PRAYING
In Our Prayers This Week

Persecuted Christians in:
Mauritania
Bahrain
Indonesia

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
~ Kr. Irene Beethe

Those who need our on-going prayers
~ Les Brolliar
~ Bill Deneen
~ Carol Edelburg
~ Barbara Ellen

~ Rita Falk
~ Ben Fiedler
~ Barry Gilbert
~ LouAnn Gille
~ Rick Jones
~ Avery Kluck
~ Sally Lewitzke
~ 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

FUNERAL
Marian Wozniczka fell asleep in the Lord on March 10 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Marian was given Christian burial from Zion on March 15. May God comfort Marian’s family and friends in their mourning.

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.
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.

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 14:1

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 21:23.
REMEMBERING
Heroes of the Faith in March

The Annunciation
March 25
God sent the angel, St. Gabriel, to tell the Virgin Mary that she would bear His Son. At first, Mary questioned how it could be true, but then she responded, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38), and thereafter she conceived. The Church therefore commemorates this event nine months before Christmas. By falling, often, in Lent, it makes a thoughtful connection between the Lord’s birth in our flesh and His suffering in the flesh for our sake.

Saint Joseph the Patriarch
March 31
The favorite son of St. Jacob (Feb. 5), St. Joseph was sold by his jealous brothers into slavery in Egypt (Genesis 37). Graciously, God not only freed Joseph, but also worked through him to bless Egypt and forgive his family. As a young man, he refused the sexual advances of another man’s wife, demonstrating chastity and self-control (Gen. 39), and he generously cared for his brothers’ families into his old age (Genesis 45, 50).

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
The Derricks have spent time in Dallas, Texas preparing for their LBT work in Cameroon, North Africa. They learned first-hand, teaching refugees from Burma/Myanmar that have relocated in Dallas and are trying to learn English. Many of them are illiterate in their first language. People learn to read easier in the language they already speak. The class helped develop a new way to write their language that enables them to learn English at the same time. The Derricks matched the sounds in the refugees’ language to the sounds in English, devised an alphabet for them, and created a book to teach it, including one of the members to teach the pilot class. Literacy is so important, and Serena is grateful for this course to teach her such a useful skill. Our prayers are with the Derricks.

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.

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. Jonathan 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!

Young at Heart
… next meets on Wednesday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Bill Metter is the speaker, presenting “What is happening with the Senior Center?” Also, he will have an update on the swimming pool at the Health Care Center. Dessert and coffee will follow the presentation. All are invited to attend.

Prayers for Kantor Beethe
Kantor Beethe will be taking 2-4 weeks off after Easter Sunday for surgery and recovery (surgery is April 2). She has been diagnosed with endometrioid carcinoma, a form of cancer in the uterus. It is slow-growing and contained, and will likely require only surgery to treat. Substitutes for organ and choirs are being arranged for the month of April. Kantor Beethe is feeling well, but appreciates your prayers for her during this time.

American Guild of Organists (AGO)
Lenten Organ Meditation
Mark Schultz, member of the Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will present the remaining Lenten Organ Meditation, a thirty-minute recital on music for the Lenten penitential season, this Friday, March 23. The concert starts at 12:15 pm 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.

**Bread and Pie Baking at Zion this Friday, 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.

**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”.

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

**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.

**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.

**Portals of Prayer**
… for April through June are available in the narthex and by the church office reception area. Large print copies are also available.

**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.

“Zion Christmas Eve Service”
… is telecast on Sunday at 12 PM, Monday at 8 PM and Friday at 12:30 PM. Channel 980 on Charter, and https://youtu.be/Dp6nB8VELnM is the YouTube link.

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 performed 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.

Hospice Volunteers Needed
Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice needs volunteers to provide a comforting presence and emotional, social support to their patients and families in their Hospice Program. Volunteers help patients in their end-of-life journey, to live in dignity and peace while helping to offer a pain-free and comfortable environment. Call Samantha Stroik or Tasha Stencil at 745-847-2424; or visit the website: www.aspirus.org/volunteers. Training is based on the volunteer’s schedule and needs.

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.

Funeral Planning Session
Get your funeral plans and wishes known, and offer yourself and your loved ones peace of mind at a difficult time. A funeral planning session, with a free dinner before the presentation, will be offered. Please R.S.V.P by Monday April 6 to Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 715-842-4544 or by email at pilgrimofwausau@gmail.com. Brainard Funeral Home will give a presentation, and review and discuss a Funeral Planning Guide booklet.

When: Monday, April 16
Where: Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
Presentation: 6:15—8:30 p.m.

Area Mobile Meals AND Meals on Wheels
Both of these meal delivery services need volunteers. Call Curtis Barthel, 715-848-5848, OR contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 1-888-486-9545; or www.adrc-cw.com

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

- Wednesday, 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 10, 11 and 14:

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Zion’s Financial News
Income last week: $ 6,711
Year-to-date income: $117,990
Year-to-date expenses: $124,981
CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday ● March 19
1:00 pm—3:30 pm: Quilting in church hall
6:15 pm Group Home Ministry

Tuesday ● March 20
9:00 am Bible Class
10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Elders Team
6:00 pm GWCS Board Meeting in church hall

Wednesday ● March 21
10:30 am Matins
11:30 am Soup Meal in church hall
1:00 pm Jail Ministry
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 22
7:00 am Men’s Bible Class
1:00 pm Morality in Media Meeting in conference room
6:30 pm Kantorei rehearsal

Friday ● March 23
Bread and Pie Baking Fundraiser

Saturday ● March 24
5:15 pm Communion Service

Sunday ● March 25
PALM SUNDAY
9:00 am Holy Communion; WSAU Radio
NO Sunday School
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Pre-Confirmation class
11:00 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday:
Palm Sunday: The Passion According to St. Mark