

Zion Lutheran Church

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Fools for Christ!

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ!

As we move into the month of April, we find ourselves very busy. No fooling!

First, for all 3rd graders and above, we have a First Communion Class scheduled for 10 a.m. until noon on April 2, 2022. It will be held in the Underground. We prefer to have at least one parent with their child as they go through this two-hour class. This is a very important sacrament in the church, and we are happy to help your child prepare for this special moment. Along with some background instruction on Communion itself, we will also allow them to taste a wafer, taste some wine, and hold the communion ware. Please call the church office to reserve you and your child's spot in the class.

Second, Saturday April 9th Zion will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Bell Tower yard of the Church, between 10 a.m. and noon. We are happy to offer this event again. We are looking for volunteers to provide cookies and help the day of the event to put out the eggs, distribute the cookies/brownies, to work the prize table and to help clean up when the event is over at noon. Contact Mindy or call the Church office to let us know you are able to help.

Third, Sunday April 10th, we will have a Seder Meal in the Auditorium beginning at 5 p.m. We will be lead in the Seder Meal service by Allison Brady and we will once again have the traditional foods of the Seder and their meaning, along with roasted Lamb, Turkey breast, mashed potatoes, green beans, and wine. Please RSVP on an I Worshipped Today slip or call the office to reserve you place for the event. Please let us know how many people you will be bringing to the meal.

We are planning to once again have a palm processional to begin each worship service on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday worship service, which is a continuation of Ash Wednesdays service, will be held on April 14th at 7 p.m., in the main Sanctuary. Public foot washing will be held from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., in the main Sanctuary prior to the service.

Our Good Friday service will be held April 15th, at 7 p.m., in the main Sanctuary. It will again be a service of shadows in which scripture accounts of Christ's passion will be read as the light in the Sanctuary is dimmed. The final act of worship is the removal of the lit Christ Candle from the Sanctuary causing the entire space to be cast into darkness as we leave in silence.

Our Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 17th, begins at 7 a.m., and includes Holy Communion. Easter Breakfast follows at 8 a.m., in the Auditorium, with Sunday school starting at 9:15 a.m., and our second worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m., also in the main Sanctuary.

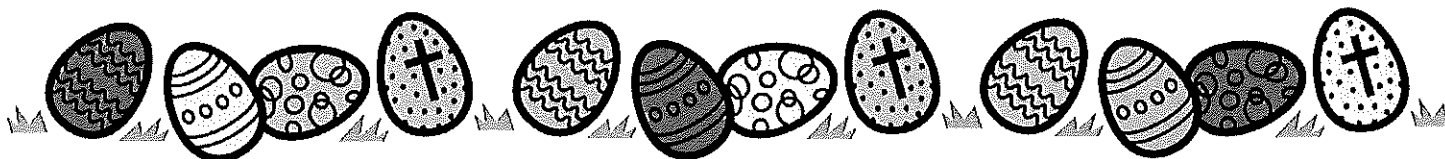
So, as you can see the first half of April is crammed full of important events, but the second half of the month slows down a bit with just normal activities. We hope you will participate in these activities with us as we move toward Easter and then beyond.

The Lord's blessings fill you.

Pastor Bill Maki

Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Community Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 9, 10:00 - noon. Candy donations (no peanut products) are needed now to start filling thousands of eggs. Cookie, prize, and cash donations are welcomed and needed as well. Prayerfully consider donating or volunteering your time to help us with this event. Teens and older children can help too! Thank you in advance.



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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Ann Maki	annmmaki@yahoo.com
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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.

Year-Round Project

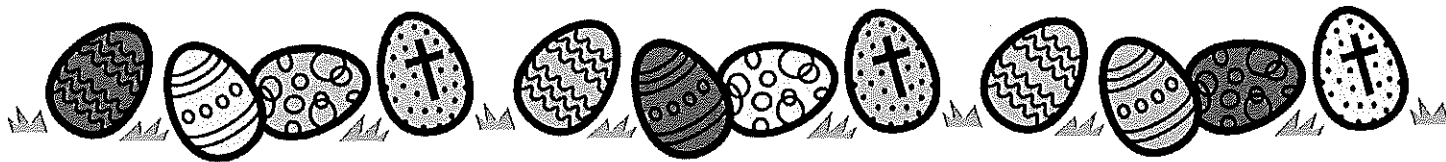
Our Men in Mission are collecting supplies for flood buckets. This is a year-round project, to have buckets available before a disaster happens.

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.



