

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR:

It was just a thought. Mark Votaw wondered if we could change the calendar. He was talking about the calendar of giving at Zion, and he asked if we would give not more but earlier. He asked if we would give some of our donations earlier in the year so that instead of just ending up the year in the black, we could celebrate being in the black all year long. That is exactly what you did. We called it the Early Bird Giving Plan. Our Church Council challenged members of Zion to give \$2,500 earlier in the year by promising to give \$2,500 of their own money to match the congregation's. Because of the fact that we have balanced six straight annual budgets, we had \$2,500 in Advanced Giving we would also recognize as part of this challenge.

So, what happened with that Challenge Bucket thingee, you ask. Members of Zion responded with an exclamation point of generosity, giving an amount that is quickly moving toward \$6,000 in Early Bird giving. Members of Council are on track to offer more than \$3,000 of their own money in response. Because of our great track record in balancing budgets, we were able to recognize \$3,000 left from a three-year gift given in 2010. Instead of adding \$7,500 to first quarter giving, which would have exceeded the average deficit we've experienced during this period in previous years, we increased early giving by \$12,000.00! You will see that surplus balance with the report of Zion's financial facts on the next page. Thank you for listening, for caring, and for responding with such well-timed generosity!

Now that we've settled the issue of wondering where the money will come from, let's get on with the important things we do, namely, the worship we offer, the programs we run, and the service that sets us apart as the people of God. Lent is the season that challenges us to do exactly that. We have an extra set of services, which we offer on Sunday evenings. Our Lenten dinners are delicious and our Lenten services really shine. On the First Sunday in Lent, the Men of Zion prepared stir-fried vegetables and Asian roast pork. More than twenty men contributed to the dinner, and almost seventy of us showed up for a service that offered an absolutely awesome portrayal of *Peter* by Jim Fidler. What a great beginning to what has been a very strong program at Zion. Please take a look at the schedule of services we've planned for our Sunday evenings in Lent. The Chancel Guild hosts our dinner on March 4, the Senior Choir on March 11, Church Council on March 18, and the Youth of Zion on March 25. With each Sunday evening, we are invited to support our friends, enjoy great fellowship, and worship our Lord. How can that not be a thoroughly inviting proposition!

March is a busy month for Zion. Sundays offer a full schedule of activities, especially when we take into account that our Sunday School families need to be preparing for their annual Easter program (presented on Palm Sunday) and the Lenten dinner they will host as another of our high points during the Sunday Evening Lenten programs we offer. Our programs of service and outreach are also in full swing, like our Comfort Givers (twice a month), and the Food Pantry Crew (twice a month), along with focusing on some service projects with the Sunday School and finishing up with this year's Souper Bowl by our Youth. We've got a great month planned for God's people here at Zion. Make every effort to join us as we embrace the challenges of our Lenten discipline. You'll be glad you made the effort; and we'll be glad you joined us.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Jim Fidler called our Valentine's Day meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Cathy Harvey offered devotions. Our attendance included Juanita Cignetti, Dave Palumbo, Beth Shaheen, Mark Votaw, Vicki Givler, Lorin Beaber, Renee Keith and Pastor Sherwindt. Brian Milek and Dale Jacobs were absent. We were focused on looking ahead to Lent, and busy analyzing (and celebrating) some good financial results, concluding our meeting with adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Our Treasurer's Report confirmed the success of our Early Bird Giving Plan. Council pledges, member support, and Advanced Giving turned around last January's deficit of (\$3,859.14) into a monthly surplus this year of \$2,273.75. That is a \$6,132.89 swing, which is an extraordinary show of congregational support. We were helped by the effect of a mild winter on what were slightly lower utility and snow plowing expenses.

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS: JANUARY

Income for January	\$24,188.93
Expenses in January	<u>\$21,915.18</u>
January's Budget Surplus	\$ 2,273.75
Surplus to begin the year	<u>\$ 1,970.04</u>
Surplus balance year-to-date	\$ 4,243.79

January was a month in which income was helped by Advanced Giving of \$3,000.00 and by Early Bird Giving of \$4,701.00. Expenses were lower than usual because of a mild winter thus far. It looks like February will continue the trend of milder weather and Early Bird giving. It's a great beginning to the year.

