

Zion Chronicle

February 2019



Celebrating Valentines' Day



X = Kiss

During the Middle Ages, when few people were able to write, many documents were signed with an X. Signers kissed the letter to affirm their sincerity in the same way they kissed the Bible when taking an oath.

The letter X wasn't selected at random. It was the sign of St. Andrew, who was crucified on an X-shaped cross. The X implied a sacred promise to fulfill one's obligation in the saint's name.

Valentines to Give Your Children

Acceptance: Teach them they are loved for who they are - a child of God. Give this gift with a kiss.

Self-confidence: Help them understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.

Life without Needless Fears: Don't let them see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.

Appreciation: Help them become a person who has a spark and enjoys all of life and everything around them. Give this gift as they go out the door.

Faith: Introduce them to Jesus Christ, the best friend they will ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday and having daily devotions with them.



Pastor's Page

Dear Beloved of Zion!

Yes, Valentine's Day (Thursday, February 14, 2019) is fast approaching! The tell-tell sign occurred when I walked into the local Wal-Mart on December 26. Say what you will, but commercialism is alive; licking its chops ready take a bite of our pocketbook. As I surveyed the aisles: shelves of stuffed animals, decorations in white, pink, and red hearts, rows of Hallmark cards, an array of children's valentines, and boxes of sweet treats to rot teeth from gums or to cause one to go into a diabetic overdose. Who is this all for? Your "significant other?" A special friend, a spouse, a child(ren), a parent(s), a teacher (s), a classmate(s) or yourself? All the above? And how shall you express your love . . . with one or more of those items? (Oh, don't forget those red roses too!) St. Paul gives us the better way we should go in our daily living:

LOVE

Love is *patient*,
love is *kind*.
It does not *envy*,
it does not *boast*,
it is not *proud*.
1 Corinthians 13:4

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. . . . Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. . . . So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13)

In that final verse, we see that love rises to the top of the biblical triad: faith, hope, and LOVE! The first two, faith and hope, are temporal. Indeed, faith and hope are what

sustains us throughout our earthly days, but they shall be rendered unnecessary when God welcomes us at heaven's door. No longer shall we need faith in the presence of God among us, for we shall BE with God! No longer shall we need hope for a future without suffering, pain, and grief. John wrote, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4) But in heaven, God's amazing love will continue on, grander than we can ever imagine! For LOVE is eternal! God is LOVE! (1 John 4:8) The fullness of His love will be unfolded for each of His beloved children as He has promised in His holy Word! Likewise, we shall be able to express our love for God (and to each other) without distraction, temptation, and sin. Oh, what joys await us in this beautiful realm of glorious love!

Our love for God, in the meantime, is expressed in ways which show our love for one another as St. Paul describes earlier. That agape (love): selfless, sacrificial, stretching way beyond the reasonable limits of what the world thinks when it speaks of love especially at Valentine's Day! Secularly, Valentine's Day "love" is just a thought, a token, and a moment that remains for a single day. As for Christians, agape-love belongs among the faithful! More than faith and hope, it is our warmest expression of our life together and of our relationship with Christ, our greatest LOVE! Loving in Jesus-style takes time, trust, prayer, and a whole lifetime of learning from Him "who loved us first!"

In the Amazing Love of Christ!

Pastor

(In sadness, I am missing those "Sweetheart Candies" this year. – Pastor)

Stewardship

The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, the signs, and wonders, of Jesus in the world.

And this made plain to all that Jesus was who He said He was: He was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only-begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

It is revealed for all the world to see that Jesus is God in the flesh. It is made manifest by His words and His work, by what He said and by what He did. And these belong together, for “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking, enactment of God’s Word.

It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in our hearts, but also to trust in God in word and deed.

As James wrote: “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22), and again, “What good is it, my brothers if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead” (James 2:14, 17–18, 26).

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only, but also in deed and in truth.

In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world. It is, as Luther wrote of faith:

“Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1). It kills the old Adam and makes altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Spirit.

“Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question arises, it has already done them and is always at the doing of them.

“He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words about faith and good works.

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God’s grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures.

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Stewardship (cont.)

“And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace.

“And thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate burning and shining from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough

to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools.” (Preface to the Book of Romans)

So, then, let our faith be active by God’s power in the Word through the Holy Spirit. And let then our faith be made manifest to the world by what this faith does: serving our neighbor — in church, in the family, and society — with the works of faith in time, talents, and treasures.

About St. Valentine

We probably think of romance when Valentine’s Day comes. That’s fine, but there’s more to the story than that.



St. Valentine was a Christian priest and martyr who lived about A.D. 270. The Roman emperor at the time was Claudius II. Claudius had been a successful general. He would not allow his soldiers to marry, because he wanted to make sure they could go to battle quickly. He thought family ties would make the men reluctant to leave home. Because Valentine promoted marriage and family life, he was jailed and later convicted of going against the orders of the emperor. He was martyred (killed) on February 14, the day we remember him and our loved ones.

While he was in jail, the jailer’s daughter befriended him. He wrote her a letter of appreciation and signed it “Your Valentine.” The tradition of exchanging valentines grew out of that heartfelt gesture.

The B.I.B.L.E.

A father was approached by his youngest son, who told him proudly, “I know what the Bible means!”

His father smiled and replied, “What do you mean, you ‘know’ the Bible?”

The son replied, “I do know!”

“Okay,” said his father. “So, son, what does the Bible mean?”

“That’s easy, daddy. It stands for: **B**asic **I**nformation **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth!”

Looking for a card?

Located at the entrance of Zion's library, Ruth Circle provides a wide assortment of Christian card for all occasions. You will find sympathy, get well, birthday, Easter, Confirmation or Christmas cards by the box or individually. Ruth Circle provides this service for those who wish to send cards with a Christian message and for your convenience by selecting a card after church or when attending a meeting.



Please do not take a card from a full box. If you wish to have a single card, select one from those on display. Payment can be made using the box provided.

Thanks so much. You'll be pleased.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Do you have a special occasion coming up that you would like to have fresh flowers on the altar for?

We now have a way you can do that! There are forms, on the bulletin board across from the office, you fill out and turn into the office or put in the hanging pouch outside of LeAnn's door. Please give us at least 2 weeks notice. We will contact you to get the details.

GRACIOUS GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF...

SYLVIA PANZER:	\$10 to Food For Backpacks program.
CARLYLE MATHESON:	\$20 for the Lutheran Hour on KATE.
JOHN SCHULTZ:	\$100 to Memorial Fund
RALPH & CAROL SPRINGER:	\$1000 to Memorial Fund
SUE PANNUK:	\$10 for the Lutheran Hour on KATE

Ladies Society

LWML Mission Grants 2018

The Lydia Project

\$10,000

Center for United States Mission (C4USM) is a partnership between The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) World Mission, Concordia University Irvine, the North American Mission Executives of the LCMS, and People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) International. C4USM provide research and training for mission work among unevangelized people in the United States. C4USM is Christ-centered, mission-driven, multiplication-focused, and service-oriented. The Lydia Project seeks to engage women in pioneering new mission work primarily in the Minnesota South District. This grant will provide funds for identifying, assessing and equipping at least five women to use their God-given gifts to make an eternal difference in the lives of unchurched people. They will be trained in the principles and best practices of church multiplication so that they can assist local pastors who wish to start new mission work. They will develop relationships in the community, gathering and discipling people of all ages who may not otherwise be connected to a local church. These qualified women will be supervised by pastors of local congregations who provide Word and Sacrament ministry, and whose congregations desire to start new mission work in their community. *“One who heard us was a woman named Lydia from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul” Acts 16:14*

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Hannah Circle
Feb. 5 at 9:30 am @ Zion
Fern Vietze & Sandi Chapman

Martha Circle
Feb. 5 at 1:00 pm @ Zion
Arlene Murray

Ruth Circle
Feb. 5 at 7:00 pm @ Home of
Donna Widenhoefer

Ladies Executive Board
Feb. 25 @ 3:30 pm



Check out the LWML Websites.

