



# Zion Lutheran Monthly

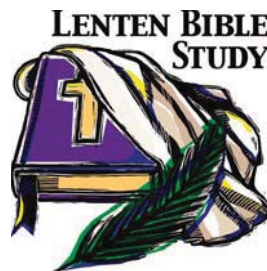


March 2011

## ALL THINGS LENT

Lent is almost here, that time of the church year when we look at Christ as well as the spiritual disciplines in our own lives. First, we look to Christ, focusing on His passion (the events leading up to His death on the cross) and all that He suffered as He bore our sins and faced the awesome judgment of God. Then we look at our lives: how are we living as recipients of His grace in response to His forgiveness? Traditionally, Christians have used the Lenten season to either adopt a spiritual discipline (or physical discipline) or refrain from something they fear might have become their God (TV, desserts, etc).

During Lent, our focus on the weekends will be our continued study on the Gospel of John, paying careful attention to the words, deeds, and identity of Jesus; learning what the Apostle whom Jesus Loved has written about the Lord. During "Holy Week" we will have services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as on Easter Sunday. These services will focus exclusively on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. We will also have mid-week services during Lent on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. As with our Advent services, these will be shorter than our Sunday services and more devotional and contemplative in nature. Our focus during these services will be the spiritual discipline of prayer. Each week, we will take a look at a prayer found in Scripture. We'll learn what they prayed for and how their example can help us when we come to the Lord in prayer. The services will be followed by deserts and coffee in the undercroft (church basement), for those who want to stick around for fellowship and informal discussion on the sermon.



Don't forget, in addition to all the worship opportunities, we have a Youth Choir (10-12<sup>th</sup> grade) coming in from Michigan to perform a concert of Sacred Music at our church on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. In addition to the concert, we have an opportunity to show hospitality and support for these young adults by hosting them in our homes. Please let the church office know if you'll be able to host any of the high school students who will be coming to perform for us to the glory of God.

March is looking to be an exciting, faith-filled, Christ-centered month at Zion! Hope you'll be able to be a part of it...

All the best,  
In Christ,  
Pastor Duncan

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### Wednesdays in March & April

3/9	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday
3/16	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
3/23	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
3/30	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
4/6	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
4/13	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
4/20	7:00 pm	Lenten Service



# Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

As of February 19, 2011, we are estimating \$10,800 cash on hand. All bills through February 20<sup>th</sup> have been paid.



January <b>Income</b>	\$34,355.00
January <b>Expenses</b>	<u>36,488.00</u>
Unfavorable to Income	-\$2,133.00



The unfavorable monthly income was mainly due to higher than expected snow removal costs. Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to grow our outreach ministry and that we can maintain this positive financial picture for 2011.

On Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, we presented a Five Year Plan at the Voters meeting. The first step in this plan is to establish small working teams in order to expand the potential of the seven key focus areas. We are looking for members who are interested in participating over the next few months on one of the seven committees or boards. If you are interested, please contact the name associated with the focus area.

## Existing Committees

**In-Reach** – Build and expand the in-reach programs by utilizing the existing Interaction committee. *Contact Dick Wible.*

**Worship Services** – Maintain traditional worship services while exploring new ministry options and worship service trends. *Contact Pastor McLellan.*

**Church and Parsonage Facilities** - Develop a proactive 1, 3 and 5-year maintenance facilities and building plan. *Contact Dick Wible.*

**Youth Ministry and Early Childhood Program** - Develop a vision to expand and improve the current programs and services. Develop new programs and services offering to take advantage of existing staff and facilities. *Contact Dwight Weldon or Pastor McLellan.*

## New Committees

**Outreach** - Build and expand the outreach program around the existing programs and services. *Contact John Gielarowski or Pastor McLellan .*

**Stewardship** – Develop proactive personal and financial stewardship programs. *Contact John Gielarowski.*

**Technology** – Proactively leverage technology to improve overall ministry. *Contract Bob Schmidt .*



We pray that you will consider serving Zion so that we can “Build Up the Light of Zion and Let the SON Shine Out!”

~ Bob Schmidt, Chairman

## Notes From the Preschool

Here at Zion Lutheran School, the staff offers their all so that these children can witness God’s Word in practice. We know that God takes our strengths, our weaknesses, and our humble efforts and uses them for His glory.

We are eagerly looking forward to spring and some much needed warmth. However, we will be so busy this month that we may not mind March’s fickle days of blowing both cold and warm breezes.

We begin this month with National Lutheran Schools Week. This is a special week set aside to celebrate in thanksgiving all that God has done through Christian education in a Lutheran setting. It is also a fun time for the children. Unusual activities will be taking place. If you visit the classes during the week of March 7-11, you may see both the students and the teachers dressed in their pajamas and carrying teddy bears. However, they will certainly not be sleeping. On the 9<sup>th</sup> and

10<sup>th</sup>, dads will be here for Dads and Donuts. Peek into the Small Steps room to see the dads doing a chicken dance!

