

Tidings from

April 2017

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From Pastor Mary

Five years ago during the first week of April some farmers in northern Minnesota were already working in their fields. This year we are nowhere near that possibility but we are thinking about and preparing for the planting season. It is just around the corner.

There is another kind of planting the church recognizes this time of year. It is the planting which was the death and burial of Jesus. Jesus likened his death to a seed being planted in the ground, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (John 12:24) He said his death was necessary in order to bear a harvest. John Crum’s Easter hymn, “Now the Green Blade Rises,” describes Jesus’ death as a seed and love as the new life that rose from the grave of death. He wrote,

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

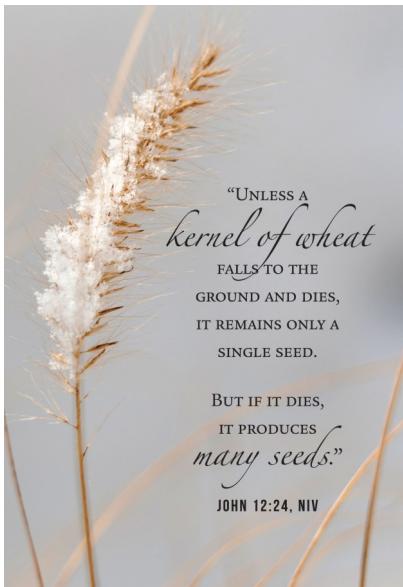


*Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

When Jesus’ dead body was laid in the tomb, it seemed as though hatred and death had won the day. But it hadn’t. God’s love raised Jesus from the

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Council News

by Dan Curtis

The building of our new mission center continues to get closer to completion. The tiling is installed, kick plates installed, phone wire pulled, altar steps installed, and numerous other items have been completed due to the work of our great volunteers! The electricians have been onsite to continue finishing various tasks. The carpeting is planned to be installed over the next couple of weeks.

Our undedicated general checking balance as of February, is now sitting at a deficit of about \$35,000. This is the largest deficit in recent times for our congregation’s undedicated general fund. What this means is if we tried to pay out all our dedicated funds, we would be short by \$35,000. The dedicated funds balance has grown due to a combination of giving being down some towards the general fund and expenses being higher the last couple of months. A good portion of the expenses being higher is related to the costs associated with

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supporting two buildings. The council reluctantly has reduced our benevolence giving to the NW MN ELCA and Lutheran Social Services until we can better meet our budgeted needs. The council is asking for all members of the congregation to pray and consider what they can do to help support the mission of Zion. The council has also asked the Stewardship Committee to educate the congregation about regular and intentional giving.

As was noted in a past Council News article the council passed a motion to start the process of extending a call to Pastor Mary to

be our full time permanent Pastor. The council is following the process recommended by the Bishop. One of the first steps in this process is to form a Call Committee. The following members of our congregation have agreed to serve on the Call Committee to consider extending a call to Pastor Mary: Deb Lalim, Dan Lykken, Kelly Thiele, Sheri Hard, Melanie Schreiner, Deb Erickson, Martha Whaley, Laurence Wright, and Cindy Sandahl. A kickoff meeting for this Call Committee will occur within the next month. In order to extend a call to Pastor, there will need to be a congregational vote. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach

out to one of your church council members.

God bless you,
Dan Curtis
Council President Δ

Council Meeting

The council has changed its regular council meeting for April from the third Sunday to the fourth Sunday (April 23) at 11:15 am. Δ

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Core hours are Monday-Thursday
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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 April 20, 2016.