The National LWML Website: www.lwml.org

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



Ladies Society

New Beginning for Children with Learning Needs (LSEM)

\$10,000

Lutheran Special Education Ministries believe all children should have the opportunity to receive a Christian education, regardless of their learning abilities or backgrounds. Their mission as a Christian ministry is to serve schools, churches, and families in order to advance the success of children who have learning needs. Partnership between LSEM and Lutheran Schools allows children to be supported academically, while also being shown the love of Jesus Christ. With this grant LSEM is excited to grow their program and partner with other new Lutheran Schools in the Minnesota South District. *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6*



ALPHABET SOUP

If you are feeling a little blue, a little like you got the flu, don't worry we got a solution for you. Try warming up to a bowl of God's alphabet soup that is spiritually made for you!

- A** was a traitor found hung by the hair. (2 Sam. 18:9)
- B** was a tower built in the air. (Gen. 11:49)
- C** was a mountain rising into the skies. (I Kings 18:42-43)
- D** was a woman heroic and wise. (Gen. 35:8)
- E** was a firstborn, unholy. (Heb. 12:16)
- F** was a Roman who trembled at truth. (Acts 24:25)
- G** was an angel sent with good word. (Dan. 9:21)
- H** was a mother who lent to the Lord. (1 Sam. 1:27-28)
- I** was a name received at a ford. (Gen. 32:28)
- J** was a preacher who fled from the Lord. (Jonah 1)
- K's** son was taller than him by a head (1 Sam. 9:1-2)
- L** was a pauper begging for bread. (Luke 16:20-21)
- M** was a leader who wrote down the Law. (Exodus 19:25)
- N** made a larger boat ages ago. (Gen. 6:13)
- O** was a slave acknowledged by a brother. (Philemon 16)
- P** was one Christian greeting another. (2 Tim. 1:1-2)
- Q** was a Christian saluted by Paul. (Rom. 16:23)
- R** heard Peter's voice and ran and told all. (Acts 12:13)
- S** was a judge exceedingly strong. (Judges 14:5-6)
- T** was a seaport where preaching was long. (Acts 20:6-7)
- U** was a man whose widow became David's bride. (2 Sam. 11:27)
- V** was a queen whom the king set aside. (Esther 1:9-16)
- Z** was a place where a man wished to hide. (Gen. 19:22)

Worship Life At Zion

Sunday Services

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - February 3, 2019 (Thurs. Jan. 30)

Lessons: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Luke 4:31-44

Sermon: "Healed"

Verse: "Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them." (Luke 4:40)

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - February 10, 2019 (Thurs. Feb. 7)

Lessons: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

Sermon: "Called"

Verse: "And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him." (Luke 5:10a-11)

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - February 17, 2019 (Thurs. Feb. 14)

Lessons: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: "Blessed"

Verse: "And Jesus lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you . . .'" (Luke 6:20a)

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany - February 24, 2019 (Thurs. Feb. 21)

Lessons: Genesis 43:3-15; Psalm 103:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: "Love" Text: Luke 6:27-38

Verse: "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for His kind to the ungrateful and the evil." (Luke 6:35)

Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday – March 3, 2019

(Thurs. Feb. 28)

We say a farewell to "Alleluia," as we prepare for the Lenten season.

Lessons: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 99; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "Listen" Text: Luke 9:28-36

Verse: "And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!'" (Luke 9:35)

Alleluia!



Christian Education

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Come and join us for Bible study on Sunday mornings in February. We will be completing our in-depth walk through the Lord's Prayer. Every adult is invited! Class is in the Conference Room at 9:15 am each Sunday. Don't miss out in all the learning, fun and fellowship!

