

Zion Lutheran Church

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Preparing Ourselves for Lent

There is no denying that Winter is here. The snow that came down on January 23rd and 24th and the cold temps that dipped to near zero, with wind chills in the minus teens, have announced through these signs that Winter has come. No one in Ohio doubts it.

I wish everyone in Israel had recognized the signs of the coming Messiah so that there had been no doubt when Jesus read from the scroll in the synagogue in Nazareth. So that we could all rejoice with one another that our sins are forgiven and that the promise of eternal life has been extended to us by God's grace.

Oh, wait, we still can rejoice over that, because even as blind as we in this world might be, the church still sheds the gospel light upon us, calling us into worship and study and teaching and prayer, and most especially, into the promises the sacraments, of forgiven sins and life eternal.

The gospel calls us to all of this because without it we would be lost in our sins whose consequence is condemnation and death. All of us are sinners and all of us are in need of forgiveness. This comes to us in an attitude of repentance – the recognition of our need for God's help and grace. So, for our midweek Lenten worship we will be centered on the theme of repentance. The theme is called 'Return to the Lord' and is taken from Joel 2:13 – "Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster."

God's invitation for us to return to him, and promise of his grace, mercy, patience and steadfast love, finds its fullness in Jesus Christ. Following different events during our Lord's Passion we will focus on the people that followed Jesus to see how God calls his people to return to him. He is our worship schedule for Midweek Lent, 2022.

- March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday: "A Call to Return"
- March 9, 2022 Midweek 1: "Return to Prayer"
- March 16, 2022 Midweek 2: "Return from Betrayal"
- March 23, 2022 Midweek 3: "Return from False Witness"
- March 30, 2022 Midweek 4: "Return from Denial"
- April 6, 2022 Midweek 5: "Return from the Kingdom of God"
- April 14, 2022 Holy Thursday: "Return to the Table"
- April 15, 2022 Good Friday: "Return to the Truth"
- April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday: "Return and See"

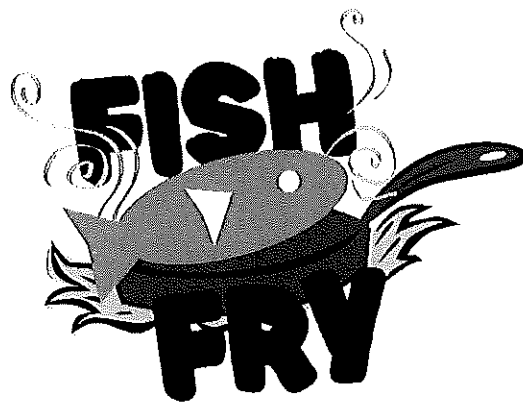
I hope you will mark these dates in your calendar and join us for these services. May you also make repentance an intentional attitude for yourself this Lenten season.

From Ashes we are, to ashes we will return,

Pastor Bill

Fish Fry

A Fish Fry to benefit our seminary student and assist them with the expenses of seminary is being held in the auditorium on Friday, March 4, from 4:30—6 p.m. Menu: all you can eat fish, cheesy potatoes, slaw, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, and drinks...including milk. Tickets are being sold in the church office and at the door. Tickets are: \$8 for adults, \$3 for children between 4-10 years old, free for children under 4.



Staff E-Mail Addresses

Zion is linked to the Internet. We are currently receiving e-mail service provided by bright.net. Staff e-mail addresses are:

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Year-Round Project

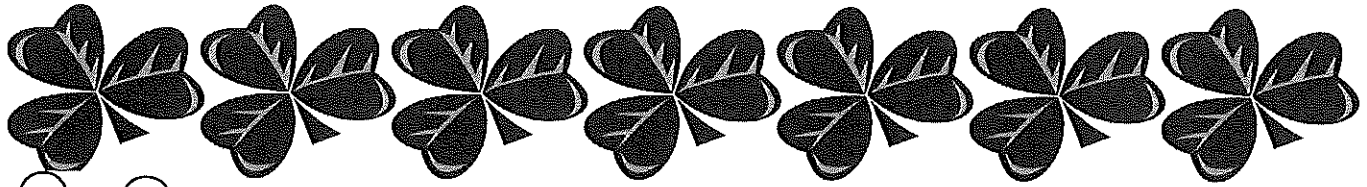
Our Men in Mission are collecting supplies for flood buckets. This is a year-round project, to have buckets available before a disaster happens. Flood Buckets and Supplies:



- 5-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 gallon of bleach
- 2 black trash bags
- Cleaning liquid
(Murphy's, Pine Sol, etc.)
- Comet
- Scrub brush
- 1 roll paper towels
- Leather Gloves
- Cloth Gloves
- Rubber Gloves

- Rags/sponges

You may supply one or more of the items for the buckets, or you may assemble a bucket yourself. Drop off your supplies or bucket by the alley entrance.



News for the Women of Zion



March winds will soon be blowing. Let's hope it will blow spring weather to Ohio. Our Lenten Fundraiser starts Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. The envelopes will be handed out at our 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday service. Please place 50 cents in the envelope each day, except Sundays. This can coincide with your daily devotions. The Lenten Fundraiser is our annual fundraiser to support our programs, mission work, memorials, mailings, and so much more. Please help support the work of the women of Zion.

Many of the women are helping with the fish fry on Friday, March 4, from 4:30—6 p.m. Be sure to get your tickets (\$8 for adults & \$3 for children) and mark your calendars. We need everyone's participation. Thank You so much for helping and volunteering!

The women's council will be hosting the soup and salad supper on Wednesday, March 16, from 5—6:30 p.m. The women's fellowship will be hosting the soup and salad supper on Wednesday, March 30, from 5—6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

The women of Zion are invited to Wayne Street United Methodist Church's Lenten Breakfast of Saturday, March 29, at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Julie Jacobs, from Joint Township District Memorial Hospital. Everyone is welcome! It's free! RSVP to Wayne Street.

Our next workday to knot quilts and assemble health kits is Thursday, March 17, at 9 a.m. Jocie Slater is scheduled for kitchen cleaning in March. April's kitchen cleaner is Ruth Hoenie.

Dorcas is finishing up a baby quilt and will be starting a queen size quilt. We are still looking for more smiling faces to help us quilt on Tuesdays. If interested, just come, and join us, at 9 a.m.

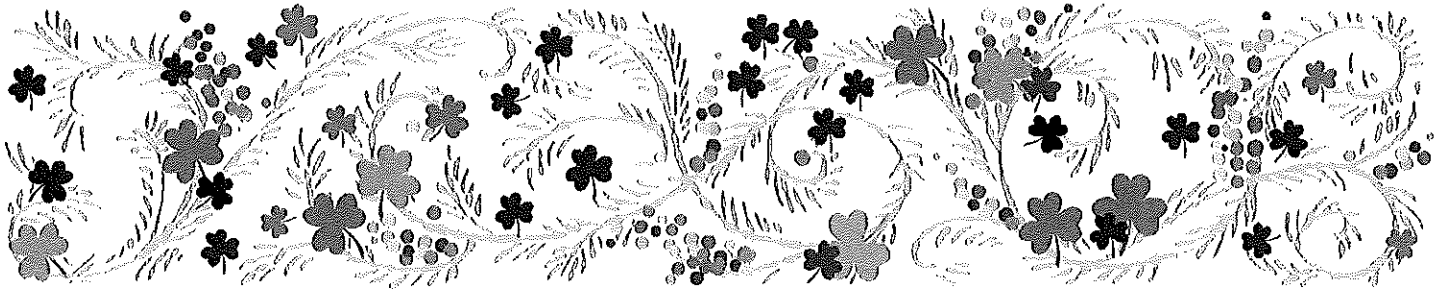
Nora Staunton, Chair of the Women of NALC

Craft Corner

- March's project is a fleece scarf. See sample on display in the narthex. We will meet Tuesday, March 8, from 6-7 p.m., in the all-purpose room. Cost is \$5, limit 16 people. Sign up in the notebook on the display table in the narthex, choose the color of fabric you want.
- April's project is Aromatherapy bracelets hosted by Linda Yahl. The date is Sunday, April 24th, from 2-4 p.m. The cost will be \$10, plus a minimal charge for additional oil blends to be used on the bracelets. The oil used on the bracelet the day it is made is figured into the cost of the bracelet. There will be samples of beads and spacers on the women's craft table in the narthex. When you sign up, there is a

sheet that we are asking you to fill out, so the proper oils are brought to the event. Contact Linda Yahl if there are questions. 419-305-3591

- We invite you to check the binder for future projects listed in the notebook. Sign up on the sheet provided. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!



