

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion's Good News

MARCH
2021

MARCH

Sunday Morning Indoor Worship

Please remember to sign up by Thursday before the scheduled service.

Use the sign-up link or call the office.

March 7th at 9:00 a.m.

March 21st at 9:00 a.m.

March 28th at 9:00 a.m.



Sunday Morning Outdoor Worship

March 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time Begins!!!

Join us in our parking lots, remain in your vehicle, tune into FM91.5. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Bring your own coffee.

Wednesday Night Online Lenten Services

March 3rd March 17th

March 10th March 24th

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Disciples for Christ

Sunday, March 21st "Preparing for Affirmation"

For Disciples and their mentors.

5:30 p.m. in the Family Center

Lent 2021

Last year about this time everything changed. Life, as we knew it, morphed into a pandemic life style and not much has changed. Perhaps you feel like we have had a year of Lent. I read an article in the Lutheran magazine by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller that I'd like to share with you.

This Lenten season, I invite you to feel all your feelings, dig into the story of Jesus' life and death, and find small, meaningful ways to honor the season. Here are some suggested faith practices for your journey:

Deep breaths. It sounds so simple. It is simple. Yet too often I fail to take my own advice. This Lent, remember to breathe deeply. While doing so, perhaps you could meditate on a mantra such as *I breathe in peace. I exhale worry.*

Centering poems. When we're bombarded by screens and media, it can be centering to step away from them. Instead, take time to savor a poem a day. Maybe pick one or two poems to read over and over the next 40 days. (Kathleen Norris, Pádraig Ó Tuama and Jan Richardson are poets whose work intersects with Christian themes.)

Light a candle. Sit by its glow. Watch the flame or smell the scent. Repeat as often as needed, whether aloud or silently: *Jesus is the light of our world.*

Lent calls to us to keep moving forward and saying together, *We have to go through it.*

Pay attention. Commit to noticing what's around you. You can take as little as one minute to stop what you're doing and look. What do you see? What do you smell? What is one thing right in front of you that you didn't notice before? Name it and give thanks to God.

Sit with a story. Pick a book of the Bible (or one chapter, such as Exodus 16 or Matthew 10) and read through it as many times as you can during Lent. Don't worry about how much you read or if you miss a day. The practice is about sitting with one text and listening for how God is speaking to you.

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Connect. Be intentional about connecting with others. Take a few minutes each day and send a text or write a letter. Pick up the phone and call someone you haven't seen for a while. Whenever you connect, thank God for friendship.

Cook. Try a new recipe and savor the act of creating something. Scripture gives us many examples of sharing food. Jesus calls himself the bread of life, and throughout his ministry he sat down and ate with others. As you cook and bake, remember that in the making and breaking of bread, Jesus is present.

Finally, maybe most importantly, give yourself grace. Lent is not about achieving or doing, but about resting in the God who calls us and walks with us through life, death, and beyond.

Wherever you find yourself this Lent, know you're not alone. We'll go through it together.

~ *Pastor Sue*

Holy Week



Maundy Thursday - April 1st.

Online Worship.

Again and Again, We Are Held Together.

Good Friday - April 2nd.

Outdoor Worship 5:30 p.m.

Again and Again, We Find Ourselves Here.

Easter Sunday - April 4th.

Outdoor Worship at 8:00 a.m. Again and Again, The Sun Rises.

Indoor Worship at 9:30 a.m. Again and Again, The Sun Rises.

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Sue officiated at the wedding of
Ann Temby and Eddy Peterson.



First Communion Classes

At Zion, children have a place with Jesus at the gracious and wondrous meal of forgiveness, life, hope, joy, renewal, nourishment, peace, comfort, challenge, courage, and strength; a place like no other — the Lord’s Table.



The arms of Jesus are open. The table is set. There is room for all, and Jesus has never stopped saying, “Let the children come to me.”

Discerning Your Child’s Readiness


A child’s readiness is best determined by a parent or one who knows the child well, in consultation with the Pastor. Every child is different and each will pick up on the significance of the meal at a different point. Use questions like these to help you understand your child and her/his sense of belonging in the faith community, so you can make a decision about readiness.

