

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

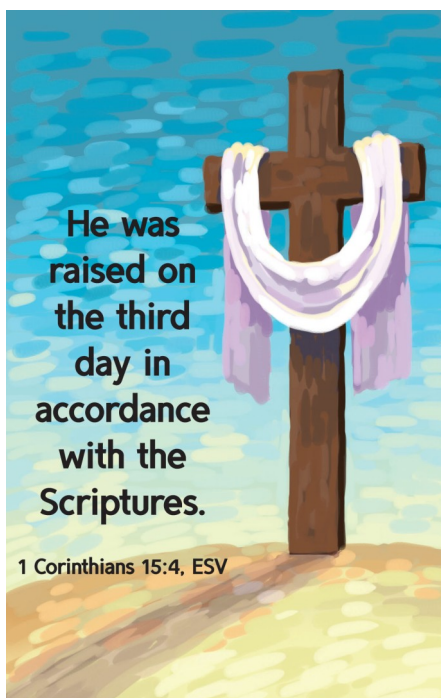
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1st Service: 8:00 am
Coffee Hour: 9:00 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Teen Bible Class: 9:25 am
Adult Bible Class: 9:25 am
2nd Service: 10:30 am



“Why Is Jesus’ Resurrection Significant for ME?”

Scriptural answers to questions people often wonder about Christianity.

It was refreshing, though the situation certainly wasn't. Sandy's mom had spent a wonderful, joy-filled day with her and her ten-month-old daughter. But it took just one moment. What started as a minor health scare quickly escalated, resulting in an emergency trip to the hospital. Less than two days later, Sandy's mother went home to heaven.

They weren't ready to lose her. If they had their way, she'd still be alive. So what was refreshing? “God's will be done.” “I'm glad she is in Jesus' arms.” Throughout the entire tragedy, that's what Sandy wrote.

How could she be so upbeat? In the midst of mourning, she was a modern-day Martha. Martha, fighting through tears for her brother Lazarus, freshly laid in the grave, boldly proclaimed to Jesus, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day” (John 11:24).

How could she be so confident? How can I be so confident? As a result of Adam and Eve's first sin, death was introduced into the world. As a result of sin, I've lost loved ones. As a result of sin, I myself will lose my life one day. And as a result of my sin, God tells me there's only one place where I deserve to go, hell.

How can I be so confident? Because I have a loving Savior. Where I struggle and fail each day to love and obey God, Jesus didn't ever fail. Even when loving God meant dying for me, Jesus obeyed. His love for me took him to the cross. His love has taken away all the guilt of my sins.

How can I be so confident? Because I have a living Savior. Jesus died, but he's not dead. His resurrection is more than just an occasion to commemorate once a year on Easter. It's the proof that Jesus not only forgave my sins and conquered hell, it's also the promise that because he lives, I also will live. When I die, in his loving and living arms, I will live!

Jesus' resurrection gives me confidence. It makes me confident to say, “I know that my Redeemer lives.” I am refreshed in every joy and every sorrow because I know that my Redeemer lives. And when at last my earthly journey is done, I will wake to live forever with my Savior because my Redeemer lives.

For more Questions & Answers, go to www.WhatAboutJesus.com, then *Questioning God*.

FINANCIAL NEWS

FUND SUMMARY ANALYSIS FEBRUARY 2015

\$20,409.70	February 2015 Offerings
<u>-\$2,120.00</u>	minus memorials and non-budget offerings
\$18,289.70	Offerings to pay 2014-2015 budget
\$4,572.43	Offerings per week, 4 Sundays/ 2 Lenten
\$5,328.00	Offerings per week needed to pay budget
\$755.57	UNDER needed per week in February 2015

YEAR TO DATE OFFERINGS

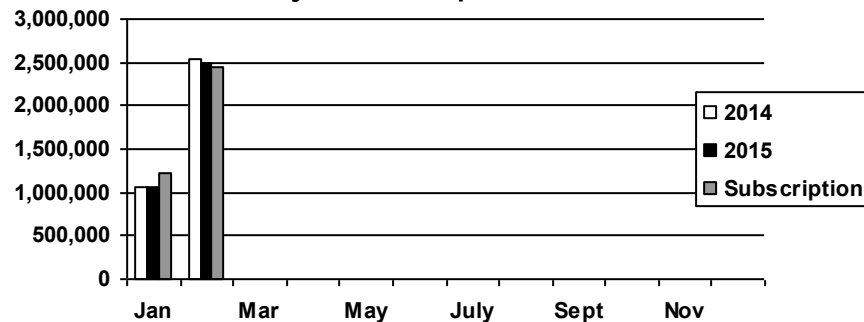
\$179,536.56	July 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015
<u>-\$10,330.82</u>	minus memorials and non-budget offerings
\$169,205.74	Offerings to pay 2014-2015 budget
\$4,976.63	Offerings per 34 Sundays
<u>-\$5,328.00</u>	minus needed to meet budget
\$351.37	Under budget per week
\$11,946.58	Under budget for 34 Sundays

