

MARCH
2024

From the Pastor



MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

⁴They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!”

⁶The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. ⁷The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live.” ⁹Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

We all go through stages in life. All of us all started out as a baby. Then we moved onto sippy cups. There comes a day when the training wheels come off the bike. Practicing your times tables with flashcards. Most of us here have left all these things in the past. One way of defining life is the constant *progress* we make.

It shouldn't surprise us that God wants us to make progress in our faith, too. When Paul wrote to the Philippians while he was in prison in Rome, he looked forward to being released and added, **“I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith.”** He later wrote to his young companion, Timothy, and urged him to carry out his pastoral duties **“so that everyone may see your progress.”**

God brings growth in our lives by something we call “discipline”. That word means “to teach.” Faith matures through discipline, too, and because of our sinful nature it can be downright painful at times. Those are the times when God is reminding us how much we depend on him and how much we still need the Savior.

It's not just us, of course, but people of all times. After 39 years of wandering back and forth in a wasteland of dry sand, rocks, and precious little pastureland, the Children of Israel had had it. "When are we ever going to get to the Promised Land?" That had been their destination since they left Egypt so long ago. And now when they were so close to getting there they could almost taste it, their path happened to run smack dab through the land of Edom, and there was no way their king was going to let them pass through.



So they were forced to take the long way around, a detour that added several more weeks to their journey. That was the last straw. "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert?" they asked. "There is no bread! There is no water!" And as for the miraculous manna and quail God faithfully provided: "We detest this miserable food!"

I wish I could say I never put myself in a position over God, but I do. I often think my ideas and plans are better, more important, a greater priority than God's. I bet you do, too. We make statements like, "I just don't have time for worship or Bible study or personal devotions." And we wonder why our conscience is eating away at us and we are anxious and worried about so many things. There are other times when God's schedule doesn't agree with ours so we barge ahead without him, take matters into our own hands, do it our own way and end up in a world of hurt or hurting someone else. And we wonder why we struggle so much. Sometimes – and this is a big one – we grow impatient with our fellow Christians and don't think God is working fast enough in their hearts, so we grumble and complain about them instead of patiently, lovingly encouraging them in their faith.

When God disciplines us he doesn't usually send in a bunch of poisonous snakes, but he has many other ways of getting our attention. We might call it "having a bad day," but I think its more than that. Whatever it is and as unpleasant as it may be, remember God's intention: **"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves"** (Proverbs 3:12). We need discipline to remind us that, while our salvation is complete, we are still a work in progress. We haven't arrived yet. We still need a Savior.

That was why God sent those snakes among his people wandering in the desert – not just to show them their terrible offenses but to bring them back to him for forgiveness. The people cried out to Moses, **"We sinned against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take away the snakes from us."** When he heard their cry for forgiveness and help, the LORD commanded Moses to make a bronze snake. He had him put that snake on a pole. Then he attached a promise to that snake: **"Anyone who is bitten can look at it and live."** The results were astounding: **"When anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived."** They didn't deserve that, but God saved them anyway. He gave them the opposite of what they deserved. He was not willing that any of them should perish, but that they turn to him and be saved. That's what God calls "grace".

Many centuries later Jesus would have a late-night talk with an elderly man named Nicodemus. He would use this very Bible history lesson to show Nicodemus something he'd never seen before. That bronze snake on the pole was a preview of coming events. That serpent was a picture of the Savior, Jesus Christ. **"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."** Only God could give a remedy to his desperate, dying people in the desert. Moses had none. In the same way God promised, provided, and presented His Son on the Cross as the only remedy for a sinful, perverted, dying world on its way to hell. Once again, God gave the remedy...because we had none.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the Wednesday that precedes that Sunday. Individual Cup will be available at the Sunday and Wednesday Communion Services.



Wed., Feb. 28 & Mar. 13
Sun., Mar. 3 & Mar. 17

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 12

We need Jesus. That's why God takes the time to show us our sin and to discipline us. That's why he brings us to the point of seeing how powerless we are to save ourselves and how much we depend on him. Don't mistake God's discipline as "just the way things go," or "just the way things are in the world," or just a bad day." Don't fail to humble yourself under his mighty hand, cast your anxieties on him, and trust that he will lift you up in due time. Fix your eyes on Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world.