We thank you for your generous support!

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Property Ministry: The winter has thus far been quite kind to the property budget. No major repairs have surfaced, and we're up to date on regular maintenance issues. A tour of the parsonage confirmed the need to repair ceiling plaster in several places; but generally things looked pretty good. We'll wait until spring to make sure that repairs to leaks in the roof have been successful.

Worship Ministry: The Lenten calendar is complete, awaiting only congregational support for the services we will offer. Hosts for our dinners will be the Men of Zion, the Chancel Guild, the Senior Choir, Church Council, and the Youth of Zion. Worship services will feature (1) Lenten dramas with Jim Fidler on February 26 and March 18, (2) the Senior Choir & Praise Team on March 4 and 11, and (3) the Youth of Zion on March 25. The Sunday School Easter Play is set for the 10:30 a.m. service on April 1st; two services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and Zion's Annual Easter Egg Hunt between the services on April 8.

Resource Ministry: The response to our Early Bird Giving plan makes it clear that the congregation wants concerns about the budget on the back burner. Support simply blew past our goals and expectations. It was time for Council to take a bow, and then reach into their pockets to put their money where their prayers were. December, January, and now February have provided ample evidence of Zion's willingness to be generous in their support of the life of the church. Let's continue to make sure that we are offering an opportunity for all of our members to join in the work we are doing to proclaim God's reign and live Christ's love.

COUNCIL NEWS (CONT'D)

Mutual Ministry: Brian Milek continues to reconnect with members of Mutual Ministry. He organized a workshop on Saturday, February 18, with Blair Woodside, Lorraine Weinman, Kay Davis, and Pastor Sherwindt present. We discussed the basics of our sense of mission, and our responsibilities to staff, Council, and the congregation. Our convenor continues to provide the snacks for these meetings, and we are very happy with the direction we are heading.

Parish Life Ministry: Vicki Givler reported that the Wednesday morning Bible study group is interested in re-grouping if there are others who would like to join this group. It is an informal meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Resource Center, and lasts about an hour. Mabel Kolarik, who has led the group from time to time, would enjoy hearing from those who are interested getting a weekly Bible study started again. Also, the North Canton Ministerial Association Coed Softball League is getting started again. Is there any interest out there in fielding a team?

Caring Ministry: Zion's Food Pantry and Clothing Closet continue to benefit from the strong support of members who not only contribute cash for the cause, but also show up on the first and third Tuesdays to provide the muscle and love that makes this ministry work. You will find out more in the next column, but Shirley Cavender decided to let others take the lead in overseeing a ministry she has helped grow over the past decade of service. Despite the challenge represented by this transition, she wants us to know that she stands by what she has often said, which is this: hunger is not seasonal; it's happening all year long. So, please, continue to offer the support of your presence whenever you can.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

What a great idea it was to take some time between the services in September to celebrate the ministry we offer through our Food Pantry. Margaret & Steve Porter were there, along with Shirley & Charlie Cavender, to offer their praise for the good work done by a faithful Food Pantry Crew. We enjoyed a great choral beginning with the *Jacks 'n Jills* from Jackson High School, some delicious cake, a nice video retrospective, and some kind words about Shirley and Margaret, as well as from Shirley and Margaret.

Shirley and Margaret have decided to shift their support for the Stark County Hunger Task Force from its satellite here at Zion to its Main Campus in Canton. On February 21, they announced their intention to leave in their role as leaders of our Food Pantry Ministry, making the third Tuesday in March their last hurrah. The news came as a shock to Zion's faithful who serve as part of the Pantry Crew; but news that Jayne Schrader would lead the transition team restored confidence to our volunteers that we'll meet the challenge of securing yet another chapter in the story of reaching out to neighbors who need God's help and ours.

Jayne received offers of help from many members of the Food Pantry Crew, and has already begun regular meetings with Shirley and Margaret to insure a strong transition. Cathy Harvey, our Caring Ministry Elder, assured Jayne that Council will do all we can to maintain our high level of support for the Food Pantry. Beth Willis has also been helpful in lending a hand. Shirley and Margaret raised the bar for what we can expect from Zion's members for the help we extend through our food and clothing ministries. Even more importantly, they leave us with a Pantry Crew that knows we can get the job done.

