

## Zion Lutheran Church

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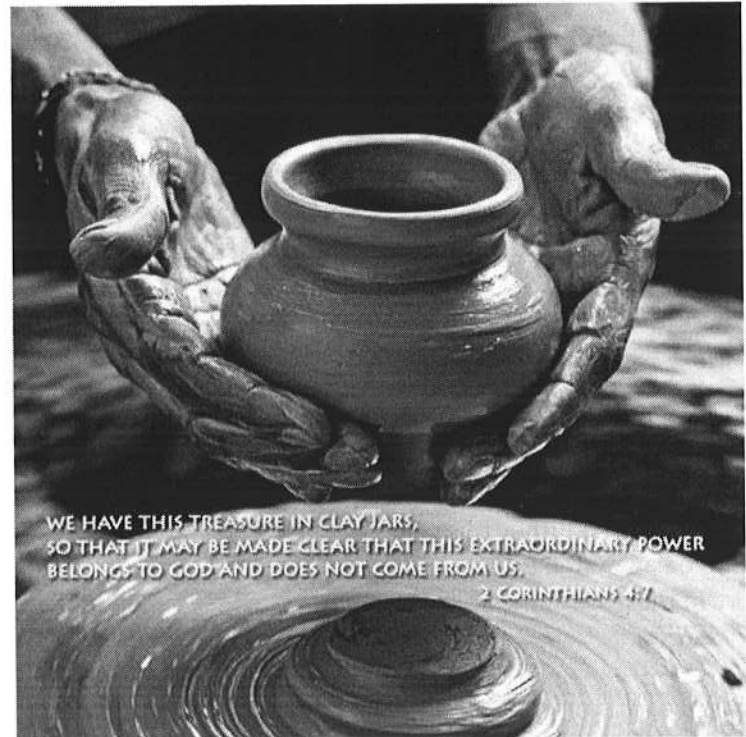
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**March 2015**



WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN CLAY JARS,  
SO THAT IT MAY BE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS EXTRAORDINARY POWER  
BELONGS TO GOD AND DOES NOT COME FROM US.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7

### The Seven Marks of Discipleship

☞ Pray

☞ Worship

☞ Study

☞ Invite

☞ Encourage

☞ Give

☞ Serve

## Clay Jars

*But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.*  
2 Corinthians 4:7

The theme of our Midweek Lenten Worship, following our Soup Suppers this year, will focus on the above verse from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. At our Ash Wednesday worship we remembered that "we are dust and to dust we shall return." Clay is simply dust mixed with water. What gives this clay life is the breath of God, that same breath/wind/Spirit that hovered over the waters at the very beginning of creation. (*Genesis 1:1*) God gives life to this wet lump of dust that we are made of, creating a treasure within a clay jar.

A thousand years from now, a scientist challenges God: "God," says the scientist. "You are no longer needed. You served a function in your day, but that day is gone. We can do everything that you can do, so goodbye."

There is a moment of silence. Then a voice booms out of the sky, "Everything?"

"Yes," answers the scientist, "everything."

"Can you make a human being from dust?"

"Absolutely."

"OK," says God, "let me see you make a human being."

The scientist reaches down and digs his hand into the earth.

"Oh, no," says God. "Get your own dust."

During our Lenten journey this year, let us take time to ponder what it means to be animated dust, made in the image of God. What is the treasure in these clay jars; and what difference does Easter make?

*Pastor Keith*

## Midweek Lenten Worship

### Treasure in Clay Jars

Midweek Lenten worship will be taking place following the Soup Suppers and will begin at 6:00 and will last a half hour. This year's theme is "Treasure in Clay Jars," inspired by St. Paul's declaration in 2Corinthians 4:7. The schedule and preachers are as follows:

March 4 – Our Savior's: Rev. Jim Wendt

March 11 – Zion: Rev. Keith Kolstad

March 18 – Our Savior's: Rev. George Olson

March 25 – Zion: Rev. Rick DeBenedetto



## Lenten Soup Suppers

We are once again offering soup suppers as a part of our midweek evening worship. This year we are participating with Our Savior's Lutheran and St. James Lutheran, with all three congregations attending the congregation who is hosting that particular week. The suppers start at 5:15, fifteen minutes earlier than the suppers have started in the past. Worship begins at the same time, 6:00. SPARK Faith Formation for our children begins at 6:00 as well, and takes place at the congregation that is hosting the meal.

The schedule is:

**March 4 – Our Savior's**

**March 11 – Zion**

**March 18 – Our Savior's**

**March 25 – Zion**

## Council Summary

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The Council met on February 10, 2015 @ 6:30pm.

