



WEEKLY UPDATE

Weekly Devotional:

"Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. Malachi 3:7

Power for the Journey

Zion Lutheran Church

March 17, 2017

Blanket Sunday

We will be collecting money donations, blankets & quilts for Lutheran World Relief on **Sunday, March 26**. Quilts and blankets are prized by their recipients for coverings on cold nights or makeshift tents to protect from the sun or beds for those who have none. They can also be privacy room dividers in crowded refugee camps and are used until in they are in shreds. The need is great so thank you for your help.



Prayers for:

Those who have lost loved ones

*Those in the hospital:
Knox Tysdahl*

Those released: Bob Purcell in D.M.; Ruth Bergan-Simon, Helen Harms

Those in Hospice: Jane Anderson

For repentance during the Lent season

Safe travels for snowbirds and those returning from spring break and the mission trip



Fasting and Break-fast



Zion staff invite all Zion members to join us in a church-wide fast during Holy Week on Tuesday evening, April 11 after supper until Wednesday

morning when you break-fast at breakfast. Or continue your fast until Wednesday supper. Then celebrate with us at a potluck Wednesday, April 12 from 5:-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. Contact Ashley Stokke for questions or more information @ashleys@zionclearlake.org **After the potluck dinner, join us for the Stations of the Cross at the Dock.**

Holy Week services:

Wednesday, March 12 Stations of the Cross at Dock 7pm
Maundy Thursday March 13 in the Sanctuary 7pm
Good Friday March 14 in the Sanctuary 7pm
Saturday March 15 Service of the Word in Sanctuary 5pm
Easter Sunday March 16: 7:00am Youth at the Dock, 8:00am Traditional service in the Sanctuary, 9:00am and 10:15am Contemporary services at the Dock.

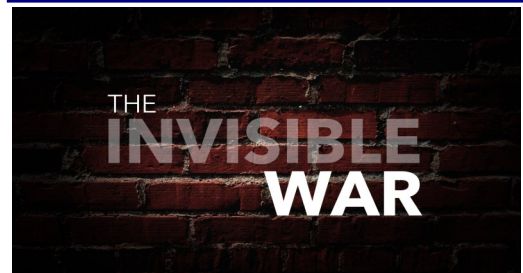
WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a Lenten Study in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm with Dr. Hall.



On Record 3-12-2017

Attendance with Lent Wednesday 759
Weekend Offering \$10,606.75
Wednesday Lent Offering \$479.00



Sermon This Weekend

Series: The Invisible War

Sermon this week:

"When Your World Falls Apart"

Lamentations 3:1-57 Dr. Pat Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

LENTEN STUDY: Every Wednesday in Lent at 7pm in the Sanctuary with Dr. Hall

JOY CIRCLE: meets Monday, March 20 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

GRACE, HOPE, LOVE CIRCLE meets March 21 at 9:30 in the FH

SISTERHOOD meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 or Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Friendship Rm

ELDERBERRIES meet March 30 in the Fellowship Hall 1:30pm.

ROYAL TEA PARTY: April 29 9:30am at Dock RSVP by April 1

ZKIDS will resume their Sunday program back at the church on March 26

YFC COMEDY CAFÉ: March 30 @ Surf; March 31 & April 1 @ NIACC Gym. 6:30pm

HAWKEYE HARVEST FOOD BANK last week-end of the month: March 25/26. Cart is in the hall by the church office

"THE SHACK" movie at the Garner Avery Theater from March 31-April 6. Also at the Mason City theater now.

COMEDY CAFÉ (YFC) March 30 Surf and March 31/April 1 NIACC Gym 6:30

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Register at <http://www.okoboji.org/register>

Scholarships are available. Contact Molly or Derek

Project Backpack Buddies



Opportunity Village is sponsoring a service project called Backpack Buddies. This project is providing weekend meals for Clear Lake students in need. **Donations of items can be**

brought to Zion by Monday March 27th and be placed in the box provided in the Friendship Room. Items are all to be individually wrapped servings (packages only) to be put in Kids Backpacks. (No cans, please.) Suggestions are" granola bars, individual servings of breakfast cereal, oatmeal packets, small boxes of raisins, puddings Jell-O fruit cups, individual mac and cheese, cups of soup, pork & beans, all microwavable, Ramen noodles, cheese & peanut butter crackers, graham crackers, pretzels and individual packets of fruit snacks, fruit juice boxes.

[Also attend the Spring Spiritual Retreat Saturday, April 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the CL Evangelical Free Church to support this backpack program and drop off food items. Concert by Denise Shieler, Pizza Luncheon and Unbelievable Spiritual Growth.]

Thank you for your kind consideration of this most worthwhile project. Zion Women of the Word.

Reminders from Monthly Zmail

Wedding Coordinators needed—applications in the office

Elderberries meet Thursday, March 30 at 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Sisterhood starts Tuesday, March 21 9:15-10:30 or Wednesday, March 22 5:30-6:45 in the Friendship Room. This is a 6 week study. Contact Lisa Bieber for child care. lbieber64@gmail.com

Weekly Events and Activities

Exercise—Fridays and Mondays at 9:15am Fellowship Hall

Community Kitchen—Fridays and Mondays at 5:30pm FH

Staff Meetings every Tuesday 9:30am

MWM—Wednesdays 5:00-5:30 in FH Free will offering.

Next week's Menu: cheesy ham potato bake/vegetable

Do Days Quilting—Every Wednesday at 8:00am FH

ZKids Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 Harbor, Sundays 10:00 in the Harbor

ZYouth: Confirmation Grades 6-8 Wednesdays 6:00-7:45 High School Wednesdays 7:00-8:45 Black Box

Wednesday Prayer Breakfast 7:30 at Perkins-everyone is welcome to join us each week.

From Dr. Hall: Evening Prayer

Beginning on **April 15, at the 5PM service** we will move to using our green **LBW's** as we celebrate, "**The Service of The Word**". This change will be offered until May 20th and then evaluated. We are sincerely looking for your input.

For conversation or suggestions please contact either; **Beth Ann Schumacher, Connie Scherber, Charlie or Mavis Ashland, Ben Schrade or Dr. Hall.**

- The reason we are making this change is because some feel we need more unity and more opportunities to gather together as one body.

- Some have asked for different music. Perhaps a Bill and Gloria Gaither sort of musical service.

Others have asked for a Saturday night traditional service, duplicating the Sunday, 8:30AM service.

After listening to a few folks as well as talking with other LCMC pastors as to what they are doing it is our hope that **Evening Prayer** will attract people from the other services in order to have the time to truly pray and reflect more and to have an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist weekly.

Here are a few of those changes:

1. We will be offering **Holy Communion** at that service every week.
2. There will be a **Collect of Prayers** (prayers collected during the offering each week from individuals in the congregation and the liturgist or pastor will pray them for the people).
3. There will be more **reflection time**: some music will be played during this time, some places in the service we will sit in silence for 3-5 minutes.
4. The congregation is invited to sing along using the LBW – there will be **no slides**.

Prayer for healing will be offered weekly during **Holy Communion**.

Below is a sample of the "**The Service of The Word**", found in the green LBW on page 126, which is intended to follow the adapted plan of a Jewish synagogue liturgy.

Evening Prayer

- **Greeting**
- **Opening Prayer**
- **First Reading**
- **Psalm**
- **Epistle Reading**
- **Gospel Reading**
- **Offertory & Collect of Prayers & Holy Communion**
- **Homily**
- **Prayers of the People**
- **Creed**

Benediction

Music and hymns will be intentionally mixed throughout the service. The Lutheran Lectionary will be used for the biblical theme of the season. Come and join us!