

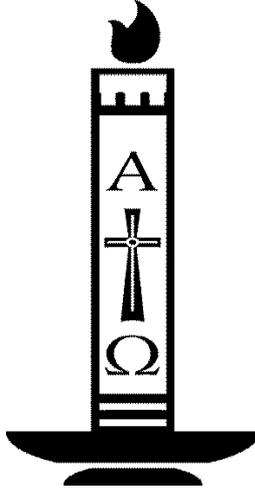
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Candle



March 2019

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“From the Pastor”

Father, Forgive Them!

March will usher in the season of Lent in the Church year’s calendar. It begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6 and continues with a 40- day journey of repentance and renewal in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. As Christians this preparation should far exceed in importance and anticipation what we place on the preparations for Christmas. For this reason, the church has established Lenten services on Wednesday evenings. Here is where the real focus on Jesus’ words of forgiveness and his journey to the cross is emphasized. Interestingly, the Sundays in Lent actually are not included in the Lenten emphasis on repentance. This is why to miss out on the Lenten services will make a proper preparation for the most important week of the Christian Church less significant.

During this Lenten season we will be following the theme “Father, Forgive Them!.” These are the words Jesus prayed to His Father in heaven on behalf of those we encounter during His passion.

For our Ash Wednesday communion service, the prayer of Jesus is spoken on behalf of the disciples gathered in the Garden of Gethsemane. The next week Jesus speaks on behalf of the Sanhedrin. The following week Jesus speaks of the mob in Pilate’s court and then the following week we hear him speak to Pilate. From there Jesus will speak to the Roman Soldiers and finally to the women of Jerusalem. Of course, as Jesus prays for these people we see ourselves with the same need as

they. This will prepare us for Holy Week as we continue this same theme through Easter.

The Lenten services all begin at 7 p.m. with the Ash Wednesday service including communion. The Ash Wednesday service on March 6 will also be preceded by a soup supper for all. It will be a blessing to you to make a commitment to attend each of the Lenten services to learn of Jesus' sacrificial love for your eternal blessings.

Pastor Queck



Notes of Thanks:

- I want to thank LWML for the beautiful lap quilt and for cards and get well wishes from everyone.
– Joyce Boon
- Thank you for your cards, letters, and thoughts and prayers during my ongoing health issues. Also thank you to Pastor Queck for your visits and LWML for your kindness. – Sue Mueller
- I would like to thank everyone for your cards and thoughts and prayers and to Busy Needles for the lap quilt after my surgery. And a special thank you to Krista Matthees who took over for me during my recovery. – Amanda Berndt
- Thank you for your donations to the Cancer Research Fundraiser. It was greatly appreciated.
– The Confirmands

February 11, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Peter Minear, at 7:10pm with 7 members present. Pastor opened with devotion.
- II. Reports:
- A. Secretary, Gail Schwartz, read the minutes to the December 2018 council meeting held on December 10, 2018.
M/S Shelley Josephson/Mike Hemminger. Motion carried.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gail Schwartz read the Treasurer's Report.
M/S Gene Stueven/Mike Hemminger. Motion carried.
- C. Pastor's Report:
- A. Attendance for January 2019
- | Date | Attendance | Communions |
|---------|------------|------------|
| 1/6 | 138 | 116 |
| 1/13 | 121 | |
| 1/20 | 125 | 105 |
| 1/27 | 122 | |
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| Total | 506 | |
| Average | 126.5 | |
- B. The Word
- a. Sunday Worship Services: 4
 - b. Care Center Services: 3
 - c. Weddings: 0
 - d. Funerals: 1
 - i. Irene C. Jans Bergstrom 1/28/19
 - e. Bible Classes: 7 (2 Thursday classes cancelled due to weather)
 - f. Confirmation Classes: 4 (1 class cancelled due to weather)
 - g. Instruction Classes: 3
- C. The Sacraments
- a. Baptisms: 0
 - b. Communions
 - i. Sunday Worship: 221

- ii. Care Center: 20
 - iii. Private: 8
 - D. Administrative
 - a. Zion Meetings: 4
 - b. Circuit/District: 2
- III. Board Reports:
 - A. Elders: No Report.
 - B. Trustees: Bathroom fans are not working. Motor needs to be replaced. The Church Bell seems to be ringing very softly. Will need to investigate why. Maybe because of the cold weather.
 - C. Education: Shelley reported 2 new children will be joining Sunday School every other week.
 - D. Evangelism: Pastor reported he is working with several new families to join Zion.
 - E. Stewardship: No Report
- IV. Old Business:

Several volunteers came forward offering to audit the Church Books.
- V. New Business: Kirby Nicka volunteered to shovel the sidewalks. Received a letter from Wright Hennepin about no one answering the phone number W/H has on file for the Security System. Zion will need to supply a new phone number. Need volunteers to supply rides for the Bloodmobile on February 28 from 1-7 pm, also cookies and juice. Krista will be speaking with Life Touch sometime in February about the picture directory. Also will need volunteers for scheduling times for pictures, most scheduling can be done online. April is Zion's month to supply Meals-on-Wheels. Need volunteer drivers.

Pastor will be on vacation February 13th thru 19th

Looking into replacing the sign in front of the Church. Possibly will use the Memorial Fund, which currently has over \$12,000, to fund the sign.
- VI. Adjournment at 7:40 pm. M/S Shelley Josephson/Dan Fischer. Motion carried. Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Schwartz, Secretary



We express our heartfelt sympathy to
the family and friends of:

- Irene Bergstrom who died on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the Annandale Care Center. A funeral service was held at our church on Monday, January 28, 2019 with Pastor Queck officiating. Irene was a longtime member of our church. She worked as a teacher for many years and as a Title 1 Assistant in Annandale. In retirement, she volunteered for several years in the elementary school as a “grandma”. Irene enjoyed family, flowers, reading, bird watching, and traveling.
- Larry Wadman who died suddenly on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the St. Cloud Hospital. A funeral service was held at our church on Friday, February 1, 2019 with Pastor Queck officiating. Larry was a member of our church. He worked as a mechanic on small engines his whole life. He enjoyed tinkering on small engines, fishing, and spending time with his family. Larry was a fan of the Gophers, Twins, and Vikings. He found a friend in everyone he talked with.



April is Zion’s month to deliver Meals on Wheels and I am looking for volunteers. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex or call me at 320-274-8589. Thank you.

-Shelley Josephson

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