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

Tuesday, March 13 is the final day you can get tickets for the March 17th Peace Dinner/Auction. You may purchase them at the office.

**On Friday March 16th, volunteers are needed to transport auction items to the Holiday Inn and help set up.  Meet at the school at 12:30 pm on Friday to load and transport items or meet us at the Holiday Inn at 1:00 to help set up.**

**School News**

* CONGRATULATIONS to the Zion Middle School Students. They were the winners at the Heartland Lutheran dodge ball tournament.
* 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.
* Our school children are now taking orders for our annual plant sale. This year in addition to plants, there are garden seeds available. If you are interested in ordering, contact one of our children or inquire at the office.
* Congratulations to Zion Lutheran Preschool for being voted Best of Kearney by readers of the Kearney Hub.
* Zion will host the Area Lutheran School Scholar bowl on Friday, March 16th.

**Tortured for Christ**

Tomorrow evening the World Theater will present the movie “Tortured for Christ at 7:30. Pastor Richard Wurmbrand’s story and “The Voice of the Martyrs” ministry is extraordinary

**Thrivent Members** – The upcoming deadline for designating your *Thrivent Choice Dollars* for Zion Lutheran School or another enrolled charity is **March 31**.  Even if you had done this previously, your preferences do not carry over automatically.  You have to re-designate them annually.  You may go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com/) or you can call 1-800-847-4836 and ask for Choice Dollars.  Someone at the Member Connection Network will serve you.

**Announcements – March 11, 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.

**We sincerely appreciate all the time and effort our many members sacrifice at Zion.**Today we remember that ***“A Season for Sacrifice”***is not limited to Lent.  Sacrificial giving is a year around event.  Our stewardship of God’s good gifts when doing good works in our daily relationships (vocation) is not limited to the firstfruits sacrifices we make to serve the Lord at Zion.  So please prayerfully fill out the ***Service, Interests, and Skills Survey***knowing that this represents a portion of your sacrificial service to Jesus. This is simply a tool that we can use to engage as many Zion members as possible, who are willing and able to serve, without overburdening anyone.  Please note that your preferences do not mean you are volunteering at this time.  You are simply agreeing to be contacted when a need arises.

**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 Confession.

Preceding the service the Board of Education will be serving taco and burritos and desserts. The meal is in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30. There is a freewill donation.

**This is Mission Sunday**

Today 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.

**Thank You**

Many thanks to Pastor DeLoach and Pastor Gaunt for the prayers during my hospital stay. Also many thanks to everyone who makes the radio broadcast possible. Vi Fox

**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 1st. 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.

**Mary Martha**

Mary Martha will meet tomorrow, March 12th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome to join us.

**Palm Sunday Meal**

The Mary Martha Guild invites everyone to their Palm Sunday Luncheon Sunday, March 25 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 casseroles, salads, and desserts in the school gym.

**Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| March 14 | 7:00pm | Board of Education |
| March 21 | 7:00pm | Mary Martha |
| March 25 | 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 |  |

 **Stewardship Note**

**Ephesians 2:10** – *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn’t doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord’s free salvation given to us to the good works He’s prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God’s grace.