

Tidings from

February 2019

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From the Pastor

Jesus Christ...gave himself for us. (Titus 2:14)

Many Americans live with two opposite feelings. On one hand, they want to experience meaning and purpose in their lives. On the other hand, they often feel that they are running on empty.



In his classic novel, *Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo tells us how to eliminate that second feeling. The bishop befriends Jean Valjean and gives him lodging. Valjean repays that kindness by stealing the bishop's valuable candlesticks. After the bishop reports the theft, the police magistrate questions Valjean in the bishop's presence. As the interrogation progresses, Valjean seems headed for jail. At that point, the bishop unexpectedly retracts his charges and offers a plausible reason for why the candlesticks are missing. Jean Valjean is amazed. When he and the bishop are alone, he asks, "Why did you do that? You know I am guilty." The bishop replies, "Life is for giving."

Why do churches receive an offering in their worship services? Some people say it is because the church needs the money. That is only part of the answer. Even if a wealthy benefactor fully underwrote our congregation's expenses, we would still need to provide people with the opportunity to give an offering in our worship services. Weekly giving teaches us—and reminds us because we keep forgetting—that life without unselfish giving is life without meaning and purpose. Victor Hugo is right. Life is for giving.

Zion thanks those of you who gave to the ministry of Zion during 2018. Those of you who gave any financial contribution during 2018 may pick up your giving statement in Zion's gathering space. If you have any questions about your statement, you may contact Zion's incoming funds manager, Chris Beckner, by leaving a message for her at the church (386-1733) or calling her at home (386-2840).

Givers together for the furthering of God's kingdom,
Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Council Update

The Christmas decorations are put away, the New Year has started, Wednesday Church School is back in session, the temperatures have dropped, and the first Creative Works event was a success.

On Saturday, January 12, 2019 council members attended a retreat at Zion. The goals for 2018 (Solid, Participatory Decision Making and Significant Relational Groups) were reviewed and evaluated. Council members rated each area on a score from 1 to 10. The average score for both goals increased from last year. The council would like to thank you for helping the congregation as a whole grow in these areas.

Council's goals for 2019 are:

- Specific, Concrete Missional Objectives
The congregation has focused its missional outreach on a particular human hurt and hope.
- Several Competent Programs

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Nutrition Assistance is available for Seniors

NAPS is a nutrition program sponsored by USDA and the MN Department of Health for women and men 60 years or older who are providing food for themselves. Participants must be Minnesota residents. Household income guidelines are set by NAPS (Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors). Once a month, qualified recipients receive a free, large box of food containing everything from American cheese, canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, and dry milk to cereal and pasta. Boxes are delivered to the

Warroad Area Community Center, Young Manor, and the Warroad Senior Living Center apartments. To find out if you qualify, contact Pat Hockstedler at 386-2116. If you need more information, call 877-281-3272. Δ



Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Thursday, February 21, at 6:00 pm. Δ

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Core hours are
Monday-Thursday
10:00 am to 4:30 pm
with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account as of December 31, 2018

Income	Dec	YTD
General Envelopes	\$22,444	\$43,629
Electronic	\$9,515	\$28,207
Loose Offerings	\$1,098	\$1,862
Misc.	\$433	\$966
Total	\$33,490	\$74,664
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$186,544	\$50,016
Benevolence	\$16,000	\$300
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$93
Admin	\$17,966	\$4,329
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$149
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$74
Outreach Services	\$4,581	\$1,051
Property	\$20,287	\$4,655
Total	\$249,098	\$60,666

Loan Repayment Account as of December 31, 2018

Dedicated Funds	Dec	YTD
Deposits*	\$756	\$2,171

* Monies received from Warroad Community Church will be dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

Building Fund as of December 31, 2018

Dedicated Funds	Dec	YTD
Gifts Received	\$4,899	\$18,394
Loan	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$64,290
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,437
Total		\$66,727
Payments	Dec	YTD
The Verdin Co.		\$1,649
Marvin Home Ctr.		\$192
E&L Electric		\$0
Peterson Sht. Mtl.		\$5,000
Other	\$126	\$577
Loan Interest		\$2,157
Loan Principal		\$0
Total	\$126	\$9,574

Building Loan

Principal Outstanding	\$345,000
Repayment Account	\$56,090
Net Loan Balance	\$288,910

Zion Church Council

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Christian Education News

Grades 6 and 7 Pre-Confirmation

Shawn Brunelle

Zion's pre-confirmation classes for kids in grades 6 and 7 are held Wednesdays at 5:15 pm.

