## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH February 25, 2024

Email: zion@zionlutheransf.com Phone: 605-338-5226 Website: www.zionlutheransf.com Facebook: Zion Lutheran Sioux Falls

AS WE GATHER: Our Bible Reading of the Day is Nehemiah 2:1–8; 12:27–43. King Cyrus of Persia plans to [re]build a house for the Lord in Jerusalem. When the temple is complete, King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as priest and scribe to teach and lead the people. While serving in the household of Artaxerxes, Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. As God's people return to the Promised Land after a long and tragic exile, God demonstrates His faithfulness and points to even greater restoration in the Last Day.

# Taco Bout Jesus All are invited to eat 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! TODAY 5:00 - 6:50

THE RUTH LWML GUILD is holding a Feminine Hygiene Ingathering until Palm Sunday. Be watching for sales and drop off your donations before Palm Sunday in the East Entryway. All ingathering items and cash donations will be taken to the St. Francis House.

**2023 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Just a reminder that your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be directed to your favorite organization (like Zion Lutheran). The deadline to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars is **March 31.** 



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Dennis and LeAnn Werner in loving memory of LeAnn's Dad and Mom, Reggie and Elaine Olson, LeAnn's nephew, Jeremy Hennis and Dennis' Dad and Mom, Harry and Marian Werner. We thank the Werner's for providing the flowers for our services today.

**LENTEN SERVICES** will be held on Wednesday. Service times are 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. Our 6:30 Service will also be Live-Streamed. Our Wednesday series this Lenten season is called "Guided to the Cross" and this week we will look at 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.

THE LWML RUTH GUILD will be hosting our Lenten Supper served from 5:30 - 6:15 on Wednesday. Ham Casserole, Buttered Corn, Bars and Cookies are on the menu. The free-will offering will be given to the St. Francis House.

THE RUTH GUILD LWML has boxed and individual cards for sale in the Atrium. The payment box is on the wall next to the card rack. They have a new display of Easter Cards along with a nice selection of individual cards for a variety of occasions.

<u>CRAFT SALE</u>: 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. Please contact Tammie Schultz at tkays.ts@gmail.com or 605-929-9300 if you have any questions.



## THE MARCH 2024 ISSUE of the LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAINE

will be the **LAST** issue you will be receiving.

Moving Forward, individuals or households may subscribe to the Lutheran Witness on their own.

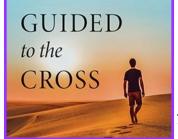
Concordia Publishing House is offering a special rate of \$19.99 for a year's subscription to the main part of the

magazine. With the South Dakota District insert, the cost will be \$24.99 for one year. This is for delivery to your home or post office box. To order click this link:

### https://witness.lcms.org/subscribe/

If you are interested in only the South Dakota Supplement, you can find that on the SD District website (sddlcms.org) under their "News and Events" tab. The District Office is also able to email a pdf copy of this section upon request. To subscribe to the District's email newsletter, contact Julie Pike at the District Office:

jpike@midco.net or 605-361-1514.



# <u>UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES</u> "Guided to the Cross"

<u>March 6</u>: 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.

<u>March13</u>: 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.

<u>March 20</u>: 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.