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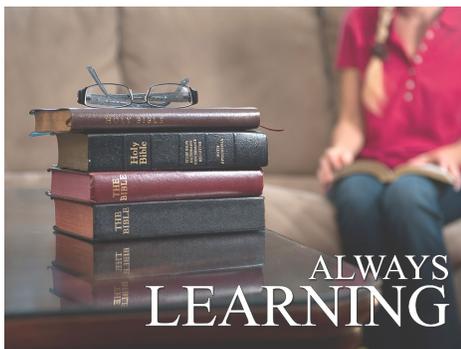
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Lent is for Learning

by Gary Gilthvedt

The Lenten Season helps many people discover that Bible-reading deepens faith, enhances worship, and strengthens one's bond with others in the church. So much good can come of it! Therefore, be encouraged to join the learning and growing tide of Bible readers as you pursue your own journey of befriending holy texts. Here is a suggestion for concentrating on portions of Holy Scripture together, as we share the Lenten Season with Zion Lutheran Church.



Lent is the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday (March 1) to the end of Holy Week (Good Friday, April 14). The forty days exclude Sundays. There are

Sundays *in* Lent, but not Sundays *of* Lent. Sundays are always a proclamation of the resurrection and its consequences of new life for believers. The forty weekdays of Lent, however, have traditionally encompassed the Christian practices and disciplines of prayer, fasting, repentance, study, silence, and reflection. If we work our way through the forty days of Lent with a chapter-a-day of Bible reading, then we

can cover the gospels of Mark (16 chapters) and Luke (24 chapters). And, we will together be engaged with the themes of Wednesday evening worship services.

The Lenten Wednesday evenings will focus on selections of gospel texts and meditations under the theme, The Healing Christ. The dates, lessons, and themes for each Wednesday are printed in this newsletter on page 3. Each week of the schedule has a key Bible passage, often accompanied by parallel or supporting verses.

I am pleased to be the preacher for the Lenten Wednesdays. I look forward to exploring together these marvelous passages of Scripture. Think about bringing your own Bible! It will get easier to carry each week, as its message comes off the printed page to work its way through our heads and hearts and hands to nourish the healing, growth, and spiritual vitality of all of us.

Gary Gilthvedt

Lent begins March 1

by Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Midweek Lenten worship begins March 1 and continues each Wednesday evening through Lent.

During the Lenten season, meals will be served on Wednesdays starting at 5:15 pm. Different groups in the congregation will be responsible for making and serving the meals. Since Ash Wednesday (March 1) is considered a day of fasting, we will begin our Lenten meals on March 8. Lenten suppers are fundraisers for the organizations that serve. Please contribute to their freewill donation.

Loose offerings for Sundays and Wednesdays in March are to go to the Warroad Food Pantry in conjunction with the March Campaign for MN FoodShare.

There will be an opportunity after each midweek Lenten service to have a conversation with Pastor Gary about the sermon and the chosen text for that evening's service. We will meet after the service (about 7 pm). Δ

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To: The congregation

From: The kids

Bible camp is great!

Camp allows kids to worship in some nontraditional ways that can have a lasting impact on them in their faith life. We would like every child who wants to attend camp to have this opportunity, but camp can be a strain on young families' budgets. Christian Education, with the support of Zion Council, is asking for donations and sponsors to help our young members attend camp. If you can help in any way, small or large, please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 or by email at zlcwsundayschool@hotmail.com. The kids thank you in advance for your love and support. Δ



Council Meeting

The council has changed its regular council meeting for March from the third Sunday to the third Thursday (March 16) at 5:30 pm. Δ



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10:00 am to 4:30 pm
with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

General Operating Account
as of January 31, 2017

Income	Jan	YTD
General Envelopes	\$7,979	\$44,270
Electronic	\$5,777	\$25,593
Loose Offerings	\$220	\$1,611
Misc.	\$1	\$1,207
Total	\$13,977	\$72,680

Expense	Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$173,379	\$48,823
Transitional Supp.	\$22,500	\$22,500
Benevolence	\$14,150	\$1,500
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$0
Admin	\$17,150	\$3,767
Worship & Music	\$2,120	\$444
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$67
Outreach Services	\$4,100	\$596
Property	\$30,544	\$9,839
Total	\$265,943	\$87,535

