**Saturday Worship**

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

**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.

**School News**

Zion Lutheran School took 2nd place at the March 8th ESU 10 Quiz bowl.  The scholastic event hosted 33 teams from the area.   In the double elimination tournament, Zion lost their first round but was able to win their way to the finals by defeating Spalding Academy, Wood River, Shelton, Callaway, Trinity Lutheran, Ansley, Broken Bow, and Grand Island Westridge.  Zion lost on the last question to Kearney, very nearly defeating the champion.  Well done Zion!  This was Zion’s first trip to the ESU Quiz Bowl.  Zion was represented by Zachariah DeLoach, Liz Lange, C.J. Obasi, Kalu Obasi, Kevin Osmanski, Madelyn Graham and alternates Aranim Louis and Micah Torres.

Congratulations to our Middle School team who won the Dodgeball Tournament at Heartland Lutheran.

This year we will combine Spring Break with Easter Break. School will not be in session during Holy Week or Easter Monday.

This past Wednesday was the end of our third quarter of school.

Thank you to all who attended the School Foundation Pancake Feed. Proceeds were approximately $2,700.

Plant sales have begun. If you would like to order some plants please find a student of the school or stop by the office. The last day to order will be April 12th and pickup day will be April 29th.

**Announcements – March 13, 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 2: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?**

**Lenten Vespers**

Please plan to join us Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 for Lenten Vespers. Preceding the service our Board of Stewardship will serve a meal in the fellowship hall. The menu includes tacos. There will be a freewill offering.

**Palm Sunday Dinner – Next Sunday**

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.

**Sunday School Choir**

Next Sunday the Sunday School children will participate in the Palm Sunday procession. Children are asked to meet their teacher 10 minutes before the service.

**Mary Martha**

Mary Martha will meet Monday, March 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who donated items to be given to the Orphan Gain Train.

**PEACE 2016**

Volunteers are needed to transport auction items to the Holiday Inn and to set up.  If you can help transport items, please meet at the school at noon on Friday the 18th.  Otherwise, volunteers are welcome to stop by throughout the afternoon to help set up.

**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 please get orders in by tomorrow Please get orders iLil**

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.

**Stewardship Note**

**Luke 20:16 “**He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” The crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom – let us not take it for granted, but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

**Additional Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service**  **TIME** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| 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 |  |