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## Parish News

Summer and Faith Hoiland, daughters of Jodi Senykr, received their first communion March 17 at Zion. Welcome to the Lord's Table.

**Zion** continues to collect fabric for sewing kits and white sheets for bandage rolls. These kits will be displayed in the basement during Lent. On Wednesday, April 24 we will gather in the basement at 7 pm to assemble all the kits to mail. If you have any questions you can contact either Cindy Knips or Carol Serfling. Please be thinking of another mission service project that we can do. Lutheran World Relief has many kits to put together including quilts.

### *Thank you*

We want to thank those of you who reached out to our family when Andy's brother Joe passed. The cards, prayers and words of support meant so much. Sometimes when life seems empty and we feel alone, we discover the importance of the kindness of others. Thank you for being a light in the dark and difficult time. Your kindness meant so very much and will not be forgotten.

Andy, Sara, Austin, Jacob and Whitney Henning

### April Bible verse:

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9.7

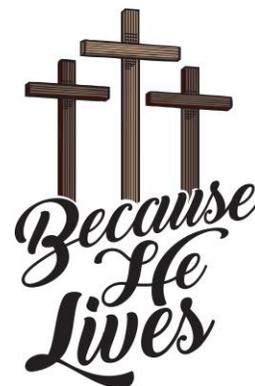
## Lenten Schedule

April 3 Zion Midweek service – Cross Word  
 April 10 Hadley Midweek service – Cross Reference  
 April 14 both Palm Sunday – Cross Purposes  
 April 18 Hadley Maundy Thursday – Crosshairs  
 April 19 Zion Good Friday – Cross Fire  
 April 21 both Easter – Cross Training

All services begin at 7:00 pm except Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Those will be at the regular Sunday service times – 8:45 am for Zion and 10:45 am for Hadley.

There is one soup supper left on April 3 and begins at 6:00 pm at Zion. We lift Hadley up in prayers as they continue work on their kitchen damaged in flooding.

Offering collected at the midweek services will go towards World Hunger at Hadley. Zion's offering will be divided between Luverne Community Meal Ministry at Luverne Methodist Church and to pay postage for the items that need to be mailed from the Women's ELCA project.





- 1 Randy Kruse (Z)
- 3 Griffin Braun (H)
- 7 Ashley Mahon (H)
- 8 Julie Bonstetter (H)
- 10 LaVonne Inglett (Z)
- 12 Drake Hoiland (Z)  
Josh Onken (H)  
Coletta Veldhuisen (H)
- 17 Bev Johnson (H)
- 19 Sharon Johnson (H)  
Charletta Bennett (H)
- 20 Ardelle Brunk (Z)  
Edna Voss (H)
- 22 Shawna Rogers (Z)
- 24 Darren Veldhuisen (H)
- 26 Jim Sorenson (H)
- 28 Ryan Schieck (Z)
- 30 Pamela Clauson (H)  
Carson Prairie (H)

*Please contact the office with any additions or corrections*

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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](http://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](http://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."*

### April 13 Pre-Marriage Retreat

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Shetek Lutheran Ministries would like to be a part of helping you get your marriage off to a strong start, by offering you and your fiancée a chance to think about some key marriage issues, together with other couples also ready to get married.

### April 13 Little Sprouts Garden Class

Come out to camp and learn about gardening and help get camp's garden ready for another season.

### April 28 Toddlers and Trees

Does your little one like to play outside and explore? Bring your toddler to camp for our seasonal Toddlers and Trees events! Your child will enjoy outdoor discovery and adventure, a make and take craft, a healthy snack, and story time during the 90-minute time period. Activities are designed for ages 1-3, but all family members are welcome! Please bring clothes that can get dirty along with any necessary outdoor gear (hats, gloves, rain boots, etc. as appropriate for the weather).

For details call 507-763-3567 or check out [www.shetek.org](http://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."*

## HEALING AT THE CROSS

by M S Lowndes

We know when Jesus was crucified  
Upon the wooden cross,  
Our every sin was laid upon Him  
All for loving the lost

And we know that when He rose again,  
He conquered death and hell  
Through His resurrection we have  
Eternal life as well

For this we praise our gracious Lord  
And thank Him for His love,  
For we could never have had this hope  
If it wasn't for His spilled blood

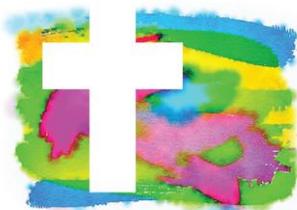
But we can know His resurrection power,  
Right now, while we are here,  
For we can come to the cross of Christ  
And lay down our burdens there

For everything that may hold us back,  
The hurts from yesterday,  
At the foot of the cross we lay it down  
And then just walk away

For I believe that there is healing  
At the cross of Christ  
We do not need to carry these loads,  
For they've all been crucified

Receive from Jesus the healing you need  
For your spirit, body and soul  
Then you can arise, freed from your past  
To walk completely whole

For what He accomplished on the cross  
Goes on into eternity,  
Just reach out your hand and He will too  
And receive His victory.



