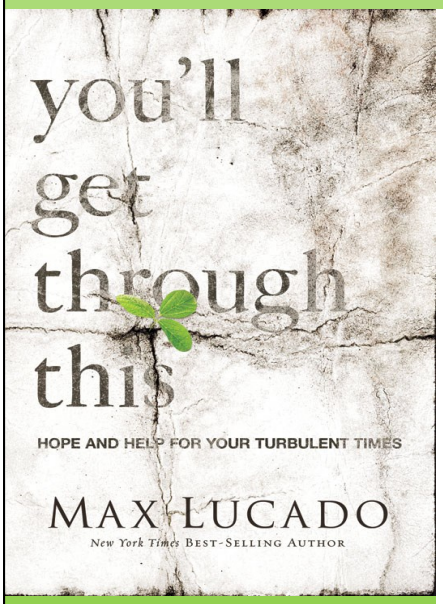
Tidings from Fion

March 2014 Volume 55, Number 4

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midweek Lenten Gatherings



Our theme for this year's mid-week Lenten services is "You'll Get Through This – Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times." Whether we are working through some tough moments in our lives or would like to simply appreciate the application of scripture to real life situations, this Lenten series will be of value for us as a community of faith.

We'll be changing the schedule for Wednesday evenings during Lent so that we can include time for small group conversation about the nightly theme.

Beginning March 5:

5:30 pm - Supper
6:30 pm - Worship
7:15 pm - Small group Bible study

The mid-week Lenten meals will be served by the following groups:

March 5	Women of Zion	March 26	Brew-Ha-Ha and mixed men's group
March 12	Christian Ed		
March 19	Sunday School	April 2	Wellness Ministries
		April 9	Prayer Threads

"Faith grows only in the dark. You've got to trust [God] when you can't trace him. That's faith."

-Lyell Rader

Food Packing Event

Sunday, March 2

We need your participation!

Help pack food to feed hungry people throughout the world or help in the kitchen.

10:15 to 11:30
and
11:30 to 12:45

We'll work in shifts so you can eat before or after your work shift. A Pancake & Sausage meal will be served during both shifts.

Make a difference!

In this month's issue...

New Staff Member.....p. 2
From Your Pastor.....p. 3
Generation Change.....p. 3
Christian Ed News.....p. 4
Calendar.....p. 6
Volunteers.....p. 7

Welcome to our newest staff member!

by Vicki Dalager

We are pleased to announce that Lynn Ann Kofstad has accepted the position as our new part-time administrative assistant.

Lynn comes to us from within our own community and is already familiar to many of us. She grew up in Warroad and Zion, and is now raising her two daughters here, too. She currently volunteers as a confirmation small group leader.

Lynn has already begun learning about her new duties and we are excited for her to be a part of our staff. She is a new friendly "face and voice of Zion," as much of her part-time work involves reception in the front office. Next time you see her, please be sure to take a quick moment to say "hi" and welcome her aboard! ∆

Pathways Annual Meeting to be held March 15

The annual meeting of Pathways (of which Zion is a member congregation) will be held on Saturday, March 15 with registration beginning at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston. Zion is allowed to send a pastor delegate and two lay person delegates. The Pathways annual report can be found at the Pathways website at www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com. Pathways invites you to attend the meeting to hear about the past year and plans for the year ahead! ∆

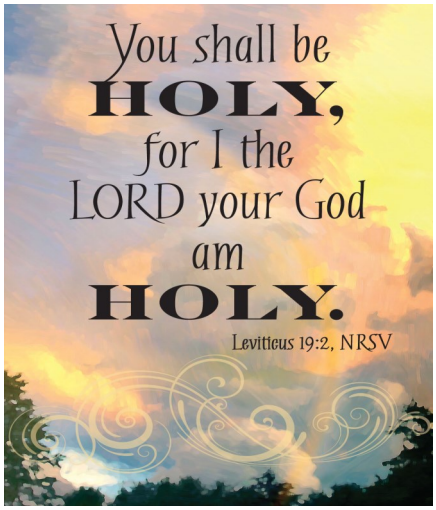
March is Minnesota FoodShare month

by Dave Dalager

During the month of March, our congregation is joining people from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign. Last year the campaign raised a record 12 million pounds and dollars for Minnesota's food shelves.