*One who is faithful in a very little
is also faithful in much.
Luke 16:10a*

Building Fund
as of January 31, 2017

Dedicated Funds	Jan	YTD
Gifts Received	\$15,157	\$107,109
Loan	\$0	\$150,000
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$38,652
MIF		\$2,417
Total		\$41,069

Payments	Jan	YTD
JD Seamless		\$68,000
YHR		\$6,509
Marvin Home Ctr	\$16,411	\$57,040
Culinex		\$1,800
HYTEK		\$40,000
G&B Carpet	\$22,861	\$28,716
HB Sound	\$1,955	\$17,919
Peterson Sht Mtl	\$1,677	\$1,677
Gordy Olson	\$5,257	\$5,257
Other		\$75
Loan Interest	\$921	\$3,027
Loan Principal	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$54,081	\$235,019

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, 2016.

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THE HEALING CHRIST

Lenten Wednesdays 2017
Zion Lutheran Church
Warroad, Minnesota
6:15 pm



- March 1** Mark 5:1–20 (Matthew 8:28–34; Luke 8:26–39)
The Man with a Demon
Healing Deep Disturbance
- March 8** Luke 8:43–48 (Mark 5:25–34; Matthew 9:20–22)
The Woman with Hemorrhages
Healing Hopeless Endeavor
- March 15** Luke 6:6–11
The Man with a Withered Hand
Healing as Restoration
- March 22** John 8:2–12
The Woman Caught in Adultery
Healing Blame and Humiliation
- March 29** Mark 4:35–41 (Matthew 8:18, 23–27; Luke 8:22–25)
The Disciples Were Afraid
Healing Inner Storms
- April 5** Mark 7:24–30 (Matthew 15:21–30)
The Syrophenician Woman
Healing Hurtful Boundaries

*Jesus' healings are not supernatural miracles
in a natural world.*

*They are the only truly natural things
in a world that is unnatural, demonized,
and wounded.*

Jürgen Moltmann

Help Wanted

Interim Custodial Position

8-10 hours per week
General cleaning of the church.
If interested, contact Brad Knudson
at 469-2160 or Laurence Wright
at 242-0806.

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FIRST OFF, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO
MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW
STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES ONLINE ...

Quilting Begins

by Marlene Lewis

March 6 will be our first day of quilting. We are looking for volunteers to help with pinning, ironing, sewing, and/or cutting fabric into blocks. We meet at the Community Center on Mondays from 9-12 in March and April. If anyone would prefer to take some fabric home and cut blocks for us, we certainly will help arrange that.

We have most supplies - scissors, needles, yarn, some fabric, and two sewing machines. There are tops, bottoms, and polyester fill ready to be made into quilts.

We often have volunteers from the community, so please invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to come along and join us. All are welcomed.

Anyone that has fabric, thread, sheets, or yarn to donate can drop it off at Zion or the Community Center. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Lewis 386-2018 or Judy Landin 242-0589.

Zion sent 75 quilts, 41 personal care kits, 84 school kits, and 10 pounds of soap to Lutheran World Relief last fall. Many thanks to all those who donated bars of soap, and/or items for the quilts, school kits, and personal kits. Also, thanks to the Sunday School for donating 12 school kits and those who made quilts at home and donated them. Δ





#SQUASHHUNGER

**SUPPORT 300 FOOD SHELVES
ALL ACROSS MINNESOTA**

JOIN ONLINE www.mnfoodshare.org
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March is Minnesota FoodShare month

by Dave Dalager

In 2015, there were over 3.2 million food shelf visits in Minnesota.

For 35 years, Minnesota FoodShare has coordinated the March Campaign, the annual grassroots food and fund drive that provides more than half the food distributed by the 300 food shelves throughout the state. The March Campaign is the only statewide effort where every dollar donated goes directly to food shelves to purchase food for the hungry. Last year, the Minnesota FoodShare campaign raised more than 5.2 million pounds of food and \$7.9 million for Minnesota's food shelves.

Our congregation is once again joining people, congregations, and corporate sponsors from across the

state to support this effort. Our congregation will be supporting the Warroad Food Pantry by donating loose offerings on Sundays and Wednesdays in March, as well as donating designated offerings received during the month of March. The amount of dollars and food collected in March by each individual Food Shelf helps determine the amount of support they receive from the Minnesota Foodshare Food Fund.

