

The Zion Herald

Proclaiming Good News

March 2017

LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 1: ASH WEDNESDAY

- ✘ *7 PM IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION*

MARCH 5: THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✘ *5:30 PM The Chancel Guild will host our Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner*
- ✘ *6:15 PM Worship Service - Sermon: "What is Prayer?"*

MARCH 12: THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✘ *5:30 PM The Church Council will host our Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner*
- ✘ *6:15 PM Worship Service - Sermon: "The Prayer-Hearing God"*

MARCH 19: THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✘ *Guest Preacher The Rev. Karl Bierman, Assistant to the NEOS Bishop Abraham Allende*
- ✘ *5:30 PM The Men of Zion will host our Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner*
- ✘ *6:15 PM Worship Service - Sermon: "God Answers Prayer"*

MARCH 26: THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

- ✘ *5:30 PM The Youth will host our Sunday Evening Lenten Dinner*
- ✘ *6:15 PM Worship Service - Sermon: "Developing Your Personal Prayer Life"*

.... to grow in love and service by grace



MY VERY BEST TO YOU DEAR DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST,

God is at work in and through members of Zion!

Do you believe that? Do you believe the Lord Jesus is at work in His church that has the name of Zion Lutheran Church in North Canton? Each week I hear or speak to someone of how God has healed their hearts, broken bones, sickness, reconciled families together and restored relationships. God comforting the broken hearted as they mourn the loss of a loved one through death. Members helping others as volunteers in our Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Others demonstrating their concern for those who are lonely and afraid. There is more, God, is indeed at work in His church with the name of Zion Lutheran in North Canton.

While membership is absolutely important, it is not the end goal. While balancing our expenses with our receipts are important, they are not the measure of our success. Our call is not to make members or balance our budget; our call is to make disciples. Membership and finances are only a part of the process of making disciples.

Jesus has already laid out the blueprint and tells us what we are to do: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

The command to “go” is not a suggestion or even an option. It is a command. It is a mandate. It is what we are called to do. We are called to make disciples. Every Sunday I look for guests whom you brought with you – that’s a beginning.

Every Sunday when we leave the building, you are entering the mission field. Are you a teacher? Then the classroom is your mission field. Are you a physician? Then your office and patients are your mission field? Are you a student? Then your classmates and teachers are your mission field. You do not have to travel to China or some third world country to go on a mission field. You enter your mission field everyday God gives you life and sustains you in faith in your calling and station in life.

This is how Jesus made disciples. He said, “Come and follow me.” Making disciples begins with prayer. Pray and ask God to put someone in your life that you can invite and bring to church. Making disciples begins with prayer and is followed up with an invitation – an invitation to come to church and to be introduced to Jesus Christ.

Who has God placed in your life that does not know Jesus? Or who has turned their back on church? Pray for that person and ask God for wisdom and strength with which to invite them to church, so that they, too, may hear the gospel of God’s love for them.

God is at work at Zion Lutheran Church. Let us give thanks for what he is doing and what he will continue to do as we all take personal responsibility for the Great Commission to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

Don’t forget: these are special times... it’s **God’s time** and **God’s special people** take, or make, the **time** to invite and gather faithfully to worship him each Lord’s Day. It may **take time** from family gatherings, (invite and bring them with you), or **take time** from sleep, and still for others it will take time from events, sports, and other activities that **take time**.

These are terrific times to invite others to thank God as we remember that he came to earth as our Savior, suffered, died, and rose from the grave in victory over sin, Satan, and death!

This is an opportune time to seek and ask others to come with you to worship, celebrate, and give thanks for God's unconditional, awesome, incomprehensible, and amazing love in Christ our Lord.

I invite you to **take time** to begin a practice of discipleship by inviting others to join us Sunday mornings at one of our exciting worship services at 8:00 or 10:30 and at 9:15 for Sunday School.

