



MARCH 2019

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

From the Desk of Pastor Sandy

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we greet the new month of March, we are entering the new church season of Lent. The rhythm and rhyme of the season call us to practice and prepare. Over the course of the coming six weeks we will prepare our hearts and minds for the ways we are called by God in Christ Jesus to live in the world. And during the Lenten season we are even more intentional as we pray, share, and fast.

With that intentionality in mind, mark your calendars for a time of fellowship, food and worship. Midweek worship services will begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**. Soup and sandwiches will be served from 6:00 – 6:45 and our worship will be at 7:00.

March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10 are the additional midweek dates when we will gather in preparation for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Sunday, **April 14-21**. These midweek evening worship services are the place and time for us to practice our prayers, our sharing, and even our fasting.

Lent is a season of preparation and practice and as I often say, “practice makes better.”

Fasting can be reexamined by abstaining from things other than food. Perhaps you’ll consider the practice of fasting from social media for a day – *ok, for a few hours*; or fasting from thinking negatively of others; or fasting from desserts; or fasting from television/Netflix...what might you consider leaving behind for this time of intentional preparation?

Time for praying and sharing can be created by the fasting to which you commit. Prayers abound for the life of this community of faith, Mt. Zion, as well as for the wider community within which we all find ourselves living out our faith. Prayers of praise and thanksgiving, as well as prayers of intercession keep us connected to God. May we practice our prayers with renewed intention during the season of Lent.

As people of faith we are called to share as well. This Lenten season we have an opportunity to address the challenge of hunger around the world as we participate through the ELCA Global Barnyard, teaming with other congregations in the St. Croix conference to really make a difference. In my brief history with you I’ve already come to know the people of Mt. Zion as a people who practice generosity.

May we all be intentional as we gather together for our Lenten journey. May we support and encourage one another in these practices as the Spirit guides our praying, sharing and fasting. It is in these practices that we experience what God is up to in our lives, in the church and in the world.

Thanks be to God for you.

Pastor Sandy

YOUTH & MILESTONES



OUR NEXT MILESTONES ARE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
10:30 service

We will welcome Hayden Wallin to our family in Christ through Baptism.

*Thank
You*

THANK YOU....

I'd like to thank the Youth Grant Committee for choosing me as a recipient of the Continuing Education Grant. I'd also like to thank the whole congregation for making this grant available. I appreciate all the support I have received from Mt. Zion.

Thank you,
Laura Gerdts



GRANT AWARDS

The Following Students were selected by the Post-Secondary Education (Youth) Grant

Selection Committee and confirmed by the Council to receive Youth Grant Scholarships for spring of 2019.
Grants were given out on Jan. 20.

Riley Ferguson – Luther Seminary
Laura Gerdts – St. Catherine University
Lydia Saathoff – UW Eau Claire
Jack Johnson – Carleton college

Proverbs 19:15

An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

March 17 - No Sunday school, spring break

March 23 - No Sunday school, spring break

Mt. Zion Congregation,
I wanted to thank you all for choosing me as one of the Scholarship recipients. I am very thankful to have received a scholarship this year. The money I have received will be used towards books and art supplies for school. I really appreciate the congregation's efforts to offer and provide scholarships to college students. It is a huge help for us.

Thank you again,
Lydia Saathoff

Mt. Zion,
Thank you so much for the academic scholarship this winter! I'm eager to apply it to my winter tuition. I am bummed I was not able to be present to accept the gift, but I'm looking forward to seeing you all this summer!

Love,
Jack Johnson



SKI TRIP- MARCH 16

We are attempting to put together a youth ski trip sponsored by the Men's Group. We would provide a \$10 contribution toward a lift ticket, plus transportation to Trollhaugen, and free lunch.

Come with and enjoy a day of skiing for a good price and great comradery with other Mt. Zion people. Mark this on your calendar for Saturday March 16th. Sign up to go if you're interested!!

11TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT



Lutheran World Relief

Relief is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery.

