

Zion Newsletter

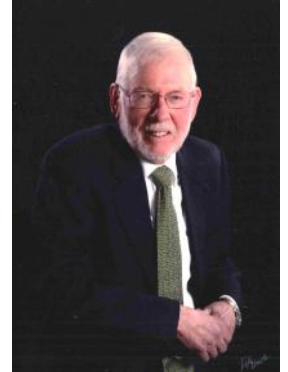
2018
April
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From The Pastor

I'm writing this article during Holy Week. This week has been referred to as "the Holy of Holies." Why? Maybe the following quote can answer that.

"The object of the observance is to commemorate the last week of our Lord's life and to help the faithful in reliving it vividly, to spend these holy days and hours in that holy companionship. Yet, this is no passion play or a dramatic commemoration. It is a question of my heart, my life, my soul, in the light of that suffering. It is the Holy Week of Fulfillment.... The ancient Church knew and observed only Easter and viewed the fact of redemption as a totality. She did not separate the acts of Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension. She did not, therefore, commemorate in this week the Suffering, at Easter the Resurrection, and forty days later the Ascension. In this celebration death and resurrection were joined and regarded as one. The viewpoint of oneness and totality has been preserved in a measure, and our Liturgy again and again sees death and glorification as one. The work of salvation does not end with death but continues into the victory of the resurrection. We must not separate the suffering from the resurrection but consider the former as the path to victory and triumph. The Liturgy in Holy Week is not merely a sorrowful wail or an outpouring of sympathy with the suffering Lord. This attitude was a product of the Middle Ages. Through the entire week breathes a victorious, joyous spirit. The suffering is no more than a passage to the glory of the resurrection. (THE SERMON AND THE PROPER; Fred H. Lindemann, CPH, 1966)

May your participation in worship during Holy Week build up your faith in Christ. I pray that as you hear the Word of God and receive the sacrament, during this holy time, your faith is enriched and your life is drawn closer to God with the result that His will be done ever more by you. And may your time spent with God during this special week be reflected in every week of your life with God by faith in Christ.



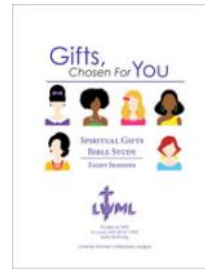
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Ladies Society

Monday Morning Bible Study is being led by Pam Doss with four lessons from *"Gifts Chosen for You"*.

Start time is 10:00 am on April 2,9,16 and 23rd.



The Spring Rally will be held April 21st at Holy Cross in Austin. Cost of \$10 includes luncheon. Missionaries John and Miriam Gayad will speak on their work through POBLO in Rochester.

May 11th is the date for the Zion Salad Luncheon.

June 5th and 12th Zion serves at Loaves and Fishes.

June 25th is Kitchen Cleaning day at Zion.

June 29th -30th is the MN South District LWML District Convention at Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato.

Hannah Circle
April 3rd @ 9:30 am at Church
Hostess: Marie Carlin

Martha Circle
April 3rd @ 1:00 pm at Church
Hostess: Darlene Nicolai

Ruth Circle
April 3rd @ 7:00 pm
Hostess: Joleen Domes



Ladies Executive Board
April 23rd @ 3:30pm

Check out the LWML Websites.

The National LWML Website: www.lwml.org
The LWML Minnesota South District Website:
www.lwml.mnslwml.org

Readings for March

April 1, 2018 Isaiah 25:6–9 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Mark 16:1–8	The Resurrection of our Lord	April 22, 2018 Acts 4:1-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018 Acts 4:32–35 1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19–31	Second Sunday of Easter	April 29, 2018 Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:1-11 John 15:1-8	Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018 Acts 3:11-21 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-49	Third Sunday of Easter		

Upcoming Events

April 1st —	8:00 & 10:30 am Easter Morning Services
4th—	6:00 pm Children's Easter Program Practice
7th—	9:00-11:00 am Children's Easter Program Practice
7th—	Seminar on Depression & Suicide in Northfield carpool to leave Zion at 7:00 am.
8th—	Children's Easter Program at 10:30 service.
14th—	Sunday School Servant Event at 10:00am followed by pizza lunch.
21st—	Austin Zone Spring Rally carpool leaves Zion at 8:30am
21st—	Security Summit in Corcoran, MN @ 9:00am
24th—	Professional Cleaning and waxing of floor in the sanctuary.
	No walking on it for TWO whole days!
19th—May 1st	Pastor Stohlmann on vacation.

