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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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Kay MacGregor, Secretary

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A congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We are continuing our Lenten journey during the month of March and invite you to join us for simple soup suppers on March 7th, 14th, and 21st, at 5:30 p.m. Our suppers are followed each week by a short worship service that includes the spiritual practice of coloring during a brief period of silence. This is a time for us to slow down and consider our relationship with God as we remember the covenants God has made with God's people.



During the last days of March, Holy Week brings us: **Palm Sunday** and great joy at the Savior's entrance into Jerusalem; **Maundy Thursday** and Jesus' call for us to love in spite of his betrayal, and the gift of his body and blood because he loves us so; **Good Friday**, when Jesus suffers, is crucified, dies, and is buried; **Holy Saturday** and the painful waiting; and **Easter Sunday** with the Risen Christ!

If you've never experienced Holy Week at Zion, I encourage you to do so this year. Through the readings and hymns and messages, each of us is invited into a deeper understanding of what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Please take the time to read Bishop Finegan's letter within this month's Beacon. She does a wonderful job explaining the importance of Christians living through the darker times of Lent and Holy Week in order to truly appreciate the joy of Easter.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Terry

Our Next Year Together

On March 1st, Pr. Terry will have served Zion Lutheran Church for one year! And now, looking ahead, Zion's current and prior Executive Committee members (Church Council President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) have established the special emphases for Pr. Terry during the next year. The group also identified the special encouragement and support to be provided by Zion's congregation for the same period. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to pass them along to Larry Peterson, Linda Levin, Cathy Knudson, Kay MacGregor, or Marie Bellville.

Special Emphases of Pr. Terry

1. Increase ministry in the community by developing and growing the Backpack Buddies Program.
2. Complete Constitution revisions in order to gain Synod approval.
3. Update Membership Records.
4. Develop Gift Policy in coordination with the Endowment Fund.
5. Offer input and guidance to the congregation to help welcome others to Zion.

Congregational Encouragement and Support of Pr. Terry's Ministry

1. Establish a Mutual Ministry Committee.
2. Provide input into redesigning Zion's website.
3. Expand standing committees to include more members of the congregation.
4. Volunteer to try something new (e.g. visit shut-ins, provide rides to church, etc.)
5. Offer prayers of support for Pr. Terry.

Zion was greatly blessed by God in 2017, and God's Holy Spirit led us to accomplish a number of meaningful objectives **together**.

- Focus on alleviating world hunger through Lenten coin folders, a "Feeding the 5000 Challenge", and ELCA Good Gifts.
- Creation of a Zion Calling Card.
- Projects by the God's Work-Our Hands workers.
- Completion of a new Stewardship Program.
- Sale of the former Parsonage.
- Reflection on new ways to use the Augustana Hall fellowship, classroom, and office spaces.
- Offer of a "Service of the Longest Night" to the community.
- Exceeding of our budgeted amount for Northern Great Lakes Synod Mission Support.

Thank you one and all!

Mid-week Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services

There will be **Mid-Week Lenten Worship** on Wednesday March 7, 14, and 21 at 6:30pm. A simple soup supper will be served before worship at 5:30pm. There are still a few openings for soup, bread and bars/cookies. Please use the sign-up sheet in Augustana Hall if you're able to help.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th worship 6:30pm.

Good Friday, March 30th **Community Worship, 1:00pm**, at First United Methodist Church and **6:30pm at Zion**.

Easter will be celebrated during the **Saturday Evening Worship** on March 31st at 5:00pm. There will be a **Sunrise Service** at 7:00am, April 1st, on Easter Sunday at First Baptist Church. From 9:00-10:00, **Easter Breakfast** will be served by our young people interested in a future National Youth Gathering. Our **Sunday Easter Worship** will be held at 10:30am. There is no Sunday school Easter morning.

Lenten Soup Supper Recipes

If you make a soup for one of our Soup Suppers, please turn in your recipe to Shirley or Pastor Terry. We'd like to get them typed up and put into a booklet to share!



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday March 11th. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night or you could be late for church!



Girl Scout Week begins on *Girl Scout Sunday*, March 11th. This is the day Girl Scouts around the country are recognized as Girl Scouts in their faith communities. This year we have one Girl Scout in our congregation, Aurora Demers. Be sure to greet her and let her know how proud we are that she is making this commitment to service in her community.