Prayer List

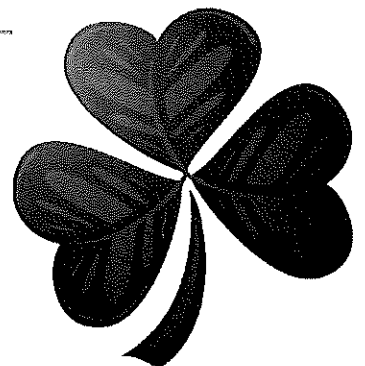
We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers. The people on the list are friends and family or our membership:

Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Lindsay Stephan, Sandi Deerhake, Marvin Elsass, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Carol Bishir, Mark, Amelia Green, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Vicki Bishir, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, Craig Raney, Ken Ankerman, John & Katie, Sally Van Belkum, Andrew, Ron & Sandy Suchland, Betty Paulus, Mike Mammane, Shelia Slemmons, Darlene Henkener, Bill Nuss, Eileen Zimmerman, Judy Howell, Kathy, David, Kristin Hemmelgarden, Colton Mustard, Teresa Roode, Stephanie Tenyak, Deb Ranly, Beth Baharani, Ruth Schreffler, Linda Diers, Chuck, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Peter Ackroyd, the Family of Emily Leonhard, and the Family of Kenneth Hunter.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

Flower Chart

The first 6 months of 2022 Flower Chart is available on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Upcoming dates still available: March 27, April 10, May 8, May 15, June 5, and June 19.



“Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.”

—*Mary McLeod Bethune*

Zion's Web Address

Our web address is: www.zionstmarys.org We continually change the appearance, post up-to-date announcements, update our schedules, and update our calendar. Bookmark us and visit our website weekly.



March Birthdays

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members of Zion Lutheran Church. We invite you to pray for the following people on their special day.

01–Lori Karner	12–Heather Anderson, Traci Miller
02–Lisa Hollenbacher, Kraig Johns, Chad Meckstroth, Jennifer Puthoff, Pyper Storer, Edwin Flora	13–Barbara Lutz
03–Leah Rohrbach	16–Jack Masonbrink
04–Connie Torsell	17–Jennifer Staugler
05–Sandra Bergman, Todd Lutz, Braydon Wenning	18–Rebecca Harvey, Dwayne Hoenie
06–Seth Fitzgerald, Alex Grunden	19–Karrie Hughes, David Erb
07–Caleb Huelskamp	21–Daniel Elshoff, Spencer Schrader
08–Peggy Folk	23–Angel Wingett
09–Terry Felver, Brandt Grunden, Marilyn Slemmons	24–Jolene Spector
10–Rylan Hughes, Daniel Knatz, Hayes Dougherty	25–Lillian Ankerman
11–Joshua McDermitt	26–Beth Quellhorst, Anthony Bond-Awls
	29–Amy Freewalt, Terry Oehrtman
	31–Emily Borsh

If your name was omitted or a correction needs to be made in this list of birthdays, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.