This year our congregation will be collecting monetary donations throughout the month of March for our local food shelf. Loose offerings for the month of March will go to the Warroad Food Shelf in conjunction with the Minnesota Food Share March campaign.

The March campaign is very important for our local food shelf because funding for the year is based on pounds of food collected and money received during the month of March. Since the Warroad Food Shelf is between locations until May, they're focusing on monetary donations this year. The more collected in March, the more funding Warroad Food Shelf will receive from Minnesota FoodShare. Donations may be dropped off at Zion. ∆



Church Office Hours & Contact Info

Pastor
Bruce Carlson
386-1733, ext 11
952-567-1242, cell
carlson_bruce@hotmail.com

Christian Education Director
Shawn Brunelle
386-1733, ext 15 or 386-3644

Parish Nurse
Becky Lisell
386-1733, ext 12 or 242-4729
fcn.zionlutheran@gmail.com

Church Office
Vicki Dalager, Office Manager
Lynn Ann Kofstad, Admin. Asst.
386-1733, ext 10
zlcw@mncable.net
Core hours are Monday-Thursday
10:00 am to 4:30 pm
with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

Tidings from Zion is a communication tool circulated monthly among the members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church, Warroad, Minnesota. The copy deadline for the next publication is March 20, 2014.

Pastor	Rev. Bruce Carlson
Office Manager/Editor	Vicki Dalager
Newsletter Editors	Kari J. Sprenger
	Jeneé Provance
President	Brenda Baumann
Vice President	Scott Grove

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Pastor Bruce Carlson

A very important date is coming up! Sunday, March 9 is Pledge Sunday. It is the renewed vision of the leadership team to break ground for our new mission center on May 4. In order for that to happen we need the financial support of this community of faith. On Pledge Sunday, everyone will have the opportunity to join in this effort.

Your pledge can be a commitment for up to three years. There have been a number of pledges that have been made already. Some of these pledges were given as special gifts, increasing what we already have received through the first pledge campaign. Some of your brothers and sisters have made their commitments to be given over a period of time. Whichever way you decide to pledge, it is important for you to make the commitment and make our new mission center happen.

March 5 is Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten theme this year is "You'll Get Through This." Each Wednesday evening, we will be led by Max Lucado as he speaks to us on hope and help in our turbulent times. Following the Lenten services there will be time for small group conversation.

Our Wednesday evening schedule will be changed in order to coordinate this new addition. Supper will be 5:30 – 6:30. Worship will be 6:30 – 7:15. Small group discussion will be 7:15 – 8:00.

Because the evening messages are in a DVD format there is opportunity to catch up should you miss a Wednesday service. Let Pastor Bruce know and time will be arranged.

March 2 is Food Packing day. Come to worship and stay for another "God's work. Our hands." event. A pancake and sausage lunch will be served to keep our energy levels up. Even if you haven't signed up for this event, consider yourself invited!

Plan on going to Detroit in 2015! The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be in July 2015 in Detroit. Thousands of young people will come together for an incredible experience. Because registration opens this coming October, we need to start making plans today for fund raising. Let's make it happen and why not bring a friend?

Pastor Bruce Δ

Generation Change Class a Success

by Heidi Lien

Zion's first Generation Change class is complete. The class and materials are great! We had three students complete the series of classes; Katie Johnston, Sara Baumann, and Olivia Lien. Kimmy Schaible was able to join us for the first two series of classes. Please feel free to ask any of the students about the class and what they thought of it. Here are some comments from the class:

"I love this class! It has taught me so much about saving money and how to prepare me for the future." -Katie

"I think this class is very helpful! I enjoyed it and it taught me a lot about the importance of saving your money and ways to do so." -Sara

"It's a very good class. It helps you understand more about saving, insurance, investing, spending and much more. I now have a new perspective about all of it and it will help me in the future" -Olivia

GOD IS WITH US

GENERATION CHANGE

Generation Change is a Bible study designed to lead teens to a better understanding of God, themselves, and their money—and how it all works together. In the three different teaching series, students are equipped with biblical principles to BE who God created them to be, DO more with their money, and GO out into the world ready to write their story. Lesson videos with Dave Ramsey and his daughter, Rachel Cruze, along with engaging hands-on activities bring new biblical and financial truths to this generation, making them a generation of change.