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers
to make our church so beautiful today!



In Memory of...

Lawrence Staats (Grandpa)
All my loved ones.
Our Parents & Betty Twait
Brothers & Sisters in Heaven
Rich Johnson,
Gullek & Minnie Johnson
Ray & Alma Hoffman
Ronald Hedin
Jay Ashling, our son and brother
Duane Willaby
Doug Paulsen, Linda Morgan
Our Parents
Janice Bauers, Gladys Dixon,
Verna & Ellsworth Dresche
Don Golde
Our Parents; Frank & Leah Janowitz
Morris & Theo Jordahl
Parents, brothers & sisters
Our Parents
Fathers and Grandparents
Kelli Strom
Of all our deceased members

Given By

David & Malayna Kelly
Elaine Nelson
Truman & Marva Gullord
Ron & Donna Widenhoefer
Helen Johnson
Helen Johnson
Helen Johnson
Laura Hedin
Rick & Bonnie & Jana Ashling
Diane Willaby
Jim & Vicki Sanvik
Jim & Vicki Sanvik
Bruce & Dawn Drescher
Bruce & Dawn Drescher
Nancy Golde
Mel & Lois Janowitz
Mel & Lois Janowitz
Bob & Sue Schmidt
Bruce & Jackie Bakken
Dana & Natalie Nelson
Glenn & LeAnn, Sam & Josh Houle
Hannah Circle

In Honor of...

Our Grandchildren
Our Grandchildren/Great Grandchildren


Given By

Rich & Sandi Chapman
Bruce & Janelle Hayden
Larry & Debra Runden
Martha Circle
Ruth Circle

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Traditional Easter Service 10:30 am Contemporary Easter Service 	2 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	3 9:30 am Hannah Circle 1:00 pm Martha Circle 7:00 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Elders' Meeting	4 9am Quilters 6pm Easter Program Practice	5 6:45 pm Mid-Week Service	6 5:30pm Joyful Noise 7:00pm Bible Study	7 9:00-11:00 Easter Program Practice
8 8am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Children's Easter Program	9 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	10 6:30 p Board of Ed. 6:30 p Board of Youth 6:45 p All Boards Meet 7:30 p Council Meeting	11 9am Quilters 6pm H2H / JAM	12 6:45 pm Mid-Week Service	13 5:30pm Joyful Noise 7:00pm Bible Study	14 10:00-Noon Sunday School Servant Event with Pizza Lunch
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22 8am Traditional Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Contemporary Worship	23 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 p Ladies Exec. Bd. Meeting	24 The Sanctuary floor will be professionally cleaned. There will be no walking on it for two days.	25 9am Quilters 6pm H2H / JAM No walking on sanctuary floor.	26 6:45 pm Mid-Week Service	27 5:30pm Joyful Noise 7:00pm Bible Study	28
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Sunday	4/1		4/8		4/15		4/22		4/29	
	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
Acolyte:	Shania P	Samuel H	Landon S	Raven M	Travis O	Samuel H	Shania P	Raven M	Landon S	Samuel H
A-V Team:	Jim v. Roger P. Nancy G.	James H.	Roger P. Wayne P.	James H. David K.	Robin P. Fred R. Nancy G.	David K. James H.	Robin P. Fred R. Roger P.	James H. David K.	Jim V. Brooks D. Wayne P.	James H.
Comm. Assist:	Wayne P	Dean J	Ron T	Tim K	John D	Bruce H	Wayne P	Jeff B	Ron T	Dean J
Elder:	Christiaan Olivier	Bill Morris	Christiaan Olivier	Bill Morris	Christiaan Olivier	Bill Morris	Christiaan Olivier		Christiaan Olivier	
Greeters:	J & D Viktora	Hod Bolinger	J & C Leininger	B & P Bonfy	Darlene Nicolai	Pam Doss	R & B Ashling	B & D Drescher	B & A Drescher	D & S Johnson
Lay Reader:	Ann Estes	Chandra Whelan	Kelly Schultz		Orda Podratz	Dana Nelson	Helen Johnson	Glenn Houle	Ann Estes	Lois Palmer
Organist:	Angie Drescher		Angie Drescher		Angie Drescher		Angie Drescher		Angie Drescher	
Ushers:	Dwight M. Ron T. Jim V. Truman G.	Dean J. Dick M.	Jim S. John D. Marv H. Fred R.	Tim K. Dana N.	Bruce B. Orlo W. Jerry K. Bill P.	Bonnie W. Natalie N.	Clint M. Christiaan Jock W. Barry H.	Jeff B. Dana N.	Dwight M. Ron T. Jim V. Truman G	Dean J. Dick M.