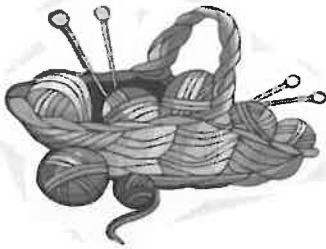
Our Annual Meeting and Potluck luncheon was held on February 11th. There was a great variety of yummy food and after lunch it was time to get down to business. John Barry and Clyde Johnson were elected to the Church Council for a three-year term. Frank Leitgeb was elected to serve the remaining one-year term that was vacated by first Mike Hueter and then Ken Groh, both of whom moved out of the area. Our outgoing council members are Debbie Kozlowski and Rick Pink. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service to our congregation. Shirley & Frank Leitgeb will be our delegates at the Synod Assembly in May and Larry & Rebecca Peterson will be the delegates to the Conference meeting in October.

Newly-Formed Decorating Committee

At the Annual Meeting, the church decided to form a Decorating Committee to be responsible for seasonal decorations within the sanctuary and narthex. For many years, the church has brought in special flowers for Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas, so that our members and friends may honor or memorialize a loved one. The church, at Christmas-time, also works to make the sanctuary beautiful by setting up and decorating the Christmas tree as well as placing other decorations.

In the past, we have relied on **members of the Altar Guild** to pick-up and maintain the health of flowers, and we've relied on our church secretary, **Shirley**, to find volunteers to do the decorating work. We greatly appreciate the past efforts of these dedicated individuals, and now know that it's time to pass the baton to a new group, the Zion Decorating Committee. We thank **Mary Ansell, Carla Flodin, Shirley Leitgeb, Cyndee Miske, and Rebecca Peterson** for their willingness to serve!

At its first meeting in February, the Decorating Committee decided to offer a new option whenever it is "flower-ordering" time. Using Easter as an example, members and friends of Zion will be able to purchase an Easter Lily, Tulip Plant, or Daffodil Plant to take home. Last year, many of the Easter plants went "unclaimed", so this year, "givers" will be given the option to make a contribution of **any amount** to the Floral Fund in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. Donations to the Floral Fund will support the beautification of the sanctuary and narthex throughout the church year.



Yarn Donations Requested

There is a new “Teach Me to Knit” group that will be meeting in Augustana Hall, and the students will be working on knitting lap robes for the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility. If you happen to have yarn available that you’re willing to donate to the group, please drop it off at the church office. If there are any questions, Arliss Larson may be contacted at 341-2520.

Backpack Buddies Thank You!!

Thanks go out to all of our Zion members who are showing overwhelming support for the Backpack Buddies Program. Your gifts of money and food items have gotten us off to an amazing and strong start.

Special thanks go out to **JoNell Berger** who has volunteered to be our “Pantry Manager” and to **JoNell and her husband John** who have volunteered to take the crates of food to Emerald Elementary School each week!



Just a note to thank you for all of your generous donations. They are really appreciated.

God Bless You,

Your Friends at Good Neighbor Services

Thank you very much Zion Lutheran Church congregation for the check toward my education. I am happy for the support from my church family who are there to help me through the challenges of life. I promise to use the money wisely and to work hard in my classes to make you all proud. I will keep you updated on school and my life.

Yours truly,

Emma Norbotten

Circle News

Sarah Circle will meet March 5, 1:00pm, in the Zion Library.

Joy Circle will meet March 8, 10:00am, in Augustana Hall. Be sure to bring your "Gather" magazine.

Priscilla Circle will meet at Upper Crust for lunch on March 20, at 12:15pm, weather permitting.

Ruth Circle will meet at Upper Crust for lunch on March 15, 11:30am.

Hope Circle will meet March 15, 6:00pm, in the Zion Library.

Join us for Conversation

Every 2nd & 4th Monday evening at 6:30pm-
Accidental Saints.

Wednesday morning at 10:00am – Lectionary Texts.



Congregation Council Highlights – February 2018

- + Council members signed up for the five standing committees of the Council. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, please let a church council member know! The committees are Worship and Music, Evangelism and Membership, Finance and Stewardship, Property and Christian Education and Youth.
- + Pastor Terry's evaluation was reviewed by the Congregation Council. New goals are now in place for Pastor and for the congregation and Council.
- + Final quotes are being sought for Augustana Hall updates. A congregational meeting will be held before any work begins.
- + The Finance and Stewardship Committee recommended that a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage be invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund.
- + A new telephone system was chosen. Monies to pay for this upgrade are coming from the Ahlstrom Trust Fund and were approved at the Annual Meeting.
- + There will be a Healthy Congregations Workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba. Please contact Pastor Terry or Linda Levin if you are interested in attending.
- + The confirmands and Congregation Council will be sponsoring an Easter Breakfast on April 1.

