

# ZION NEWS - March

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## The Lenten Journey continues ...



**Wednesdays,  
March 4, 11, 18 & 25th  
Worship, Holy Communion, and  
Prayer around the Cross  
7:00pm in the Sanctuary**

*Come to the quiet and be centered in the One who meets us  
where we are, knows our burden, forgives our sin, frees us  
from our guilt, loves us completely, and gives us rest.*

*“As the deer runs to the river, parched and weary ...  
Christ, we come from desert places, deepest thirst unsatisfied ...  
Jesus, source of living water, may we drink of you and live!”*

*following the Simple  
Lenten Suppers  
(see next article—this page)*



Midweek Lenten offerings through March  
have been designated for Zion Scholarship &  
Campership funds.

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday & Good  
Friday offerings have been designated to the Zion  
Food Pantry

## Holy Week and Easter ...

**Palm Sunday (3/29) 9:00am**  
**Maundy Thursday (4/2) 7:00pm**  
**Good Friday (4/3) 7:00pm**  
**Easter Day! (4/5) 9:00am**  
*followed by Easter Breakfast  
and Fun*

*Growing in faith ...*



## Lenten Wednesday

### ‘SIMPLE SUPPERS’

6:00pm



On the Wednesdays during Lenten, Zion  
will host simple suppers to identify with  
our global neighbors and partners in  
ministry for all who wish to partake, of-  
fering a little ease to our schedules, and  
the gift of community with our Zion  
family. *Please bring your own tableware*

The meals will be served 6:00-6:45pm,  
followed by Midweek worship 7:00p, so  
please plan to make your Wednesday  
nights “church-nights” and enjoy the  
blessings of being fed in both body and  
spirit!

## Lenten Devotionals



for those who like to do a daily de-  
votion especially written for Lent  
are available at the Welcome table  
in the entryway/Lounge area.

There are a variety of devotionals  
for adult, children, or family re-  
flections on this Lenten season.

Stop by and pick one up soon.

*... to reach out in Love*

*From Our Pastor ...*

*As the deer runs to the river, parched and weary from the chase, we have come from hurt and hurry, thirsting for your healing grace. Jesus, source of living water, may we drink of you and live!* (ELW #331)



This new hymn helps us shift our Lenten emphasis from 40 days of Jesus' death, to 40 days of growing deeper into life with Christ. Temptations, broken relationships, illness, loss of a job, or home all can chase after us, and leave us parched and weary for days, sometimes even weeks or months. The wounds of a sinful world cause hurt. The busyness of our fast paced lives hurry us past those who need us. We are overwhelmed with activities and commitments and sometimes our relationship with God and others dries up. Parched and weary, hurt and hurry are words that also describe wilderness, loneliness, isolation, darkness.

We thirst for God's healing grace. The hymn writer gives us good news. Our thirst is quenched, our healing grace comes to us through the source of living water, Jesus Christ. We have the promise of life in the waters of baptism.

These 40 days give us an opportunity to come to the water, repent of all that keeps us from the water, and then splash in the water of life. There's splashing every Sunday morning at 9:00! See you then.

*Pastor Karen Ullestad*

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**Office changes ...**

During this time of Zion Admin. Secretary, Beth Longlett's illness, the council and staff will be prioritizing and possibly shifting some of the office routine. Eventually there will be more volunteers, answering the phone and assuming some of her tasks.

Please continue to contact Pastor Ullestad with any pastoral care requests. Pastor will change her day off from Fridays to Mondays in the next couple weeks so that someone will continue to be in the office Monday through Friday.

If Beth is not available when you call, we will find someone in the office to care for your request. Many, many thanks to everyone for your patience in the days and weeks ahead.