Thursdays	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26
A-V Team:	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes
Comm. Assist:	Kent Dollum	Kent Dollum	Kent Dollum	Kent Dollum
Elder:				

Financial Assistants	
Hod Bolinger Joy Meyer	
Flower & Altar	
Dawn Drescher Elaine Warner Jackie Bakken	

Bits & Pieces

Scrip Cards are available all year long! The money earned will go to Mission Central. Just fill out a form, found on the "From the Office" bulletin board and turn it into the office along with your check. Orders are sent in on Monday and arrive on Thursday. If you have any questions ask LeAnn to tell you all about it.

Do you have any pictures you would like to see in the Zion Newsletter?

- Bring them by the Zion office so LeAnn can scan the picture.
- Email it to zion@zion4jesus.org
- Text it to LeAnn @ 507.383.3440

Easter Word Search

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APOSTLES
CHRIST
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HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS

By: Keith Kemkes



Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This year Easter falls on April Fool's Day. This is humorously applicable as this is how the world sees the followers of Christ.

Sadly, it is the one who denies our Savior who is the fool. "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good." Psalm 14:1

We live in a world antagonistic and hostile to the Gospel. Any time spent on social media will reveal this. The world may acknowledge a man named Jesus existed, but the world does not believe his resurrection. It certainly does not believe Jesus is God in the flesh, who died for our sins on the cross and resurrected for us. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18.

We are wise to remember that it is God the Holy Spirit that enlightens us as the Small Catechism's Third Article explanation teaches, [lest](#) the foolishness we believe we make a "decision" to follow Christ; "the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith".

We have confident hope in the promise that our sins are forgiven with that death on the cross. Christ proves this by his resurrection. So, we cling to the cross. We cling to the promise Christ comes to us in his Word, in our baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

Do not despise the Means of Grace that God provides for you. Regularly worship in church and read his Word.

Yours in Christ, Keith Kemkes

The Otterman Update

HE IS RISEN !

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We pray that this letter finds you well and celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. The Lenten season filled our hearts with the weight of Christ's sacrifice but we are now filled with the joy of His defeat over death and the devil. Our lives will soon be changing drastically as we anxiously await our vicarage assignment. The Call Day Vicarage service will be held April 24th at 3pm, we have included the website below if you would like to watch the live stream of the service and find out where we will be assigned the same time we do in just four short months.

The midterm came and went with a week break. Anna, the kids and I were able to head up to Chicago and visit Anna's brother, a pastor in Naperville, Illinois, for a couple of days and meet up with her parents and other brother, sister-in-law and nephews. It was a nice chance for a break and Ender loved playing with all of his cousins. The first half of the semester was very busy with a lot of papers, reading and sermons but, this second half should prove to be a little less chaotic.

Our next letter will be far more informative, hopefully we will be happily excited about our new vicarage call and be able to share the details of our move and potential visit back home before that move happens. Vicars typically leave to fulfill their assignments at the beginning of July, but we won't get those details until the Call Service.

It feels like a long time ago that we started the seminary process, so much has happened since moving away from Albert Lea and putting our lives in God's hands. But your prayers and support as a congregation and the private support of many of you has made this process so much easier on our family and encouraged my faith in my own future congregation. We most sincerely thank you! Many blessings to you and we pray that you continue celebrating during this Easter season and share your rejoicing with those around you!

Peace,

Josh, Anna, Ender and Iden Otterman

If you would like to watch the Call Day ceremony go to this link April 24th before 3pm:
<https://callday.csl.edu/>

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