

THE CLARION

LENTEN SEASON - 2024 “Guided to the Cross”

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Ash Wednesday and
Lenten Service times
are:

10:00 am | 6:30 pm

6:30 pm Service will
be Livestreamed

Supper at 5:30 pm

As I sit writing this Clarion article, the temperature outside is -12 degrees... and I have to admit when we were in the blizzard warning last week I was excited for a possible snow day and we had one. I guess I'm like the kids! I like the fact that a snow day gives us a legitimate reason to slow down, let go of our schedules and a welcome change of pace.

That's why I look forward to Lent. Lent is the season in our church year that provides us with a spiritual change of pace. During Lent, we are preparing ourselves for the coming of another season, Easter... just as winter prepares us to really appreciate spring.

The six weeks of Lent give us the time and change of pace, in anticipation of the celebration of the great events of Good Friday and Easter, to clean house spiritually so that we're not bogged down when the warm weather hits.

It's about taking time to curl up with the living Word of God in a way that surrounds us with the warmth of God's amazing love and mercy won for us by Jesus and made available to us by the Holy Spirit.

So, let's take advantage of the time and change of pace that Lent gives us to draw close to our Lord as we are guided to the cross.

Our Wednesday series this Lent season is called “Guided to the Cross.” Be guided to the cross. Be guided to Jesus. Be guided to forgiveness. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance.

Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and His cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

The schedule is:

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday • Guided to Forgiveness (Colossians 1:13-14): When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in the cross of Christ and are empowered to forgive others..

Feb 21 Week 1 • Guided to Hope (2 Corinthians 1:10): When we are uncertain about what the future holds, we discover in the cross the sure hope of heaven.

Feb 28 Week 2 • Guided to Love (1 Timothy 1:13-14): When we are separated from others and from God by our sin, the cross brings us together through its love.

Mar 6 Week 3 • Guided to Peace (Colossians 1:19-20): With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.

Mar 13 Week 4 • Guided to Trust (1 Timothy 1:15): Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1 Braxton Langle
 Feb 1 Myles List
 Feb 2 Mikaela Breck
 Feb 2 Chase Kellenberger
 Feb 3 Les Timm
 Feb 4 Judy Cain
 Feb 5 Meghan Sommervold
 Feb 6 Rose McGaha
 Feb 7 Amanda Eisenhauer
 Feb 7 Megan Hall
 Feb 7 Miles Nelson
 Feb 8 Steve Smith
 Feb 9 Keith Boese
 Feb 9 Molly Burgraff
 Feb 9 Austin Loween
 Feb 9 Elsie Shoup
 Feb 10 Stacey Boehrs
 Feb 10 Travis Boese

Feb 10 John Giddings
 Feb 10 Melbourne Helling
 Feb 10 Jada Smith
 Feb 11 Annie Dyce
 Feb 11 Kailee Heng
 Feb 12 Alverna Andersen
 Feb 12 Adam Nelson
 Feb 12 John Ramert
 Feb 13 Ken Boettcher
 Feb 13 Jeff Kaufman
 Feb 13 Jeanice Klooster
 Feb 13 Dylan Saeger
 Feb 13 Evan Saeger
 Feb 13 Jett Weisz
 Feb 14 Tyler Friedrich
 Feb 14 Cora Schettler
 Feb 14 Becky Sipes
 Feb 15 Isaiah Green

Feb 15 Brexley Mahrt
 Feb 15 Tyler Phelps
 Feb 16 Kaydence Davis
 Feb 16 Anthony Kiggins
 Feb 17 Hannah Sipes
 Feb 18 Jennifer Fick
 Feb 18 Owen Gilster
 Feb 18 Hadleigh Graff
 Feb 18 Joan Sebesta
 Feb 19 Kyle Callies
 Feb 19 Katelyn Clow
 Feb 19 Brandon Locke
 Feb 19 Peggy Mitchell
 Feb 19 Aaron Tilley
 Feb 20 Evan Ahlers
 Feb 20 Sue Pew
 Feb 21 Beth Goetschius
 Feb 21 Addalyn Meier

Feb 22 Jensen Gill
 Feb 23 Nancy Bott
 Feb 23 Jennifer Dunlap
 Feb 23 Ron Roe
 Feb 24 Darlene Duprey
 Feb 25 Judy Eisenbraun
 Feb 26 John McMahon
 Feb 27 Noah Green
 Feb 27 Aaron Halbakken
 Feb 27 Isaiah Shoup
 Feb 27 Ronald Woodward
 Feb 28 Jacob Anderson
 Feb 28 Mike Berg
 Feb 28 Matty Dressler
 Feb 28 Henry Jones
 Feb 28 Norah Nelson
 Feb 28 Bennett Nord

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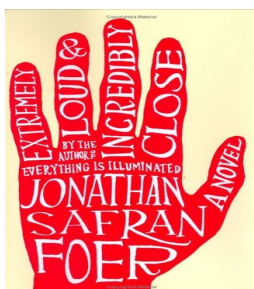
Mar 20 Week 5 • Guided to Perseverance (Ephesians 6:18): When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end so that we might carry on.

When we practice Lent by holding Jesus Christ at its center, Lent becomes a time of reflection, refreshment and renewal. It's a time when we take conscious spiritual steps that remind us of the height, depth and breadth of God's love for us and his purpose for our lives. You have come to salvation in a Savior who never gives up, who never turns away from you and who never will. Let us never give up on him or on one another in response.

May the fact that Lent is early this year give you the same opportunity as winter to change the pace of your life, the spiritual pace that is, and draw close to our Lord as you are "Guided to the Cross."