Sunday School Classes

February 3—John Prepares the Way Matthew 3:1–12

February 10—The Baptism of Jesus Luke 3:15–22

February 17—The Temptation of Jesus Luke 4:1–13

February 24—Jesus Calls Philip and Nathaniel John 1:43–51

Confirmation Class

February 6—The Ninth and Tenth Commandments and Meanings

February 13—The Close of Commandments and Meanings

February 20—Introduction to the Creed, Psalm 19:1 and 2 Cor.13:14

February 27—The First Article (Part 1) and explanation, Romans 10:10

JAM (Jesus and Me)

The J.A.M. kids will continue their trek through 100 Bible Stories. Lessons, activities, and crafts will be in lower Fireside Room. Classes will begin at 6:00 pm with a meal to be served at 5:15 pm.

February 6 — Naaman and Elisha (2 Kings5), Gospel lesson for Epiphany 5 Luke 5:1-11

February 13 — God Sends Jonah (Jonah 1-3), Gospel lesson for Epiphany 6 Luke 6:17-26

February 20 — Jeremiah (Jeremiah 37-38), Gospel lesson for Epiphany 7 Luke 6:27-38

February 27 —The Three Men in a Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3), Gospel lesson for Epiphany 8 Luke 6:39-49

Memory work for February will be the New Testament books of the Bible.

Friday Night In Home Bible Study

During February, we will be studying chapters 11-14 of the book of Genesis. Class meets at 7:00 pm at the home of the Olivier's at 122 Ridge Road, Albert Lea. We are happy to additional folks join us as dig into God's Word!

Thoughts from an Elder

By Roger Panzer

It is Friday October 26th 2018. Julie Jason and I are meeting Mayo Hospice at Good Samaritan. The plan is to admit Sylvia into Hospice. It is sad thing to do.

Hospice; sounds final doesn't it. There have been many times in this whole process I wished that either Sylvia would not have survived her surgery or she would have survived without all the complications. Sylvia said many times that she wished she wouldn't have survived the surgery like she did. Now; that the time of dying is getting closer. It is sad. When that person is gone. It's over and I don't like to think about that or the things I will have to do. Julie would like to honor her mom's wishes that she not die in the nursing home. That would mean Sylvia would be home during her final days. I can't say that I look forward to that time.

During the admit process my kids ask many questions about Hospice. When we are done, Julie Jason and I walk by Sylvia's room expecting that she would be at church. She wasn't. She was calling out for help. An aide said Sylvia didn't want to be at church. Julie asked Sylvia what she needed. Sylvia said she wanted to go to her room. Even though she was in her room, even though we pointed out all her stuff, she didn't think she was in her room. Julie took her out into the hallway and down toward the entrance and then back to her room. Now she was okay but only for a short time.

I took Jason home and Julie stayed with her mom. I came back and Sylvia is still having problems. She was in her confused state when the hospice nurse came in to do an evaluation. I think it was good for the hospice nurse to see her that way. It is kind of a bitter sweet thing. I don't like to see her that way but hospice needed to see it.

Julie and I left. As I was walking down the hallway the same aide came up to me

and gave me a hug. She then told Julie that I was a good husband. Julie agreed and said I was a good dad also.

I went back at supper time and helped Sylvia eat her evening meal. I wasn't going to stay but I did anyway.

At first I thought Sylvia didn't need hospice. But I have seen her health decline steadily. It is sad to see her this way. She doesn't eat much and most of the time she is in bed sleeping. When she is awake she keeps her eyes closed.

Fast forward to **Thursday December 6th**. Julie and Chad came to see Chad's dad in Geneva this morning and also Sylvia this afternoon. The hospice nurse is out to see Sylvia. She thinks Sylvia's time is getting short. She might not make it to Christmas.

Julie tries to get her mother to respond to her voice. Nothing. Two ladies from church come to visit. The one lady says hello to Sylvia. Magically Sylvia says hello back. Julie was shocked and maybe a little disappointed.

The Careyaire, a men's choir that I am in, are singing at Thorne-Crest at 6:30 tonight. After singing I go back to see Sylvia. She is sleeping and has a rattle in her throat. I come home and watch Murphy Brown. I didn't make it until the end. I woke up and the news was on.

