**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 –**

**Luke 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, “It is written …’ ”** Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God but rather 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. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

**Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| March 13 | 7:00pm | Board of Education |
| March 20 | 7:00pm | Trustees |
| 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 |
| April18  Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |  |
| April 19  Good Friday Service | 2:00pm | Fellowship Hour Following |
| April 19  Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 20  Easter Vigil Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 21  Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00am | Easter Breakfast served  8:00-8:45 |
| April 21  Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

**Announcements – March 10, 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.**

**ZYG**

The Zion Youth Group will meet today for Laser Tag. Meet at 1:15 at the Big Apple. Please bring $5 for laser tag and additional money if you want snacks. Friends are welcome.

**Mary Martha**

Mary Martha will meet tomorrow, March 11th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome to join us.

**Lenten Service**

Please plan join us this Wednesday evening, March 13, at 7:00pm for a Lenten Service.

Preceding the service, the Board of Education will be serving “Pizza and Pasta” beginning at 5:30. There will be a freewill offering.

**Reading the New Testament in Lent** … is a worthwhile and doable discipline.  Simply read about 6-8 chapters a day, six days a week, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending before Holy Thursday.  A schedule of readings can be found next to the yellow Bible reading cards in the church entryway.

**Easter Lilies**

C:\Users\school\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZKZM05DT\MC900304935[1].wmfIt 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.

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**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

**Jamie Nikodym**

The Zion Voters have extended a call to Miss Nikodym to serve as teacher. Please keep her in your prayers as she considers this call.

**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

**PEACE Dinner/Auction**

The PEACE Auction and Dinner will be on March 16th.  Please make your reservations to attend the auction as soon as possible.  This year’s speaker is Shanna Opfer, daughter of past Zion principal, Reed Sander.  Shanna Opfer attended preschool at Zion and currently is a professor of education at Concordia University - Seward, Nebraska.

Your support with this fundraiser is very much appreciated.  The event is a great opportunity for fellowship and to show your excitement for Christian education.  Please try to attend and invite family and friends as well.

If you would like to donate items for the auction, please turn in any donations by Wednesday the 6th.  On the afternoon of March 15th, volunteers are needed to take auction items to the Holiday Inn and help set up the auction items.  Please meet at the school at 1:30 to help. Email [zionkearney@hotmail.com](mailto:zionkearney@hotmail.com) or call Lisa Splittgerber at 308-627-4566 with any questions.  Thank you!

**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.

**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.