

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AS WE GATHER: Our Bible Reading of the Day is Numbers 13:1–2, 25–14:24. Moses chooses one man from each of the twelve tribes and sends them to spy on the land God has promised. The spies report a land of great plenty but occupied by mighty, fearsome people. Despite Caleb and Joshua's pleas to seize the land promised to them, the people rebel. Moses pleads for mercy, and God promises to care for His people. At the same time, He condemns the Israelites to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Of all the adults, only Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the Promised Land.

OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be this Wednesday at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. The 6:30 Service will also be Livestreamed.

A LENTEN SUPPER will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm each week. The Zion Youth are hosting the meal this Wednesday and Pulled Pork sandwiches are on the menu. A free-will offering will be taken.

WALK WITH JESUS is just around the corner and Shelly Simonson is in need of people! If you are interested and want to secure your favorite spot, please contact Shelly at 605-370-1296 or guzfreaks@outlook.com

LENTEN DEVOTIONS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are on the table at the back of the church. This year's theme is "Behold Your King."

RESERVE A SPOT at Camp Minneboji this summer. Registration is now open. Camp runs from June 21-June 27. 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. And join us in the Atrium for a short informational meeting on March 1st after the late service.

DENIM NEEDED for quilts for our graduating high school seniors this year. Kim Fitterer is our seamstress and says she cannot use the stretchy denim jeans. Please put your donations in the box at the back of the church.

THE FLOWERS on the Altar this morning are given by Mary Brandt. They are given in loving memory of her father whose birthday was in February. We thank Mary for providing the flowers for our services today.

NEW FLOWER CHART: The 2026 Flower Chart is posted in the back of the Sanctuary. The price for flowers will remain at \$53.00 for another year. There are still several openings in 2026.

BEING BAPTIZED during our 10:30 service today is Hadley Mae Reiner, infant daughter of Derek and Angel Reiner. We pray God's blessings upon Hadley and her family.

THE 9th ANNUAL ZION YOUTH PING PONG TOURNAMENT Fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 14 from 10 - 2 PM and everyone is invited! We will have divisions for all ages and ability levels: 3-5th grade, middle school, and adult beginner, moderate and advanced. Please don't let a lack of playing ping pong keep you from joining us. The cost is \$5 for singles participants and \$10 for the doubles pair. Concessions and lunch will be sold throughout the day with all of the money raised going towards NYG 2028 in San Antonio! You can sign up in the atrium or at our website by clicking on the ping pong banner.

GET YOUR HY-VEE GIFT CARDS 5% of every sale comes back to support Zion's Youth programs. Stop in the Atrium today or the office during the week to purchase the cards!



MARCH

Birthdays

Mar 1 Ethan Johnson
Mar 1 Jacob Loween
Mar 1 Dexter Mahrt
Mar 2 Jameson Collin
Mar 2 Lori Coufal
Mar 2 Wayne Huebert
Mar 3 Kim Baartman
Mar 3 Phyllis Hendel
Mar 3 Boston LaRoche
Mar 4 Shelly Simonson
Mar 5 Ray Black
Mar 5 Grace Cavigielli
Mar 5 Michael Pierce
Mar 6 Marsha Kitzmire
Mar 6 Greg Lehr
Mar 6 Zachary Schneider
Mar 7 Boston LaRoche
Mar 8 Bonnie Boese
Mar 9 Gage Thompson
Mar 10 Harrison Erck
Mar 10 Kristi Hofer
Mar 10 Jeff Sebesta

Mar 11 Kim Boettcher
Mar 11 Todd Schettler
Mar 12 Pam Bouwman
Mar 13 Faye Rohrich
Mar 13 Kathleen Van Hove
Mar 13 Barbara Waack
Mar 14 Carol Flaten
Mar 14 Madison Hofer
Mar 14 Gordon Krause
Mar 14 Will Kulzer
Mar 17 Pam Kludt
Mar 17 Sharon McCarthy
Mar 17 Calvin Stratton
Mar 17 Lu Lu Wheelock
Mar 18 Judith Schmuck
Mar 18 Joe Simonson
Mar 19 Nick Fleury
Mar 19 Alvina Knode
Mar 19 Sasheen Noyes
Mar 20 Sharon Gibson
Mar 20 Betty Misterek
Mar 21 Judy Bittner
Mar 21 Nova Castetter

Mar 21 Nathan Fjelstad
Mar 22 Shannon Huber
Mar 22 Troy Kiggins
Mar 23 Suze Frentz
Mar 23 Steve Schlueter
Mar 23 Gator Wohlman
Mar 25 Erica Boyce
Mar 25 Ashley Eilertson
Mar 25 Leah Wall
Mar 26 Laurie Doherty
Mar 27 Rich Coffman
Mar 28 Beth Graff
Mar 29 Paul Farmer
Mar 29 Rachel Flaten
Mar 29 Jackie Keiner-Jones
Mar 29 Chez Shoup
Mar 30 Matthew Stotts
Mar 31 Travis Langle
Mar 31 Caitlin Logan



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is Ash Wednesday all about?

You may see something strange happening in church on Ash Wednesday. You'll see your family and friends go forward to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads. The strange part about all of this is that it will be done with the ashes from last year's Palm Sunday palm branches.



Why do we do this?

Usually when someone gets dirty they know they need water to get clean. The ashes that are put on our foreheads remind us that in sin we are dirty and need to be cleaned. It also helps us to remember the first time the sign of the cross was made on us at our Baptism. In the waters of Baptism, we are cleaned and the dirt of sin is washed away. Ash Wednesday helps to remind us of this.

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What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!