



For You

Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau + Fourth Sunday in Lent + March 10 & 11, 2018

PRAYING

In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:

Sri Lanka
Azerbaijan
Oman

Sister Congregation

Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries

~ **Elliot and Serena Derricks,**
Lutheran Bible Translators

Studying at Seminary

~ **Vicar Joe Pinzl**

Comfort, Healing, Recovery

~ **Marlene Kroening**
~ **Marian Wozniczka**

Those who need our on-going prayers

~ **Les Broliar**
~ **Bill Deneen**
~ **Carol Edelburg**
~ **Barbara Ellen**

~ **Rita Falk**
~ **Ben Fiedler**
~ **Barry Gilbert**
~ **LouAnn Gille**
~ **Rick Jones**
~ **Avery Kluck**
~ **June Mueller**
~ **Tina Parker**
~ **Barb Ramker**
~ **Krista Salas**
~ **Renee Shorey**
~ **David Skola**
~ **Nancy, godmother of Sue Hafemeister**
~ **The island and the people of Dominica**
~ **Zion's homebound members**

Please submit your prayer requests to the church office (715-848-7286). We can print prayer requests that you make for yourself or immediate family members.

WORSHIPING

The Liturgy This Month

Matins + Wednesday, 10 AM

A liturgy of morning prayer to praise God for the day. (*Chapel*)

Vespers + Wednesday, 6:30 PM

A liturgy of evening prayer to praise God for the light of Christ. (*Chapel*)

Lenten Practices

Whom do we honor and celebrate this Lent but the Friend of sinners who blessed His enemies by dying for them? Now is a good time to consider whom your enemies may be and to ask God to 1) help you reconcile with them, and 2) bless them not only with repentance and the consolation of faith but also with health, prosperity, and long life.

Worship Notes

Word of the Week: *Epistle*. The second lesson read at Holy Communion is usually taken from the letters of the apostles, called the *epistles*. *Epistle* is simply a Greek word meaning "letter." In the Church, we read other people's mail (!), because these epistles are actually written, by God's design, to the whole Church.

Next Sunday:

Lent 5: *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45; Psalm 119:9-16*

LEARNING

Nourished by God's Word

Sundays, 10:15 AM: Romans

St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the longest epistle in the Bible, is considered one of the clearest proclamations of salvation by faith in Christ alone. *Continuing at Romans 13:1*

Tuesdays at 9 AM: The Didache

This document, written around the same time as the New Testament, contains some of the earliest ways that the church of the apostles prepared new Christians for the Christian life.

Wednesdays at 7:15 PM:

The Way of Christ

Connect or reconnect with the basic doctrines, story, and practices of the Christian faith. (*Conference Room*)

Thursday Men's Breakfast at 7:00 AM:

The Gospel according to Matthew

Some call this gospel, written by the tax collector, Matthew, "catechism of the Christian life." It tells the story of Jesus in a way that teaches how the followers of Jesus live by Jesus' life alone. *Continuing at Matthew 21:12.*

REMEMBERING

Heroes of the Faith in March

Saint Patrick

March 17

People often associate this saint with Ireland, but he was born to a Christian family in Britain and first taken to Ireland as a slave, captured by Irish raiders, when he was a teenager. He later escaped, traveled to France, and entered the Christian ministry, whereupon he returned to Ireland as a bishop-missionary to spread the Gospel and build up the Church. He is renowned for defending the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Saint Joseph

March 19

A carpenter from Nazareth, St. Joseph was engaged to the Blessed Virgin Mary when she became pregnant with Christ. Though he initially thought to end their engagement, St. Joseph ultimately obeyed God's call to protect and care for Mary and her Child as his own (Matthew 1:18-25). He is also the father of St. James the Just, who served as the first bishop of Jerusalem, and St. Jude (Mark 6:3).

Free cards commemorating these holy brethren and others are available in the narthex.

REACHING

Zion's Monthly Mission Emphases

Lutheran Bible Translators:

The Derricks Family – Goal \$2,000

On March 17, the Derrick family will leave from Chicago at 6 p.m. to fly to Paris (8.5 hour flight). Then they fly to Yaounde (6.5 hour flight) to begin the work God called them to do. Since Christmas, they have traveled from Portland, visiting Serena's family; then to Wausau and Green Bay, visiting 14 different churches. They are spending a month at Elliot's hometown in Denmark, Wisconsin. Serena is busy packing the totes that Zion purchased for them. She is organizing items, mixing them around so some of everything is in every tote (in case a tote becomes lost!) and then weighs each tote so it meets the 50# limit. Please pray for the Derrick family for their safe flights and the beginning of the work God called them to do.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, Madison – Goal \$1,000

In January 2017, after about two years focused on calling a new Campus Pastor and updating their constitution, bylaws, and legal relationships, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Campus Ministry entered into an intentional discernment process to produce a strategic plan and ministry goals for the next 2-3 years. A description of the work outlined below is the second of two major areas.

