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March 5 Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m. Soup Supper at 5:30–6:15 p.m. March 12 Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. Soup Supper at 5:30–6:15 p.m. March19 Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. Soup Supper at 5:30–6:15 p.m. March 26 Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. Soup Supper at 5:30–6:15 p.m. April 2 Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. Soup Supper at 5:30–6:15 p.m. April 9 Lenten Worship at 7 p.m. Soup Supper at 5:30–6:15 p.m. April 13 Palm Sunday Worship at 9 AM April 17 Stations of the Cross Worship at 9 a.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. April 18 April 20 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. Easter Breakfast from 7-8:40 a.m. Easter Worship at 9 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.



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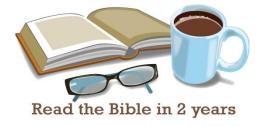
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Soup suppers are again being served on Wednesday evenings prior to our mid-week Advent worship services. They are intended as a time of fellowship as well as to provide an opportunity for an evening meal prior to worship for those who work late or commute.

This year our first mid-week Lenten Soup Supper and Lenten service will be on March 5. Serving will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 6:15 PM to allow time for cleanup prior to worship. If you can help out by providing a soup, salad, or dessert for one or more of these meals, it would be appreciated. In any case, please join us for a delicious meal and fellowship.

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31



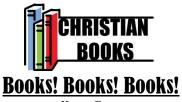
#### Today's Light

Lani Sanders

Week 62 begins March 3 with Lamentations 2 Week 63 begins March 10 with Ezekiel Week 64 begins March 17 with Ezekiel Week 65 begins March 24 with Ezekiel Week 66 begins March 31 with Ezekiel (For more information contact Lani Sanders.)

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Karen Guest

Check out the inspirational books available in the meeting room. The book table is a take-one-leave-one table. You are free to take a book to keep, or to borrow one and return it when you have finished reading it. The book table is also a place to leave books that you want to share with others.

The selection changes frequently, so check it out often!



Linda Bowers

The Community Services Board will be collecting a 'potluck' donation during the month of March: canned tuna, chicken or beef, bags of rice or beans, Vienna sausages, hot cocoa mix, and/or any of the things we've collected over the past year, as well as Ziplock® bags & paper towels, toothpaste and tooth brushes, bar soap, shaving cream, etc.).

The Homeless Shelter has expressed a need for diapers and baby wipes. Donations of these items will be delivered there.

Thank you!



It is great to gather after church for coffee and conversation with our church family. We're looking for families to host our Coffee Time on the first Sunday of each month. Families would help setup (coffee would be prepared), provide a simple treat, and clean up afterwards. Here is a simple way to serve here at Zion. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

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#### Mission of God

Jesus took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. – Luke 9:28-29

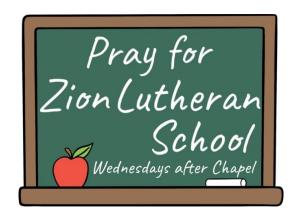
Jesus' Transfiguration was a special moment not only for Jesus, but also for Peter, James and John. In this event Jesus' true glory was briefly revealed and the three disciples were completely awestruck by his glory. But, as special as this moment was, it wasn't the culmination of Jesus's mission. It was but a brief respite for Jesus on his journey to the cross and a moment of uplifting encouragement for the disciples. The disciples wanted this moment to continue, but Jesus knew that there was still work to done.

Indeed, Luke tells us that 'the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.' (Luke 9:37-38). It was truly only a respite. The mission of God continued for Jesus as well as for his disciples. And this same mission of God continues to this day.

Far too often, though, our experience with God is like that of the disciples on the mountain top. We rejoice in God as we gather for our weekend worship, but then, often, that's where it remains. We forget that the awesomeness of experiencing God in worship is not the culmination of our Christian life. Our worship is but a respite on our journey of life, in our life living the mission of God. (Cf. 1 John 4:9) We too are called to 'go down the hill' and take up the journey of faith.

