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The Clarion



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CALL TO FREEDOM INGATHERING

The Ruth Guild is sponsoring the event on March 18.

There will be an In-Gathering of \$25 Gift Cards to places like:

Walmart, Target, Lewis, Walgreens, Gas Stations and Food Places



**Stop Human
Trafficking!**

ZION LUTHERAN
SATURDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 AM

SPEAKER:
MONICA RILLING
FROM
CALL TO FREEDOM

**Everyone over 16
Welcome**



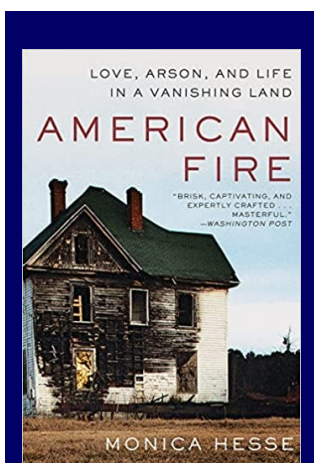
Mar 1 Jacob Loween
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 Mar 2 Lori Coufal
 Mar 2 Addisyn Hagen
 Mar 2 Wayne Huebert
 Mar 3 Kim Baartman
 Mar 3 Tom Farr
 Mar 4 Shelly Simonson
 Mar 5 Ray Black

Mar 5 Brittney Hendry
 Mar 5 Michael Pierce
 Mar 5 Grace Tisher
 Mar 5 Karla Woodward
 Mar 6 Marsha Kritzmire
 Mar 6 Pastor Greg Lehr
 Mar 7 Don Fick
 Mar 7 Gus Kruger
 Mar 8 Bonnie Boese
 Mar 9 Gage Thompson
 Mar 10 Kristi Hofer
 Mar 10 Lance Lindemann
 Mar 10 Jeff Sebesta
 Mar 11 Kim Boettcher
 Mar 11 Todd Schettler
 Mar 12 Cole Boden
 Mar 12 Pam Bouwman
 Mar 13 Rebecca Johnson
 Mar 13 Kathleen Van Hove
 Mar 13 Barbara Waack
 Mar 14 Eric Dabbert

Mar 14 Carol Flaten
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 Mar 20 Sharon Gibson
 Mar 21 Judy Bittner
 Mar 21 Nova Castetter
 Mar 21 Leona Polyak
 Mar 22 Shannon Huber
 Mar 22 Troy Kiggins
 Mar 23 Stephanie Brown
 Mar 23 Devon Fox
 Mar 23 Suze Frentz
 Mar 23 Steve Schlueter
 Mar 25 Erica Boyce

Mar 25 Ashley Eilertson
 Mar 25 Leah Wall
 Mar 26 Benjamin Boehrns
 Mar 26 Laurie Doherty
 Mar 26 Clare Helling
 Mar 27 Rich Coffman
 Mar 28 Beth Graff
 Mar 28 Kate Hardy
 Mar 29 Paul Farmer
 Mar 29 Rachel Flaten
 Mar 29 Chad Liesinger
 Mar 29 Chez Shoup
 Mar 30 Matthew Stotts
 Mar 31 Travis Langle
 Mar 31 Caitlin Logan

**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**



Zion's Book Club
Saturday, February 11
9:30 am
Please Join Us!

ZION'S BOOK CLUB

ABOUT THE BOOK

The arsons started on a cold November midnight and didn't stop for months. Night after night, the people of Accomack County waited to see which building would burn down next, regarding each other at first with compassion, and later suspicion.

Vigilante groups sprang up, patrolling the rural Virginia coast with cameras and camouflage.

Volunteer firefighters slept at their stations. The arsonist seemed to target abandoned buildings, but local police were stretched too thin to surveil them all. Accomack was desolate—there were hundreds of abandoned buildings. And by the dozen they were burning.

The culprit and the path that led to these crimes, is a story of twenty-first century America.

Washington Post reporter

Monica Hesse first drove down to the reeling county to cover a hearing for Charlie Smith, a struggling mechanic who upon his capture had promptly pleaded guilty to 67 counts of arson.

But as Charlie's confession unspooled, it got deeper and weirder. He wasn't lighting fires alone; his crimes were galvanized by a surprising love story.

Now Hiring

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 Frentz (605-351-2101) or stop by the Church Office to pick up an Application Form.

February Income

Envelopes and Electronic Giving	\$55,342.40
Plate	983.00
Missions/Radio	595.00
Lutheran School	60.00
Treasure Chest	96.43
Flowers	236.00
Coffee/Donuts	482.00
Youth Fundraiser	24.00
Youth Missions	42.04
Wednesday Suppers	556.00
Reimbursement	260.00
Total Received	\$58,676.87
1 Month Need	\$64,100.00

February Other Income

Designated Memorials (Love Kitchen)...	\$245.00
Undesignated Memorials	
Lutheran Hour Ministry	
Union Gospel Mission	
Atrium Use	
Total Received	\$245.00



2022
Giving
Statements

Contact
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mfarden@zionlutheransf.com



ZION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

**JULY
23 - 26**

2022 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Just a reminder that your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be directed to your favorite organization (like Zion

Lutheran). The deadline to direct your 2022 Choice Dollars is **March 31**.

