**STEWARDSHIP NOTE –**

**Luke 15:12 – “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.”** This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed – valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

**April Sower**

Copies of the April Sower are available in the Narthex and outside Pastor’s Study.

**Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30 -SERVED BY** |
| April 3 | 7:00pm | Stewardship/Elders |
| April 10 | 7:00pm | School Teachers |
| April 14 | 9:00am | Palm Sunday Meal @ 11:30 |
| April18Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |  |
| April 19Good Friday Service | 2:00pm | Fellowship Hour Following |
| April 19Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 20Easter Vigil Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 21Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00am | Easter Breakfast served8:00-8:45 |
| April 21Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

**Announcements – March 31, 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.**

**Lenten Service**

Please plan to join us this Wednesday evening, April 3, at 7:00 pm for a Lenten Service.

Preceding the service, the Bd. of Stewardship and Bd. of Elders will be serving a taco meal beginning at 5:30. There will be a freewill offering to help with the Zion Emergency Assistance Fund.

**Palm Sunday Meal**

The Mary Martha Guild invites everyone to a Palm Sunday Luncheon Sunday, April 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the gym. All of the food will be provided by the Mary Martha Guild. Please join us for some delicious hot dishes, salads, and desserts in the school gym. Proceeds will be given to the Zion Emergency Assistance Fund

**Easter Lilies**

![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 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.

Members of Zion,

It is with a heavy yet joy filled heart that I announce my departure. Throughout my six years of service here I have greatly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you. Know that my students will forever be my children. I hope that they have learned from me as much as I have gained from them. They have helped to prepare me to take on my next call as the Director of the Early Childhood Program at Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Nebraska.

While I was not actively seeking a call I was praying. I asked God to help lead me to where I needed to be after obtaining my Masters in Early Childhood. After the initial shock of hearing interest of me in a directorship I have gone through the interviews, prayed, and am ready to accept the call.

Please know this was not an easy decision for me. I have shed many tears over leaving my call at Zion, leaving the families, and leaving what has been my home for six years. Though the road will not be an easy transition, I am ready to take this leap of faith. I would greatly appreciate your support and understanding as I finish out the school year. My prayer is for God to continue to guide me as He equips me for my new call as director, and that He continues to bless Zion.

In His Grace,

Amy Woodman

In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.

 Proverbs 3:6

**ZION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Custodian**

The Trustees are accepting applications for a custodian. This is a part time position and it will begin at the end of this school year (May 15, 2019). If you have questions, are interested, or know of anyone who is, please contact Adam Helmbrecht. 308-293-2380.

**Kindergarten Aide**

The Board of Education is accepting applications for a Kindergarten aide for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a part time position and will begin when school begins in mid-August until school is out mid-May. If you have any questions, are interest, or know of anyone who is, please contact the school/church office at 308-234-3410.

**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. April 9th will be the last day to order.

**Lutheran Witness**

It is time to renew our Lutheran Witness Subscription. For those of you who ordered through Zion last year, there is a note in your mailbox asking if you wish to renew. If you would like to be included in the Zion subscription please notify the office staff. Cost is $15.96 per year.

**Confirmation Camp**

Youth who are interested in attending the confirmation camp at Camp Comeca this summer, please speak with Pastor DeLoach to get a registration form. This is for youth who have completed 5th - 8th grades. Partial scholarships are avilable.