February schedule for pre-confirmation classes:

February 6: Class
February 13: Class
February 20: Class
February 27: Class Δ

Grade 8 Confirmation

Shawn Brunelle

Confirmation for grade 8 meets Wednesdays at 4:30 pm.

February schedule for 8th grade confirmation:

February 6: Class
February 13: Class
February 20: Class
February 27: Class Δ

Grade 9 Confirmation

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Confirmation for kids in grade 9 is meeting on Wednesdays at 2:15 pm during the month of February. Their schedule is:

February 6: No Class
February 13: Class
February 20: Class
February 27: Class Δ



Time is running out to fill Care Packages

Lynn Kofstad

Care packages for college students are located in the side aisle of the sanctuary. We will be mailing them to the students in early February so make sure to add a few goodies to help surprise the recipients and to show them we are thinking of them as they continue their education. Drop off items no later than February 8. Δ



Will you collect "Our Family" UPC barcodes for us?

Zion's Christian Education program receives \$.05 per barcode from "Our Family" products. You may place your barcodes in the collection box on the Christian Ed bulletin board by the church offices. Δ



Class lasts 50 minutes. Snacks are served each week. A light meal will be available for families from 5:00 to 6:10 pm. Evening worship begins at 6:15 pm. Please come! Δ



A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported the VBS Egg bake Fundraiser in January. It was a great success. The proceeds will go towards the summer VBS program with Pathways. Many children attend every year and love the week spent at Zion. Thank you for your generosity and support for Zion's VBS program.

The Christian Education Committee

Fun Stuff for Kids and Families

Intergenerational
Activity

Sunday, February 10

On February 10, during our Creative Works time (10:00 am to 5:00 pm) at Zion, we will be working on graduation gifts for Zion's graduating seniors. Thanks to a financial donation, we were able to purchase fleece to make blankets with a personal touch for each of our nine seniors. We will need people to help pin blankets together, cut, and tie. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644.

Another opportunity to focus on your sewing, crafting, art, eating, or coffee-drinking:



Sunday, February 10

Creative Works is a time where you can work on your own projects, work together on a church project, take a class on a new project, or just sit around and visit or drink a warm beverage! Come with a project to work on and get your creative juices flowing

Our next opportunity to get together at Zion will be Sunday, February 10, beginning after church (about 10:00 am) and going throughout the afternoon. You may come and go as you wish. Two optional featured classes will be offered this month (one at 11:00 am and the other at 2:30 pm) and a meal will be provided at 12:30 pm. You are welcome to bring a snack to share with others throughout the day. This is a free event, but a free-will offering will be taken to help cover the cost of lunch and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you can tie a knot, you are invited to help make fleece tie blankets for gifts for our graduating seniors (read more about it on page 3).



There will be a Valentine Chocolate Sale going throughout the day with proceeds going to the Warroad Food Pantry (read more about it on page 6).

If you are going to bring your sewing machine or another powered crafting tool, you may want to bring your own extension cord. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Judy Taylor Landin at 242-0589, Deb Quesnell at 218-689-8381, Vicki Dalager at 242-2295, or Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644.

February's Featured Classes

Metal Stamped Jewelry
11:00 am

Cupcake Decorating with
Fondant Roses
2:30 pm

There are no materials you need to bring to either class. Supplies will be provided for a cost of \$1 per project. For example, if you wish to make 3 metal stamped projects and 2 cupcakes, the cost would be \$5.



To aid in planning, if you will be participating in either or both classes, it would be great if you could let us know by emailing zlcw@mncable.net, sending a PM to Zion's Facebook page (Zion Lutheran Church of Warroad), completing and dropping the short

form in the offering plate or at the office, or leaving a message with Deb or Vicki in the church office. But please know that you're welcome to come and participate even if you don't let us know! Δ

Creative Works

February 10

Name _____

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Metal Stamping Class
- ☐ Fondant Rose Cupcake Class
- ☐ Working on my own project
- ☐ Helping with tie blankets
- ☐ Coming, but not sure what I'm going to do!

