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Parish News

Bob Ossefoort along with his wife Bonnie and Andy Busman will present reflections on their recent trip to South Africa on April 8th at both parishes during worship. More information will be in the April newsletter.

Our **Lenten journey** continues through the month with the "I AM" series. Midweek services with soup suppers are held each week alternating between the parishes (see calendar for details). The free-will offering at Hadley will go towards Hearts and Hands of Murray County (a non-profit organization focused on serving families, children, and individuals who are in need in the county). At Zion one-half will be used to assist the Zion youth with their food drive and one-half will be used for the Luverne Community Meal Ministry at Luverne Methodist Church.

Holy Week schedule:

Maundy Thursday – March 29, 7 pm at Zion
 Good Friday – March 30, 7 pm at Hadley
 Easter – April 1, 8:45 am at Hadley; 10:45 at Zion

The Shetek Conference Annual meeting will be held March 11, 2 pm at Shalom Hill Farm, Windom.

Youth Food Drive

The Zion Confirmation youth as well as the Sunday School Children will be hosting a food drive during Lent. A box is in the back of church for individuals to place nonperishable food products for the local food shelf. Any cash donations can be given to Sara Henning but should be designated/labeled for the food drive. If anyone has any questions, please contact Sara Henning or Jacob Henning

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." Proverbs 22:9
 God's Blessings to you all!

The Youth of Zion Lutheran

Resurrection Eggs

A fun way to help children learn the Easter story is with resurrection eggs. You can buy many different books and kits, but it is also fun to create your own.

To make your own Easter story eggs, you will need an ordinary egg carton and a dozen plastic eggs, a Bible, and the items listed below. Depending on the age of children you can print out each verse to go with the egg or have the child look up and read.

Share about Jesus using one egg at a time. Explain in your own words (and ask your children) what each item symbolizes and read the verses from the Bible. Eventually, even young children can tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection with the help of the symbols found in the eggs.

- Egg #1 Oyster cracker (or bread) Matthew 26:26
- Egg #2 Silver coins Matthew 26:14-16
- Egg #3 Purple cloth Matthew 27:28
- Egg #4 Thorns Matthew 27:29
- Egg #5 Rope Mark 15:15
- Egg #6 Cross John 19:16-17
- Egg #7 Nail John 19:18
- Egg #8 Sign that says, "This is the king of the Jews."
 Luke 23:38
- Egg #9 Sponge (with vinegar) Matthew 27:48
- Egg #10 Cloves or spices Luke 24:1
- Egg #11 Rock Matthew 27:59-60
- Egg #12 EMPTY! Matthew 28:5-6



Remember to turn clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10!



- 1 Isaac Berreau (Z)
Zachary Berreau (Z)
- 2 Ava Johnson (H)
- 3 Joy Swan (H)
Jesse Nelson (H)
Karla Bottelberghe (H)
- 7 Marie Hanson (H)
- 10 Ken Nelson (H)
- 11 Austin Henning (Z)
Garrett Johnson (H)
Doug Ennenga (Z)
- 13 Merlin Winselman (Z)
- 17 Kyle Hoiland (Z)
- 20 Allan Clauson (H)
- 23 Bob Wornson (H)
- 25 Alex Petersen (H)
Karen Burch (H)
Deb Onken (H)
- 31 Jane Jacobs (Z)
Jordyn Gyberg (Z)

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ELCA World Hunger - Send donations to: **ELCA Gift processing center, PO Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**, or give online with credit card at www.elca.org/give (click on "Donate Now", then click drop-down box below dollar amounts for choices.)

Lutheran Disaster Response –For online giving, go to www.ldr.org. Follow the links for the specific crisis to which you want to give.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

"Christ-Centered Renewal & Learning for All Ages."

March 10th Pre-Marriage Retreat
You probably know that the state of Minnesota offers couples a reduced rate on the marriage license if they put in at least twelve hours of pre-marriage instruction. This day will qualify for eight of those hours. The other hours you will want to spend with your pastor in planning your wedding and talking about your specific relationship.