OFFERING STATISTICS

February 25, 2015	March 15, 2015
\$622.20	\$7,401.89
March 1, 2015,	March 18, 2015
\$5,845.25	894.00
March 4, 2015	March 22, 2015
\$797.75	\$4,829.41
March 8, 2015	March 25, 2015
\$3,872.60	\$693.00
March 11, 2015	March 29, 2015
\$658.00	\$4,758.59

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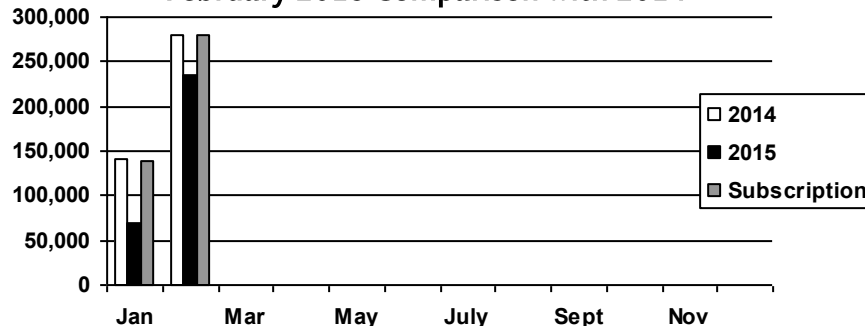
Congregational Mission Offering February 2015 Comparison with 2014



The synod has received \$2,500,048 to date (\$2,542,483 in 2014; \$2,456,081 subscribed in 2015).

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Congregational Mission Offering February 2015 Comparison with 2014



The Michigan District has remitted \$234,400 to date (\$279,473 in 2014; \$279,499 subscribed in 2015).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Angela Baker	4/1	Lindsay Aldrich	4/16
Raychel Rupnow	4/1	Betty Blaine	4/18
Joshua Stanuszek	4/1	Donald Krause	4/18
Linda Gross	4/2	Ryan Agnew	4/19
Tracy Hedrich	4/2	Lindsey Andres	4/19
Kyle Kelbey	4/3	Barbara Kukulis	4/19
Orie Thomford	4/4	Eleanore Delaney	4/20
Jaxson Schlorf	4/5	Max McKinnon	4/20
Mark Blaine	4/8	Monica Silva	4/20
Trisha Turnwald	4/8	Jim Bates	4/21
Garrett Quackenbush	4/8	Harold Keeven	4/21
Rhaven Lary	4/9	Corbin Walker	4/21
Trevor Hedrich	4/11	Kurt Wiltsee	4/23
Virginia Kautz	4/12	Kelli Braeutigam	4/27
Autumn Birchmeier	4/12	Nicholaus Bleisner	4/27
Andrew Archibald	4/13	Charlene Stevenson	4/28
Jean Devereaux	4/29		



Ernest & Barbara Kukulis	4/22
Timothy & Rhonda Bleisner	4/23
Jerry & Linda Gross	4/24
William & Donna Cross	4/25
Ralph & Lisa Borucki	4/29

MLS NEWS

MLS LOCK-IN: MLS will be holding its annual Lock-In for 6-8th grade students starting at 7:30pm on April 17, 2015 and finishing in the morning of April 18, 2015. For every six Zion students that attend, one parent volunteer is required to attend. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact the Zion school office at 989.845.2377.

HOMEcoming CHOIR CONCERT: The 36 voice Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir will present their Homecoming concert in the MLS Chapel on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. The choir will have just returned from their Easter Tour where they spread the Word of God in song to 13 congregations in Florida, Georgia, Ohio, and Tennessee. Please consider attending this concert to show your support and welcome the choir back. It promises to be a spiritually edifying and wonderfully inspiring concert.

BAND CONCERT: Michigan Lutheran Seminary will present the spring Band Concert on Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. It will be followed by a performance from Hardin Street Harmony. Join us!

GOLF OUTING: The MLS Foundation invites you to attend the Cardinal Classic Golf Outing on July 18, 2015. It's not too early to start planning. Once again this year there is a special early bird price for registrations paid by June 1. Contact the Foundation office (989-793-1010 x.37) or visit mls-foundation.org/Golf.html for more information.

PASTOR THOMFORD RECEIVES DIVINE CALL

On March 22, 2015, the Holy Spirit moved the members of Spirit of Life Lutheran Church in Caledonia, Michigan to extend a Divine Call to our pastor, Joel W. Thomford, to serve as their pastor. Spirit of Life is a WELS mission congregation located south of Grand Rapids. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this Divine Call. He would also welcome any thoughtful and prayerful advice you might have to offer him!