**Lenten Stewardship:  
The Fabric of God**

*Through the Lenten season you are invited to share your gifts on our Fabric of God board. The first week we wrote our names, because as disciples of Christ, we have all been given gifts- especially the gift of our selves! The second week we are noticing where in our daily lives we use our gifts, eg. work, school, family, church. The third week we will notice who has been a blessing/gift to us, followed by reporting who we have blessed with our gifts during the week. The final week we will be challenged to use our gifts in a new way, either around Zion or in the community. Together **may** we notice, and therefore live out, the blessings God has given us.*



**Quad City Singers Concert**

Sunday, March 29, 4:00 p.m., Zion will host a joint concert with the Quad City Singers and Zion's choirs. Our own Jenny Winn and Nate Bates are members of the QC Singers. There will be combined choir pieces and selections from each individual group. A reception in Dengler Lounge will follow the concert. Help us show Zion hospitality to a fine community group!



## Sunday School 'Scoop'

The youth will be hearing the words BLESSINGS and GIFTS a lot around church during the month of March. Families may want to help children talk about the people who have blessed them and how they have blessed others with their own special gifts."

The SPARK lessons will be the parables of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin as well as the events from Palm Sunday to Easter.



Looking ahead, there will not be 'regular' Sunday School on Easter Day.

BUT ..., following the Easter Festival worship and a bit of breakfast, there will be a special activity involving "hunting" ... hmmm.

As always, to our Zion family, thank you for all you do to enrich and encourage the faith formation in our young people.

For the SPARK Team,  
Laurie Harrison

## Sunday-Morning Adult Christian Ed ...

**Faith Talks**— Sunday mornings 10:15am in the Chapel Claimed, Gathered, Sent.

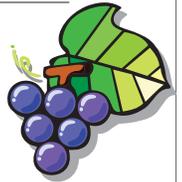
This 5 week conversation will explore the question: "How do we make a difference by being the church together?" We will focus on Presiding Bishop Eaton's emphases for the ELCA: "We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world." Facilitators: Janine Johnson and Pr. Karen.

## Fellowship & Hospitality

**T.G.I.S.** [Thank God It's Sunday!] (Lounge)

The coffee pot's on, the treats are de-lish, and the conversation friendly and casual. Come taste, see, and hear that the Lord is good!

## Confirmation News



Our Confirmation students will be taking some leadership in our midweek Lenten worship services each Wednesday.

Come, enjoy the simple suppers at 6:00pm, then we'll gather at 6:30 to prepare for worship at 7:00!



## Summer's coming ... that means CAMP time's coming!

Zion has brochures from EWALU Bible Camp in Strawberry Point IA, listing the many terrific Camps offered this summer ...

from a 3-day "Mini-Camp" for kids just out of 2nd grade ... to elementary-age camps like "Explorers, Trailblazers, and Native Americans" ... to middle-schooler camps like "Pioneers, Night Camp, and M.A.D. Camp" ... up through high-school youth camps like "Houseboating, Islanders, Rock & Raft," even Leadership Training to become an EWALU Counselor!

Zion has campership funds for all Zion youth attending camp. See Beth or Pastor Karen.

Looking down  
the road  
a piece...



The 2015 Blessing of Cars  
and Classic Car Show  
will be Sunday, May 3rd at  
12:30pm  
in the Zion parking lot

Mark your calendar and plan to spend a couple of hours enjoying some food, fellowship, and checking out some cool rides with hot paint jobs!

## Janine's jottings - Outreach Ministries

### March's Community Dinner will be held

**March 18th from 6:00-6:45pm.** The supper will follow the Global theme of our midweek Lenten meals. So, this month's meal will have a Central American theme. Dinner will be followed by Lenten worship at 7:00. Please come; share in food and fellowship.

**Food Pantry News:** The pantry was busy in January and February even though the weather was cold and snowy. From January 1-February 20 the pantry served 205 households benefitting 705 individuals with 264 being children. The work that takes place at the pantry continues to meet a vital and much appreciated need of our community.



For those who have never been to the pantry I invite you to come and see what goes on. Come and help with a shift or just come for a tour. You will be amazed at all that goes on. Hours are Monday and Thursday 3:30-5:00. Know that there is always something to do from signing people in to stocking shelves to filling grocery bags to picking up food at the food bank. Please prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to service at the pantry. SO, if you have questions or want a tour let me know or ask one of the folks who help at the pantry, because we would love to give you a tour and show you the ropes.