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Lenten Friday Fish Fries: Peace Lutheran Church will once again host their famous fish fries on Fridays during Lent. All four Fridays in March – the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th – will feature the good folks at Peace Lutheran offering dinner choices that include fried fish or shrimp, baked fish or chicken, or a fried fish and fried shrimp combo meal. Each meal also includes baked potato or hand-cut fries, with coleslaw, applesauce, a roll, dessert, and beverage. Sounds absolutely delicious, and it's a good deal, too! The price is \$8.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children under 12. A Kid's Hot Dog Deal is available for \$3.50, which includes a hot dog, chips or fries, applesauce, dessert, and a beverage. Peace Lutheran Church is located at 3828 Cleveland Avenue SW. They have been doing this for years, and are quite good at it. Try them out this year. They will be open for service from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., or call ahead for take-out: 330-484-4400.

On another note, Bishop Eaton will offer her **Spring Bishop's Gatherings** this month, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Salem on Monday, March 26. The theme is *Practicing Practical Ministry*. Bishop Eaton will lead a Bible study on a great passage from our Lord's Sermon from the Plain in Luke 5:17-26. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a soup & sandwich supper. Three workshops are also offered: 1) Being Comfortable with Prayer for Everyday; 2) Words of Hope in the Messiness of Life; 3) Good Samaritan or Sucker? There is a cost of \$8.00 per person, which is payable at the door, covering the cost of food and the program. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is located in downtown Salem at 251 South Broadway Avenue. Please contact Pastor Sherwindt with your interest in attending.

NEWS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

NCMA Scholarship: The North Canton Ministerial Association, of which Zion is a member, offers a scholarship for graduating seniors heading off to college in the amount of \$1,000.00. Graduating seniors are invited to write an essay that describes how their Christian faith has shaped their life. Zion has been blessed to have many younger members over the years who have lived their faith in remarkable ways; but we have not had many who have applied for this scholarship. Let's change that pattern this year. Pastor Sherwindt would love to help those who would like to apply to think about ways of making the story of your faith-in-action even easier to tell. If you are interested in finding out more about this scholarship opportunity, just let the Pastor or the Church Office know

Still More Scholarship News: We received news recently from Miss Joan Cogan that there is another local scholarship offered to a graduating senior with plans to attend college who is both a Lutheran and a resident of Stark County. This \$2,000.00 Scholarship is offered in memory of Joanne Flad and Nancy Grandjean Elliot by their families. As with the NCMA scholarship mentioned above, the selection committee is looking for an above average student, but not necessarily one with the highest grade point average. Applications are available at the Church Office.

For Your Information, just in case you have forgotten, our own congregation offers a \$500.00 scholarship for any and all members who choose to attend any one of our Lutheran universities. Members from Zion who have attended Capital University have found that the Lutheran Foundation at Capital matches this \$500 with \$500 of their own, reducing tuition expenses by a total of \$1,000 annually.

GREAT NEWS FROM ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Happy Birthday to:

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 4, 11, 18, 25: Practice for the Easter Play will occur during the Sunday School hour
Sunday, March 25th: Youth of Zion host our Lenten Dinner and lead our Lenten Service
Saturday, March 31: Children's Easter Program Dress Rehearsal in the morning at 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday, April 1st: Children's Easter Program during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Easter Sunday, April 8: Our Children's Easter Egg Hunt for all ages during Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL: PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 6

Sunday School will continue on its normal schedule this month. As a reminder, Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday and ends at 10:15 a.m. Our classes will continue to learn important lessons from the Bible, along with the fun and learning that accompanies the crafts, puzzles, games, and snacks we will feature. Please join us!

It's hard to believe, but it is play time again! This year's Easter Program will be on Palm Sunday, April 1st, at the 10:30 a.m. service only. We will have dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 31st, at 10:00 a.m., which will be followed by a pizza party to celebrate all of the children's hard work. We will practice during the month of March for half of the Sunday School hour; the other half will be the normal Sunday School lesson. There are many roles available, both speaking and non-speaking roles, as well as assisting with costumes and props. We are looking forward to another great performance by Zion's amazing kids!