Pastor Keith reported that February attendance was down for 2015. The average for the month was 97. The average in 2014 was 107.

There was one funeral on January 31<sup>st</sup> for Ellen Sylvester.

Pastor Keith and Pastor George Olsen will be holding a Lay School for Mission class starting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The class will be based on the book *Keeping the Sabbath Wholly* by Marva Dawn.

This was the first meeting of the 2015 Congregation Council. The council had an icebreaker activity centered around the Seven Marks of Discipleship.

A summary of the financial reports for January are below.

- General Fund balance decreased \$2,082 from \$10,184 to \$8,102. Disbursements included \$1,937 for insurance.
- Capital Improvement Fund increased \$887 from \$48,659 to \$49,546. There were donations of \$200.
- Debt/DAR and Community, Children increased \$300. \$1,800 is available for 2015 Community Camper Scholarships.
- Sabbatical Fund has been established and will be funded at approximately \$167 per month.
- The Intern Fund Balance increased \$20
- The Garden Grant Fund balance is \$211.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$863.

The Evangelism Committee met on February 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss new ideas for name badges. They are also looking at advertising for Zion. They will be planning what their message is going to be and how they are going to convey that message in the coming meetings. They are meeting again on Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30.

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The Worship and Music Committee met to discuss upcoming events. Below is a list:

- ◇ There will be two services on Ash Wednesday. Soup suppers will be held at St. James on Feb 25, Our Savior's on March 4 & 18, and Zion on March 11 & 25 starting at 5:15.
- ◇ Holy Week will start with Palm Sunday on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday on April 2 (services at 10 and 6:30), Good Friday on April 3 site TBD, The Tennebrae service will be held at 7:30. Easter is on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ◇ May 17<sup>th</sup> Zion will honor its graduates.
- ◇ A Dixieland Service may be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> or June 7<sup>th</sup>.

The AV box, used to record our Worship services, is not working properly. A bid has been received in the amount of approximately \$1300 to upgrade the unit with similar equipment that will ease the process for recording and uploading the video to our website. The Council has also authorized Troy Cording to seek out the cost of a new desktop computer system versus the cost of maintenance on the current one we have.

The youth of Zion met on Friday February 6 for an ice skating and dance party. Ten youth and guests attended the event. They are planning a swimming event at River Cities Pool in March.

The Youth Gathering group is selling Younker's Community Days Booklets for \$5.

Karen Sylvester is starting a list of people who would be willing to help out with the Caring Ministry team. The people on the list would be willing to drive members of Zion to appointments if requested.

Members of the Harvest of Hope Community Garden met on February 10<sup>th</sup> to start planning for the 2015 garden. Please contact Heidi Beland or Pastor Keith if you are interested in helping. ... (continued)

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A New Member group started on February 1, 2015. They will be meeting on February 8th, 15th, 22nd, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 8th. Please stop by and introduce yourselves to our new members.

Pastor is in need of assistance to inform our congregation, DAR boys and Girls Club and other youth interested in attending Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in 2015. Money is available for scholarships. Karen Sylvester volunteered to be the F.L.A.M.E. for Zion (a liaison between FLLC and Zion).

The next council meeting will be March 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting ended with the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

## THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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At the February 10, 2015 Council Meeting we had a rather lengthy dialogue about committees at Zion, what they do, and who might have a proclivity toward one over another. It was an interesting conversation, and as I listened it made me realize how different each of us is from one another. Some of us are introverts, others extroverts, some enjoy working with their hands while others have the special gift of being able to quietly ponder a subject in depth. God certainly knew what he was doing when he handed out our amazing personalities along with skills and abilities.

The September 2014 edition of Luther Seminary's Center for Stewardship Leaders' email contained an article titled "*Gifts, Gifts, Gifts*" written by Jan Frederickson. In that article Ms. Frederickson makes the following points.

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- God creates each person in an unique way.
- Everyone has a variety of gifts that cause them to make a difference in their lives; at home, church, work, school and community.
- The small, every day one-on-one contacts with people have just as much impact as the large organized efforts.
- God calls us to use our gifts in areas that "pull at our heart."
- The body of Christ is made up of everyone using their gifts, not just a select few.
- The role of the church's staff is to empower people to use their gifts, not do all the work themselves.

Many times it is extremely difficult for a person to admit that they have a particular gift or ability. They either don't see it as anything worth talking about (anybody could do it just as well as I can), or they don't want people to think they're bragging. But, one thing we need to realize is that God creates each person in a unique way; what might come effortlessly to them is something special God has given to them.

