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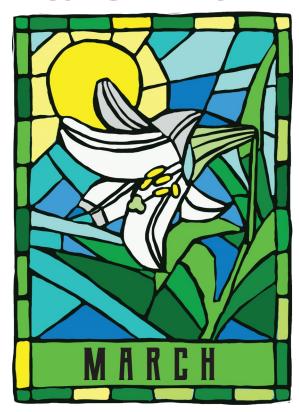
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Zion's 2024 Congregation Council

Laura Rowe — President Dean Schoen — V.P.

Michelle Larson — Secretary LeeAnn Limberg — Treasurer

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Jonah Zuehls

Sophie Limberg, Youth Member

Zion Staff

Office Administrator and Financial Secretary — Marissa Tharp

Choir Director and Organist — Ann Buscher

Accompanist for Choir and Organist — Rachel Rosenfeldt

Who Does What at Zion

Worship

Acolyte Scheduling — Ann Buscher

Assistants — Ann Buscher (Ushers, readers, communion assistants, set up communion)

AV Team — Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls

Banners — Karen Dill

Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Church Secretary

Candles (eternal and oil) — Michelle Larson

Contemporary Worship — Bill Tipple

Hymn Selection — Ann Buscher

Wine and apple or grape juice — Michelle Larson

Building Maintenance – Interior/Exterior

Supplies — Gary Grom provides paper and cleaning products as well as purchasing small equipment for

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Who Does What at Zion

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maintaining Zion's ground such as shovels, rakes, etc. Handyman — Jack Heimbuch — experience in plumbing and electrical. (no high ladders)

Committees/Groups

Caring Ministry Team — Karen Sylvester

Equal Exchange Items — Heidi Beland

Confirmation Classes — Pastor

Funeral Luncheon Teams — Ann Buscher/Carol Johnson;

Michelle Larson/Sue Baxter; and Karen Sylvester/ Cheryl

Maxwell

Harvest of Hope Community Garden — John Radloff

Kitchen Supplies — Nora Plym

Mission Endowment Comm. — Troy Cording

Money Counters — Karen Dill and Bonnie Schoen

Nominating Comm — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Personnel Comm. — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Property Comm. — Mark Swenson

Sanctuary Arts — Barb Grom, Karen Dill, Carol Johnson and Ann

Buscher

Sew for Mission — Carol Magnuson

Social Ministry — Heidi Beland & Michelle Larson co-chairs

SPARK — Johanna Zuehls and Pastor

Stewardship & Generosity — Karen Sylvester

Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen Dill

Worship and Music — Ann Buscher

Ruth Women's Circle — Jane Landenberg



From the Pastor's Desk



On February 2, Groundhog Day, the nation looks to Punxutawney, Pennsylvania to see if Punxutawney Phil will came out of his den and see his shadow, indicating that we will have six more weeks of winter. This year he did not see his shadow, supposedly meaning that we will have a shorter or milder winter this year. Given the prevailing climate,

perhaps there is something to that celebratory annual event. One thing we can be certain of as we come together for worship at the beginning of Lent, as we did on Ash Wednesday, is that we do see the shadow of the cross, indicating that we will have six weeks of Lent. This deeply meaningful and spiritually enriching season is a blessing to Christians for its purpose is to bring us ever closer to Christ as we contemplate the extent of his love for us as revealed by the cross.

This year Ash Wednesday fell on Valentines Day, a day on which we express love to those dear to us. What a perfect day to observe and reflect on the meaning and message of Lent. A cartoon in the EagleHerald on February 14th stated that you cannot spell "Valentine" without "lent." Lent and its focus on the cross is God's love letter to us. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). This is exactly what the Son of God did for us. "...though he existed in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8). This is "love divine, all ...continued

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love's excelling." I hope you will take time this Lenten season, in worship and in your private devotions and thoughts, to dwell on God's unconditional love for you demonstrated in the cross of Christ.

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This past Wednesday, Zion hosted the first of five midweek Lenten services shared with our brothers and sisters in Christ at various churches in our community. At least eight churches were represented by those who attended the soup supper and service that followed. Thank you to Ann Buscher for coordinating the soup supper, our confirmation students, their parents, and others who set up the room, served the meal, and donated soup and desserts. It was a wonderful start to a meaningful series focusing on the teachings of Jesus. Keith Schroeder, who is currently serving First and Pioneer Presbyterian churches and will be leading two of the midweek services, recorded the service. If you were not able to attend and would like to observe the service, you will find it on the Facebook page of First Presbyterian Church in Menominee.

