



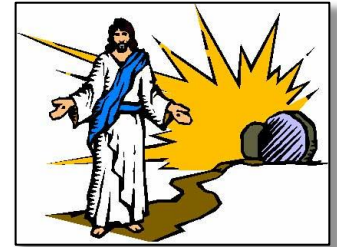
“They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was going to happen to him, saying, ‘Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him;

after three days he will rise again.’”

Mark 10:32-34

Today (March 20) is the first day of spring! This by itself is almost enough to go on. Almost. Spring is new life. It is warm, at last. It is most welcome. It always leaves us wanting more.

The good news is that there is more. We receive now and will receive in the future.



Going to Jerusalem was reason enough for those following Jesus to be afraid. At the very least showing up in Jerusalem meant recognition, arrest, maybe even the death penalty for all of them. The people in Jerusalem would easily be able to pick out his followers. If Jesus were accused, as he certainly would be, his followers could be accused also. Jesus’ followers were afraid. They had every reason to be afraid.

Jesus knew what it meant for him.

The followers could only see part of what was going to happen, even though they had been told twice before, at Mark 8:31 and 9:31. They saw danger clearly. They did not know that resurrection would also occur.

The Christian Church observes this trip to Jerusalem as the season of Lent. Lent is the time for each of us to get ready for Holy Week and Easter by means of self-examination, worship, and genuine repentance. The ancient tradition of the Christian Church is to begin this season with the Imposition of Ashes, which many of you did at worship on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

This year again we will hear the Lenten message from area preachers, around the themes of the Sermon on the Mount. I have Matthew 7:1-5. The theme is “Judge not.”

Supper each week is before worship, at 5:30. Worship is at 6:30.

I hope this Lenten season proves to be valuable to you and increases your faith.

In Christ,
Pastor John Golv

If you would like to share flowers for our Easter Services, please let the church office know by Tuesday, April 16th. If you are sharing them in memory of a loved one, it will be printed in the bulletin Easter Sunday. You may take them home with you following the 10:30 services



President's Message Laura Rude

Greetings Church Family-

April is upon us. New beginnings are upon us. With anything new comes a little bit of *faith*. *Faith* that the snow WILL melt. *Faith* that we will have warmer days. *Faith* that we serve a risen Lord. *Faith* that He will provide for us. You and I are called to move forward in *faith*. We cannot stay still, because our faith is meant to be active. Faith is one thing we need to have in our lives and in our church. I have faith that our congregation is praying for and supporting all our leaders, volunteers, organizations and overall mission.

Pastor Ale made this great point in his recent sermon at a Lenten service. God created answers to all of our problems, issues, worries and concerns. **US**. He created **US!** We are the answer to the problems, issues, worries and concerns. Pretty cool huh? We are the answer! Who will you be an answer to?

The council is making good progress on our Co-Youth Director position. We have finalized the job description and will be forming a search committee soon. We are very exciting about this position and will be sharing more as we get further in the process.

This month is another busy one with Holy Week, First Communion for our 5th graders and Easter services. Looking forward to spring and all the hope and promises that come with it. Check out the rest of the newsletter for all the events going on.

That's what's on my mind. What's on yours?

Easter Blessing to you all!
Laura Rude



- **April 7** – 2:00 Zion's Got Talent Show – Little Lambs through Grade 5
- **April 13** – Palm Sunday
- **April 18** – Maundy Thursday – 6:00 - Seder Meal for First Communicants and 7:30 - Worship
- **April 19** – Good Friday Prayer Vigil
- **April 19** – Good Friday – Worship at 6:30 at Zion
- **April 20** – Easter – Worship at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 – Breakfast by Youth at 7:15

Lenten Worship

4th Wednesday of Lent - April 3

- 5:30 Supper - Rebekah: Stew; Clean Up-Grades 10-12
- 6:30 Worship
- Message - "Don't Worry" - Pastor Carl Hanson

