

MARCH  
2022



*From the Pastors*

Jesus said—"Now My soul is troubled.  
And what shall I say?  
'Father, save Me from this hour?  
No, this is the reason I came to this hour.'"

John 12:28

## CRUCIAL HOURS

Lent begins with ASH WEDNESDAY on March 2. Historically, Christians celebrate and acknowledge the Lenten season because it focuses upon the details of Christ's redemptive work. This 40 day period also reminds us of the horrible price that sin requires.

This year's Lenten study is based on New Testament texts. The overall theme for 2022 Lenten sermons is titled: "CRUCIAL HOURS." This series ponders key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of His saving work for us, the breath and depth of His love for us, and the strength of His union with us.

Please set aside some time for Midweek Lenten worship beginning on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Here are the themes & texts:

March 2—"I WILL KEEP THE PASSOVER" - Matthew 26:18

March 9—"A PART FOR A WHOLE" - Luke 23:13-16

March 16—"WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE SEIZED  
WITH REMORSE" - Matthew 27:3 & 4

March 23—"A SEMBLANCE OF LEGALITY" - Luke 22:66

March 30—"THEY BOUND HIM" -  
John 18:12

April 6—"SATAN HAS ASKED TO SIFT  
ALL OF YOU." - Luke 22:31 & 32

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# MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the

Wednesday that precede that Sunday. Individual Cup will be available at the Sunday Communion Services. Individual Cup will be available at the Wednesday Communion Services.



**Sun., March 6**  
**Wed., March 2 & 16**  
**Sun., March 20**

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Please join us for an afternoon worship service on the second Tuesday of each month.

Individual cup communion will be served.

**1:30 p.m., Tuesday**  
**March 8, 2022**

## WELLSPRING

Zion conducts worship services at The Wellspring Lutheran Home on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Services begin at 10 a.m.

The Wellspring Lutheran Home is located at 1236 S. Monroe St. Monroe, MI 48161



**March Schedule:**  
**Due to COVID,**  
**NO SERVICES**

Lent provides us an extra opportunity to witness how much God loves us by seeing what He accomplished and allowed to save us. With that, our souls are blessed, our faith is strengthened, and our hearts are soothed. Although excruciatingly painful for Jesus, the God-man was not about to walk away from His mission and purpose. As He so confidently stated: **“No, this is the reason I came to this hour.”**

SOLI DEO GLORIA



**HURON VALLY LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CONCERT CHOIR**  
**will provide a sacred concert**  
**at Zion on SUNDAY, MARCH 13**  
**during the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**  
**worship services.**



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASSES AND YOUTH GROUP :** The Adult Bible Class meets in the gymnasium; Sunday school (ages 3 through 7th grade) meet in the basement; and Youth Group (8th—12th grades) will meet in the youth room in the church basement. All Sunday classes will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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**LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** — Zion started a school in 1858. Currently we teach students from Preschool through 8th grade. Our staff of five teachers are both certified and experienced to provide instructions in all academic areas, but especially in God's Word. They are:

Deanna Schneck — Preschool  
Stacey Sordahl—Kindergarten  
Michelle Roth — Grades 1 & 2  
Ryan Roth — Grades 3, 4, & 5  
Bryan Schneck — Grades 6, 7, & 8 and Principal

## MEMORIALS (GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

*In memory of Mr. E.W. and Mrs. V.C. Stotz from  
Herb & Iris Stotz*



## *Principal's Report – March Zion Messenger*

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” – John 17:20-23

Jesus prayed these words in Gethsemane, just a little while before he was arrested, tried, unjustly condemned, and crucified. Jesus knew what was about to happen. He knew that it was necessary to complete God's plan of salvation. How amazing that there in the garden, almost 2000 years ago, he was thinking of us – those who would believe in him through the message brought from the apostles down through the ages to generation after generation of believers.

And we have the privilege to continue bringing the message to the next generation through our church's ministry, and through Zion Lutheran School, sharing the message of the Gospel to young hearts on a daily basis, and assisting parents by providing the God's Word and a Christian environment that nurtures the growing faith of the students in our care, preparing them to stand firm in that faith in this sin-darkened world.

February saw us into our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter with more and more activities as things are opening up post Covid. Our Co-Ed A basketball team participated in and made a good showing in the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Co-Ed Basketball Tournament on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Our season continues for our three co-ed teams – A, B, and C, along with Cheerleading, Pee Wee Poms, and this year, MOM POMS. We had to postpone our Parents' Night until Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to come cheer for the Warriors and see our cheerleaders and poms at our last home game of the season vs Divine Grace, Warren starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Zion school family enjoyed a school family field trip to Rev'd Up Fun in Woodhaven on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Children and adults enjoyed activities together and a nice fun break to our winter.

On Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Shadows Choir stopped by to give our school family a mini-concert and enjoy lunch with us on their way back to Seminary from Ohio. We always enjoy hosting MLS as a number of our former students are now students there, and we welcome the opportunity for our school family to see what MLS has to offer.

Coming up in March is our ZLS Week of activities, starting with the Huron Valley Lutheran B Team basketball tournament on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, our Fine Arts Fair on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and a week of dress-up theme days and activities culminating in the HVL A Team basketball tournament on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Activities for the week include a school spelling bee on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and a visit by Jungle Island Zoo, who will introduce some exotic animals to our students on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. ZLS Week is always a great time celebrating our school program and school family.

This is also the time that we start promoting enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year. At the end of the month we also have our Zion Open House and Literacy Night on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. As always, we ask our school family to share information with anyone in their circle of family and friends that might be interested in what Zion Lutheran School has to offer. Flyers for the open house will be available for sharing sometime mid-March.

As we start planning for next year, our teachers are also finalizing a move to some new curricular materials for Phonics and Reading, Spelling, and Social Studies for the new school year, as we continue to focus on making the most of our opportunities to help our students to excel.

Thank you, Zion congregation, for your continued support of the training of Christ's lambs and sheep!

God's blessings on your month and your preparations for Lent and Easter.

- Principal Bryan Schneck

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**THANK YOU BOARD OF SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**—Thanks for organizing and working the fellowship potluck for the installation of Pastor Sitzman. Especially we do thank co-chairs, Mark Fuerstenberg, Ken Vagt, and Mel White along with their wives Sherry, Susan, and Dawn together with Jeremy & Kathie Robinson, Madison Rehberg and Liz Seibert. **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH** for the wonderful meal.

# Lenten Suppers

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no Lenten Suppers this year. We look forward to the possibility of returning to our usual Lenten routines next year.**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING**

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**ZION SCHOOL**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH**  
**5:30 TO 7 P.M.**

# Kindergarten Round Up



**Tuesday, April 5th**  
**8:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Please contact the office if you  
have any questions!  
(734) 242-1378**

"All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded."

Exodus 35:10



## **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL FINE ARTS FAIR WELCOMES YOUR SUBMISSIONS!**

ART ● PHOTOGRAPHY ● WRITTEN WORKS

Art Fair Entries may include drawing, painting or sculpture. We will have a category for photography to be judged separately.

Writing Entries may be short story, poetry, song or original book. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded. See the attached guidelines for details. Each participant may submit up to three entries. They may be in one category or spread among the three categories.

All entries must be submitted to your teacher or the office (if you're a non-student church member) no later than Wednesday March 2.

Entries will be on display at the Fine Arts Fair held on Sunday March 6th from 12-3. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at that time.

*"Creativity takes courage." -Henri Matisse*

Please see Mrs. Sordahl with any questions.



# *Mother & Daughter Spring Tea*

Zion Lutheran Gymnasium

**Sunday, March 27**

2:00 – 4:00

Mothers, daughters and all other ladies  
welcome to join us for entertainment,  
fellowship, treats and tea.

Suggested donation \$5 per person



**RSVP for guaranteed seating through the church office by March 24th  
or call Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638**

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There were 11 members of council in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Steve Sordahl

- I. The meeting was opened with a devotion “Chronic Methodology” by Pastor Ulrich
- II. M/S/C to approve the council minutes from January 20, 2022. (Krueger, Schneck)
- III. M/S/C to approve the submitted Pastoral Report from February 17, 2022 (Krueger, Grubb)
- IV. M/S/C to approve the Principal Report from February 17, 2022 (Grubb, Krueger)
- V. Board Reports
  - A. M/S/C to accept Board of Ed verbal report (Krueger, Grubb)
  - B. M/S/C to accept Board of Elders report and Statistical report (Grubb, Krueger)
  - C. Board of Outreach – Verbal Report (Grubb, Krueger)
  - D. Board of Service & Fellowship – verbal report (Krueger, Grubb)
  - E. Board of Stewardship – Report as submitted (Grubb, Schneck)
  - F. M/S/C Board of Trustees – Verbal Report (Krueger, Grubb)
- VI. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet January 31, 2022, P&L Comparison for , January 2022, P&L comparison YTD January 2022, as printed and submitted, and included in the handout packet (Krueger, Grubb)
- VII. M/S/C to accept the Financial Secretary's report which is submitted for the month of January 2022 and included in the handout packet. (Schneck, Grubb)
  - A. Numbers balance



## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

## VIII. MSC to accept Committee Reports –

- a. Financial Staff Committee – no report
- b. Budget Committee – no report
- c. Nominating Committee – no report
- d. Security Committee – No Report
- e. Audit Committee – No report
- f. Technology Committee – No Report
- g. Cottage Committee – No Report

## IV. Unfinished Business

- a. TENENTS of Leadership (The First Petition)
- b. No unfinished business

## X. New Business

- A. M/S/C to approve Tim Fuerstenberg as a member of the Board of Stewardship (Krueger, Schneck)
- B. M/S/C to approve the current Board of Ed members Jeff Grubb, Julian Ortiz, Matt Siebert, and Jeff Heusman (Schneck, Grubb)

## XI. With no other business needing attention, a motion was M/S/C to adjourn with a prayer, led by Pastor Ulrich at 8:07 PM (Kipf, Krueger)

- A. Next council meeting will occur on March 17, 2022 7PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Grubb

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Wed., March 2	7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service (IC)
Sun., March 6	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services (IC) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group
Tues., March 8	1:30 p.m. Worship (IC)
Wed., March 9	7:00 p.m. 2nd Lenten Midweek Worship Service
Fri., March 11	NO School
Sun., March 13	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. HVL Worship services 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group Noon "Fellowship Experience" BIC # 1
Wed., March 16	7:00 p.m. 3rd Lenten Midweek Worship Service
Thurs., March 17	7:00 p.m. Church Council
Fri., March 18	Zion Early Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.
Sun., March 20	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services (IC) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group BIC #2
Wed., March 23	7:00 p.m. 4th Lenten Midweek Worship Service
Fri., March 25	4:00 p.m. Fish Fry for Killarney Camp
Sun., March 27	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship services 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group BIC Class # 3
Tues., March 29	5:30 to 7 p.m., School Open House
Wed., March 30	7:00 p.m., 5th Lenten Midweek Worship Service (IC)

## MARCH VOLUNTEERS

	Mar. 2 & 6	Mar. 9 & 13	Mar. 16 & 20	Mar. 23 & 27	Mar. 30 & Apr. 3
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>			Liz Seibert		
<b>USHERS</b>	<u><b>Mar. 2</b></u> <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson  <u><b>Mar. 6</b></u> <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale  <u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u><b>Mar. 9</b></u> <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick  <u><b>Mar. 13</b></u> <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny  <u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé	<u><b>Mar. 16</b></u> <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale  <u><b>Mar. 20</b></u> <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg  <u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u><b>Mar. 23</b></u> <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny  <u><b>Mar. 27</b></u> <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale  <u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u><b>Mar. 30</b></u> <u><b>7:00 p.m.</b></u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg  <u><b>Apr. 3</b></u> <u><b>8:15 a.m.</b></u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny  <u><b>10:45 a.m.</b></u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé

*<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things that were coming, he went through the greater and more complete tent, which was not made by human hands (that is, it is not part of this creation). <sup>12</sup> He entered once into the Most Holy Place and obtained eternal redemption, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Now if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkled on those who were unclean, sanctifies them so that their flesh is clean, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works, so that we worship the living God? <sup>15</sup> For this reason, he is the mediator of a new covenant. A death took place as payment for the trespasses committed under the first covenant, so that those who are called would receive the promised eternal inheritance.*

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

## CHURCH COUNCIL & BOARDS

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## ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders	2 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Lenten Worship (IC)	3	4	5
6 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship (IC) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group	7	8 1:30 p.m., Worship (IC)	9 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship #1	10	11 No School	12
<b>13 Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>  8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group Noon "Fellowship Experience" 4:00 p.m. BIC #1	14	15 7:00 p.m. Board of Education	16 7:00 p.m., Midweek Lenten Worship #2 (IC)	17 7:00 p.m., Church Council	18 Early dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.	19
20 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship (IC) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 2:00 p.m. Mother/Son Archery 4:00 p.m. BIC #2	21	22	23 7:00 p.m., Midweek Lenten Worship #3	24	25 4:00 p.m. Fish Fry for Killarney Camp	26
27 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 2:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Tea 4:00 p.m. BIC #3	28	29 5:30 to 7 p.m., School Open House	30 7:00 p.m., Midweek Lenten Worship #4	31		







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