Gifts to our congregation have been given in memory of

Helen Johnson

Joanne Nelson—Altar Guild

Roland "Bing" Levin

Carol Carlson—Memorial Fund
Bob & Lila Panek—World Hunger

Betty DeSautle—Altar Guild

Jeanne Gundersen—Altar Guild

Ronald Jackson

Lois Bentley—Pew Cushion Fund

Martha Meals

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Lloyd Johnson

Bob & Lila Panek—Church Improvement

David & Gloria McGuire—Memorial Fund

William & Donna Mott—Memorial Fund

Betty DeSautel—Altar Fund

Carol Carlson—Memorial Fund

Doris Ribblet—Memorial Fund

Liz Macklem—Memorial Fund

Vernon & Sherry Metzger—Memorial Fund

Lawrence & Jean Kivisto—Memorial Fund

Roger & Shirley Salter—Memorial Fund

Jim Hubble—Memorial Fund

Gary Walker—Memorial Fund

Sandy Bellefuil—Memorial Fund

Harry Nelson

Liz Macklem—Quilters

Jeanne Jenerou—Memorial Fund

NOISY OFFERINGS

January 2018 Back Pack Buddies \$190.80

February 2018 Good Neighbors \$132.69

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Upcoming Scripture Readings

- March 4**—Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25,
John 2:13-22
- March 11**—Fourth Sunday of Lent
Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10,
John 3:14-21
- March 18**—Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33
- March 25**—Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1—15:47

FROM THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

2018 UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 16-18**—"One Year to Live" Men's Retreat at Pine Lake
Camp
- April 25**—Healthy Congregations Workshop
at Immanuel, Escanaba
- May 17-19**—Synod Assembly in Marquette
- September 14-16**—SWO Fall Convention/Retreat

News From Fortune Lake

- *Upper Elementary Retreat, April 20-21, 2018**
Friday 6:00pm to Saturday 2:00pm for grades 4-6. Cost is
\$45.00 per person. If interested contact the camp at 906-
214-2267 or officemanager@fortunelake.org.
- *Fortune Lake is now hiring summer staff.** If interested
in joining the 2018 team go to Fortune Lake website.
- *If you are interested in going to camp this summer,**
contact the church office for more information or visit the
camp's website.



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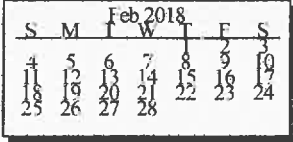
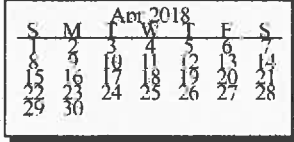

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Worship 5:00pm
4 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am Confirmands packing for Backpack Buddies	5 Quilters 9:15am Sarah Circle 1:00pm	6 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	7 Bible Conversation 10:00am Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Mid-Week Worship 6:30pm	8 Joy Circle 10:00am	9	10 Worship 5:00pm
11 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am 	12 Quilters 9:15am "Accidental Saints" Conversation 6:30pm	13 Cub Scout Crossover 5:30pm Historical Society Meeting 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm	14 Bible Conversation 10:00am Ministerial 12:00pm Knitting Class 3:30pm Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Mid-Week Worship 6:30pm	15 Ruth Circle 11:30am Backpack Buddies Bd. Mtg. 5:00pm Hope Circle 6:00pm	16	17 Worship 5:00pm
18 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:30am Confirmation 4-8:00pm	19 Quilters 9:15am	20 Priscilla Circle 12:15pm Property Committee Meeting 4:30pm Church Council 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm	21 Bible Conversation 10:00am Choir Practice 4:30pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Mid-Week Worship 6:30pm	22	23	24 Worship 5:00pm
25 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am No Sunday School Coffee Hour 11:30am	26 Quilters 9:15am "Accidental Saints" Conversation 6:30pm	27 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	28 Bible Conversation 10:00am Choir Practice 4:30pm	29 Mauudy Thursday Worship 6:30pm	30 Good Friday Community Worship @ 1st United Methodist Church 1:00pm Worship 6:30pm	31 Worship 5:00pm

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~From the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



It used to be that Palm Sunday was a day of celebration. The better part of the worship service was hosannas and palm branches waving. Children and Adults looked forward to this upbeat worship, especially after 40 days of somber,

penitential Lent. And the service acted as a sort of reprieve, before the intensity of Holy Week began.

