**School News**

* Congratulations to the Zion Quiz Bowl team for taking first place in the Horizon Middle School Quiz Bowl Invitational!  The Zion Quiz Bowl team members are: Jase Blattner, Isaiah Gaunt, Addison Helmbrecht, Dillon Kusek, Abigail Lange, Ayleigh Porter, and Aadi Silwal.  Zion went undefeated in the double-elimination tournament, defeating Kearney Catholic 8th grade 45-35; Horizon Middle School 60-50; and KCHS 8th again 85-30.  This was the first of three quiz bowl tournaments that the team will participate in this spring.  To God be the Glory! Soli Deo Gloria!
* 2020-2021 Enrollment is open to everyone! Tell your family and friends to get enrolled before the classes fill.
* P.E.A.C.E will be on Saturday, March 21st. Zion members are encouraged to attend as well as invite friends and family. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, supporting our school and Christian education. Please stop by the office for reservation forms or to make a donation. Please continue to check the announcements to learn of ways to become involved. Thank you for your support of our school.
* The theme for the book fair is “Book Fair Jungle-Elephants, Tigers, Books, Oh my!” The book fair is coming! It will be from March 2-7, 2020. Our students look forward to this great event during Lutheran Schools Week, March 1-7. Every year the proceeds help us add dozens of new titles to our school and classroom libraries. **If you could help that would be very helpful in** making this a fun and valuable event for our school. We need a lot of help this year! Here are some examples of opportunities to help:

Setting up the displays, Organizing the used book fair, Donating single serve snacks, Cashier before and after school, Packing up the fair

Scholastic organizes a user-friendly fair for us. It's a fun, easy-going week! If you are able to participate or learn more, please contact Liz Gaunt (liz.gaunt@zionkearney.org, 308-234-3410). We are grateful for your help!

**Announcements – February 23, 2020**



**Thou shalt silence your cell phone during worship**.

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**Our sanctuary has a HEARING LOOP**. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode. We have 2 headsets and receivers for use by those without hearing aids. Ask an usher for assistance.

Forgot your offering? Don’t have your checkbook or cash? Today or any day you can 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.

**Thank You** – Thank you to Phoebe Dunbar and Zach DeLoach for singing during the offering this morning and sharing your gift of music with us.

**Ash Wednesday**

Please plan to join us Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm for our Ash Wednesday Divine Service.

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian’s Lenten journey with a reminder of our mortality and a call to repentance. The Lenten series this year, based on the Gospel according to St. Mark, will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him-and how we should view Him. On Ash Wednesday, we will see how the disciples with “Misjudging Eyes” fail to recognize that soon He will not be with them.

Preceding the service, Mary Martha will serve a meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. There will be a freewill offering.



**Pancake Feed** – On Saturday, March 7th the Zion School Foundation will hold their annual pancake feed in the gym from 7:00am to 12:00pm. This event will support the school and is the finale to National Lutheran Schools Week. Plan to attend and spread the word!

**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 12th. Lilies may be purchased for $15 each. Orders need to be turned in by Monday, March 30th. 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.

**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 in the church entryway.

**Help Wanted** – We need Sunday School teachers and substitute Sunday School teachers. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the church office.

**Radio Broadcast and Flowers** – Zion is in need of radio broadcast sponsors. Please consider sponsoring a radio broadcast, several families can sponsor together, or providing altar flowers to beautify the sanctuary. The sign up sheet is on the board across from the mailboxes. There are several open dates. Sign up today!

**Missions** - The first quarter mission for 2020 will go to Lutherans for Life. Please use the special marked mission envelopes located in the narthex. Please make sure that the missions are clearly marked and placed in the offering plate.

**Found** – In the coat room a LSB has been found if it is yours please claim it.

**Opportunities to Worship during Lent**

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| **DATE** | **Service Time** | **LENTEN MEALS AT 5:30pm –****SERVED BY** |
| February 26 | 7:00 pm | Mary Martha |
| March 4 | 7:00pm | Board of Ed |
| March 11 | 7:00pm | 7th & 8th Grade |
| March 18 | 7:00pm | Elders |
| March 25 | 7:00pm | Trustees/Stewardship |
| April 1 | 7:00 pm | Teachers |
| April 5 | 9:00am | Palm Sunday Meal @ 11:30 |
| April 9Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |  |
| April 10Good Friday Service | 2:00pm | Fellowship Hour Following |
| April 10Tenebrae Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 11Easter Vigil Service | 7:00pm |  |
| April 12Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00am | Easter Breakfast served8:00-8:45 |
| April 12Easter Festival Service | 9:00am |  |

**Matt. 17:8** – **“And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”** Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him – and Him alone – the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.