5th Wednesday of Lent - April 10

- 5:30 Supper -Sarah Circle: Chili; Clean Up-Grade 9
- 6:30 Worship
- Message - "Blessed Are You" - Pastor Linda Molitor

6th Wednesday of Lent - April 17

- No Supper or Service

Maundy Thursday - April 18

- 6:00 Seder Meal for First Communicants & Families
Lydia Circle: Seder Meal; Clean Up-Grade 8
- 7:30 Worship/Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 19

- 6:30 Worship - Zion

Easter Sunday Worship – April 21

- 6:30 Easter Sunrise
- 7:15 – Easter Breakfast
- 8:30 and 10:30 Holy Communion Worship
- 10:00 – Easter Worship - Silver Creek

11th Annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil Friday April 19, 2019



Good Friday, April 19th, will be our 11th Good Friday Prayer Vigil! All are invited to come and fill the sanctuary with people! If you don't want to come alone, invite a friend to come with you. I would love for all of you to experience this amazing experience! I guarantee you will not leave the same way you came in. It is very simple. The vigil starts at noon, if you are not able to sign up for a time slot, come in when you can. Sign in and pick up one of the booklets, find a spot to sit and just read. Or you can just sit and pray your own prayers. It is a time of reflection, prayer and meditation. All I'm asking is twenty minutes of your time. We will break for the Good Friday Service and then continue with the vigil after the service.

Between now and Good Friday there will be a prayer suggestion box and slips of paper to write a prayer suggestion on. Write your prayer request on the slip of paper, put it in the box. The box will be opened the day of the vigil and someone will pray for your request on Good Friday. Then that slip of paper will be hung on the cross to symbolize that our Lord and Savior has heard your prayer. Your request will only be seen by the one doing the praying.

If you have any questions, please call or text Deb Holtan. My home number is 449-4645 and my cell is 686-3758.

ZLCW Meets April 9



All women of Zion are invited to our monthly gathering on Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for fellowship, refreshments and Bible study.

Circle responsibilities are: Program (if desired) - Sarah, Hostess - Rebekah, Hospitality - Lydia, and Visitation - Sarah at Oakland Park.

Board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Conference 2 Spring Gathering

First Lutheran Church, Middle River, will host the Conference 2 Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 27. With a theme of *All is Well with my Soul*, Pastor Viki Saude-Worthington from Grygla will speak about dealing with grief in families. An entertaining "fun fashion show" will be presented by the Middle River ladies.

Registration is from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. with morning coffee. Cost is \$10 per person which includes the morning coffee and noon lunch. Those wishing to carpool to Middle River, meet in Zion's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. that morning.

REMINDER: Items still needed for the Personal Care Kits: Bath towel, adult-sized toothbrush, nail clipper, comb and 4-5 oz bars of soap. Also, needed are hand towels for the Baby Care Kits. Both bath towel and hand towel may be used, but in good, clean condition. Thank you for assistance in these projects!



Zion Lutheran's Parish Planning Council Minutes March 19, 2019

The Parish Planning Council meeting was called to order by President Laura Rude at 5:30 pm. In attendance were President Laura Rude, Barbara Overbye, Karen Thygeson, Tim Numedahl, Mike Spears, Jodi Bergman, Marijo Nabben, Sharon Jorde, Glenice Johnson, Clark Nelson, Pastor John Golv, Pastor Ale Tulu, and Deb Holtan.

Pastor John Golv gave the opening prayer.

The minutes for February 18, 2019 were presented and approved.

President Laura Rude brought to the council the suggestion from the annual meeting made by Winton Forsberg to look at moving monies from the savings account to CD's for a better interest rate. Treasurer Barbara Overbye will look into this and report back at April's meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Worship Board: Sharon Jorde highlighted items from their board minutes pointing out that the palms for Palm Sunday will be ordered. She stated the number of people in attendance for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Services have been up.