Looking back on that night. I didn't think that the next day would be full of sadness and some relief as well.

The next morning; **Friday December 7th**. My plan for the morning was to walk at Brookside, go to coffee, take my truck to Syverson for a recall, and have breakfast at Perkins. Well; that plan didn't work. I woke up at 5:30. So, I made breakfast at home. I went walking at Brookside until 6:55. On my way to my truck I get a call. I wait until I am in my truck and use blue tooth to answer.

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Thoughts from an Elder

By Roger Panzer

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It is the nurse from station Four at Good Samaritan. She hasn't been at Good Samaritan for three days and thinks I should come and see Sylvia. She also thinks I should call the kids because it looks like Sylvia might not last long. I arrive at Good Samaritan a little after 7:00. Sylvia is breathing really hard. Like it takes all she can do to breathe. I call all the kids and they are coming as soon as they can. Soon Sylvia's breathing is slow and relaxed. Then her breathing is slower yet. Jason is the first to arrive. I think Sylvia will be gone soon. She is barely breathing. A lady comes in to check. Sylvia's breathing has stopped. It is now 8:30. Sylvia has died. ***It is almost like God said to Sylvia, I think it is time for you to be with Me now.*** What a sad relief. Soon Julie and Chad are here. Then Jeff arrives. Pastor Matt comes. Next Jon is here. Terry is here. Julie and Chad went to the front entrance of Good Samaritan to meet Maddison and Ethan. Julie sends me a text asking me to come there. Maddison and Ethan did not know about Sylvia. Julie and Chad told them and I met them at the door. Julie thought I should be there for Maddison and Ethan when they find out. Lots of tears from Maddison and Ethan. We walk back at Sylvia's room. Many more tears flow. Pastor Matt has a mini-service for us and he leaves. Pastor Kent, the Chaplin at Good Samaritan, comes in to do a bedside memorial service with us and staff. About 30 staff join us. As they leave they give a hug to each of us. It was an amazing thing to experience.

In the last seventeen years and four months I have lived alone for a little over sixteen of those years. Even though I was married I lived alone. My wife needed more care than I was able to give. It is a strange feeling now that my wife has died.

In those many years, I went to see my wife most every day from when she was at St. Mary's in Rochester to St. Mark's nursing home in Austin till her final day (December 7th 2018) at Good Samaritan in Albert Lea.

Even now I have this urge at 4:00pm to drive out to Good Samaritan. I know I don't have to go. But in my mind I still think I need to make room in my schedule to drive to Good Samaritan and visit Sylvia.

Recently I had a 3:00pm appointment with my attorney and a 4:00pm meeting with a friend to have coffee. In my mind I was arranging my time so I could go see my wife. Then I realized I didn't need to do that. Even when I travel out of town. I feel the need to be home early in the afternoon so I can be at Good Samaritan.

My kids check on me and ask, dad are you doing okay? Other people also ask, are you doing okay? I respond with "I'm okay". But really; I'm not. I am sad. There is a big emptiness. I miss my wife. I know she is better off and not in pain anymore, but I still miss her. My faith in Jesus helps me.

I think it will take a while for me to readjust my life. There is a song by Michael Johnson that kind of sums it up for me. **"Bluer Than Blue"**



Living in 2019

You know you're living in 2019 when...

1. You accidentally enter your smartphone password number on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of social media apps and cell phone numbers, to reach your family of 3.
4. You text the person who works at the desk next to you or your kids when it is meal time.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't use Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, or Twitter.
6. You go home after a long day at work you still answer the phone in a business manner.
7. You use your landline phone to find where you misplaced your cell phone.
8. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
10. You learn about your redundancy on the 10 o'clock news.
11. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
12. You use your smart phone family tracking app to see if anyone is home.
13. Every commercial on television has a website.
14. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
15. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your first cup of coffee.
16. We are not ancient Egyptians, where our is the Rosetta stone to translate those emoji texts from my grandchildren.
17. You are reading this . . . nodding and laughing.
18. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
19. You are too busy to notice there was no number 9 on this list.
20. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a number 9 on this list. **AND NOW YOU'RE LAUGHING** at yourself. Go on, forward this to your friends ... you know you want to!

