**Saturday Worship**

Please note that we will have 5:00 pm Saturday services in March with the exception of Holy Saturday, March 26.

**HANDBELLS!  Give it a try!**

Have you always wanted to ring a handbell or two?  Maybe you rang bells in the past, and would like to ring again?  Here’s a short-term opportunity for you! The Adult Bell Choir at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney will be offering a Spring Bell Concert in April, and we’d like to invite friends from our Kearney Circuit LC-MS churches to join us in playing 1-2 simple songs!  Basic music reading ability would be helpful, but no handbell experience is necessary, since our ringers will enjoy assisting our new friends in learning to play.  Here are the details:

          Rehearsals:  Tuesdays, March 8, 15, and 29 from 6:00-6:30pm (Music Room)

  (Please plan to attend at least two rehearsals, so we can do a good job!)

         Concert:  Sunday, April 3 at 3:00pm (Sanctuary)

 Holy Cross is located just south of Horizon Middle School in Kearney.  (3315 – 11th Avenue)  Questions?  Please contact Music Director Robin Boell at [308.237.2944](tel:308.237.2944) or [rboell@hclk.org](mailto:rboell@hclk.org).  Please join us on March 8!  The more, the merrier!  To God alone be the glory!

Coed Softball

The Holy Cross coed softball team is inviting the women of Zion to join them on a coed church league softball team. Please check out the flyer on the bulletin board wall for more information and who you would need to contact.

**Announcements – March 6, 2016**

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**Please remember...to silence your cell phone upon entering the sanctuary.**

**Zion’s sanctuary is equipped with a HEARING LOOP. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode. We have 2 headsets and receivers that persons without hearing aids can use. Ask an usher for assistance.**



**Forgot your offering? Don’t have your checkbook or cash? Today or any day you can give in a new way! Visit our website at zionkearney.com and click on the “giving” tab. Or, text “zionkearney” (one word) to 77977. You’ll receive a text back with instructions to start giving.**

**Our Weekly Memory Work**

**Holy Communion 1: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?**

**Lenten Vespers**

Please plan to join us Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 for Lenten Vespers. Preceding the service our Board of Education will serve a meal in the fellowship hall. The menu includes egg casseroles and sweet rolls. There will be a freewill offering.

**Hulda Smith Funeral**

The funeral service for Hulda Smith will be at 10:30 Monday, March 7 at Zion. Visitation is today at Horner Lieske from 3:00-5:00.

**PEACE 2016**

****Reservations for our annual PEACE Auction and Dinner are now being taken. Please stop by the school office to make your reservation. Our goal is to set an attendance record. We would like 175 people in attendance. Please make plans to come and invite your friends and family. The PEACE Auction and Dinner is a great way to support our wonderful Lutheran school.

The event is March 19th beginning at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney. Reservations need to be made by March 15th and are $50 per person. Contact the office staff or Lisa Splittgerber at [zionkearney@hotmail.com](mailto:zionkearney@hotmail.com) or 308-627-4566 with questions.

**Assistant Pastor Update**

What follows is an update of our progress toward funding, nominating, and calling a part-time Assistant Pastor to serve Zion.

1. As of today, our members have contributed close to **$27,000** to pre-fund the Assistant Pastor position.  Our goal is to raise **$40,000** before we issue a call.
2. On February 15, at its monthly meeting, our Church Council requested that Zion’s Board of Elders serve as Zion’s Nominating Committee.  The Council also requested that the Elders begin the preliminary work of identifying and gathering information for a potential candidate to serve Zion as part-time Assistant Pastor.
3. After receiving approval from our Nebraska District President and examining the candidate(s) Personal Information Form and Self-Evaluation Tool, the Nominating Committee will commend the candidate(s) to Zion’s Voters to consider for a call.
4. Sunday, April 3, 2016, is the target date for a special Voters’ Meeting to consider a candidate for a call.
5. Until then, please pray for our Nominating Committee and continue to give generously to our Assistant Pastor fund so that we can raise the $40,000 necessary to pre-fund this position for 18 months in order to better serve the members of Zion and our community.  Anything raised above that amount will be used to help cover the moving expenses of whomever accepts the call to serve at Zion.

God’s blessings to you as we continue our Lenten journey through our Savior’s death and resurrection for us and our salvation.

**Easter Lilies Lil**

C:\Users\school\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZKZM05DT\MC900304935[1].wmfIt is time once again to order flowers to grace our chancel for Easter services on Sunday, March 27. Lilies may be purchased for $15 each. Orders need to be turned in by Monday, March 14. To simplify bookkeeping, please turn your order in to the church office. An envelope and signup sheet will also be available during the Bible Class Hour. You are welcome to take your plants home on Easter Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. service.

**Palm Sunday Dinner**

The Mary Martha Guild invites everyone to their Palm Sunday Luncheon Sunday, March 20 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the gym. All of the food will be provided by the Mary Martha Guild. Please join us for some delicious salads, casseroles and desserts in the school gym. There will be a freewill offering

**Stewardship Note**

**Luke 15:12** “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.” This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth: give me my inheritance now! Which is to say: you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to “come to our senses” as well: to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

**Additional Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service**  **TIME** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| March 9 | 7:00pm | Board of Ed. |
| March 16 | 7:00pm | Board of Stewardship |
| March 20  Palm Sunday | 9:00am | Meal at 11:30 served by Mary Martha |
| March 24  Maundy Thursday | 7:30pm |  |
| March 25 | 2:00pm | Coffee, donuts & fellowship |
| March 25  Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| March 27  Easter Sunrise | 7:00am | Easter breakfast at 8:00, served by youth |
| March 27  Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |