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Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 21, 2011

10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

8 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Worship, April 24 at 9:30 a. m.

The Seven
Marks of
Discipleship

☞Pray

☞Worship

☞Study

☞Invite

☞Encourage

☞Give

☞Serve

Our Discipleship Together

Alleluias During Lent

In case you didn't notice during worship lately, I've been thinking a lot more about our practice of refraining from singing alleluias during Lent. On Ash Wednesday I was particularly swept up by the magnificent grace of God and wanted to shout alleluias at the top of my lungs, but refrained from it because of our practice, particularly on Ash Wednesday. My puppet, Al, challenged me one Sunday about this practice of

not singing alleluias during Lent, saying that it was pretty silly. I came back with how wonderful it is going to feel on Easter Sunday when we do finally get to proclaim what has been welling up in our hearts during this season of Lent. Oh how we are going to let the alleluias fly on that day!!

As I think about some of my most favorite hymns, those at the top of the heap are Easter hymns. Yes, this is due to what we are singing about, the best news of all news, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. But, it is also due to the many wonderful memories I have as a child, when I was swept off my feet by the joy and glory of the day. I remember having goose bumps on my goose bumps and pure joy filling my heart as I sang at the top of my lungs, "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" (LBW 131). Yeah, I remember that as a kid I once savored the opportunity to worship at all three Easter morning services held in my congregation.

I think there is something contagious about the joy we experience as people linked together in the body of our risen Lord Jesus. I've seen how that joy changed people's hearts. I know the effect it has had upon my own heart. I look forward to sharing in that joy with you as we sing alleluia together on our day of days, Easter Sunday.

Pastor Keith



Zion's "Biggest Loser" Community Challenge

Zion's "Biggest Loser" community challenge officially ended Tuesday, March 29, 2011. The winner was Beth Felch from Peshtigo. She had the highest percentage of weight lost with 9.79%. Beth has chosen to donate the money to Respite Care of Marinette and Menominee Counties. Respite Care is a non-profit, volunteer based program providing confidential, in-home support to families caring for a loved one who may be elderly, disabled, chronically or terminally ill. Respite Care will be receiving a total donation of \$169.00.

Thank you to everyone who participated and for giving me this opportunity to teach you.

Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator

Zion's Wellness Team

Zion's Wellness Team is a new group I formed. This program will run every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for the months of April and May. Additional meetings will continue based on the response of the team. Please join us on Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. for an informational meeting. Everyone is welcome! For additional questions call 715.801.0150 or send an email to mnvik_26@hotmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Sarah Rabideau, Volunteer Coordinator



**Summary of
Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting
February and March 2011**

The Council approved the written Projection Proposal as presented. That proposal included projecting all of the written parts of the bulletin, including the liturgy, prayers, lessons, and hymns; projecting announcements one-half hour before the service and concluding at the prelude; inviting people to pray during the prelude using various images; keeping the screen up during the sermon unless it is used during the sermon; Preferably project light print on dark background; projecting the Children's Sermons and special music when permission is given; exploring the use of images during hymns and lessons as well as during other times of the service; having the bulletin contain a listing of the parts of the service with page numbers for service parts available in the hymnals and hymn numbers when available; and lastly, a large print bulletin will be made available for those who desire access to all parts of the service. This large print bulletin will be used by worship leaders.

The Council approved moving forward with the garden proposal in conjunction with the Marinette County UW-Extension. Still to be resolved through the WDNR is the requirements for driving a point to water the garden, or as an alternative, speak with the city regarding a possible discount because the water will be used for a community garden.

Scholarship Committee has been formed; members are: Kay Meek, Tracy Nowak, Carol Johnson, and Peter Thielen. This committee will work on the criteria for applying for and receiving a Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp fully funded scholarship from Zion.

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Had a lengthy discussion on the paper, "This is a Football," written by Bishop Skrenes. Discussion emphasized the difference between "family" and "congregation", and reminded us that although we consider Zion to be a "family," family is private space, whereas congregation is public space. As a congregation we are definitely "public." Because we are public we desire invited "guests" along with random "visitors." This led to discussion of evangelism and how we might incorporate evangelism into Zion. Persons interested in joining our congregation can indicate this on our welcome sheets. Follow-up on these is a first step. A steering committee consisting of Peter Thielen, Nancy Benchley, Jacki Heimbuch, and Pastor Kolstad will meet on Tues., Apr.5, to begin to create a vision for evangelism committee work at Zion.