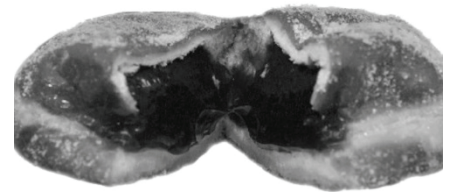
I look forward to seeing you with a smile on your face, a Bible in your hand, and a friend by your side whom you brought with you!

God bless and love you abundantly,

Pastor Hal

President's Message

The best thing about the beginning of Lent is of course Shrove Tuesday. In my history, that always meant a pancake supper. In 20 years of living and working in Cleveland I have learned about Pączki. (Filled donut like pastry originally brought here from Poland) The last Alleluia before we head into Lent.



By the Time this newsletter comes out we will have begun our journey towards calling a new pastor.

1. Council has nominated a Call Committee (see Jim Fidler's Article on Page 5). You will be asked to ratify that decision on Sunday March 12th, when we will vote on the Committee Members as a slate. I am very pleased with the group that has stepped up to take on this important task.

2. We will have just completed our first Leadership Retreat. I expect that to have been an inspiring and thought provoking day, as we start to answer the questions, **"Who is Zion? Where are we now? What do we need? And where do we want to go?"**

The next step then after the Call Committee is properly constituted is to get going on the Congregational Profile. This is a very involved questionnaire that acts as a both as a "This is what we are looking for" and a "This is what we have to offer" kind of document. The better we define what we want and what we have to offer, the more likely we are to find a pastor that will be a great fit with us and us to him. Once that is complete then the Synod will start sending some names and we can get busy talking with prospective pastors.

Soup is On!

Lent at Zion means there will be Sunday evening worship with a light meal before. Sign up to bring in your favorite soup. Last year we had great chowdah, (you can't take the boy out of New Hampshire) chilis, stews, goulashes, and soups. It was fantastic, while keeping the focus on what is important, the worship service afterward. Come on out and spend some time with your spiritual family as we mark the steps toward the cross and the empty tomb.

Congregational Finances:

Financially we are doing pretty well. First of all, Beth Shaheen is settling into the Treasurer position. She is pleased with the structure that Dave Palumbo put together and is working on making it her own. I feel very good about this transition. In January we enjoyed a small surplus. (\$7.00 very small) That is amazing. The winter months because of plowing and energy costs are generally our most expensive months. The weather has been pretty moderate in February, so there are high hopes for another good month. Some funds are starting to come in for the **Call Process Fund**. The Bishop suggested we set aside money to

facilitate the process. Travel expenses etcetera. This is important so we don't have to dip into our investment funds. Thank you all for your support!

Thoughts on Congregational Council:

I want to shout out to the folks on Council. They are doing much more than any Council at Zion in the last 14 years. We truly are a Lay Run Organization with a spiritual guide. Council meetings often feature vibrant discussions about what could and should be done. They are very cordial and often even fun. They are a little longer (60 to 90 minutes) than I would like, but the work gets done and people move forward more energized than I have witnessed in the past. I would like to thank all of our Current members and remind folks that we will need new folks to step up in the spring. We have several folks who will be finishing their second terms and will need to step aside for a bit so listen for that small voice in the night, that call to personal service, and come out for an interesting [and fun?] Tuesday evening.

Once again, thank you all for all of your support. We could not do this without all you do. This community works because ALL Y'ALL work it. I am looking forward to a wonderful and meaningful Lenten season. AND GREAT SOUP!

Yours In Christ,
Mark Votaw



RESOURCE MINISTRY

Generous giving, coupled with wise stewardship and a decrease in expenses, enabled us to run a surplus in January, 2017 and reduce our overall deficit for the year-to-date. As to be expected in the month of January, utility bills were among the bigger expenses. However, these bills, along with expenses related to salaries of the Interim Pastor, Secretary and Custodian, were more than offset by offerings, "Early Bird" giving and Parsonage rental revenues.

As we look forward to spring and more temperate weather, we are well positioned to generate positive income flows that will facilitate our efforts to support our benevolent enterprises and fulfill our Mission "To Grow in Love and Service by Grace."