- *Is your child comfortable in various locations around the church, including the altar?*
- *Will the child extend his or her hands when asked to do so?*
- *Does your child seem able to interact with others enough in order to receive the elements?*
- *Is he/she aware enough of others in the congregation and their needs to show a degree of respect for their communion experience?*
- *Are you as parents or caregivers prepared to help make this a positive process?*

Such questions are meant to assist you in understanding your child’s readiness. These questions are meant to simply generate conversation, set goals, and direct the preparation process for each child and her/his family.

**First Communion classes are as follows:
Sunday, March 14th — following Outdoor Worship.
Saturday, March 20th — 8:30-10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, March 21st —
First Communion at 9:00 a.m. worship service.
Invite sponsors and grandparents!**

	<p style="text-align: right;">Reminder: Application Deadline is April 1st 5:00 p.m.</p>
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Little Lutherans
(Kindergarten – 3rd Grade)
and **J-Team** (4th – 6th Grade)
will be held on **Wednesday,**
March 3rd & 17th.
After school until 5:15 p.m.



Confirmation

Confirmation classes are not held during the season of Lent, however, students need to complete 3 Sunday Worship notes and 3 Wednesday Worship notes during Lent. Wednesday and Sunday Worship Note information was mailed in February. Turn in your completed notes to the office, email address is office@zionlc.com. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sue.

Fair Trade Update!

The Fair Trade 24/7 booths are full and awaiting you purchases! Many of you have been waiting for the Carmel Crunch bars which are now available in both milk and dark chocolate at \$3 each. There are also a few items left on the blow out sale. Candy Bars available at just \$1: plain milk chocolate, coconut milk chocolate (non dairy option), dark chocolate with orange, and mint crunch. Teas still available on the \$1 blow out sale are Organic Irish Breakfast, Organic Earl Grey, Organic Chamomile, Organic Rooibos. Quite the deal for 20 tea bags/box!! Hot Cocoa mix is slightly out of date and available for just \$3 per 12 oz tin.

The rest of your favorite coffees and other products have been restocked and are available at their regular prices. Call Darla 715.506.0044 or email her at dleick@msn.com and she will bag things up for you or visit the 24/7 booth. Thank you for supporting independent farmers and Fair Trade!

Building Update 2021

Payment

Bi-Weekly Dates	Start Balance	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
11/06 & 11/20	\$244,830.75	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 736.10	\$ 2,363.90	\$ 242,466.85
12/04 & 12/18	\$242,466.85	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 728.97	\$ 2,371.03	\$ 240,095.82
12/18	\$240,095.82	\$17,500.00	\$.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 222,595.82
01/04 & 01/15	\$222,595.82	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 688.36	\$ 2,411.64	\$ 220,184.18
01/29	\$220,184.18	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 331.80	\$ 1,218.20	\$ 218,965.98

Total monthly principal payments	\$ 25,864.77
Total monthly interest payments	<u>\$ 2,485.23</u>
Balance of loan as of 01-29-2021	\$ 218,965.98

Partners Bank

Building checking acct balance as of 02-01-2021 \$ 11,302.42

COUNCIL MINUTES

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, February 15, 2021

President Carmella Moon called the meeting to order

Brenda led with devotions.

During the meeting the council:

- Approved the Secretary Report.
- Approved the Treasurer Report.
- Approved the Ministry Teams Reports.
- Received thank you from Stratford Caring Closet for School kits put together from Operation Christmas.
- A review of continuing resolutions included minor changes and updates to teams.
- It was determined a Compensation Review Task Force should be added to continuing resolutions. A draft from the synod was presented.
- Due to online services, offerings for Lent will be held in a designated line until Easter and then dispersed equally to benevolence.

Respectfully submitted by
Pastor Sue

* A full copy of the Secretary's notes is in the office.

Library Report - March 2021

These non-fiction books were also added to our collection:

Crossan, John Dominic. *How to Read the Bible & Still Be A Christian.* Harper One, 1989.

