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God's work. Our hands.

This year Easter will be celebrated fairly early, on April 1st, which means that Ash Wednesday is just around the corner, on February 14th. This day, the first day of Lent, is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a sign of repentance. And as we enter the Lenten season of repentance, when we look honestly at ourselves, we remember that this is a time to consider our sinful nature and contemplate those things that draw us away from God. The goal is to “turn away” from these things, to repent.



The worship people at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America remind us of how the use of ashes actually symbolizes aspects of human existence: they remind us of God’s condemnation of sin; ashes suggest cleansing and renewal; they remind us of the shortness of human life; and ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

I invite you to begin your Lenten journey with us at 6:30 p.m. on the 14th, and receive your “external mark of penitence.” May this initial step lead each of us into forty days of prayer and reflection about where we are in life, where we’re going, and how God fits into this mix. May we find the time to consider what is truly important in this life and to discern where God is leading us.

Pastor Terry



Thank You to Mary Ansell, Carla Flodin, and Lila Panek for coming in and un-decorating the church. They were fast and efficient and had it done in no time. Also thank you to Al Hepker, Larry Peterson, and Bob Kreuzwiser for taking down the Christmas tree. It was a big job, but they got it done!

We received several "Thank You" notes from the Christmas Giving Program. They will be posted on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall. Please take a moment to read them.

Gifts to our congregation have been given in memory of

Helen Johnson

Joel & Sherri Krause - Pew Covers

Mavis Wood

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Zion's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 11th following worship and a Potluck meal. Annual reports may be picked up (one per family please) after worship the weekend of February 3-4 for your review. Please bring your copy back, along with a dish to share and your table setting, and join us for the Annual Meeting.

On February 13th, the Church Council will once again be preparing pancakes and sausage for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30pm. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in Augustana Hall so they will know how many to plan for.

Shrove Tuesday



ASH Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Please join us for the 6:30 pm worship service, which includes the confession and imposition of ashes, together with words of grace and a plea for mercy. This day marks the beginning of the Lenten season of repentance.

Again this year, a simple Soup Supper will be served before our Lenten mid-worship services. Meals will begin February 21st at 5:30 pm. Ruth Jones will be coordinating meals (thank you Ruth!), and if you would like to provide soup, bread, or bars, she will have a sign-up sheet posted in Augustana Hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy a warm bowl or two of soup, as well as fellowship on our cold winter nights.



Lenten Mid-Week Services

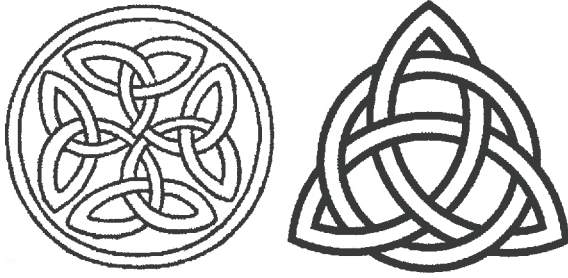
“Committing to Live in Relationship with God”

Beginning Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m., and continuing for five weeks, our Lenten Mid-Week series this year is entitled “Committing to Live in Relationship with God.” After a simple Soup Supper from 5:30-6:30, everyone is invited to stay for a brief worship service in Augustana Hall. We’ll have Bible readings and prayer, followed by a time of silence. During the time of silence, we will use a drawing of a Celtic knot to lead us into the spiritual practice of “coloring”.

Whether or not you are one of the many, many people who have discovered coloring as a beautiful and calming discipline, we are inviting you to consider this as a spiritual practice. Pr. Terry has never done this and is looking forward to learning why coloring has so many “converts.”

Each week’s drawing will include a portion of the Celtic knot design, and it will overlay the design from the previous week. We will have an opportunity to create with colors of our choice, and at the end of five mid-week Lenten services, we will complete a beautiful knot drawing. Your artwork can also be taken home between services to continue this spiritual practice.

Come and join us this Lenten season. If you’re interested in your own package of colored pencils, please contact Pr. Terry who will make a group purchase.



Celtic Knot Examples

***Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber**

(a new Monday night Bible Study beginning in March)

The bi-weekly Monday night Bible Study is planning to switch gears from their study of the Minor Prophets to a book by New York *Times* best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber. “In *Accidental Saints*, ... Nadia ... invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls ‘a religious but not-so-spiritual life.’ Tattooed, angry, and profane, this former stand-up comic turned pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people – a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop and a gun-toting member of the NRA.