Jim Fidler
Resource Elder

CARING MINISTRY

The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet will be open on March 7th and March 21st. The set-up time is 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for opening Zion's doors. All of you are invited to help out if you're available. The Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned fruit, cereal, pasta (all shapes), vegetable soups, and all varieties of creamed soups. The Clothing Closet is in need of household items and women's shoes.

Prayer Chain requests can be sent to Kay Davis at stitchandsewk810@sbcglobal.net. Please let her know if you wish to remove a prayer request.

Ron Tvorik

WORSHIP MINISTRY

We want to thank Jack Brennan for the beautiful music he is providing at our 8AM service. He is going to continue to play for us during Lent. You will be seeing the Lenten schedule appearing in the news page and news letter. Ash Wednesday starts March 1st. The service is at 7 PM. The Lenten Sunday evening services start with a light supper of soup and sandwiches. There will be a sign up sheet for those who would like to make soup again this year. Supper will be at 5:30 the service will start at 6:15PM.

March 5 will be hosted by Chancel Guild
March 12 will be hosted by Council
March 19 will be hosted by Youth
March 26 will be hosted by Men of Zion
April 2 will be hosted by Praise Team
April 9 will be hosted by Call Committee

The topic for the Lenten services is PRAYER. There will be more information on the services for Holy Week in the near future.

God's Peace and Blessings be with you,
Darlene Milavickas

WITNESS MINISTRY

On February 22, 2017 I had the privilege of representing Zion at the Stark Hunger Walk 2017 informational meeting. The meeting was led by Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer of the Canton City Lutheran Parish and was attended by members of various local churches and faiths all with the common concern of reducing food insecurity in our community. We all enjoyed a presentation by Leslie Letner-Genovese from the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. Learning how the food bank operates and the various programs that impact an 8 county region was motivating.

The Stark Hunger Walk is on Sunday May 7, 2017 at 3 pm. The starting location is Community Christian Church, 210 North Main Street in North Canton. It is approximately a 2.1-mile route that is family and pet friendly. Last year we had 22 walkers and raised an outstanding \$3,351.20.

I'd love to have 30 walkers and raise \$4,000 this year! Every dollar helps provide 4 meals! That means if you forgo just ONE cup of coffee a week from your favorite café until the walk you could add \$30 and 120 meals to the food bank! Imagine what we could donate if we all collected our loose change, raided our cupboards for canned goods or skipped a meal out at a restaurant and instead put it towards the Hunger Walk.

The need to raise awareness and funds for the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank is critical. 1 in 7 people in our communities do not have reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable and nutritious food. And 1 out of 4 children lack regular access to food. Which makes the food provided by the regional food bank amongst the varied programs vital (like our very own awesome food pantry!)

Ways we can help together:

- Join an interfaith hunger walk team
- Support a walker with a donation of money
- Donate non-perishable foods

Be on the lookout for opportunities to sign up and donate in March and April.

Heather Hoffman

ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN JANUARY 2017

January Income	\$ 15,894.63
January Expenses	\$ 15,887.61
January Surplus	\$ 7.02
2017 YTD Surplus	\$ 7.02
Food Pantry Fund	\$ 8,877.54
Zion's Youth Fund	\$ 7,573.18

We thank you for your generous support!

A MESSAGE CONCERNING THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL PROCESS

Zion's Church Council will be asking the Congregation to give thoughtful consideration to seven individuals who have been nominated by the Council to serve on the all-important Committee tasked with the solemn responsibility of calling a Pastor to serve Zion Lutheran. On March 12, 2017, the Congregation will be asked to approve Council's nominations by electing the following individuals to serve on the Call Committee:

Laura Thompson, Chairperson
 John Long
 Rob Frock
 Marissa Keating
 Cathy Harvey
 Brian Walters
 Jim Fidler

If elected by the Congregation, these seven members of the Call Committee will be calling upon the Holy Spirit for Wisdom and Guidance as they develop a Ministry Site Profile, interview and evaluate Pastoral Candidates, represent the Congregation to prospective Candidates and recommend to the Congregation an individual who reflects an ability to lead us and be our partner in Ministry and Mission for Jesus Christ.