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The churches participating in our midweek Lenten series, along with other churches, will be involved in the Good Friday Community Service sponsored by the Twin County Ministerial Association. The service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Marinette from noon to 3:00 p.m. with six preachers in half-hour segments.

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In my article in last month's ZionNews, I wrote about the ministries of the Northern Great Lakes Synod that we support through our benevolence contributions (11% of our annual budget). The article mentioned several of those ministries that are led by Rev. Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop. We will be privileged to have Pastor Jim with us on March 3rd. He will lead worship and preach. There will be a coffee fellowship following

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the service which will give our members an opportunity to have conversation with Pastor Jim.

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Each year the Mission Endowment Committee awards grants to various service agencies in our community. Through the year we invite representatives of those agencies to speak to us briefly about the services they provide and how our grant monies are used by them the serve people in our community. On Sunday, February 25, a representative of Biehl Bridges spoke during the opening announcements. On March 10, the director of Abundant Life Mission, Inc. in Menominee will be our guest.

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Going where Jesus leads, let us walk the way of the cross together in this Lenten season. May God bless you on your journey.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Doug

Our Christian Sympathy_

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Steve Hoheneder whose mother, Judy, died on February 10, and whose father, Roger, died on February 21. His parents were members of Faith Lutheran Church in Marinette where their funeral services will take place. We pray that Steve and his family will be comforted by God's loving embrace and by the hope of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.



What's Around the Corner?

Zion is buzzing with worship preparations! Below is a brief outline of what is "around the corner".

March 3: Third Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy

> Communion and via Facebook Live. Guest minister: Rev. Jim Duehring, assistant to the Bishop. Coffee hour will follow worship.

March 6: Choir, 6:30 p.m.

March 6: Soup Supper and Lenten service at 5:30 p.m. at

> First United Methodist Church, 601 10th Ave., Menominee; Preacher: Rev. John Murray

Fourth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with March 10:

> Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Nick Johannes. Temple Talk by Teresa Boscarino, director of Abundant Life

Mission.

March 12: Sew For Missions, 9 a.m.; Council meeting, 6:30

p.m.

March 13: Soup Supper and Lenten service at 5:30 p.m. At

First Presbyterian Church, 923 5th St.,

Menominee. Preacher: Pastor Christine Olson

March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with

Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

Contemporary service. Schroeder baptism.

March 20: Soup Supper and Lenten service at 5:30 p.m. At

Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 1947 Riverside Ave.,

Marinette; Preacher: Pastor Keith Schroeder.

March 21: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.

March 24: Palm/ Passion Sunday, 9:30 a.m., worship with

Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

Sew For Missions, 9 a.m. March 26:

Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. worship with Holy March 28:

Communion and via Facebook Live.

March 29: Community Good Friday Service, 12 p.m., Our

Savior's Lutheran Church, Marinette.

March 31: Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy

Communion and via Facebook Live. With special

music by the Zion choir.

Letter from Bishop Finegan_



⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, ⁹For we are God's servants, working together;...

~I Corinthians 3: 6-9

Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

At the risk of getting too personal, I share with you that my mother joined the Saints Triumphant on February 11. As the deadline for this article is February 12, I cannot help but approach this task with thoughts of my mother at the forefront.

In this year, as together we as a synod consider what it means to be a Seed Sower and what it means to plant, and as I make plans with my siblings to celebrate the life of my mother, I can think of no better example of one who planted seeds and one who witnessed the yield of seeds planted by others long ago.

My mother was born in India in July 1932, the daughter of missionaries. She, along with her four siblings, was brought up in the faith. She was taught the love of Jesus, the value of compassion, and the expectation of sharing the love of God in a way that makes a difference. The seeds of faith planted in her bore fruit as she became a nurse, the wife of a seminary professor, the mother of five children, and a generous giver of time, talents, and treasure. She sang in choirs, kissed scraped knees, worked church funerals and became a matriarch of her community of faith. She was a parish nurse at Luther Seminary and her church library was named after her in honor of the hours invested in cataloging, arranging, and gathering literature.