Mt. Zion 11th graders have decided to work with Lutheran World Relief to complete their service project milestone. Students will be extending their hands, feet and hearts in the world by collecting money and items for personal care packages. Lutheran World

Students have many activities planned in order to collect money and items to make personal care packages and then to ship them:

- Donation jar in Commons area by Information Center
- Collection bin in Commons area
- Bake Sale planned for between services on Sunday, March 31, 2019
- Serving Fellowship on Sunday, April 7, 2019

How can you help?

- Donate money into jar in Commons area
- Purchase items and place in marked collection bin in Commons area:
 - Light weight bath size towel (between 20" x 40" or 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
 - Bars of soap 8 to 9 oz. any brand, in original wrapping
 - Adult-size toothbrushes, in original packages
 - Sturdy combs
 - Metal nail clippers
- Baking donations needed for **Sunday, March 31, 2019 Bake Sale (between services)**. Please sign up to bring one or more baked items. A sheet will be circulated during Sunday worship services for you to sign up. You can bring items packaged, if you wish and we will price them for you. Please deliver items to church, in kitchen, by **10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2019.**
- Join and support us on **Sunday, April 7, 2019** for Fellowship and conversation
- Help and support us on **Sunday, April 28, 2019, between services,** in the Commons area assembling and packing the personal care kits.

Keep your eyes and ears open during Sunday morning announcements as the 11th graders guide us through their individual perspectives of promoting this milestone project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of the 11th graders or MaryKay (715) 386-8702

Thank you in advance for your support and involvement.

OUTREACH



PRAYER MINISTRY

One of the privileges of being part of the body of Christ is the opportunity to share in the joy and the sorrow of others. If you have a special prayer request or would like to place someone on the prayer chain, please call the church office at (715) 386-5409 or the Prayer Chain Leader: Joyce Johnson and we will make sure to add that person to our list.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Looking for members that are gifted with computers that would like to work on technology projects as Mt. Zion is looking to make some upgrades. If this sounds like you, please contact Paula at mrs.hoppy@yahoo.com. Thank you for making a difference!

BOOK CLUB

Our March meeting will be March 7
6:00 at Hudson Bagel

The book for March is:

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Our April Book will be Descent by Tim Johnston

WELCA

Deborah Circle

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 pm at the home of Katie Jones

Joy Circle

Thursday, March 14

9:15 am at the church in the Fellowship Hall

Hosted by Carol Kriegl

MEN OF MT. ZION

Our February meeting will be

Saturday, March 9

8:30 – 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
educate. inspire. believe.

Letourneau

Everyone is invited! We would be happy to have you join us for breakfast and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please see Jim

GIGI'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2

9:30 -10:30a - LMNOP

Monday, March 4

5:30-6:30pm - Volunteer orientation

Tuesday, March 5 & Thursday, March 7

5:00-7:00pm Tutoring

Tuesday, March 12 & Thursday, March 14

5:00-7:00pm Tutoring

Tuesday March 19 & Thursday March 21

5:00-7:00pm Tutoring

Tuesday March 26 & March 28

5:00-7:00pm Tutoring



FORTY DAYS - FORTY ITEMS

Wednesday, March 6 is the first day of Lent. We have a challenge for you and your family. Each day of Lent collect an item for the St. Croix Valley Food Shelf. On

Sunday bring your items to church and they will be delivered each Monday to the Food Shelf. We will collect until Psalm Sunday, on April 14.

SYNOD GLOBAL HUNGER CHALLENGE

NW Synod of WI has asked each congregation of the Synod to participate in a global hunger challenge which will run from March 6 (Ash Wed.) to April 21 (Easter) to raise awareness of the impacts of hunger and to work together to alleviate food insecurity throughout the world. The challenge is to find faithful, creative ways to gather funds which will be used to purchase a variety of animals. Mt. Zion and the St. Croix Conference will be raising money to purchase cow(s). Soon you will see little barn boxes to use as quarter boxes, that you can take home and fill to be returned by Easter.

OUTREACH

WALKING TOGETHER

Your Synod, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, is again sponsoring its annual event for lay people and pastors:

Walking Together

Saturday, March 9
Davies Center, UW-Eau Claire

7:00-8:45 Registration
9:00-10:00 Opening
10:00-12:00 Workshops 1 & 2
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00-4:00 Workshops 3, 4, & 5

This year's theme is "Holy Experiments" and there will be many workshops to choose from that include best practices for worship, social justice, faith formation, leadership, congregational vitality and more!