Note from the Editors

God gives each of you 168 hours in a week. Will you give 2 to 3 hours back to Him on Sunday morning to worship Him and study His bountiful Word?

Good News on the Airwaves

Lutheran Hour

The Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed across the airways each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am or KJLY (93.5 FM) at 6:00 am. Join the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler as he shares the powerful Word of God!

February 3

"Slow Solution"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's gift of eternal life through faith in Christ is not a quick fix. It's a slow solution to the hidden problem that separates us from God and each from other.

(John 20:21)

February 10

"Where Heaven Meets Earth"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hitting that snooze button may be doing more harm than good. It's time to stop spiritual snoozing and wake up.

(John 3:1-21)

February 17

"Enter His Labor"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What would you do if your Word was all-powerful? Jesus started a conversation with an outsider.

(John 4:1-42)

February 24

"Not by Bread Alone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

There is a spiritual hunger beyond food that is expressed in food. Jesus provides for both.

(John 6:1-29)



THANK YOU NOTES

Zion, Thank you!

My family and I would like to thank Pastor Matt for his visits with Sylvia at Good Samaritan and for the wonderful funeral service.

Also thanks to the members of Zion who either: brought food to my house, gave memorial gifts of money, memorial gifts to the Lutheran Hour, Audio/visual, the Bell fund, the backpack food program, served the food after the funeral, and the monetary gifts.

Plus all the sympathy cards and words of encouragement.

Roger Panzer and family

Thanks for the phone calls, prayers and gifts of money sent in memory of my brother Richard Hansen.

The money, a total of \$50 was given to the Waseca Food Shelf or Waseca Neighborhood Center where he volunteered helping out.

Many thanks & God Bless you,

Fern Vietze and family

Divine Service: The Pillars

Divine Service

The name commonly given to the regular weekly service that includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Derived from the German Gottesdienst ("God's service"), its meaning is dual in nature. In worship, God serves us with His gifts of forgiveness and life, and we respond in service to Him through our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise.

Kyrie eleison (KEE-ree-ay ay-LAY-ee-zon)

From the Greek, it is a direct address to God, meaning "Lord, have mercy." The ten lepers, blind man Bartimaeus, and others addressed Jesus with these words. The Kyrie appears early in the Divine Service. It is not part of the confession of sins but a cry to God to have mercy on us and all humanity.

Gloria in excelsis (GLOR-ee-ah in ex-SHELL-sis)

Also known as the "greater doxology," this is the hymn of praise sung at the beginning of the Divine Service. It originates from the fourth century and has been in regular use for over a millennium. The canticle begins with the angel's song in Luke 2:14 and then continues with a hymn of praise to the triune God, focusing chiefly on the saving work of Jesus, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." It is omitted during Advent, in anticipation of the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, and during Lent, a season of penitence.

The Creed(s)

Apostles' Creed: Though not written by the apostles (a common assumption in the Middle Ages) the Apostles' Creed faithfully summarizes the apostolic teaching of Holy Scripture. Its origins date back to the second century where it developed as a statement of faith in conjunction with Holy Baptism. In most churches it is still used at every baptism.

Nicene Creed (nye-SEEN): Composed in A.D. 325 at a council of bishops (pastors) in Nicaea as a defense against the false teaching that Jesus was not true God. The creed was expanded to its present form at the Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381. It has been used in the Divine Service as a corporate confession of the faith for centuries.

Athanasian Creed: One of the three ecumenical (universally accepted) creeds, it probably originated around A.D. 500. Though it bears the name of Athanasius (fourth century), it was certainly not written by him. This creed is a grand expression of the Trinitarian (the Three-in-One: Father, Son and Holy Spirit) faith.