WOMEN SERVING CHRIST MEETING MINUTES

- Women Serving Christ met on March 17, 2015.
- Pastor opened with a devotion called “The Unmerciful Servant,” based on Matthew 18:21-35. While it is always a difficult thing to forgive someone who has wronged us, when we look to how often and fully Jesus forgives us, we are led by the Holy Spirit to realize our forgiveness needs to be as limitless as Christ's.
- The Treasurer's and Secretary's report was read and approved.
- Jean Devereaux reported for LWMS. Additionally, while we were supposed to have elections for LWMS officers, we did not have information at this meeting. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Constitution:** Changes were reviewed by Pastor. A vote to accept these changes will be taken in April.
- **Women's Retreat:** It will be held from April 11-12, 2015. If you are going, please contact Jean D.
- **Palm Prices:** Three different places that provide palms for Palm Sunday were called. A motion was made and seconded to accept Gail Green's proposal for palms.
- **Book Sale:** With \$450 in sales, the sale was deemed to be a success!
- **Carafes and Dishes:** WSC discussed what should be done about all the glassware and tableware that church has but is not using. The topic will be tabled for one year. A motion was passed to get rid of old plastic flowers in the kitchen that no one uses.
- **Spa Night:** Katie Augustine priced out the DIY lip scrub, hand scrub, and foot soak, and found it will be about \$5 per person to make these at the April meeting, which will start at 6:30pm to make time for the extra activity. Participants are asked to bring their own measuring cups and containers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Easter Breakfast:** Nothing new to report.
- **LWMS Elections:** As mentioned above, these will be done at the April meeting.
- The meeting closed with prayer.

Present: Terry Barancik (President), Thelma Parshall (Treasurer), Jean Devereaux (LWMS Reporter), Katie Augustine, (Secretary) Mona Jean Allen, Kaylene VanWagner, and Jeannie Gregory.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT: Today's Christian Women's Retreat registration has begun. Registration materials are available at church and also online at www.tcwr.org. The retreat will be held April 10 and 11 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel, Lansing, MI. The theme for their year's retreat is “You Make Known to me the Path of Life.” The password for the online registration is the word **retreat**.

LWMS SPRING RALLY: The Lutheran Women Missionary Society is having their spring rally at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday April 19, 2015, and everyone is invited. Women Serving Christ contributes funds to the LWMS World and Home Missions. If you would like to contribute monies toward **LWMS Missions**, contact Thelma Parshall or Jean Devereaux by April 1, 2015.

WELSTECH CONFERENCE: From July 9-11, 2015, the synod will be holding a tech conference for people who are interested in using technology better for church ministry. It will be held at the Country Spring Hotel in Waukesha, WI. For more information and to register online, please visit www.wels.net/welstechconf.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: On Sunday, April 19, 2015, we will hold our annual church and school Clean Up Day. Please bring your rakes, shovels, brooms, and cleaning supplies. We want to clean the outdoor grounds at church and school as well as to do some indoor cleaning at church. We will start our cleaning day at 1:00 pm. The more help we have, the faster we finish and the more beautiful the buildings and grounds will look. At 4:00 p.m. we will stop work and have a tailgate party with brats at the school pavilion. If you would like to help donate food or other items, please contact Pastor Thomford. In case of rain, the Spring Clean-up will be held Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 1– 4 p.m.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Thursday,
April 2, 2015
7:00 pm
Zion Lutheran
Church
Worship with Holy Communion



Friday,
April 3, 2015
1:00 pm
Zion Lutheran Church
Zion Lutheran students in K-8 sing
Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 pm
Hope Lutheran
Church
(1123 W. Walnut St)
Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)



Sunday, April 5,
2015
Zion Lutheran
Church

7:00 am—Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 am—Easter Breakfast
10:00 am—Worship with Holy Communion

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With Easter approaching and the Christians everywhere preparing for family gatherings and worship services, we are nearing the time of the year in which we couldn't be more proud to be Christ's followers. Of course, during all times of the year we represent Christ and worship him as his followers, but this time of year it seems to be amplified. Being a representative of Christ is quite the responsibility and privilege, though it also includes its challenges.

There was a time or two from my childhood when I disappointed my parents. During my adolescence, I remember how I embarrassed my mother as she was attending one of my baseball games. Once we got home, she told me in a very loud conversation how my behavior had reflected badly on her in front of the other parents. At the game, I had made a poor decision to talk roughly with the other guys and it had its consequences on not just me, but also my mother. I had poorly represented my family.

At Zion Lutheran School, we get to speak of God's undeserved love for us and how we are now part of his flock. Students love hearing that they are wanted by their Heavenly Father and "called to be his own". They enjoy representing our school by singing in front of church or wearing the uniform on the basketball court after a win. These are scenarios in which representing God is convenient and easily enjoyed.