Some of the topics we will cover will include:

- Communication skills and conflict resolution
- Financial matters and budgeting
- The spirituality of marriage

March 10th Family day making maple syrup
Come to our upcoming maple syruping classes to learn more about tapping trees and the process of making maple syrup! All ages are welcome and families encouraged! Our classes will be held Saturdays, March 10th and 17th, 2018 from 10:00am-3:00pm (lunch is included!). Classes will include instructions and equipment for you to bring home. Just bring weather-appropriate clothing.

March 25th Sugarbush
Want to learn more about the timeless tradition of making homemade maple syrup? Find out the secrets of the Indigenous Peoples and the pioneers as we tap and boil off delicious sap for a local delight!

- Delicious, homemade pancake breakfast—all the fixings!
- Cultural and historical aspects of maple syruping
- Science of syrup—how do trees work to make sap?
- How it works—boiling off and making syrup

For details call 507-763-3567 or check out www.shetek.org

ELCA Mission Statement:
"Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world."

Southwestern Minnesota Synod Mission Statement:
"God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world. Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA. By God's grace, together we have what we need."

What does Lent mean for Lutherans?

Lent is the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, excluding the Sundays. It began as a time for new converts to the faith to prepare themselves for baptism by study and spiritual discipline. The number 40 is found in many places in the bible—the 40 days and nights of the flood, the 40 years of the exodus—but especially on Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. It is a time to examine our hearts and lives and to ask God to forgive and forget our sins. (*"Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me for your goodness' sake, O Lord!"* Psalm 25:7)

There are many symbols and colors used during this time.

The color of purple is associated with royalty. The dye to make purple was very difficult to obtain in ancient times, so it was only used for royalty, and adorned the Christ only once—as He was mocked and ridiculed as the "King of the Jews" prior to His crucifixion. Twice in the Lenten season, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the sanctuary may be adorned with the color black which represents the absence of light and the curse of sin and darkness which fell over creation that only the death of the Jesus could abolish.

On Ash Wednesday the sign of the cross is applied on the forehead during the imposition of ashes. Usually ash is created by the burning of palms from the previous Palm Sunday, this symbolic rite is a reminder of the sign of the cross that was placed on us in our Baptisms, our mortality (*"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* Genesis 3:19).

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in his path (*"Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields."* Mark 11:8), before his arrest on Holy Thursday and

his crucifixion on Good Friday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

Another symbolic tradition is the omission of the word "Alleluia" from the liturgy and omission of the Hymn of Praise. Alleluia is a Hebrew word meaning "Praise the Lord". Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent in the church, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's 40 days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice. Therefore, we sing a different gospel acclamation during Lent which omits the alleluias.

Most of all, Lent is a time to remember God's promise to be with us forever, no matter where we go or what temptations we face.

"The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore." Psalm 121:7-8



*The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall I fear?*

PSALM 27:1, NRSV

Zion Council Meeting

February 1, 2018

Zion Lutheran Council met on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00PM. Members in attendance were Angelle Berreau, Carla Ennenga, Deb Graham, Sara Henning, Kevin Knips, Deb & Mel Kroon, Randy Kruse, Chuck & Carol Serfling.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Deb Kroon.

- We opened up briefly discussing a meeting we had with the Councils from Hadley and Zion as well as the Call Committee. Larry Strenge from the SWMN ELCA office was present to assess and help guide our thoughts in possible directions.

Secretaries minutes were read from the January 2018 meeting.
M/Carol to approve the minutes. S/Angelle. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report submitted for January 2018 and reviewed. Carol reported that she is working with portico since we were billed for November and December of 2017 which should not have happened. M/Mel to approve the report. S/Chuck. Motion carried.

Pastor's Time:

- Bob was absent from the meeting this evening. Bob has asked to share his experiences from his trip to Africa with the congregation at a Sunday service. Consensus of the council to have Bob pick either the first or second Sunday in March; then we'll have time to post it in the Angelos.

Unfinished Business:

- Chuck reported that the railing in the front of church has been fixed.