This month, the dental hygienist and the vision screening team will be visiting the classrooms. We have been able to secure

**The Master can use  
what you have to offer.  
Though you may consider it small;  
His work here on earth is done  
through His children,  
So give Him your best,  
give him your all.  
John Hess**

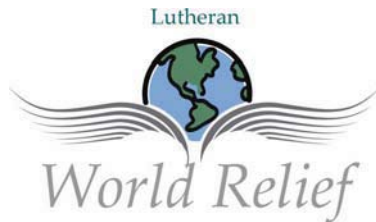
these very valuable services for our families, free of charge. Phipps Conservatory will be presenting programs on seeds and planting. This program is made possible through our fund-raising activities.

Our major fund-raiser, the Spaghetti Dinner, will be held early this month on March 11. We ask that you give assistance in any way that you can. Contact Tracey Harris to see what you can do to help. Come to the dinner and see the Children’s Art Show. Their work will be on display in the school’s hallway.

Registration is underway for next year. We have more than fifty registered at this time. There is a new transition class, Stepping Stones, being offered five days a week in the afternoons for children who do not make the birthday cut off for kindergarten or who are not ready to enter kindergarten. The Lord continues to bless us and we are grateful.

THINK SPRING! It is just around the corner.

In His Service,  
Carole Davis, Director



Lutheran World Relief is experiencing an increased need of supplies. A brand new bar of soap signals dignity and cleanliness. Zion Early Childhood Center is collecting soap for Lutheran World Relief throughout the months of February and March. We are hoping to collect 200 bars of any brand soap in its original wrapping. All bar sizes are accepted; however, bath-size bars (4 - 5 oz.) are highly preferred. Please help us reach our goal by placing your donations in either the church narthex or greenhouse areas.

If you have any questions see Barbara Oechslein or call 412-221-1584.

The Family of Jacqueline Herschaft thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

We want to thank all the members of Zion for their prayers and kind words at this difficult time.

We want to thank all who helped with the luncheon. It was a wonderful work of love and we appreciate it.

Thank you pastor, for always being there for us and for all your help.

It is such a comfort having the support of our church family.

~ The Herschaft Family

## The A Cappella & Chamber Choirs



### 2011 Concert Tour

The A Cappella and Chamber Choirs from Lutheran Northwest High School, Rochester Hills, Michigan, will be performing a concert of sacred music on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA. Comprised of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, the A Cappella Choir, and the select ensemble, the Chamber Choir, perform repertoire ranging from the Lutheran Chorale style of L.L. Fleming, the rich music history of composers such as Tallis, Durufle, and Rachmaninoff, and a variety of works from modern composers such as Randall Thompson and Moses Hogan.

You are invited to come and listen as music is used to express the powerful message of the Gospel!

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout Pittsburgh are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from March 9th (Ash Wednesday) through April 17th (Palm Sunday). This ecumenical 40 day campaign to end abortion, which consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil...will kick-off on Saturday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 320 Sixth Avenue, downtown. Come share in a meaningful time of praise and worship, followed by a candlelit procession to Planned Parenthood, located at 933 Liberty Avenue. All are welcome! To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413, [nbruni@comcast.net](mailto:nbruni@comcast.net) or [www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh).





The annual Zion Preschool **SPAGHETTI DINNER**, accompanied by an art show and bake sale, will be held on Friday, March 11 with three available seating times: 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, and 6:30-7:30 (take-out is also available). Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under (children 2 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased at the church office or between services. Please contact Tracey Harris if you would like to volunteer to help.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!** At our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, we've always ended our delicious meal with some fabulous deserts. If you would be willing to donate "something sweet" to our cause, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the church on Thursday the 10th, or by 1:00 Friday afternoon, the 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Harris at [tharrissyd@comcast.net](mailto:tharrissyd@comcast.net).



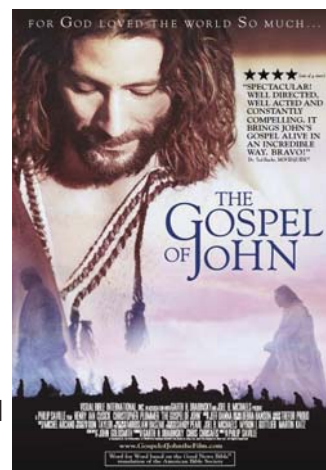
**ART SHOW &  
BAKE SALE**

## “THE GOSPEL OF JOHN”

The Fellowship/Evangelism Committee is pleased to announce a “Fellowship/Movie Night” here at the church on Sunday evening, March 6, 2011 where, in addition to a light meal and snacks, the full, feature-length DVD “The Gospel of John” will be shown. This presentation fits perfectly into the Epiphany Season of Our Lord and will reinforce our John-based Sunday Sermons during Epiphany.