In Christ's Love,
 Pastor Greg

ZION'S BOOK CLUB - February 10 - 9:30 am - Everyone Welcome!



The BOOK CLUB is reading "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" this month.

Jonathan Safran Foer emerged as one of the most original writers of his generation with his best-selling

debut novel, "Everything Is Illuminated". Now, with humor, tenderness, and awe, he confronts the traumas of our recent history.

Nine-year-old Oskar Schell has embarked on an urgent,

secret mission that will take him through the five boroughs of New York. His goal is to find the lock that matches a mysterious key that belonged to his father, who died in the World Trade Center on the morning of September 11.

JANUARY INCOME (3WEEKS)

Envelopes and Electronic Giving	\$36,282.55
Plate	982.10
Missions/Radio	227.75
Lutheran School	60.00
Treasure Chest	40.10
Flowers	53.00
Coffee/Donuts.....	305.52
Reimbursement.....	72.20
Youth Missions	41.55
Wednesday Suppers	673.00
Main Street Living	
Total Received	\$38,737.77
1 Month Need	\$70,346.00

OTHER INCOME

Designated Memorials	\$
Undesignated Memorials	
Feeding South Dakota	
Lutheran Hour	
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Total Received	\$



2023 Giving Statements

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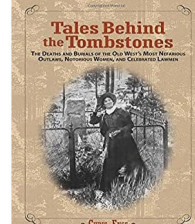
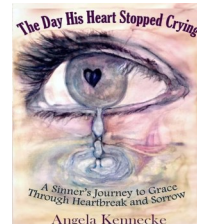
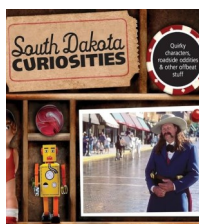
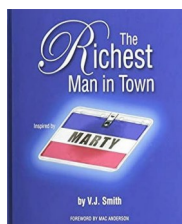
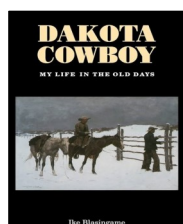
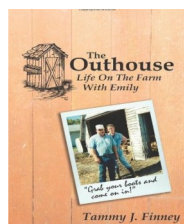
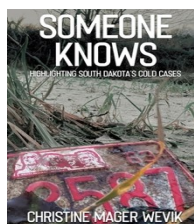
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What's New in the CHURCH Library??

We have a NEW section of books labeled "LOCAL INTEREST". The books that can be found there are books of either local interest or by local authors.

Many of the books are on a display rack in the Library corner or on the moveable bookshelf.

Some of the new books include:



When checking out a Book from our Library, please take the card out of the front of the book, put your name on it and drop it in the Card Box provided. When you return a Book, please put it in the basket that is provided.

Winter is the perfect time to curl up with a good book!!!!



CRAFT SALE

The Ruth Guild will hold their Craft and Book Sale in September. Now's the time to start your Craft projects so they're done and ready to be sold next Fall. Tammie Schultz is your contact person.



ZION LUTHERAN



Parish
Nursing

Starts Feb 14th

WALK



TO

JERUSALEM

20 min of activity = 1 mile

Submit your miles
in the dropboxes

Join us as we
journey to
Jerusalem together



ZION KIDS FAMILY MINISTRY: FEBRUARY

Let's **Taco 'Bout Jesus**

All are invited to eat some yummy tacos, play games, and learn new and easy ways to make talking about Jesus part of your daily life whether your kids are 2 or 52!

Register Today

for all groups that apply to your family:

- Children 3-10 yrs
- Children 10-18 yrs
- Adult children



Don't miss Sunday School!

This month we continue in the story of David and make it all the way through the Old

Testament!

Keep track of your '5 for a Prize' points and keep earning cool prizes too!

upcoming events

Feb 11 2nd Grade Milestone

Feb 18 ZK Choir Starts Up

Feb 25 Taco 'Bout Jesus

5th Grade

Communion Class

monthly memory challenge

**Genesis – Song of
Solomon
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel**

ZION YOUTH



Greetings!

Our Wednesday night and Sunday mornings are back in action and we are excited to be able to hang out with your wonderful kids once again! I am so thankful to be able to minister to your kids and also for the incredible help that we are getting each week in our adult leaders and volunteers. They give up of their time to pour into your kids the love of Jesus each week and they have been a true blessing for this ministry.

We have a few things coming up in February outside of regular Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. **On Friday, February 2, we will be heading to Great Bear to go tubing. It will cost \$10/youth and we will be there from 6-9:30 PM.** If you have never done this before, it is so much fun and your kids won't want to miss it! We are also hosting the **Taco 'bout Jesus event on Sunday, February 25 for families of all ages!** We look forward to sharing ideas and resources on how to have meaningful faith conversations at home. You can register your family in the atrium. Please let Chez or I know if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Jacob Shoup

Director of Youth & College Ministries
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TUBING AT GREAT BEAR

FRI, FEBRUARY 2
6-9:30 PM
GREAT BEAR
SKI VALLEY
\$10 PER YOUTH



February Schedule

February 2



Tubing at Great Bear

6 - 9:30 pm

February 14

Serve Lenten Meal

5:30 - 6:30 pm

February 25



Taco 'Bout Jesus

5 - 6:30 pm

Join Us For...

Youth Night!

Wednesdays at
6:30 pm in the
youth room!

Music - Devotional
Games -
Lots of Fun

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!

We are on the Web

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**At Zion Lutheran, we are committed to reaching
out, strengthening the saved, and serving Jesus
Christ by serving others!**

ZION LUTHERAN



Parish
Nursing

55+

JOY

February 13th

10:30am

POTLUCK TO FOLLOW