With our eyes on Jesus, forget about our gripes and complaints and pride and the fussy demands of our impatient sinful hearts. Let it all melt away into thankfulness, and rejoicing for his wondrous love that comes searching for us, to knock us around when we're getting comfortable in sin. And when he comes, rejoice because that's when we learn that we have so much more to learn. That's when we seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior and see the vast treasures God has given us. And that's what God calls progress.

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CHURCH COUNCIL

The Voting Members decided at their meeting that it would be nice for everyone to know who are our members on the Church Council. In April we will be listing the people who have volunteered to serve on their Committees. We have included the email addresses for each member so if you have any questions or concerns you are more than welcome to send them a note.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASSES AND YOUTH GROUP - Adult Bible Class will be held in the church basement. Sunday School will be in the gym. Youth Group is in the teen room in the church basement. All classes will run an hour after they start. Sunday School will study an overview of the people of the Bible and the Adult Bible Class will study the book of Hebrews with Pastor Sitzman, and the Book of Mark when Pastor Fager is leading Bible Study.



Tuesday morning Bible Class: We will finished studying the book of Matthew. The instructor is Bari Waltz. The class meets in the School Conference room from 10-11 a.m. every Tuesday unless otherwise announced.

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 Jim Pritchett

(all funds going towards Zion Non-Member Tuition Assistance)

From

Sharon Wahl	Beth & Bryce Mueller	Larry & Marge Salow
Carol Eschelman	Bill & Judy Collingsworth	Freiny Family
Frank & Kris Tomczak	Ruth Ann Peters	Brenda Pyle
Tom Oerther	Olga Stieve	Ray & Brenda Chandonnet
Stephen & Heidi Daley	Tim Roth	Richard & Kathleen Vasilco
Dale & Bonnie Kregel	Shirley Yoas	Robert & Rachel Bakowski
Jeff & Lori Nocella	Beth Neid	Matthew & Katrina Robertson
Richard & Linda Krug	Nancy Babcock	Larry & Linda Rutledge
Bob & Joyce Trowbridge	Roger Kraehnke	Thomas & Mary Lunn Bruck
Ralph & Judy Fuehr	Jim & Kathy Vanisakcer	Gary & Sure Moore
Marv & Jean Baumann	Dave Mc Kenzie	Mark & Cheryl Hatzung
Patricia & Dale Younglove	Carol Discher	Tim & Diane Ewing
Bari & Wendy Waltz	Dennis & Linda Jaskot	Tony & Jana Iasci
Richard & Eileen Hutchison	Howard Raasch	Tony & Diane Affholter

Top Nails Monroe, Inc.

TWC Concrete

✝ In memory of Jim Pritchett

(Money for Friends in Faith) From

Bari & Wendy Waltz

✝ In memory of Loved Ones

From

Kenny & MaryAnn Havekost



Principal's Report

We serve a living God! What a joy it is to be able to wake up daily to the knowledge that we have a reason to rejoice. We serve a God who intimately knows all of our needs better than we know them ourselves, has plans in place to work all things of our good, loves us with an everlasting love, is active in the lives of his people, and has the almighty power to make his will be done. With the difficulties and challenges we face in our homes, our community, our nation, and our world, may Paul's prayer for believers in Ephesians 3:14-20 be our prayer for each other in the family of God:

"... for this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I ask that out of the riches of His glory He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then you, being rooted and grounded in love, will have power, together with all the saints, to comprehend the length and width and height and depth of His love, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do so much more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

March brings the Zion school family to our ZLS Week, where we celebrate the blessing of our school and our students. The week is tucked between the Hope Christian Academy A and B Team Basketball Tournaments. We had a great year of growth in our teams. Many thanks to coaches Steve Sordahl and Ryan Roth for their efforts! The B team tournament takes place on Saturday, March 2, with the 8th Grade Classic game following. On Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, the A team tournament takes place. Go Warriors!