We as individual Christians are God's ambassadors! We have the privilege of our relationship with God and we have the privilege of inviting others into this same awesome relationship. This is our purpose! This is our life! As we enter into this Lenten season, as we journey with Jesus on his mission to the cross, may we look for opportunities to give reasons for the hope that we have in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Busch



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Z-LYF enjoying laser tag, arcade and mini golf in February

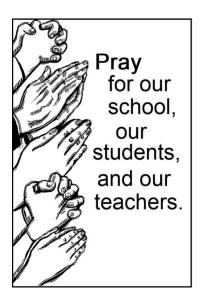
#### **Adopt a Class**

Lani Sanders

Zion Lutheran School is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church, sharing the grace and love of God in all subjects and everyday life with our students.

We're inviting everyone to participate in our mission by adopting a class, to pray for every student and the teacher by name throughout the school year. You can support the class in other ways if you choose (writing an occasional encouraging note, attending school events, etc.), but the commitment is to lift the students and their teachers up in prayer during the school year.

Lists of first names of students in each grade of each classroom will be left in the narthex of the church. Please pick one up and pray for our students and teachers!



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Lani Sanders

#### Please remember...

- ...Diana Santini, recovering from outpatient back surgery...
- ...John Asta, hospitalized with pneumonia...
- ...M'Less Tripple, recovering from surgery and waiting for treatment to begin...
- ... Maxx Martyn (son of Leigh Hannon), for strength and a continued assurance of God's presence during this season as he serves in Jordan...
- ... Emily (daughter of Beverly Rauscher) for healing of body and soul...
- ... Paul Tarskabon, struggling with digestive issues and potential medical procedures...
- ...the **family of Cozelle** (M'Less Tripple's mother) as they care for her...
- ...Michael O'Hara, recovering from eye surgery...
- ... Frieda Gudmundson, recovering from a stroke...
- ...Joann Asta, recovering from pneumonia ...
- ...Richard Waiwood (brother of Rob), recovering from surgery for brain cancer....
- ... Gary Sinclair (son of Ruth Reynolds), who is fighting a blood infection...
- ... April O'Hara, suffering with health issues...
- ...Bob Dunnerman, on hospice and suffering with heart problems...
- ...Lerma Bockhorn as she continues ongoing dialysis and recovers from cataract surgery ...
- ...Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters affected by the terrible fires...

Let us offer Praise and Thanksgiving for the wedding of Maxx and Katelyn Martyn (son of Leigh Hannon)...

We ask for the Lord's comfort and peace for the family and friends of Eleanor Fauver (former member) at her passing...

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Please join us for fellowship and dinner before our mid-week Lenten services every Wednesday in March, from 5:30-6:15 PM. You are welcome to bring a soup, salad, or dessert, but it isn't necessary.

Please join us on Wednesdays after chapel as we **pray for Zion Lutheran School** together.

**Circles of Friends** are close small group faith families forming friendships to support and encourage faith in each other's lives. Sign-up now!

Support Zion Lutheran Church's mission—Zion Lutheran School. **Adopt a class** to faithfully pray for during the school year. Pick up your class list in the narthex now.

Our **Sunday School** is in need of a nursery/kindergarten teacher and a Director. If you feel called to serve our Sunday School, please talk with Pastor Busch or Don Hays for information...

Whenever you purchase **Scrip** you are contributing to our school. Use it when you go shopping or dining. Scrip is on sale in the office during the week.



Once again we're soaring into March with lots of fun and exciting activities.

We begin by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, by wearing our pajamas, and teachers sharing their favorite Seuss story books.

St. Patrick Day activities will be planned and we will be starting our spring garden to enhance our Bible story of Lent. We plant lots of beautiful flowers in our garden. Balloons and streamers will be floating among God's beautiful children.

Donuts with Dad and Grandpa is Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to pray for one another as we follow Jesus along our Lenten path to His cross of LOVE & FORGIVNESS.