Properties Board: Mike Spears reported that the tankless water heater for the kitchenette has been paid for. The board has looked at carpet samples for the sanctuary and overflow. It has been suggested the murals in the overflow be put on plywood or sheetrock and then framed to be attached to the walls instead of applying directly to the walls.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry: Marijo Nabben informed the council that Home Communion was taken to two people on Sunday the 17th. The communicants were very appreciative. Marijo also stated the Ken Kalsnes has presented a program to this board on using Chip Ingram's "Effective Parenting in a Defective World" to anyone in the congregation, but especially focusing on parents of children in Confirmation Classes to be offered during the time their children are in class. Start date is tentatively set to begin after Lent. Also Lenten Calendars were handed out to the congregation after Ash Wednesday Services with a calendar directed for adults and one for teens. Also a calendar geared to Sunday school aged kids were handed out to the students during Sunday school. This board is suggesting that the congregation go back to using Friendship Pads. The board feels that this would make it easier to acknowledge who we are worshipping with in. Along with this idea, name tags will be used on March 24th and at least two other dates yet this spring.

Christian Ed and Youth: President Laura read from Amber Holtan's email the following: The Hotdish Cook Off brought in \$401. There were 25-30 taste testers, and there were 12 hotdishes. This money will go towards the Faith Fund. The Junior High Bingo party was attended by 13 of our youth. A Lock In is being worked on for the middle of April. Easter Breakfast is in the works with 18 youth being involved with the Sunrise Service.

Fellowship: Glenice Johnson asked if there is a way to simplifying the deposit drop for the Sunday morning offering that is part of the usher's duties. Can there be a drop box for this.

Glenice also reported for the ZLCW that 27 carnations were delivered to shut-ins. A display of all that Zion does with out reach and mission work will be in the narthex on Mission Sunday. Also a list will be in the bulletin along with all the events that our church building is used for. Ginny Armstrong who has been the treasurer for ZLCW has asked to be relieved of her duties due to illness.

Publications: Jodi Bergman reported that Darlene Hulteen has placed an article in the March 20th edition of the Times paper about Zion's Lenten Services. Another article will go in closer to Holy Week.

Silver Creek: Clark Nelson reported they will have their spring cleaning in a couple of weeks. They are putting in new sound and security systems.

President Laura Rude reported that Pastor John, Pastor Cory, Jan Anderson, Megan Eickman and herself met. They had a very good meeting. The language in the job description for the potential shared youth director position was made more flexible.

Madam President asked Pastor John to comment. Pastor John stated that the program details are important but can also be a conflict. The program may need redesigning as we go. Our program and Redeemers are slightly different but we are aiming for the same goal.

A motion was made by Marijo Nabben to accept the "Proposed Job Description of Director of Children, Youth and Family" with a second. The motion carried.

President Laura Rude asked Pastor John to explain what happens next. Pastor John stated that a Search Committee will be formed. Pastor John also stated that our Bishop is very excited and wants to see this succeed. Also that Pastor Cory wants to have this in place by summer. Pastor John also stated that we are not to fill this position just for the sake of filling it.

Several names were listed as possible candidates for this Search Committee. Karen Thygeson moved to get the names narrowed down to the five needed here from Zion as quickly as possible and then email council members for approval. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Laura Rude then asked Pastor John to get back to Redeemer to notify them that we have approved the Proposed Job Description and that we are ready to go forward. She also asked to be able during the announcements on Sunday to update the congregation of what progress is being made.

Pastor Ale: Pastor Ale reported that their will be two different paintings done by Paul Oman on Mission Sunday. At the 8:30 service the picture will be about Holy Week and at the 10:30 service the picture will be about Jesus surrounded by children. First Communion Classes start Sunday March 31st. Pastor Ale also said he will be gone next week to Texas to attend the PGA and will be working there with the Water to Thrive.

Pastor John: Pastor John submitted his report.

Barbara Overbye made the following motion: The housing allowance for Pastor John be increased \$100.00 a month and that his salary be decreased \$100.00 a month. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 following the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is April 16, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Deb Holtan Council Secretary

Home Communion

The Evangelism/Lay Ministry Board is looking for homebound members who would like to receive home communion on the first Sunday of every month following the 8:30 service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in receiving home



communion or if you know of someone who might like home communion.

