

Zion Lutheran Church

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God's Work, Our Hands

The Zion Lutheran Church Messenger

*Zion Lutheran Church Welcomes all to worship with us
and work together to do God's word.*

April 2019



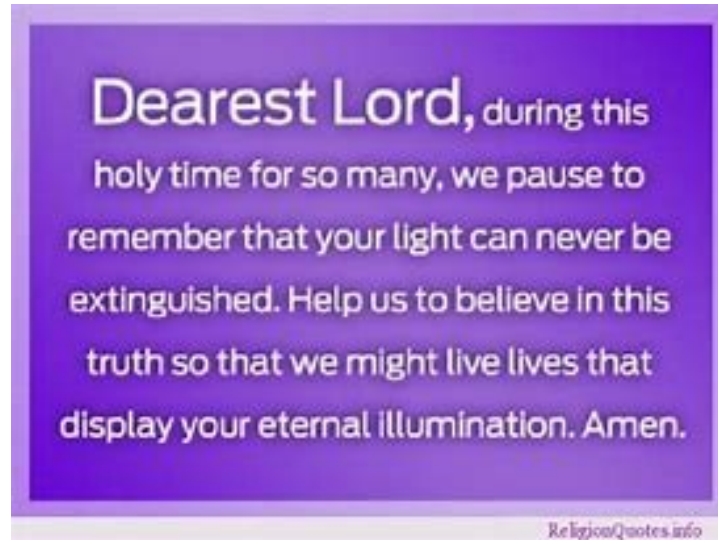
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Sunday School

Will be singing on Palm Sunday April 14th.

There will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



April



<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Offering Counter</u>
7	Alexis Rueb	Church Choir	Dean Friederich
14	Kalley Vitek	Luther League	Jackie Bietz
21	Trey Neuman	ZLCW	John Haase
28	Keegan Baker	Keegan & Kalob	Verlyn Jerke

Altar Guild:

Deb Mehrer

Ushers:

Jim Kocer

William Patocka

Derek Pravecek

Robert Jerke

Communion Deacon (s):

April 7th: Nathan Fischer

April 21st Verlyn Jerke

Mid Week Lenten Offering Counters

3rd Nick Fischer

10th Seth Jerke

18th Jalyne Streyle

19th James Streyle

Prayer:

Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me the sins of my youth and the sins of mine age, the sins of my soul, and the sins of my body, my secret and whispering sins, my presumptuous and crying sins, the sins that I have done to please myself, and the sins that I have done to please others. Forgive me those sins which I know and those sins which I know not. Amen

Financial Update:

2019 Mission Plan	General Giving	Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Feb	\$6,378.24	\$7,316.48	\$(822.10)

Electronic Giving: Zion offers Electronic Giving for your convenience. If you are interested in giving your donation to the church electronically with a direct deposit please speak with Janet Bauder to get this set up.

Zion Classifieds

Luther League is continuing the fundraiser “*That’s My Pan*”. Personalized items to purchase. Orders can be placed online at thatsmypan.biz/frsd10053 or by contacting a Luther League member or advisor.

Farmer Stress Hotline: Even those with toughened hands and hearts need someone to talk to. Extreme weather conditions, machinery breakdowns, a volatile ag environment, long hours that prevent time with family, and lowered income all cause frustration.

Avera offers the Farmer’s Stress Hotline. It’s free, confidential and available 24/7. Call 1-800-691-4336.



Offering for Wednesday Lent Service will be going to the Food Pantry this year. You can bring monetary donations or the following items are in high demand: Toilet Paper, Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Canned Fruit, Sloppy Joe mix (Manwich), Spaghetti Sauce. You may leave your donations in the narthex and they will be delivered.

Bus Tour to Minneapolis July 25-26, 2019 to visit Lutheran World Relief Warehouse and attend “Mamma Mia” a musical, Chanhassen Dinner Theater.



Quilters will start: meeting on April 8th from 9am to noon at the Parsonage. Anyone willing to help and learn is welcome!

Luther League will be serving cookies after Wednesday Lenten services.

President’s Report

Greetings members of Zion,

It finally feels like spring, hopefully you all made it through the great flood with minimal damage. It was an interesting couple of days, that I am sure will be remembered for a long time. But now the sun is shining and we can at least enjoy nice temperatures outside after the long cold winter.

Speaking of spring, spring cleanup has been scheduled for April 20th hopefully by that time our parking lot has dried out and we can begin to start getting that back in to shape. So, mark your calendars and see if you are free that date, as with the winter and flooding there might be more work than usual. Also, if you have anything thing that should be added to the list that needs to be done let someone on council know and we will see what we can all get done. Also, you may have noticed the changes to the entry way, I think that they did a really good job, so thank you to all that helped accomplish that. There is still going to be a mural painted on the unpainted wall, so if you were wondering why there is one unpainted wall, now you know.

Since spring is here, that means Easter is just around the corner. I was reading John 20, the story of the empty tomb. I came to the part of Peter and the other disciple running to the tomb. Running is not a verb used much in the Bible, and I don’t believe God let words in the bible be used randomly, but with a purpose. It says in the next verse that they did not understand the resurrection yet, so we know they were not racing to see Jesus resurrected, and Mary had told them the body was already gone, so they weren’t going to catch anyone in the act of messing with the tomb. So why did they run, surely, they could have walked and it would not have changed anything. I don’t know for sure but I think it has to do with, when you love someone with all that you have and devote everything to them, it changes your actions. There was news about Jesus, so they had to run to investigate, they had to know now, walking was not an option. Similarly, Peter got out of a boat earlier to walk on water because Jesus told him too, and Peter wanted to be near Jesus. They ran though they didn’t understand. Sometimes life makes no sense, but let us not just follow or walk to Jesus, but run to Him, even when it seems crazy.