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Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

General Operating Account as of February 28, 2017

Income	Feb	YTD
General Envelopes	\$7,533	\$51,803
Electronic	\$5,392	\$30,985
Loose Offerings	\$140	\$1,751
Misc.	\$230	\$1,437
Total	\$13,295	\$85,976

Expense	Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$173,379	\$64,778
Transitional Supp.	\$22,500	\$22,500
Benevolence	\$14,150	\$2,000
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$91
Admin	\$17,150	\$4,736
Worship & Music	\$2,120	\$559
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$86
Outreach Services	\$4,100	\$1,124
Property	\$30,544	\$12,839
Total	\$265,943	\$108,712

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

Building Fund as of February 28, 2017

Dedicated Funds	Feb	YTD
Gifts Received	\$3,514	\$110,622
Loan	\$0	\$150,000
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$35,813
MIF		\$2,418
Total		\$38,231
Payments	Feb	YTD
JD Seamless		\$68,000
YHR		\$6,509
Marvin Home Ctr	\$570	\$57,609
Culinex	\$1,213	\$3,013
Hytek		\$40,000
G&B Carpet		\$28,716
HB Sound		\$17,919
Peterson Sht Mtl		\$1,677
Gordy Olson		\$5,257
Sell Hardware	\$4,571	\$4,571
Other		\$75
Loan Interest		\$3,027
Loan Principal		\$5,000
Total	\$6,353	\$241,372

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dead. Our Easter worship is a celebration of God's love that is more powerful than hatred and death. As God's sons and daughters we are called to live out God's love in this world. We do that when we think the best of others rather than condemn and judge them, when we serve others rather than be self-absorbed and when we love rather than hate.

Our hearts may be too cold or too hurt to love others. However, God is in the business of raising the dead and bringing about new life. When we let our hurts and cares die as a seed is planted in the earth, when we let go and rest in God's love, God will raise us to new life. That is Easter!

Living in Easter new life,
Pastor Mary Gilthvedt Δ

Quilting continues in April

by Marlene Lewis

Quilting is in full swing! Volunteers meet at the Warroad Community Center on Mondays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm through the end of April. All are welcome, so please invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to come along and join in.



If you would rather take some fabric home and cut blocks, we certainly will help arrange that.

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

Mid-week Lenten Services continue through April 5:

April 5	5:15 pm	Soup Meal served by the Quilters
	6:15 pm	Lenten Worship
	7:00 pm	Lenten Conversations

Please join us for fellowship and spiritual growth each week! 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. 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. Lenten Conversation will begin at 7:00 pm and everyone is encouraged to attend.

THE HEALING CHRIST

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



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

New Member Sunday/Wednesday

All those interested in joining Zion are invited to attend a new member class either Sunday, April 23 at 10:15 am in a Sunday School room or Wednesday, April 26 at 5:15 pm in the Fireside Room. New Members will be received during a Wednesday and Sunday worship service. Those dates are Sunday, April 30 at 9:00 am and Wednesday, May 3 at 6:15 pm. New members only need to attend one of the services. Δ

Special Guest to visit Zion on April 2

On Sunday, April 2, we look forward to hosting Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Paul Erdal. He will be preaching during worship and leading a council training following worship. Δ

**SPECIAL
GUEST**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Food Packing Event and Breakfast May 7

Zion will be hosting a food packing event and breakfast on Sunday, May 7 following worship. Two work shifts are planned: Shift 1 will be 10:15-11:30 and Shift 2 will be 11:30-12:45. Breakfast will also be served throughout the morning beginning at 10:15, so you can eat either before or after your work shift.

Helpers will be needed for food packing and to work in the kitchen. Watch for sign-up sheets to be posted on the Christian Education bulletin board.

Parents and siblings of Sunday School students as well as EVERYONE from the entire congregation are encouraged to come together on this special day where we can impact our world! Kids under the age of 7 are welcome to help with an adult.

Wear your “God’s work. Our hands.” t-shirt and jeans. If you don’t have one of these shirts, please wear a yellow or other brightly colored t-shirt that day.

If helping pack seems like more than you can do, you are encouraged to stay and have breakfast anyway and see how the process works. It is quite an assembly line of activity!

The “Christmas for a Cause” event in November and several months of noisy offerings raised the funds necessary for us to be able to host this event. Each meal costs 10 cents to pack and we package about 20,000 meals per event.



Contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 ext. 15 or Vicki Dalager at 386-1733 ext. 10 with questions.



More about our Food Packing Events...

“Hunger No More MN” (formerly Kids Against Hunger) will come from Park Rapids, MN to bring bulk food items and supplies to our church - and then *we* will fill bags with rice, soy protein, beans, vegetables, and vitamins that have been specially formulated for optimal nutrition. The bags are sealed and packed for sending not only to area food shelves but throughout the world. Hunger No More will take care of shipping the meal packets and will make sure that the food gets to those in need.

Meals are designed and packaged to:

- Ship anywhere in the world
- Store, travel, and arrive safely
- Prepare quickly and easily
- Sustain with only the simple addition of water

Each packaged meal contains a blend of essential vitamins and minerals for added health; white, long-grain rice, fortified crushed soy for protein, and a variety of dehydrated vegetables. Beans may be added. This not only provides a meal, but better health to starving people. Each meal is able to feed a family of six and has a shelf life of at least three years.

This event is a great opportunity to bring together young and old, students and parents, members and friends, for the common cause of helping others, while teaching and showing our children leadership and stewardship skills.



Worship and Music

Committee Update

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who have stepped up and helped with our services through being a part of the worship providers. All of you are very important to the work of our committee, providing usher services, altar care services, directing/providing music, filling in by reading scripture. Thank you also to Pastor Mary and Pastor Gary for their messages each Sunday and Wednesday.

If my count is right, we utilize approximately 20-25 people for our Sunday worship services. If you haven't been a volunteer yet, please consider serving in some capacity to help enhance our worship services. We are especially short of sound/slideshow personnel. Brenda Haats

would be more than happy to train and help you with the equipment. It looks complicated, but can easily be learned. Altar Guild needs a few more volunteers as well. If interested, contact Martha Whaley; she is willing to train you in!

The committee will be working on plans for things we will have to move to the new worship center in the near future and may be calling for additional help.

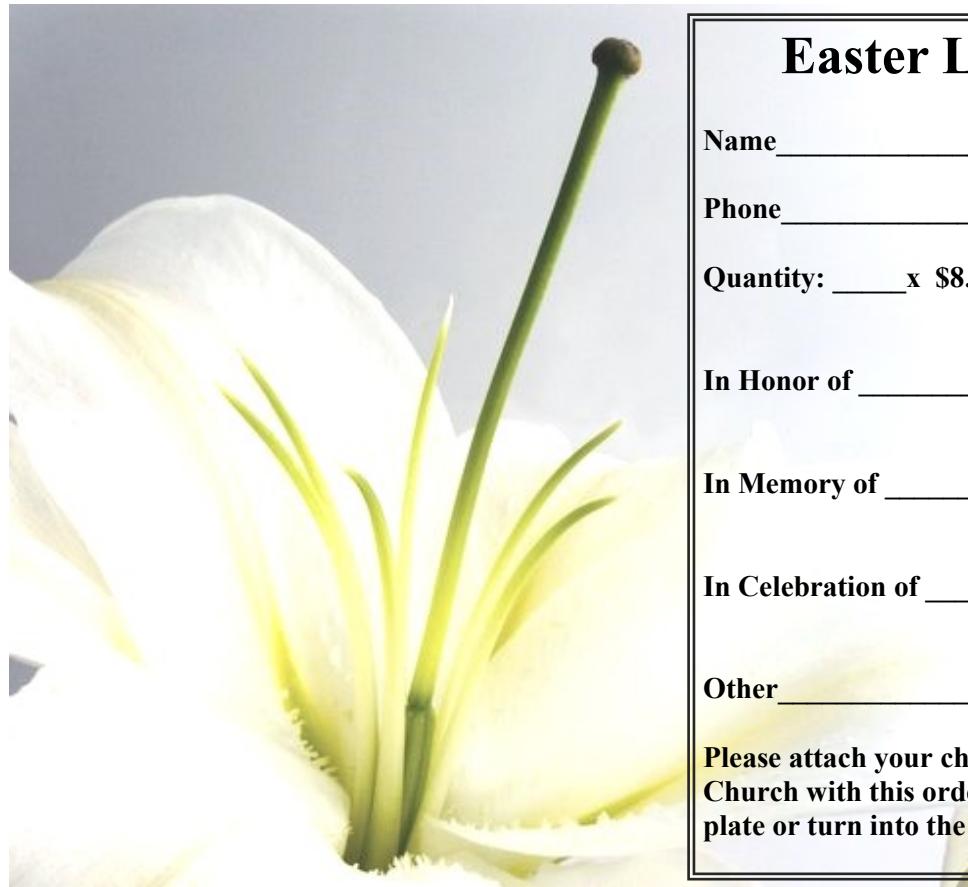
As we move into the Easter Season, we continue to have Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings, that are preceded with a meal and fellowship. Come join us. We will have a busy Holy Week coming up and encourage all to attend the Worship Services starting with Palm Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 am; Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 6:15 pm; Good Friday, April 14 at 6:15 pm, and Easter Sunday, April 16 with two services—6:30 am and 9:00 am.

