School, March 28	69
Tithes & Offerings, March 28	\$7,242.44
Building Fund, March 28	\$1,438.55
Missions, March 28	\$601.05



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: 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: Don Pavelka (friend of Marie Henke); Virgil Fasching (Friend of Dick & Barb Suchomel); Chelsea Nordstrom; Marie Wendell; Sylvia Herzan; Corrine Gust; Lois Hendricks (sister of Jean Brandenburg); Susan Peltier; and Lois Hanson (sister of Dee Anderson).

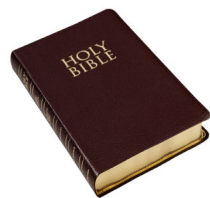
Thanksgiving: Birthday of Pat Mattson; and the Birthday of Herman Loeffler; and the Baptism of Markus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman).

Bereaved: Larry Johnson (father of Brenda Jorde).

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: Jacob Taylor; Harvey & Ruby Thielke; Janet Thiesse; Dean & Lynette Thomas & Nick Anderson; and Joanne Thomas.

Scripture Readers

April 10, 5:00pm - Beryl Schultze
April 11, 8:30am - Dee Anderson
April 11, 10:50am - Daryl Laub



Zion's Happenings

Church Office is closed Monday, April 5. We are resuming our regular hours Tuesday, April 6. Blessings during this Easter Season.

Human Care Board Food Drive: Many Minnesotans have lost their jobs, including several in our own congregation. With so many unemployed, the number of people needing help has increased. ICA has reported record numbers of people needing to use the food shelf in order to make ends meet. The Human Care Board will hold a Food Drive the weekends of April 10 & 11 and April 17 & 18. Please bring in your non-perishable food items; or put your cash donation in a pew envelope marked "FOOD DRIVE." Every \$1 donated buys \$5 worth of food. Please help if you can. *Zion's Human Care Board*

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.

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

Lutheran Counseling Center serves as a referral counseling agency to the Minnesota South District of the LCMS. Their approach to counseling draws upon the power of our Christian faith. They offer a sliding fee structure that allows those with limited resources and without insurance to find the help they seek. If you would like to speak to someone from LCC, they can be reached at 952-894-4828 (Twin Cities); 800-466-0401 (Outside Minnesota).

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. If you are interested, leave your name and contact information at the church office .

Media Equipment: If you need any media equipment (VCR, TV, projector, etc.) for Sunday School, Bible Study, Circle, 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.

How to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church

Step 1: Come and worship at Zion Lutheran Church. "Check it out", participate in worship, observe, and ask questions.

Step 2: Set an appointment with one of the pastors to get acquainted and discuss expectations of membership. (952-938-7661 or www.zionhopkins.org)

Membership can be by:

- **Transfer** – from another LCMS congregation where you are currently a member.
- **Adult Confirmation** – completing a six (6) week class of background information about beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church.
- **Profession of Faith** – formerly an LCMS member but not currently one.



Life Thoughts

April 4 – The Resurrection of Our Lord

Death is not a friend to turn to for rescue from our problems. Death is our enemy, the wages of sin. But today we rejoice because death is a defeated enemy! (1 Corinthians 15:26) The resurrected Jesus defeats death, brings life, and makes all things new! (Isaiah 65:17-25)