Zion's Web Address

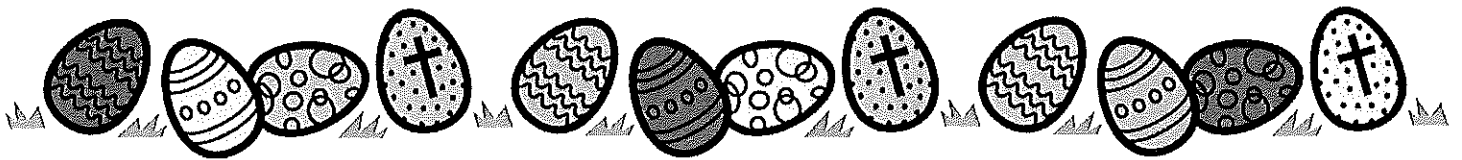
Our web address is: www.zionstmarys.org We continually change the appearance, post up-to-date announcements, update our schedules, and update our calendar. Bookmark us and visit our website weekly.

Craft Corner

- 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!



News for the Women of Zion



Lenten Fundraiser envelopes will be collected Sunday, April 17th (Easter Sunday), at both services, or they may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you so much for your support.

Thank you to the Women's Board and the Women's Fellowship for hosting two of the Soup and Salad suppers in March.

Our next workday is April 21st, at 9 a.m. Come join us if you have time! Kitchen duty for April is Ruth Hoenie. Dora McAfee has it in May.

Book Club: May 4th meeting: "Wish You Well" by David Baldacci – Nina Spencer

June 1st meeting: "Recessional" by James Michener – Sue Nuss

July 6th meeting: "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger – Joyce Finke

Dorcas quilting is working on a very large quilt for someone who is not a member of our church. We could really use some more people to help us complete this project! If interested, just come join us on Tuesday mornings, in the all-purpose room, at 9 a.m.

Be sure to check out the display table for upcoming craft projects and sign up in the notebook on the table. Look for the Craft Corner article in this newsletter for details on April's project.

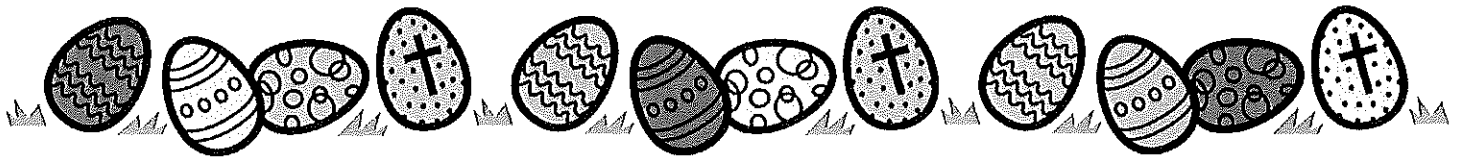
Happy Easter!

Nora Staunton, Chair of the Women of NALC

Memorial Gifts were given in memory of Emily Leonhard by Harry & Nora Staunton, Truman & Kathy Holt, and Joyce Finke.

"Lent is spring training. Easter is opening day!"

—seen on a church sign



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, 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, Darlene Henekener, 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, Mike, Andrew, Rick Broyles, Jim, Beth Olberding, Gary Kesley, Rhonda's Dad, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Gerry Cordier, Ruth Brandenburg, Peter Ackroyd, Mike Paulus, Shelly Finke, Diana Paulus, and the Family of Marvin Elsass.

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:



*April 10 *April 24 *May 15 *June 5

April 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–Joann Hegemier
03–Lynn Cisco, Braeden Tuttle, Macy Vogel,
 Warren Masonbrink
05–Shaun Ruvoldt
06–Ethan Elshoff, Timothy McDermitt, Tim
 Meckstroth, Pam Hanlon, Morgan Houser
07–Linda Opperman, Faith Puthoff, Jody Slemmons

09–Heather Diers
10–Rolland Hegemier, Kaci Wright
11–Derrick Brummel, Ellie Hance, Gary Orr, Annie
 Falasco
12–Courtney Hollenbacher, Virginia Loyer, Samuel
 Runnion, Mitchell Slemmons
13–Drew Houser