Please bring nonperishable food and monetary donations to Zion during the month of March so we can strive to #ENDHUNGER together. Let's do our part as God's people to extend a loving, helping hand to people who need our help! Thank you for your faithful support over the many years the Warroad Food Pantry has been in operation. Donations of food and funds may be dropped off at Zion. Δ



2017 Graduating Seniors Take Note!

by Traci Pederson and Heidi Lien

We have a wonderful scholarship opportunity that is sponsored by the Women of Zion. The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) have a \$500 scholarship available for any member-student of Zion Lutheran Church that will be attending a Lutheran college or university. There will be a maximum of four scholarships available. This scholarship is often equally matched by the college thus increasing the value to \$1000. Scholarships are awarded to second semester college freshman to be used for tuition or books.

To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:

1. Be a graduating high school senior with a "B" average or above
2. Be an active member of Zion Lutheran Church
3. Be attending a Lutheran college
4. Be a confirmed member of an ELCA Church

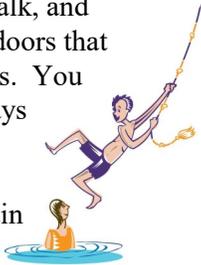
Application forms are located on the Zion website (zlcw.org) and in the Warroad High School counselor's office. Applications must be completed, properly signed, and postmarked or e-mailed no later than April 3, 2017. The scholarship money is sent directly to the college. Recipients will be notified in May 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Traci Pederson at 242-1596 or Heidi Lien at 242-5015. Δ

Christian Education News

submitted by Shawn Brunelle,
Christian Education Director



It is time to think about and start planning a trip to Bible camp! Pathways Outdoor Ministry is a fabulous time for kids of all ages. There are many opportunities to participate in a camp experience for young and old. Kids can attend camp and there are opportunities for parents to volunteer to help out in different areas while your child is hanging out, singing songs, enjoying Bible talk, and the glorious outdoors that God has given us. You will find Pathways brochures on the Christian Education bulletin board. Δ



Thanks for your "Our Family" upc barcodes!

Zion's Christian Ed ministries receive \$.05 for every "Our Family" upc label we send in. The upc barcode collection box is located on the Christian Education bulletin board. Δ



Family Movie Night

Sunday, March 19

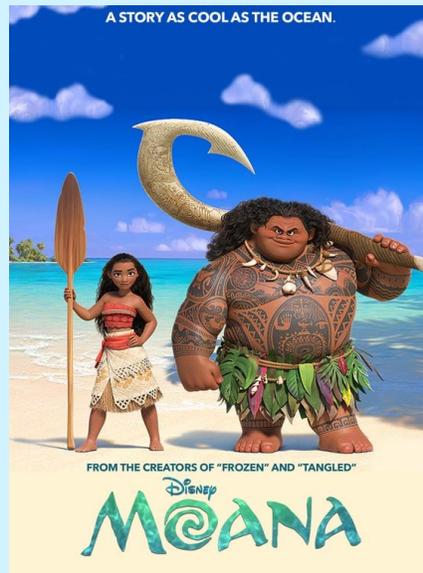
Movie starts at 5:30

Doors open at 5:15

Moana is coming to Zion!

Bring a camp chair, wear your pj's, bring your friends, and have some fun!

This will be a free-will donation with all proceeds going toward Zion's Vacation Bible School daycamp led by Pathways Outdoor Ministries. You will enjoy the movie and will receive a bag of popcorn and a beverage. Hot dogs and chips will follow the movie. This is for all ages and will be shown on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall.

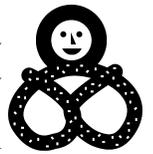


If you would like to help with any of the upcoming events from Christian Education, please contact Shawn Brunelle 386-1733, ext. 15.

Pretzels for Lent

It is said that the common pretzel was originally designed for use during Lent. Sometime during the Middle Ages, when Lent was accompanied by strict bans on dairy products and meat, people subsisted largely on breads, pastries, soups and vegetables. Bakers in Germany decided to create a food that would even look religious — the pretzel.

The crossed arms of a pretzel represent a Christian in prayer. Place the palm of each hand on the opposite shoulder, so that your forearms cross. That's the shape of a pretzel. Δ



Congregation Bible verse memory challenge from Christian Ed

Don't forget to pick up your memory verse leaflet from the Christian Education bulletin board and work on memorizing some verses.

The verse of the month is:

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

Theme verse for 2016-17:

Be on your guard;
stand firm in the faith;
be courageous;
be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Noisy offerings will be collected Sunday, March 19.

All donations will go to the Warroad Food Pantry.