**Zion's Neighborhood Ministry Team** will not meet in March.

**The "W"rappers Prayer Shawl Group** continues on its winter hiatus. But I would like to thank all who have made shawls what a gift they are. They came in very handy the Sunday morning the furnace went out.



*God's Peace. Janine*

### **Luther Properties Annual Meeting March 17th, 7:00pm at Luther Manor**



Luther Properties is looking for up to six people to attend the meeting to represent Zion.

Luther Properties is an organization formed in 1979 by ELCA churches in Davenport & Bettendorf to provide quality, affordable housing for seniors. The properties are: Luther Manor, Luther Heights, Luther Knoll, Luther Crest, and Luther Towers. Each ELCA Congregation in the Davenport area is asked to appoint a delegate to attend, but everyone is invited.

Since 1979 the ELCA congregations in the Davenport area have supported this outreach mission to low income and elderly people in the quad cities. Partnered with HUD, we are able to offer affordable housing at five different locations to people of any faith who are over the age of 62. The apartments are very nice and maintained beautifully. The board of directors is currently trying to raise \$250,000 through grants and congregational support to renovate the community rooms at Luther Knoll. We will have plans at the annual meeting. Anyone who is interested in attending the Annual meeting, making a contribution or residential information, please contact Jay Eldredge, by Phone [381-4046](tel:381-4046) or by email [eldredgj@hotmail.com](mailto:eldredgj@hotmail.com).

### **Youth "Stuff" ... Date Night**

Want a quiet (or exciting) no-kids evening with your spouse? Take each other out for a **Friday** night date.

**We'll provide the child care!**

The youth traveling to the Rise Up Youth Gathering this summer will babysit your children on **Friday, March 27th, 6:00--10:00pm** at Zion. Children ages infant to 5th grade are welcome.

A free will offering for their services will help send them to the *Rise Up Youth Gathering*.



## ‘Senior’ Fellowship & Fun!

**O.W.L.’s  
O.lder  
W.iser  
L.utherans  
(60+ Fellowship)**



Don your green and join your pals at the Dynasty restaurant in Davenport on **March 26th at 11:30am**, for our annual pre-spring gathering.

For those still in St.Paddy’s Day mood, maybe we’ll be ‘lucky’ enough to get them to put corned beef on pizza :) – but we’ll be sure to find something delicious and share a little ‘blarney’ anyway just for fun!

Call Kathy Longlett (381-1832) or Grace Haller (324-8463) if you’d like to come.

### *Wishin’ the Birthday*

*“Luck o’ the Lutherans” to you  
Zion Seniors who will celebrate in March!*

- 3/02 Cheryll Accola
- 3/04 Helen Testroet (94!!)
- 3/05 Robert Stroupe
- 3/12 Betty Williams (94!!)
- 3/21 Opal Moore
- 3/30 Cary Scott



### *Women’s News...*

Zion will be hosting the **Cluster 6 spring meeting.**  
on Sat., April 11th at 9:00am.



Come join us for light refreshments, and a program on a bit ‘heavier’ topic of **Human Trafficking in Iowa & Scott County.**

*This is a concern that effects all of us.  
Love donations will be accepted for one of Zion's favorite local charities. Please come and bring a friend!*

### **Zion Men’s Group March 21st**



The Zion Men’s group (ALL welcome!) will meet on Saturday, March 21st at 8:00am at the Hickory Gardens restaurant in Davenport.

ALL men are welcome to join in this monthly morning of breakfast, fellowship, and brief Bible study led by Tom Handlen or one of the ‘regulars’ of the group. Join us - bring a friend!

Feel free to call Tom if you have questions or are interested in coming for the first time.