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Our school will begin March with Dr. Seuss Day on the  $3^{rd}$ . Students (and teachers) will dress in their favorite silly hats and socks. The teachers will read their favorite Dr. Seuss books while the students enjoy a special Seuss inspired snack.

The next week will be *Donuts with Dad and Grandpa* on Thursday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Later that afternoon our PTG (Parent Teacher Group) will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Zion Room. You do not need to be a parent or teacher to attend; anyone who loves our school is welcome. We will be discussing our End of the Year Carnival. Many hands make light work!

It's hard to believe but March 21 ends our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of school. Report cards will be handed out the following week. Our school will be closed Monday, March 24, 2025 to prepare for our last quarter of school.

Although the *Kindergarten Information Night* was last month, it's never too late to register for next school year. Our school is open to any student Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade who wish to enjoy learning in an atmosphere filled with faith, fun, and fellowship.



A Lutheran school provides so much more than a standard education. Academics thrive as life is lived intentionally in faith and trust in God.

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### **Best Practices in Ministry**

Johanna Allen and Lani Sanders

Best Practices in Ministry—BPM for short—is a conference hosted by Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix, Arizona. For over 13 years they have offered this FREE conference to remind professional and lay church workers that you are loved, you are not alone, and you matter. And when they say free, they truly mean that: free meals, free shuttling, free speakers, free snacks, free activities, free registration. Over 300 volunteers from the congregation serve your every need with cheerfulness and love the entire time! There were over 2700 participants this year from all over the country—Hawaii, Tennessee, Florida, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Colorado, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago, Nebraska—and those are just who we talked to. It is an incredible experience.

We counted 260 sessions offered this year, presented by mostly "regular" folks who have something that is working in their church that they want to share—lay folks teaching Sunday School or VBS, Lutheran school teachers from preschool through high school, musicians of all genres, parents, grandparents, singles, DCEs, pastors, those doing office work, lawyers—as well as authors and public speakers. Topics cover everything—hospitality, Sunday School, VBS, teaching, grief, writing devotions, object lessons, nurturing faith in children, in teens, mission trips, technology use, creation/evolution, prayer, marriage, youth ministry, retirement, family life, organization, time management—things you'd never think of learning about.

I've (Lani) been 5 times now, and every time I've been so encouraged, with so many wonderful new ideas and things I've learned.

This was my (Johanna's) first year attending BPM. I am so thankful that my substitute teachers were willing to teach my class so that I could go and experience this conference. I downloaded the conference app on my phone as soon as I registered and it was very easy to navigate. I could see who would be attending the conference as well as all of the sessions that were offered - and there were a lot! I was able to learn more about the mental health of church workers and students and I came away with lots of resources that will help me daily in my teaching. There were many more sessions for teachers and I wish I could have attended them all. I also really enjoyed looking at the booths which included universities, curriculum, LWML, missionaries, Petal Pushers and so much more! I even was able to reconnect with many college friends and other

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acquaintances that I have met through the years. The conference was a great reminder to me that I am never alone.

We want to encourage everyone to consider attending next year! It is (almost always) held the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the President's Day holiday in February.



#### **Prayer and Faith Stories**

Lani Sanders

We all have faith stories—stories about God's action in your life at a specific time or for a specific need. We all have stories about answered prayers.

We all need the joy and encouragement of talking about and sharing our faith with others in our lives. God asks us to do this for a reason. Please share some of your stories with us. Everyday stories are just as encouraging as "big" stories.

