

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**AS WE GATHER:** Our Bible Reading of the Day is Luke 2:1-20. Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to simple shepherds, who hasten to worship the Child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. This is the moment that creation has been waiting for since God first promised a Savior to the first sinners, Adam and Eve.

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

**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**.

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS  
AHEAD ONE HOUR  
NEXT SUNDAY— March 10**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning are given by Dennis and LeAnn Werner in Praise and Thanksgiving for the Blessings of their Family: Chris, Morgan, Piper, Ainslee, Noah, Kira, Kylie and Riley and all of their Zion Family. We thank Dennis and LeAnn for providing the flowers for our services today.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to my dear Zion Family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits to me during the past few months with my hospitalization, then rehab and now to my new apartment. A very special thank you to Nurse Rachel for everything she has done for me. May God bless all of you!! ~ Coletta Venske

**THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH** will be serving our Lenten Supper from 5:30 - 6:15 on Wednesday. On the Menu is Spaghetti and French Bread. A Free-will Offering will be taken with the proceeds used to help cover the food expenses.

**YOUR 2023 Contribution Statements** are available. Please contact the office if you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you.

## **Brighten Someone's Easter Week with a Spring Arrangement of Tulips!**

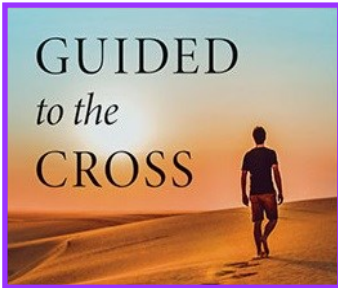
The South Dakota Parkinson Foundation and Landscape Gardens have partnered together to help raise awareness about Parkinson's Disease. Join us for the 2024 Petals for Parkinson's – Tulip Sales, running now through March 25, for \$25 per tulip arrangement. You may pick up your arrangement at Landscape, Zion Lutheran Church – (See Renee Lehr) or if you just want to bring joy to someone anonymously, arrangements will be donated to an assisted care facility of your choice.

Please Order: Either by Brochure, which is on the Welcome Wall in the East Entryway or Online at:

<https://www.southdakotaparkinson.org/petals-for-parkinsons>

If you have any questions, please call Renee Lehr at: 605-271-6113.

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## UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES “Guided to the Cross”

**March 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.

**March 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.



### The 7th Annual Zion Youth Ping Pong Tournament Fundraiser

will be on  
**Saturday, March 23**  
from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
and everyone is invited!

We will have divisions for all ages and ability levels: from 3-5th grade, to middle school, to beginner, moderate and advanced for adults. Please don’t let a lack of playing ping pong keep you from joining us. Half of the people there only play ping pong once a year . . . at this tournament!

The cost is \$5 for singles participants and \$5 for the doubles pair. Concessions and lunch will be sold throughout the day with all of the money raised going towards National Youth Gathering 2025 in New Orleans! You can sign up in the atrium or at our website ([www.zionlutheransf.com](http://www.zionlutheransf.com)) by clicking on the ping pong banner.



**WALK TO JERUSALEM!** .... As we journey through the season of Lent, we are once again journeying to Jerusalem. As a church family, we will attempt to walk the 6,410 miles from Sioux Falls to Jerusalem. Walking, swimming, weight lifting - it all counts - 20 minutes of activity = 1 mile. Ready? We started last Wednesday - so be sure to turn in your miles to Nurse Rachel.

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