

# Easter Worship Schedule

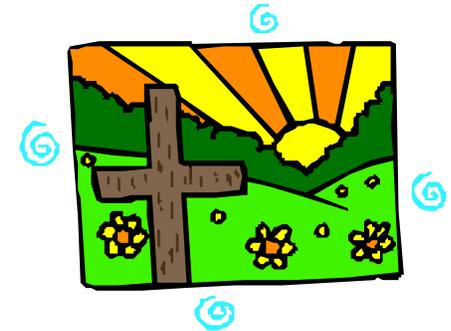
**March 28** - Palm Sunday - Worship Service at 8:30 AM

**March 31** - Supper at 5:30 – Worship and Holy Communion at 6:30

**April 1** - Maundy Thursday – Seder Meal for First Communicants and families at 6:00 –  
Worship, Holy Communion & First Communion at 7:30

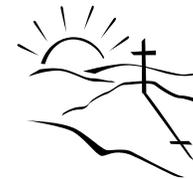
**April 2** - Good Friday Service at 7:30

**April 4** – Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 - Breakfast at 7:15 – Worship Service and Holy Communion at 8:30



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*The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. Ecc. 1:5*



## Beyond the Sunset

When I was a little boy living in our small village, my understanding of the world was quite simple. It was all about my surroundings. I woke up early in the morning and watched the sun rise beyond the distant hills in the east and later in the evening disappear beyond the other hills in the west. In those days, that was the world I knew. I never thought of a world beyond what I could see. But as I grew a little older and began to hear and learn more, I came to realize how the world is far bigger than I could ever imagine. Then I became fascinated about places beyond the sunrise and sunset of our little village, which broadened my horizons and filled me with so much wonder and imagination.

Are there times when you feel stuck in this world and hopelessly say to yourself, “This is it! What you see is what you get. Make the best of it.” It sometimes seems that way. However, the Bible tells us about a world beyond this world, a world we can only see with the eyes of faith.

Our life is very much like a journey that begins in the morning like the rising sun and ends in the evening like the sunset. As life goes on and we approach the sunset of our life, we begin to wonder more about what lies beyond the sunset of life. We get nervous as the darkness of death closes up. What gives us courage is God’s promise to be with us in life and death and his power to bring life out of death.

Every Easter we gather at the sunrise to celebrate the resurrection and we recall what happened two thousand years ago on that first Easter morning. Jesus who entered the dark night of death on Good Friday, came to life on Sunday morning.

The good news about this is that God who raised Jesus from the grave has promised to do the same thing for us. That is why we celebrate Easter with joy.

We don't know how long we are going to be in the dark before tomorrow comes and we rise and greet a new and everlasting life. However as an old African saying goes, "It doesn't matter how long the night, the morning will come." So we wait with hope and great anticipation for the dawn of a new day.

As you get set to move from this life to the next, may you rejoice in the promise of Jesus who said, "Because I live, you also will live."

Have a Happy Easter  
Pastor Ale



## Zion Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council Minutes March 16, 2010

The Parish Planning Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Connie Hamre. In attendance were: Pastor Ale', Marijo Nabben, Penny Nelson, Lyle Paulson, Chris Ueland, Amber Holtan, Deb Holtan, Bonnie Yost, Russell Rhen, Darlene Hulteen, Jim Dalager, Connie Hamre and Karen Thygeson. Roll was answered with stating what is your first sign of spring.

Devotions were led by Marijo Nabben and next month will be given by Chris Ueland.

Bonnie Yost moved to accept the secretary's report, seconded and carried. Marijo Nabben presented the treasurer's report. Russell Rhen moved to accept the report, seconded, carried and filed for audit.

**Lay Ministry Board:** Jim Dalager reported on home communion distributions and visits to our shut-ins.

**Public Relations Board:** Darlene Hulteen reported they are working on new member folders; included will be a list and explanation of church boards and the duties of a board member. Discussion was held on Minnesota Food Share and what we can do to help them as well as what can be done to help our own local food shelf. She reminded the board chairmen to get their information into her by the due date for the next newsletter.

