**HANDBELLS!  Give it a try!**

**Have you always wanted to ring a handbell or two?  Maybe you rang bells in the past, and would like to ring again?  Here’s a short-term opportunity for you! The Adult Bell Choir at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney will be offering a Spring Bell Concert in April, and we’d like to invite friends from our Kearney Circuit LC-MS churches to join us in playing 1-2 simple songs!  Basic music reading ability would be helpful, but no handbell experience is necessary, since our ringers will enjoy assisting our new friends in learning to play.  Here are the details:**

         **Rehearsals:  Tuesdays, March 8, 15, and 29 from 6:00-6:30pm (Music Room)**

**(Please plan to attend at least two rehearsals, so we can do a good job!)**

         **Concert:  Sunday, April 3 at 3:00pm (Sanctuary)**

**Holy Cross is located just south of Horizon Middle School in Kearney.  (3315 – 11th Avenue)  Questions?  Please contact Music Director Robin Boell at** **308.237.2944** **or** **rboell@hclk.org****.  Please join us on March 8!  The more, the merrier!  To God alone be the glory!**

**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

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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.**



**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.**

**Our Weekly Memory Work**

**Confession 3: What do you believe according to these words?**

**Holden Daniel Schake**

Holden will be baptized at our service today. He is the son of Heath and Tracy Schake who was born January 18, 2016. Sponsors are Tanner Oertwig and Neleigh Schake.

**Lenten Vespers**

Please plan to join us Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 for Lenten Vespers. Preceding the service our teachers will serve a meal in the fellowship hall. The menu includes a variety of pasta casseroles, salad, garlic bread and desserts. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to assist the teachers in attending the LEA conference in Grand Rapids this fall.

**Pancake Feed – This Saturday**

There will be a pancake feed Saturday, March 5 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.

**PEACE 2016**

****Reservations for our annual PEACE Auction and Dinner are now being taken. Please stop by the school office to make your reservation. Our goal is to set an attendance record. We would like 175 people in attendance. Please make plans to come and invite your friends and family. The PEACE Auction and Dinner is a great way to support our wonderful Lutheran school.

The event is March 19th beginning at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney. Reservations need to be made by March 15th and are $50 per person. Contact the office staff or Lisa Splittgerber at zionkearney@hotmail.com or 308-627-4566 with questions.

**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

 **Easter Lilies Lil**

![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, March 27. Lilies may be purchased for $15 each. Orders need to be turned in by Monday, March 14. 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.

**Stewardship Note**

Luke 13:3 “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

**Saturday Worship**

Please note that we will have 5:00 pm Saturday services in March with the exception of Holy Saturday, March 26.

**Additional Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service****TIME** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| 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 |  |

**Lutheran Schools Week Schedule February 29-March 6**

**Monday**: Wacky Tacky Day-children may wear mix matched clothing and crazy hair.

**Tuesday** Book Character Day- Children may dress like a character in a favorite book, Muffins with Mom before school

**Wednesday**: Hat Day

**Thursday**: “60”s Day, children may dress as we did in the 1960’s, Donuts with Dad before school

**Friday**: Dress Up Day, Grandparents Day, Chapel at 12:30,

 2:15 Dismissal

**Saturday**: Pancake Feed 7:30-12:30

**Sunday**: We will end Lutheran School week with our K-8th grade choir singing at our 9:00am service.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in the library all week and there will be an art display in the gymnasium.

The congregation is invited to attend!