

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AS WE GATHER: Our Bible Reading of the Day is 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11. This session will outline the characteristics of Christian hope and uncover the nature and purpose behind our waiting. In exploring how the destinies of those in Christ and those apart from Him differ drastically, we will receive an indisputable urgency to share the Good News of Christ in hopes that many will come to know Him and escape the destruction that awaits those apart from Him. We will discover that living in light of Christ's assured return produces a profound unity within His church and transforms how we live our everyday lives.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES were postponed until this coming Wednesday at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. The evening Service will be Livestreamed. Our theme for this Lenten Season is "Promised Treasures" where we journey to concretely see, smell, touch and taste several Biblical elements. This week we will be looking at: ASHES. As God's creation, you must remember that you are dust and shall return to dust at the end of your earthly life.

LENTEN SUPPERS will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm each week. The EVE GROUP will be hosting the meal this Wednesday and Cheesy Ham and Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Buns, and Dessert are on the menu. A free-will offering will be taken.

The offering collected will all be directed to the SD District LCMS Office. President Sailer will use the funds to assist a pastor within our District who is facing a difficult financial situation. Please give generously and help support the Pastors who are called to service in our District.

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS, put out by Lutheran Hour Ministries, "Man of Sorrows, People of Joy" are available in the back of the church this morning. Please pick up a copy for your devotions.

WE ARE WALKING TO JERUSALEM! Please join us as we attempt to walk 6,410 miles (straight shot from Sioux Falls to Jerusalem) this Lenten season. We started on Wednesday. Remember that 20 minutes of any activity counts as 1 mile. Forms are available—complete through the week and return to the drop box at church or email Rachel with your miles. Get moving - have fun - and remember we walk together as a Zion Family!

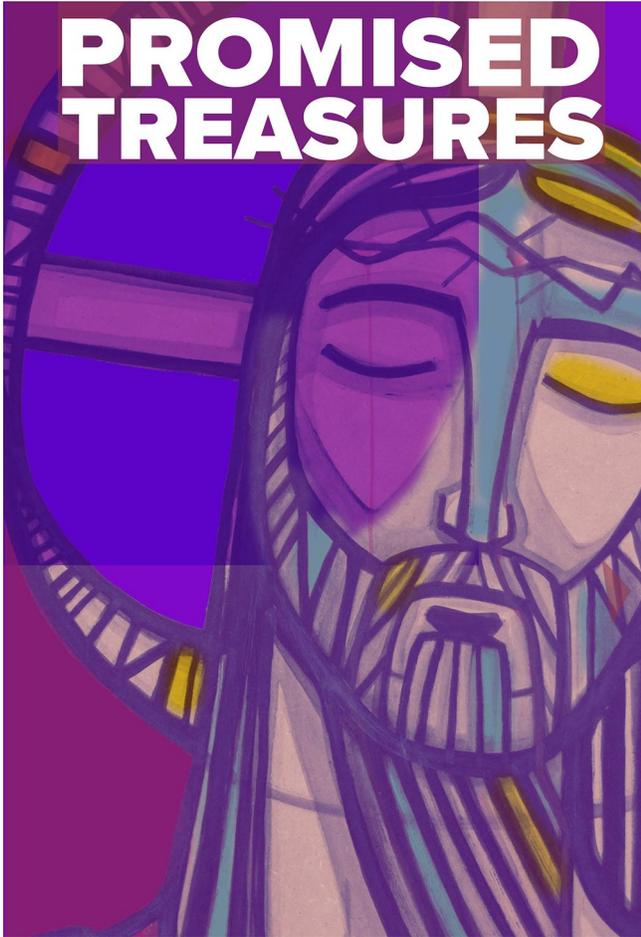
THE FLOWERS on the Altar this morning are given by Zion's Love Kitchen Committee in loving Memory of Donna Crichton, who started our Love Kitchen Ministry. We thank the Committee for providing the flowers today in tribute to Donna.

ZION IS LOOKING FOR either a full-time or part-time Custodian. If you would be interested, or you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Brian Frenz (605-351-2101) or stop by the Church Office to pick up an Application Form.

CALL TO FREEDOM: Monica Rilling from Call to Freedom will be our guest speaker on Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 am. This occasion is sponsored by our Ruth LWML Guild and it is open to all women, men and children **over the age of 16**. Call to Freedom is an anti human trafficking organization, They provide supportive services for those affected by human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in South Dakota. Watch for more information on this.

It's time for the 6th Annual **Zion Youth Ping Pong Tournament Fundraiser!** It will be held on Saturday, March 11 from 10am - 2pm in the atrium. The tournament is for 3rd graders up to adults with separate divisions for all ability levels! This means that even if you have never picked up a paddle before or don't even know the rules, we have a spot just for you! It costs \$5 to register for the singles divisions and \$5 to register any doubles pair. There will be concessions and lunch sold throughout the event with all money raised going towards Zion Youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering in 2025. You can sign up to play in the atrium or by clicking the banner on our website homepage. If you have any questions, please email or call Jacob in the office. Let the games begin!

PROMISED TREASURES



Life as exiles in the wilderness of this world is not easy or pain-free. We wait and yearn for our real home, the new promised land of heaven. In order to wait well, Jesus mentions that a good teacher not only brings out new treasures but reminds people of old and rich treasures as well (Matthew 13:52).

This Lenten season, embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. Each week of Lent, journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste several biblical elements.

Begin with ashes, then salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms.

During Holy Week, water and blood, wood, fragrant oil are featured. On Easter, do not miss out on the sweetness of God's milk and honey. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind you of God's eternal love in Christ, fill you with renewed hope, and increase your joy, knowing that because we are His

Baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.

MIDWEEK SERVICES: 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

HERE IS THE UPDATED SERVICE THEMES

March 1 - Ashes

As God's creation, you must remember that you are dust and shall return to dust at the end of your earthly life.

March 8 - Salt

You are God's own child-baptized, washed and salted in Christ. See how this salt represents God's preserving and seasoning of you with His wisdom and guidance.

March 15 - Water

Discover how water circulates through Scripture to wash, cleanse, flood and reshape you.

March 22 - Light

Jesus Christ is the light of the world who dispels sin and darkness, filling you with His light and joy to reflect to the world.

March 29 - Bread

Eat the true bread of life given by the Father to us through His Son. In Him, and only in Him, is life forgiven, meaningful, renewed and satisfied.