

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 26th, 2017  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Joe DePalma in Memory of parents Margaret & Joseph DePalma and the Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of parents Anna & Roman Rybarski & Anna & Stanley DeBoe.

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....** is from MEGAN PASQUINI. Philippians 4:13 ESV "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

**VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for March is Bo Giertz "The Hammer of God". You can check it out of the Zion library!

**NUMBER EIGHTEEN...the 18th Women's Bible Study** since Alissa McLellan's self-led Genesis study back in Sept. 2011 **begins April 18!!** Back by very popular demand, **BLESS THESE LIPS** (first offered at Zion in Sept. 2013) is an 8-week Bible study by Sharla Fritz. ALL women are invited to attend. We meet Tuesday nights, 7:15-8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Previous experience with Bible study or church membership absolutely not required! Please sign up in the narthex or contact Linda at [linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com](mailto:linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com). JOY!

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT .....**Vicar Josh's WITNESS WORKSHOP! TOP TEN REASONS you should attend the Witness Workshop on **APRIL 1, 9 am –4 pm: 10. Free lunch 9. Free book 8. Free guidance 7. Free gift of God's unconditional and everlasting love 6. Free gift of God's grace 5. Free gift of God's mercy 4. Free (to you) gift of redemption in Christ 3. Free gift of salvation in Christ 2. Free gift of eternal life in Christ ...and the Number One Reason You Should Attend the Witness Workshop: Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15)**

**ALL THINGS NEW SESSION 8 TAKEAWAY...** More so than miracles, we show the world we are disciples of Jesus by the way we: 1) LOVE ONE ANOTHER and 2) display FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**YOU ABSOLUTELY WON'T WANT TO MISS...**the ALL-CHURCH SPRING eats, good company, good times! **COOKOUT** on **SUNDAY, MAY 21st**, right after second service. Good

**WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!

The Bible is written for our learning and understanding. In the Bible we find the teachings of the Apostles and prophets about Jesus. The Bible is the written Word of God, imparting salvation to you. Scripture makes use of many incredible metaphors to drive home it's central point: salvation by grace through faith in Christ. In our reading from the book of Ephesians today, we encounter two such ways of speaking. From Old Testament to New we are encountered with the language of "walking" and "light".

Deuteronomy speaks of "walking in the way of the Lord". Genesis tells us how Adam walked with God in the garden of Eden. Now in Ephesians we are called to walk As children of the Lord, trusting in him and obeying His Word.

The beginning of John's Gospel tells us that Jesus Christ is the true light that shines in the darkness. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus blesses His disciples and then tells them that they are the light of the world. In our reading today Paul reminds you that you were once darkness, but NOW you are light.

May God encourage and comfort you with the glorious news that you are light in Christ!

-Vicar Joshua



**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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☐ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☑ **who made heaven and earth.**

☐ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☑ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

☐ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☑ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

☐ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

☐ My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**☐ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\***  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- |  
on a rock.  
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and  
I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\*  
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
**☑** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

### Kyrie

**☐ Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**☑** The Lord be with you.

**☐ And also with you.**

**☐** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning;  
and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children  
and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily  
acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and  
serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**☐ Amen.**

For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.

I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.

And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.

They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
"You are our gods."

Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!

Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## Ephesians 5:8-14

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

**V** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. “Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made

mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If



this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn – What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**770**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

Taught by our Lord and trusting his promises we are bold to pray...

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against  
us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Offering**

*If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.*

**Offertory:**

**8:00 am – Adult Choir (When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)**

**10:30 am – Men's Choir (My Song is Love Unknown)**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

☐ Let us bless the Lord.

☐ **Thanks be to God.**

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

☐ **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn – All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

**791**

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### **The Church:**

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, Jim Lynch, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Irene Bourg, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, Dom Santaguida and Bruce Gain.

-For Rev. Edward Grimenstein as he prepares to become Zion's next pastor.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

### **Thanksgiving:**

-Thankfulness for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

### **The World:**

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### **Our Nation:**

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth

† *Service Participants* †

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop (8:00) Lee & Megan Glasser (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Debbie Ford, (8:00) Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Brittney Dill, Sydney Januey & Leah Luedeman

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/19) – 184

Lenten Mid-week Service Attendance (3/22) – 34

Sunday Offering (3/19) - \$5,856.00

Lenten Service Offering - \$ 247.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# Week of March 26<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/26</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 11:45 AM – Event’s Committee Meeting
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>3/27</b>	7:00 PM – Confirmation
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>3/28</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>3/29</b>	7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>3/30</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>3/31</b>	8:00 PM – Middle School Youth Group Event
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>4/1</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>4/2</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir

# Trustee Spring Work Day



## Sunday, April 2nd

Join us **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** for a Trustee Spring Work Day!

There are lots of projects both inside and outside to complete for men, women and children of all ages. Our primary focus will be getting both the interior and exterior of the parsonage ready for the arrival of Pastor Grimenstein and his family. Interior work will focus on giving the home a good, deep cleaning from top to bottom and the exterior work will focus on the clean up of the parsonage grounds and the mulching of the parsonage beds and various other beds around the church property.

The exterior work is certainly weather dependent, but the interior work will go on regardless of the forecast!

The Work Day will get started immediately following the late service so bring a lunch, some cleaning supplies and yard work tools and help us demonstrate good stewardship of the beautiful property we are so blessed to call our church home!

See John or Carrie Lemonovich or email us ([lemonoje@gmail.com](mailto:lemonoje@gmail.com) or [clemonovich@yahoo.com](mailto:clemonovich@yahoo.com)) with questions.



# WITNESSING CHRIST

**Join Vicar Joshua and Guest speakers on  
April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am – 4:00pm  
for a workshop on witnessing!**

**Lunch will be provided!**

**Each Participant will receive a free book and  
other resources!**



# Help Wanted - Zion Treasurer Position



As many of you know, the Luedeman family will be relocating to Florida. This means we are looking for a new Treasurer to replace Kim. The Treasurer is responsible for all cash disbursements and maintaining accurate books. In addition, full financial reports are prepared for monthly council meetings. The Treasurer coordinates with the outside payroll company, budget process and uses the Sheppard Staff software. There is a stipend for this position. If you would be interested in learning more about this position please see Kim Luedeman or Bob Schmidt.

# Upcoming Middle School Youth Group Event

# Black

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# Light

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# Night

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**When?** March 31  
**Where?** Basement of Zion Lutheran Church  
**Who?** Anyone in 6-8th Grade  
**Time?** 8-10pm  
**Address?** 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville  
**Food?** Pizza!  
**Cost?** \$0

Wear something  
White or Neon