

First Sunday in Lent



*God: I love you so very much;
Jesus is my gift to you forever*



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EDUCATION FOR LIFE!

Good Morning and Welcome!

Prayer before worship: *Dear God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gift of your Son, who was tested in the desert for forty days, enduring temptations of body and soul, even as he fasted and prayed for strength. As we enter this season of Lent, strengthen our hearts, that we may resist temptations and endure hardships, trusting in you--in Jesus' name. Amen.*

This Week's Prayer List - remember these in prayer: We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...Gary Bruesehoff; Harold and Eunice Bruesehoff; Harry Bruesehoff, Jr.; John Bruesehoff; Terry, Jill, Courtney, Megan, and Sydney Bruesehoff; Alan and Nancy Buckentine; and Heidi Buckentine. We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy; for all difficulties and the ability to meet obligations; for a strong faith to meet every need.

New Member: Today we receive Evelyn Seton into our membership by adult instruction. On behalf of the Congregation: Welcome and we are happy to have you in our family!

7th-8th Grade Confirmation Meeting after church today to discuss confirmation procedures and information. Please plan on having at least one parent attend this meeting. Meet in the meeting room. There will also be a banner workshop held on Monday from 9:00 to Noon to make confirmation banners.

Lutheran High "Prepared to Build" will happen on Sunday, February 21, beginning the campaign to raise funds for Phase Two of our Campus Master Plan. The evening will begin at 5:30 with appetizers, beverages and social hour. At 7:00 a program in the Fine Arts Center will highlight the ministry and show the details of the building project. See how God is preparing us to expand for the next generation of Christian leaders! If possible RSVP to Renae Johnson at [952-657-2251 X 1002](tel:952-657-2251).

Reminder: The Fish Fry is this coming Friday. See details in the "Zion Lutheran Church & School" section.

Order of Service



Opening Hymn #418 “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

Confession of Sins and Absolution

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Introit

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a-| gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise – This is the Feast

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Collect of the Day

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

Romans 10:8-13

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir

“God’s Top Ten”

Alleluia Verse

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Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn #706

“Love in Christ is Strong and Living”

Sermon:

“If You Only Had a Heart!”

Romans 10:9

“IF presents a challenge and a solution: Do we try to prove our love or allow God’s love to meet all of our needs?”

1. The opposite of love isn’t hate; it’s F_____.
2. The devil tempts Jesus to P_____ God’s love.
3. God says: B_____ that love in Christ is true.

Nicene Creed

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Prayers

The Offering

The Offertory

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The Preface

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The Communion

Distribution Hymn #571

“God Loved the World”

Distribution Hymn #730

“What is the World to Me”

Post Communion

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Benediction

Closing Hymn #576

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Zion Lutheran Church & School

No Sunday School today during the sermon. We will pick it back up next week: same time, same place. See you there!

Bible Study: A Lenten Study entitled “The Lamb of God” begins this week and will carry us to Easter. Study times will be 3:30 PM or 7:00 PM.

Zion’s Annual Fish Fry will be held on Friday, February 19th between 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Menu includes “All you can eat fish”, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, and sweets. We are requesting that each family provide two pans of bars/dessert to cover the sweet portion of the meal. Hosting this event also depends on numerous volunteers. Several tasks are posted on the sign-up sheet Narthex bulletin board. This event is coordinated by Zion’s trustees. Funds supplemented by Thrivent.

Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction: Anyone interested in donated items to the silent auction on March 6th, please pick up a donation slip from the counter in the office.

Evangelism Meeting: Please note that the upcoming Evangelism Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM instead of the normal 7:30 PM start time.

Pocket Directories: Anyone interested in smaller pocket directories, feel free to grab one from the narthex. They are smaller versions of the new church directory complete with pictures and phone number.



Out & About

Cards For Soldiers: The Cologne Lions and surround Lion's will be sponsoring the Cards for Soldiers at the Cologne Academy School on February 27, 2016. We will be starting at 9:00 am and going until we reach our goal of making 2,000 cards and boxing them up to be shipped to our countries soldiers. No crafting experience is needed, there will be experience crafters there to help you and to say Thank You for your help, lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cologne Lions at secr.colgnelions@gmail.com or if you would like to make a donation for the supplies or shipping cost, which would be greatly appreciated.

Belgian Waffle & Ham Breakfast/CCW Cancer Home Bake Sale – Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine, on Sunday February 28th, from 8:30 AM to Noon. Proceeds benefit the Our Lady of the Prairie 6th Grade Wolf Ridge ELC Trip. See Flyer for more info.

Dinner & Silent Auction at Emanuel – Hamburg, on March 12th from 5-7 PM. Ticket prices are \$10/advance or \$12/at the door. Tickets available from Emanuel's school, Chameleon Salon, or the State Bank of Hamburg.

Agnus Day

DO YOU THINK THAT SATAN
REALLY THOUGHT HE
COULD DEFEAT JESUS?



WELL, HE *IS* THE FATHER OF
LIES. PERHAPS HIS FIRST LIE IS
ONE HE TELLS TO *HIMSELF*.



AIN'T THAT
(THE TRUTH!



Finances

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| Salary: | Current Loan (2/11) | \$56,891.31 |
| | Est. Monthly Expenses | \$29,954.37 |
| | Income for January (2/11) | \$45,768.15 |
| Missions: | Weekly Offering (12/23) | \$360.00 |
| | Year to Date Total | \$6,152.00 |
| | 2015 Pledged | \$7,500.00 |
| | 2015 Goal | \$15,000.00 |
| LHS: | Year to Date Total (12/31) | \$21,952.66 |
| | 2015 Commitment | \$22,495.00 |
| | Per Communicant Member | \$55.00 |
| Repair: | Suggested Contribution/Household | \$550.00 |
| Building: | Account Balance (1/26) | \$15,507.74 |

THANK YOU, everyone, for your prayers, notes and visits when Ruth was in the hospital and rehab. Now, join us in the Auburn Home Chapel /Activity Room on Saturday, February 20 @ 2- 4 PM, when we celebrate her 85th birthday. She will be happy to see you.

The Krueger Family

THANK YOU for all the kind words expressed to me, cards, and memorials given to my family in remembrance of my mother, Victoria Berg, who left this world and went to be with our Lord and Savior on January 31st. Thank you also to the Zion staff for the beautiful vase of flowers. My mother enjoyed visiting Zion over the years. All of your thoughts and prayers mean a lot to me at this difficult time. There are two bouquets of flowers in front of church in memory of her.

Julianne Marcsisak and family

