

WEEK OF APRIL 2ND, 2017

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sunday, March 26, 2017

Unified Envelopes \$4,974.00  
Loose \$55.16  
Sunday School \$10.27  
Facility Improvements \$60.00  
**Total: \$5,099.43**

Attendance: 205

## Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Unified Envelopes \$665.00  
Loose \$38.55  
From Lutheran School \$740.00  
**Total: \$1,443.55**

Attendance: 82

### ONLINE GIVING

If you're ever unable to come to church, but still would like to give an offering, try out **Zion's Online Giving Program!** Go to **ZionLutheranWELS.com**, and click the "Online Giving" button that is on the home page; the site will guide you through the rest. All transactions are guaranteed to be secure through PNC Bank. *Due to banking restrictions, we are unable to record the gifts given through this Online Giving program on the yearly offering reports that are handed out in January.*

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## Sunday, April 2

8:00 am  
9:00 am  
9:15 am  
9:25 am  
10:30 am  
11:30 am  
9:00 am

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship  
Coffee Hour  
Sunday School  
Bible Class  
Worship  
Easter for Kids Meeting  
Odd Job Club

## Monday, April 3

## Tuesday, April 4

## Wednesday, April 5

5:30-6:30 pm  
7:00 pm

Lenten Supper (Church Council)  
Lenten Service

## Thursday, April 6

## Friday, April 7

## Saturday, April 8

8:30-11:30 am

Easter for Kids

## Sunday, April 9

## PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am  
9:00 am  
9:15 am  
9:25 am  
10:30 am  
1:00 pm  
3:00 pm

Worship with Holy Communion  
Coffee Hour  
Sunday School  
Bible Class  
Worship with Holy Communion  
Elders Visitation  
Financial Peace University

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

**2017 LENTEN SERVICES:** The last Wednesday Lenten Service of 2017 will be this Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this Lenten season is "Repent: Turn to Jesus!". This week, Pastor Jason Baldwin from Hope Lutheran Church in St. Charles will be preaching his sermon based on Luke 23:35-43. His theme is "Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven". As always, there will be a dinner preceding the service, lasting from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Church Coordinating Council will be serving dinner. They will be having smoked pork shoulder, buns, beans, and coleslaw.

**EASTER FOR KIDS:** On Saturday, April 8, 2017, 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 Paula Huggard at 989-274-7206.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Brennan and Angie Neumeyer, whom the Lord blessed with a healthy baby boy, Noah William Neumeyer!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Jeff and Terry Barancik for donating several boxes of copy paper to our church and school offices. Paper is a very necessary material at both our church and school, so this donation was very greatly appreciated!

**LES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER SONG PRACTICE:** Our Lutheran Elementary School children and Sunday School children will be singing during the 7:00 a.m. Easter Service on April 16, 2017. They will be practicing the song they will sing during Sunday School today and next Sunday. Music will go home with the students today so they can practice it at home as well. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Thomford or Kelly Mose.

**ELDERS' BOARD ADDRESS TO CONGREGATION:** Our Elders' Board Chairman, Greg Baker, will address the congregation today with some long range projections concerning membership, attendance, offerings and also enrollment at our school. These figures were presented and discussed at the Coordinating Council and Boards several weeks ago. This topic will also be discussed briefly at the beginning of Bible Class on April 9. Anyone who has any questions will be able to ask those questions at that time.

**PREPARING FOR WOOD FLOOR RESTORATION:** Joe Ruthig plans to cover some things on the altar in plastic to prepare for the restoring of the wood floors. He could use a little help on Monday morning for a few hours beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**DIVINE CALL FOR PASTOR THOMFORD:** A few weeks ago, the Holy Spirit led the Saints of God at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Longmont, Colorado to extend a Divine Call to Pastor Thomford to serve as their pastor. Our Savior's, Longmont, Colorado has approximately 150 members and is located 1 hour's drive north of Denver. Pastor Thomford asks for your prayers as he deliberates this Divine Call and where his talents and abilities would best be used in the Kingdom of God. He would also appreciate any advice or comments you might have for him.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Chesaning-Brady Fire Department (1632 Brady St, Chesaning) will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, April 6 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. and Friday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Blood donors make a lifesaving difference. More than 4.5 million patients need life-saving blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada and blood is a perishable resource that can be stored only for a short time. That's why blood donors are needed every day. Visit [www.miblood.org](http://www.miblood.org) or call 1-866-642-5663 for an appointment.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Flowers for the Altar for Easter Sunday will be sold for the last day today, April 2. You will be able to purchase these flowers in between the early and late service. The prices for the flowers are as follows: **Lilies:** Single = \$11.00; Double = \$22.50; Triple = \$36.00 **Mums:** \$11.00. All checks should be made payable to Gayle Green.

**EASTER, CONFIRMATION, AND GRADUATION CARDS:** There are now some new Easter Cards, Graduation Cards, and Confirmation Cards available for purchase in the church basement, along with the usual cards for all occasions. The cards are set up on a table in the fellowship hall next to the west basement entrance. If you have any questions, please speak with Harriet Kukulis. Thank you!

**RETIREMENT SERVICE, MT. SINAI:** Dear Members of Zion: "Our pastor, Rev. Allen Lindke, has announced that he will retire from the full-time public ministry on June 15, 2017. Our congregation will hold a retirement service for him on Sunday, May 28, at 4:00 p.m., with a dinner and program following the service. We invite you to join us for this special service. If you are able to attend, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. You can email me at [mtsinai@juno.com](mailto:mtsinai@juno.com). If you are unable to attend and wish to send a message to Pastor Lindke on his retirement, please send it to him at: Mt. Sinai Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11356 Seymour Road, Montrose, Michigan, 48457." - Dennis Cook, Chairman of Mt. Sinai Committee on Member Care (Elders)

**LWMS SPRING RALLY:** The Lutheran Women Mission Society will be holding its Spring Rally on Sunday, April 30 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Howell, MI. Registration and lunch begin at 12:45 p.m. The rally speaker this year is Vivian Gierach, a former missionary with her husband in Zambia, Africa. She will speak about the Peridot Apache Mission established in 1893. The school is supported by Peridot, Grace and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches. They are located on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Peridot, AZ. Please join us at the LWMS Spring Rally to learn more about this important mission work!