Our Pee Wee Poms and Cheerleading squad raised our spirits for our home games, especially our Parent Night on February 23. It was Hawaiian Shirt Night, and our shirt raffle raised enough for our school to purchase 15 ukuleles for the music program. Thank you to all those who donated! Thanks as well to cheer coaches Stacey Sordahl, Michelle Roth, and Deanna Schneck for their efforts!

ZLS Week includes our Fine Arts Fair on Sunday, March 3. The congregation is invited to enjoy the artistic efforts of both our students and our adults starting at noon. During the week our students will have dress up days, enjoy an "Instrument Petting Zoo" from the visiting Adrian Symphony Orchestra, and a pep rally.

On Monday, March 11, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Children's Theatre will be presenting "Bedtime Stories" to our students and students from several other area WELS schools in our gymnasium.

On Sunday, March 17, the CEA is sponsoring Mother-Son Bowling at the Monroe Sports Center from 2-4 p.m.

We are excited to present details of our planned full day Kindergarten program for 2024-25 at an informational meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

We thank God for his continued blessings to our school and school family. God's blessings to you as we live in the sure hope of Salvation and trust in God's unfailing love in Christ.

May God bless your Lenten remembrance and Easter celebrations,

-Mr. Schneck

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CALL UPDATE—Benjamin Workentine has returned Zion's call to be the Associate Pastor. Zion will have a call meeting on Sunday, March 3rd at 12:30 p.m.

ZION ART FAIR:

Come join us for the Zion Art Fair on Sunday, March 3rd at noon. We will kick the fair off with Forensic readings, music and light refreshments in the gym. All members are welcome to attend and display works! If you're interested in your work being displayed, providing music or a reading, please see Stacey Sordahl. Art works may be dropped to the office by Feb 28th. Hope to see you there!

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE NEWS:

The MLC Choir is putting on two concerts in the area:

Resurrection Church in Maumee, OH on Sunday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Hope Christian Academy in Westland, MI on Monday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m.

EASTER LILIES: We would like to decorate our church again this year for Easter with lily plants in memory of or for blessings received from members of Zion. Suggested donation is \$13.00 per plant. The plants will be in church on Easter Sunday. **The deadline to order is Sunday, March 10.** Donation envelopes are in both foyers. Place your donation inside the envelope and put it in the office. Thank you in advance for decorating our church for Easter and remembering our loved ones and blessings received.

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train" program. The "Zion Meal Train" is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PLAYGROUP AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: Come join parents and littles, children kindergarten or younger, and their parents, to come have fun. They are meeting on Monday mornings from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Albain Rd. Join for snacks, play, and Christian fellowship. Contact Chelsea Kowalski at 507-766-5679 for any questions.

SPRING IS COMING WHICH MEANS ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING:

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2. We are happy to take gently used items for the sale but please hold onto them after Memorial Day Weekend.. Zion School needs to use the gym for school activities and we don't have a lot of room to store items. Thank you in advance for your support.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Dear Members of Zion,

Since the Capital Campaign kicked off in April of 2022 Zion has received just over \$200,000 in major gifts and weekly offerings, what a blessing!

The funds have been used for a number of improvements including:

- New furniture has been purchased for the west foyer
- A new security system has been installed. This project included the installation of multiple cameras on the property, both inside and outside of the building, a keyless entry system, and more
- Generator backup switches have been installed on each church own parsonage/teacherage
- Professional design services for handicap bathroom remodeling plans
- Miscellaneous repairs to church owned properties

The Voters approved the following items in order of priority:

- Electric panel replacements (two panels at ~\$6,160 per panel)
- Tunnel water issues with mold remediation if found necessary
- Parking lot repair (patch and seal)
- Basement handicap access (lift)
- Backup power generator for the church and school

There is currently \$2,874.39 available that is not committed to a certain project. If you are moved to give to the capital campaign, please **mark your donations as "Capital Campaign"**.

Thank you for your support as Zion undertakes some large and much needed projects.

Sincerely, Board of Stewardship

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Worship at the Cross

March 17, 2024 at 1 pm

Program for Individuals with Special Needs

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church will have the next monthly program on March 17, 2024 at 1 pm. The Worship at the Cross program provides individuals with special needs the opportunity to hear God's Word.

The Worship at the Cross program is a simplified service that follows a format appropriate for people with a cognitive disability, including people with forms of dementia.