Recognizing our own uniqueness is something each of us should strive toward. We should try to discern how that uniqueness could be used and then seek out ways to make that uniqueness useful to others. Many times finding ways to use our abilities can be challenging, but God expects us to use the gifts he's given for his glory.

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Zion has many areas where your gifts, skills, and abilities can be used: setting up and taking down Communion, the Fellowship, Stewardship, Worship and Music, Get-R-Done, and Evangelism Committees are especially in need of members. Also, the sign-up sheets that go around during worship offer other opportunities. The 2013 Time and Talents sheets that the congregation filled out have been used time and again to try to find people with specific talents. However, those sheets are not as full and have not been as effective as we had hoped. So the question is, what can this congregation do to assist people (adults, youth, and children) to discern their gifts?

The goal of this article is to let you know you are gifted by God. Perhaps Zion needs to find a better way of letting you know how important your skills and abilities are in the life of the congregation. Perhaps it is nothing more than better communication. Our hope is that people serve with a deeper understanding as to why they serve, and that they see God in the midst of their lives through that serving,

Earlier this month, I received a slide presentation from Pastor Keith and one of the slides read as follows: "Everyone has something that is a gift that they can offer that is really distinctive of their personality, and those people I think are in a zone. It's almost like spiritual alignment with that purpose." —Alex Polani (seeker, Boston) What a lovely observation. Wouldn't each of us like to be in the "zone" and feel a spiritual alignment? I know I certainly would.

In God's love,

Karen Sylvester

## Help for Soup Suppers

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In the Narthex you will see the sign-up sheets for food and workers that we need for soup suppers.

We especially are looking for a dishwasher on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30. They will be helping the head cook with getting the Nesco of soup out to the tables, washing dishes and supervising clean up with the confirmation parents.

We also need helpers in the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> to help Judy Limberg prepare the soup.

I am also looking for someone to make reminder phone calls to people for March 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

(March 11<sup>th</sup> we are not having soup but a Spaghetti Dinner with salad, bread and cookies.)

Please contact Ann Buscher with questions! 715.735.3017



## Community Scholarships for Fortune Lake Camp\_\_\_\_\_

Once again, Zion will be seeking recipients of scholarships to pay the whole registration fee for an entire week of camp at Fortune Lake. In 2012 we awarded scholarships to three children. In 2013 the number jumped to six children. In 2014 it dropped back down to three scholarships. In 2014, Zion collected money to support at least another six children. The good news is that the extra money collected was sent to Fortune Lake to be used for its scholarship program this year.

In 2012 -14, all of the scholarship applications and awards came from friends and close acquaintances of Zion's members. This has been wonderful, and we certainly want to see it continue. You are a powerful force for evangelism in our community! Please be sure to keep up the good work! Application packets will be available on the nametag table in the lobby starting Sunday, March 2. Applications need to be returned by Monday, March 23, in order to take advantage of early registration discounts. Please continue to encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to apply!

We will also once again distribute our application packets to DAR Boys and Girls Club and children in our Cub Scout group, and we will be in contact with Kathy DeWitt, school social worker and homeless grant coordinator with the Marinette School District, to look for deserving candidates. Along with your great generosity in supporting this wonderful program, we also ask for your prayers that the work we do here, combined with the powerful experience that Fortune Lake provides, will help children in our community recognize the love of Christ that surrounds them, encouraging them to grow in faith.

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Registration For Zion's Youth\_\_\_\_\_

It's that time of year again; time to get your child registered for summer camp at Fortune Lake. I know it seems early; however, in order to receive all those lovely discounts of up to \$185 you'll want to get your child/children registered prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

A camp brochure is available on the name tag table in the lobby starting today, Sunday, March 2. Remember to take one home with you and speak with your child about this fantastic opportunity. Youth that have attended in past years have really had a fantastic time, and many have returned every year since.

Pastor will be attending the camp during Week 8, July 19-24<sup>th</sup> should you prefer your child attend while he is there.

Zion offers its own youth camp scholarships called camperships. Children attending their first year of camp at Fortune Lake will receive a 50% campership, while all others will receive a 25% campership. Once you login to register, you will have a place to indicate the "anticipated" church scholarship amount, as part of the payment section. FLLC will verify those amounts with Zion before final payment dates.

For more information or to register your child, go online to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp ([fortunelakelutherancamp.org](http://fortunelakelutherancamp.org)). If you have questions regarding the online application process you can call me at 715.732.4206 and I'll do my best to assist you.