This month we are also collecting Easter candy and small items that will fit into our plastic eggs for our traditional Children's Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday School hour on Easter Sunday, which is April 8th. Children of all ages are invited to go on our Easter Egg Hunt. We typically hide over 500 eggs. If you would like to donate any of these items, please leave them in the Church Office by Sunday, April 1st. Our older youth are once again invited to help us fill the eggs, hide them on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m., and assist with the Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School. We really appreciate your support.



AN ACME RECEIPTS "THANK YOU" TO ALL

Thank you to everyone for bringing in your Acme receipts. We really appreciate your support! We have received more grocery receipts from Acme than any might have imagined. We are now in the process of tallying the receipts and will report what we earned for the youth next month. Last year we received \$227.48 through this *Community Cash-Back* program. Every penny adds up to better programming for our youth; for that, we thank you. This year's program has ended for the school year; but it will start again in the fall, and we'll look for your support.

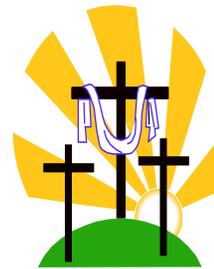
MORE GREAT NEWS FOR ZION'S YOUTH

FUTURE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ZION'S YOUTH

The votes are in! Zion's youth would like to pursue doing service projects that support the following groups and causes: the Humane Society, Solid Rock (a therapeutic riding stable in Hartville), and a soup kitchen. We are hoping to schedule our first event for March, and then one in April, another in May, and one in June. Our service project for July will, of course, be Vacation Bible School. If all goes well, and the need arises, we may try to schedule additional events. Please watch for more information by email and in future newsletters.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENTEN DINNERS & EASTER PLAYS

The Youth of Zion will host the Lenten Dinner and lead the Lenten Service on Sunday, March 25th. The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., but we will need to arrive earlier than that to set up and prepare for all we have to do. The kids and their families will be serving a wonderful meal and, of course, fabulous desserts. During the service, Zion's Youth will be leading our reading of the Passion narrative in the Gospel of Mark. We will be contacting the youth and their families with details about dinner and to assign their parts for the service. You can bet that we will need lots of help, and know this: we appreciate everyone's support! On all the Sundays in March we will be shuffling our attention between our Sunday School lessons and the Easter Play. Our big rehearsal morning is Saturday, March 31st. Holy Week begins with the first of April, and Easter Sunday is April 8th. This is a very meaningful time in the life of the church. We hope that our children will only grow in their knowledge of the gracious love God extends to all the world.



AN UPDATE ON THE 2012 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Youth of Zion and Tina Beaber would like to thank everyone for their very generous support of this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. They were able to reach their goal and collected \$430.00, along with a variety of food items. All of the food collected will go to Zion's Food Pantry. All of the money raised will be used by our youth to shop for shoes and clothing for children that are helped by the charity called *Shoes & Clothes for Kids*. Tina and the kids are currently planning their shopping trip. Again, thank you for supporting our youth, and for helping them help folks who need our help in our neighborhood and in Cleveland, too!

HEARTFELT THANKS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 10



The weather on February 11th couldn't have been any worse! Winter returned with lots of snow and blowing winds that made braving the cold pretty uninviting. And yet, folks still made the trip to Zion to support the Dague family and Boy Scout Troop 10 with hearty appetites and generous contributions. On behalf of Troup 10, the Dague family would like to thank all who were among the 101 diners who were served, and the many others whose donations helped raise over \$1,000 through this very successful fundraiser. The turnout was great; your generosity incredible. Thank you, thank you, thank you all!

THE WOMEN OF ZION

This year's Bible study theme for the women of the church has been *To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark*. This month's focus is on *Rising Expectations*, with the little apocalypse in Mark 13:31 our featured verse. Jesus has just introduced his disciples to the Great Day of the Lord that will ultimately unfold, and then he assures them, "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*" The enduring words of our Lord include the promise of God's love and our salvation. News of cosmic destruction may not sound all that good, but the true life that awaits us as the children of God is a future filled with untold joys and perfect peace. All women of Zion are welcome (and encouraged) to join us in the Resource Center on Tuesday, March 20, as we gather to enjoy our monthly *Women's Bible Study*.

