**Lutherans for Life – Mission Project**

We will continue to receive offerings for Lutherans for life through the end of March. There are special mission envelopes available in the narthex or you can use any envelope and mark it Lutherans for Life and place it in the offering plate.

**STEWARDSHIP NOTE –**

**Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”** St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously; not to spoil our fun but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

**Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| March 20 | 7:00pm | Trustees/Men’s Bible Study |
| March 27 | 7:00pm | 7th & 8th Grade |
| April 3 | 7:00pm | Stewardship/Elders |
| April 10 | 7:00pm | School Teachers |
| April 14 | 9:00am | Palm Sunday Meal @ 11:30 |
| April18Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |  |
| April 19Good Friday Service | 2:00pm | Fellowship Hour Following |
| April 19Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 20Easter Vigil Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 21Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00am | Easter Breakfast served8:00-8:45 |
| April 21Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

**Announcements – March 17, 2019**

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.**

**Senior Citizens**

Our Senior Citizens will meet tomorrow March 18 for their monthly potluck dinner. All are welcome to join use for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

**Lenten Service**

Please plan join us this Wednesday evening, March 20, at 7:00 pm for a Lenten Service.

Preceding the service, the Board of Trustees and Men’s Bible Study group will be serving “Shredded Beef Sandwiches” beginning at 5:30. There will be a freewill offering.

**Office Closed**

Our school will be on Spring Break Wednesday – Friday of this week. The office will be closed these days. If you will need to be in the Church these days, please make arrangements in advance, with the office staff.

**No Midweek Class March 20**

**Zion Custodian Position Available**

The Trustees are accepting applications for a custodian. This is a part time position and it will begin at the end of this school year (May 15, 2019). If you have questions, are interested, or know of anyone who is, please contact Adam Helmbrecht. 308-293-2380

**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 21st. Lilies may be purchased for $15 each. Orders need to be turned in by Monday, April 8th. 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.

**Thank You**

Thank you to Amy Woodman for singing during the offering today!

**ZYG**

Thank you to all youth who were able to play laser tag last Sunday. We had a great time. Please be watching the announcements for the next youth activity.

All youth families are reminded that we will serve Easter Breakfast this year. Please be thinking about how you can help.

**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for remembering me during my recent hospitalization and stay at Mother Hull Home. Thank you to Pastor DeLoach and Pastor Gaunt for your visits. Your prayers, visits, cards and calls were greatly appreciated.

God Bless You,

Pauline Jacobson

**Zion Lutheran Church Foundation**

At its February meeting the Zion Church Foundation had the privilege of dispensing a portion of our interest income toward a wonderful cause. We awarded Seminarian Matthias Wollberg a scholarship which came from the Don & Vi Fox scholarship fund. We also awarded scholarships to Abigail DeLoach and Taylor Zehendner, who are both pursuing a Lutheran Teaching Diploma at Concordia University-Seward, NE.

Recently the foundation has received two notable gifts from retirement fund distributions. Please speak with your accountant about the tax advantages of donating such disbursements.

School News

Dear Members of Zion,

It is with great joy and excitement that I am able to report the acceptance of the call to Zion Lutheran Church and School to serve as the first grade teacher (pending successful completion of my studies at Concordia this semester). I firmly believe that God has led our paths to cross and for me to serve in ministry with all of you. I am very blessed by this opportunity to sever your community and God in this way.

May our loving and gracious God bless this ministry.

In Christ,

Jamie Nikodym

**Plant Sales**

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. April 9th will be the last day to order.

 **Thank You**

Our thanks to all who contributed to another successful P.E.A.C.E. Dinner/Auction.

**Apple Market Receipts**

Thank You to all who saved Apple Market receipts for our school. We submitted $46,128.61 in receipts this year. Our early childhood teachers will be able to get items for their classrooms from this project.

**Thank You**

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the Zion Lutheran School Foundation pancake feed on March 9th. It was a great success and the pancakes were delicious.

