**VBS Leader**

We need a volunteer to organize Vacation Bible School this year. If you are willing or have questions about what is involved, please speak with Mr. Splittgerber or Pastor DeLoach.

**Additional Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service****TIME** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| February 17 | 7:00pm | 7th & 8th grade |
| February 24 | 7:00pm | Elders |
| March 2 | 7:00 | Teachers |
| March 9 | 7:00pm | Board of Ed. |
| March 16 | 7:00pm | Board of Stewardship |

**Radio Broadcast**

We have received word that the cost of sponsoring a radio broadcast will increase to $161.25 per Sunday on March 1. There are quite a few Sundays that do not have a sponsor yet. There is a chart across from the mailbox where you can sign up to sponsor a broadcast. Families are welcome to share the cost of sponsoring a broadcast.

**Thrivent Choice**

Reminder to those who have 2015 Thrivent Choice dollars to designate, the deadline for choosing where these monies will go is March 31. Some of you may have received a postcard in the mail this week letting you know that you have dollars to designate. There is a convenient mail back portion that you can use to make your choice. Both Zion Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran School are eligible to receive these gifts.

**Stewardship**

Luke 9:36 “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”

**Announcements – February 14, 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.**

**Our Weekly Memory Work**

**Confession 1: What is confession? What sins should we confess?**

**Senior Citizens - tomorrow**

Our Senior Citizens will meet Monday, February 15 for their monthly potluck dinner. All are welcome to join us.

**Lenten Vespers**

Please plan to join us Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 for Lenten Vespers. Preceding the service, our 7th and 8th grade classes will serve a meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. The menu includes sloppy joes. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to the class trip to Estes Park this spring.

**Chili Cookoff – Next Sundy**

The Zion Youth Group will host the 2nd annual chili cook-off next Sunday at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to come and taste as many of the chili’s as you wish and have a bowl of your favorite.

An entry from is included with this announcement sheet.

**The PEACE and LOVE Circles** from Mary Martha are collecting items for the Orphan Grain Train.  A shipment is planned for early March, to be headed to Latvia.  Please help us fill the container!  A blue box is located in the hallway near the church mailboxes, and **items will be collected through March 6.**  Any of the items listed below can be donated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

-wash cloths, hand towels, bars of soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, Band-Aids, small tissue packets, stick deodorant (NO items from hotels, please)

-notebooks, paper, pencils, crayons, ballpoint pens, chalk, watercolors and brushes, coloring books

-new underwear (mens, womens, boys, and girls)

-crutches, canes, walkers, stool risers, shower chairs, and stool commodes

**School News**

* Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for this Thursday, Feb. 18. There will be no school Feb. 18 & 19.
* Our boys and girls basketball teams will participate in the C-Club tournament in Seward Feb. 26-28.
* Thank you to all who continue to collect receipts for our school. The collection for Apple Market receipts will end on February 27 and collection for Hy-Vee receipts will end on March 1. Please school .Turn in any receipts that you are saving for us by these dates.
* Enrolment for the 2016-2017 continues. There are openings in our early childhood classes.
* Our PEACE dinner/auction will be held March 19. Tickets are now available. There is a $5 discount for tickets purchased by February 28.
* Lutheran School Week is Feb. 28- March 5.
* The School Foundation will hold their pancake feed the final day of Lutheran Schools Week, Saturday, March 8.



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Second Annual!!!



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**Categories Circle One:     Mild        Hot        Non-traditional**

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