Zion's Comfort Givers meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, *March 8 & 22*, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. We really do need your help. You know the old saying, "Many hands make light work." So consider joining us as we enjoy coffee, conversation, and being filled with the feeling of knowing that we are helping others in need through the good that we do. We can use the help, and you'll be happy you joined us.

Zion's Chancel Guild will meet in the kitchen on the morning of Saturday, March 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. to begin our preparations for hosting the second Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner on March 4th. We've got a nice meal planned, and we are looking forward to another enjoyable Lenten service. We met in February to tend to some annual cleaning and hymnal repairs, and there is more to do as we prepare for the arrival of Holy Week with the first of April.

MEN OF ZION NEWS

Even after taking some time off, the Men of Zion rebounded with a fabulous effort in hosting the first *Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner*. The food was great, as was the turnout and the service. Our thanks to all of the men who helped, and there were many, including one of our newest helpers, Eric Dague, who gladly volunteered for cleanup duties in the kitchen following our dinner. According to all reports, his efforts earned him an invitation to join us again next time!

Our plans are to meet again for dinner on the evening of Monday, March 12th. We are changing gears in the focus of our men's ministry. Brian Milek has agreed to lead the first of what we hope will become a monthly *Men's Bible Study*. We are keeping the dinner format the same for now, but that may change as we talk more about how to move forward in building a growing, vibrant ministry among the Men of Zion. So, mark your calendars for Monday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m., when we will enjoy a nice dinner and start a new chapter in ministry at Zion.

The Mother's Day Breakfast is still a ways away, May 13, to be exact; but it is not too soon to remind ourselves that we involved more than sixty men in this long-standing tradition the last couple of years, and we would like to continue this great tradition of inclusion. Of course, along with involving the men of Zion, it is important to have a great representation of all the women we love, too. So, men and women of Zion, mark this date: May 13th, between the services from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Memorial Hall, for what will be our *Tenth Annual Mother's Day Breakfast*.

We extend our thanks to both Carl Geib and Bob Lancashire for fixing a leaky drain in the kitchen, and rebuilding the cabinet, too!

THANK YOU'S & MORE

Dear Pastor and Members of Zion,

We all want to express our gratitude for your comforting words, prayers and cards when Jim passed away. We extend special thanks to the church for the delicious food that they prepared and served to our family and friends after Jim's funeral. God's blessings to all.

*Forever grateful,
The Smiley Family*

*Bless them, Lord, who give of care
That eases heartache and despair;
Hearts of healing love and smiles
That comfort pain and tears of trials.
For they are Christian, through and through
Who do as You would have them do,
And live within Your holy creed
To answer to a sufferer's need.
They sow Your seeds of love and care
That blossom into kindly fare,
And share the gifts You give them
With kin and stranger, foe and friend.
And by their acts of loving hearts
They better life and human lot,
And honor You upon this earth
By giving of their Christian worth.*

MORE THANK YOU'S

Dear Pastor and Members of Zion,

Thank you for continuing to send us your newsletter. It is very upbeat and positive. I don't recall knowing of another ELCA congregation to operate in the black, let alone for six years. Must be a record! Keep up the good work. I pass your newsletter around to those here in Pittsburgh who still remember you and Marilyn. We'd transfer, but a two-hour drive to church is a bit too far!

*May God continue to
bless your ministry,
Peggy & John Terrick*

[Editor's Note: Isn't it an amazing gift to know how the one-year experience of an internship binds our hearts and lives together in ways we would never have anticipated. As we at Zion move closer to our bicentennial celebration, we should do more to remember the interns who have taken their one year with us through a lifetime of ministry.]