Area #2 Student Ministry:

- Serve the “Taste of Grace” Lunch every weekday (average 100-120 students)
- Provide study space, coffee, tea, fruit and cookies on Sunday – Friday when classes are in session
- Welcome social justice speakers
- Hold outreach events, i.e. bike clinics
- Cultivate a weekly worshipping community fall kickoff to introduce new students to LCM
- Worship time change to Sunday evening
- Track student participation and follow up those who are absent
- Begin The Badger Caring Closet, a personal essentials pantry
- Work on issue of food insecurity and hunger at UW
- Raise up leaders for the greater church

Your gift is vital to the ministry of hospitality and spiritual growth that impacts so many students in Madison.

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 25 – APRIL 1

Palm Sunday (March 25)

Holy Communion, 9 and 11 a.m.

Monday – Wednesday (March 26-28)

Daily Prayer, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday (March 29)

Holy Communion, 10 am & 6:30 pm

with Stripping of the Altar

Guest Preacher: Dr. Jonathon Sorum,

Pastor, Missionary, Professor

Good Friday (March 30)

The Seven Words, 12 – 3 p.m.

9 services of 20 minutes each

Come-and-go as you are able.

Easter Vigil (March 31)

Holy Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Welcoming the Resurrection

Easter Sunday (April 1)

Holy Communion, 9 & 11 a.m.

SERVING

Embodying the Love and Life of Christ

Maundy Thursday Men’s Breakfast

Tickets are now available for the annual Prayer Breakfast on Maundy Thursday, March 29, starting at 6:30 a.m. Dr. Jonathon Sorum of the Institute of Lutheran

Theology will speak. In addition to preparing pastors for the Church in America, Dr. Sorum has taught and served in Bratislava, Slovakia. He will also preach at Maundy Thursday services. Breakfast will be catered by the Mint Café. Tickets are \$10. Men, invite a friend and open your celebration of the "Great Three Days" with this event!

Midweek Lenten Worship

"Lamb of God" is the preaching theme for Zion's midweek Lenten worship, Matins at 10:30 a.m. and Vespers at 6:30 p.m. Each week features a different part of Christ's passion story (the record of His sufferings) and how He bears away our sin by those sufferings.

Lenten Soup Meals: Wednesdays, now through March 21

This week's menu: Pea Soup (hot ham sandwich in the evening).

Volunteers are needed for serving meals and cleaning up after meals. You can choose the week and time you are available to help out. The meals are served at 11:30 a.m. and at 5:15 p.m. in the church hall each Wednesday during Lent. Call the church office if you would like to help.

A/V Project in Church Hall

Zion's church hall is receiving updates to its audio-visual capabilities, including a new TV, projector, sound, and Power Point capabilities to accommodate both small and large groups. Most of the necessary funds have been received; a small amount remains. If you wish to donate, contact Zion's office manager, Pam Gabriel.

Quilting

... Mondays: March 19, and April 9 and 23, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. This project supports Lutheran World Relief. Volunteers are welcome! Quilters: Please label the items you bring to identify them as quilt tops, backs, or fillers. Each item should be 64" X 84".

American Guild of Organists (AGO) Lenten Organ Meditations

Members of the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a series of five *Lenten Organ Meditations*, thirty-minute recitals on music for the penitential season, each Friday in Lent, now through March 23. The concerts start at 12:15 pm and will be held at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 330 McClellan Street in Wausau. A free-will donation will be received. St. John's church is handicapped accessible.

- **March 16**—Susan Schaefer;
Karmen Teigen
- **March 23**—Mark Schultz

Bread and Pie Baking at Zion on March 23

Phyllis Bliese will be baking the following: French bread (\$3 each) and whole wheat bread (\$4 each); apple pie (\$6 regular size; \$8 large size); lemon meringue pie (\$6 each); rhubarb pie (\$6 each); and strawberry rhubarb pie (\$8 each). If you can be a kitchen helper, call Phyllis at 715-675-2630. For bread and pie orders, sign up using the order sheet in the church office; or you may call the church office at 715-848-7286. Proceeds benefit Zion church's roof.

Parish Nurse

Lenore Grosinske, Zion's parish nurse, is available for assisting you with blood pressure, understanding your medications, discerning medical decisions, and the like. If you would like her help, please call the church office, and Mrs. Grosinske will be given your request.