Approved the transfer of Dorothy Kitzinger to Our Savior,s Lutheran church and the transfer of Kathy Gutknecht to Faith Lutheran Church.

Approved accepting new members: Jim and Cora Weissberger, Maureen Wolf and children Bradley Mech and Bethany Wolf, Pauline Ireland, Robert and Sue Baxter, and William and Julie Retza and children Billy, Michael and Rebekeh.

Don and Jo Schutt were approved as Zion's Synod Assembly Representatives.



Haven of Hope

Since our donations are no longer needed at the Rainbow House, we have decided to switch our donations to the Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter. They are in need of the following items:

Cleaning Supplies of all kinds

Dish Soap

Soap

Bleach

Pine Sol

Other Cleaners

Dryer Sheets

Disinfectant Sprays

Furniture Polish

Food

Soups

Crackers

Rice

Juices

Canned Vegetables

They also need clothes, and volunteers. If interested call 715-735-3684.

Thanks, Jo Schutt



Check out these Worship & Music Volunteer Opportunities Hymn Committees

We are looking for people to serve on a hymn committees. This involves about one hour of your time twice a year. The head of the committee will call and set up a convenient time for the group to get together. She/He will have done some of the preliminary work as to the themes for each week and suggested hymns. It is a fun time to get together with a few friends from Zion and help with the leadership of worship. We have three openings at this time. Both men and woman are welcome.

Worship and Music Committee

The Worship and Music Committee is looking for a few new members. We meet about four times a year, usually in the evening or after worship, to plan and discuss the next upcoming season(s) in the church year and other topics related to worship and music.

Musicians

The Worship and Music Committee decided that the liturgy, "Now the Feast and Celebration," which is usually used on the fourth Sunday of the month, should be played on the piano. With this change we would also like to add some new musicians to help play the liturgy, the hymns and/or share music during the offering at this service. We are looking for anyone, young or old, that would like to share their talents on rhythm instruments, woodwinds, brass, guitar, etc., to accompany this service. It would involve one rehearsal a month along with that Sunday's worship service.

For more information or to volunteer please call Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.



Good Friday Worship

The Essence of the Cross shapes the theme of this year's Good Friday Community Worship. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, at the corner of Pierce and University Avenues, will host this year's service. The April 22 event begins at 12:00 noon and lasts until 3:00 P.M., with six half-hour segments allowing for graceful entrances and exits for those who wish to attend part of the service. The themes and scheduled preachers are:

12:00-12:30 P.M. A Word of Petition
Rev. Warren Waddell

12:30-1:00 P.M. A Word of Promise
Rev. Philip Tously

1:00-1:30 P.M. A Word of Provision
Rev. Douglas Schoen

1:30-2:00 P.M. A Word of Pain
Rev. James Wendt

2:00-2:30 P.M. A Word of Pronouncement
Rev. William Clyma

2:30-3:00 P.M. A Word of Peace
Rev. William Bippus

ZionLenten Soup Suppers

Theme: By Faith – Hebrews 11-12

Held at Zion Lutheran Church starting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6th – The Faith of Moses &

The Faith of the Israelites

By Faith, Moses chose the hard path to follow God's call. How does our faith affect the choice we must make?

Preacher – LLM Darrel Diers

By faith, generations of Israelites wandered the wilderness, entered the promised land, heard the words of the prophets, and suffered persecution. Amid life's joys and difficulties, how do we persevere in our faith?

Preacher – Pastor Jim Wendt

Held at St. James Lutheran Church starting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13 – Jesus, the Perfecter of Our Faith

Enduring the cross, Jesus came "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

How does the way of the cross define our faith?

Preacher – Pastor Rick DeBenedetto

Soup Suppers begin at 5:30 with a half hour of worship starting at 6:00.





This year we are offering four different Spring plants. If you would like to give one of these plants in loving memory of someone, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God, please check off the plants you prefer, the wording you would like, and amount enclosed. Return the form to the church office, place in the offering plate or by mail along with your contribution. Monday, April 18th is the deadline date.

I (We) would like to place one or more of the following plants for Easter Sunday. (Take note of the prices.)