What does the name of this event mean?

*God has created us to be creative! Every one of us is a creative work made by God in his image - and we get to express our creativity in many ways. So, we **are** God's creative works who get to **do** creative works!*

*To everything
there is a season,
A time for every
purpose under heaven:*

*A time to tear,
And a time to sew...*

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7a

We had our first Creative Works at Zion on Sunday, January 20, when about twenty people gathered to take some time to work on quilting, crafting, knitting, crocheting, and sewing projects while others worked on relaxing and enjoying the warmth of the indoors and the comfort of a good cup of coffee. Several participated by taking the jelly roll rug and placemat featured class.

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and Activities

The congregation focuses on a few programs and does so extraordinarily well that the community is enriched.

Please feel free to visit with your council members regarding last year's goals or the goals for the year.

The following items were approved during a special meeting at the retreat.

- On January 15, 2019 a loan principal and interest payment was due. Patrick Frolander, Treasurer, presented three options for payment of the \$40,000 due on loan principal. After considering the options and reviewing the funds available, council authorized Patrick to make a payment of \$78,500 on the principal plus interest. This will save Zion a minimum of \$4,777 in interest through the remainder of the loan. Thank you for your donations to the building fund which helped to make this possible.
- The Christian Education Committee's request for a Valentine's Day VBS fundraiser was approved.
- Kamarra Brunelle's request for a chocolate, other candies, and a few types of cookies fundraiser on February 10 and 13 was approved. The proceeds will be donated to the Warroad Food Shelf.

Sue Grafstrom, a Pathways board member, was a guest at the council meeting on Thursday, January 17. Her presentation included the history of Pathways and the current status of Pathways. The council would like to encourage you to send your child/children to camp.

At the January council meeting action was taken on the following:

- Accepted a gift of a cross made by Grady Thompson, a confirmation student.
- Approved the donation of undesignated loose offerings on the Sundays in March and undesignated loose offerings during Lent to the Warroad Food Shelf.

In Christ,
Deb Lalim, Council Secretary Δ



How about this for a Valentine's gift?

Receive the gift of enhanced communication skills with Lutheran Marriage Encounter! The next event is scheduled Feb 15 - 17, 2019 in Brooklyn Center, MN. It's a whole weekend away from chores, jobs, and kids to reap joyful long-term rewards for their relationship, their family, and their faith journey. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575 for more information. Special 50% Discount off the regular application fee for 2019 events in celebration of Worldwide Marriage Encounter's 50 Years of enhancing marriages! Pre-registration is required – don't miss out! Δ



Welcome to our New Members

Welcome to new members Jacob Gabrick, Haley Dejno, Payton Gabrick, and Everly Gabrick. They joined Zion on December 2 when Everly was baptized. Both Jacob and Haley work at Polaris. Payton is 3 years old and Everly is 7 months old.

Please seek out and introduce yourselves to these new members. Give them a warm welcome to Zion and invite them to be a part of doing God's work in this faith community! Δ



A Thank You Note to Zion Lutheran Church

We recently received the following thank you note:

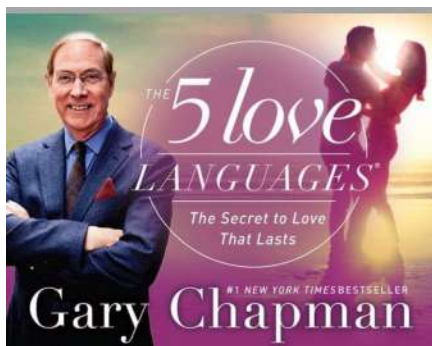
Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the most generous donation to Warroad's Backpack Program. We continue to serve between 80-90 students each week.

Your most generous donations in January, as well as in the past, help keep our program going and feeding our community's children.

How blessed you are to have such a gifted young leader to help with community outreach. Thank you, Kamarra Brunelle and your committee for all you have done for our program.

*Sincerely,
Warroad Backpack Committee*



The 5 Love Languages Marriage Conference with Dr. Gary Chapman will be coming to Grand Forks on March 2!

Whether you've been married six months or sixty years, every marriage can use a boost. In this popular one-day conference led by

Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller "The 5 Love Languages," you and your spouse will focus on the basics of every marriage. With wisdom and a healthy dose of humor, Dr. Chapman gives valuable tips on breaking unhealthy patterns and choosing to develop a more intimate, happy marriage.

