

Zion Lutheran Church
Arlington, MN

March Newsletter

March 2023

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Worship Schedule

March 1—Lenten Worship
Supper—5:30pm / Worship—6:30pm
“The Testimony of the Tanner”

March 5— Second Sunday in Lent
9:00am
Holy Communion
“Nicodemus Visits Jesus”

March 8—Lenten Worship
Supper—5:30pm / Worship—6:30pm
“The Testimony of the Carpenter”

March 12—Third Sunday in Lent
9:00am
Holy Communion
“Jesus and the Woman of Samaria”

March 15—Lenten Worship
Supper—5:30pm / Worship—6:30pm
“The Testimony of the Stone Mason”

March 19— Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00am
Contemporary Worship
“Jesus Heals a Blind Man”

March 22—Lenten Worship
Supper—5:30pm / Worship—6:30pm
“The Testimony of the Basket Maker”

March 26— Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00am
“Jesus Raises Lazarus”

March 29—Lenten Worship
Supper—5:30pm / Worship—6:30pm
“The Testimony of the Blacksmith”

Chattin’ It Up...

- Zion History
- Exciting News!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

When we move into the month of March, we in the church experience a rather striking juxtaposition of dark and light. At the time daylight is getting longer, the sun shining higher in the sky, and patches of earth reappearing from under the melting snow, in the church we are slowly descending into the darkness of Lent, working our way to Holy Week and the absolute darkest day of Good Friday with Jesus hanging on the cross and dying for our sakes.

As I sit at my computer putting together the worship services for the coming weeks, trying to create experiences that you will find meaningful for the season, Molly, my cat, is finding entertainment with three robins, who have seemingly returned early and who are exploring the patch of snow-pressed grass that has appeared above the underground, heated parking garage of my condo building. Molly runs business-like between a full-length perch at the top of her cat tree against

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the patio window in the living room quickly scooting full speed to sit in my bedroom windows, unable to contain her instinctual excitement. I, on the other hand, feel solemn as I immerse myself in the biblical texts of the Lenten season. Why the light and the darkness come together like this in the month we emerged from the winter doldrums perplexes me, but these months and the calendar of the church year are long-standing, so we observe as scheduled.

During our Lenten Wednesdays, we will be hearing from the “artisans” of the crucifixion, those who created with their hands the items used on Jesus. We will hear their thoughts about what they have done, and even their questioning of their involvement in the process. If we were to have been alive at this time in history, would we also question our involvement? Would we have been shouting “Crucify him, crucify him?” Would we have stood silently by watching in pleasure or horror? Or would we have fled like many of Jesus’ disciples?

We will have a brief introduction to a musical service, Holden Evening Prayer. We will only learn the Evening Hymn and the Final Blessing with the rest of the service being adapted and spoken so as not to overwhelm you since you’ve not done this service before. You will find these two songs easy to catch on to. And we will sing them each Wednesday so you will become more familiar with them each week.

On Maundy Thursday, you will be offered Individual forgiveness. I don’t know if you’ve done this in the past, but it is a part of the traditional Maundy Thursday service. That will be followed by Holy Communion and the undressing of the altar. You will be asked to leave in silence.

On Good Friday, we will hear about the various choices made by those who crucified Jesus along with coordinating Bible texts and hymns. All of this should ready us for a joyous Easter resurrection celebration.

I invite you to take this Lenten journey with me. As the light and warmth increasingly fill and surround our world outside, may we descend into the Lenten darkness assured that light and hope are found at the end of the cross and grave.

In Christ’s Peace,
Pastor Evelyn



Lent:
A Season of Preparation

In the Lives of our Members



March

Birthdays and Anniversaries 

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| 2 | Ann Carlson | 20 | Stephanie Krueger |
| 2 | Dollis Crawford | 20 | Jill Weitzenkamp |
| 8 | Larry Gieseke | 23 | Calvin Bening |
| 8 | Trey Lovaas | 25 | Stephanie Herd |
| 8 | Pamela Wendlandt | 27 | Annette Bergersen |
| 12 | Brenda Danielson | 27 | Julia Barfnecht |
| 12 | Adilyn Kamps | 28 | Betty Rud |
| 13 | Kari Schauer | 29 | Gerald Woehler |
| 14 | Bea Tews | 29 | Winnie Hazelwood |
| 14 | Daphne Hazelwood | 30 | Maya Kumar |
| 16 | Pam Schiroo | | |

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| March 4, 1978 | Mark & Joan Weber |
| March 7, 2008 | Sean & Lindsey Drexler |
| March 19, 1994 | Tim & Stacy Haggemiller |
| March 19, 2005 | Peter & Karen Arneson |



Hold up in prayer....