Starting in March after the service will be a Bible Study to learn more about the Lord's Prayer. All are welcome.

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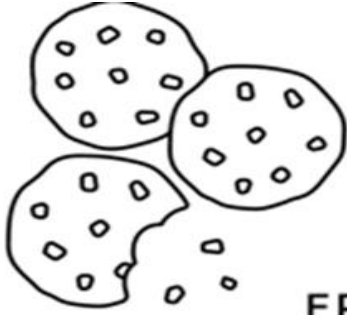
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JESUS CARES MINISTRIES

Worship at the Cross

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



FRIENDS IN FAITH SPONSORS

ZION BAKE SALE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CARD MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 IN SCHOOL HALLWAY

ALL ARE INVITED TO DONATE BAKED GOODS

PLEASE LABEL CONTENTS AND PLACE ON
TABLES BEFORE CHURCH



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PLANNING AHEAD:



Zion Lutheran Gymnasium
Sunday, April 14
2:00 – 4:00pm

**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 April 12
or call Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638**

There were 10 members present.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Rob Krueger

1. The meeting was opened with a devotion by Pastor Sitzman
 - A. From Meditations, “We Witness Our King’s Glory” Mark 9:7 EHV; A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him”

II. Previous Council Minutes: M/S/C to approve the minutes from January 28th, 2024 (Kipf/Freiny)

III. Pastoral Report: M/S/C to approve the submitted report for January, 2024 (Freiny/Burke)

- A. Membership changes:
 - A. Bill Mentel and Jim Pritchett have entered the Church Triumphant
 - B. Amelie (Breeding), Maximus and Lacklan Southerland were baptized
 - C. On Sunday January 28th, Zion called Reverend Ben Workentine to serve as Associate Pastor
 - D. A Red Cross Blood Drive will not be held in February. The next drive is planned for April
 - E. Jesus cares ministry is continuing and we will begin a short and appropriate Bible Study
 - F. As part of the Ash Wednesday service next year, we will plan to place the sign of the cross on foreheads
 - G. We will participate in a public rotation for Lenten Services. Zoar, Detroit; St. Paul’s, Monroe, Resurrection, Maumee; and Grace, Tecumseh themed “Baptized into His Death” Romans 6: 1-4
 - H. Closed with a reading from Colossians 2:2, and the Augsburg Confession Article I, verse 1-3

IV. Principal Report: M/S/C to approve the report as given (Kipf/Burke)

- A. Enrollment at 92 (Due to family circumstances, a 6th grade student ended enrollment on Feb 9)
- B. The last basketball home game “Hawaiian Shirt Night” is scheduled for February 23
- C. Teachers will be attending our area WELS Pastor-Teacher Conference on February 19th and are taking an in-service day on February 20. No classes are scheduled for February 19-20
- D. The St. Jude’s Math-A-Thon raised \$900 for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital
- E. Continue to explore the geography curriculum (Adam to Us) and should have something to propose in March
- F. I am meeting with representative from FACTS on Tuesday, February 20 to look at their product as an alternative to TADS and hope to have a proposal to the BOE at the March Meeting
- G. We will hold our second round of NWEA Map Testing (Winter) from now until February 29
- H. \$477 was raised for the Washington trip

V. Board Reports:

1. Board of Education: M/S/C to accept the report as given (Kipf/Schneck)

- A. Met on February 13, 2024
- B. Enrollment is at 92 (due to challenging family circumstances, a 6th grade student ended enrollment)
- C. A Devine call will be prepared to accommodate our Kindergarten going to full day/five day per week. The prepared call will be presented at the March Council meeting
- D. Dana Kirchoff presented a Strategic Growth Analysis/detailed action plan which will be presented to the congregation after a Sunday service. The plan will be implemented in March
- E. Two (2) past due tuition accounts are being addressed according to our current past due tuition policy. One family has already gotten back with us and has made arrangements for payments.

