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Zion Lutheran Church



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Sunday Worship-11:00 am

Sunday School- 10:00 am

A Holy Week Perspective...

What if we became known not just as the people who knew what to do on Sundays, but the ones who knew how to stay with you when your life was falling apart, just as Christ asks us to do on Maundy Thursday? Or the ones who could stand by and still love and respect you even when you call out your doubts, as Jesus did on the cross? What would happen if we weren't just known for our Easter Sunday celebrations, but for our Thursday night solidarity? Our Friday afternoon compassion?

We have the capacity to be those people. We have it because the risen Christ is with us. All we have to do is be willing to make the journey with him. Not just on Sundays, but on the days between.

Please join us for Holy Week services!



Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

Service at 8:00 pm
No Meal

Good Friday

April 14, 2017

Service at 8:00 pm
No Meal

Women of the ELCA

WELCA: April 4th

Hostess: Teresa Snyder

Lesson Leader: Cindy Rupp

April Altar Guild: Teresa Kukuk



If you have anyone graduating in 2017, please contact someone in WELCA. They are making plans for a May graduation reception and would like the number of member graduates and their graduating class. This includes: kindergarten, high school, college, or tech.

MINGLE ON MAIN

Perry's Mingle on Main...

Upcoming opportunities for our congregation:

EASTER SUNDAY

Please join us for an Easter party and Easter egg hunt.
See you there!



Men's Breakfast

When: Saturday, April 22nd

Where: Zion at 7:00 am



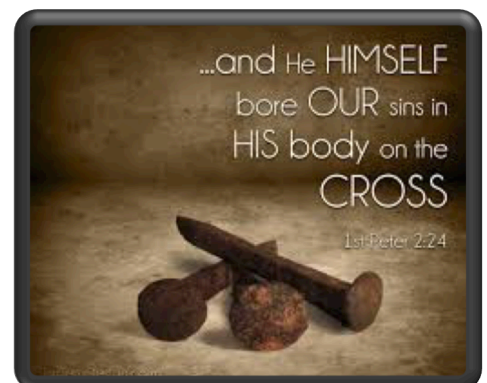
When: April 20th

Teresa Kukuk will be gone on the 20th and she is asking for volunteers to make at least 10 casseroles ahead of time so Ray and other helpers can serve them on Thursday night.

Thanks to everyone that's giving of their time to help the hungry in our community!

- **July 21st** is Crazy Days downtown. We may serve a potluck fundraiser that evening. This is depending on interest.
- **August** (no date yet) Meet a Maroon night. We'll have some kind of booth for our church, depending on interest.

(There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church)





On our Palm

Sunday Journey we will be helping our neighbors with 3 activities

1. We will be collecting used crayons to donate to AAA.

The Crayon initiative and AAA join forces to collect used, unwanted crayons. These donated crayons are sorted by color, melted down, remade into brand new crayons and given to hospitalized children in Oklahoma.

The Crayon Initiative even makes the new crayons square so they won't roll off hospital tables.

So bring your used crayons on Palm Sunday!

2. Color A Smile

This is a non-profit organization that collects cheerful crayon drawings from school children, scouting groups, and anyone of any age that likes to color.

They distribute thousands of drawings every month to senior citizens, our troops overseas and anyone in need of a smile.

We will have coloring pages available to anyone who wants to "color a smile".

3. Soup Kitchen

We will be collecting "pot luck" casseroles for the soup kitchen. Our church is serving at the Soup Kitchen this month. Please bring your casserole in a disposable/freezable dish.

April Birthdays

1st- Will Andrews, Christy Kukuk
 4th- Russell Voise, Jessica Potter,
 Carson Avery
 5th- Ava Heim
 8th- Reese Voise
 9th- Angela Andrews, Rhett Luter
 10th- Teague Nelson
 11th- Marvin Beier

13th- Brant Kukuk
 16th- Whelan Carson
 17th- K.T. Frank
 23rd- Cheryl Curtis

Anniversaries

27th- Allen & Tiffany McClendon



Join us for our Palm Sunday Journey on April 9th.

We will have a meal right after church. The journey will begin after we eat!
Be sure to get your photo taken for your passport at the photo booth. Get your passport, and you're on your way.
You will visit the parade on Palm Sunday.
Gethsemane--this is where Jesus and His Disciples waited and prayed.
You will visit Golgotha and see the cross.
And of course, you will visit the grave and sense the resurrection!
Then it's off to share the Good News with others, using our hands for God's works.

Fill out the Passport information and return to the suitcase at the church or
RSVP with Mary Jo @ 580-370-0618 by Wednesday, April 5th.
This day is for adults and children, so come take the journey to the cross with us.

Name: _____
Age: _____
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BOOK FAIR

Shop faith-filled children's books at a great discount and earn rewards for our church. Stop by the table in the entry by April 2nd. Fill out an order form-checks payable to Zion-leave your order form and check in the suitcase or give to Mary Jo.
Books will arrive around April 7th.
AND...we will earn 20% of the proceeds!