The March 2 conference will be held at HOPE Church in Grand Forks, with doors opening at 8:00 am and the day wrapping up by 4:00 pm. Tickets for this event are \$59 per couple. Lunch will be provided. For more information, visit <https://www.5lovelanguages.com/conference/5-love-languages-marriage-conference/> and follow the registration link for the Grand Forks conference. This event is

sponsored in part by Northland Thrivent Financial Member Network. Free childcare will be available at HOPE Church as long as you register for it on their website (<https://www.gfhope.org/marriage>) by February 27.

Don't miss out on what's sure to be a highlight of your marriage and the beginning of many positive changes. Δ

Lutheran World Relief quilting is starting soon!

Marlene Lewis

Please note that LWR quilting will begin March 4 at the Community Center from 9:00 am to noon. More information will be in March's *Tidings from Zion*. Δ

A great place to get a sweet for your sweetheart:

Valentine Chocolate Sale

Kamarra Brunelle

Mark your calendars! We will be having a Valentine treat sale at Zion! This sale will be on February 10 beginning at 10:00 am (and going through the afternoon during Creative Works) and February 13 from 5-6:15 pm and again after church.

This sale will be set up like a chocolate shoppe! There will be a spread of decadent chocolates, truffles, and other Valentine goodies from which to choose. Stop by to pick up some goodies made specially for your Valentine or just for yourself!

All the proceeds will go to the Warroad Food Pantry. If you have any questions, or if you would like to donate your favorite Valentine treat, contact Kamarra Brunelle at 218-469-0710.



Sunday, February 10
following worship and going through the afternoon during Creative Works

Wednesday, February 13
from 5:00 to 6:15 pm and again following worship

Proceeds will go to the Warroad Food Pantry



An update from Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

Pathways had a year of transition and stabilization in 2018. We welcomed Pathways Program Director, Andrea Wright, to the staff along with Misty Fry as Office Manager. Chris Andreasen has come on as Interim Executive Director following the retirement of Steve Peterson. Along with a supportive Board of Directors and volunteer helpers, we now have the staff in place to move our mission forward and continue to provide quality, Christian camping programs.

Pathways lived out our mission of "Providing unique environments where God encounters

people and renews them to live lives of love." This was evident as we welcomed

over 550 campers to Camp Emmaus last summer. Through daily devotions, camp games, challenge course activities, and campfire worship services, the faith of campers and counselors was solidified and expanded through God's grace. Pathways also brought hundreds of young people down to Houston, Texas where they engaged in community service and faith formation at the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Pathways conducted VBS/Day Camps at 16 churches throughout Northwestern Minnesota. Our Day Camp outreach ministry allow us to spread God's word to those who may not have an opportunity to experience it at camp. Pathways has helped hundreds of campers and counselors establish their faith in God through these

environments. There are still significant opportunities to improve our retreat ministry. We have space available at both Camp Emmaus and Camp Minne-Wa-Kan for spiritual growth, renewal, and fun. Our high adventure Challenge Course is available to groups with climbing wall, zip line, and high and low ropes elements.

The coming year promises great things for Pathways. The 2019 theme is "Growing Together" based on our theme verse from Romans 12:2. "Do not be

conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God –

what is good and acceptable and perfect." Our 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday, July 13 at Camp Emmaus. Please join us for a full day of fun, fellowship, and faith renewal.

Pathways is taking steps to increase the number of campers in our on-site programs at Camp Emmaus. Camp Sundays and Wednesdays are scheduled to promote camp. Staff recruiting has already begun and we are looking for qualified individuals to step into leadership roles as counselors, assistant directors, and support staff. We even have 2 former counselors getting married this fall at Camp Emmaus. This year we are expanding our VBS/Day Camp ministry into more communities in Northwest Minnesota and onto the White Earth Indian Reservation. We have identified the communities of Rice Lake, Pine Point, and Naytawash where we

will conduct Day Camps for underprivileged Native children. We are offering House Boat trips to Rainy Lake again this year, as well as several other options for retreat groups.

We are seeing positive signs regarding the financial health of Pathways.