Be ready to be revitalized!

Last year 7 or 8 Mt. Zion members traveled together to this event. The cost is \$25 per person and our congregation will pay the fee for anyone wishing to attend. Watch for the sign-up and be ready to spend a day learning more about what is happening in your synod's neighbor churches.

Expect to be amazed!

OUTREACH REMINDERS:

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PRAYER SHAWLS are available for new mothers, fathers, families, as well as loss of a loved one, trying times, or for spiritual support.
Contact Karen McConville for one.

QUILTING GROUP needs individuals that can help with sewing.
Please contact Carol Kriegl for further information.

GREEN TOTES are available to be filled in the commons.
Please consider grabbing one and return it to the church on or before **MARCH 3**.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2019

Plans are underway for the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Mission trip. A date and location have not been selected, but a final decision will be made at our March

meeting. The meeting will be on March 3rd at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please try to attend if you are at all interested in going with us, as we would love to have your input when making this decision. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in going, please contact Robin Arneson at marneson@comcast.net.

We will keep everyone updated as dates and location are selected. The group will also be doing some fundraising events in the next few months as well, so watch for more updates on those as well.

UPCOMING DATES:

March 3 – NEXT MEETING – 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

March 4 – Pizza Hut Fundraiser 5-8 pm. Contact Katie Jones at (715)386-1729 if you can help. If not, please join us for pizza!

April 21– EASTER BREAKFAST – watch for donation and volunteer list in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions please contact Robin Arneson at marneson@comcast.net, or plan to come to our next meeting and learn more about the trip.

WORSHIP



MUSIC FOR MARCH WORSHIP

Sunday, March 3

8:15 am - Sr. Choir

10:30 am - Sr. Choir

Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00p - Sr. Choir

Sunday, March 10

8:15 am - Tone Chimes

10:30 am - Tone Chimes

Sunday, March 17

8:15 am – Dennis Opland

10:30 am - Dennis Opland

Sunday, March 24

8:15 am - Sr. Choir

10:30 am - Jr. Choir

Sunday, March 31

8:15 am - Jr. Choir

10:30 am - Sr. Choir

TONE CHIMES REHEARSALS

Tuesdays March 5 & 19

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

If interested in learning how to get started in Tone Chimes, please see MaryKay Mahler or talk to any of the Tone Chime members: Nicole Gelina, Kim Pilarski, Lola Scott, Kendra Margl, Olive Olson, Linda Yde, Robin Arneson, and Judy Meincke

JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, & 27

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

All Youth 2nd – 8th Grade are welcome to join in the fun!

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24

9:20 am – 10:30 am in the Choir Loft

New Voices are always welcome!



ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6 AT 7:00 PM

LENT WORSHIP IN MARCH

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 – 6:45 pm – Soup/Sandwich Supper *

*Sr. Choir

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 13

5:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation

6:00 – 6:45 pm– Soup/Sandwich Supper *

*Jr. Choir & Tone Chimes

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 – 6:45 pm – Soup/Sandwich Supper *

*Individual Accounts

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 – 6:45 pm – Soup/Sandwich Supper *

*Second Mile Haiti

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer



If you would like to help in any of the Lenten Services, (Including Palm Sunday and Easter)

please visit <http://mtzionhudson.com/communications> to see what opportunities to help service.

MILESTONES



March 4

Laurie Johnson
Amanda Olson
Andrea Sempf
Lydia Spence

March 5

Oscar Nemitz
Henry Okerlund

March 8

Dave Anderson
Gwen Paulson

March 9

Keenan Becker
Valerie Lardinois

March 11

Don Flatt

March 17

Laura Romzek

March 19

Harrison Jungbauer
Holly O'Connell

March 20

Martha Solfest

March 26

Claire Hoier

March 27

Riley Ferguson

March 29

Henry Gigure

March 30

Jennifer Engh
Krista Spreeman

March 31

George Pavel



CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

March 21

Terry & Marcia Teschner

March 24

Adam & Briana Wallin

March 27

Bob & Cindy Beckman

March 28

Jason & Karen Gigure



CELEBRATING BAPTISMS IN MARCH!