Karen Sylvester  
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## **FLLC Celebrates 85 Years** \_\_\_\_\_

2015 marks the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. The year will feature special activities and commemorative events that reflect our theme, "Driving Faith Forward." A festive celebration will take place on Sunday afternoon, **June 7, 2015**, and all are welcome. The celebration will feature the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fortune Lake 500 Parade of Vehicles, camp tours, worship with special music, dedication of the new pavilion, and a Croatian chicken dinner.

## **Fortune Lake Camp Retreat Opportunities** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Lenten Retreat -- March 20 - 22**

**Adoptive Family Retreat -- May 1 - 3**

**All Staff Reunion Retreat -- June 5 - 7**



## **Senior Choir** \_\_\_\_\_

The choir is beginning to rehearse its pieces for Holy Week and invites you to join the choir on their Lenten Journey. We have several members who will be gone for Easter so we could use some extra voices. Please contact me so I can have a folder ready for you. Ann Buscher 715.735.3017

## **NEWCAP Donations** \_\_\_\_\_

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Our NEWCAP collection theme during the month of MARCH is "GREEN." We are collecting canned green beans, peas, sauerkraut, green jello, etc. Your donations will be given to the NEWCAP local food pantry.

## **Hooks and Needles** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? Come to Zion Lutheran Church / 2714 James St / Marinette on Sunday, March 22 from 1-3pm and we'll help you get started. A group of yarn crafters from Zion and Bethel try to gather once a month to work on charity projects. We are currently making hats and lapghans for Warmth for Warriors. These are good beginner projects and we are happy to teach anyone of any age.

You can bring your own yarn, hooks & needles or you can use what we have on hand to get started. Come give it a try! This is a good way to honor and support active duty and retired veterans.

## **A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY JUST FOR YOU** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you open to donating an hour of your time every month to brighten someone else's life? Do you enjoy getting to know new people? If this is you, I've a volunteer job that may be ideal for you. There are several women and men in our congregation who would love to be visited each month. Right now there simply are not enough visitors on the Caring Ministry Team to see everyone who has a desire to be seen. You can dictate when you will visit and with whom. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and give me a call at 715.732.4206. You will make a remarkable difference in someone's life.

Thank you and God bless.

Karen Sylvester, Chairman

## "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly" \_\_\_\_\_

Zion will offer a 5 week study and discussion of the book, "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly" by Marva Dawn, as a part of the Menominee Valley Conference Lay School for Mission. The classes will be held on Mondays beginning April 20, and will conclude on May 18. They will start at 6:30 and will go no longer than an hour and a half. It will be team-led by Pastor George Olson and Pastor Keith. The classes will be held at Zion.

The first class will be an introduction to the book and will start the group thinking deeply about what we know regarding Sabbath and what we hope to learn. The next four weeks will follow the four main sections of the book. These sections are entitled: Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, and Feasting.

It will be helpful for students to purchase the book on their own. It is available on Amazon. A Kindle version is also available. The price of a new book is \$14.41 plus shipping. Used books are selling for about \$2.50 plus shipping. If you are unable to purchase the book, please contact Pastor Keith as soon as possible so that he can secure a copy of the book for you.

Pastor George Olson & Pastor Keith

## Relay for Life \_\_\_\_\_

The 2015 Relay for Life will be June 26th. The times have changed this year to 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. We will need a new chairperson this year as I will not be able to do it. If you think you would like to volunteer please contact me at home 715-735-7180 or on Tuesdays in my office between 11 - 2, or before or after service on Sunday.

Karen Houdek





This year we are offering three 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, March 23rd is the deadline date.



I (We) would like to place one or more of the following plants for Easter Sunday. Cost per plant is \$15.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil

Wording: \_\_\_\_\_ In Loving Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of:

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Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

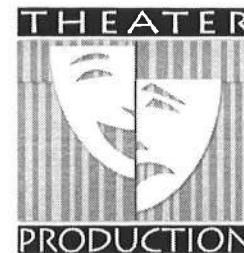
Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline Date: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**“The Last (Potluck) Supper”  
 Church Basement Ladies  
 (A Musical Comedy)**



Held at the  
 Meyer Theatre in Green Bay on  
**March 26, 2015**  
 7 p.m. evening show  
 Tickets: \$25.00 (per person)

I am willing to drive: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a ride: \_\_\_\_\_

You have a option to eat at the Swan Club for \$15.00 (per person). The menu includes chicken dinner, beverage, rolls, tax and tip.