Sincerely,

Nick Fischer



Zion Lutheran Church Women News

ZLCW Bible Study will be Friday, April 12 at 1:30pm. LaVerne Goeken will be in charge of refreshments. Vicar Andy Bueber will be our Bible Study leader.

No Birthday Fellowship in April.

Instead of our regular General Meeting in April, we will have a Fun Night sometime in summer.

Many thanks to Arleen Bietz for chairing the Edmund Bauder funeral. Thanks to everyone who brought food, served or helped in anyway.

Many thanks to Erin Odens and Colleen Jerke for being in charge of our Pork Feed dinner. Thanks also to everyone who helped or provided bars or cookies for dinner.

Many thanks to Dan Haase for cooking the pork, it was very good.

Synodical Convention will be June 21 & 22 2019 in Aberdeen, SD. We will also need a delegate to attend. Please let me know if you would like to represent our ZLCW.

Sincerely

Diana Jerke

Prairie Rivers-

You are invited to our Prairie Rivers Spring Gathering April 13, 2019 at St. Johns Lutheran Church in rural Dimock. The meeting will be held on Saturday from 8:30am coffee to noon.

Pastor Erika Lehmann will be our music leader. Our theme for the day will be be "Come and See" from John 1:39A. Mary Mortenson has retired from Prison Congregations of America and will be our guest speaker.

A business meeting will be with announcement of scholarship winners, election of officers, and general business. The Love Offering of paper products will be given to local food pantries. RSVP to Diana by April 7th. All women are welcome to attend the Spring Gathering. Thank you LaVerne Goeken for being our delegate.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota will be hosting a Taste of Cultures. Join them for the 24th Annual Taste of Cultures on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at The District in Sioux Falls, The Taste of Cultures supports Refugee services in the Southeast region of SD and will feature cultural food and entertainment from across the globe. Tickets are on sale with General admission tickets \$40 each, and VIP tickets available for \$80. For ticket information visit www.lsssd.org or call Jamie Lennon, Development Director, 605-444-7502.



2019 Synod Assembly - will be May 30 - June 1, 2019 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Our guiding verse for the weekend comes from Romans 8:26-28. If you are interested in attending please speak to Vicar Andy.

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"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."




Birthdays of the Month

Duane Dean	1
Janine Baker	2
Chad Odens	2
Derek Mueller	2
Renee Maruska	4
Malachi Fischer	5
Nicole Suumeier	6
Nicholas Fischer	6
Patty Diede	7
Keegan Baker	7
Bill Fischer	9
Emersyn Bjourum	11
Patricia Bjourum	11
Dwight Bietz	12
Heather Friederich	13
James Streyle	13
Ronald Schatz	13
Donald Rueb	14
Amy Comp	15
Deloris Maruska	15
Randy Thum	16
Karen Weber	16
Marlys Haase	18
James Kocer	18
Kade Odens	19
Henry Zweifel	20
Oaklee Hall	22
Nellie Maruska	22
James Hlavac	23
Amy Schultz	25
Karla Soukup	26
Michelle Ziegler	27
Mary Jo Gimbel	28
Jim Maruska	28



Anniversary Blessings

Dwight & Arleen Bietz	9
Dean & Heather Friederich	13
Joe & Jennifer Sedlacek	16



*The Eternal Candle is
given in memory of
Mark Gimbel
By
Mary Jo Gimbel*

The Penny

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says." She read the words, "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further." "One cent?" "No, keep reading." "In God we Trust?" "Yes!" "And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!?"

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am-3pm Vicar's Office Hours	2	3 9am-3pm Vicar Andy in Office 5:30 pm Heather in Office 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:30pm Choir 8:30pm Community Choir	4	5 9am- 1pm Vicar Andy Office Hours	6
7 9:30am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Confirmation	8 9am-12 Quilting at Parsonage 9am-3pm Vicar's Office Hours 6:30pm Stephen Minister	9	10 9am-3pm Vicar Andy in Office 5:30 pm Heather in Office 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:30pm Choir 8:30pm Community Choir	11	12 9am- 1pm Vicar Andy Office Hours 1:30 pm ZLCW Bible Study	13 Prairie Rivers Spring Gathering
14 Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship w/ Sunday School Singing 10:30am Sunday School & Confirmation	15 9am-12 Quilting at Parsonage 9am-3pm Vicar's Office Hours	16	17 9am-3pm Vicar Andy in Office 5:30 pm Heather in Office 7:30pm Choir	18 Maundy Thursday 7pm Church Service	19 9am- 1pm Vicar Andy Office Hours	20 Church clean up day
21 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service 9:30am Worship w/ First Communion	22 9am-12 Quilting at Parsonage 9am-3pm Vicar's Office Hours	23 Quilt club	24 9am-3pm Vicar Andy in Office 5:30 pm Heather in Office 7:30pm Choir 8:00 pm Community Choir Concert	25	26 9am- 1pm Vicar Andy Office Hours	27
28 9:30am Worship w/ Noisy Offering 10:30am Sunday School & Confirmation Friends of Good Samaritan Fashion show	29 9am-12 Quilting at Parsonage 9am-3pm Vicar's Office Hours	30				