As the Call Process unfolds, we ask for the prayers and continued support of the Congregation.

Jim Fidler
 Resource Elder

NEWS FROM ZION'S YOUTH

Happy Birthday to:



Happy Birthday to:

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, March 1st: Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 26th: Youth and Youth Leaders will host Lenten Dinner

Saturday, April 8th: Dress Rehearsal for Children's Easter Program and Pizza Party

Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday): Children's Easter Program at the 10:30 service

Sunday, April 16th (Easter): Easter Egg Hunt for all ages during Sunday School

Sunday School Pre-K thru High School Grade

During March, our Sunday School classes will continue to meet at the regularly scheduled time - 9:15 am. During the Sunday School hour, we will have some class time, finish up our service project for Operation Gratitude and practice for the Easter program. Please join us!

This year's Easter Program, "*A Banner Easter*", will take place on Palm Sunday, April 9th, at the 10:30 am service. By using scripture and some very important words, the children will show us what Easter is all about. We will have dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 8th which will be followed by a pizza party to celebrate all of the children's hard work. We are looking forward to another great performance by Zion's amazing kids!

Youth Lenten Dinner

The youth will be hosting the Lenten Dinner on Sunday, March 26th. The menu will be a variety of delicious soups along with sandwiches and fabulous desserts. We will be contacting our youth and their families closer to the 26th with more details and a list of needed items.

ACME Receipts – Thank you!

Thank you for turning in your ACME receipts and supporting Zion's Youth. This year we collected receipts totaling \$4,904.38 in Community Cash Back amounts. Of that total we will receive 5% - a check for \$245.22 to support our Youth Program. We are so grateful for everyone's support!

Operation Gratitude Update

The Youth's service project for Operation Gratitude will be extended through March 18th. We are close to reaching our goal of 50 to 100 care kits, but we definitely need more letters. This project supports our US Military Heroes. We will continue to collect items for the care kits and letters through March 18th. We appreciate all of the support we have received so far and are grateful for any future support. We also have a can in the Narthex for cash donations that will be used to buy items and help with shipping costs for sending the kits to our military men and women. As a reminder, the following is a list of the items we are collecting for the care kits:

1. Toothbrushes individually packaged
2. Toothpaste (4 oz. or less)
3. Dental floss
4. Deodorant (solid only, 3 oz. or less)

5. Foot powder/Baby powder (4 oz. or less)
6. Hand/Foot Warmers
7. Facial tissue (small packs only, 10 tissues per pack)
8. Lip balm/Chapstick

If you would like to write a letter there are guidelines on the table in the Narthex by the collection box. Each letter will be sent along with a care kit to one of the following in the US Military: deployed troops, veterans, new recruits or first responders. These letters are cherished and greatly appreciated so please consider helping out!

Thank you to everyone for all of your support for this project!

Zion's Easter Egg Hunt

As we look forward to Easter Sunday, we will begin preparing for our Easter Egg Hunt in March. Kids in the Catechism and Confirmation classes will fill the Easter Eggs that will be used in the hunt on Easter Sunday during Sunday School. We usually fill over 500 eggs and will need lots of candy and small toys to complete the task. If anyone is willing to donate candy or small items for our Easter eggs, please drop off your donation in the main office by April 7th. Thank you in advance for your support!

Vacation Bible School

We are currently looking at dates and availability of volunteers for Vacation Bible School this summer. Our goal is to have an answer by April 1st on the possibility of having VBS. If you are interested in helping out, please let Debbie Fox know what dates you are available so we can make the best decision possible. Typically VBS is held around the 2nd or 3rd week of July.

THANK YOU

Dear Zion Lutheran Church

We deeply appreciate the beautiful service by Pastor Robarge and the wonderful lunch prepared by the lovely ladies of Zion Lutheran Church.

Thank You for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

The Dansizen Family

MORE NEWS

Peace Lutheran Church, 3828 Cleveland Avenue South, will be hosting a "Lenten Fish Fry" every Friday during Lent from 4 - 7 pm. Kid's meals are available for children under 12. All meals are complete with an entrée, sides, bread, homemade dessert, and beverage for only \$10.00.