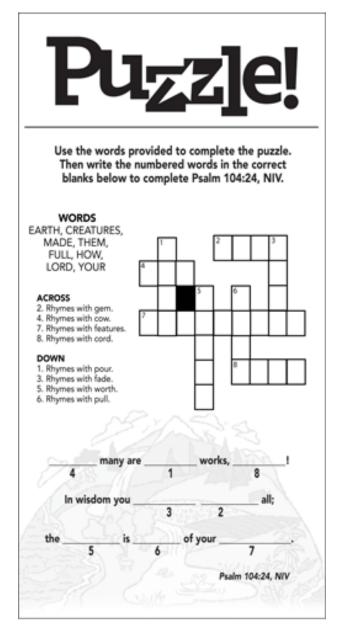
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PUZZLE 7
A famous friendship  In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.
Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.
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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you easy I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, MIV



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Parents are the primary shapers of faith and life in their children... ~ Ben Freudenburg

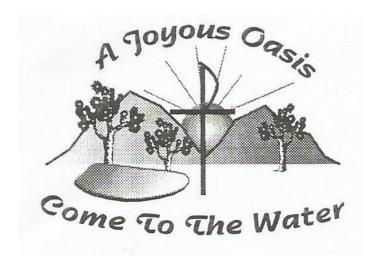
One of the three components considered common in spiritually vibrant homes is hospitality, defined by the Barna researchers as welcoming non-family guests regularly, or at least several times a month. But what does it mean to show hospitality? Hospitality is the practice and quality of welcoming, receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, and generous way. Hospitality fosters and nurtures relationships.

Some find it surprising that hospitality has anything to do with our faith and faith life. In reading the Scriptures, however, it is evident that we were created in relationship/community: "Then God said, "Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness, **so** that they..." (Gen. 1:26-27) Our Triune God, in relationship within himself, created people to be in relationship with him and each other right from the start.

Hospitality is very important throughout the Bible, and is expected and encouraged (ex: Gen 18:1-8, Gen 24: 23-25, Ex 2:20, Acts 28:7, Heb. 13:2, 1 Pet 4:9, etc.).

Hospitality is not a spiritual gift. We are ALL called to show hospitality. Perhaps part of the reason is because hospitality has such an influence on our faith and faith life.

We'll be practicing hospitality together again as the family of God throughout Lent. Please join us before the Wednesday night Lenten services, from 5:30 to 6:15, for soup, dessert and fellowship!



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#### **MEETINGS:**

Every Sunday during Sunday School

#### ACTIVITIES:

March 29 – Junior High Youth Gathering

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 2025 - LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

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and length. The deadline is the  $20^{th}$  of each month.

#### Serving the Lord at Zion This Month March 2025

Counters	<u>Flowers</u>		
3/2 Loretta Donner/Betsy Otte	3/2 Carolyn Peterson		
<ul><li>3/9 Charlene Perry/Chris Peterson</li><li>3/16 Chuck Knapp/Lisa Reimers</li><li>3/23 Christy Bottom/Linda Bowers</li></ul>	3/9 3/16 Ernest & Lerma Bockhorn 3/23		
3/30 Marlene Henry/Chris Peterson	3/30 Troy & Lisa Reimers		
	Song Leader		
	Wendy Waiwood		
Lay Minister	Sound & Media Technicians		
Sunday: Chuck Knapp	Rob Waiwood		
	Meaghan Imes		
	Zack Bottom		
Altar Care			
Sat: Beth Erickson / Carolyn Peterson Sun: Shellee Zillner	Acolytes		

#### Acolytes

Alex Xia
Christopher Svider
Jose Rodriguez
Jorge Gomez
Andrew Meyer

Readers	Sunday

3/2	Linda Seidenglanz
3/9	Jeff Seivers
3/16	Lori Knapp
3/23	Debra Kleinsmith
3/30	Leisa Seivers

#### **Anniversaries**

9- Jeffrey & Ali Taranto, 18- Ernest & Lerma Bockhorn

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#### **Birthdays**

3– Brett Johnson, 4– Nathaniel Barnes, Jose Rodriguez III 9– Kaitlyn Otte, Logan Serena 11– Alexis Taranto 15– Matthew Johnson, Shellee Zillner, 20– Lisa Reimers, Jose Rodriguez, Dan Tripple, 21– Andre Wheat, 23– Conni Morrison, 24– Ella Gauldin, 26– Lewis Busch, 27– Chris Knapp, Wendy Waiwood, 29–Geraldine Becker

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