

ZION LIFE NEWSLETTER

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We have several upcoming events on our church calendar. Plan to join us for the following events:

- ◆ **Stephen Ministry,** Wednesday afternoons, 3—4 pm
- ◆ **Bible Study,** Thursday mornings, 10:30 am
- ◆ **Vacation Lunch Program,** April 6—10, 11—1 pm daily, volunteers needed to prepare and serve the food and to make crafts with the kids.
- ◆ **W.E.L.C.A.,** Saturday, April 11, 10:00. The W.E.L.C.A. group will assemble the LWR Baskets of Promise health care kits.
- ◆ **Community Dinner,** Friday, April 24, 5—6:30, you can help by purchasing ingredients or preparing and serving the food, as well as clean-up. We will be serving meatloaf and mac & cheese.
- ◆ **Food Pantry & Parson's Closet,** Saturday, April 25, 9—12, volunteers are always needed to shop for food, pick up and transport orders from the Regional Food Bank truck, stock the shelves, and assist with filling the orders.

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From the Pastor's Desk

As I sit and write this, it is Good Friday. Last night we had our Maundy Thursday worship, stripped the altar and extinguished the lights. As we walked home, my daughter Emma was upset. When asked what was going on, she said, "I know Buddy and Lilly don't get it, but Jesus was all alone up there. He was so lonely even though God loved him." She is exactly right, and who says kids don't get anything from worship. Most of us will read this on Easter Sunday, and most will have gone from the joy of Palm Sunday shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David" directly to "Christ is Risen!" Most in Easter morning may not have experienced the darkness of worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, or hear the words, "This is the night", at the Easter Vigil. This Holy Week has such an array of emotions as we travel from Palm Sunday to Easter morning, and that is important because life has an array of emotions. Holy Week helps us to see how God works in the midst of our emotional ups and downs and, most importantly, that God is present in our midst.

Easter season is always a busy time for us as we gather up our Lenten offerings for the Baskets of Promise, and the Bicycles for Kids. Last week, we hosted Community Dinner and had an extra large crowd at the Food Pantry. Parson's Closet has been busy as the seasons change and clothing needs to change. It doesn't stop there though. This week we will host Vacation Lunch and continue to work to build community. Much is going on, and there are days that feel like an emotional roller coaster for those working hard to make it all happen - maybe even feeling alone at times. Know this, Jesus stands in the midst of us, working through us. And when everything seems it's darkest, and all hope is lost, we can hear the words: "Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! And thanks be to God, so are we!"

The President's Paragraph

Bad poetry in praise of April

April is a special month for many reasons.
One of them is the start of warmer seasons.

A special April day is Resurrection Sunday.
For the kids at St. Matt's, Easter is a fun day:
During the service adults will toss Easter eggs on the grass.
After worship the kids will collect them amazingly fast.

At Zion, on April 24, there'll be a free community dinner.
Tacos and their fillings will make that meal a real winner.
If you want a second taco, be sure to go back for more!!
As you support that free community dinner on April 24!!!

John Jarvis,
2015 Congregation Council president



St. Matthew's Ministry



Since the March 3 meeting of the Ministry Board of St. Matthew's Chapel was postponed because of snowy roads, the group met after worship on Sunday, March 8. The group discussed some details about the March 21 Cabin Fever Party, the April 3 Good Friday service and the May 16 annual chicken barbecue, with halves grilled by members of the Sharon Springs Fire Department.

In service to Christ and His Church,

John Jarvis,
Ministry Board secretary



Vacation Lunch Program

We will be again providing vacation lunch during the week of April 6—10. Please contact me if you would like to provide items for lunch and/or help us serve. I will provide a menu as it gets closer. Of course, we can always accept financial support. Thank you so much for all your support in the past and I look forward for your support for this during the Easter Break.

Judith L. Warner



Our Food Pantry Day was held on March 28, 2015. 54 households were served (150 individuals). 8 households were there for the first time. 14 volunteers assisted. 1% milk was purchased from Stewart's using gift cards from the Regional Food Bank. 10 Easter baskets were packed on April 4, 2015 for pick up and delivery.

Our next Regional Food Bank pick up will be on April 15 and our next Food Pantry Day will be on April 25, 2015. Thank you to all who serve and support the Food Pantry. Volunteers are always welcome.

