**National Lutheran Schools Week**

As part of our Lutheran Schools Week celebration, we always have a contest where children vote for a winner with the coins they bring to school. The proceeds are used to purchase bibles for the Winnebago Mission School children.

This year the door of each classroom is decorated with a scene from one of the Dr. Seuss Books.

The congregation is invited to walk around the school today and take a look at what our creative teachers have put up. If you wish to contribute to this project, there are containers on the office window ledge where you may “vote” for your favorite.

The congregation is also encouraged to attend the pancake feed next Saturday, where you may take a look at artwork displayed in the gym.

**Early Childhood Aide**

Zion Lutheran School has openings for aides in our early childhood classrooms for the next school year. This is for morning classes and will begin in August, 2017. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please pick up an application at the office or speak with Mr. Splittgerber. 234-3410 or anthony.splittgerber@zionkearney.org

**Thank You**

Thank you to Pastor DeLoach and Pastor Gaunt, as well as Pastor Trampe from Faith, York for your prayers and visits.  Thank you to my friends at Zion for the cards and prayers as well.  I continue to recover at home. Ruby Hatfield

**School News**

* Our third quarter ends this Wednesday.
* The older Zion students took part in a dodgeball tournament at Heartland Lutheran this week.

.**Stewardship Note**

**Matthew 4:7** — Jesus said to him, "Again it is written. . .” Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

**Announcements – March 5, 2017**

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.

**Lenten Service**

Please plan to join us Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 for our Lenten Service.

Preceding the service, the Stewardship Board and Elders will serve a meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. The menu includes brats and hamburgers, salads and desserts. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to our emergency assistance fund.

**Pancake Feed – Next Saturday**

There will be a pancake feed Saturday, March 11, at the Zion School Gym. Pancakes and sausages will be available for a freewill donation from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. The donations will go the Zion Lutheran School Foundation.

**Lutheran Schools Week**

Zion is celebrating Lutheran Schools Week beginning with the choir singing at our service today. Special activities are planned for this week including fun dress-up days, donuts with Dad, and muffins with Mom. Friday children will invite their grandparents or special friend to join them for chapel and a special program. The week will conclude with the pancake feed on Saturday.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open before and after school each day this week.

On March 18, 2017, Zion Lutheran School will hold its 8th P.E.A.C.E. Auction and Dinner at the Holiday Inn Convention Center at 5:30 pm.  Highlights of the evening will include our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, President of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, and remarks by special guest Governor Pete Ricketts.  We are honored to have both President Friedrich and Governor Ricketts join us for the evening and support Zion Lutheran School.

To support this year’s P.E.A.C.E. Auction and Dinner, we invite you to donate to the auction or attend the event.  Donations need to be brought in the office as soon as possible.  The number of people that can attend is limited so please make your reservations this week. For more information call us at 308-234-3410. More information is available on our website [www.zionkearney.org](http://www.zionkearney.org).  Reservations and cash donations can also be made online at our website.

**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, April 16. 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.

**Additional Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| March 8 | 7:00pm | Stewardship & Elders |
| March 15 | 7:00pm | Youth |
| March 22 | 7:00pm | Board of Ed |
| March 29 | 7:00pm | 7th & 8th Grade |
| April 5 | 7:00pm | Church Council |
| April 9 | 9:00am | Palm Sunday Meal @ 11:30 |
| April 13Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |  |
| April 14Good Friday Service | 2:00pm | Fellowship Hour Following |
| April 14Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 16Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00am | Easter Breakfast served8:00-8:45 |
| April 16Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

Our theme for this Lenten season will be “The Spirit Anointed Christ for Mercy.” Throughout the season we will remember Jesus’ Baptism, His anointing with the Holy Spirit, and His words in Luke 4 – that He was anointed to show, and to be, mercy. As His people – hearing Him proclaim God’s Word and being God’s Word as Prophet; seeing Him sacrifice Himself on a cross and know that He intercedes for us as Priest; and knowing that we live under Him as King in righteousness and purity – we will be reminded of our work of mercy.