2. Board of Elders: M/S/C to accept the board and statistical report as submitted (Freiny/Burke)

- A. Met on February 6, 2024
- B. A Jesus Cares service is scheduled for March 17th at 1:00 PM. A Worship at the Cross (The Lord’s Prayer) Bible study will be held after service for those interested in staying
- C. Al and Mark will begin calling inactive members from a list provided by Pastor
- D. Ken Vaght will continue to assist Pastor with visiting shut-ins
- E. Baptisms were conducted for Amelie, Maximus, and Lacklan Southerland
- F. Funeral services were held for Bill Mentel and James Pritchett
- G. A new Worship Committee set up to plan worship and music. Pastor will initially head up the committee
- H. We are looking for any accompanists interested in playing or learning to play the organ
- I. Pastor will ask everyone to sit on the pulpit side of the church for regular Wednesday evening services

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

3. Board of Outreach: M/S/C to accept the report as given (Palmatier/Burke)

- A. Met on January 22, 2024
- B. Looking for members to volunteer to be a part of the Outreach Committee
- C. Discussing caroling opportunities for next Christmas
- D. Discussing FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, and Neighbors) training for outreach
- E. Guest follow-up
- F. Starting a greeter program (a list of people interested has been started)
- G. Development of marketing material (pens, bookmarks, note pads, updated brochure)
- H. Discussed members checking in on FB during services
- I. Discussion of summer bike safety course for the community

4. Board of Service and Fellowship: no report

5. Board of Stewardship: no report

6. Board of Trustees: M/S/C to accept the report as given (Kipf/Burke)

- A. Mother's room is complete
- B. Some repairs have been made on the playground equipment
- C. LED lights are being installed in the basement
- D. Sump pump in the tunnel needs to be done
- E. Work on the Pastor's old house will begin soon

VI. **Treasurer's Report**: M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's report (Kipf/Burke)

- A. Balance Sheet is balanced (Total Assets = Total Liabilities plus Equity)
- B. Monthly **net** operating income for January is \$-3,081.80.
- C. YTD **net** operating income through January 31, 2024 is \$-3,081.80 (*Note: Last year was \$-17,263.31*)
- D. Year over year net operating income is up through January 31 = \$14,181.51
- E. As of January 31, 2024, Restricted funds = \$382,730.92 Unrestricted funds = \$293,972.19
- F. We will be changing over to Church 360 in the next week or so
- G. We will be cleaning up funds that are no longer pertinent

VII. **Financial Secretary's Report**: M/S/C to accept the report submitted for the month of January, 2024 (Kipf/Freiny)

- A. Numbers in Treasure's report balance with special savings account at Merchants Bank

VIII. **Committee Reports**:

- *Financial Staff Committee*: no report
- *Technology Committee*: no report
- *Budget Committee*: Verbal report
- *Nominating Committee*: no report
- *Security Committee*: no report
- *Audit Committee*: no report
- *Cottage Committee*: no report

IX. **Unfinished Business**: None

X. **New Business**: None

XI. **Meeting Adjourned**: M/S/C with no other business needing attention, we move to adjourn with Prayer at 6:44 PM (Kipf/Burke)

To be Noted:

Next Council Meeting will occur on March 21st, 2024 at 6 PM

Next Open Forum and Voter's Meeting will occur on April 28th, 2024 immediately following Sunday Morning Service

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Palmatier

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Fri., March 1	4:30 p.m. Killarney Fish Fry @ Zion
Sat., March 2	HCA B Tournament
Sun., March 3	9:00 a.m. Worship service (IC/CC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group Noon Zion Art Fair 1230 p.m. Call Meeting
Mon., March 4	8:00 a.m. Zion School—ZLS week
Tues., March 5	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders
Wed., March 6	NO Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service—Lent #3
Fri., March 8	NO School—HCA Tournament Office Closed
Sun., March 10	9:00 a.m. Worship service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group
Mon., March 11	10:30 a.m. MLS Children’s Theater Presentation
Tues., March 12	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC) 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Education
Wed., March 13	5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper—Chicken Dinner 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service—Lent #4 (IC)
Sun., March 17	9:00 a.m. Worship service (IC/CC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 1:30 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service
Tues., March 19	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
Wed., March 22	NO Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service—Lent #5
Thurs., March 21	7:00 p.m. Church Council
Sun., March 24	9:00 a.m. Worship service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group
Tues., March 26	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
Wed., March 27	NO Worship Service
Thurs., March 28	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service (IC/CC)
Fri., March 29	1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service
Sun., March 31	9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service NO Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