_____ Lily (\$15) _____ Tulip (\$15) _____ Hyacinth (\$15)

_____ Daffadil (\$17.50)

Wording: _____ In Loving Memory of:

_____ In Honor of:

Given By: _____

Number of plants: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Envelope # _____



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL 2011

April 1

Kathy Cramer
Cheryl Maxwell
Jodi Minzlaff
Alice Oleson

April 2

Joyce Cosson
Ben Hubbard
Sue Poquette
Jacob Swenson

April 3

Jacob Bowdin
Carol Johnson

April 4

Drew Koenigs

April 5

Bernice Forslund

April 6

Rachel Breuer
John Johnson
Elmer Magnuson

April 7

Tayler Lemieux
Donald Limberg

April 8

Brittany Kehoe
Cassie McClain
Margaret Minsolff
Rebekah Retza

April 9

Elsa Limberg
JoAnn McGree
Sue Peterson

April 10

Debra Cook
Sandy Gressel

April 11

Curt Clarke
Judy Limberg

April 12

Steve Bromund
Steven Harris
Josh Royer

April 13

Jacob Lebick

April 17

Ron Garrigan
Theresa Kloida
Hannah Oleson
Georgieana Veriha

April 19

Scott Minzlaff
Jakob Oleson
Jake Romanesko
Krystle Tipple

April 20

Karen Kolstad
Tyler Lund

April 21

Ruth Olson
Jane Schmidt
Justin Williams

April 22

David Johnson
Diane Lynch
Richelle Vincent

April 23

Clark Kehoe

April 24

Karen Houdek

April 25

Millie Bomber
Roger DeGroot

April 26

Patricia Zander

April 27

Sophie Limberg
Kim Swenson
Sandra Tessmer

April 28

Dan Kippola
Richard Peterson

April 29

Lori Despina
Bonnie Schoen

April 30

Laura Huff
John Schmidt



Zion's Youth Ministry Committee is inviting you to join us for the Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 24, 2011. Serving will begin at 8 a.m. So plan to come early before our service at 9:30 a.m. for Easter fellowship, fun, and of course, food! How the free-will offering money raised by the Easter Breakfast will be used will be announced at a different time.

Please sign up below by Sunday, April 17th to help us plan.
Yes, We plan to attend the Easter Breakfast!

_____ No. of Adults _____ No. of Children
(Under 8 years of age.)

I/We can help:

- _____ Set-up at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23rd.
- _____ Cook, beginning at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 24th.
- _____ Serve Food from 8-9 a.m.
- _____ Clean up after the breakfast

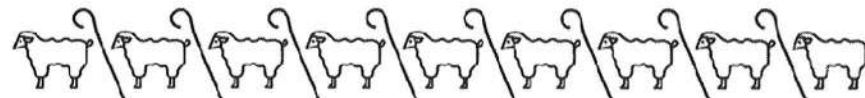
Name _____

Telephone # _____



Bulletins

At worship on Sundays, if you would prefer a bulletin that contains the words and melodies for the hymns as well as the words for the lessons and prayers please ask the usher. As more people rely on what is projected upon the screen for guidance through the worship service, the Council felt that printing a bulletin which also did this not only offered more confusion for those unfamiliar with our service, but was also a stewardship issue because of unnecessary printing and paper costs. Obviously there will be some discomforts as we all try to figure out how to interact with this new technology. Deepest thanks for your patience during this transition.



God's Grace

There once was a man named George Thomas, pastor in a small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit. Eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak....

"I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright.

I stopped the lad and asked, "What do you have there, son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply.

"What are you going to do with them?" I asked.

"Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. "I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time."

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"

"Oh, I got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll take 'em to them."

The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh?? !!! Why, you don't want them birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing. They ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the pastor asked again.

The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?"

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The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone. The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free. Well, that explained the empty bird cage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story:

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught a world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked.

Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to hate and abuse each other, and how to ruin their lives. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you are done with them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you. You don't want those people!!!"

"How much? He asked again.

Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your blood, tears and your life."

Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price.

The pastor picked up the cage and walked from the pulpit.



Welcome to Zion!

On Sunday, March 6, Zion received several new members into our congregation.

Jim and Cora Weissgerber

Jim and Cora both serve on our area Rescue Squad, a local ski patrol, and work at Edgewood Manor. Jim has been sharing his musical talents in worship on his guitar. Cora likes to garden and sew.

Pauline Ireland

Pauline lives at Rennes East Nursing Home and loves cats, playing bingo and coloring.

Bill and Julie Retza and their children Michael, Billy and Rebekah

When Bill is not busy here at Zion and studying to be a pastor, he is working on their farm. They raise sheep, cattle, chickens, and grow a huge garden every year. Julie is a school teacher, and Bill is an accountant.

Bob and Sue Baxter

Bob and Sue are retired and like to take their four grandchildren for rides in their classic cars.

Maureen Wolf and her two children, Bradley and Bethany

Maureen works at Accent Maintenance and loves to garden.

