

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, March 14, 2010

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

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- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Choirs

Monday, March 15, 2010

- 7:00 p.m. Catechism

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Pantry Registration
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee
- 7:00 p.m. MA

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, March 18, 2010

- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, March 19, 2010

- 6:45 p.m. NA (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:45 p.m. Al-anon (*Teen Room*)

Saturday, March 20, 2010 First Day of Spring!

- 11:30 a.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Sunday, March 21, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Choirs



The sympathies of the congregation are with Steve and Marilyn Norconk on the passing of Steve's brother March 1st.

Spirit of Hope Fish Fry!

Friday March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you find yourself working or traveling anywhere near Spirit of Hope, stop by or call ahead with an order to support our mission partner in their fundraiser this spring!

Thank-you to everyone at Zion for your support & sympathies after the passing of Jerry's mother Robbie.



Mid-week Lenten Services

Mid-week services will continue on Thursday nights throughout Lent. Each night will begin with a soup supper at 6:00 p.m., and service at 7:00.

If you can help prepare or clean up for the soup suppers please contact Fran VanFossan.

Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

<i>Presiding Minister</i>	Pastor John Meulendyk
<i>Preaching</i>	Pastor Paul F. Gateman
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Tom VanDeGrift
<i>Lector</i>	Jennifer Libby
<i>Organist, pianist</i>	Scott Schroeder
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Roger Smith
<i>Adult Bell Choir</i>	Megan Hagle
<i>Greeters</i>	The Tim Jackson Family



Flowers were placed on the altar this week by Barbara Leach in honor of J. C. Leach with love and celebration of their Anniversary today.

If you would like to sponsor flowers to honor or remember an important person or event, sign up on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. Once you put your name on the chart, please leave a note in the office if you would like a dedication in the weekly Tidings and any flower preference you may have. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for payment and to mark your dedication.

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.

Your Chance to Own a Famous Seat!

L. Brooks Patterson, Lem Barney, Dick Vitale, Bubba Baker, Jim Northrup, Ted Lindsay; just to name a few. How would you like to have the very chair one of these men sat in?! We are selling the old folding chairs from the fellowship hall for \$5.00 a piece. While it's true we cannot guarantee that one of those famous rear ends occupied that particular seat, we also cannot say that they didn't. So if you need a conversation piece, something for your trophy room or just need some extra folding chairs for a simple gift of \$5.00 a piece you can have all you want.



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

Attendance on March 7th was 155.

On March 11th was 33.

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www.fernzion.org - Check it out!

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	
Bells & Youth Choir	Megan Hagle	
Nursery	Julie Baaki	
Custodian	Fred Reed	

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: zionoffice@earthlink.net

**Please note these are for specific requests, not to be added to the printed list on the right..*



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.

- Alice Anderson - member
- Anton Anderssen - member
- Chris Binkowski - friend of Charles Senseman
- Margaret Bukoski - mother of Ann Rogers
- Dorothy Caddell - member
- Shirley Cannon - aunt of Carol Wunderlich
- Julie Estigoy - daughter of Shirley Nesseth
- Edward Fitzpatrick - father of Susan Radzilowski
- Jeanette Forton - friend of Carol & Dave Wunderlich
- Theresa Fulgenzi - partner of Dawn Lyman
- Alice Garlock - mother to Sandy Ayers
- Tony Glaza Family - Friends of Carol & Muriel
- Lee Hetrick - member
- Vernice Jackson - member
- Walter Jackson - member
- Matthew Karabe - Dave Sidlosky's supervisor
- Wesley Kjome - brother of Shirley Nesseth
- Jordan Laland - friend of Wayne Early
- Betty LePage - member
- Yefim Levit - friend of Dave & Candy Sidlosky
- Larry McBride Sr. - father of Larry McBride Jr.
- Catherine McKeever - sister of Ceil Mac-Smith
- Betty Mostellee - sister of Ann Rogers
- Elsie Niemi - member
- MaryAnn O'Connor - mother of Beth O'Connor
- Marge Pertner - member
- Perk Robins - brother-in-law of Nancy Doyle
- Marion Smith - mother of Roger Smith
- Helen Steinke - member
- Chris Turner - brother-in-law of Nicholas Gadzinski
- Ana Watson - niece of Dolly Miles



Coffee Hour Hosting

Coffee Hour is simply that. Coffee! If a bagel or two is added – great! Our goal is to keep it simple and provide a place for people to fellowship. Occasionally, we do something a little more extravagant on special occasions. These special occasions are NOT a standard for coffee hour. We really need people to volunteer to sing up for hosting a simple coffee hour. If you feel reluctant to do so, ask a friend to co-host a coffee hour with you. Always check the kitchen refrigerator and cupboards to see what is available to use. To be eco-friendly there are mugs, silverware & washable juice cups as well.

Coffee hour is a simple, and yet, powerful way of doing a ministry. If you are willing to participate in the outreach ministry, please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the fellowship hall. THANKS!

Pancake Brunch

Sunday, March 21, 2010

This Pancake Brunch is being provided by Brad & Dennis (same chefs as for the RIC Sunday Brunch). They are donating all of the food so please plan to attend. And bring a friend!! All donations collected at the breakfast will support the Zion food pantry



MENU

All you can eat Pancakes!
Ham, Fruit, Scrambled Eggs,
Juice, milk, Coffee and tea

Adult Christian Formation and Lent

A Sunday class for all adults continues at 9:15 a.m. We will meet to engage the contemplative practices of Lent as well as meditate on Scripture and the writings of Theologian Henri Nouwen in the book *Lent and Easter*. The class is facilitated by Pr. John and augmented by Moose Flores. Please join us this year for a unique experience!



Pantry Needs You!

It's Pantry Time!

Pantry Registration is this week, Tuesday 3/16– and that means food orders

coming in soon, Pantry Packing next Monday 3/22, and Pantry Distribution next Tuesday 3/23. We need brown paper grocery bags with handles, and helpers!

Visit Zion on the web!

New items are posted often! If you have something to add **Contact davemacinnis@comcast.net**

Zion is online at:
www.fernzion.org.



Lessons for Next Sunday 03/21/2010

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8



Tibetan Singing Bowl

The crystal singing bowl located next to the pulpit comes from a very ancient Buddhist ritual in the near east. The bowl is used in meditation and prayer. Unlike prayer in the west which is frequently a time of quiet, the Tibetan bowl is tuned to vibrate with our physical bodies. Some people simply hear a “strange” tone. However, if you listen long enough, you may begin to feel a part of your body begin to vibrate. The vibration anchors ours prayers and meditative thought in an experiential way so that we might begin to live out our prayers in a real world.



Firepots

The firepots located on the altar and on both side of the sanctuary are from an ancient ritual and the fire attempts to show us how our lives are burned up and dry. They are reflection pieces that help us to look inwardly at our lives. The firepots are designed to help us to stay centered on the disciplines of Lent which include prayer, fasting, repentance and works of love. In the waters of baptism poured out on the Eve of Easter (Easter Vigil), we find the dryness of our lives refreshed only in the life giving waters that Christ gives us in his resurrection.