PRAY FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ZION DURING LENT

I will be praying Monday through Friday each week during Lent for members and friends of Zion congregation. I invite and encourage you to participate in this prayer discipline during Lent. Perhaps join with another and pray together. You can carry these names with you wherever you go. Pray wherever you are. Pray however you want. Pray for whatever you want. Pray whenever you want. But do pray!!

Pastor Hal

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Barbara Achauer
Kim Burzycki
Jill Elsass
Nathan Fox
Richard Heller
Gary Horton
Brian Milek
Charles Shankle
Ron Singer
Betty Taylor
Laura Thompson
Betty Tracy

Thursday, March 2

Helen Alex
Loren Burzycki
Julie Elsass
Jeremy Fox
Chandra Heller
Shirley Horton
Nicole (Nikki) Milek
Charles Kristopher Shankle
Renee Sickafoose
Dick Spall
Christopher Thompson
Michael Todich

Friday, March 3

John Brokloff
Justin Dague
Ken Elsass
Jeff Frank
Robert Henderson
Armand Lenarz
Lya Milek
Faye Shankle
Annie Todich
Ron Tvorik
Neil Tyburk
Madison Shankle

Monday, March 6

Logan Alex
Sandra Carrion
Debbie Elssas
Connie Frank
Johanna Henderson
Nancy Lenarz
Kathryn Milek
Shelly Shankle
Carole Singer
Al Tessmer
Peg Thomas
Lynn Todich
Janet Slease

Tuesday, March 7

Maureen Alters
Shirley Cary
Randy Elsass
Carley Frank
Natalie Henderson
Weston Milek
Cameron Shankle
Pat Stayer
Richard Stout
Schoen Todich
Emma Todich
Carolyn Elsass
Debbie Fox

Wednesday, March 8

Becky Aquilo
Nick Cignetti
Jon Elsass
Cassie Frank
Monica Henson
Amelia Milek
Adam Todich
Linda Tvorik
Dawn Tyburk
Lauren Mathie
Becky McVicker
Jayne Schrader
Linda Smith

Thursday, March 9

Tim Aquilo
 Juanita Cignetti
 Todd Elsass
 Rob Frock
 Ashley Henson
 William Leed
 Reed Mohler
 Jerry Roan

Friday, March 10

Jesseca Shankle
 Mark Sickafoose
 Chris Thomas
 Mark Thompson
 Mike Todich
 L. J. Brown
 Kathie Dawson
 Ruth Elsass

Monday, March 13

Lisa Frock
 Alex Henson
 Peggy Leed
 Suzanne Mohler
 Donna Roan
 Dale Shankle
 Brandon Stout
 Julie Todich

Tuesday, March 14

Karen Wagner
 Margaret Brokloff
 Chuck Danner
 Gregg Evanoff
 Ethan Frock
 Dessa (Cherie) Henson
 Rev. Melvin Lindberg
 Ben Mohler
 Pastor Hal Robarge
 Austin Todich
 Joseph Vogt
 Lorin Beaber

Wednesday, March 15

Todd Cizek
 Susan Everhart
 John Fromholtz
 Robert Heyard
 Louise Lindberg
 Loretta Panzarello
 Margaret (Margie) Robarge
 Dan Streb
 Mark Votaw
 Melanie Whalen

Thursday, March 16

Grant Beaber
 David Cotton
 Barb Elsass
 Beth Fromholtz
 Patty Lanzalotta
 Gordon Le Beau
 Evelyn Moore
 Steve Robbins
 Matthew Slease
 Brooke Stout
 Clayton Van Scoy
 Jim Whalen

Friday, March 17

Bryce Beaber
 Corlene Coulter
 Verle Elsass
 Carl Geib
 Fred Leffler
 Annie Lemmo
 Tony Niesz
 Mary Jo Robbins
 Chase Weinman
 Becky Drakulich