As we finalize our preparation for Easter let us remember - Psalm 118:1 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever." Δ



Did you know?

Memorial and honorarium cards that can be given in honor, in celebration, or in memory of a loved one are located in a display in the back of the church. These cards may be used as a gift in honor, celebration, or memory of someone in order to have the funds go directly to helping people at Zion and in the community. Δ



Easter Lilies Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Quantity: ____ x \$8.50 Total: _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____

Other _____

Please attach your check made payable to Zion Lutheran Church with this order form and place in the offering plate or turn into the office by Sunday, April 9.



Sunday,
April 23

Zion Movie Night (for adults!)

Potluck supper at 5:30 pm

Scalloped potatoes, pork tenderloin, and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish, bread, or dessert to share.

"Hidden Figures" Movie at 6:30 pm

We'll be showing the movie "Hidden Figures" in the Fellowship Hall. Popcorn will be served. You are welcome to bring a camp chair or bean bag and any special movie snacks you can't live without!



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: 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. △



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 emailed 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. △

Christian Education News

submitted by Shawn Brunelle,
Christian Education Director

Interested in going to the
National Youth Gathering
in 2018?

by LynnAnn Kofstad

There will be an INTEREST MEETING on Wednesday, April 5 at 5:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church for anyone interested in receiving information about the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. This is for youth (entering 9th-12th grade in the fall of 2017) and their families. Please attend to get more information, to have questions answered, and to decide if there is interest in sending a group from Zion to the "This Changes Everything" 2018 Youth Gathering. △



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.



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. △



"Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!"

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

*Kids, your help
is needed!*

Sign up on the servant board to help collect noisy offering on the 3rd Sunday of each month (the 2nd Sunday in April) during worship.

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

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:

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:27-28

Theme verse for 2016-17:

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

1 Corinthians 16:13

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**Noisy offerings
will be collected
Sunday, April 9.**

All donations will go to the “God’s work. Our hands.” food packing fund.

Sunday School

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

- 4/2 Class at 10:15
- 4/9 Palm Sunday: See details below. Kids should meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 to get ready for 9:00 am worship. Class will be at 10:15.
- 4/16 Easter Sunday; No Sunday School
- 4/23 Class at 10:15
- 4/30 Class at 10:15

Palm Sunday, April 9

On Sunday, April 9 the Sunday School kids will be participating in Sunday worship with procession of palms during 9:00 am worship. Kids should arrive at the church by 8:45 am that Sunday, meet in the Fellowship Hall to line up and receive their palms for the procession, and following the procession of palms will sit with their families. We are working on a song to sing this day during this service as well. Everyone’s help is needed! Words to the song have been emailed and we have been practicing it in Sunday School. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 x15. Δ

Sunday School wrap up and program: Sunday, May 7 during 9:00 am worship

May 7 will be our Sunday School wrap up and program for the 2016-17 year. We will be singing and participating in leading the Sunday morning worship service. Following the service, there will be a breakfast and our “God’s work. Our hands.” project, a food packing event for Hunger No More MN (formerly Kids Against Hunger). There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to work one of two shifts. This is a fun family morning at Zion. Can’t wait to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 x. 15. Δ

Wednesday Night Schedule for April**April 5:**

- 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

April 12:

- No supper, worship, or confirmation class.