**DIRECT
YOUR
thrivent[®]
CHOICE
DOLLARS**

THANK YOU to everyone who directed their Choice Dollars to Zion. Last year, Zion received \$5,999.00 from your Choice Dollars.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPER HOSTS

March 1: Eve Group - Cheesy Ham and Hash-brown Casserole, Green Beans, Buns, Dessert

March 8: Ruth Guild - Baked Potato Bar

March 15: Streets of Bethlehem - Chili

March 22: Library Committee - Hamburgers, Cheesy Potatoes

March 29: Youth - Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs

April 6, Holy Thursday: Evie and Emily - Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese

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2023 Theme

**WAY + TRUTH
+ LIFE = JESUS**

JUNE 18 - 24



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Walk to Jerusalem update

Dust off your sneakers - it's not too late to join us! Here's the challenge:

We, as a Zion Lutheran family, are collectively walking 6,410 miles (straight shot from Sioux Falls to Jerusalem). We started Ash Wednesday, and we want to arrive in Jerusalem by Easter morning.



Here are the details:

Get moving! Follow your lent devotional – *Man of Sorrows, People of Joy* (more copies are in the back of the sanctuary) – and ponder as you exercise.

Record your miles or activity – Remember 20 minutes of any activity counts as 1 mile. Challenge your family and friends. Forms will be at the back of the sanctuary. Either return your form back to church or email/call the office with your miles.

Watch for updates and get energized by how far we as a church family can go!

Mark your calendar -

**55+**

**JOY**

**Devotion
Game**

**March 14th
10:30am**

**Stay for lunch after
(sign up sheet in atrium)**

Zion Parish Nursing

ZION KIDS FAMILY MINISTRY: MARCH



You may miss that hour of sleep, but you won't want to miss Sunday School on March 12th because you get to come to church in your pajamas, spend time with your Zion friends learning about Jesus, and eat Pop Tarts!!!

upcoming events

March 15: 5th Grade Milestone

March 12: Pop Tarts and PJS

March 26: 2nd Grade Milestone

April 2: Kids sing at 10:30

monthly memory books

**Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 & 2 Peter
1, 2, & 3 John**

ZION YOUTH



Greetings!

Zion Youth has a couple of fundraising opportunities during the Lenten season. The first is our envelope fundraiser, which you will see in the back of the sanctuary. The envelopes were designed by our youth and numbered 1-175. All you have to do is grab an envelope, fill it with the given amount and place it in the offering tray. As the envelopes are taken down, it will reveal a surprise thank you from our youth! The youth will also be serving the Lenten meal on March 29 since our Ash Wednesday service at the end of February got moved because of the winter storm.

Lastly, the youth are excited to host the 6th annual **Ping Pong Tournament Fundraiser**, which has quickly become a Zion Lutheran staple. It will be on **Saturday, March 11 from 10 - 2 pm in the atrium**. We still have room to sign up for divisions, especially in the beginners and advanced divisions! Lunch and concessions will be served, so even if you don't play, come and join us for lunch as we raise money for our kids and the 2025 youth gathering. And who doesn't love ping pong...right?

Jacob Shoup

Director of Youth & College Ministries
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Zion Youth
6th ANNUAL

PING PONG TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, March 11
Zion Lutheran Atrium
10-2 PM

Sign up in the atrium or zionlutheransf.com

March Schedule

March 1, 15, 29

Youth Night

7:30 - 9 pm

March 11



Ping Pong Tournament

10 am - 2 pm

March 24

Leader's Choice Fun Night

7 pm

Join Us For...

Youth Night!

During Lent, we are meeting every other Wednesday night after the Lenten service:
March 1, 15, 29

Sunday Bible Study

Sundays - 9:30 am in the youth room!
We study God's Word and learn about the love of Jesus in every story!



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Serving Jesus Christ by Serving Others!

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Radio Broadcast at
10:05 am

PASTOR GREG'S MESSAGE

What draws your attention these days? On what kinds of things do your eyes focus? How's your "eye discipline"?

Throughout any given day, we think about hundreds of different matters... people in our lives, things we have to do, things we desire to get, etc. In our daily callings, we inevitably focus on all sorts of good and important matters. But when it comes to what really matters, when it comes to what gives your life security, meaning, and hope, where do you look? What draws your attention?

The devil loves to distract us. He might use a limitless news cycle. He might use an endless supply of easily accessed

entertainment. Perhaps he'll use a scrolling social media feed. He'll use your life circumstance, a grumbling stomach, a greedy eye, a perceived slight by another person. Whatever it takes to put you off balance and feel alone.



But God gives you a gift during this Lenten Season of the Church Year... an opportunity to refocus... *fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

(Hebrews 12:2)

Have you been looking to yourself, eyes turned inward, to find meaning and purpose? Have you been seeking to gain security by grabbing control of circumstances or trying to control other people? Have you been looking for pleasure or love in all the wrong places? If so, it's time to allow the Holy Spirit to turn your gaze in the proper, life-giving direction ... fixing your eyes on Jesus.

Consider His passion once more during this Lenten Season. Watch Him as He journeys to the cross for you. Pay attention to the way He stays focused on His mission to save you.

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Fix your eyes on Him and see what true life and love look like.



God bless you this month as we draw closer to the cross and empty tomb of Holy Week and Easter! Regardless of the distractions around you, may He grant you the grace to fix your eyes and attention upon your Savior and King, Jesus Christ.

Christ's peace and joy!
Pastor Greg