Christy Hebeisen in her battle with cancer

Lowell Tritabaugh brother-in-law of Janet Rowe

Jenna Dobner family friend of Kamps family. Battling a rare lung disease

Glen Lueders brother of Ginny Parrow, battling cancer

Dilshad Perani—family friend of Kamps family. Battling rare chronic disease.

Cindy Hebeisen—she begins treatment for nodules on her lungs.



Remember Our Homebound Members

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| <u>Harmony River Living Ctr</u>
Ginny Parrow | <u>At home in Arlington</u> |
| <u>Good Samaritan/Arlington</u>
Lyle Woehler | <u>Fairview Assisted Living</u>
Bert Pederson |
| <u>At home in Silver Lake</u>
Luverne Bergs | <u>Golden Hearts</u>
Gary Revier |



Zion Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2023

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Kevin Biermann. Attendance: Vice President, Larry Gieseke Sec: Roseann Nagel, Treas: Joe Prasad, Pastor: Pr. Evelyn Dahlke, Deacon Bd: Nick Schiroo, Trustee Bd: Jerry Ebersviller, Educ Bd: Sheri Kumar, Stewardship Bd: Lyle Rud, Worship & Music Bd: Ann Werner.

Others in attendance: Stacy Haggenmiller (Office Secretary), Lorraine Mielke (Memorial Committee), Jan Giesen, Nancy Mathwig, Hailey Haggenmiller (Call Committee)

Devotions were given by Pr Evelyn.

Meeting closed due to confidentiality of Call Committee Report. All attendees not designated as Council members by the Constitution were asked to leave for this portion of the meeting.

The Call Committee consists of Jan Giesen (Chair), Hailey Haggenmiller, Maya Kumar, Nancy Mathwig, Jane Scharpe and Nick Schiroo. Representing the committee at the meeting were: Jan Giesen, Hailey Haggenmiller, Nancy Mathwig and Nick Schiroo.

Meeting opened when Call Committee report concluded.

Motion by J Ebersviller, seconded by S Kumar to approve Call Committee report and accept recommendation of committee for Candidate of Choice. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by R Nagel, seconded by N Schiroo to set Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 26, following the church service with the agenda of voting to issue a Letter of Call to the Candidate of Choice to serve as Zion's Pastor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Memorial Committee representative, Lorraine Mielke, reported 2022 end of year balance \$4,904.47 of which \$500 were donations to the Memorial Fund in 2022. Restricted funds for bathroom project 2022 end of year balance were \$21,549.23. One Memorial Board plaque will be purchased for Ramona Evenson pursuant to policy.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for January council meeting were emailed and available at meeting. **Motion by L Rud, seconded by S Kumar to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Treasurer's Report: January Profit and Loss financial statements were emailed and available at meeting. **Motion by L Rud, seconded by J Ebersviller to approve the report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.**

Pastor's Report: Pr. Evelyn presented a verbal recap of the past month. Attended: ZCW General Meeting, various Bible study groups. Confirmation date set for May 7. Has Ash Wednesday and Lent services laid out. Private infant baptism set for Sunday, February 26 after Special Congregational Meeting. Super Bowl souper Sunday food shelf donations competition will take place. Planning a project "Clattering Coins for Christ" for coin donations to go to food

shelf. Planned with Myrna Scharpe for the Confirmation lock-in event taking place this coming weekend with the assistance of Hailey Haggenmiller and Nick Schiroo. Six Confirmation students will be attending.

Board of Deacons: N Schiroo – Met and set up communion schedule for 2023.

Board of Stewardship: L Rud – Will meet as a committee every third Sunday to plan and conduct a year-long Stewardship program/event.

Board of Trustees: J Ebersviller – Recently met and conducted a walk through as well as discussing church maintenance projects.

Board of Worship and Music: A Werner – Chose service setting for Lent.

Board of Education: S Kumar – Had organizational meeting, discussed Confirmation, uncertain if there will be any First Communion. Working on having appropriate individuals participate in the Synod Zoom training, “Youth Leaders: Boundaries and Influence.”

Standing Committees

Facilities Committee: R Nagel – Has been in contact with Tim Haggenmiller and sufficient information from plumbing contractor has not been received to call meeting. Tim H will serve on committee in an advisory capacity. Intent is to have Décor and Trustees represented as advisory members also.

Décor Committee: L Gieseke – no report

Constitution/ByLaws: L Gieseke/R Nagel -- Committee is meeting on an ongoing basis.

Safety/Security Policy(s): Tabled indefinitely, committee needs to be appointed.

Old Business

Nominating Committee appointment to fill one open position will occur later in the year. One Décor Committee position remains open.

New Business

Memorial Committee report – see above.