Unfortunately, there are times when we wish we could take a timeout from representing God because we are upset with a friend, pressured by peers, or exhausted with responsibility. You can agree that it is more difficult to represent God after losing a basketball game than after a win. Turning the other cheek is a great rule of thumb until you are infuriated. These are scenarios in which positively representing God is difficult.

We wish we could always represent God perfectly by forgiving our neighbor, being patient with a friend, or graciously losing a hard fought game. Christ's death and resurrection bought us and sanctified us even on our worst days. It is a difficult lesson to learn that we represent God at all times. We cannot take off time from representing God, and we can rejoice that God's justification saves us at all times.


Other news and events from Zion Lutheran School are listed below:

- **SPRING MUSICAL:** Students in grades K-8 will be performing *Dig It* for our annual musical on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the Peet Center. All are invited!
- **A PROJECTOR FOR MRS. MOSE:** Thanks to reward points earned from "Labels for Education" (aka Campbell's Soup Labels) Zion bought a projector and wall mount for Mrs. Mose's classroom.
- **VOLUNTEERS FOR UPCOMING TRACK MEET:** Zion will be planning and organizing a track meet for students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade in Saginaw this May and we are looking for concession stand volunteers. The meet will be held Friday, May 15, 2015 at the MLS track.
- **BOWLING:** All members are invited to bowl with us on the afternoon of Sunday, April 26, 2015. We hope to use the new bowling alley being constructed right here in Chesaning! More info to come.

SCHOOL CALENDAR — APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Hot Lunch Menu Beef stroganoff, noodles, bread rolls, fruit, floats <div>IOWA TESTING</div>	1 12:30 pm Half day in honor of Good Friday 1:00 pm Grades K-8 sing	3 12:30 pm Half day in honor of Good Friday 1:00 pm Grades K-8 sing	4
Easter Sunday 10:00am Sunday School and LES Preschool-8th grade sings	5 6 7	8 9 10 11	<div>SPRING BREAK</div>			
12 3:00 pm Faculty Meeting <div>SPRING BREAK</div>	13 5:45 pm Volleyball game vs. GS Burton at Emanuel, Lansing	14 15 16 17 18	15 Hot Lunch Menu Sloppy Joes, fries, peaches, Jell-o Parent-Teacher Conferences Half day for students <div>MLS LOCK-IN</div>	16 17 18	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	10:00 am Volleyball Tournament
26 1:00 pm ZEL Bowling Meeting	27 28 29 30	28 29 30	Hot Lunch Menu Walking tacos, quesadillas, fresh fruit, bars	30		

CHURCH CALENDAR — APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL						
1st Service Deacons: R. Dankert, J. Bates, M. Theile, T. Hoover 1st Service Usher: A. Cohoon 2nd Service Deacons: K. Wiltsee, C. Kaufmann, D. Schoch, J. Turnwald Counters: 2 T&R Bleisner (Thurs), 3 Mose/Schoch (Fri), 5 MacNeill/Mose, 12 Huggard/Klipper, 19 Borucki, 26 Neumeyer/Theile Office Helpers: H. Kukulis, V. Kautz Trash Removal: D. Willson Flower Committee: Karen Barckholtz						
EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 am Worship with Communion 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Worship with Communion Zion Lutheran School and Sunday School Students sing *No Sunday School or Bible Class	5 9:00 am Odd Job Club	6	7	8	9	10
PASTOR THOMFORD IN MINNESOTA						
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 12 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:15 am Sunday School 9:25 am Teen & Adult Bible Class 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 1:00 pm Elder's Visitation	13 6:00—7:30 pm Public School Catechism Class 6:30-8:00 pm Pioneers	14 6:30 pm School, Property, & Elder's Board Meeting 8:00pm Coordinating Council	15	16 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	17	18
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:15 am Sunday School 9:25 am Teen & Adult Bible Class 10:30 am Worship 1-4:00 pm Spring Clean Up Day LWMS Spring Rally	20 6:00—7:30 pm Public School Catechism Class 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneers	21 7:00 pm Women Serving Christ (Spa Night)	22	23 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	24	25
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:15 am Sunday School 9:25 am Teen & Adult Bible Class 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	27 6:00—7:30 pm Public School Catechism Class 6:30—8:00 pm Pioneers	28 7:00 pm Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	29	30		

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Maudy Thursday: 7:00 pm
with Holy Communion
Good Friday: 1:00 pm with
Holy Communion; 7:00pm Tenebrae
Service at Hope, St. Charles
(1123 W. Walnut Street)
Easter Sunday: 7:00 am &
10:00 am with Holy Communion
Easter Breakfast: 8:00am