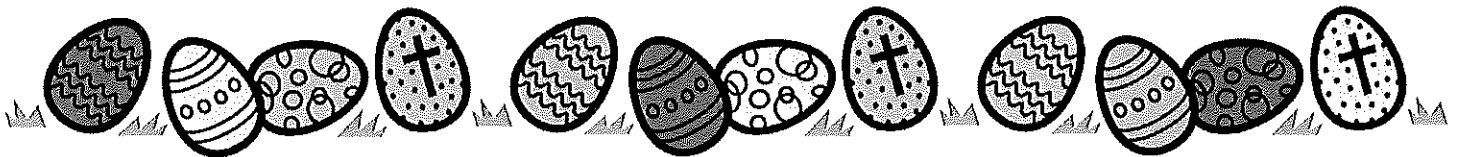
14–Jill Lampert, Sue Hecht
 15–Wayne Rose, Abigail Pendergraft
 16–Danielle Block, Pamela Fledderjohann, Mitchell
 Karner, Kimberly Reyes
 17–Jessica Ahlers, Jocelyn Henning, Ruth Henry,
 Aiden Meinerding
 18–Kayla Cisco
 19–Makayla Opperman, Patricia Sealscott, Margy
 Vogel

20–Kyle Ankerman, Juli Clark, Cason Meinerding,
 Grayson Dougherty
 21–Bethany Schrader
 23–Neal Brady, Henry Hart
 25–Preston Henning, Sally Schwab, Katie Mertz,
 Linda Decker
 28–Jill Cisco, Ross Cook
 29–Harold Hussey, Janice Rohrbach, Christina
 White, Mary Beth Torsell
 30–Neil Cook, Drake Block

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.

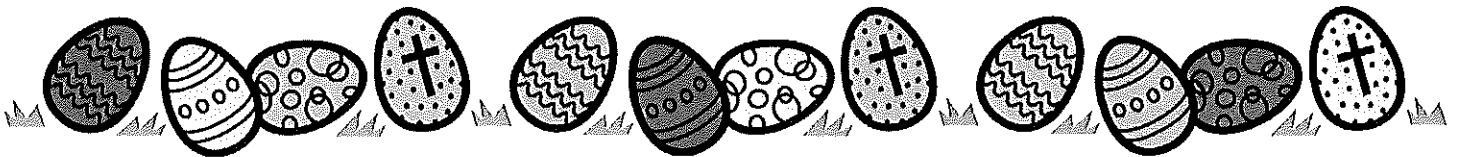
April 2022 Calendar

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



S/2	10:00 a.m.	First Communion Class	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt	
S/3	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.*	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship*	
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	5:00 p.m.	Seder Meal	
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Svc.*	M/11	1:00 p.m.	Blooming Babies
M/4	1:00 p.m.	Blooming Babies		2:00 p.m.	Movers & Bloomers
	2:00 p.m.	Movers & Bloomers		7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	T/12	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360	W/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
T/5	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting		9:30 a.m.	Women's Council Mtg.
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting		11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting		12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
W/6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop		6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting			No Mid-Week Service
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline	T/14	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship*
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club	F/15	12 Noon	Newsletter Article Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper		12 Noon	Office Closed on Good Friday
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice		7:00 p.m.	Service of Shadows
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service*	S/17	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service*
S/9	10:00 a.m.	Community Easter Egg		8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
S/10	8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship*		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
				10:30 a.m.	Easter Contemporary Service*

M/18	Monday after Easter Office Closed	1:15 p.m.	Grief/Loss Support Group
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360	7:00 p.m.	Men's Workshop
	7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Group	M/25	1:00 p.m. Blooming Babies
T/19	9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting		2:00 p.m. Movers & Bloomers
	6:45 p.m. Trust Meeting		7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #360
W/20	8:00 a.m. Men's Workshop		7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
	11:00 p.m. Staff Meeting		7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Group
	12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline	T/26	9:00 a.m. Dorcas Quilting
	6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Svc.*	W/27	8:00 a.m. Men's Workshop
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class		11:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
T/21	9:00 a.m. Women's Workday		12:30 p.m. Bulletin Info. Deadline
S/23	7:00 p.m. St. Marys Tri-Squares		6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Svc.
S/24	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc.*		7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	T/28	3:30 p.m. Council Report Deadline
	10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship*		
	2:00 p.m. Craft Corner (All Are Welcome)		



April Loose Offerings

Our loose offerings each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of **April** is earmarked for the NALC Disaster Response Fund, North American Lutheran Church, 2299 Palmer Dr., Suite 220, New Brighton, MN 55112-2202. **Our Easter Sunday loose plate will go to Zion current expenses.**

Office Closed

The church office will be closed at 12 noon on **Good Friday, April 15**. We will also be closed all day on the **Monday after Easter, April 18**. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 19, at 8:30 a.m.

Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month March, 3/22/2022.

- 1/1/2022 Beginning Balance--\$81,668
- February 2022 YTD Income--\$62,377
- February 2022 YTD Expenses--(-\$67,045)
- Payroll Adjustments—(-\$422)
- February 2022 Ending Bank Balance--\$76,578