Monday, March 20

Nancy Biggerstaff
 Stephen Thompson
 Anna Erbland
 Joyce Gibeaut
 Margaret Leffler
 Adam Lemmo
 Yvonne Niesz
 Alex Robbins
 Eileen Bose
 PJ Bell

Tuesday, March 21

Darlene Dague
 Sara Evanoff
 Arnold Givler
 Bobbie Lesser
 David Palumbo
 Melissa Riffle
 Valerie Robbins
 Cynthia Streb
 Gail Vogt
 Tom Votaw
 Emily Whalen

Wednesday, March 22

Juli Beaber
 Max Kitzmiller
 Gary Fairman
 Clarence Givler
 Howard Lindeman
 Renee Palumbo
 Brooke Roman
 Amanda Slease
 Jon Votaw
 Susan Whalen

Thursday, March 23

Tina Beaber
 Joan Cogan
 Helen Elsass
 Audrey Hartman
 Christian Henderson
 Connie Riffle
 Stella Smiley
 Richard Smith
 Brian Walters

Friday, March 24

Jane Berbabei
 Drena Coulter
 Bruce Findlay
 John Hawkins
 Sandra Hilson
 Virginia Rhodes
 Chad Riffle
 Casey Walters
 Dick White
 Linda Wilson

Monday, March 27

Jared Beaber
 Nicki Cotton
 Bonnie Farmer
 Scott Gross
 Sean Hilson
 John Long
 Don Reichenbach
 Doug Roman
 Natalie Stout
 Margaret Van Scoy
 Amanda Votaw
 Erica Whalen

Tuesday, March 28

Richard Biggerstaff
 Rebecca Bell
 Allan Fischer
 Keith Haga
 Rachael Hilson
 Virginia Long
 Margaret Reichenbach
 Lisa Roman
 Mason Howe
 Lorraine Weinman
 Kaleigh Whalen

Wednesday, March 29

Juanita Bathol
 Juanita Cizek
 Jeannie Fisher
 Amanda Haga
 Ben Sir Louis
 Lou Milavickas
 John Rhodes
 Taylor Roman
 Edna Smith
 Suzanne Walters
 Elizabeth Shankle

Thursday, March 30

Betty Boettler
 Kory Bell
 Jim Fidler
 Cathy Harvey
 Susan Heyard
 Michael Linz
 David Panzarello
 Dick Weikel
 Barbara White
 Kendall Brown

Friday, March 31

Orrin Bose
 Steven Dague
 Elaine Fidler
 Saundra Hawkins
 Erik Hilson
 Tina Linz
 Madeline Rhodes
 Carol Snyder
 Jo Anne Wheeland
 Brian Woodside

Friday, March 24

Chrissy Nicholson
 David Dawson
 Jimmy Farmer
 Katelyn Smith
 David Race
 Mallory Rhodes
 Carol Rossbach
 Dan Nicol
 Tim Morrow
 Jack Brennan

Monday, April 3

Art Brakus
 Eric Dague
 Todd Fischer
 Larry Harsh
 Quintin Hilson
 Jan Meyer
 Yvonne Race
 Patrick Robbins

Tuesday, April 4

Michael Aquilo
 Randy Cizek
 Bill Fisher
 Connie Harsh
 Monica Hoff
 Judy Meyer
 Jen Riffle
 Summer Heller
 Zach Mathie
 Dean Yoder

Wednesday, April 5

Jennifer Brown
 Sondra Elsass
 Jane Fairman
 Vicki Givler
 Marissa Hilson
 Howard Lloyd
 John Parkomaki
 Adam Schrader
 Debbie Weikel
 Pat Woodside

Thursday, April 6

Lester Brown
 Howard Dansizen
 John Farmer
 Ed Gronow
 Joshua Hilson
 Betty Lloyd
 Chrissy Parlomaki
 Wayne Snyder
 Pamela Swiger

Friday, April 7

Corey Beaber
 Avery Kitzmiller
 Edna Fischer
 Karen Gronow
 Tim Himebaugh
 Emma Parkomaki
 Marcus Rhodes
 Rhonda Schrader
 Donna Yoder