April 19 and 26:

- Supper 5:30
- 4/19– Hotdogs
- 4/26– Hotdish
- Worship 6:15
- Confirmation class 7:00 Δ

Confirmation

The confirmation schedule for April is as follows:

- 4/5 Mentor/student time
- 4/12 Holy week; no class
- 4/19 Regular class resumes at 7:00
- 4/26 Class is at 7:00 Δ

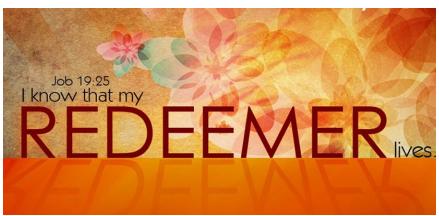
Donations needed for Easter Breakfast

The Christian Education Committee needs eggbake, muffins, fruit, juice, and milk for serving at Easter breakfast on April 16. Sign up on the Christian Education bulletin board to help with donations. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Brunelle. Δ

**Pick-a-Prize Auction**

Christian Education is hosting its annual Pick-a-Prize Auction Fundraiser for Vacation Bible School daycamp. There is an assortment of baskets to choose from along the side of the Sanctuary. You can purchase tickets, write your name and phone number on the back, and drop your tickets in the coordinating jar to the basket or baskets of your choice for a chance to win. Tickets cost \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, or \$20 for 15. Tickets may be purchased before and after worship or during regular church office hours.

The winners will be announced on Sunday, May 7 during the “God’s work. Our hands.” food packing event. All proceeds will go toward the cost of Vacation Bible School with Pathways Outdoor Ministry. Δ



Women of the ELCA Conference I Spring Gathering

Get your “car pool” organized for a road trip in April! Area Women of the ELCA are invited to the Conference I Spring Gathering at Mr. Carmel Lutheran Church, rural Roosevelt, MN on Saturday, April 29. Coffee and registration will start at 9:00 am, with the program, meeting and noon lunch to follow.

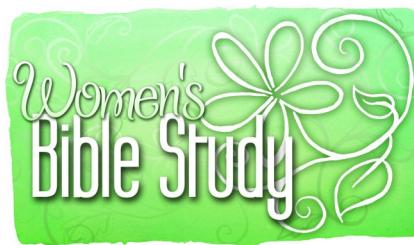
Pastor Rufus and Lucinda Kudee are the guest speakers. They currently serve Mt. Carmel and Bethany Lutheran Churches, and bring a life story of fleeing Liberia at a time of political unrest. They spent time in the Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Ghana before immigrating to the U.S. in 2004. “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” is the theme for their

presentation. Special music, a Bible Study, and a brief business meeting will follow.

Pre-registration is requested (for meal count purposes) by April 22 (voice or text) by e-mail at RBW13049@yahoo.com to Roxanne Goulet at 218-370-0812 (voice or text) or by e-mail at RBW13049@yahoo.com. Δ

Wellness Classes offered in our area

Quit, FOR LIFE! The steps to a tobacco-free life are only a call away! LifeCare Medical Center is offering Freedom from Smoking classes in Warroad beginning April 6 and Roseau beginning April 20. For more information, contact Paula at 463-4301 or apply online at www.lifecaremc.org/classes.



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



Spread the word! The church is up for sale. 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.

