

WEEK OF MARCH 13TH, 2016

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATS

HOW GOD'S PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THE LORD'S GOODNESS

March 6, 2016

Unified Envelopes	\$5,133.00
Loose	\$81.75
Sunday School	\$7.00
Missions	\$115.00
Debt	\$430.00
Facility Improvements	\$10.00
Christian Life Resources	\$15.00
Pensions	\$1,000.00
Memorial Fund	<u>\$45.00</u>
Total:	\$6,836.75

March 9, 2016

Unified Envelopes	\$750.00
Loose	<u>\$44.00</u>
Total:	\$794.00

HOW THE LORD STRENGTHENED HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, March 6, 2016:

Attendance: 153

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Attendance: 96

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Sunday, March 13

8:00 am

9:00 am

9:15 am

9:25 am

10:30 am

11:45 am

11:45 am

7:00 pm

Monday, March 14

9:00 am

7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 15

7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16

5:30-6:30 pm

7:00 pm

8:00 pm

Thursday, March 17

3:30 pm

Friday, March 18

Saturday, March 19

8:45-11:45 am

Sunday, March 20

8:00 am

9:00 am

9:15 am

9:25 am

10:30 am

7:00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship with Holy Communion

Coffee Hour

Sunday School

Adult and Youth Bible Classes

Worship with Holy Communion

Pioneer Dinner and Pine Car Derby

Volunteer Meeting—

Easter for Kids

Financial Peace

University

Odd Job Club

Bible Information Class

Women Serving Christ

Lenten Supper

Lenten Service

Fellowship

Public School

Catechism

Easter for Kids at Zion Lutheran Church

PALM SUNDAY

Worship

Coffee Hour

Sunday School

Adult and Youth Bible Classes

Worship

Financial Peace

University

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

SINGING IN CHURCH: On Easter Sunday, the Lutheran Elementary School children and the Sunday School children will be singing at the 7:00 a.m. service. Everyone will practice at the beginning of Sunday School today, March 13th and March 20th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

EASTER CARDS AND NAPKINS: Easter cards and napkins are on sale in the church entryway between services. The sale will continue throughout the month of March. If you have any questions, please contact Harriet Kulkis at 989-845-2676. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS: The Flower Committee will be selling Easter Lilies and Mums to be put on the altar today, Sunday, March 13, 2016 and Sunday, March 20, 2016 between the early and late services. The prices of the flowers are as follows: **Single Easter Lilies** - \$11.00; **Double Easter Lilies** - \$22.50; **Triple Easter Lilies** - \$36.00; **6-inch Mums** - \$11.00. If you would like to purchase some Easter Lilies or Mums, please order them in the church entry way from one of the Flower Committee members. Please give payment when placing your order. If you are going to purchase flowers with a check, please make the check out to **Gayle Green**. Thank you!

LENTEN SUPPER SERVERS: This Wednesday, March 16th, is the last Lenten Service and also the last Lenten Supper of this year. The Women Serving Christ will be serving this dinner and they will be cooking ham and scalloped potatoes. Please join us for some fellowship and delicious food before the worship service!

EASTER FOR KIDS: On Saturday, March 19, 2016, Zion Lutheran Church is hosting an "Easter for Kids" event, open to all children in the Chesaning community. In order to make this year another success, we are in need of this many volunteers for the following: Game station: 1-2, Snack station: 3-4, Crafts: 3-4, Music: 1-2, Bible Lesson: 1, Games: 1-2, Opening skit: 6-8, and Registration: 1-2. If you are able to help in any capacity or if you have any questions, please contact Jeff Barancik (989-845-7777), Annette Schulz (989-560-1113) or Pastor Thomford.

PRIVATE BAPTISM: On Monday, March 7, 2016, Landen and Jaxon Plowman and their mother, Teresa Plowman became children of God through the waters of Holy Baptism here at Zion Lutheran Church.

EASTER BREAKFAST: The Women Serving Christ will be serving an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., after first service. The menu is ham and cheese omelets, ham, fruit salad, and rolls. Please join us for some food and fellowship this coming Easter Sunday!

LWMS SPRING RALLY: The Lutheran Women Mission Society of the Flint Circuit is having their Spring Rally on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Salem Lutheran Church in Owosso, MI. All are welcome to attend. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. The speaker is Daniel Koeplin for the East Asia Missions.

THANK YOU: "Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits. We are blessed to have such friends and family in Christ." - Tom and Carol Sevech

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING: The Coordinating Council has called for a special Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, April 17** at 11:30 a.m. after second service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the following proposal by the Coordinating Council:

Due to financial constraints, the Coordinating Council recommends to the Voters to eliminate the position of Church and School Secretary effective April 30.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Next week is Holy Week, so there are quite a few opportunities for you to come and worship during this last week of the Lenten season. Sunday, March 20, 2016 starts off the week with Palm Sunday. The worship times will be like regular Sundays, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 2016 is the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion. Good Friday is the next day, March 25, 2016. There is a service at 1:00 p.m. with Holy Communion. There will also be a Tenebrae service on this day at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church without Holy Communion. Finally, Easter Sunday is on March 27, 2016. The first service starts at 7:00 a.m. and the LES and Sunday School children will be singing at this service. There will be an Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement and then the second service starts at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions about the services, please call the church office. Thank you!



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March 9, 2016

Open letter to the congregation:

As you can see in the bulletin the Coordinating Council has scheduled a Special Voters' Meeting for Sunday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of eliminating the position of our church/school secretary effective April 30, 2016. The Council will also recommend extending the cuts next year when the budget is presented to the voters at our Annual Meeting in June. Cuts are not a fun thing to deal with but the decision was made for the following reasons:

- We are considerably behind in the budget for this fiscal year. (\$25,000)
- We have not made up any ground on the past due bills, mainly past due pension payments from previous years. (\$37,000)

Such a cut will have effects on the congregation however. Some of the changes the congregation will see will be:

- No more yearly Annual Report
- No more monthly newsletters. This will lead to additional savings on postage and paper costs
- No more services on the Power Point projector on Sundays
- Bulletins that contain the entire service would be eliminated
- The church office would be unstaffed when pastor is gone on hospital and shut-in calls

The biggest effect would be that our pastor would have less time to do ministerial work and would be spending time on clerical and administration duties.

As I stated earlier, cutting staff is not a fun thing to do. Our Council felt that based on the current's years finances, something needed to be done before the end of this fiscal year. The budget will also show the cut in the secretary's position. This will save \$20,000 per year in wages, plus some other costs such as paper, postage and payroll taxes which might total another \$2,000-3,000.

Please give these changes prayerful thought before our special Voters' Meeting April 17 at 11:30 a.m. after second service.

In His service,
Dave Mose
Zion Lutheran Church
Coordinating Council Chairman

