

ZION LIFE NEWSLETTER

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As we continue to move through Lent toward Easter, we have several upcoming events on our church calendar. Plan to join us for the following events:

- ◆ **Stephen Ministry**, Wednesday afternoons, 3—4 pm
- ◆ **Lenten Soup and Service**, Wednesday evenings during the month of March, 6:00 pm. A light dinner of soup will accompany the service.
- ◆ **Bible Study**, Thursday mornings, 10:30 am
- ◆ **Family Worship**, Sunday, March 1, 4:30 pm
- ◆ **W.E.L.C.A.**, Saturday, March 14, 10:30. The W.E.L.C.A. group will also continue collecting items to assemble Baskets of Promise health care kits. See related article to find out how you can help with this effort.
- ◆ **Community Dinner**, Friday, March 27, 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, March 28, 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Holy Week Services**, **Maundy Thursday Service** at Zion, 7:00 pm, **Good Friday Services**, time to be announced at St. Matthew's, Zion @ 7:00 pm, **Easter Vigil Service**, Zion, 7:00 pm

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LWR Baskets of Promise

**Journey with
LWR this Lent!**



Just a reminder that this Lent, we are joining Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise campaign. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Our goal is to assemble 20 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent. Our collection schedule will be as follows:

- February 22:** bars of soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)
- March 1:** bath towels (light-weight, maximum 52"X27", dark color recommended)
- March 8:** toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)
- March 15:** combs
- March 22:** nail clippers (metal, attached file optional)
- March 29 (Palm Sunday):** bars of soap



For more information, contact Sandy Deems. We will assemble our Personal Care Kits on Saturday, April 11, 2015 during our W.E.L.C.A. meeting from 10—12.

The President's Paragraph

March is one of my favorite months of the year, mostly because this year March 20 is the first day of Spring 2015; and I am tired of snow and below-freezing temperatures!! March is special to me for several other reasons as well. For example, Daylight Savings Time, coming on March 8, means a later sunset and more sunlight later in the day. Finally---and maybe best of all---the folks at St. Matt's are celebrating the life of St. Patrick with a special celebration on Saturday, March 21, with food, fellowship, a worship service and a limerick-writing contest. The unnamed event, which I call "St. Pat at St. Matt's," will start with a covered dish supper at 6:00 pm. Please join us. And don't forget to join us at Zion on the last Friday of March for the monthly free community dinner!!

John Jarvis,
Council president

St. Matthew's Ministry



The St. Matthew's Ministry Board, hereafter referred to as "the MB," held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, starting at 7:05 pm. Seven of nine members attended.

Pastor Sara told us the Four Chaplains would be available as part of our worship on February 15 or 22 if we want them. We do.

The February 21 Cabin Fever Party, with pizza from Pizza Shack, was the next topic. Pam Kostbar-Jarvis was pushing for "green cups"---instead of foam---for the beverages consumed that evening.

John Jarvis reported that he likes Confirmation tutoring for Karl Graulich at the his home.

Barb Cousineau told the MB how she had called Herb Vroman to make sure that our parking lot was plowed before our meeting. She also added that she hasn't started her search for a company from which to buy chicken halves, with no quills, for the BBQ on May 16.

Janet Lynk brought up the topic of an Ash Wednesday service, to be held at 3:30.

Brief discussions followed about St. Matt's place-mats and Easter lilies.

The longest-lasting discussion of the evening involved the MB planning a March event. John reminded the group that March features St. Patrick's Day and a St. Patrick's Day celebration was born. The March 14 event will feature food, fellowship, a limerick-writing contest and a short worship service dedicated to St. Patrick. (This event was later changed to March 21 due to scheduling conflicts.)

Before the closing prayer at 8:15, the MB talked briefly about the future of both Zion and St. Matt's. The future does not look as bright as the sky that Tuesday night when the moon and Jupiter were visible.

At St. Matthew's Chapel there is much to be thankful for besides cabin fever parties with pizza from the Shack, for plowed parking lots, for Ash Wednesday services and for a St. Patrick's Day celebration with a limerick-writing contest on a cold March Saturday night.

Thanks be to God!!

In service to Christ and His Church,

John Jarvis,
Ministry Board secretary

thank you!

Thank you for your recent gift of \$570 to ELCA World Hunger. Your generous gifts make it possible for ELCA World Hunger to: educate members about root causes; promote advocacy and social justice for those who cannot speak for themselves; provide food for families in times of greatest need; and implement sustainable development for secure futures. Thanks to you, ELCA World Hunger continues to build on the 40 year history of this ministry through partnerships and programs in nearly 60 countries including the United States. As the ELCA, we do more together than any one of us could ever do alone. Now as a major component of the Campaign for the ELCA, we are privileged to work with you in an endeavor to expand these programs for greater impact on hunger and poverty during the next five years. Thanks for your support!