Monday, April 10

Aidan Brown
 Tammi Fischer
 Charles Heller III
 Jeff Hissong
 Amy Mathie
 Jacob Parkamaki
 Savannah Schrader
 Darlene Milavickas
 Mike Schrader

Tuesday, April 11

Karen Alex
 Cindy Burzycki
 Steve Forsyth
 Beth Heller
 Dave Mathie
 Carter Riffle
 Beth Shaheen
 Chris Whalen
 Diane Nicol
 Don Roan
 Kay Reiss

Wednesday, April 12

Mason Brown
 Walter Dietrich
 Susan Forsyth
 Elijah Haga
 Helen Heller
 Matt Mathie
 Rick Riffle
 Sam Shaheen
 Nancy Morrow
 Steven Shankle

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Laura Smucker
 Kay Davis
 Sam Forsyth
 Christian Heller
 Heather Hoffman
 Ben Mathie
 Christian Shaheen

Good Friday, April 14

Fred Elsass
 Jack Forsyth
 Dean Fox
 Savannah Heller



SPECIAL DAILY PRAYER CONCERNS FOR MARCH

“...In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

Listed below are some prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, praise, petitions, concerns and requests for which you are encouraged to pray during this month.

- 1 Remember to pray for all Christians as we begin our Lenten journey today.
- 2 To reach/achieve 125 in attendance at our worship services each Sunday.
- 3 Pray for the persons you invited to worship.
- 4 Pray for Pastor Hal's wife, Margie, and his family as he shepherds us in mission and ministry.
- 5 Pray God's Spirit inspires our worship today and that His Spirit speaks to each one's needs.
- 6 Thanks be to God for the leadership of our Northeastern Ohio Synod Bishop, Abraham Allende.
- 7 Pray for our Sunday School staff who faithfully lead us in the study of God's Word
8. For Vicki, our church secretary, for her continued dedication, faithfulness and cheerfulness.
- 9 Pray for Miriam Keating who supervises our nursery during our 10:30 worship service.
- 10 Thankfulness for the persons you bring to worship
- 11 Praise be to God as his Spirit guides us to grow in love and service so that people's lives are changed.
- 12 For Pastor Hal as he leads us in worship today.
- 13 Pray for the Steering Committee as they meet tonight
- 14 Pray for our Church Council members in prayer as they meet this evening. They are: Howard Dansizen, Mark Votaw, Jim Fidler, Carol Rossbach, Darlene Milavickas, Randy Cizek, Heather Hoffman, Jayne Schrader, Todd Elsass, Janet Slease, Ron Tvorik, and Beth Shaheen.
- 15 For Tim Himebaugh, our custodian, who keeps our church plant clean and neat.
- 16 Thanks be to God for Debbie Fox's faithfulness leading our youth program.
- 17 Pray for Pastor Hal, that God give him the wisdom and energy as he serves us as our interim pastor.
- 18 Remember to pray for our shut-ins: Chuck Danner, Betty Lloyd, Dick Spall, Len Swartz, Dick and Barb White, Eileen Bose
- 19 For Jack Brennan, our organist, as he leads us in singing of the liturgy and our praises to our Lord
- 20 May we continue to grow in our Passion and Power in Prayer.
- 21 Thanks be to God for our Food Pantry headed by Cathy Harvey and her volunteers for their dedication
- 22 Guidance and patience for our Call Committee as they gather information, fill out papers about demographic data, share our vision, seek to determine the kind of pastor we want, write out what we desire in a pastor, interview candidates, and go through the process of discernment as who to call as our pastor.
- 23 For Karl Beirman, the assistant to the Northeastern Ohio Synod Bishop
- 24 Pray that the Spirit of God lead us in fulfilling God's preferred future for Zion's congregation.
- 25 For the Media people: Lorraine Weinman, Howard Dansizen, John Long, and Brian Walters
- 26 Thankful for the exceptional talent of our Praise Team of Suzanne Walters, Beth Heller, Darlene Milavickas, Dale Jacobs, Kevin Walters, Casey Walters, Brian Walters and Matt Slease as they lead us In worship
- 27 For our Comfort Givers, small in numbers, but mighty in the number of quilts they complete each year for Lutheran World Relief.
- 28 Pray for our Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Juanita Bathol, Ron Tvorik, Mark Votaw, and Miriam Keating
- 29 Give thanks to God for lives filled with his blessings of life, peace, power, and his presence.
- 30 Praise and thank God for the many talented members we have at Zion.
- 31 For a strong commitment to worship, serve, and support the mission and vision to which God has called us.