Live a “balanced” life! Reduce your fears of falling and increase activity levels by joining the next FREE Matter of Balance class offered by LifeCare Medical Center! Opportunities in Greenbush, Roseau, and Warroad; all classes begin April 4! For more information and to register please contact Paula at 463-4301 or register online at www.lifecaremc.org/classes. Δ

If the cross is the place where the worst thing that could happen happened, it is also the place where the best thing that could happen happened. Ultimate hatred and ultimate love met on those two crosspieces of wood. Suffering and love were brought into harmony.



To be “saved” requires a severance from the former life as clean and sharp as though made by a knife. There must be a wall of separation between the old life and the new, a radical break. That means death — death to the old life, in order for the new to begin. ... This wall of separation, this barrier, is the cross.

—Elisabeth Elliot, *A Path Through Suffering*

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Abbreviations</p> <p>(R) or () Building use requested/granted FH Fellowship Hall OR Overflow Room FR Fireside Room SS Sunday School Room # K Kitchen YR Youth Room</p>						1
2 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion with Pastor Paul Erdal preaching 10:15 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Council training 10:15 am- Choir practice	3 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Community Center	4 12:00 pm- Women's Bible study "See Through the Scriptures" 1:15 pm- Staff meeting	5 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 5:15 pm- Lenten Soup Supper served by Quilters 5:30 pm- Interest Meeting for National Youth Gathering trip to Houston in 2018 6:15 pm- Lenten Worship 7:00 pm- Lenten Conversation 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir 7:00 pm- Parish Wellness Committee meeting No Confirmation classes	6 5:15 pm- Rebecca Circle	7 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	8
9 Palm Sunday 9:00 am- Worship with Sunday School singing 10:15 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Choir practice	10 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Community Center	11 12:00 pm- Women's Bible study "See Through the Scriptures" 1:15 pm- Staff meeting	12 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- Personnel Committee meeting 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> No Supper No Worship 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir practice No Confirmation classes	13 Maundy Thursday 6:15 pm- Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm- Alzheimer's Support Group at WSLC	14 Good Friday 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm- Good Friday Worship	15 set-up for Easter Breakfast
16 Easter 6:30 am- Sunrise worship with Holy Communion 7:30-8:45 am- Easter Breakfast No Sunday School 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion	17 Easter Monday Church offices closed 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Community Center	18 12:00 pm- Women's Bible study "See Through the Scriptures" 1:15 pm- Staff meeting	19 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 5:30 pm- Supper 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir practice 7:00 pm- Confirmation	20 Synod Theological Day <i>Items for Tidings monthly newsletter due</i>	21 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	22
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30 9:00 am- Worship with New Members received 10:15 am- Sunday School						

25 World Malaria Day Give thanks for the lasting impact of the ELCA Malaria Campaign and work with Lutheran companions and partners in Africa over the past five years to prevent and treat malaria, and pray our commitment and support to fight malaria continues through the health-related work of ELCA World Hunger.

26 Trusting in the mercy, new birth and living hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we give praise and thanks to God for our salvation and faith.

27 We remember in our prayers the eight young adults and coordinators, Matthew Bishop and Jen Engquist, serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Cambodia.

28 Give thanks to God on Arbor Day for the beauty, life-giving qualities, resources and habitats provided by trees, woodlands and wilderness forests, and pray for wisdom and renewed commitment to steward and protect these gifts entrusted to our care.

