

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### AS WE GATHER:

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 13:1–3; 14:8–18. The Holy Spirit leads the Church at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas on a momentous missionary journey. In Lystra, they heal a man who had never been able to walk. The people who see this think Paul and Barnabas are gods come down to earth, and they attempt to offer sacrifices to them. In grief, Paul and Barnabas tear their clothes and rush into the crowd, barely preventing them from making the offerings.

### WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

**5:30 to 6:15 pm** - Supper

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies

**6:00 pm** -Choir

**6:30 pm** - Owl, Hoot, Confirmation  
Middle School and High School Youth  
Bible Studies

**THE FLOWERS** on the Altar this morning are given by Larry Eisenbraun in honor of Judy's 85th Birthday coming up on Tuesday. We thank Larry for providing the flowers for our services today and wish Judy a very "Happy Birthday!"

**THANK YOU** for all the cards and condolences following the loss of Laura's father, Leroy Rowedder. We appreciate the caring support from our Zion family. -Mike and Laura Dressler

**OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** will be at 10:00 and 6:30 on March 5. The 6:30 Service will also be Livestreamed. Zion's Youth are hosting the Lenten Supper served from 5:30 - 6:15. A free-will offering will be taken.

**FAMILY TRIVIA EXTRAVAGANZA** is TODAY at 3 PM. The youth will host 4 rounds of trivia and games where you will compete against other teams to win prizes! This is a youth fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering. We will also have concessions and will see if Pastor Greg or Jacob will get a pie to the face!

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are on the table at the back of the church. This year's theme is "Servant of the Lord."

**A BIG THANK YOU** to our trustee Jeff Flaten and custodian Omar Reyes for their work getting the pews removed and then bolted down again as part of our Sanctuary ceiling project. **AND A BIG THANK YOU** to Wayne Huebert for using his masonry skills to repair damage left by the plumbers as they repaired pipes. We appreciate the extra time and effort they each gave to these projects!

**OUR "WALK WITH JESUS "MINISTRY** is looking for volunteers. It's an interactive experience on Saturday, April 19th that will take visitors from Palm Sunday to Easter. We need actors to fill speaking and non-speaking roles. If interested, please contact Shelly Simonson at 605-370-1296.

**THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Spring Kickoff Rally is tonight at 7 p.m. at LifeChange Church. The 40 Days campaign starts March 5th and ends April 13th.

**RESERVE A SPOT** at Camp Minneboji this summer. Registration is now open. Camp runs from June 15- June 21. It's open to kids in grades 4 through 8 with an Honors camp for 9th graders. You will get a discount if you get your registration fee in before April 1st. Camp booklets are on the table at the back of the church.

**ZION WOMEN'S MINISTRY** meets Saturday from 3:00-5:00. The topic is "Finding Our Mission in The Good News." There will also be a little St. Patrick's Day celebration! Come and join us in the Atrium for fellowship, snacks and time in God's Word.

**YOUR 2024 Contribution Statements** are available. Please contact the office if you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you.



## **Lent 2025 Midweek Wednesday Series**

### **Theme: “Jesus Tells Why He Must Suffer...”**

The willingness of Jesus Christ to suffer is a central theme in our Christian faith, reflecting His obedience to the Father and His love for humanity. This willingness is evident throughout the New Testament and is foundational to the understanding of His redemptive work. His suffering was purposeful, aimed at reconciling humanity to God and providing a model of faithful endurance for us today.

In 1 Peter 2:21, believers are reminded, *"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps."*

Jesus' example encourages believers to embrace suffering for the sake of righteousness, trusting in God's ultimate plan and purpose. My hope for this series is that the days and weeks of Lent call us to keep the focus of our lives of faith on Jesus, our Lord, to learn more of Him and His loving plan of salvation for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts.

A classic hymn named “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LSB 422 portrays that proper focus in this petition to the Lord:

*On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!*  
—LSB 422

**Mar 5: He Wants to Save Us (Ash Wednesday) - John 3:14-15**

**Mar 12: He Wants to Gather Us—John 10:15-16**

**Mar 19: He Wants to Free Us—Matt 20:28**

**Mar 26: He Wants to Forgive Us—Matt 26:26-28**

**April 2: He Wants to Secure Us—John 14:2-3**

**April 9: He Wants to Glorify Us—John 17:22-24**