I prefer not to eat at the Swan Club, but would like to eat someplace on my own.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose (\$25.00) for each ticket for the play, and if you plan to eat at the Swan Club restaurant enclose the (\$15.00) per meal. Return by Sunday, March 8th by placing this in the collection plate or giving this information to Don or Jo Schutt. For more information you may contact Don or Jo at 715.732.0932.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015

### Sunday, March 1, 2015

Acolyte – Spencer Martin      Lector – Chad Francour  
 AV Team – Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch  
 Head Usher – Karen Sylvester  
 Greeters – Pastor George & Ruth Olson  
 Communion Assistants – Johanna Zuehls (Pouring), Jacki Renne &  
 Karen Sylvester (Distributing the Host)

### Sunday, March 8, 2015

Acolyte – Drake Schutt      Lector – Colleen Madden  
 AV Team – Troy Cording & Gage Schutt  
 Head Usher – Pat Rondeau      Greeters – Oliver & Shirley Swenson  
 Communion Assistant – Ellice DeBenedetto

### Sunday, March 15, 2015

Acolyte – Bristol Dugre      Head Usher – Karen Sylvester  
 Lector – Karen Dill      Greeter – Jané Landenberger  
 Coffee Time – Nora Plym

### Sunday, March 22, 2015

Acolyte – James Martin      Lector – Pastor George Olson  
 AV Team – Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch  
 Head Usher – Michelle Larson      Greeter – Sue Baxter  
 Communion Assistants – Sue Baxter, Karen Kolstad  
 Coffee Time – Fellowship Committee

### Sunday, March 29, 2015 (PALM SUNDAY)

Acolyte – Katelyn Sylvester      Lector – Chad Francour  
 AV Team – Troy Cording & James Martin  
 Head Usher – Don & Julie Otto  
 Greeters – Colleen Madden      Communion – Karen Dill

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH 2015

### March 1

Charles Nord

### March 2

Roberta Peterson  
 Jerry Sylvester  
 Gary Wesmer

### March 4

Shirley Swenson

### March 6

Michael Bretl  
 Diane Race  
 Troy Schutt

### March 8

Julie Williams

### March 9

Ralph Backman  
 Sue Goldsmith  
 Olivia Kuhn

### March 10

James Gould

### March 11

Cassie Bauer

### March 15

Steve Hoheneder

### March 17

Patricia Peterson

### March 19

Noreen Anderson  
 Ernest Brooks

### March 21

Emily Stafslie

### March 22

Elsa Emler

### March 26

Nathan Klein  
 Kurt Oleson

### March 28

Tyler Race

### March 29

Martha Aschim  
 Sarah Gaudes  
 Jacki Kolstad

### March 30

Alexis Rosenfeldt

### March 31

Shirley Lueskow



Daylight Savings Time begins  
 on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to  
 SPRING

# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship 10:45am New Member Class 5pm Service of Reflection	2 12pm Kiwanis Club 6:30 – 8 pm Ecumenical Adult Bible Class	3 10:30am Bible Study at St. James	4 5:15pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship, SPARK, At Our Savior's 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	5 10:30am Men. Valley Conf. at Northland  6 pm Worship at Northland Village	6	7
8 9:30am Worship 10:45am New Member Class 5pm Service of Reflection	9 10:30am Evangelism Committee 12pm Kiwanis Club March 9-13 Marinette Spring Break	10 9am – 11:30am Sew-for-Mission 10:30am Bible Study at St. James 6:30pm Council	11 5:15pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship, SPARK, At Zion 6:45pm Choir	12 6pm Worship at Northland Village	13	14
15 9:30am Service of Reflection Worship 4-7pm MARKED Event 5pm Service of Reflect. 6pm Cub Scout	16 12pm Kiwanis Club	17 10:30am Bible Study at St. James	18 5:15pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship, SPARK, At Our Savior's 6:45pm Choir	19 6pm Worship at Northland Village	20	21 10am-1pm Adult Bible Class Retreat at Zion 1:30pm-4pm Baby Shower for Grom
22 9:30am Worship Welcome New Members 1-3pm Hooks & Needle 5pm Service of Reflect.	23 12pm Kiwanis Club 7pm Sarah Group at the home of Joni Rudell.	24 9am-11:30am Sew-for-Missions 10:30am Bible Study at St. James	25 5:15pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship, SPARK, At Zion 6:45pm Choir	26 6pm Worship at Northland Village 7pm Church Basement Ladies Musical at the Meyer Theatre in GB	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Worship 5pm Service of Reflection	30 12pm Kiwanis Club 6pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	31 10:30 am Bible St. at St. James  Newsletter for April				