Sunday School

Sunday School is from 10:15 to 11:15 am. The Sunday School schedule for March is:

- 3/5 Class at 10:15 am
3/12 Class at 10:15 am
3/19 Class at 10:15 am
3/26 Class at 10:15 am

Sunday School teachers are needed. Please sign up on the Christian Education bulletin board to teach one lesson for one month. Youth helpers are needed to help with Sunday School groups. Please sign up on the Christian Education bulletin board if you can help or contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733, ext. 15 if you have any questions. We can work with your schedule! Δ

Kids, your help is needed!

Sign up on the servant board to help collect noisy offering on the 3rd Sunday of each month during worship.

Acolytes, please sign up on the servant board (across from the men's restroom). Your help with worship is needed and appreciated.

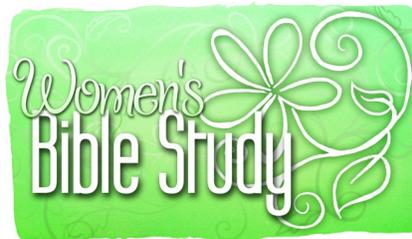
Wednesday Night Schedule for March

Supper 5:15
Worship 6:15
Confirmation students and mentors will set up times to meet
Lenten Conversations led by Rev. Gary Gilthvedt 7:00

Details about the Lenten suppers can be found on page 1. Δ

Confirmation

Starting on Ash Wednesday, March 1, confirmation will consist of weekly meetings with students and mentors. These meetings will continue through Easter, April 16. Mentors and students are welcome to meet at the church or any place you are comfortable meeting. You are also welcome to meet with other mentor/student groups. If you do not have your book for this mentoring time, please contact Shawn Brunelle to arrange to get one. Δ



All women are invited to come to Zion on Tuesdays at noon for a casual time of reflection, fellowship, and Bible study. We meet for about one hour to read and discuss the Bible. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Pastor Mary is leading us in "See Through the Scriptures," a Biblical survey that uses graphics and symbols. STS is a Crossways International Bible study. Δ



Our church is having a BOOK FAIR

March 12-26

Whoa!! Trot on over to the church...

If you're looking for that special something to add to your kids' or grandkids' Easter basket to nurture their faith, mark your calendar for March 12-26.



Stop by our book fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for kids. Save up to 50% PLUS free shipping on all titles.

Stop by Zion between March 12-26 to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids. Our church will earn 20% of the proceeds to go towards curriculum or other resources!

Our Book Fair, sponsored by SPARK HOUSE FAMILY, is designed to help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage. Δ



Do you play?

by Shelley Galle

Church pianists and organists are in great demand...*everywhere*. Because of this, availability is limited. There are fewer and fewer experienced in playing the organ, and the Worship & Music Committee many times has to rely on available pianists to substitute for our church organist.

Having the ability to play a keyboard is a gift given to you by God. It is a gift to share with others, and Zion needs you. If God is giving you a little push to use your talent for this ministry, Shelley is willing to help you achieve what God is asking. If you are interested and are considering this ministry, please contact Shelley Galle at 242-1141 to discuss getting you started. Δ

Having the ability to play a keyboard is a gift given to you by God.

Worship and Music Committee Update

by Jeffrey L. Galle, Sr., Chair
Worship & Music Committee

As the year is flying by, I can hardly believe that we on the Worship and Music Committee have already surpassed the first quarter of the Church year. As we continue putting things together, I am reminded of Romans 12: 4-8. "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it



is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

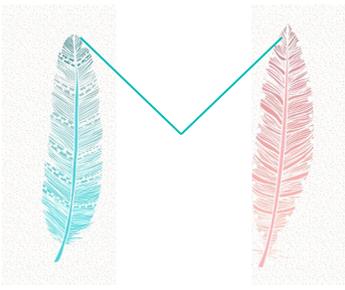
How does this apply to Zion and our committee? We, here at Zion, are many in one body. We know that we have members that provide us all of the gifts listed above. In one body, the work of many becomes a labor of love instead of duty. The Worship and Music Committee are especially interested in those with the gift to serve. If you like to read scripture, please volunteer to do so for our worship services. If you are musical, join the choir, handbell choir or provide music on an instrument or volunteer to be on the substitute organist/pianist list. Do you like to visit? We have a place for you as an usher/greeter. Do you have the gift of leadership, we can use you to help us find and organize the people to fill other positions. Do you have a gift for preparing the sanctuary for worship services? The altar guild can use your services throughout the year (and they will welcome male OR female).