Please let Pr. Terry know if you’d like to purchase a copy of the book, *Accidental Saints*, which currently sells for \$10.20.

Important Note: Nadia Bolz-Weber is an ELCA pastor who uses language that some people may find offensive. If there is any question as to whether this Bible Study is appropriate for you, please see Pr. Terry.

Backpack Buddies Update

We're excited to report that the Backpack Buddies project is moving along smoothly and with strong support from our congregation, Manistique Area Schools (MAS), and the community.

As of mid-January, Zion members, through individual donations and fellowship hours, have contributed over \$500.00, and two Zion members have written Thrivent Action Grants totaling \$500.00. Additionally, we have received \$500.00 from the United Methodist Women. We're also grateful to our confirmands who have embraced this project, as well as our Backpack Buddies team: Krista Maline, Sheila Clark, Debbie Koslowski, Brittnay Bellville, Beth Malloch, Cyndee Miske, and Pr. Terry.

A great deal of food has been donated, shelving purchased, and food carriers donated, and volunteers are coming forward to help in whatever ways are needed. We continue to work on completing administrative and logistical details with MAS and hope to be delivering food by mid-February. We're looking forward to working with Emerald Elementary School on this important ministry!

Marked Event!

The Confirmation "Marked Event" will be held Sunday, February 25th, from 4:00-7:00pm at First Lutheran in Gladstone.

Confirmands will meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. to carpool to Gladstone, and we should return by approximately 8:00 p.m.

This event will include music, service, worship, learning, food and fun!

NOISY OFFERINGS

December 2017 Salvation Army \$129.03

January 2018 Backpack Buddies \$190.80

Join us for Bible Study

Every 2nd & 4th Monday evening at 6:30-

The Minor Prophets.

Weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10:00.



To Give Away

Folding chairs suitable for camp are available in Augustana Hall. Check them out!



Please help us save postage by picking up your 2017 Year End Financial Statements. They are available in the Narthex.

There are opportunities to help by providing Altar Flowers, Bulletin, Bread and Wine, Coffee/Fellowship hours and Greeters. Check your weekly bulletin and the sign-up sheets in Augustana Hall for available dates.



Circle News

Sarah Circle will meet February 5, 1:00pm, in Zion's library.

Joy Circle will meet February 8, 10:00am, in Augustana Hall. Be sure to bring your "Gather" magazine. The study topic will be "Taking on our Lord's mend." pages 46-47. Donna Mott will be the study leader.

Priscilla Circle will meet at Big Boy for lunch on February 20, at 12:15pm weather permitting.

Ruth Circle will meet at Big Boy for lunch on February 15, 11:30am.

Hope Circle will meet February 15, 6:00pm, in Zion's library.

Congregation Council Highlights – January, 2018

- + The balance from the parsonage sale, after subtracting closing costs and the cost of a new boiler, was \$50,830.88. The Finance Committee will be meeting to decide how and where to invest the money.
- +A Noisy Offering designation schedule was worked out for 2018.
- +A request is being made to the Northern Great Lakes to change our conference designation from Three Lakes to the Delta conference.
- +Pastor's one-year evaluation will take place prior to the Annual Meeting in February.
- +There was a discussion concerning flowers during the Christmas and Easter seasons. People order flowers and don't pick them up following the services.
- +The Augustana Hall Ad Hoc committee will be meeting to update their recommendations.
- +The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- +Lenten Soup Suppers will be held each Wednesday during Lent (with the exception of Ash Wednesday) beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- +The students in confirmation class interested in a future National Youth Gathering will be sponsoring the Easter breakfast.
- +Council resolutions for the Annual Meeting were reviewed and revised.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

February 4—Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23,
Mark 1:29-39

February 11—Transfiguration of Our Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

February 18—First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

February 25—Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

FROM THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11-12—Winter Theological Event

**March 16-18—"One Year to Live" Men's Retreat at Pine Lake
Camp**

February 25—Marked! Event at First, Gladstone

**April 24—Boundaries Workshop for Clergy/LLMs
at Prince of Peace, Marquette**

**April 25—Healthy Congregations Workshop
at Immanuel, Escanaba**

May 17-19—Synod Assembly in Marquette

**June 27-July 1—National Youth Gathering in
Houston**

September 14-16—SWO Fall Convention/Retreat

Bishop Finegan asked us to pass along this information from Rev. Kerri Parker, Wisconsin Council of Churches:

I write to you with exciting news of events being planned for early April, and a request for support.

