**Thank you**… to all who donated to the Peace Auction or helped in any way. We are thankful for another successful Peace Auction/Dinner.

**Thank you**… to all who attended our School Foundation Pancake Feed last week. The foundation received over $1,800 to help our school.

**School News**

* 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.

**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](tel:(800)%20847-4836) and ask for Choice Dollars.  Someone at the Member Connection Network will serve you.

**Holy Week**

Please note that during Holy Week (March 25-31) the administrative assistants will not keep regular office hours. If you will need to be in the Church, please make arrangements in advance to check out a key.

**Announcements – March 18, 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.

The entire concept for this ***“A Season for Sacrifice”*** series can be summed up with one word: service.  But it is a consecrated service.  That is a service that is set aside for holy use (consecration), and will continue through eternity.  It begins with God’s consecrated service to us each time we gather to hear His Word and receive His Sacraments.   Once received, we are consecrated to sacrificially serve God and our neighbor with all that we have and all that we are.  We hope and pray that the messages and surveys for the season helped you to reflect on, evaluate, plan, and begin some lifestyle changes that foster *sacrificial* giving and living.

**Palm Sunday Meal – Next Sunday**

The Mary Martha Guild invites everyone to their Palm Sunday Luncheon next 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.

There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to the Zion “Roof Replacement” Fund.

**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 the Altar.

Preceding the service Mary Martha ladies will be serving sloppy joes, salad, beans and cookies. The meal is in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30. There is a freewill donation that will go to our emergency assistance fund.

**Senior Citizens**

Our Senior Citizens will meet tomorrow, March 19 for their monthly potluck dinner at 12 noon. All are welcome to join them for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

**Welcome**

Yesterday evening at our Saturday service we delighted in receiving the Ahrens family as Zion members.

Anthony Ahrens by Reaffirmation of Faith. Lacey Ahrens by Adult Confirmation, Paige Ahrens baptized child, Cooper Ahrens baptism, Kenzie Ahrens baptism, and Emma Kutsch baptism.

Make sure you introduce yourself to the Ahrens and give them a warm welcome to Zion.

**Palm Sunday**

Reminder to parents that our Sunday School children will take part in the Procession with Palms next Sunday. Please arrive a few minutes early so your children can meet up with their teacher before the service.

**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

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If you would be willing provide an Eater Lily for our Easter Day services, please sign up today or call the office. The cost is $15 and you are welcome to take the plant home after the 9:00 Easter Service.

**Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| March 21 | 7:00pm | Mary Martha |
| March 25 | 9:00am | Palm Sunday Meal @ 11:30 |
| March 29  Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |  |
| March 30  Good Friday Service | 2:00pm | Fellowship Hour Following |
| March 30  Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| March 31  Easter Vigil Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 1  Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00am | Easter Breakfast served  8:00-8:45 |
| April 1  Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

**Stewardship Note**

**Mark 10:45** – *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

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