John Dominic Crossan, professor emeritus at DePaul University, is widely regarded as the foremost historical Jesus scholar of our time. In this book he grapples with scripture's conflicting visions of God - at times depicting a loving God and at times a vengeful God - and explains how Christians can discern and decipher which passages to trust and follow.

Crafton, Barbara C. *Jesus Wept: When Faith and Depression Meet.* Fortress Press, 2019.

Depression is considered one of the most stressful and debilitating diseases and is suffered by millions of people worldwide. It affects not only the victim but also families, friends, and the entire community. It can range from a period of sadness to unremitting severe clinical despair. It challenges our faith in God in ways no other disease does. In this book Crafton, a minister, recounts her own experiences with depression. She writes, "There is something curious about the perspective of faith on depression: religious belief can make it easier, yes, but it can also make it harder. It calls our beliefs about ourselves and about God's presence in our lives into painful question." Whether you suffer from depression yourself, know someone with depression, or know very little about depression, you will benefit from reading this book.

Scrip

Zion's Scrip program is not on furlough! If you've never tried Scrip, this is a perfect time to practice no-contact shopping by having gift cards on hand for online or in person shopping.



Stop in during office hours to purchase Scrip or send your requests to June Krueger and she'll prepare them for you to pick up at your convenience, or If you prefer to order and have it delivered to your car during an upcoming Drive-In Service. If you have a special order for a retailer that's not in stock, contact June by text or email, 715-897-0617, rajmkrueger@gmail.com. Proceeds from Scrip sales support Zion mission trips and faith-building experiences. Thanks for your continued support of Zion's Scrip program!

Lilies will be ordered for Easter and will cost \$10.00 each. If you would like to order one or more, you may do so by the Palm Sunday deadline to be given in honor or in memory of family and/or friends. They may be taken home to enjoy after Easter Sunday services.



Palms will be used for Palm Sunday. If you would like to help pay for palms, please do so. Order forms for Lilies and Palms will be available in the bulletins, or call the office.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Heather Pupp
- 4 - Gary Lang
- 5 - Wynn Schoenherr
- 7 - Travis Moen
Russ Dahlke
Heather Trachte
- 8 - Denise Marg
- 10 - Isaac Kramer
Anna Spaeth
Megan Johnson
Sandy Grell
- 11 - Jordan Weber
Colin Cole
Brenda Castellano
- 12 - Scott Trachte
- 13 - Kathy Zuelke
Macey Kilty
Maxwell Fischer
- 14 - Ruby Thompson
- 15 - Evalyn Joswiak
- 16 - Emilie Greenberg
Malia Hoesly
Finley White
Dayton White
- 18 - James Carpenter
- 19 - Tom Schoenherr

- 21 - Dan Weber
Shane Moen
Amii Krefit
- 22 - Shirley Skerhutt
- 26 - Diane Dennee
Bernie Huser
Chris Murphy
- 27 - Megan Custer
- 28 - Michelle Multerer
Jordy Trachte
Avery White
- 29 - Charles Foley
Mackenzie Frueh
Opal Ford-Werner
Natalie Messerschmidt
- 30 - Olivia Ballerstein



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Russ & Cheryl Dahlke
- 12 - Gary Plank & Dar Pawlik Plank
- 19 - Douglas & Marilyn Bolen
- 24 - Jim & Cory Wiesman

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Carmella Moon
V. Pres.: Brenda Castellano
Secretary: Maryel Schoenfuss
Treasurer: Marge Redetzke
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WAYS TO CONNECT WITH ZION

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Phone us at 715-687-4110
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or leave a
voice mail message.

Or email us at office@zionlc.com or
directly to emails above.

WEB SITE: www.zionlc.com

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.**

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March Calendar

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The 21st of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Wednesdays by 9:00 a.m.

WEEKLY E-MAIL

Goes out on Monday morning. Email office@zionlc.com to be added to the receiver list.

PLEASE keep the office updated:

- Address, Phone & Email changes
- Births, Deaths, Hospitalizations

Zion is on Facebook.

You can go to our website at www.zionlc.com
and click on the link to
the Facebook page.