Evangelism/Lay Ministry Board
Marijo Nabben Board Chair

Silver Creek

We have signs of spring in the air, so let's relax and wait for its beauty.

Thank you goes out to Mike and Mark for their hard fought efforts to shovel off the steep roof. The pictures show details that make us glad that all is well, and the snow was successfully removed.



It is time to meet on April 11th for the "Spring Cleaning" on the interior of the church. We will start with at 5:30 with a potluck supper. All help is appreciated!

WELCA will meet at 3:00 k on April 11th to work on service projects. No business or bible study, as we will instead spend time on cleaning.

Church council will meet after services on April 14th.

Bev Ruprecht

Zion's Prayer Shawl Ministry



Hi, I'm Deb Holtan, leader of our Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Zion. I'd like to give a quick background on what this ministry is about for those of you who are not familiar with it. We are a group of gals that number as many as fifteen and we meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 in our Fellowship Hall. Our group is not only gals from Zion but also from Trinity. We are not just a bunch of "ladies" that sit around drinking coffee and clinking our knitting needles or crochet hooks together, but a group of ladies that have become Sisters that through our fellowship; laugh, cry, pray and lean on each other as we make these shawls, shawls that are a physical expression of our prayers and a reminder of our love and God's blessings. These shawls are gifts like no other gifts. They are gifts of hope, of comfort, of peace and of love. Our shawls have gone out to many, many in our surrounding area and many to our own congregation. They have gone as far away as Texas, Washington, South Carolina, Iowa, Florida and points in between.

It's hard to believe that it is just a short five years ago that the Prayer Shawl Ministry had its beginnings here at Zion.

This last December the ladies used our leftover yarn and made 12 sets of scarves and hats, 22 hats and 6 scarves to put on Zion's Spirit of Giving. The group also made 22 little bereavement afghans to give to the Bereavement Group at Sanford Hospital here in Thief River.

On this Mission Sunday it was our 9th blessing of the Prayer Shawls. We had 73 shawls on the communion rails to be blessed. We also had two other shawls that were blessed to be sent out immediately as we had requests for special ones. These 70 plus shawls puts the number made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry over 550!

Thank to all that have donated money to this wonderful ministry! Thank to all my ladies that are so faithful in helping with this and to all the people that bring the names of people in need of these shawls. Needs whether it be because of an illness, cancer, surgery, emotional or “just because”.

I’m the one that feels blessed because of all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, Zion’s first communicants and their families will participate in a Seder Meal. For those of the Jewish and Christian faiths, the Seder Meal marks the beginning of the celebration of Passover, the night that commemorates the anniversary of the Jewish nation’s miraculous exodus from Egyptian slavery more than 3,000 years ago. It reminds Christians of the Last Supper, the Lord’s Supper or communion - the Eucharist meal that Jesus shared with his Apostles in Jerusalem before his crucifixion. After the Seder meal, Zion's first communicants will share Holy Communion with their families during Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30. Worship is open to everyone



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

April Reminders:

April 21, 2019

✝ There is NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

May Reminders:

May 5 -

✝ Canteen Day! This will be the Sunday school kids' 2nd opportunity to turn in coins they have earned this year. (Coins must be redeemed within the Sunday school year they are earned. They do not carry over year to year so we hope everyone can make this date!)

May 12

✝ **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

✝ The Sunday school kids will sing in church! Please watch Facebook for updates 😊

✝ Last day of Sunday School for the 2018-2019 Season

Sunday School Canteen 505

Please see below for a reminder on how the Sunday schoolers can earn up to 2 coins every Sunday.

✝ For every Church Service (up to 1 per Sunday) that your child attends they will receive 1 coin to add to their bank/jar in their classroom. ** In order to receive the coin please make sure your child picks up a lanyard in the back of the church and turns it in to their Sunday School teacher.

