



ZION
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ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 19, 2023

This Week at Zion

Sunday, March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary/ with Children’s church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth, Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship – MMC/ with Children’s church

12:15 p.m. Confirmation class laser tag

Monday (3/20)

[Pray for those outside the faith.]

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Forest-Aires

Tuesday (3/21)

[Pray for our ministry together as we seek God’s face.]

6:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday (3/22)

[Pray for all that work for the well-being of our communities.]

9:00 a.m. Forest-Aires

6:00 p.m. Simple Supper

7:00 p.m. Confirmation, Midweek Study 4, Zion Kids

Thursday (3/23)

[Pray for the healing of those who face long recoveries.]

7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

8:00 p.m. Chime Choir Practice

Friday (3/24)

[Pray for those in medical, governmental, and educational settings.]

Saturday (3/25)

[Prayer Walk Your Neighborhood. Share the good news of Christ!]

Sunday, March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship – Sanctuary/ with Children’s church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth, Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship – MMC/ with Children’s church

From The 66...

Psalm 142:5

“I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’”

The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

& the book of numbers.

LAST WEEK:

God’s People Assembled: (as of 3/12/23)

Classic 8:30 am: 56

Contemporary 11:00 am: 83

Online: see us on Facebook and zionlc.org (worship tab)

Children’s Church Total: 9

Christian Education Youth: 12 Adults: 30

God’s People Give with Treasure (as of 3/12/23)

Digital: \$2,340.00

In-person: \$5,421.00

God’s People’s Response through January 2023:

Giving: \$41,981; Expenses: \$40,034

Budget: \$45,570

To hit stewardship forecast for 2023: \$10,509/ week

For ways to contribute please go to our website www.zionlc.org and look under the “Give” tab. Thank you for your continued support!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

For the safety of our members and friends we have blocked out this section. If you’d like a copy in full, please contact Zion, office@zionlc.org. Thanks!

“TAKING THE CROSS OF GRACE AND PEACE...”

Looking Ahead. Giving Back. Noting an Opportunity.

New Sunday Adult Bible Study – We are all busy. Our busyness can feel productive but it can also be a toxic distraction, sapping our spiritual, physical, and emotional vitality. It may seem like we have no choice but to live at a frantic pace, but God has a better path for us. Join us on Sundays for: *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* as we look at one of the greatest threats to our spiritual lives: hurry.

New Member Sunday 3/26! -- Please welcome into Zion's family for the first time (or again!): Edward and Deanna Plourde (Madeleine, Kristin, Nathan, and Lily); Drew and Rachel Campbell; Kevin and Kristin O'Farrell (Hayden and Owen); Gary and Denise Brown; Zach and Kaleigh Beilharz (Crue and Lennon); Tony and Julie Walter (Andrew Weinrich and Ethan Walter). We'll have a *Get to Know You* booklet on 3/26 and a little reception after each service. Take the time to officially welcome and get to know our new(er) members! Great to have you all here!

Easter Flowers -- Easter is right around the corner! It's time to order Easter flowers! Please consider ordering a Lily at \$13.00 or a Daffodil at \$11.00 to beautify our worship areas for Easter. Please make checks out to Zion Women's Guild. The last date to order is Sunday, March 26th. You may take home your flowers on Easter Sunday.

Zion Workday -- Spring has sprung! Easter is around the corner and to prepare we will be working together to clean, organize, maintain and beautify the exterior and interior of Zion. We will need hands! Anyone who is available **Saturday, April 1st** is invited to help from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Donuts / coffee will be provided. ****Weather permitting**** We have several work items that will need to be accomplished along with tools needed to make jobs go smoothly. Please see the sign-up flier in Narthex or in the Thursday mass email for more information. If you have any questions please email, call or text John Davis, 765-480-3363, johnmdavis281@gmail.com

5...4...3...2...1..Blast Off! **Save the date** for another spectacular VBS scheduled at Zion from June 26th - June 29th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This year our theme will be "Stellar", and we will Shine Jesus' Light as we explore how we can be Jesus' reflection through all of life's ups and downs. This year's program will be for children aged 4 (by VBS week)-5th grade. **We will start taking registration for both volunteers and participants on April 17th.** Any questions, please reach out to Kara Hoerth, Jamie Schwartz, or Halle Raicevich.

Children's Church is intended for ages 4-9. Older kids (age 10+) are encouraged to be upstairs in the worship service and so that confirmation students can take sermon notes. One adult helper and one teen helper are needed each week; contact Chris Graves (cgraves@zionlc.org) if you would like to take turns being that helper. **Nursery** -- Our nursery is for children ages 0-3. We have a paid nursery attendant, and the hours are 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Parents, you are welcome to keep your child with you in the worship service if you prefer, but if they have the wiggles and you want to take them to the nursery, please be sure to sign them in before heading back upstairs to the worship service. **Sunday School** is studying a series on The Life of Jesus that will last the rest of the school year. **The youth** are studying Dark Room Faith, which looks at the deep questions of faith that reside in the dark corners of our minds.

Lent 2023 -- There are several opportunities to dive a little deeper in your faith walk this Lenten season. The **Witnesses to Christ** sermon series starts on Ash Wednesday (2-22-23) - please see the Lenten schedule. **Revival in Nehemiah** is the Wednesday night study during the Lenten season. Coupled with Lenten dinners, kids activities, and confirmation time - this is a great way to make a night of growing in God (see the Lenten schedule). *Lutheran Hour Ministries* has a new **Lenten Devo** (*Man of Sorrows, People of Joy*) on the Information Table. As well, there are kids and youth activities and opportunities to grow (ask Chris, see announcements). Blessed Lenten season!

Human Care Items - Thank you to all the generous hearts that donated to our school snack pack. We now have enough to pack thru the end of the school year. We have one less family due to their getting back on their feet. They were grateful for the help. We will be starting a new drive in mid-March to help offset the summer grocery bags we provide. I will be asking if you could buy an extra \$5 can of meat, chicken, chili, etc. every week. Dropoff will be in MCC passthrough in the hallway. Each month we will ask for a different item. Please check the bulletin. I am also in need of simple budget stretching meal recipes. I want to include in the summer bags with most of the items needed to prepare it. I learned a lot from a mom who raised a family during the depression, and I need your ideas.

Church Custodian -- We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Al Born for providing custodian services for the church over the past five years. Al has decided to retire so we have an opening for a paid part-time position starting in May. If you are interested, or know of someone that might be interested, please contact Dave Boyles at 513.504.3050 for more details. A job description for this position is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

Flowers given for the Glory of God are provided by Inger Rothering, In Memory of My Father--Karl Erik Friberg.
Trustees – we thank our trustees for their care of God's House! If you happen to see something concerning as you drive by the building or have a building-related issue, please contact: Dave Boyles, 513-504-3050 -- Trustee

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