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$602.00 to the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. As a community of women committed to supporting the gifts and growth of one another, Women of the ELCA could not do its important work without your contributions and prayers. Many exciting things awaits us in 2012. In June we will kick off a year-long celebration of the 25th anniversary of Women of the ELCA. A special 25th anniversary offering will help support the ELCA Malaria Campaign, continuing the role women have played as change agents in the global church. Thank you again for your shared commitment to mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

*Linda Post Bushkofsky,
Executive Director, WELCA*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM SMILEY

March 30, 1927 – February 11, 2012

Jim and Stella together were as faithful as they come – to each other, to their family, in their community, and in the church. I could count on their presence regularly, so regular that I am sure that years went by before Stella had to tell me that Jim was aging, and that I should be aware of that when they came forward for communion. To look at him, you'd never know. He was the nicest man you'd ever meet, standing straight, feet firmly fixed beneath him, with a gait that showed no signs of his age. But Stella knew differently. When I'd see Jim at St. Joe's Care Center in Louisville, his strong and straight stature was never diminished, although the man we knew and loved had long since left us. Still, the pictures of Stella, and Kathie, and Avery, along with the many men in the Smiley family, which decorated his room, were fabulous reminders of the rich life he enjoyed with so many that loved him.

Mentioning that Jim served as a deacon and a trustee at Zion just begins to touch the surface of the impact he had on the community that loved him. Everyone who knew Jim spoke highly and glowingly of a man who was a rock when it came to being a good and faithful friend, a fellow member of the household of faith, and a reliable co-worker in the life of the church. One of the things that became clear as I enjoyed a wonderful visit with the Smiley family yesterday afternoon was that Jim knew that he was blessed, and his life was a vigorous witness to the joy that love inspired, which in turn made our lives richer and our shared loves even stronger. Jim was a straight talking man, and it's clear that he took our Lord at his word when Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, life in abundance, pressed down and overflowing..." (John 10:10). That is clearly the life he enjoyed because of the faith he had and the love he shared, filling the time he enjoyed with friends and family with fun and laughter.

Jim is the kind of man you think of when you hear the phrase *salt of the earth* – a good son, a faithful friend, a loving husband, devoted father, doting grandfather, and great-grandfather, too, student, soldier, co-worker, master gardener, a winemaker for fun, an avid golfer, who loved bicycling, and walking, and on and on it goes. If ever there were a man among us who turned northeast Ohio's cloudy grey into Colorado sunshine, multiplying his few talents into a great return on investment, with lots of love for many and joy for all who knew him, Jim Smiley was that man. And all of us gathered here, along with the many more who were touched by his love along life's way, boldly add to that heavenly chorus greeting Jim with that joyous refrain, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew 25:21)

When we hear those words of triumph at the pearly gates, we are not entering a world of denial, but affirming the promise God made at Baptism. We are not denying the reality of death, but relying on the faithfulness of God, a faithfulness that God has exhibited throughout the entirety of our lives. We are not closing our eyes to the sadness we feel. We are trusting God to deliver on the future to which he pledged the life and love of His Son. "Well done, good and faithful servant." That's not just wishful thinking talking. This is the gift of God's grace, the victory of life over death, the triumph of the love of a Lord who died that we might live, and lives that we will never die. This is the promise God makes, and the life God gives. This is the life that's ours ... in Jesus' name. Amen

OUR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK

March 4, Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lent 2 , Mark 8:31-38 (The Cross) Sunday School & Play Rehearsal Mark's Gospel in our Adult Class Dinner hosted by the Chancel Guild Lenten Service: "Radical" Disciples
March 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lent 3 , John 2 (Temple Cleansing) Sunday School & Play Rehearsal Mark's Gospel in our Adult Class Dinner hosted by the Senior Choir Our Service: Special Music for Lent
March 18, Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lent 4 , John 3:16 (God's True Love) Sunday School & Play Rehearsal Mark's Gospel in our Adult Class Dinner hosted by Church Council Lenten Drama featuring Jim Fidler
March 25, Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lent 5 , John 12:25 (Our True Life) Sunday School & Play Rehearsal Mark's Gospel in our Adult Class Dinner hosted by the Youth of Zion The Passion Narrative of St. Mark
April 1, Palm Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday: Traditional Service Sunday School for the Adult Class The Children's Annual Easter Play
April 5, Holy Thursday	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday: Quiet Communion Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper
April 6, Good Friday	12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Good Friday: Stations of the Cross Set in the Walsh University Chapel Good Friday: The Historic Tenebrae Sanctuary of Zion Lutheran Church
April 8, Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Festival Worship: Traditional Service The Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt Festival Worship: Contemporary Blend He is risen! He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!