**Fellowship Board:** Bonnie Yost reported on the Pathways Activity. She reminded us of the upcoming rummage sale to be held on April 24th. Bonnie moved to serve a breakfast brunch for new member Sunday to be held on April 25th, seconded and carried.



Remember Him

**Evangelism Board:** Deb Holtan reported on the Prayer Vigil to be held on Good Friday from noon to 9:30 P.M.

**Education Board:** Amber Holtan reported Vacation Bible School will be held June 7th - June 9th, 2010. Discussion on Sunday school hours; if they should be changed to 9:45 to 10:30 instead of 9:30 to 10:20.

**Worship Board:** Chris Ueland reported there will be a 6:30 A.M. sunrise service on Easter Sunday conducted by our youth. Discussion held on moving some of the responsibilities of this board to other boards.

**Properties Board:** Lyle Paulson reported there had been vandalism in the church basement. Discussion of purchasing security cameras or cards for entrance.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Ale' asked us to keep those that are ill in our prayers. He stated Brett Carter will be our guest speaker on Palm Sunday. 1st communion classes have begun. He has met with the volunteers for distributing communion and making visitations to our shut ins. He gave an update from the Northwest Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Confirmation will be the 1st Sunday in May.

Chris Ueland moved to give a stipend to John Mickelson for furthering his education at the seminary because of all his devoted help to the church in the absence of our senior pastor. This will be sent to the seminary; seconded and carried.

Discussion was held on giving our ELCA donation. We were reminded that our personal gifts and offerings may be designated. This will be further discussed at our next meeting.

**Call Committee:** Chris Ueland reported for the Call Committee. They have been meeting on a weekly basis as well as getting the paperwork in order that should be sent out this week for the posting of the job. President Connie led the discussion of hiring an interim pastor; further discussion will be held at the next meeting. The yearly agreement has been signed between Zion and Silver Creek.



Discussion was held regarding the great need for volunteerism in our church. A letter will be drafted by Marijo Nabben, Chris Ueland, Deb Holtan and Amber Holtan and sent out regarding the needs we have and how we can volunteer our time and talents to help.

Amber Holtan requested we begin sharing the peace during our regular service again; Pastor Ale' will contact the local health committee to get their insight.

Bonnie Yost moved to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.; seconded and carried and followed by the Lord's Prayer. Next Parish Council Meeting will be April 20, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:  
Karen Thygeson, Secretary

# ZLCW

April 10 – 12:00

Program – Rebekah  
Hostess – Lydia  
Hospitality – Dorcas



## President's Corner:

Connie Hamre

"He has Risen, He has Risen"

When it was brought to Jesus' family, friends, and followers that he now lived, and the true strength of God's power, was shown. We can only imagine the enormous joy and happiness it meant. As we all know, He was tried, convicted, and sentenced as a criminal. He died at their hands, and died for our sins. On Easter Sunday we can proclaim, He has Risen. He overcome death, and sin to save us all. Let celebrate, together, God's Love, for us.

Looking forward, we will be getting a nominating committee together. This committee will be responsible for getting people, to fill our board positions. I ask, and pray, for your willingness to help, do the work of the church. Yes, we all are busy, but if we don't do it, who will?

Our call committee has been very busy, and has made a great deal of progress. We hope and pray, that we have a new Senior Pastor, by the end of the year. I am looking forward to meeting him/her, what about you? I am ever so glad we have Pastor Ale to carry ministry. And for John's willing in assistance. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

I have enjoyed the Lenten services programs, with focus on animals witnessing for Jesus. I hope you find them a good example of the church's mission. And, of course, the meals from our ladies have been so good. We have a good claim to fame, with their culinary abilities and talents.

Courage in Christ, Connie Hamre





## Zion's Evangelism Board's Second Annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil

**April 2, 2010**

Zion's Evangelism would like to invite everyone to our second annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil to be held on April 2, 2010.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. If you don't have a chance to sign up, come anyway. The time slots start at 12:00 noon and go for half hour increments. We will break for the Good Friday Service and then start again ended with the last time slot at 9:30. Please feel free to stay longer than your half hour slot. You will find the time will be gone before you know it. But what a wonderful half hour it will be!