I could go on. But of course, it is the rare mother that doesn't inspire the accolades of her children. My mother was no excep-

Letter from Bishop Finegan

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tion. But in this season of Seed Sowers, I am grateful for the seeds of faith, and the example of generosity, that my mother gave me and all who knew her.

She not only planted seeds but enjoyed the fruit of seeds planted by others. She witnessed the seeds planted by missionaries when years later, she returned to India to visit the church and seminary founded by my grandfather and others. She saw how many pastors, native to India, had graduated from that seminary and students that are attending.

We give thanks for the churches that were planted and the people who came to know Jesus through their efforts.

And now? I invite you to consider what seeds of faith you are planting. Whether you are working to pass on the faith to the next generation, or enjoying the fruit of seeds planted long ago, I invite you to intentionally plant seeds for future faith, future ministry. This can happen in many ways:

- Volunteer
- Share your story of faith with a stranger, doubts and all
- Support a ministry effort with your financial gift.
- Share your story of faith with a loved one.
- Remember THE Church or Your church in your will.
- Work on your own discipleship. Take a class, go to church, invite a friend.

In this time of great change, I am grateful for the seeds of faith planted long ago, and the seeds of faith planted now which will bear fruit in the future. We are part of a great cycle of life, this shape of the Christian life that involves dying and rising, Good Friday and Easter, death and resurrection, planting and harvesting.

The spirit of my mother lives on in those who remember her, and the Spirit of the Living Christ lives as only the son of God can - to Continued...

Letter from Bishop Finegan

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call, enlighten and sanctify those who gather and are sent in his name, to plant seeds that someone else will water, and someone else will harvest.

I give thanks for the blessing of my mother, and for all who have planted seeds of faith.

Yours in Christ, Bishop Katherine Finegan

Congregation Council Highlights_

The congregational council met February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Report: January average worship attendance was 91. Two recipients of Mission Endowment Grants will be giving Temple Talks; one by Biehl Bridges on 2/25 and on 3/10 by Abundant Life Mission.

January Financial Report

- General Fund increase of \$1,369
- Capital Improvement Fund increase of \$1,819

Committee Reports

Property: The outdoor sign will be redone. The
 Sanctuary Arts Committee will decide what to put on the
 sign and Randy and Tatem Schroeder will rebuild the sign
 at no cost to Zion. A motion was made to use the pre school classroom for storage.

Old Business:

 A/V Equipment: A \$30,526 down payment was sent to NS&V for new A/V equipment

New Business

- A membership transfer to Zion was requested by Barbara Bereza and accepted by the council.
- Zion's 150th Anniversary will be in 2025; there are plans to form a committee.

The next council meeting will be March 12th at 6:30 p.m.

ELCA World Hunger Turns 50!



For 50 years we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. Part of our church's long tradition of meeting human needs, ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and

thirst no more. In 2024 we will commemorate the 50th anniversary of this ministry. We have made great strides, but once again we face a startling increase in global hunger. As we reflect on our last 50 years of ministry together, we know God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever.

This year, Zion's Social Ministry committee is challenging you to give 50/50 for 50. Here's how it will work: Our goal to give to ELCA World Hunger in May is \$5,000 PLUS an additional gift of 5,000 "pieces" of food to be given to our local shelters. One "piece" will be one can of soup, one pack of ramen, one jar of peanut butter, one box of pasta. We'll be collecting money AND non-perishable food between now and April 28th.

We'll stack our gifts of food into a mountain at the front of the sanctuary. All monetary gifts may be given using any envelope clearly marked for <u>World Hunger</u>.

Join us and write the story of our next 50 years together as, boldly and hopefully, we pursue God's promise of a just world where all are fed.

Anniversary Committee Needs to be Formed

2025 will mark the 150th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church. We would like to form an Anniversary Committee that will plan some significant events to celebrate this milestone in the history of this congregation. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please tell Pastor Doug or notify our Office Administrator, Marissa.

March Donation Collection

Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of March, we will be collecting items for Abundant Life Homeless Shelter in Menominee.

Most Needed:

- 55 Gallon Trash Bags
- Wire Cleaning Brushes
- Black Fat Tip Permanent Markers
- Heavy Duty Oven Cleaner
- Squeegees
- Metal Spatulas
- SOS Scrubbies (silver ones)
 Soup Broth
- Scotch Brite Brillo Pads

(green ones)

- Aluminum Foil
- **Band Aids**
- Pan Spray
- Sugar
- Boullion Cubes (beef and chicken)

You are also invited to view their website which gives volunteer opportunities and other ways to donate. Go to http:// www.alcmission.org/



ABUNDANT LIFE MISSION

Emergency Homeless Shelter

"Where Families and Individuals find their way!!"