Easter Decorating Fund

Please refer to the bulletin insert for this yearly request for funds. Your gifts are due by Monday, March 26.

Spring Salad Buffet—Tuesday, May 8

Mark your calendar for The Women of Zion hosting the Spring Salad Buffet on Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. in Zion's church hall. Along with a delicious assortment of salads for dinner, the program features Diane Jehn and Chris Kusiak, who will present "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Wizard of Oz, Plus More." There will be limited seating. Tickets will be available after April 3.

Keeping in Touch With College Kids

Do you have a son or daughter going to college? Zion wants to stay in touch! Please advise the church office the student's name, school, and address. The Zion Elders thank you.

2018 Wall Calendars

We have received copies of 2018 wall calendars from Steve Zeinemann from Thrivent Financial. You may take a calendar from the reception area, or from the narthex.

Set your Sights on Strassenfest 2018

Sick and tired of winter? Experiencing cabin fever? We've got a great idea that may help your winter woes. Occupy your time inside by making wonderful crafts and woodworking items for Strassenfest 2018. Make it an indoor family activity. Winter will fly by! Mark your 2018 calendars with "Zion Strassenfest" on Saturday, October 13. *Happy crafting!*

Burden Bears

A project of the Women of Zion is Burden Bears. These small, stuffed toy bears are decorated with each bear holding a quilt and an attached poem with comforting words. These are to be given to someone who is in need of comfort. Call the church office, or stop in if you or someone you know, would like a Burden Bear.

Ideas for Action Teams

Refer to the bulletin board posting at the northwest entrance of Zion for the many ideas from Thrivent Financial's action teams across the country that have accomplished service projects. You can strengthen Zion by organizing a team. You will receive up to \$250 in "seed money." If interested, Thrivent members may call the church office if they are not sure how to get started.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Events around Central Wisconsin

"Bow the Knee"

This dramatic Easter musical will be per-

formed on March 17 and 18 at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, Merrill, and again on March 24 and 25 at Zion Lutheran Church, Aniwa. Refer to the poster on the bulletin board at the northwest entrance of Zion.

Bus Drivers Needed

An Open House and Job Fair will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new Lamers Bus Lines location in Weston at 3805 Concord Ave. Try your hand at driving with their in-house trainer. More info by calling 715-298-6110; or on the internet: GoLamers.com/employment

Stepping On

... Tuesdays, March 20 – May 1, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Aging & Disability Resource Center. Join other older adults in learning how you can take control of your life to prevent falls! Topics include: managing medications, vision changes, safe footwear, improving strength and balance, plus more. You'll get the support you need to take charge of your life. Call Peggy at the ADRC (715) 261-6070 for more information. Suggested contribution for 7 week session: \$10.

THANKING

Zion gives thanks for those who have helped plan, prepare, and serve the congregation's midweek Lenten soup meals! These simple but hearty meals help gather the congregation and its neighbors and visitors at an important time of the year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming events at Zion

- **Wednesdays, now through March 21 – 11:30 am and 5:15 pm:**
Soup Meals in church hall
- **Maundy Thursday, March 29 – 6:30 am:** Men's Breakfast in church hall
- **Sunday, April 15 – 3:00 pm:**
Bálint Karosi Organ Concert in nave
- **Tuesday, April 24 – 7:00 pm:**
Voters Meeting in church hall
- **Saturday, April 28 – 9 am – 1 pm:**
Women of Zion Rummage Sale in gym
- **Tuesday, May 8 – 6:00 pm:** Women of Zion Salad Buffet in church hall

Attendance: March 3, 4 and 7:

<u>Saturday:</u>	
5:15 pm	41
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	123
11:00 am	56
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:00 am	39
6:30 pm	<u>77</u>
Total:	336

Zion's Financial News

Income last week:	\$ 21,316
Year-to-date income:	\$111,279
Year-to-date expenses:	\$111,647

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • March 11

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 10:15 am Pre-Confirmation class
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

Monday • March 12

- 6:15 pm Group Home Ministry
- 7:00 pm Mission Team

Tuesday • March 13

- 9:00 am Bible Class
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday • March 14

- 10:30 am Matins
- 11:30 am Soup Meal in church hall
- 5:15 pm Soup Meal in church hall
- 6:30 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Chime Choir
- 7:15 pm "Way of Christ" Class

Thursday • March 15

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Class
- 6:30 pm Kantorei rehearsal

Saturday • March 17

- 5:15 pm Communion Service

Sunday • March 18

- 9:00 am Holy Communion;
WSAU Radio
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Bible Study
- 10:15 am Pre-Confirmation class
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

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