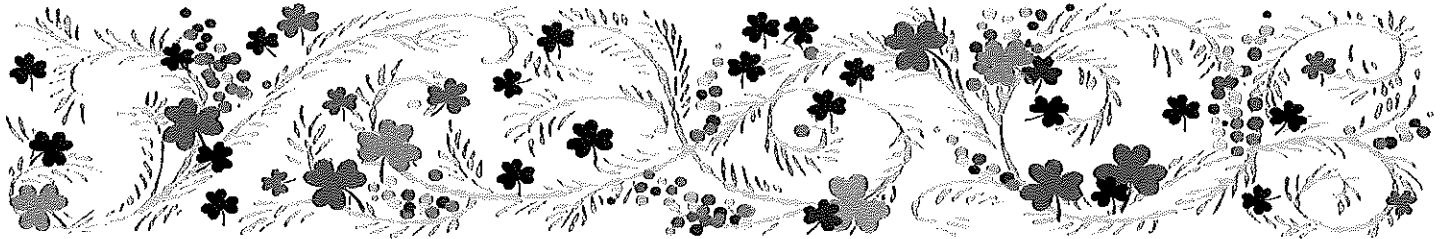
March 2022 Calendar

Weather and COVID requirements, the schedule is subject to change.

T/1	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*	
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting	M/7	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	T/8	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/2	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting		6:00 p.m.	Craft Night
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline	W/9	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club		12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice		1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service*		5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
F/4	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry		6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
S/6	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*		7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Donuts with Dad	Th/10	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

S/12 9:00 a.m. Men in Mission Bible Study
 S/13 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service+
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 12 Midnight College Scholarship Deadline
 M/14 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360
 T/15 9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting
 3:30 p.m. Newsletter Article Deadline
 W/16 12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Svc.
 No Confirmation Class
 T/17 9:00 a.m. Women's Workday
 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Rehearsal
 S/20 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.*
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship*
 7:00 p.m. Men's Workshop
 M/21 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360
 T/22 9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting

W/23 12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
 1:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Svc.*
 S/26 7:00 p.m. St. Marys Tri-Squares
 S/27 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc. *
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.*
 1:30 p.m. Grief & Loss Support Group
 7:00 p.m. Men's Workshop
 M/28 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360
 T/29 9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting
 W/30 12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Svc.
 No Confirmation Class
 T/31 3:30 p.m. Council Report Deadline



Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month.

- 1/1/2022 Beginning Balance--\$81,668
- February 2022 YTD Income--\$41,131
- February 2022 YTD Expenses--(-\$45,565)
- Payroll Adjustments--(-\$917)
- February 2022 Ending Bank Balance--\$76,317



Memorials

Gifts were given in memory of Rick Moyer, Jackie Axe, and Doris Tigner by Harry & Nora Staunton.

New Projects

The trustees have been looking into several major projects for the church. Next year (2023) will be the 50th anniversary of the sanctuary being built. The trustees would like to complete these projects for our 50th anniversary celebration.

New carpet is needed in the sanctuary as the foam backing is deteriorating and the carpet is stretched out. This is an expensive project since the pews need to be removed to complete the work and the old carpet needs to be removed which is glued to the cement flooring.

The education building needs new drapes because the old drapes are over forty years old, stained, and have deteriorating linings. The trustees would like to have the drapes custom made, if possible; the drapes have to be made of fire retardant material since they are for a commercial building.

The last project is updating the kitchen to provide more storage, a new sink, and upgrading the electrical breakers, so they would not be so easily tripped.

Several of these projects are expensive and will be presented at one or two congregational meetings to be approved once all the figures are in. Interest made from the Trust last year would help pay for these projects. In the meantime, if any member would like to give to any of these projects through memorials or donations, there are funds set up for carpet, drapes, and kitchen. Let the office know which fund you would like your donation to go towards.

A Look Ahead

- April 2—First Communion Class will be held, 10-12 noon
- April 9—Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10-12 noon
- April 10—Burning of Roof Loan, 8 & 10:30 a.m. Services
- April 10—Seder Meal, 5-7 p.m.
- April 14—Maundy Thursday/First Communion Service, 7 p.m.
- April 15—Office Closes at Noon for Good Friday
- April 15—Good Friday Service of Shadows, 7 p.m.
- April 17—Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
 - Easter Breakfast, 8 a.m.
 - Sunday School—9:15 a.m.
 - Contemporary Easter Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
- April 18—Office Closed, all day
- April 24—April Craft Event, 2 p.m.



Watch for more details in your worship bulletin announcements.