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✝ Students will also receive 1 coin for each Sunday School Class they attend (up to 1 per Sunday) - making it possible to earn up to 2 coins per Sunday!

✝ These coins will be “cashed” in twice a year (December & May) at our NEW Sunday School Canteen 505.

Please join us on Facebook!

✝ **Facebook**: Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School – TRF

If you have any questions about Sunday school or our K-5 Events, please let Becky (218-686-5563) or Davina (218-689-4965) know.



LITTLE LAMB – 5TH GRADE EVENTS (ALSO KNOWN AS K-5 EVENTS)



April Event:

UPDATED

Date: To Be Announced

What: Easter Egg Hunt

Who: All Little Lambs – 5th Graders that attend Zion TRF
Sunday School

Where: Zion Church

Time: To Be Announced

Please see the bulletin boards outside the Sunday School Office and in the Little Lamb – 1st Grade Sunday School Hallway for more details along with our Facebook page: Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School – TRF

Winners!!!!

Of the 3rd Annual Hot Dish Cook-Off

David Lee

Nora and AJ Fay – our youngest contestants

Thank you to the 3rd Annual Hot dish Cook off contestants and taste testers! We had twelve hot dishes.



Lenten Clean-Up Schedule

April 3 – 10th - 12th grade

April 10 – 9th Grade

April 18 – Maundy Thursday – 8th Grade

***Please mark your calendar for the date you and your child are scheduled! Plan to be at the church by 5:30 p.m.

Parents are needed to help with cleanup in the kitchen. THANKS!



2018 Summer Camp Dates

June 9 - 14 - Elementary Classic - Grades 4 - 5

June 16 - 2 - Middle School Classic - Grades 6 - 7

June 23 – 28 - Jar High Classic - Grades 8 - 0

July 7 – 9 - Elementary Min – Grades 2 - 3

June - 12 - High School Classic - Grades 10 - 12

July 12 - Half Pint Day - (9:00 am - :00 pm) K – Grade 2

These are the dates that the church will be providing transportation to and from camp. Other camp dates are available if these dates don't work.
If you are interested in driving for any of these dates please let Amber know

Please join Zion and 17 confirmation students as they host the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21, at 6:30.

Everyone is invited to the Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise Service.

Twas the Night Before Easter

Dan Bartsch

'Twas the night before Easter and all through the house,
not a creature was stirring, not even that dirty filthy mouse.
The eggs were all colored in the kitchen with care
in hopes that Peter Cottontail would soon be there.

The children were all snug in their beds
With visions of chocolate bunnies dropping in their hands.
And Ma in her sweatshirt, and I in my Twins cap,
had just settled down for a long Spring nap, when out on the lawn there rose such a clatter. I got up, stubbed my toe and went to the window to see what was the matter.

The moon shined brightly over the new-fallen snow
which was depressing because it's Spring, "don't cha know."
When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh, a rabbit, and eight tiny reindeer. I looked at the calendar, and it just couldn't be. Is it December or April – do I need a basket or a tree?
But St. Nick and Peter landed on my lawn, and I opened the door and let them in. Because two holidays at once, hey, that's a win-win.

“St. Nicholas,” I said knowing I had nothing to fear, “always glad to see you... but what are you doing here?”

“Glad to tell you, my friend. You see Peter slipped on the ice and eggs in the mail are hard to send. Peter had a bum foot and no time to lose, so I said I’d help him – but I get to spread the Good News.

“You see when I work we remember the dear child in the manger and the gift he gave. But when Peter works, that child has grown and has given us a gift that we all can save. He was flogged, beaten, and nailed to a tree, but this morning he will rise from the dead, a gift of love to both you and me.”

Peter finished his work. I hugged them and wished them well.

A bright and beautiful day is coming, and a gift that would make your heart just swell.

But as the sleigh flew off, I heard St. Nick exclaim in a voice proudly exceed, “Happy Easter to All! Christ is Risen, he is risen indeed!!”