The Gospel of John was adapted for the screen by Emmy-nominated John Goldsmith and was directed by acclaimed British director, Philip Saville. This powerful dramatization of the best-loved of the four Gospels stars Henry Ian Cusick as Jesus, with Christopher Plummer narrating a word for word script taken directly from the Scriptures.

The DVD will be shown from 4:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. with an intermission period for a light Sunday evening dinner. Separate entertainment under responsible supervision in the school romper room will be available for children ages 3-9.



Plan on joining us for a wonderful family evening of fellowship and entertainment and.....bring your appetites.

Fellowship and Evangelism Committee

# Service Participants in March

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
March 6	8:00 am	Gielarowski Family	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Elsie DallaPiazza	Mia Case
March 9	7:00 pm		Sydney Harris
March 13	8:00 am	Bob & Shelly James	Sara Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Rose Steranko	Molly Oelschlager
March 16	7:00 pm		Sydney Harris
March 20	8:00 am	Bob & Bernice DeBoe	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	Mark & Laurie Coleman	Ryan Harris
March 23	7:00 pm		Joshua Gielarowski
March 27	8:00 am	Carl & Karen Bauer	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Dick & Carolyn Wible	Mia Case
March 30	7:00 pm		Sydney Harris
April 3	8:00 am	Gene & Sharon Koop	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Bob & Nancy Spotti	Molly Oelschlager
April 6	7:00 pm		Anthony Vallelunga

<b>ELDERS</b>	Jim Neill & David Hutula
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oelchslein, & Larry Zreliak
<b>USHERS @ 10:30 am</b>	Richard Quinlan, Robert Oelschlager, & Ross Chilcott

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the Church Office (412) 221-4776) of the change.



The following 2011 dates are still available to sponsor the **Eternal Light**: April 17, May 15, July 17, July 31, August 7, & August 21 and the **Altar Flowers**: April 3 (2), May 15, June 5, June 12 (2), & July 31. See Nancy Klemash to sign up!

4	Bill & Carol Schrag	1972
5	Dick & Carolyn Wible	1966
7	Andy & Judy Dames	1988
12	Jay & Paula Gardner	1995
26	Tim & Rita Sheldon	1960
29	Brian & Megan Pasquini	2003

- 4 Lori Gauger
- 5 Jared Fitzgerald
- 5 Deborah Sterba
- 7 Robert James
- 8 Mark Oelschlager
- 11 Mike Sterba
- 12 Emma Gardner
- 12 Andrea Vogel



- 12 Jonathan Vogel
- 14 Susan Bishop
- 14 Kimberly Collins
- 18 Joseph Gielarowski
- 22 Nathan Smidt
- 23 Mia Case
- 24 Connie Collins
- 24 Bonnie Lewis
- 25 Stella Hayes
- 25 Elaine Masters
- 25 Ruth Miller
- 26 Katie Gielarowski
- 26 Nancy Spotti
- 27 Christian Vogel
- 28 Kristen Neill
- 30 Amanda Stiner

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For updated information throughout the month.

**The Rev. Duncan McLellan**



# Youth News



Youth Ministry

Give us your HOME! For just one night.

To give the youth who will be performing for us on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> a place to stay. 55 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders will need a place for the night. (We'll even let you stay in your own home and cook them breakfast before church on the 27<sup>th</sup>!)

Let the church office know if you'll be able to play host!

The **Lutheran Island Mission Trip** is only a few months away!

Mark your calendars for the last week on June, as we'll be heading west (and north) to Lutheran Island Camp for a week-long work camp/ ministry adventure! Youth and adults are invited to sign-up as participants and chaperones! The cost for the event will be in the \$300 neighborhood.

Adults: in order to cut costs *significantly* for this trip, we are asking those chaperones who can to provide their vehicles... We'll be taking a road trip to Minnesota! (Where the sun shines at 10:00pm and rises by 5:00am!!)

We'll be leaving June 26<sup>th</sup> and getting back on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank drive is Sunday, March 13. The "item of the month" is fruit (canned and dried). You are also welcome to help at the Food Bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 and 12:00 at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Center has opened up registration to the general public for the next school year. Registration packets are available in the office. If you know of anyone who might be interested in sending their children to the pre-school, please inform the office of their name and address so that we can mail them an information packet. Registration forms are also available online at [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

## NURSERY NEED

Zion is in need of a child's play table for our nursery children to use to do coloring and crafts. A large, wooden table with seating for 4 to 6 kids is preferable. Also, we are in need of a few children's high chairs and booster seats to be used for events in the church fellowship hall. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please contact Susie Bishop 412-257-5089.

Did you know that Zion has an email prayer chain standing at the ready to pray for your needs? Martin Luther said that "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness." Lay hold of God's willingness and send an email to [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) or call the office with your prayer requests.

## EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletter is now available online at [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org). Inform the church office of your email address in order to receive the newsletter via the cyber highway. Let's save money and trees!