Agnus Dei (AH-nyoos DAY-ee)

Latin for "Lamb of God," this hymn in the communion liturgy draws on the words of John the Baptist who pointed his disciples to Jesus, the Lamb of God (John 1:29). In the context of the communion liturgy, we are praying to Christ who is there present in his body and blood to have mercy on us and grant us peace.

Sanctus (SAHNK-tus)

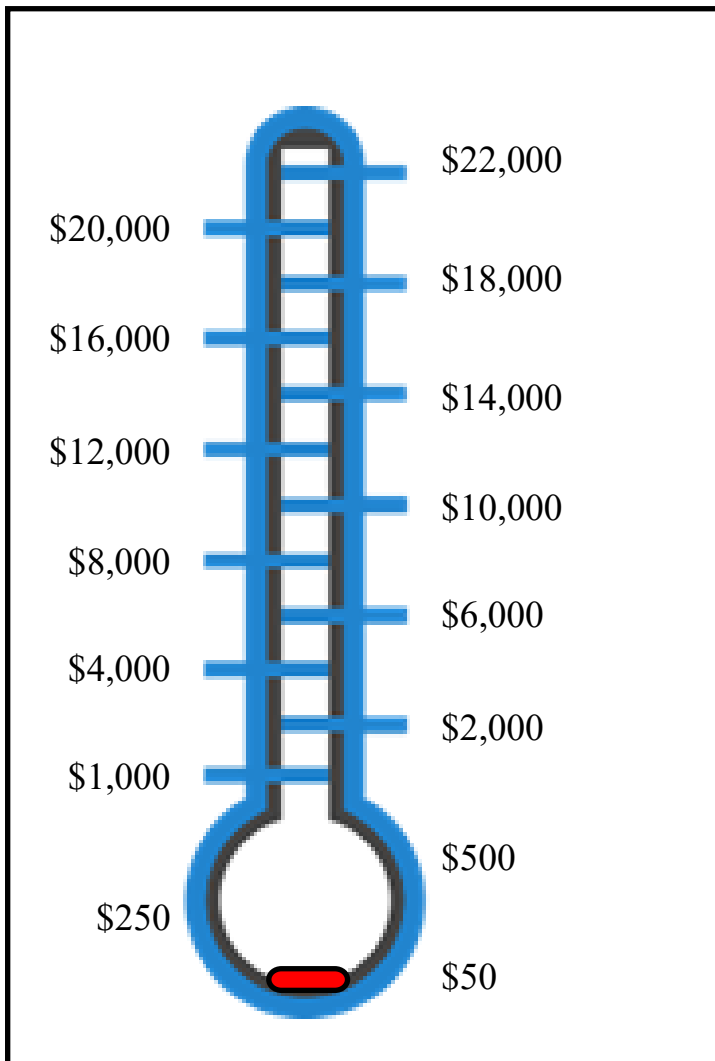
A Latin word meaning "holy." The Sanctus is the liturgical song sung at the beginning of the communion liturgy. It is drawn from the song of the angels in Isaiah 6:3. The concluding text, "blessed is He who comes..." is from Psalm 118:26 and Mark 11:9–10.

Tuck-Point Building Project

The building of Zion is in dire need of a tuck-pointing project. This project would repair cracks that have developed within the masonry. The windows are also in need of caulking repairs. The total contractor bid for this project is \$70,000. Zion currently has some funding set aside to pay for about \$48,000. The remaining \$22,000 would be funded by member contributions. The trustees would like to begin this project in the spring of 2020. This goal can be achieved if our members can contribute between \$10 and \$20 in their weekly offerings. Please write the words **“Tuck Point”** on your offering envelopes to make sure our staff will record the donation properly. Thank you for any support you can give towards this project.

As of 1/25/2019 there is \$50 in the fund.

Project Goal Chart



Safety Committee

What is the Safety Committee??

We are a group of people who are trying to make Zion a safer place. We have already started by having security cameras installed and having the doors labeled from the outside for emergency service crews.