Thank you for a wonderful experience. Δ

Christian Education News

submitted by Shawn Brunelle, Christian Education Director

Attention Acolytes:

Please check the sign up sheet on the servant board (across from the men's restroom). Your help is needed and appreciated. Δ

Noisy offering will be collected on Sunday, March 16.

Bibles will be presented to 7th Graders March 23

Seventh grade Bible presentation will be Sunday, March 23 during 9:00 am worship. There will be Bible class for those receiving their Bible following worship on March 30. Please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 ext 15 so we can be sure we have Bibles for everyone.

"Our Family" upc barcode collection box is on the Christian Education bulletin board!

Please collect and drop off any "Our Family" barcode labels in the box and we will receive 5 cents per label.

Confirmation Schedule

The confirmation schedule for March will follow the Lent schedule. Supper is from 5:30 to 6:30. Wednesday worship is at 6:30 and is part of class. Worship leads into the Bible Study time with mentors in a small group. The evening will end at 8:00. Δ

Oodles and oodles of CARE sent to our college students

Thank you to everyone for donating items for the care packages. We sent out nine boxes, which were overflowing! Δ

Spring renewal

By reading the Scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.

—Thomas Merton

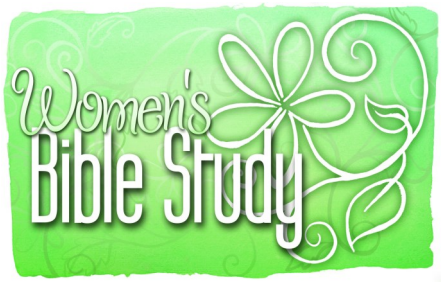
Wednesday Night Remix schedule is changing for Lent!

Suppers through Lent, starting March 5, are from 5:30 to 6:30 and are served by the following groups:

March 5 Women of Zion
March 12 Christian Education
March 19 Sunday School
March 26 Brew-Ha-Ha and a mixed men's group

Free will donations are being collected by the groups serving.

Worship will begin at 6:30 and following worship will be "You'll Get Through This," a Max Lucado Bible study with Pastor Bruce. Δ



Wandering through the Bible

Women are coming together each Tuesday at noon to read and discuss the Bible. This is a casual time of reflection and fellowship. We meet for about one hour, so bring your lunch (if you're on your lunch break) and have a bit of Bible time during this Weekly Wanderings for Women. All women are welcome. Δ

Mission Quilting begins in March

by Julie Jones

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief will begins March 3 and continue through April. The group will meet at the Warroad Area Community Center at 9:00 am each Monday. Bring a bag lunch, your favorite pair of scissors, and a darning needle. Coffee will be provided.

Donations of sewn tops, sheets, and yardage can be left at Zion Lutheran Church or at the Community Center. Please mark "attention-Zion Quilting."

Quilt batting will be ordered from Oklee Quilting Supply. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Call Judith at 386-1726 or Marlene at 386-2018 for more details. ∆

Thank You!!

A big shout out to everyone who worked, donated, and purchased items at the Sunday School bake sale on February 9 and who donated items for the Haiti suitcase.

We are packing and getting ready to go. We will be sharing about our mission trip when we get home.

Katie Johnston and Olivia Lien

Bluegrass & Gospel Show

Monroe Crossing will present their Bluegrass & Gospel Show at Roseau School Theater in Roseau on Sunday, March 16 for a 3:00 pm matinee. Tickets are $15 in advance, $17 at the door, $5 for students, and are now on sale at Roseau High School office, Border State Bank, Citizen's State Bank, or call 463-2770 for reservations.

Called "The Midwest's Premier Bluegrass and Gospel Quintet," Monroe Crossing made 145 concert appearances all across the US and central Europe last year. Monroe Crossing regularly performs to sold out theatres and performing arts centers across the country, headlines bluegrass festivals, state and county fairs, and makes numerous other public and private appearances. They are renowned both for their dynamic stage show and for the warmth they share on and off stage, interacting with the audience and always honoring requests after the intermission.

Monroe Crossing's performance typically features original compositions and unique arrangements of bluegrass classics, gospel favorites, and some "crossing" tunes. Learn more about Monroe Crossing at www.monroecrossing.com. ∆

Special Olympics spring games will be held in Warroad

by Janet Landby

Therese McBride and I are gearing up for the spring Special Olympics track and field meet in May. We will again be asking for volunteers.