Grant Application from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund

The application and Endowment Fund Brochure are available on the table in the front hall and on Zion's website. Please take one and share it with another one of your favorite organizations. Applications need to be received at Zion by June 1.

Choir to Start Practicing Again!

Zion Senior Choir will begin rehearsals Wednesday March 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. If you would like to join us please call Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.

The Stewardship and Generosity Corner

The goal of Zion's Stewardship and Generosity Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

The Stewardship and Generosity Committee encourages you to continue to concentrate on STUDY during the month of March. Zion's Vision Statement says to fulfill this vision, families will regularly use materials for at home Bible study, and congregational groups will regularly gather to study the scriptures.

To this end, STUDY Sheets will be inserted into the bulletin during the month of March to encourage STUDY of the Gospel Lesson for the upcoming Sunday. STUDY Sheets may be in the form of a crossword puzzle, fill-in-the-blanks, a word search, etc. and are being provided as a catalyst to individual or family at home Bible STUDY.

<u>Proverbs 1:5</u> "Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill."

Biblical scholars believe King Solomon wrote much of the Book of Proverbs. He was thought to be Israel's wisest king, and in this reading he is encouraging the wise to listen and to continue learning. Even Jesus continued to grow throughout his earthly life, not only physically, but also in learning.

As we go through life, we too continue learning, but how can we expand our knowledge of Jesus? We can read and STUDY the Bible. We can attend worship and attentively listen to the sermon. We can also grow by listening to others in our faith community. That is what The Lutheran Hour is all about — sharing and listening and growing! A small group of our faith community have been meeting every Sunday after worship in February. Recently the participants decided to continue sharing this time together. We have had wonderfully enriching conversations which we plan to continue as long as we can. Each week

The Stewardship and Generosity Corner

brings a new discussion about the sermon that week and the reading on which that sermon is based. You can bring your favorite Bible, but it isn't required. Freshly brewed coffee will always be available. Please consider joining us on any (or every!) Sunday after worship, and with us, continue to grow in our understanding and knowledge of the Bible from one another.

In God's love, joy, and peace Karen Sylvester

Ruth Circle Group_

The Ruth Circle Group will meet March 21st at 3 p.m. in Zion's family room. All are welcome to attend.



Midweek Lenten Services & Soup Suppers

Come Learn at Jesus' Feet

Jesus had many wonderful teachings during his early ministry. This Lenten season, the pastors will be focusing on a different teaching of Jesus each week.

5:30 p.m. Soup Supper and 6:00 p.m. Worship Service.

The worship services will be ½-hour in length.

March 6: First United Methodist Church, 601 10th Ave.,

Menominee; Preacher: Rev. John Murray

March 13: First Presbyterian Church, 923 5th St.,

Menominee. Preacher: Pastor Christine Olson

March 20: Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 1947 Riverside Ave.,

Marinette: Preacher: Pastor Keith Schroeder

The Lutheran Hour



The participants at the Lutheran Hour the last two weeks decided they would like to continue this time together. We have had wonderfully enriching conversations, and we all

want to extend an invitation for you to join us. There is no prep required. Each week brings a new discussion about the sermon that week and the reading on which that sermon is based. You may bring your favorite Bible, however, it isn't required. There is aways coffee.

FLLC Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open! There are so many exciting program options for people of all ages. Register early for the best prices and best selection. In addition to all of the camp favorites, there are two new programs this year: Tree-house Adventures for campers completed grades 7-12 and Evergreen Camp for adults ages 55+. Visit Fortunelake.org for more information or registration!