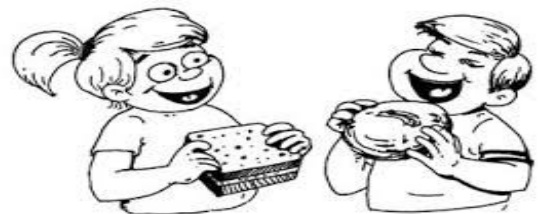
Sandy Deems,
Food Pantry Coordinator



The W.E.L.C.A. Circle tied off two quilts on March 14, 2015. We will gather on April 11, 2015 to assemble the Personal Care Kits and to tie off another quilt.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Lenten project—Personal Care kits. Our May meeting will be held on May 9, 2015 from 10—12.

Sandy Deems,
W.E.L.C.A. Leader



Monthly Serving Schedule for April 2015

Date	04/05 (Easter)	04/12	04/19	04/26
St. Matthew's Chapel				
Acolyte	Allen Graulich	Barb Cousineau	Karl Graulich	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis
Reader	Janet Lynk	Jean Bakkom	Joan Jozifek	Tom Collins
Greeter	Omer Cousineau	Janet Lynk	Jean Bakkom	Omer Cousineau
Ushers	John Jarvis	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis	Omer & Barb Cousineau	Omer Cousineau
Communion Assistant	Lara Graulich	John Jarvis	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis	Barb Cousineau
Bell Ringer	Allen Graulich	Barb Cousineau	Karl Graulich	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis
Zion Lutheran Church				
Acolyte	Isabella Philipp	Judith Warner	Emma Litzner	Rose Keller
Reader	Vern Hall	Eilene Fisher	Rich Churchill	Sandy Deems
Greeter	Teddy Beaver	Brian Swanhall	Judith Warner	Eilene Fisher
Usher	Henry Mau	Deb Nadeau	André Nadeau	Judith Warner
Communion Assistant	Vern Hall	Vern Hall	Vern Hall	Vern Hall
Tray	André Nadeau	Sandy Deems	Isabella Philipp	Emma Litzner
Empty Tray	Ava Philipp	Charlotte Litzner	Gabriel Litzner	Ava Philipp
Bell Ringer	Gabriel Litzner	Ava Philipp	Charlotte Litzner	Ally Prezorski
Elevator	Eilene Fisher	Jeff Markley	Henry Mau	Jeff Markley
Altar Guild	Sandy Deems			

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April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 29 Palm Sunday WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00	March 30 Boy Scouts 7:00	March 31 Boy Scouts 7:00	April 1 Stephen Ministry 3—4	April 2 Maundy Thurs. Bible Study 10:30 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00	April 3 Good Friday Pastor's Sabbath Day St. Matt's Service 3:30 Zion Service 7:00	April 4 Easter Vigil Service 7:00
5 Easter Sunday WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00	6 Vacation Lunch 11--1 Finance Cmtee 6:30	7 Vacation Lunch 11--1 Ministry Board 7:00	8 Vacation Lunch 11--1 Stephen Ministry 3— 4	9 Bible Study 10:30 Vacation Lunch 11--1 Photo Club 7:00	10 Pastor's Sabbath Day Vacation Lunch 11--1	11 W.E.L.C.A. 10:30
12 WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00 Council Meeting 12:15	13 Boy Scouts 7:00	14 Boy Scouts 7:00	15 Stephen Ministry 3— 4	16 Bible Study 10:30	17 Pastor's Sabbath Day	18 Girl Scouts 1:00 Tae Kwon Do 2:30
19 WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00 Choir Practice 10:15	20 Boy Scouts 7:00	21 Boy Scouts 7:00	22 Stephen Ministry 3— 4 Historical Society 7:00	23 Bible Study 10:30	24 Pastor's Sabbath Day Community Dinner 5—6:30	25 Food Pantry & Par- son's Closet 9—12
26 WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00	27 Boy Scouts 7:00	28 Boy Scouts 7:00	29 Historical Society 7:00	30 Bible Study 10:30	May 1 Pastor's Sabbath Day	May 2

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Community Dinner

Sit down with a stranger and leave with a friend

Come join us on April 24th for a free community dinner from 5–6:30 pm!

All ages are welcome.

