**P.E.A.C.E 2018**

Be sure to get your tickets soon for the March 17th Peace Dinner/Auction. You may purchase them at the office. If you are donating an item for auction please bring it in as soon as you can, so it can be included in our auction catalog.

**School News**

* This week we will celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. We have a variety of fun and educational activities planned. Please feel free to join us for Chapel followed by a program on Friday at 12:30. You are also welcome to come to our Scholastic Book fair in the library and finally end the week with some delicious pancakes and sausage on Saturday morning from 7:30-12:00.
* CONGRATULATIONS to the Zion Crusader Boys. They ended the basketball season with 1st place at the C-Club Tournament on 02/25.
* Are you or someone you know looking for a top-notch kindergarten? We would love to have you join our Zion school family. Please speak with Mr. Splittgerber or the office staff about enrolling.
* This week students will begin taking orders for our annual plant sale. If you are interested in ordering, contact one of our children or inquire at the office.

**Pancake Feed –**

There will be a pancake feed Saturday, March 10, at the Zion School Gym. Pancakes and sausages will be available for a freewill donation from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. The donations will go the Zion Lutheran School Foundation.

**Raising Cane’s Fundraiser**

Please join Zion this Thursday, March 8th from 5:00-8:00 at Raising Cane’s for another fundraiser. Mention Zion when ordering please. Don’t forget your scrip gift cards! Enjoy a night out and support Zion.

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**Announcements – March 4, 2018**



**Thou shalt silence your cell phone during worship**.

**Our sanctuary has a HEARING LOOP. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode. We have 2 headsets and receivers for use by those without hearing aids. Ask an usher for assistance.**

**Forgot your offering? Don’t have your checkbook or cash? Today or any day you can 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.**

**For Your Safety and Security** … all exterior doors are locked 15 minutes after the church service begins. If you are running late please go to the west door for access to the sanctuary.

Last week’s “***A Season for Sacrifice****”* theme taught us that Sacramental Worship leads to sacrificial living and giving, and that there is a degree of godly self-denial in the way we use our time for worship and devotion in response to the Gospel. The same holds true for our stewardship of tithes and offerings. Today’s Gospel gives an opportunity to consider “how” we will give our tithe and offerings in a way that avoids making our Father’s house into a house of trade. As we learn what that means, we ask all our Zion members, confirmed and older, to prayerfully fill out today’s stewardship survey as an opportunity to exercise your zeal for our Father’s house.

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**The Zion Youth Group**…will be having a game night this evening at

5:30 pm in the Zion Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be provided. Bring your friends!!

Families of our youth group are asked to bring a salad or dessert to the Lenten Meal Wednesday, March 7th.

**Join us for Lenten Vespers**… each Wednesday throughout this season.  We will be studying the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism under the theme "Dying and Rising with Christ." This week we will consider the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Preceding the service the youth board will be serving pork sandwiches, salads and desserts. The meal is in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30. There is a freewill donation.

**Next Sunday Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday we will collect gifts to support mission work of Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump who Serve the Lord in Africa. There are mission envelopes in the narthex which can be used to designate your gift. They may be placed in the offering plate.

Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump serve with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya. As the LCMS area director for Eastern and Southern Africa, Shauen works with other LCMS personnel serving in these regions of Africa and builds relationships with the leaders of partner churches. He also implements strategies, projects, programs and grants for roughly half the African continent, from Ethiopia to South Africa. Some of the largest and smallest Lutheran churches in the world are in this area, along with literally thousands of languages and cultures. Krista works part-time as the Africa region project coordinator, an unofficial logistics coordinator for various events, a hostess and an enduring and gracious wife and mother.

**Daylight Savings Time**.. begins next Sunday, March 11. Be sure to “Spring Forward”

**Easter Lilies**

![C:\Users\school\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZKZM05DT\MC900304935[1].wmf]()It is time once again to order flowers to grace our chancel for Easter services on Sunday, April 1. Lilies may be purchased for $15 each. Orders need to be turned in by Monday, March 19. 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.

**Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| March 7 | 7:00pm | Youth |
| March 14 | 7:00pm | Board of Education |
| March 21 | 7:00pm | Elders /Trustees |
| March25 | 9:00am | Palm Sunday Meal @ 11:30 |
| March 29Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |  |
| March 30Good Friday Service | 2:00pm | Fellowship Hour Following |
| March 30Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| March 31Easter Vigil Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 1Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00am | Easter Breakfast served8:00-8:45 |
| April 1Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

**The Sower**

March will be the last month that the Sower will be placed in your mailbox. The Sower will either be emailed to you or if you would like a paper copy there will be ones available in the narthex. Please provide the office with your most current email address to stay up-to-date on Zion happenings.

**Stewardship Note**

**John 2:16** – *“And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.’ ”* The Lord’s House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It’s not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord’s gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.