If you are willing to donate your time that morning please let me know. We will also need donations of door prizes, cookies for the concession and rice krispie bars for the lunch. Again please contact me. ∆

A foretaste of the feast

While teaching a group of First Communion students about the Lord's Supper, a pastor gave each child one M&M's candy at the beginning of class. "Eat it!" he invited, before proceeding to teach.

Near the end of the session, the pastor asked the students what they'd thought of the earlier treat. "Good!" said one. "I wanted more!" another admitted. "I wanted a whole bag!" chimed in a third.

"Now you understand another thing about Holy Communion," the pastor said. He drew out of his supplies a full bag of M&M's for each student. "Sometimes we call Communion 'a foretaste of the feast to come.'" Indeed, he explained, God promises that one day we'll feast together with Jesus in heaven, but until then, Communion is that delicious little taste of what the feast will be like. We're left wanting more because we have "[tasted] and [seen] that the LORD is good" (Psalm 34:8). ∆

MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations **(R)** or () Building use requested/granted **FH** Fellowship Hall **OR** Overflow Room **FR** Fireside Room **SS__** Sunday School Room #____ **K** Kitchen **YR** Youth Room						*1*
2 **"God's Work. Our hands."** 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am– Food Packing Event and Pancake meal (9:00-2:00 K, FH, OR) 10:15 am– Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am- Worship & Music Committee	*3* 6:30 pm– Handbell Choir rehearsal (OR 6-8)	*4* 12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study	*5* **Ash Wednesday** 12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due* Ash Wednesday Gathering 5:30 pm– supper 6:30 pm– Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 7:15 pm– Bible study groups	*6* 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting	*7* 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	*8*
9 **Pledge Sunday** 9:00 am- Worship 10:15 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Choir Rehearsal	*10* 6:30 pm– Handbell Choir rehearsal (OR 6-8)	*11* 12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting	*12* 10:30 am- Care Center Communion 12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due* 12:00 pm- Staff Ministry Team and Personnel Committee Meeting Mid-week Lenten Gathering 5:30 pm– supper 6:30 pm– Worship 7:15 pm– Bible study groups	*13* 12:00 pm- Executive Committee meeting (FR 12-1 pm) 6:30 pm- Alzheimer's Support Group at Warroad Senior Living Center	*14* 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	*15*
16 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion (Noisy Offering) 10:15 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am– Council Meeting 3:00 pm- "Monroe Crossing" Bluegrass and Gospel concert in Roseau	*17* 6:30 pm– Handbell Choir rehearsal (OR 6-8)	*18* 12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study 6:30-8:30 pm- WST Board meeting (FR)	*19* 12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due* Mid-week Lenten Gathering 5:30 pm– supper 6:30 pm– Worship 7:15 pm– Bible study groups	*20* *Items for Tidings due* 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting	*21* 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	*22*
23 9:00 am- Worship 10:15 am- Special Congregational meeting 10:15 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Choir Rehearsal	*24* 6:30 pm– Handbell Choir rehearsal (OR 6-8)	*25* 12:00 pm– Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting	*26* 10:30 am- Care Center Communion 12:00 pm- *Items for Bulletin due* Mid-week Lenten Gathering 5:30 pm– supper 6:30 pm– Worship 7:15 pm– Bible study groups	*27*	*28* 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	*29*
30 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Bible Class for 7th graders 10:15 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Choir Rehearsal	*31* 6:30 pm– Handbell Choir rehearsal (OR 6-8)					

March Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services, 9:00

3/2 Steve, Susan, and Jacob Hagen
3/9 Virginia Storey, Julie Jones
3/16 Bill & Betty Bieber
3/23 Joyce & LeRoy Strand
3/30 Brian & Lori Schaible

Wednesday Evening Services, 7:15

March Mike & Eilene Marsh

Acolytes

Sunday Morning Services, 9:00

3/2 Volunteer needed
3/9 Volunteer needed
3/16 Volunteer needed
3/23 Volunteer needed
3/30 Volunteer needed

Lectors

Sunday Morning Services, 9:00

March Deb Landin

Wednesday Evening Services, 7:15

3/5 Brenda Windahl
3/12 Joleen Kezar
3/19 Mike Marsh
3/26 Eilene Marsh

Communion

Sunday Morning Services, 9:00

3/2, 3/16
Altar Care Marlene Lewis
Roxanne Runnels
Servers Laurence & Avis Wright

Wednesday Evening Services, 7:15

3/5 Brenda Windahl

Snow Plowing

March To be announced

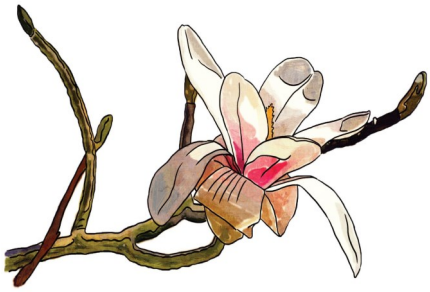
Snow Shoveling from sidewalks

For week beginning Monday...

2/24 Mike Hunter family
3/3 Jeff Huff
3/10 Tony/Shawn Brunelle family
Brad/Brenda Baumann family
3/17 Volunteers needed
3/24 Volunteers needed
3/31 Volunteers needed

Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
1/29		58	
2/2	158		216
2/5		32	
2/9	78		110
2/12		32	
2/16	104		136
2/19		47	
2/23	87		134
2/26		tba	



Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

February 2 - by the Women of Zion in honor of the Women of Zion's circle and work group leaders.

February 9 - in memory of Myron and Brent Kofstad by Carol Kofstad.

February 16 - by Laurence & Avis Wright in celebration of their wedding anniversary; and by Brenda Haats in memory of her dad.

February 23 - by the adult choir to the glory of God for all musicians who share their musical talents at Zion. "He who sings prays twice."

Sponsors are needed for most Sundays throughout 2014. Sign up now to get the best pick for your special dates. You may sponsor a broadcast by signing up outside the church office. The cost is $85. Δ

Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 1/26:
General Offerings: $2,900.00
Building Fund: $190.00

Offerings for week ending 2/2:
General Offerings: $2,903.25
Building Fund: $850.00

Offerings for week ending 2/9:
General Offerings: $3,499.25
Building Fund: $102.50
Benevolence: $27.50
Wellness: $10.00

Offerings for week ending 2/16:
General Offerings: $1,452.00
Building Fund: $934.00
Noisy Offering: $607.34
(Food Packing Event)

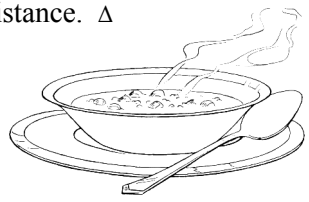
Offerings for week ending 2/23:
General Offerings: $5,323.85
Building Fund: $259.00
Computer Fund: $100.00 Δ

April 9 Lenten Supper will be sponsored by Prayer Threads

by Janet Landby

The Prayer Threads ministry will be sponsoring the Lenten supper on April 9. The menu will be Baked Potato Soup with sandwiches and bars. I am asking for assistance in making the soup, sandwiches, and bars. I don't know how much will be needed at this time. Sign-up sheets will be passed around near the end of March for volunteers. Kitchen help will also be needed for set up, serving, and clean up.

All are welcome to volunteer to help. Many have made Prayer Threads, and given out, plus just been a support. If you have questions see me at church, e-mail me at jlandby@wiktel.com, or call 386-1092. Thanks for your assistance. Δ



Zion
LUTHERAN CHURCH

P. O. Box 61
Warroad, MN 56763
ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED

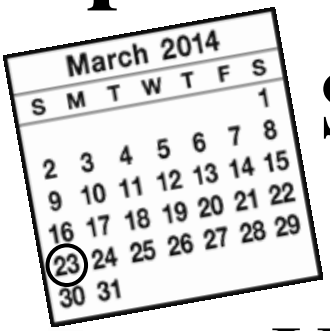
(218) 386-1733
zlcw@mncable.net
www.zlcw.org

Nonprofit Org.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Warroad, Minnesota
Permit No. 9

Tidings from Zion
March 2014

Save the date for the

Special Congregational Meeting



Sunday, March 23, 2014
at 10:15 a.m.

Update and vote to proceed on new church building project.

Watch for more details!