**Pancake Feed – March 5**

There will be a pancake feed Saturday, March 5, 2015 at the Zion School Gym. Pancakes and sausages will be available for a freewill donation from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. The donations will go the Zion Lutheran School Foundation. The Foundation’s main goals are to make grants that improve the quality of Lutheran education at or to provide scholarships to aid in a student’s ability to attend Zion Lutheran School.

**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 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.

**Announcements – February 21, 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 2: What is the office of the keys? Where is this written?**

**Chili Cookoff – Today**

The Zion Youth Group are hosting the 2nd annual chili cook-off today 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.

You may “vote” for your favorite chili with your freewill offering. Proceeds will go to towards attending the Higher Things Conference this summer.

**Lenten Vespers**

Please plan to join us Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 for Lenten Vespers. Preceding the service, our youth will serve a meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. The menu includes Tastee Sandwiches (like sloppy joes, but without the tomato), chips and bars. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to Youth activities.

**Joan Schmidt – Card Shower**

The Children of Joan Schmidt have requested a card shower celebrating Joan’s 85th birthday on March 3. Cards can be mailed to: Joan Schmidt, 1705 1st Ave., Kearney, NE 68847

**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

**Additional Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service****TIME** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| February 24 | 7:00pm | Youth |
| March 2 | 7:00pm | Teachers |
| March 9 | 7:00pm | Board of Ed. |
| March 16 | 7:00pm | Board of Stewardship |
| March 20 Palm Sunday | 9:00am | Meal at 11:30 served by Mary Martha |
| March 24Maundy Thursday | 7:30pm |  |
| March 25 | 2:00pm | Coffee, donuts & fellowship  |
| March 25Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| March 27Easter Sunrise | 7:00am | Easter breakfast at 8:00, served by youth |
| March 27Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

**School News**

* 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.

**GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE**

We want to extend a **HUGE** THANK YOU, to those who donated and/or spread the word during the Give Where You Live Campaign. Zion was able to raise about $900.00. This is great for our first year participating. Thank you so much for supporting our school!

**Grandparents Day**

Grandparent’s day at our school will be held Friday, March 4. We will need several folks to serve as “grandparents” for children whose grandparents cannot attend. This would involve sitting with a child at our chapel service, then visiting with them in their classroom. We would ask you to be here from 12:30- 2:15. Please call the office if you are willing to help.