But then, attendance during the Great Three Days began to decline. Maybe Holy Week was too intense for some. Maybe it was too sad. Maybe these three days somehow were no longer given the focus and attention due them as the central worship of our faith.

Whatever the reason, missing Holy Week meant that folks were experiencing the “happy happy joy joy” of Palm Sunday and then leaping over Holy Week to the “happy happy joy joy” of Easter Sunday. They would completely skip over death, and suffering, and sadness. They would miss the betrayal, the last supper, the crucifixion of Jesus.

And I guess, who can blame folks for wanting to avoid all that grim darkness. We would much rather celebrate and be joyful than sad and somber.

But worship that only considers the happy hosannas and the empty tomb misses the whole point of Christ on the cross and the sin of the world that put him there. There is value in looking at the death of Jesus, in pondering his suffering, and in dwelling on his last hours of life.

Because you know and I know that life is not all “happy happy joy joy.” To worship in Lent, and to dive in to Holy Week is to admit the truth to

ourselves, no matter how unpleasant – that life can be hard, and death can be harder. We live in the shadow and fear of death. We suffer. We sin. We die. And we need saving.

So I am glad that our Lutheran tradition dwells in the darkness, if only for a little while. It is good that our worship reflects the truth of life and the truth of our faith. Constant joy is not the way things are. And worship that only celebrates feeling good, soon seems hollow, no matter how upbeat the music.

So during Lent and Holy Week we take the time to consider the suffering and death of Jesus. During these 40 days, we sit in the knowledge of our sinfulness and consider our need for God.

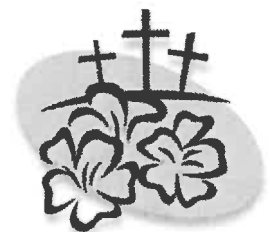


And we take this time, not so that we feel condemned and sad, but because death is the only way to new life.

Jumping from Palm Sunday to Easter is like jumping from fall to spring with no winter. Fall and winter are necessary before spring can come. And Jesus must suffer death before he can rise again. There is no resurrection without the crucifixion. There is no rising without dying. Easter joy is real when we admit that death is real. We receive the freedom of forgiveness with relief and gladness if first we understand our need for God's grace.

So Palm Sunday is now Passion Sunday and our hosannas quickly fade. During Holy Week, we will pause in Jesus' final hours and give them their due. In our Lutheran tradition there is no escaping the sacrifice and death of Christ.

But then neither do we miss the new life of resurrection and the fullness of Easter joy... in this life, nor in the life to come.



~Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

Those Who Serve in March 2018					
Date	Readers	Communion Assistants	Acolytes	Ushers	
Mar 4	Julie Gauthier	Pr Ingmar Levin	Carter Larson	Kathy McDonough & Jim Russey	
Mar 11	Sheila Clark	Clyde Johnson	Nathan Schoenow	Kathy McDonough & Jim Russey	
Mar 18	Larry Peterson		Carley Schoenow	Randy & Cindy Olli	
Mar 25	Palm Sunday	Frank Leitgeb	Lucas Weber	Randy & Cindy Olli	

Communion Ushers: Cyndee Miske & Larry Peterson

Altar Guild: Lila Panek & Rita Rossier

Tellers: March 4 & 11 Dorothy Brandstrom & Carla Flodin

March 18 Naomi Fletcher & Kay MacGregor

March 25 Mary Ansell & Verda Kreuzwiser

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

	Altar Flowers	Bulletin, Bread & Wine	Fellowship Hour
Mar 4	Larry & Rebecca Peterson	Cindy & Randy Olli	Sunday School
Mar 11	Pr. Terry and John	Lois Bentley	The Maline Children
Mar 18	Doris & Clyde Johnson	Elsa, Karin & Anna	Doris & Clyde Johnson
Mar 25	Dan & Kathy McDonough	Liz Macklem	Evangelism & Membership