There are numerous other activities where your gifts can be used. As we continue to move forward with our new Worship Center, become involved and use your gifts to share with others. How can you serve? Contact any member of any of the committees in the church to become involved. We on the Worship Committee welcome your help.

Worship and Music Committee Members are Jeff Galle (218-242-1140), Shelley Galle, Melanie Schriener, Deb Landin, Diane Erickson, Brent Poole, Joan Peterson, and Pastor Mary (exofficio). You can also leave a note in the Worship and Music Committee folder by the church office. Δ



Spread the word! The church up for sale at a list price of \$175,000. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing this property, please contact Dan Curtis at 242-2416 or Keith Landin at 386-1286.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Abbreviations</p> <p>(R) or () Building use requested/granted</p> <p>FH Fellowship Hall</p> <p>OR Overflow Room</p> <p>FR Fireside Room</p> <p>SS_ Sunday School Room #</p> <p>K Kitchen</p> <p>YR Youth Room</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>No Supper</p> <p>6:15 pm- Ash Wednesday Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm- Lenten Conversation</p> <p>7:00 pm- Handbell Choir</p> <p>Confirmation mentoring meetings</p> <p>No Confirmation classes</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:15 am- Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 am- Choir practice</p> <p>11:15 am- Worship & Music Committee meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Community Center</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00 pm- Women's Bible study "See Through the Scriptures"</p> <p>1:15 pm- Staff meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 am- WSLC Communion</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>5:15 pm- Lenten Soup Supper served by Zion's WELCA</p> <p>6:15 pm- Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm- Lenten Conversation</p> <p>7:00 pm- Handbell Choir practice</p> <p>7:00 pm- Parish Wellness Committee meeting</p> <p>Confirmation mentoring meetings</p> <p>No Confirmation classes</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm- Alzheimer's Support Group at WSLC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:30 pm- Pathways Outdoor Ministries annual meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Crookston, MN</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time begins</p> <p>9:00 am- Worship</p> <p>10:15 am- Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 am- Choir practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Community Center</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 am- Warroad Ministerial Association meeting</p> <p>12:00 pm- Women's Bible study "See Through the Scriptures"</p> <p>1:15 pm- Staff meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>5:15 pm- Lenten Soup Supper served by Christian Ed</p> <p>6:15 pm- Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm- Lenten Conversation</p> <p>7:00 pm- Handbell Choir practice</p> <p>Confirmation mentoring meetings</p> <p>No Confirmation classes</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 pm- Council meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering</p> <p>10:15 am- Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 am- Choir practice</p> <p>5:30 pm- Family Movie Night "Moana" (doors open at 5:15)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Community Center</p> <p><i>Items for Tidings monthly newsletter due</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00 pm- Women's Bible study "See Through the Scriptures"</p> <p>1:15 pm- Staff meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 am- WSLC Communion</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>5:15 pm- Lenten Soup Supper served by Parish Wellness</p> <p>6:15 pm- Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm- Lenten Conversation</p> <p>7:00 pm- Handbell Choir practice</p> <p>Confirmation mentoring meetings</p> <p>No Confirmation classes</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>
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27 We give thanks for farmers and ranchers who carefully tend their crops, animals, orchards and resources and ask they be blessed with abundant harvests and wisdom in their planning and planting for the sake of feeding and sustaining the world.

28 Thank God for anointing us as forgiven, renewed children of God, marked and chosen to be disciples devoted to witness and service in the world.

29 Pray the Holy Spirit will guide and equip us to live in the light of Christ, to live differently than when we lived in darkness and hopelessness, that our lives be pleasing to God and a sure sign to others of God's love and ways.

30 Pray for the members of the ELCA Church Council who are gathered to guide and further the work and mission of our church, that the Spirit permeates their conversations, deliberations, decisions and work together.

31 Offer prayers of thanks for the many farm laborers and agricultural workers here and in other countries who are instrumental in placing food on our tables and feeding the world. We ask that their work environments are safe, they are paid fair wages to support their families and that we respect their work and treat them with dignity as brothers and sisters in Christ.