We would like more people involved in our decision making meetings. Would you prayerfully consider becoming a member of the team?

If you are interested or just have some questions about it, please contact Jeff Brown or LeAnn Houle.

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THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS

Wednesday, March 6, 2018



Ash Wednesday Liturgy:

Confession of Sins, Imposition of Ashes, the Word & Holy Communion

Soup Supper at 5:30 PM

Confirmation and J.A.M. at 6:00 PM

Lenten Midweek Worship at 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
					7:00 pm Friday Night Adult Bible Study PASTOR'S DAY OFF	
4th Sunday after Epiphany 03	04	05	06	07	08	09
8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion		9:00 am Hannah Circle 1:00 pm Martha Circle 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting	9:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm Confirmation & JAM	6:45 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 7:45 pm Praise Team	7:00 pm Friday Night Adult Bible Study PASTOR'S DAY OFF	
5th Sunday after Epiphany 10	11	12	13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16
8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion	6:45 pm Safety Committee	6:45 pm All boards meet 7:30 pm Church Council	9:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm Confirmation & JAM	6:45 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 7:45 pm Praise Team	7:00 pm Friday Night Adult Bible Study PASTOR'S DAY OFF	
6th Sunday after Epiphany 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion			9:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm Confirmation & JAM	6:45 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 7:45 pm Praise Team	7:00 pm Friday Night Adult Bible Study PASTOR'S DAY OFF	
7th Sunday after Epiphany 24	25	26	27	28		
8:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion	3:30 pm Ladies Exec. Bd. Meeting		9:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm Confirmation & JAM	6:45 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 7:45 pm Praise Team		

Sunday	2/3		2/10		2/17		2/24	
	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am
Acolyte:	Hailey Bera	Raven Mitchell	Travis Overland	Samuel Houle	Hailey Bera	Raven Mitchell	Hailey Bera	Samuel Houle
A-V Team:	Roger Panzer Wayne Prudoehl Nancy Golde	David Kelly	Robin Pettit Fred Rennpferd Nancy Golde	James Hedin	Robin Pettit Brooks Drescher Roger Panzer	David Kelly	Jim Viktora Brooks Drescher Wayne Prudoehl	James Hedin
Comm. Assist:	Wayne Prudoehl	Dean Johnson	Christiaan Olivier	Tim Kasper	Jerry Kruckeburg	Bruce Hayden	Ron Timm	Jeff Brown
Elder:	Rick Ashling	Dick Mucha	Rick Ashling	Dick Mucha	Rick Ashling	Dick Mucha	Rick Ashling	Dick Mucha
Greeters:	J & C Leininger	Nancy Bottelson	R & B Ashling	Dawn Dace	Linda Eggleston	B & J Hayden	J & J Domes	D & L Palmer
Lay Reader:	Kelly Schultz	Dawn Dace	Helen Johnson	Chandra Whelan	Ann Estes	Dana Nelson	Kelly Schultz	Lois Palmer
Organist:	Angie Drescher	Praise Team	Angie Drescher	Praise Team	Angie Drescher	Praise Team	Angie Drescher	Praise Team
Ushers:	Ron Timm Jim Viktora Truman Gullord Dwight Meyer	Dean Johnson Bonnie Westbee	David Overland John Domes Fred Rennpferd Dwight Meyer	Tim Kasper Dick Mucha	Orlo Willmert Bruce Bakken Jerry Kruckeberg Dwight Meyer	Bruce Hayden Natalie Nelson	Clint Miller Christiaan Olivier Jock Wenzel Dwight Meyer	Jeff Brown LeAnn Houle

Thurs.	1/2	1/9	1/16	1/23	1/30
A-V Team:	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes
Comm. Assist:	Kent Dollum	Kent Dollum	Kent Dollum	Kent Dollum	Kent Dollum
Elder:	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes	Keith Kemkes

Financial Assistants	Hod Bolinger Bruce Hayden
Flower & Altar	Gayle Sternberg Jackie Bakken Elaine Mucha