Although congregational giving has dropped this past year, this has been offset

by an increase in individual and business support. Our "Path Keeper" and "Trail Blazer" supporters play an important role in the financial health of our

ministry. Thank you to everyone who has supported Pathways with your thoughts, prayers, and financial gifts.

Serving with joy,
Chris Andreasen
Interim Executive Director

Pathways Lutheran Outdoor
Ministries

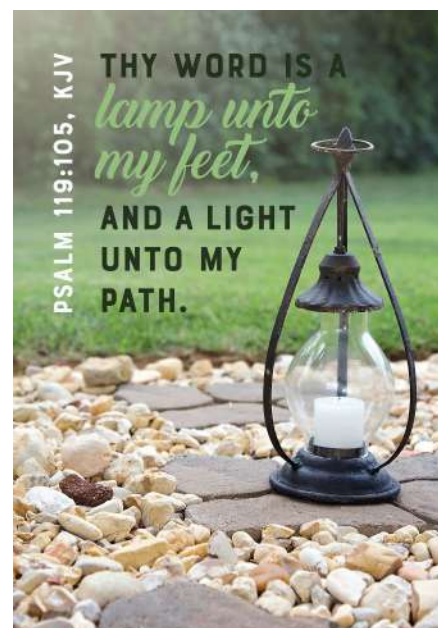
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Abbreviations</p> <p>(R) or () Building use requested/granted</p> <p>FH Fellowship Hall</p> <p>S Sanctuary</p> <p>MP Multipurpose Room #</p> <p>CY Classroom Yellow</p> <p>CB Classroom Blue</p> <p>K Kitchen</p> <p>YR Youth Room</p>					<p>1</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 am- Funeral for Richard Roberts</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 pm- Congregational Care Committee meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>No 9th Grade Confirmation Class 4:30 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation Class 5:00 to 6:10 pm- Food & Fellowship for all 5:15 pm- 6th/7th Grade Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- Church School (ends at 6:05) 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am- Rostered Leaders Conf. meeting in Roseau</p> <p>5:15 pm- Rebecca Circle (YR 4:45-7)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 am to 12:00 pm- WST Auditions (MP2)</p> <p>2:00 pm- set-up for Creative Works (K, FH)</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>Church offices closed</p>	<p>19</p> <p>2:00 pm- Staff meeting</p> <p><i>Items for Tidings monthly newsletter due</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>2:15 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation Class 4:30 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation Class 5:00 to 6:10 pm- Food & Fellowship for all 5:15 pm- 6th/7th Grade Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- Church School (ends at 6:05) 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 pm- Council meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:30 pm- Mission Endowment Fund Committee meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:00 pm- Staff meeting</p> <p>3:00 pm- Love Warroad planning meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>2:15 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation Class 4:30 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation Class 5:00 to 6:10 pm- Food & Fellowship for all 5:15 pm- 6th/7th Grade Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- Church School (ends at 6:05) 6:15 pm- Worship 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p>		

24 Ask God to help us listen to and wrap our lives around the straightforward teachings of Jesus that implore us to be merciful, generous, love our enemies, do good to those who hate us and not judge others – attitudes and actions that may not come easily to us.

25 Give thanks for the Deaconess Community, a Christ-centered community of women who devote their lives to proclaiming the gospel through ministries of mercy and servant leadership in diverse community and ministry contexts.

26 Remember God's love and forgiveness, and pray we are moved to demonstrate the same grace and forgiveness – as Joseph did with his brothers who sold him into slavery – with people with whom we have experienced offense, conflict or broken relationships.

27 Give thanks for the Research and Evaluation services of our church, which assist congregations and synods in exploring their communities, demographics and trends, ministry opportunities and challenges, and provide resources and insights for planning and renewing ministries.

28 What have you been worrying about lately? Share your concerns with God; trust in the Lord, be still, don't fret and go about doing good in the world.



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God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER VENTURES

FEBRUARY 2019

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 *Black History Month* Give thanks for our sisters and brothers of African descent, who have both suffered much and contributed much to our nation and the ongoing work of building a multicultural church and restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

2 Give thanks for children and youth in our lives and congregations, for the gifts they bring to the body of Christ and for the leaders, teachers and members who nurture and encourage them.