Next council meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roseann Nagel, Council Secretary

Approved: WILL BE APPROVED AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

January Giving

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Parking Lot</u>	<u>Food Shelf</u>	<u>Hunger Jar</u>	<u>Upstairs Restroom</u>
1/1/2023	46		\$21.00	\$30.00	
1/8/2023	62	\$5.00		\$54.00	
1/15/2023			\$100.00	\$10.00	\$50.00
1/22/2023	59	\$5.00		\$35.00	\$100.00
1/29/2023	53	\$5.00		\$31.00	\$100.00

- 1/8/2023 Memorial Fund - \$5 - In Memory of Steve Heuer
 Memorial Fund - \$25 - In Memory of Eloise Dammann (Parking Lot)
 Memorial Fund - \$10 - In Memory of Eloise Dammann (Parking Lot)
 Memorial Fund - \$25 - In Memory of Eloise Dammann (Parking Lot)
- 1/22/2023 Memorial Fund - \$20 - In Memory of Lester Milbrand
- 1/29/2023 Memorial Fund - \$20 - In Memory of Allen Giesen



Zion Lutheran Church services can be viewed on:

Facebook at

Zion Lutheran Church

YouTube at

www.youtube.com

Search: Zion ELCA Arlington MN

www.zionarlington.org

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Pr. Evelyn will have office hours on

Wednesdays from 1-4pm or by appointment.

Please feel free to call, text or email at any time.

Zion Church Women

March Bible Study Group

Tuesday Circle

March 7—9am
Church

Wednesday Circle

March 8—1:30p
Church



Zion History

October 24, 1975

Dear Friends at Zion:

As I look back on the three and a half years that I was your pastor I recall the many wonderful experiences that made those years significant in my life.

It is your life and witness to God the Father and Jesus Christ which has formed you into the Communion of Saints that you are today. By word and example you testify to the Grace of God which gives purpose and meaning to your life. I saw this evidenced by your faithful attendance at worship each Sunday as you gathered to hear God's Word and received the Sacraments as God's spiritual gift which creates and sustains your faith.

I think back to a congregation seeking to serve a changing community. Church Council meetings often found us discussing new ways to minister to a congregation that was no longer serving only farming families, but had re-located in a growing town of commuters, businessmen, and laborers as well. I recall with fondness the zeal with which you welcomed new families into your fellowship. You spoke with pride that you were exceeding expectations for congregational growth.

The results of a pastor's service to the congregation are often difficult if not impossible, to measure. Certainly there were new ideas being tried during my years with you: splitting the Sunday school into two sessions to accommodate the growing enrollment, individualized catechism instruction to increase the personal awareness and knowledge of the Christian faith and doctrine, the 40% increase in membership during those years, the undertaking of a Debt Retirement Fund Drive that has brought you from \$25,000 indebtedness down to \$4,00 in 3 years (and perhaps the goal can be reached by your 10th Anniversary of Relocation?) children's sermons, youth ministry and adult study classes.

How does one measure a congregation or a pastor? One plants, another waters, but it is God alone who gives the increase and gathers the harvest. I do believe the efforts and accomplishments of a congregation and their pastor give some indication of "life." However, they are not the last word.

It is your faithfulness, service, witness to your Lord that will ultimately answer the question: "What did those years mean?"

Thank you for the opportunity to have served our Lord together for a time.

Sincerely,

Duane O. Salness

Mel Pederson, asked former clergy of first 10 years of Zion to send letters telling of their impressions of Zion while they revisited Zion after their time of service during "10 year Debt Retirement Anniversary 1975".

Pastor Salness was our Pastor from May 1971 to 1974.

March Bible Readings

March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a - *The blessing of God upon Abram*

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 - *The promise to those who share Abraham's faith*

John 3:1-17 - *The mission of Christ: to save the world*

March 12 – Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7 - *Water from the rock in the wilderness*

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11 - *Reconciled to God by Christ's death*

John 4:5-42 - *Baptismal image: the woman at the well*

March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 - *David is chosen and anointed*

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14 - *Awake from sleep, live as children of light*

John 9:1-41 - *Baptismal image: the man born blind*

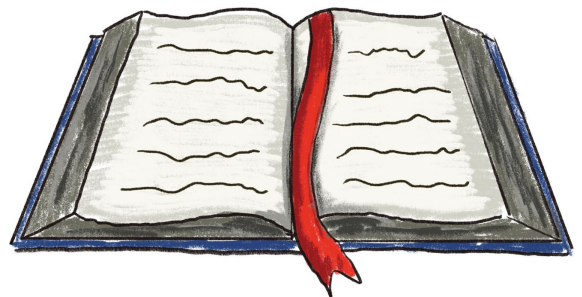
March 26, 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 - *The dry bones of Israel brought to life*