New Business:

- It was decided that installation of officers will happen on Sunday, February 18, 2018.
- Discussion held on what to do with the Lenten offering. M/Sara to give 50% to the food shelf in Worthington, to coincide with the donations collected by the youth. With the other 50% being donated to the Community Meal that we will work to serve again this year in Luverne. Sara will check into when we can get the meal set up. S/Mel. Motion carried.
- Consensus of the council, not to invite the Gideon's this year, but to do so every other year.
- Discussion held on our missionary support; Carol reported that currently we are giving \$1/baptized member and the renewal comes up every three years.
- Cindy turned in our Congregation Report to the Synod.
- Pastor Kerry had asked about our plans for the "With One Voice" books, wondering if we'd be interested in donating them to his current congregation. M/Carol to donate the books to the congregation Pastor Kerry is serving, but he needs to get them. S/Deb Graham. Motion carried.
- Deb Graham asked about redoing the flooring in the men's bathroom. Mel agreed to check into getting some flooring, Randy Kruse is willing to put it in with some help from a few members of the church.
- Sara reported on a grant program through Lismore Telephone. We decided to check into it more, maybe we could get some help to do the shingling.

We talked about the meeting with Larry Strenge from the SWMN Synod. It was very positive and driven overall, with a desire to remain open and serving God in ways that will work for us in this church family.
Consensus of the council to continue our ongoing relationship with Bob for his services.

- M/Carol to adjourn the meeting. S/Angelle. Motion carried.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Sara Henning, Zion Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

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 colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
 confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
 cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

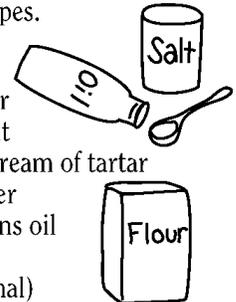
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Make Your Own "Clay"

Make one or more of these different types of homemade play dough. (Ask an adult to help.) Think about God and how He loves us, shapes us and molds us. Squeeze, roll and shape the clay into many different and unique shapes.

Salt Dough

- 3 cups of flour
- 1-1/2 cups salt
- 6 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 3 cups of water
- 3-4 tablespoons oil
- food coloring
- glitter (optional)



Mix the dry ingredients together in a big pan. Add water, oil and food coloring. Whisk until the lumps and food coloring are well mixed. With an adult's help, cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly until the dough thickens and forms into a ball. When the dough cools, knead in the glitter. The dough will keep several weeks in plastic containers or bags.

Rubbery Play Dough

- 2 cups baking soda
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 cup cornstarch



In a pan, mix the ingredients with a fork until smooth. With an adult's help, boil the mixture over medium heat until thick. Spoon onto a plate or wax paper, and let cool.

Oatmeal Clay

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- food coloring



Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Add more flour if necessary for the dough to form a lump. Knead the dough on a floured surface until it is smooth. Add food coloring to the water before mixing the dough, or divide into balls and add coloring after mixed and kneaded.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p style="text-align: center;">Hadley</p> <p>Ushers – Bob Wornson Tony Sorenson Reader- Audrey Wornson Altar – Audrey Wornson Cleaner – Brent Johnson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zion</p> <p>Ushers – Marcia Kunkel Reader – Marica Kunkel Altar –</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>Zion Bible study 1:30 pm @ Deb Kroon's house</p> <p>Zion Council meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Third Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>H – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z – Sunday school 9:45 am Z –Worship/Comm. 10:45</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>Lenten Service 7 pm at Zion; soup supper at 6 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Sunday school 9:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am</p> <p>Shetek Conf. annual mtg 2 pm Daylight saving time begins</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Hadley Council meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Lenten Service 7 pm at Hadley; soup supper at 6 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> 
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Sunday school 9:45 am Z –Worship 10:45 am</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>H – Bingo at Golden Living Center, 2 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>Please submit all April newsletter items by 9 am</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Lenten Service 7 pm at Zion; soup supper at 6 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Palm Sunday (purple)</p> <p>H – Worship 8:45 am Z –Sunday school 9:45 am Z –Worship.10:45 am</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion 7 pm at Zion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Good Friday service at Hadley 7 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>