3 The good news of Jesus Christ, God's love and the promise of eternal life bring us joy, but we sometimes find ourselves troubled and irritated by God's desire for us to exercise justice and peace and immerse ourselves in serving our neighbors in need – without hesitation or prejudice. Pray the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts to change our attitudes, bias and self-centeredness, setting us free to be willing, committed disciples and servants in the world.

4 Remember in prayer regions of the world embroiled in conflict and turmoil, that leaders of nations and people involved and impacted will work together for peaceful, just and lasting resolution and reconciliation; pray especially for the safety and well-being of people who have and continue to suffer loss, disrupted lives and displacement from their homes, communities or nations as a result of violence, persecution or economic collapse in these areas.

5 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries serving in collaboration with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially in ministries of evangelism and education. Give thanks and pray for the 18 international leaders who have received ELCA educational scholarships to further develop their skills for service in the church in Japan.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

6 What is love? Where is it scarce or misguided in our relationships and how we live out our faith? Ask God to deepen and mature our understanding of love and center us in the love we, as baptized children of God, are called to share generously with others.

7 Thank God for the special relationship we have with the Episcopal Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999; pray for the church, its members and leaders, and that together we find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

8 The Lord is our refuge, rock, protection, hope and trust throughout life. Give thanks and praise!

9 Give thanks for the work and impact of ELCA World Hunger. Pray we all seek ways of being working, generous partners in breaking the cycle of hunger and poverty, providing immediate and long-term assistance, and bringing hope to individuals, communities and regions of the world that suffer from hunger and poverty.

10 Consider what stirred you to follow Jesus and grow in faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with courage and confidence to invite others to believe and follow.

11 Pray for our seven ELCA seminaries, that their faculty and staff are strengthened, inspired and sustained in their work of preparing men and women for public ministry in a multitude of contexts and communities here and around the world.

12 Give thanks for entrepreneurs of all ages in our congregations, and pray we value their energy, ideas, skills, curiosity and creative perspectives as assets that can be used for ministry and serving our neighbor.

13 Called by God to serve as a prophet, Isaiah felt ill-equipped, reluctant and that he was a poor choice for the task – until God's spirit moved him to reply, "Here I am; send me!" Pray we are open to the work God is calling us to do in our congregations, communities and the world, and, in spite of our hesitations and insecurities, are able to trust God's forgiveness and empowering love by responding, "Here I am; send me!"

14 ELCA gifts and offerings support leadership development, education and collaboration in China. We partner with the local church and organizations to respond to health, hunger and leadership development needs; 10 international leaders have received scholarships to further develop their skills for service in the church in China. Give thanks to God for what we are able to accomplish through working together.

15 Give thanks for the good news of Jesus Christ that we have received through faith, and pray we eagerly and unashamedly work to proclaim the gospel in the world with all who will listen – with friends and strangers alike.

16 Continue to pray for and support parents, families, friends and communities that have suffered the tragic loss of loved ones as a result of gun violence. Pray we are filled with empathy and care for the long and difficult healing they may go through, and that the Holy Spirit will help us be bold, wise agents and advocates of change to prevent and end the violence across our nation.

17 Jesus compels us to serve our neighbor and be a blessing to others – friends, strangers, enemies, outcasts, hungry and poor alike. Thank God for inviting us to join in God's work in the world and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance and help with the service and challenges to which we have been called.

18 *Martin Luther, died 1546* Give thanks for the life, faith and teachings of Martin Luther, who worked with tenacity and courage to serve Christ while also confessing his personal struggles, questions and human weaknesses; pray we, too, are faithful in our baptismal journeys and not easily discouraged by the complexities of life, risks and our self-doubts.

19 Lift up thanks and praise for our life with God, a life filled with promise, hope and blessings that nourish us each and every day; a life and relationship that God desires for all people.

20 Pray members and leaders of our congregations are bold yet humble servants of Christ who embrace ongoing self-reflection, study of Scripture, evaluation, prayerful conversation and creative planning for the purpose of doing God's work in the world and growing the church.

21 Pray we find joy, wisdom and nourishment in following the word and paths of God in the midst of everything else competing for attention and influence in our lives.

22 Praise God for revealing to the world the risen Christ who is not bound by the consequences of human sin and death, but instead gifts us – through faith – with the truth and certainty of God's love, forgiveness and eternal life.

23 Give thanks for the energetic participation in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday each fall and for the resulting partnerships and community service that stretch throughout the year.

February Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

2/3 Ron & Renae Tveit
 2/6 Nels and Nissa Nestegard
 2/10 David & Nancy Pellett
 2/13 Nels and Nissa Nestegard
 2/17 Maynard Nelson
 Dan Lykken
 2/20 Tayanna Cole
 Leah Loeffler
 2/24 Barb & Buck Bue
 2/27 Volunteers needed

Sunday Lectors

2/3 Ron Tveit
 2/10 Liz Hardwick
 2/17 Cindy Sandahl
 2/24 Dan DeMolee

Altar Care

2/3 and 2/17 Carol Hallan
 Renae Tveit
 2/6 and 2/20 Lynn Kofstad

Communion Assistants

2/3 Carol Hallan / Renae Tveit
 Gretta Brunelle / Dan Lykken
 Laurence Wright
 2/6 and 2/20 Lynn Kofstad
 2/17 Carol Hallan / Renae Tveit
 Dan Lykken, Heidi Lien
 Liz Hardwick

Acolytes

2/3 Volunteer needed
 2/6 Grace Lindner
 2/10 Volunteer needed
 2/13 Grace Lindner
 2/17 Volunteer needed
 2/20 Tayanna Cole
 2/24 Volunteer needed
 2/27 Tayanna Cole

Projector Attendants

Volunteers are needed each week.

Sound Board Attendants

Wednesdays Brenda Haats
 2/3 Jim Provance
 2/10 Trent Hard
 2/17 Volunteer needed
 2/24 Volunteer needed

Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
12/30	63		497
1/2		No worship	
1/6	80		80
1/9		26	
1/13	96		122
1/16		14	
1/20	69		83
1/23		No worship	
1/27	61		61
1/30		No worship	

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

January 6 - by Bill & Marlene
 Lewis in memory of Marlene's
 dad, Bennie Pederson.

January 13 - by the Zion
 congregation with summer
 coffee donations. We celebrate
 the New Year with grateful
 thanks for Zion's volunteers.

January 20 - by Dave & Jan
 Kragness in celebration of their
 55th wedding anniversary.

January 27 - sponsored
 anonymously in appreciation for
 Pastor Mary's ministry. Δ

Noisy offerings
 will be collected
 Sunday, February 17.

All donations will go to the
 Warroad Food Pantry.

Snow Shoveling

week beginning...

2/4 Deb & Kirk Erickson
 2/11 Scott Kezar
 2/18 Steve and Jacob Hagen
 2/25 Dan DeMolee

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 your
 smartphone
 to make
 donations or
 pay for radio
 broadcasts
 and more.



Tithes and Offerings

Offering for week ending 12/23:

General Fund: \$10,884.40

Building Fund: \$979.00

Offering for week ending 12/30:

General Fund: \$6,458.00

Building Fund: \$560.00

Offering for week ending 1/6:

General Fund: \$14,572.00

Building Fund: \$1,480.00

Offering for week ending 1/13:

General Fund: \$12,941.00

Building Fund: \$155.00

Offering for week ending 1/20:

General Fund: \$6,439.00

Building Fund: \$1,690.00

God's work. Our hands: \$10.00

Offering for week ending 1/27:

To be announced Δ

—END OF YEAR—
GIVING
 STATEMENTS

If you have not picked up your
 2018 giving statements, please do
 so now! You can find them in the
 gathering space of the church. Δ

Love asks nothing in return
 but seeks those who need it.
 And who needs our love
 more than those who are
 consumed with hatred and
 are utterly devoid of love?

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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Read all the
details inside
this issue!

An opportunity to focus on your sewing, crafting, art, knitting, crocheting, visiting, eating, or coffee-drinking:

Sunday, February 10

beginning after church and going throughout the afternoon

- Lunch at 12:30 pm (freewill offering)
- Bring a snack to share
- Optional Featured Class at 11:00 am (metal stamping jewelry)
- Optional Featured Class at 2:30 pm (cupcake decorating with fondant roses)
- Intergenerational Activity of making fleece tie blankets for graduating seniors
- Valentine Chocolate Sale after church and through the afternoon (proceeds to Warroad Food Pantry)
- Everyone is welcome to attend

*Supplies will be
provided for the classes
for a cost of \$1 per
project!*