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V	WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
V	Veek 1	June 9-14	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
v	Veek 2	June 16-21	Intergenerational Week (all ages) New! Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$475
V	Veek 3	June 23-28	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$475
	Week 4	June 30-July 2	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$225
V		June 30-July 3	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$305 No charge
	Week 5	July 7-10	⁺ Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
		July 7-12	*Villager (Grades 3-4) *Vagabond (Grades 5-6) *Venturer (Grades 7-8) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
V	Veek 6	July 14-17	New! Evergreen Camp (Adults 55+)	\$260/\$305/\$405
v	Week 7	July 21-26	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9) LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
		July 22-25	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$130
II v	Week 8	July 28-Aug 2	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$445
		July 30-Aug 2	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
A	Veek 9 Water Week!	August 4-7	^Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) ^Villager (Grades 3-4) ^Vagabond (Grades 5-6) ^Venturer (Grades 7-8)	\$305

Join us in lifting up our brothers and sisters in Christ, in prayer as we remember their Baptism

March 1: Barbara Clarke and Kenny Sallee

March 2: Lawrence Melgary March 3: James Martin March 5: Rachel Kuhn

March 7: Heidi Beland, LeeAnn Limberg and Gage Schutt

March 8: Scott Gressel March 9: Dawn Vincent March 10: Marilyn Gould

March 12: Melanie Bennett and Rachel Rosenfeldt

March 13: Jo Ann McGee and Jon

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March 15: Caleb Williams March 17: Tatem Schroeder March 22: Emily Limberg March 29: Adison Rosenfeldt March 30: Bethany Wolf



Community Camp Scholarship Letter and Application_____

Do you know a student in our community entering grades 2-12 (in the Fall of 2024) and would like to attend camp at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp? If so, the scholarship letter and application (for non-members of Zion) will be available in the Social Hall and on our website. You are encouraged to have a conversation with the student about camp at FLLC and ask them to consider applying for a scholarship. Students are to have the completed application (and essay) to Zion by Monday, April 1st. Scholarship winners will be announced on Sunday, April 7th during worship.



March Eternal Light_

The Eternal Light for the month of March is sponsored by Ann Buscher and is in thanks of everyone who helped for the Lent Soup Supper.



We couldn't have done it without you!

March Birthdays_

March 2: Gerald Sylvester and Gary Wesmer

March 3: Rhoslyn Schoen March 4: George Ihler

March 6: Michael Bretl, Diane Race and Troy Schutt

March 8: Julie Williams March 9: Susan Goldsmith March 11: Cassandra Bauer March 15: Steve Hoheneder March 17: Patricia Peterson

March 22: Elsa Elmer March 26: Kurt Oleson March 29: Craig Bates

March 30: Alexis Rosenfeldt and Everett Schoen



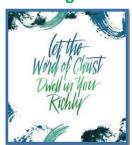
Altar Flower Sponsorships



Zion has altar flower sponsorships available. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15.00. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or Zion@newbc.rr.com. Flower dates that

need sponsoring are March 17th, April 7th, 14th, and 28th.

Dwelling in the Word



You are invited to join the whole Northern Great Lakes Synod in Dwelling in the Word. Starting in September, our whole synod will dwell in the same scripture readings for each month. You are also welcome to join a Zoom Dwelling in the Word the first Thursday evening of every month at 6:30 p.m. If you would like the Zoom link, contact Zion's office at

zion@newbc.rr.com. Let us Dwell in the Word together!

The passage for March is 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 - "Holy Communion"

Questions to keep in mind while reading are:

- 1.) What catches your attention
- 2.) What questions does this passage raise for you?
- 3.) Where might God's Spirit be nudging you in this passage?

Keeping the Light Burning



If you feel inclined to sponsor the Eternal Light for one month, please notify Zion's office which month you'd like to sponsor (715-735-7898 or zion@newbc.rr.com). Call the office to see what months are available for sponsorship! The cost of sponsoring the Eternal Light for one month is \$13.00. Payment of your sponsorship can be mailed to Zion or placed in the offering plate after Communion.

Easter Plants



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 and please include the wording you would like. Return the form to Zion's office by either placing it in the offering plate with your contribution or by dropping

it off during office hours! Sunday, March 10th is the deadline date and the cost is \$15 per plant. You may also call or email the office with the wording and plant you would like and send the contribution later.

I (We) would like to place one or more of the following

plants for Easter Sunday.

_____Kalanchoe* _____Tulip _____Hyacinths
*A Kalanchoe is described as a blooming succulent and is
pictured in the upper left corner of this insert.*

Wording: ____In Loving Memory of: _____In Honor of:

Given By:

Number of plants: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Envelope # _____

Fund #: 13 (office use only)

Deadline Date: Sunday, March 10th, 2024

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