

# Zion Life Newsletter

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## Ways to get involved at Zion/St. Matt's:

- ◆ **Bible Study**, Wednesday mornings, 10:45 am at Zion
- ◆ **Breakfast**, 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month, 10:00 am
- ◆ **Sunday School**, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month, 10:00 am
  - ◆ **Events Committee**, Thursday, April 6, 7:15 pm
    - ◆ **W.E.L.C.A.**, Saturday, April 8, 10:00 am
  - ◆ **Maundy Thursday Service**, April 13, 7:00 at Zion
  - ◆ **Community Dinner**, Friday, April 14, 5—6:30 pm
- ◆ **Good Friday Services**, April 14, 3:30 at St. Matt's, 7:00 at Zion
  - ◆ **Easter Baskets Packed**, Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am
  - ◆ **Easter Vigil Service**, Saturday, April 15, 7:00 at Zion
  - ◆ **Vacation Lunch Program**, April 17—21, 11:30 — 1 daily
    - ◆ **Food Pantry Pickup Day**, Friday, April 21, 8:15 am
- ◆ **Food Pantry & Parson's Closet**, Saturday, April 29, 9—12
  - ◆ **St. Matthew's BBQ**, Saturday, April 29, 3—6 pm



## From the Pastor's Desk

It is hard to believe that Easter is almost here. We are quickly approaching what we would call the most Holy Week of the year, the week before Easter Sunday. We have many services that mark different points of Jesus' journey to the cross, and focus on God's salvation of the world throughout history. Finally, during the Easter Vigil, the most Holy night of the year, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is announced. It is a glorious experience and the walls of the tomb of Christ is torn down as we turn to live in the new experience of resurrection life.

Truthfully, many adults would skip the hard part of this epic story and go straight to Easter Sunday with pastel dresses and candy. And by doing so, we miss out on the majesty of how Christ is still at work, even through weakness, suffering, and death. We miss out on how the world tries to strip us of our value and dignity through insults, attitudes, prejudices but on this Holy Week, God turns the rules and thoughts of the world upside down. God claims us as blessed and loved. We are freed from the bondage of the world's self righteousness, aflame with the goodness of new grace filled life in Jesus Christ, resurrection life.

I hope you will come join us in discovering the mystery of who God is and what God does in Jesus Christ this Holy Week, April 9th - 16th.

Pastor Sara

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### *Greetings from Council*

Happy Spring!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Pastor Sara and Council met on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this "Visioning" meeting was to consider three very important questions: Who are we? What do we want to be? and, What are we called to be? We watched segments of the *Chuck Knows Church* video series and then participated in guided discussion. (For those interested, The *Chuck Knows Church* video series is available on YouTube.) These discussions are assisting council members, who are grappling with the staggering budget deficit, to begin planning for the future.

The stewardship conversation continued at our March 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The discussion focused on looking beyond our buildings. All agreed that our mission programs, including food pantry, vacation lunch program, and the monthly community meals are vital to our existence as a congregation. This visioning (planning) work will continue to be the focus of Council for the foreseeable future. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to share, please don't hesitate to talk with me or any other Council member.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter,

Lisa Cardilli, Council President

**The April Community Dinner will be Soup and Grilled Cheese and will take place on Friday, April 14, at 5:00 prior to the Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm.**

**We will also be serving an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 am.**

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## April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2 WORSHIP</b> St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 am Zion Svc. 11:00 Confirm. Class 12:15 Cong. Mtg. 12:15</p>	<p><b>3</b> Boy Scouts 7:00</p>	<p><b>4</b> Ministry Board 7:00</p>	<p><b>5</b> Bible Study 10:45</p>	<p><b>6</b> Events Cmtee. 7:15</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pastor's Sabbath Day</p>	<p><b>8</b> W.E.L.C.A. 10:00 Girl Scouts 1:00</p>
<p><b>9 Palm Sunday WORSHIP</b> St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Zion Svc. 11:00 Confirm. Class 12:15 Council 12:15</p>	<p><b>10</b> Boy Scouts 7:00</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Bible Study 10:45</p>	<p><b>13</b> Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 @ Zion</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pastor's Sabbath Day Community Dinner 5—6:30 Good Friday Service 3:30 @ St. Matt's 7:00 pm @ Zion</p>	<p><b>15</b> Easter Baskets Packed 10:00</p>
<p><b>16 Easter Sunday WORSHIP</b> St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Zion Svc. 11:00</p>	<p><b>17</b> Vacation Lunch 11:30—1</p>	<p><b>18</b> Vacation Lunch 11:30—1</p>	<p><b>19</b> Bible Study 10:45 Vacation Lunch 11:30—1</p>	<p><b>20</b> Vacation Lunch 11:30—1</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pastor's Sabbath Day Food Pantry Pickup Day 8:15 am Vacation Lunch 11:30—1</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23 WORSHIP</b> St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Zion Svc. 11:00 Confirm. Class 12:15 Cottage Mtg. @ Cousineau's 4:30 April 30</p>	<p><b>24</b> Boy Scouts 7:00</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Bible Study 10:45</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Pastor's Sabbath Day</p>	<p><b>29</b> Food Pantry &amp; Par- son's Closet 9—12</p>
						<p>St. Matt's BBQ 3—6</p>

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Chicken BBQ  
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