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11 - *Life in the Spirit*

John 11:1-45 - *Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus*



Board of Education

CONFIRMATION CORNER



Class Dates

March 1	3:30-5:15pm	9th & 8th Grade
March 8	4-6:15pm	8th & 7th Grade
March 15	3:30-5:15pm	9th & 8th Grade
March 22	4-6:15pm	8th & 7th Grade
March 29	3:30-5:15pm	9th & 8th Grade

9th Grade

Hannah Bartlette

Adyson Beneke

Mausten Krueger

8th Grade

Nathan Schauer

7th Grade

Aiden Christeson

Elton Hazelwood





At the Congregational Special Meeting held on Sunday, February 26 a vote for calling Pastor Gretchen Pierskalla was taken. Pastor Gretchen will be starting in late-May. She will be installed in June.

This is pending the Bishop's approval.

Lenten Information

Wednesdays – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Lenten Soup Suppers: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Worship: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Theme: “Artisans of the Crucifixion”

These services will be casual and different than on Sundays.

Palm Sunday—April 2

9:00am—Worship w/Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday—April 6

6:30pm—Worship w/Holy Communion

Good Friday—April 7

6:30pm—Worship

Easter Sunday—April 9

9:00am—Worship w/Holy Communion

Worship Assistants

Wednesday, March 1

Ushers: Nick Schiroo, Mary Sylwester
Greeter: Larry & Pam Schiroo
Acolyte: Taylor Johnson
Reader: Jane Scharpe

Wednesday, March 15

Ushers: Larry & Pam Schiroo
Greeter: Deb Otto
Acolyte: Adrian Warzecha
Reader: Janet Rowe

Sunday, March 5

Ushers: Stephanie & Mausten Krueger
Jim Pederson, Jim Carlson
Greeter: Jane Scharpe
Acolyte: Jeremiah Vasquez
Reader: Betty Rud
Altar Guild: James & Ann Carlson
Bread Maker: Jane Scharpe

Sunday, March 19

Ushers: Carrie & Hannah Bartlette
Sheri & Maya Kumar
Greeter: Tim & Stacy Haggemiller
Acolyte: Jacqueline Christeson
Reader: Jacque Hazelwood

Wednesday, March 22

Ushers: Rich Nagel & Joe Prasad
Greeter: Wendy Kube
Acolyte: Harper Drexler
Reader: Joe Prasad

Wednesday, March 8

Ushers: Mark & Lisa Strobel
Greeter: Deb Stenzel
Acolyte: Jack Ruehling
Reader: Brenda Danielson

Sunday, March 26

Ushers: Todd & Jill Warzecha
Mary Sylwester, Nick Schiroo
Greeter: James Carlson
Acolyte: Aiden Christeson
Reader: Bruce Kallhoff

Sunday, March 12

Ushers: Wayne & Ann Werner
Pete & Karen Arneson
Greeter: Ryan & Kate Bergs
Acolyte: Murdock Krueger
Reader: Larry Gieseke
Altar Guild: Wendy Pederson,
Jessica Pautsch
Bread Maker: Jane Scharpe

Wednesday, March 29

Ushers: Neil & Lorraine Mielke
Greeter: Ann Werner
Acolyte: Elton Hazelwood
Reader: Peter Arneson

March 2023

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10a—Bible Study
/Book of Revelation
3:30-5:15p—9th &
8th Grade
Confirmation
5:30p—Lenten
Supper
6:30p—Worship

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8a—Men's Prayer
Breakfast

Second Sunday in Lent
9a—Worship w/Holy
Communion
10a—Sunday School

9a—Tuesday Bible
Study
11a—TOPS

1:30p—Wednesday
Bible Study
4-6:15p—8th & 7th
Grade Confirmation
5p—Church Council
5:30p—Lenten Supper
6:30p—Worship

10a—Bible Study
/Book of Revelation

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Third Sunday in Lent
9a—Worship w/Holy
Communion
10a—Sunday School

10a—Prayer Shawl
11a—TOPS

3:30-5:15p—9th &
8th Grade
Confirmation
5:30p—Lenten
Supper
6:30p—Worship

10a—Bible Study
/Book of Revelation

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
9a—Contemporary
Worship
10a—Sunday School
10:30a—Board of
Stewardship

4-6:15p—8th & 7th
Grade
Confirmation
5:30p—Lenten
Supper
6:30p—Worship

10a—Bible Study
/Book of Revelation

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
9a—Worship
10a—Sunday School

10a—Prayer Shawl
11a—TOPS

3:30-5:15p—9th &
8th Grade
Confirmation
5:30p—Lenten
Supper
6:30p—Worship

10a—Bible Study
/Book of Revelation