Those of you in a judicatory setting may have heard through your denominational executives, of the **ACT Now! Unite to End Racism events taking place in Washington DC on April 3-5. The Wisconsin Council of Churches is making plans to send buses from four Wisconsin locations, filled with local participants committed to building relationships and advancing the work of racial justice in our own state.**

- We are reserving buses to depart from Madison, Milwaukee, Appleton, and Eau Claire at the appropriate time to reach Washington DC early on April 4th, for an interfaith service of prayer and preparation at the Lincoln Memorial. (Yes, this means sleeping on the bus.)
- A rally on the National Mall is being planned to launch a movement to *Awaken, Confront, Transform* our hearts and institutions to free them from racism.
- Following the rally, most of our buses will depart for their home cities (arriving in the early morning April 5).
- We are making arrangements so one bus of participants can stay for a lobby day at the Capitol on April 5th. That final bus will return to Madison overnight, arriving in the early morning hours of April 6th.

I write with great hope; we intend for this to be a transformational experience. We are seeking teams of leaders for each bus, willing to prepare the way with group building in advance and enroute, and to dream together about what comes next. We are seeking participants for this trip who represent the great diversity of Wisconsin and our faith communities. We intend that this will be more than a road trip. Participants will be blessed and sent. Our aspiration is that they are building beloved community on the road, creating relationships that will help transform our state in the time after

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Saturday – Worship and Holy Communion – 5:00 PM

Sunday – Worship and Holy Communion – 10:30 AM

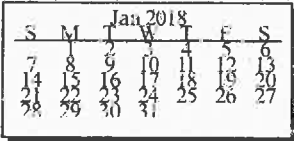
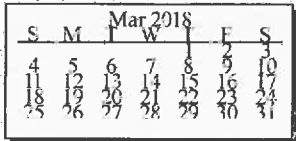
Sunday School – 10:30 AM

Office Hours – Monday-Thursday – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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February 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Worship 5:00pm Annual Report Available
4 Worship 10:30am Baptism Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am Annual Report Available	5 Quilters 9:15am Sarah Circle 1:00pm Augustana Hall Ad Hoc Committee Mtg. 4:15pm	6 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	7 Bible Study 10:00am Choir Practice 4:30pm	8 Joy Circle 10:00am Back Pack Buddies Board Mtg. 5:00pm	9	10 Worship 5:00pm
11 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Annual Meeting and Potluck 11:30am	12 Quilters 9:15am Cub Scout Banquet 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm	14 Bible Study 10:00am Ministerial 12:00pm MCF Service 1:30pm Choir Practice 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30pm	15 Ruth Circle 11:30am Hope Circle 6:00pm	16	17 Worship 5:00pm
18 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am	19 Quilters 9:15am Beacon Submission Deadline	20 Priscilla Circle 12:30pm Property Comm. Mtg. 4:00pm Church Council 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm	21 Bible Study 10:00am Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm	22	23	24 Worship 5:00pm
25 Worship 10:30am New Council Installation No Sunday school Coffee Hour 11:30am Confirmation Marked Event in Gladstone 4-7:00pm	26 Quilters 9:15am Bible Study 6:30pm	27 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	28 Bible Study 10:00am Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm			

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Those Who Serve in February 2018

Date	Readers	Communion Assistants	Acolytes	Ushers
Feb 4	Shirley Leitgeb	Pr Ingmar Levin	Maddy Maline	Bill & Donna Mott
Feb 11	Brenda Fleck	Clyde Johnson	Nathan Schoenow	Gloria McGuire & Lila Panek
Feb 18	Kathy McDonough		Carter Larson	Gloria McGuire & Lila Panek
Feb 25	Hope Mason	Frank Leitgeb	Devin Hicks	Wayne & Brenda Fleck

Communion Ushers: Kathy McDonough & Donna Mott

Altar Guild: Linda Levin & Donna Mott

Serving Zion with Altar Flowers,
Bulletin, Bread & Wine, & Fellowship

	Altar Flowers	Bulletin, Bread & Wine	Fellowship Hour
Feb 4	Naomi Fletcher		Hope Circle
Feb 11	Bill & Beth Malloch	Anna, Karin, Elsa	Annual Meeting & Potluck lunch
Feb 18	Broullire Family	Wayne & Brenda Fleck	
Feb 25			Quilters