March 1

Chris Johnson
Lucy Larson
Kim Pilarski
Anna Runck

March 6

Raylynn Blue

March 7

Krista Hallen

March 8

Cindy DiGidio
Carl Meincke

March 9

Brandon Matzek

March 10

Lucy Adams

March 11

Martin Halvorsen

March 12

Andrew Tonsager

March 16

Craig Gustafson
John McConville

March 20

Joan Saathoff

March 21

Lauren Dombrock

March 22

Dylan Nitti

March 24

Rachael Saathoff

March 25

Gail Gerdts
Scott Veenendall

If you have missed your special date, or have the wrong information, please contact the church office at (715) 386-5409

HOSPITALITY TEAMS FOR MARCH 2019

MISSION: To provide a welcoming experience for all who walk through our doors

Sunday, March 3

Lead: Nicole Gelina
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Greeters: Mary Ellefson & Sandy Huppert
Dave & Deb Miller
Reader: Dave Miller
Communion: Mark Arneson
Acolyte: Ian Flattum
Fellowship: Karen McConville
10:30a Lead: **OPEN**
Ushers: **OPEN** & Deb Sanders
Greeters: Andrea Goetz & Boys and Donna Revoir
Reader: Barb Walczak
Communion: Florence Hopp
Acolyte: Henry Nemitz

Sunday, March 10

8:15a Lead: Jim Eral
Ushers: Harley & Joan Saathoff
Greeters: Jim & Sonja Johnson
Gene Stahnke & Don Kriegl
Reader: Jim Johnson
Communion: Floyd Foslien
Acolyte: Hunter Oswald
Fellowship: Katie Jones & Lola Scott
10:30a Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: Tim & Nils Dreier
Greeters: The Adams Family
Reader: Deb Tonsager
Communion: Dana Okerlund
Acolyte: Art Okerlund

Sunday, March 17

8:15a Lead: Kristen Johnson
Ushers: Einar & Mic Hanson
Greeters: Dennis & Kathy Opland
Lisa, Ava & Avery Anderson
Reader: Kathy Hunter
Communion: Katie Jones
Acolyte: Arabella Campana
Fellowship: Sandy Huppert
10:30a Lead: **OPEN**
Ushers: **OPEN**
Greeters: Mark & Paula Saunders
Reader: Paul Melzer
Communion: Paula Saunders
Acolyte: Tara Sanders

Sunday, March 24

8:15a Leads: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Scott & Sandy Johnson
Greeters: Mike Yde and
The Prawalsky Family
Reader: Bill Fristad
Communion: Mike Yde
Acolyte: Lily Romzek
Fellowship: Ed & Anne Dombrock
10:30a Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: Earl Monson & Colin McConville
Greeters: Bev Schletz & Nora Flavin
Reader: Karen McConville
Communion: Bev Schletz
Acolyte: Marnie Zea

Sunday, March 31

8:15a Leads: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Dave & Deb Miller
Greeters: Don Kriegl & Judy Meincke
Reader: Jim Eral
Communion: Katie Jones
Acolyte: Nora Beard O'Connell
Fellowship: Anne Dombrock & Kendra Margl
10:30a Lead: Andrea Dreier
Ushers: Bill & Olive Olson
Greeters: Mark & Paula Saunders
Reader: Tara Sanders
Communion: Joan Christopher
Acolyte: Derek Bogusz

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Wednesday, March 6 *Ash Wed.

7:00p – Lead: Robin Arneson
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Communion: Robin Arneson
Acolyte: Noah Flattum

Wednesday, March 13

7:00p – Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Acolyte: Abigail Romzek

Wednesday, March 20

7:00p – Lead: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Ushers: Jim & Linda Letourneau
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Sanders

Wednesday, March 27

7:00p – Lead: Karen McConville
Ushers: Karen McConville & Kristen Johnson
Acolyte: Arabella Campana

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