## Aging Faithfully Conference

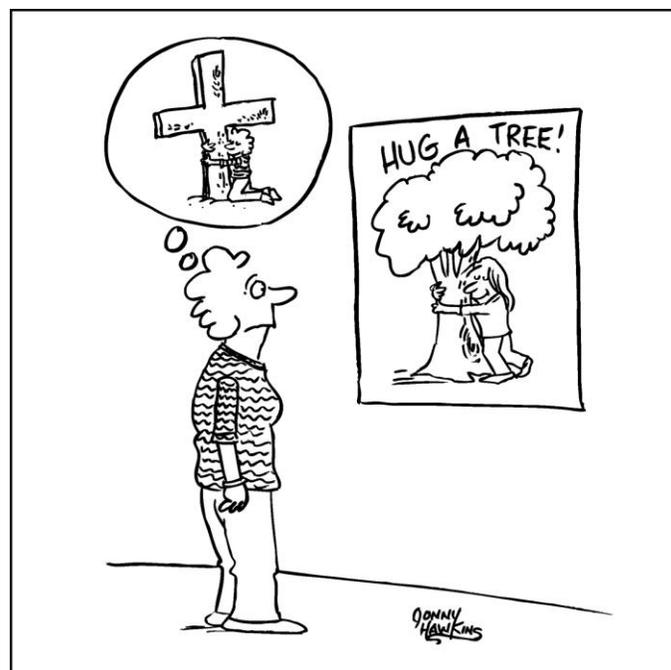
Our lives and faith look different in the second chapter of life. There are new opportunities, and many experiences behind us, too.

You may find yourself asking:

- What is God's purpose for me in this stage of life?
- What does faithfulness look like now?
- How do I trust Him and have courage as seasons change?
- How can my faith remain vibrant and strong?
- How can I help others who find themselves in this stage of life?

Whether you are an older adult, you work or care for an older adult, or you are simply interested in the topic, we invite you to take part in this day of reflection and discussion featuring Peter Marty on Thursday, July 25 from 8 am – 2:30 pm at Augustana University Elmen Center. Cost is \$25. After July 15 the cost is \$35.

We invite guests of all faiths. **Online registration will be available Monday, April 1 at [www.augie.edu](http://www.augie.edu)**



## Zion Council Meeting Minutes

Zion Lutheran Council met on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7PM. Members in attendance were Carla Ennenga, Sara Henning, Kevin Knips, Deb & Mel Kroon, Char & Randy Kruse, Carol & Chuck Serfling.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Deb Kroon.  
Deb opened with a devotion.

Secretaries minutes were read from the January 2019 meeting. M/Carol to approve the minutes. S/Chuck. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed for January 2019. M/Mel to approve the report. S/Chuck. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed for February 2019. M/Chuck to approve the report. S/Char. Motion carried.

### Unfinished Business:

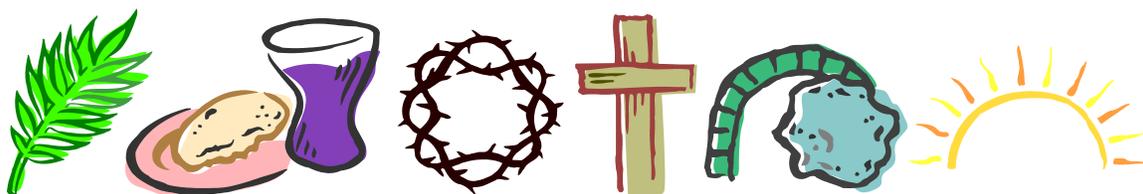
- Deb has agreed to check into the constitution to see if we need to make updates.
- Waiting on men's toilet to be replaced in the men's bathroom in the basement.
- Consensus of the council to have a joint meeting if needed. The joint council meeting that was scheduled for February 2019 was cancelled due to the weather.
- Serfling's reported estimates for lawn care for 2019. Leenderts Lawn Care is \$234.72 and the Luverne Farm Store's estimate came in at \$204.44. M/Carol to contract with the Luverne Farm Store for 2019. S/Mel. Motion carried.

### New Business:

- Ecumenical Youth Group update. Worthington is doing a week of volunteer work in July for all of Nobles County, so the committee decided on doing one day/month in June, July and August. Tentative dates are June 19, July 10 and August 14. Deb Kroon talked about the group needing some funds to be able to do work in the community. M/Sara to donate \$100 to the Ecumenical Youth Group if the service days come together and if they are in need of funding. S/Carol. Motion carried.
  - Discussion was held on what we will do with this year's Lenten offerings. M/Chuck to use the Lent offering to pay for postage for the items that need to be mailed from the Women's ELCA project. We the remainder going to the community meal that we host annually. S/Char. Motion carried.
  - March 17<sup>th</sup>, Summer and Faith Hoiland will start receiving Holy Communion.
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Sara Henning,  
Zion Lutheran Church Council Secretary







# PUZZLE

## Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

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People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)













Answers: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins

God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

**What you need:**

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



John 3:16

**What you do:**

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.

# HADLEY ZION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Fifth Sunday in Lent (purple) Z – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z – Sunday school 9:45 am H –Worship/Comm.10:45	8	9 Hadley Council meeting 7 pm	10 Midweek Lenten service at Hadley 7:00 pm	11 Zion Bible study 2 pm at church Zion Council meeting 7 pm	12	13
14 Palm Sunday (purple) Z – Worship 8:45 am Z – Sunday school 9:45 am H – Worship 10:45 am	15 Hadley – Bingo at Slayton Rehab Center 2 pm	16	17	18 Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion 7 pm at Hadley	19 Good Friday service at Zion 7 pm	20
21 Easter Sunday (white) Z – Worship/Comm. 8:45 am Z – NO Sunday school H – Worship/Comm. 10:45	22 	23 Please submit all May newsletter items by 9 am	24 Zion Women meet at 7:00 pm to pack care kits	25	26	27
28 2nd Sunday of Easter (white) Z – Worship 8:45 am Z – Sunday school 9:45 am H – Worship 10:45 am	29	30			<b>Hadley</b> Ushers – Brent Johnson Kim Nelson Reader – Dan Johnson family Altar – Vikki Mahon Cleaners – Connie Sorenson	<b>Zion</b> Ushers – Austin Henning Jacob Henning Reader – Sara Henning family Altar – Marcia Kunkel