

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, April 12, 2009

"God's Work, Our Hands" This Week at Zion

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 12th – Easter Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Luther League Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)

Monday April 13th, 2009

Tuesday, April 14th, 2009

- 7:00 p.m. Good for Your Soul Gang
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga (*Nursery*)
- 7:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Wednesday, April 15th, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. Fill In The Blanks - Home school groups
- 1:00 p.m. Dominos
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, April 16th, 2009

- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir (*Balcony*)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, April 17th, 2009

- 5:00 p.m. Luther League Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, April 18th, 2009

- 12:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)
- 4:00 p.m. Stepping Out Group Dance

Sunday, April 19th, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Financial

Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

<i>Presiding Minister</i>	Pastor John Meulendyk
<i>Preaching Minister</i>	Pastor Paul F. Gateman
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Roger Smith
<i>Lector</i>	Hope Hughes
<i>Organist, pianist</i>	Scott Schroeder
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Roger Smith
<i>Adult Bell Choir</i>	Megan Higle
<i>Greeters</i>	The Kowalski Family



ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still plenty of dates available on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. Once you put your name on the chart—please remember that it is your responsibility to get the information to the office 2 weeks prior to the day you want the flowers. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for your convenience and ease.

Zion's Mission Statement

Zion Lutheran's commitment is to glorify God by reaching out to our family and community to provide a Christian atmosphere through spiritual growth, learning and service.

As a community of the people of God, the members of Zion Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (*Galatians 3:28*). Christ has made us one.

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EVERYONE

Please sign the red attendance book at the end of the pew and pass it down. Also remember to fill out a communion card when you receive communion.

Lessons for Next Sunday 4/19/2009



Acts 4:32-35 (1st reading)
Psalm 133; refrain, PS 133:1
1 John 1:1-2:2 (2nd reading)
John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

NOISY OFFERING

This month's noisy offering collected at the beginning of the service, will go towards our Utility Bills. Each month we will focus on a different part of the budget or ministry. Please save and bring your change on Sundays.



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A Reconciling in Christ Community

Zion Staff

Pastor	Paul F. Gateman	ext. 101
Pastor	John Meulendyk	ext. 102
Secretary	Sonya Ferris	ext. 100
Organist	Scott Schroeder	
Adult Choir	Roger Smith	
Youth Choirs & Handbells	Megan Higle	
Nursery	Julie Baaki	
Custodian	Fred Reed	
Office Volunteer	Gail MacInnes	

Prayer Requests

If you have a specific prayer request, please contact one of the following Prayer-Ring Members:

Rosie Draudt (248) 399-2147

Shirley Nesseth (248) 435-6744

or e-mail: fernzionoffice@earthlink.net



If you would like to be added to the prayer list or know of someone, please submit their full name in writing and include your name and relationship. We will be updating the prayer list at the beginning of each month so someone you may have added to the list may disappear. However, just resubmit their name if prayers are still needed.

**Please note these are for specific requests.*

In order to be added to the printed prayer list, see prayer list below.



COFFEE HOUR

We now have coffee hour every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to stop downstairs and get caught up with your fellow Zion family members and/or meet our visitors immediately following worship.

*** PLEASE SIGN UP***

The sign up sheet is up in the fellowship hall - please take time to sign up your group or family to sponsor a coffee hour.

This does not need to be anything elaborate.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER For Luther League

Hungry Howie's has just started with a very new and exciting fundraiser. The Luther Leaguers are selling these coupon cards

Cards are always available. See any of the Luther Leaguers to purchase one or two of these fantastic cards.

SECRET PALS

Many years ago a church tradition began to improve involvement of women within the church. The idea of a "secret pal group" developed where a name of another woman was drawn who was secretly prayed for, sent cards to mark birthdays, anniversaries, Valentines day, thinking of you, etc. Any excuse for a card was used to convey concern and the fact that we were thinking of each other, while still keeping our identity unknown. On Easter Sunday we revealed our name to our secret partner. Everyone wants to know who their secret partner is. Then we receive an envelope with a new secret pal for the coming year in our church mail box. This is an invitation to anyone (*men, women or child*) to join. Just sign your name, birthday, anniversary on paper and put it in Heidi Rogers's mailbox, or call her at 586-558-9633 by the week before Easter Sunday.



ATTENTION CURRENT PARTICIPANTS - Don't forget to reveal yourself to your secret partner on Easter Sunday!

Kenny Anderson - *member*

Dorothy Caddell - *member*

Robbie Cay - *mother of Jerry Miles*

Julie Estigoy - *daughter of Shirley Nesseth*

Alice Garlock - *mother to Sandy Ayers*

Lee Hetrick - *member*

Vernice Jackson - *member*

Walter Jackson - *member*

Betty Lepage - *member*

Larry McBride Sr. - *father of Larry McBride Jr.*

Irene Motson - *mother of Sherry Fremont*

Elsie Niemi - *member*

Marion Smith - *mother of Roger Smith*

Helen Steinke - *member*

***Please note ~ Prayer requests may be turned into the office at anytime. When prayers are no longer needed, please let us know so that a prayer of thanksgiving may be offered, and then the name may be removed from the list.*

With the economy in Michigan, our food pantry has really grown in needs both by us and by our clients. We are currently feeding over 120 families each month plus many other walk in's needing a meal here and there.

Due to the Luther League Event next week the Food Pantry schedule has been moved back one week. We will be packing food on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. and food pick up will be on Thursday, April 23rd.

We need people to help with:

* Packing food on the 21st.

* Distributing food on the 23rd.

Additionally we need people willing to take plastic bags home and organize and fold the ones that are still in good condition and recycle those that are not usable.

Food Pantry Finances:

The food pantry account is just about exhausted. I'm actively looking for ideas for fundraising and/or donations. If you are in a position to help work on these efforts it would be greatly appreciated. At this point if funding is not found, we may need to shut down the Food Pantry during the summer in hopes to work on funding sources so that we can continue serving the many people in our community including several from our congregation.

Times are tough everywhere - no one has been exempted from this terrible economy so if you have ideas of fundraisers and/or time to work on them - your help would be greatly appreciated by the 400+ people we are feeding each month.

If you have any questions or ideas - please contact Jackie at [jkoivu@gmail](mailto:jkoivu@gmail.com) or call her at 248-376-1952.

LUTHER LEAGUE SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Please note that the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction are fast approaching. The youth group can use lots more donations for the Silent Auction however, they also need ALL of YOU to come out and support this great event. All money raised will go towards their trip to New Orleans this summer for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please see the flyer insert for more information.

We have applied to the Southeast Oakland Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for matching funds through their Care abounds in Congregations program