### **Figures & Financial Facts:**

Regular & Loose offerings received FEB. 2015	= \$ 17,047.25
(FEB. 2015 Expenses)	= \$ <u>(22,107.00)</u>
Current month status +/-	- \$ (5,059.75)

General Fund balance @ 2/28/15	\$ 17,369.17
Food Pantry Fund bal.	1,668.67



*We are the  
Fabric of God’s hands.  
Thanks be to God!*

### **Morning Book Review**

#### **Monday, March 16, 9:00am**

to discuss the All Iowa Read selection, MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER by Robin Oliveira. Set in the Civil War period, Mary Sutter is a brilliant young midwife who dreams of becoming a surgeon. Determined to overcome the prejudices against women in medicine, Mary travels to Washington, D.C. to help tend the legions of Civil War wounded. Check local book stores and libraries for the book. See Anita Hagen if you have any questions.

# ALTAR FLOWERS 'GIVING' - MARCH

- March 1 - BOPEN
- March 8 - Deb & Randy Hughes
- March 15 - OPEN
- March 22 - OPEN
- March 29 - Palms!



*The Lily & Palms Sign-up chart is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Sign up to give a bunch of palms or a Lily for Palm Sunday and Easter services.*

*The 2014 Flower Chart could also use some sign-ups. Please sign up for a Sunday -or- an alternate offering, to the fund of your choice in lieu of flowers.*

*Remember, you can give flowers for the altar -or- an alternative offering to one of Zion's special funds (ie: Brown Bag, Scholarship fund, etc.) in lieu of flowers. On such Sundays, green plants will adorn the altar.*

## USHERS - March 2015 (Sunday - 9:00am)

*Jerry & Barbara Grady, Jane Wiese,  
Allen Huss, Gene Rome*

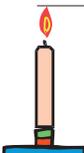
**Attn: Ushers ...**

WE NEED MORE OF YOU!! Please ask someone you think might be interested in the easy job and let Bud Kelley know. so he can call them with details.

**Usher Sign-up for Maundy Thursday & Good Friday** is posted at the Ushers' desk. Check in it out and put yourself on!

## Lectors— March 2015

- Mar. 1 - Neil Holmquist
- Mar. 8 - Gabrielle Machalek
- Mar. 15 - Dona Noble
- Mar. 22 - Open
- Mar. 29 - Open



## ACOLYTES - MARCH 2015 (Sundays - 9:00am)

- March 2 *Jessica Elliot & Anna Winn*
- March 9 *Mateo V. & Cristina Lopez*
- March 16 *Kate Kealey & Katey Harrison*
- March 23 *Kaylynn Miller & Jessica Elliott*
- March 30 *Grace & Sarah Babka*

Please know that YOU ARE SOOO APPRECIATED for your dependable leadership! you give to our worship! If you cannot serve when assigned, please try to switch with someone or get a sub for yourself.

*PEACE! Jody & Mara Kealey*

## Greeters for March 2015 (Sunday - 9:00am)



- 3/01 Lisa Zosulis
- 3/08 Gene & Donna Rome
- 3/15 Kathy Longlett
- 3/22 Mike Gohlmann & Joyce Jentz
- 3/29 Grace Haller

## MARCH

### Communion Set-Up/Clean-up



- Mar. 1 -- Darrel & Kathy Longlett (altar rail)
- Mar. 8 -- Harrison family (intinction)
- Mar. 15 -- Jody & Kate Kealey (intinction)
- Mar. 22 - Winn family (intinction)
- Mar. 29 - Libbie, Grace & Sarah Babka (intinction)

Linens care: Altar Guild

*Thank you!*

## Communion Assistants - March

- Mar. 1 at the altar rail
- Mar. 8 OPEN
- Mar. 15 OPEN
- Mar. 22 OPEN
- Mar. 29 OPEN

## TELLERS - March (One Svc - 9:00am)



- 3/02 Chuck Dau, Lisa Zosulis, Eva Hammond
- 3/09 John & Roxeann Ford, Lisa Zosulis, Carl Engstrom
- 3/16 Stu Goldsmith, Delores Smith, Doug Kline
- 3/23 Mark & Beth Meyer, Mike Hamann, Gene Rome
- 3/30 Mark & Beth Meyer, Jerry Grady, Lisa Zosulis