F.Y.I. This is a time of meditation, prayer and silence. The board is providing a booklet for you to use during this time if you wish. No one is expected to speak up in front of anyone. It is just a time to sit and reflect and pray. We also have a prayer suggestion box were you can pick a slip that will have a prayer request on it. If so moved, take one with you into the sanctuary and pray for what is on the slip. When you are done with your time, take your booklet and prayer request slip back to the narthex, there will be a string to tie the prayer request so that that it will be closed and hang it on the cross sitting on the table.

For those that took part last year, it was a *very* moving experience! Come and join us and be part of some thing that will be a lasting impression in your heart. What a wonderful way to celebrate Easter! Feel free to bring a friend! They do not have to be a member of Zion.

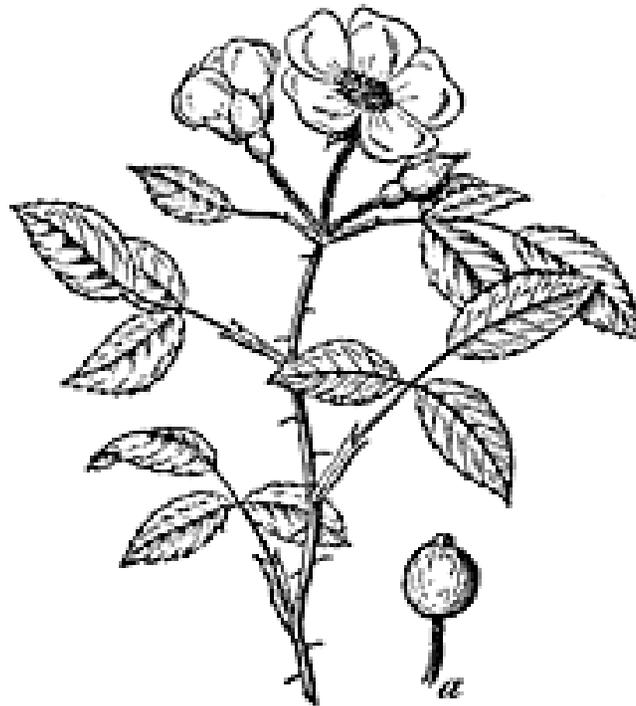
Deb Holtan  
Chairperson of Zion's Evangelism Board

### **Of Death and Resurrection**

I saw a rose bedecked in bloom,  
Few days ago or so it seems.  
Her petals soft in pink and white,  
Her green leaves done in artists' schemes.

Life for her was light and gay,  
As summer winds blow softly now  
And butterflies and bees fly down  
To rest their wings upon her brow.

But summertime has troubles, too,  
With thunderstorms and wind-whipped rain  
To test the very faith she has,  
That roots, set deep, can stand the strain.



Yet certain as the summer ends,  
The prairie winds turn harsh and cold;  
In endless sweeps across the plains.  
Her strength must stay; her roots must hold.

The prairie rose is silent now;  
Her leaves lie dead upon the ground.  
The winds blow through her barren boughs  
With a strange and lonesome whistling sound.

Though winter's death consumes her now,  
Like waters rushing to the sea,  
The prairie rose will bloom again;  
And so shall we - and so shall we.

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*John Hulteen*

## **Rebeka Circle Members**

Thank you for your generous checks sent to cover our Lenten supper. It is greatly appreciated.

Phyllis Dalager  
Rebekah circle chairman

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## **Sunday School**

Starting Sunday, April 11, Sunday school will start at 9:30 a.m., immediately following worship at 10:30 a.m. Please remember our teachers may be attending the service, so if the teacher is not in the classroom at 9:30, please wait with your child until the teacher arrives, and please pick up your children at 10:30 a.m. This will run until the last day of Sunday school May 9, 2010.

Amber Holtan  
Christian Education Board

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# Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 6-9



**Little Lambs - 5th Grade**

Singing for the "Call to Worship"

May 9