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LENTEN WORDS

No hidden words or phrases

P	Y	J	E	S	U	S	C	H	R	I	S	T	O	P
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 RESURRECTION

March Sunday Worship Services for 2017

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. ~ Preschool nursery at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion at all Sunday worship services

March 5		First Sunday in Lent	Purple
Scriptures	First Reading	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	
	Psalm	Psalm 32	
	Second Reading	Romans 5:12-19	
	Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	
Sermon Theme	“Dr. Jekyll Meet Jesus”		
Hymns	Gathering Hymn	618 LBW 343 Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer	
	Day	319/320 LBW 99 O Lord Throughout These Forty Days	
	Sending	624 LBW 341 Jesus Still Lead On	
	Communion Hymns	593 LBW 296 Just As I Am 347 LBW 109 Go to Dark Gethsamane	
March 12		Second Sunday in Lent	Purple
Scriptures	First Reading	Genesis 12:1-4a.	
	Psalm	Psalm 121	
	Second Reading	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	
	Gospel	John 3:1-17	
Sermon Theme	“God Has No Grandchildren”		
Hymns	Gathering Hymn	631 LBW 315 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
	Day	ELW 596, My hope is built on nothing less	
	Send	ELW 396, WOV 684 Spirit of gentleness	
	Communion	ELW 818, O Master, let me walk with you LBW 441, Eternal Spirit of the living Christ ELW 772 Oh, that the Lord would guide my way	
March 19		Third Sunday in Lent	Purple
Scriptures	First Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	
	Psalm	Psalm 95	
	Second Reading	Romans 5:1-11	
	Gospel	John 4:5-42	
Sermon Theme	Guest Preacher Pastor Karl Bierman, Assistant to the NEOS Bishop Abraham Allende		
Hymns	Gathering Hymn	358 LBW 356, O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts	
	Day	358 LBW 356, O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts	
	Sending	647, LBW 358. Glorious Things of You are Spoken	
	Communion Hymns	335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross 623, LBW 377, Rock of Ages 654 LBW 369, The Church’s One Foundation	
March 26		Fourth Sunday in Lent	Purple
Scriptures	First Reading	1 Samuel 16:1-13	
	Psalm	Psalm 23	
	Second Reading	Ephesians 5:8-13	
	Gospel	John 9:1-41	
Sermon Theme	“I was Once Blind . . . And Maybe I Still Am”		
Hymns	Gathering Hymn	311 LBW 328/328 All Hail The Power of Jesus Name	
	Day	794 WOV 776, Be Thou My Vision	
	Sending	742 LBW What A Friend We Have in Jesus	
	Communion Hymns	TFF 98, Open Our Eyes Lord 778 LBW 451 The Lord is My Shepherd 332 LBW 497, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Sermon: “Be Reconciled to God”



Lenten Sermon Series
“The Passion and Power in Prayer”



Sunday Evening Lenten Worship

SOUP AND SANDWICHES ~ 5:30

WORSHIP ~ 6:15

First Sunday in Lent, March 5

Sermon 1: “What Is Prayer”

Second Sunday in Lent, March 12

Sermon 2: “The Prayer–Hearing God”

Third Sunday in Lent, March 19

Sermon 3: “God Answers Prayer”

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 26 Sermon

4: “Developing Your Personal
Prayer Life

Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2

Sermon 5: “Praying With Others”

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 9

Sermon 6: “Power to Change the World”

Sermon 7: “Something Happens When
Churches Pray”

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Worship Services

Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Sunday School Classes

(Adult Discussion) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
(Classes: All Ages) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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