Monthly Serving Schedule for March and Holy Week 2015


St. Matthew's Chapel

Date	03/01	03/08	03/15	03/22	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Acolyte	Allen Graulich	Barb Cousineau	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis	John Jarvis	Karl Graulich		Karl Graulich		Allen Graulich
Reader	Omer Cousineau	Joan Jozifek	Helen Roberts	Jean Bakkom	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis		Pam Kostbar-Jarvis		Janet Lynk
Greeter	Barb Cousineau	Omer Cousineau	Jean Bakkom	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis	Barb Cousineau		Barb Cousineau		Omer Cousineau
Usher	Dave Hayner	Suzanne Collins	Barb Cousineau	Tom Collins	Suzanne Graulich		Suzanne Graulich		John Jarvis
Communion Assistant	Lara Graulich	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis	John Jarvis	Barb Cousineau	Allen Graulich		Allen Graulich		Lara Graulich
Bell Ringer	Allen Graulich	Barb Cousineau	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis	John Jarvis	Karl Graulich		Karl Graulich		Allen Graulich
Zion Lutheran Church									
Acolyte	Eilene Fisher	Rose Keller	Isabella Philipp	Rich Churchill	Emma Litzner	Isabella Philipp	Emma Litzner	Eilene Fisher	Isabella Philipp
Reader	Sandy Deems	Vern Hall	Carol McGuire	Sandy Deems	Rich Churchill	Emma Litzner	Vern Hall	Rich Churchill	Vern Hall
Greeter	Brian Swanhall	Judith Warner	Leon Beaver	Eilene Fisher	Teddy Beaver	Leon Beaver	Brian Swanhall	Judith Warner	Teddy Beaver
Usher	Deb Nadeau	Eilene Fisher	André Nadeau	Judith Warner	Henry Mau	Eilene Fisher	Judith Warner	Brian Swanhall	Henry Mau
Communion Assistant	Vern Hall	Vern Hall	Vern Hall	Vern Hall	Vern Hall	Vern Hall		Vern Hall	Vern Hall
Tray	Judith Warner	Emma Litzner	Isabella Philipp	Eilene Fisher	Henry Mau	Judith Warner		Charlotte Litzner	André Nadeau
Empty Tray	Emma Litzner	Gabriel Litzner	Ava Philipp	Charlotte Litzner	Sandy Deems	Charlotte Litzner		Gabriel Litzner	Ava Philipp
Bell Ringer	Charlotte Litzner	Ally Prezorski	Gabriel Litzner	Ava Philipp	Charlotte Litzner				Gabriel Litzner
Elevator	Henry Mau	Henry Mau	Eilene Fisher	Henry Mau	Eilene Fisher	Henry Mau	Eilene Fisher	Henry Mau	Eilene Fisher

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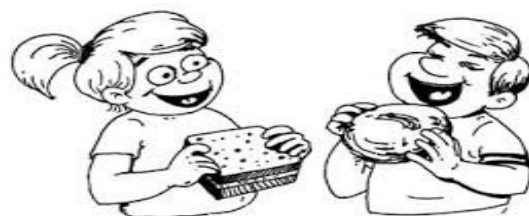
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 WORSHIP St. Mart's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00 Choir Practice 10:15	2 Finance 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00	3 Ministry Board 7:00	4 Stephen Ministry 3—4 Lenten Soup & Service 6:00	5 Bible Study 10:30 Diversity Training 7:30	6 Pastor's Sabbath Day	7 Girl Scouts 1:00
8 WORSHIP St. Mart's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00 Council Meeting 12:15	9 Boy Scouts 7:00	10 	11 Stephen Ministry 3—4 Lenten Soup & Service 6:00 pm	12 Bible Study 10:30 Photo Club 7:00	13 Pastor's Sabbath Day	14 W.E.L.C.A. 10:30
15 WORSHIP St. Mart's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00 Choir Practice 10:15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Stephen Ministry 3—4 Lenten Soup & Service 6:00	19 Bible Study 10:30	20 Pastor's Sabbath Day	21 St. Pat @ St. Mart's Event, 6:00
22 WORSHIP St. Mart's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00	23 Am. Legion Aux. Meeting 2:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	24	25 Stephen Ministry 3—4 Lenten Soup & Service 6:00	26 Bible Study 10:30	27 Pastor's Sabbath Day Community Dinner 5—6:30	28 Food Pantry & Par- son's Closet 9—12 Girl Scouts 1:00
29 Palm Sunday WORSHIP St. Mart's Svc. 9:00 Zion Svc. 11:00	30 Boy Scouts 7:00	31	April 1 Stephen Ministry 3—4	April 2 Bible Study 10:30 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00	April 3 Pastor's Sabbath Day Good Friday Service 7:00	April 4 Easter Vigil Service 7:00

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Community Dinner

Sit down with a stranger and leave with a friend

*Come join us on March 27th
for a free community dinner
from 5—6:30 pm!
All ages are welcome.*



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 get 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 Winter Break.

Judith L. Warner