Prayer Concerns

We Remember our Friends & Family

Kenny Frank, Kim Williams, Mark Rupp, Wade Voise, Sonny Rupp, Pastor Olson, Melvin Williams, Dennis Schieffer, Lyndee Strader, Dorothy Voise, Bernice Schieffer, Verna Frank, Geraldine Finley, Leonard Rupp, Marvin Beier, Dava Kukuk, Dustin Kukuk, Jandree Potter, Mandee Potter, Loretta Longan, Sandy Little, Valerie Danner, Caleb Pierce, Jana Benningfield, Leta Faye Baetz, Melody Gale, Tyler Kukuk, Jane Makovec, Otto Davidson, Joey Hamilton, Jason & Randy Shiever. Chris Nance, Kevin Voise, Staci Matthesen, Molly Tucker, Hattie Hentges, Cindy VanMeter-Christy Kukuk's mother, Doc Miller, Pastor Geishien.

We also pray for our men and women serving our country- (Blake Avery & Brent McClendon), our Police (Josh Carson) and Firemen and all others that need God's tender loving care.



April Schedule

2nd- Carson Avery
9th- Whelan Carson
16th- Katie Heim & Andrew Kukuk
23rd- Carson Avery
30th- Whelan Carson

Zion's Outreach project for April will be *shampoo, conditioner and/or soap products*. May you find it in your heart to help those in need. Thank you for being a part of Zion's Church Family!

Greeters

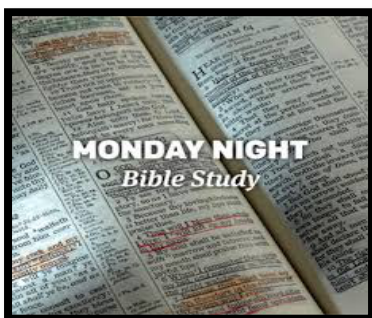
2nd- Kurt & Angela
9th- Jeff & Christy
16th- Steve & Kaylea
23rd- Ray & Teresa
30th- Scott & Brittany

Readers

Ray
Alex
Scott
Angela
Cindy

Ushers

Steve, Ray, Teresa, Jeff
James, Steve, Charles, Ray
Teresa, James, Steve, Charles
James, Ray, Teresa, Kurt
Doug, Parker, Steve, Jeff



Monday night Bible Study resumes on April 24th at 6:30 pm. Watch your bulletin for more details.

Pastor Dan's Bible Study
April 9th-10:00 am
Titus and Philemon
Come join us!





Ponderings with Pastor Peter

Growing up as a pastor's kid (PK) leads to a wide variety of interesting experiences. As a PK, especially in an elderly congregation, I was nearly guaranteed to attend if not participate in every service of the church year. Quite frankly, there were times as I was growing up that I would have much preferred watching Sunday morning cartoons than getting dressed up and going to church. It's not that I disliked church... in fact I enjoyed it. It's just that at times there were other things that I wanted to do with my Sunday mornings instead of sitting in the pew and listening to my Dad! And yet, I cannot think of a single Sunday morning that I left church feeling like my time that morning would have been better served by doing my preferred list of things (cartoons, etc.) rather than going to church.

Despite my desire at times to skip Sunday morning services, there were a few services that I would not have missed for anything. The Christmas Eve Candle Light services were always a favorite, of course... but perhaps even more important to me were the services of Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil (Saturday Evening) services helped me define my understanding of what it meant to be Christian. The story of Christ's last days unfolding through those services deepened my faith and helped me realize even as a child some of the significance of what Christ went through for us. Despite the attendance generally being small for those services, that 'extra' time in church was perhaps the most important time I spent in church throughout the year.

The services of Holy Week are perhaps the most vivid times of the year for seeing God's purpose in the world. While as a child experiencing the fellowship (and then betrayal) at the Last Supper in Maundy Thursday followed by the overwhelming darkness and despair of Good Friday might not have seemed 'fun'... they did prepare me for painful experiences in life. They taught me that God understood pain and struggling in a way far beyond what I could have realized. I understood that God was not just interested in having us worship but that God wanted to be invested in our lives—God wanted to be invested so badly, in fact, that God came and suffered and died on the cross for us.

This year will be my first year that I will be able to spend this very precious time of Holy Week with you. I hope to walk the very special journey of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with you as we experience not just the joy of Easter but the darkness before it. Only through experiencing that darkness can we ever begin to realize the joy and light of Easter morning.

Blessings to you all this month, my brothers and sisters in Christ.





APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4 WELCA	5 Lenten Service Meal 6:30 Service 7:00	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am	10 Passover Begins	11	12 Church Council 6:30 pm	13 Maundy Thursday 8:00 pm	14 Good Friday 8:00 pm	15
16 Easter Sunrise 7:00 am Service 11:00 am	17	18	19	20 Soup Kitchen	21	22 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am
23	24 Bible Study 6:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29
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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Come Join Us!

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