PRAYER VENTURES

MARCH 2017

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

- 1 **Ash Wednesday** On this special day, we approach God in prayer with humility and repentance, marking ourselves with the messy ashes of our frail, human life, yet doing so with the sign of the cross—the mark of Jesus Christ, our source of forgiveness, salvation, hope and new life.
- 2 Give thanks for leaders of revival, renewal and reformation in the church—in the past and today—who are driven by God's Word, the gospel, a desire for sharing the good news and concern for the world.
- 3 We remember in our prayers the 65 synod bishops gathered for the Conference of Bishops and give thanks for their faith, leadership, service, example and commitment to the mission of the church.
- 4 Living farther into the new year, we pray our anticipation, joy, hope and openness to change and daily renewal of our faith and spirit do not diminish but grow and prove infectious in our relationships and encounters with others.
- 5 **First Sunday in Lent** Jesus, tempted repeatedly in the wilderness by the devil, stood strong and did not surrender. Pray for the same strength of faith and conviction to resist the enticements and distractions we face daily, and give thanks for God's unfailing love, mercy and presence that guides and sustains us in every circumstance.
- 6 Pray for the care and recovery of families, individuals and communities impacted by recent flooding, mudslides and severe weather along the West Coast and Pacific Northwest.
- 7 Pray for the thousands of young adults considering commitments to work in our outdoor ministry summer programs, that they see their faith, life experiences, skills, interests and knowledge as God-given assets to share in ministry with children, youth and adults.

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- 8** Pray for the care and recovery of families, individuals and communities impacted by recent tornadoes, severe weather and flooding, especially in areas of the South and Southeast.
- 9** We bring to God our uncomfortable prayers of confession for what we have done and failed to do, for offenses committed against our neighbor, including neglect and rejection, and ask for God's forgiveness, mercy and redirection of our lives, attitudes and behavior.
- 10** Pray God will grant us the wisdom and compassion to welcome and accompany strangers, immigrants and refugees who seek safety, freedom or new beginnings and that we not forget we, too, in our life or family histories have been strangers, immigrants and refugees hoping to be met with acceptance, respect and kindness.
- 11** We remember in our prayers the nine young adults and their coordinator, the Rev. Tessa Moon Leiseth, serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in South Africa and Swaziland.
- 12** As Nicodemus approached Jesus under cover of night with his questions, we, too, often come to God when we feel safe and concealed from others with our questions, confessions and thoughts. Thank God for listening to our every prayer and plea, and for friends, people of faith and communities that engender trust and offer refuge when needed.
- 13** Pray for the growth and effectiveness of programs, colleges, universities, seminaries and lay schools for ministry equipping women and men for ministry and further developing their skills and enthusiasm for sharing the gospel in diverse contexts and communities.
- 14** During Lent, as we reflect on our lives and faith, we pray that we are honest with ourselves and not defensive about our faults and weaknesses and are always drawn to the cross where we find forgiveness and new life through Jesus Christ.
- 15** We direct our confidence and prayers to God when we wonder who will help us, who is paying attention to our lives and who will deliver us from darkness and evil.
- 16** Give thanks to God that our church encourages and provides opportunities for scientists, pastors, science teachers and others to explore the intersections of faith and science.
- 17** Ask God for inspiration and insight for reforming and renewing the church and congregations today for the sake of spreading and teaching the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 18** Pray the journey through Lent renews our awareness of our baptismal covenant and vocation, that being washed clean by water and the Word marks us as children of God sent into the world on a lifelong journey of faith, service and declaring the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 19** Jesus did not hesitate to be in conversation with, share the good news with and invite to faith the Samaritan woman at the well—a stranger and outsider. We pray our faith shines brightly everywhere, remembering that God's Word and the good news of Jesus Christ is a gift intended for all people.
- 20** *First day of Spring* Pray for a spirit that shines with the joy of a child, appreciation and thanksgiving for the first day of spring and the wonders of God's creation revealed in every season.
- 21** We remember in our prayers the Moravian Church in North America, a full communion partner with the ELCA, and ask God to enrich our partnership and bless our work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 22** Give thanks to God for our American Indian and Alaska Native brothers and sisters in Christ and the 30 native congregations committed to reconciliation and the mutual building up of the saints—people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities, congregations and needs.
- 23** Pray for God's patience and forgiveness when we quarrel and complain against each other that we remember God's love and mercy toward us, that our faith be restored and we rediscover the joy and blessings of treating one another with respect, compassion and empathy.
- 24** Pray for the people of El Salvador and their church leaders who have been bold, courageous public witnesses of the Christian faith, justice and reconciliation in the face of persecution, war, injustice and economic struggle. Ask the Spirit to stir in us compassion that we not forget their plight and ongoing struggles and that we seek ways to encourage hope and work for the renewal and well-being of their communities and society.
- 25** Pray for the 12 ELCA missionaries serving in Japan that their work with local partners and congregations, particularly in teaching English, music and theological education, will equip and inspire others as leaders in the church and followers of Christ.
- 26** Praise God that there is no sin, illness or difficulty in life that exceeds the ability of Jesus Christ—the one who reveals God's power and works to us—to forgive, heal or resolve.

March Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services

3/5 Volunteers needed
 3/12 Volunteers needed
 3/19 Tom & Heidi Lien
 3/26 Volunteers needed

Lectors

Sunday Morning Services

March To be announced

Acolytes

Sunday Morning Services

3/5 Volunteer needed
 3/12 Volunteer needed
 3/19 Volunteer needed
 3/26 Volunteer needed

Communion

Sunday Morning Services

3/5 and 3/19 To be announced

Projector Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

3/5 Volunteer needed
 3/12 Volunteer needed
 3/19 Volunteer needed
 3/26 Volunteer needed

Wednesday Evening Services

3/1 Volunteer needed
 3/8 Volunteer needed
 3/15 Volunteer needed
 3/22 Volunteer needed
 3/29 Volunteer needed

Noisy Offering Collectors

3/19 Volunteers needed

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Week beginning

3/6 Dan Lykken
 Brad Baumann
 3/13 Laurence Wright
 Maynard Nelson
 3/20 Volunteer needed
 3/27 Volunteer needed

Parking Lot Snow Plowing

March Volunteer needed

Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
1/25		25	
1/29	87		112
2/1		37	
2/5	70		107
2/8		27	
2/12	59		86
2/15		25	
2/19	81		106
2/22		tba	
2/26	tba		tba

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

February 5 - in loving memory of Myron and Brent Kofstad by Carol Kofstad.

February 12 - by LaVonne & Clair Knudson to the glory of God and in loving memory of their dear friend, Chuck Kenworthy.

February 19 - by Curtiss & Sharon Johnson in celebration of family— past and present.

February 26 - by Laurence & Avis Wright to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Δ

Books in the Fireside Room library

Pastor Gary has graciously agreed to go through the books in the church library to determine what we should keep and what we could donate elsewhere. A couple volunteers are needed to help with the task. Please contact the church office, Pastor Gary, or Pastor Mary if you would like more information about how to help. Δ

Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 1/29:

General Offerings: \$2,408.00
 Building Fund: \$386.00

Offerings for week ending 2/5:

General Offerings: \$4,169.25
 Building Fund: \$535.50

Offerings for week ending 2/12:

General Offerings: \$1,454.00
 Building Fund: \$1,158.00
 Choir/Music Fund: \$10.00

Offerings for week ending 2/19:

General Offerings: \$5,052.00
 Building Fund: \$1,658.00
 Computer Fund: \$25.00
 Noisy Offering: \$60.49
 (Warroad Food Pantry)

Offerings for week ending 2/26:

To be announced Δ

END OF YEAR

GIVING STATEMENTS

If you have not picked up your 2016 giving statements, please do so now! You can find them in the narthex of the church. Δ

Everyone is welcome at Zion!

If you are interested in learning more about Zion or becoming a member of Zion, please contact Pastor Mary or the church office at 386-1733. Δ

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Tidings from Zion
 March 2017

Please contact us if you would like to receive the newsletter via email.

Please join us for weekly Lenten Services:

Please join us for fellowship and spiritual growth each week! More details are on pages 1 and 3 in this newsletter. Parents are encouraged to bring the whole family to the mid-week Lenten activities to emphasize to our young people the importance of the season of Lent in our church and especially in our individual lives.



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| March 1 | 6:15 pm
7:00 pm | Ash Wednesday Worship
Lenten Conversations |
| March 8 | 5:15 pm
6:15 pm
7:00 pm | Soup Meal served by Women of Zion
Lenten Worship
Lenten Conversations |
| March 15 | 5:15 pm
6:15 pm
7:00 pm | Soup Meal served by Christian Education Committee
Lenten Worship
Lenten Conversations |
| March 22 | 5:15 pm
6:15 pm
7:00 pm | Soup Meal served by Parish Wellness Committee
Lenten Worship
Lenten Conversations |
| March 29 | 5:15 pm
6:15 pm
7:00 pm | Soup Meal served by Worship & Music Committee
Lenten Worship
Lenten Conversations |