29 We remember in our prayers the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Alaska synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

30 We remember in our prayers the Northeastern Minnesota and Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

PRAYER VENTURES

APRIL 2017

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

- 1 Thank God for the gifts of laughter, humor, comedy and wit that give us joy and sometimes catch us by surprise by revealing the struggles and pains of humankind from new angles.
- 2 Pray for all who grieve the death of a loved one, friend or neighbor that they find caring support among friends, family, communities and congregations and know the healing and hope we have in Jesus Christ.
- 3 We remember in our prayers the diverse gifts, life stories and challenges of our Arab-American brothers and sisters, especially during Arab-American Heritage Month, and ask God's blessings for the members and leaders of ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern congregations and ministries.
- 4 Pray God will equip, sustain and inspire people—of all ages—who serve as volunteers, participate in service learning experiences, travel on mission trips and commit to long-term volunteer service programs across the U.S. and globally.
- 5 We pray God hears our cries for forgiveness, mercy and loving attention both for our personal lives and circumstances and those of our neighbor.
- 6 Give thanks for artists who reveal through their art and creativity the mysteries of salvation, faith and the wonder of God's creation.
- 7 Pray for the 15 ELCA missionaries serving in Slovakia, especially for their work and partnerships in parish ministry and teaching.

8 Pray for the ELCA Justice for Women program and its work addressing sexism through our Lutheran theology, connecting our theology with specific issues in the world, encouraging men and women to work together, and encouraging congregations in their work of serving women and girls.

9 Palm Sunday We pray that through Jesus' suffering and death we glimpse and welcome the boundless depth of God's sacrifice and love for all people and creation.

10 Pray for strength and faith to accept the challenges and complexities of following Jesus and giving witness to God's presence and activity in the world today.

11 Pray for the courage to follow the example and spirit of Jesus as hope-filled, humble servants called to serve our neighbor and undeterred by personal sacrifice, self-interest or fear.

12 Give thanks for the work of ELCA Disability Ministries, congregations, agencies, schools and outdoor ministries serving children and adults of all abilities and with special needs.

13 Maundy Thursday When we gather as people of God around the meal of God's word, bread and wine, pray for a renewed sense of unity in Christ, nourishment for the work of loving one another and blessings for being sent into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

14 Good Friday We thank God that we are not abandoned to waste away in helplessness and misery but that our despair turns to hope and joy in the triumph of Jesus over sin and death on the cross.

15 Pray to be ever-aware, alert and receptive to God's word, the guidance of the Holy Spirit and reminders of our baptismal calling to be disciples and followers of Jesus Christ in a world hungry for true hope and healing.

16 Easter Sunday Alleluia, Christ is risen! Praise God with a joyful heart, knowing God's word is true and frees us from sin, death and darkness that we may live each day as servants bearing good news for all.

17 Mary Magdalene, though caught in a swirl of emotions and questions, told others of what she saw and heard at Jesus' empty tomb. Pray the Spirit will move us beyond our doubts, embarrassments and reluctance and fill us with a desire and boldness to share our faith with friends and strangers alike.

18 Ask God to help our faith communities be safe, welcoming, grace-filled places for honest, lively conversations, especially when we find ourselves divided by politics, opinions, circumstances and the complexities of life.

19 Pray for the special work and ministry of intentional interim ministers and interim executive directors who help support and guide congregations and outdoor ministries through times of transition.

20 For wherever there is war and conflict in the world, pray for peace and healing; where people live under oppression and persecution, pray for justice and protection; for people, nations and situations forgotten or ignored, pray we remember and are moved to thoughtful, caring involvement.

21 We remember in our prayers the Lutheran churches in Costa Rica and Honduras, small churches with a bright witness and strong commitment to serve the most marginalized and impoverished people in their countries.

22 Earth Day The earth is a gift and treasure—the handiwork of our Creator—sustaining all life. Ask God for the will and wisdom to care for the earth and all its resources and give us courage to make difficult decisions that may involve sacrifice, changing attitudes and behaviors, and thinking beyond our immediate desires and needs for the sake of the world.

23 When we wrestle with doubt, even disbelief, we turn to God asking for forgiveness, reassurance of the Spirit's presence and activity within us, and the reviving of our faith.

24 We remember in our prayers the five young adults and their coordinator, the Rev. Kristin Engstrom, serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Senegal, and ELCA missionaries the Rev. Chad and Natalie Rimmer working with leadership development.

April Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services

4/2	Volunteer needed
4/9	Doug & Gloria Pomplun
	Carol & Warren Thompson
4/16	
6:30	Volunteers needed
9:00	Volunteers needed
4/23	Keith & Deb Landin
4/30	Steve & Susan Hagen

Lectors

Sunday Morning Services

April	Deb Erickson
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Acolytes

Sunday Morning Services

4/2	Volunteer needed
4/9	Volunteer needed
4/16	
6:30	Volunteer needed
9:00	Ella Rourk
4/23	Volunteer needed
4/30	Volunteer needed

Communion Assistants

Sunday Morning Services

4/2, 9:00	Fern Knudson
	Joyce Strand, Marlene Lewis
4/16, 6:30	Julie Jones
	Virginia Storey, Martha Whaley
4/16, 9:00	Kelly Thiele
	Dan Lykken, Dan Curtis

Altar Care

Sunday Morning Services

4/2, 9:00	Judy Taylor Landin
	Susie Lykken
4/16, 6:30/9:00	Martha Whaley
	Diane Erickson

Evening Services

4/13, (Thursday)	Martha Whaley
4/19, (Wednesday)	Joleen Kezar

Projector Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

4/2	Volunteer needed
4/9	Volunteer needed
4/16, 6:30	Volunteer needed
9:00	Volunteer needed
4/23	Volunteer needed
4/30	Volunteer needed

Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
2/22		33	
2/26	80		113
3/1*		86	
3/5	65		151
3/8		72	
3/12	72		144
3/15		50	
3/19	95		145
3/22		74	
3/26	96		170
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*3/1– Ash Wednesday

Evening Services

4/5	Volunteer needed
4/13 (Thursday)	Volunteer needed
4/14 (Friday)	Volunteer needed
4/19	Volunteer needed
4/26	Volunteer needed

Sound Board Attendant

Sunday Morning Services

4/2	Volunteer needed
4/9	Brenda Haats
4/16	
6:30	Brenda Haats
9:00	Brenda Haats
4/23	Volunteer needed
4/30	Volunteer needed

Evening Services

April	Brenda Haats
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Noisy Offering Collectors

4/9	Volunteers needed
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Sidewalk Snow Removal

Week beginning	
4/3	Volunteer needed
4/10	Volunteer needed
4/17	Jim Hallan

Parking Lot Snow Plowing

April	Volunteer needed
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Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 3/5:

General Offerings: \$4,988.00
Building Fund: \$790.50
Food Pantry: \$90.45

Offerings for week ending 3/12:

General Offerings: \$1,126.00
Building Fund: \$157.00
Food Pantry: \$93.00
Noisy Offering: \$79.08
(Warroad Food Pantry)

Offerings for week ending 3/26:

To be announced △

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

March 5 - by Heather, Gordy, Austin, Jared, and Nick Streiff in honor of Bev Streiff.

March 12 - by the Landby grandchildren in remembrance of Martin & Gladys Landby, both of whom were born in March. The grandchildren are grateful for their gift of life and love.

March 19 - by Brenda and Brittany Windahl & family in loving memory of Wayne and Jeremy Windahl.

March 26 - by Norma Karlsen in memory of her sister, Janette Erickson. △

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Holy Week and Easter

April 9: Palm Sunday

9:00 am– Worship service with Sunday School children
processing with palms and singing

April 12: Wednesday

No worship service, Bible study, or meal

April 13: Maundy Thursday

6:15 pm- Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion

April 14: Good Friday

6:15 pm- Good Friday worship service

April 16: Easter

6:30 am- Sunrise Easter worship service with Holy Communion

7:30-8:45 am- Easter Breakfast

9:00 am- Easter worship service with Holy Communion

No Sunday School

Easter Breakfast

Eggbake, muffins, fruit, and beverages.

Sunday, April 16
7:30 to 8:45 am

Sponsored by the
Christian Education Committee.
Proceeds from free-will donations will
go to Vacation Bible School daycamp
with Pathways Outdoor Ministries.