	Feb. 28 & March 3	March 6 & 10	March 13 & 17	March 20 & 24	March 28, 29 & 31
Altar Guild		Liz Seibert	& Deanna Schneck		
Live Stream Helpers	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	<u>March 28</u> Miller Sordahl <u>March 29</u> Steve Sordahl <u>March 31</u> Ryan Roth
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¹⁴ “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:14-17

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ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 4:30—7:00 p.m. Killarney Fish Fry @ Zion	2 HVL B Tournament 8th Grade Classic
3 9:00 a.m. Worship (IC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group Noon Zion Art Fair 12:30 p.m. Call Meeting	4 7:00 p.m. Board of Education	5 10:00 a.m Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders	6 NO Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m., Worship— Lent #3	7	8 NO School—HCA A Tournament Office Closed	9 HCA A Tournament
ZLS WEEK						
10 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group	11 10:30 a.m. MLS Children's Theatre	12 10:00 a.m Adult Bible Class 1:30 p.m., Afternoon Worship (IC) 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	13 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper—Chicken Dinner 7:00 p.m. Worship— Lent #4 (IC)	14	15 11:00 a.m Early Release	16 Gym Rented
17 9:00 a.m. Worship (IC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 1:30 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service	18	19 10:00 a.m Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	20 NO Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship— Lent #5	21 7:00 p.m. Church Council	22	23 Gym Rented
24 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group	25	26 10:00 a.m Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	27 No Worship Service	28 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service (IC/CC)	29 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Services	30
31 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service NO Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast						

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This Year's Theme:

"Grace Given / Grace Driven"

Ephesians 2:8



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am Hot Lunch - Pizza Camp Killamey Fish Fry 4:30-7pm	2 HCA B Team Basketball Tournament HCA 8th Grade Classic 1:30pm
3 Worship at Zion 9am	4 Career Day	5 Pajama Day Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am School Chapel 8:05am	6 ZLS WEEK School Shirt Day	7 Green and White Day School Chapel 8:05am	8 NO SCHOOL CLASSES	9
K-8 sings for Worship Service Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15am	School Chapel 8:05am Hot Lunch - Pizza Rolls	Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am School Chapel 8:05am	School Chapel 8:05am Hot Lunch - Sloppy Joes Adrian Symphony "Instrument Petting Zoo" 10am-1pm Lenten Worship at Zion 7pm	School Chapel 8:05am	HCA A Team Basketball Tournament	HCA A Team Basketball Tournament
ZION FINE ARTS FAIR 12pm	A Team Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	Cheerleading Practice 3-4pm	Lenten Worship at Zion 7pm	Pep Rally 2:30pm A Team Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm		
10 Worship at Zion 9am Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15am	11 M.I.S Children's Theatre "Bedtime Stories" 10:30am Hot Lunch - Mostaccioli	12 Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am	13 School Chapel 8:05am Hot Lunch - Cheeseburgers	14 Kindergarten / Young 5's Informational Meeting 8:30pm	15 Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am End of 3rd Quarter Early Dismissal 11am End of 3rd Quarter	16
17 Worship at Zion 9am Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15am	18 Hot Lunch - Ck Nuggets/Misc n Ch	19 Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am	20 School Chapel 8:05am Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs	21 Bookmobile 10:30am-12:30pm	22 Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am Hot Lunch - Pizza	23
JESUS CARES Special Needs Worship 1pm CEA Mother/Son Bowling Monroe Sports Center 2-4pm			Lenten Worship at Zion 7pm			
24 Palm Sunday Worship at Zion 9am Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15am	25 Hot Lunch - Chili / Ck Chili	26 Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am	27 Hot Lunch - Walking Tacos School Chapel 2:30pm	28 Maundy Thursday Worship at Zion 7pm	29 Warrior Oasis Cafe 7:45-8:10am Hot Lunch - Pizza Good Friday Worship at Zion 1pm Good Friday Worship at Zion 7pm	30 Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul's, Monroe 11am
31 Easter Sunday Worship Worship at Zion 9am Easter Breakfast 10am No Sunday School or Bible Class	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	
EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL CLASSES						



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