

Zion St. John  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Being the Body of Christ*

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*Hallelujah*

#### **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

**At Zion St. John Lutheran Church, we are committed to being the body of Christ until He returns. Led by the Holy Spirit and gathered around God's Word and Sacraments, we join in worship, fellowship, learning, spiritual nurture, outreach, and service, as we grow in faith and invite others to experience Christ's presence.**



# FROM THE PASTOR

## FROM PASTOR KIM

**Romans 6:4 “We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”**

Whenever I read or hear this verse, as important as the truth that is expressed in the first two thirds of the verse is, I am always drawn to the last phrase, “we too might walk in newness of life”. My wife, Diane has a plaque with those words written on them. The picture on the plaque is of a Monarch butterfly emerging from its cocoon.

After our first winter in North Iowa, Diane and I feel like we’ve endured our initiation. All of us are so ready to see any sign of spring. You know it’s been a long winter when you welcome the sight of dead, brown grass! So when I arrived at church on Tuesday morning, Mary and Bryanne were excited to show me what they discovered in one of the flower beds in front of the church. It was a small white flower in full bloom. How it lifted our spirits.

Yesterday the temperature reached sixty degrees. One of the common sights I saw as I drove through town were neighbors outside

talking to each other. They were catching up on the events in their lives and their neighborhood that have occurred over the course of the long winter.

As I spent some time reflecting on the events of this week; events which celebrate “newness of life”, I couldn’t help but relate them to the events of that first holy week in Jerusalem.

For on that first Easter morning, two women were eager to share not simply the news of the first spring flower, but the news that their Lord, Jesus had risen from the dead, and now walked in “newness of life”.

And I remembered how the city had been so abuzz with reports of Jesus resurrection – neighbors talking with neighbors, about this incredible news, that when two of Jesus’ disciples left for Emmaus and met a man headed in the same direction they were, they couldn’t believe that he had been in Jerusalem yet had not heard the reports about Jesus of Nazareth. Yet they were amazed at how their companion “opened the scriptures to them” concerning Jesus. That evening the true identity of their travel companion was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread. Jesus had indeed been raised from the dead. At the table that evening they learned how this was good news for them as well. And so they hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the others, talk about “walking in newness of life”. My prayer for you this Easter is that, after the struggle of your Lenten journey, that you will experience the joy of Easter and feel the wonder of “walking in newness of life”.

God’s Blessings To You,  
Pastor Kim

## FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

*Here comes Peter Cotton Tail...* Sorry to burst your bubble, but Easter is more than something to dye for. Now that Lent has come and gone, the spring training for Christians has come to an end with the arrival of Holy Week. Holy Week can be a hard concept for little ones to comprehend... What makes this week different from others out of the year? Why are there activities going on all week at church? I found this family activity titled “**Journey with Jesus to the Cross**” from a magazine I subscribe to, *Children’s Ministry (March/April 2010; pp. 126)*. The idea is for families to take time out each day of the week to discover the Good News of Easter. From Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday, families can read a Bible passage and then discuss it together.

### **Palm Sunday Discovery**

*Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40*

*Talk About it:* Have family members each share their favorite way to celebrate a special occasion or event. It might be a party, family time, or going to a favorite restaurant. Talk about how your family will celebrate Easter this week. Tell your kids that because of Easter, we have a reason to celebrate this day.

### **Monday Discovery**

*Scripture: Mark 11: 15-19*

*Talk About it:* Have family members each share their favorite thing about going to worship at church. If applicable, parents can share a favorite memory of going to church as a child. Talk about other places you go where you feel welcomed and special. Brainstorm how your family can help others feel welcome in your home, in the community, and at church.

### **Tuesday Discovery**

*Scripture: Mark 12: 41-44*

*Talk About it:* Ask family members to each share about a time they’ve given up something. Ask about how it made them feel and what made it easy or difficult. Then talk about the sacrifice Jesus made for everyone at Easter and what kind of difference it’s made in your lives.

### **Wednesday Discovery**

*Scripture: Mark 14: 3-9*

*Talk About it:* Tell about a time you did something kind for someone else. Talk about how your kindness encouraged that person. Have all your family members talk about something kind they’ve done for others. As a family, think of a way you can show kindness to someone this week.

### **Thursday Discovery**

*Scripture: Mark 14:12-25*

*Talk About it:* Tell about your best friend as a child. Then have family members each talk about their best friend. Talk about the qualities of a good friend. Are there sacrifices you’d make for a friend? Describe one way you could show friends they’re important to you; then commit to doing so this week.

### **Friday Discovery**

*Scripture: Mark 15:33-41*

*Talk About it:* Talk about a time you admitted a sin to a friend. Explain what happened because of your confession. Ask family members to share a similar story. Encourage each other to admit your sins to Jesus daily and ask for forgiveness.

### **Saturday Discovery**

*Scripture: Mark 15: 42--16:1*

*Talk About it:* Have family members tell

about someone who's died and what they remember most about that person (it could even be a pet). Talk about how you each keep Jesus alive in your lives every day.

### **Sunday Discovery**

*Scripture: Mark 16: 2-8*

*Talk About it:* Share about a time you received or delivered great news about something or someone. How did that make you and that person feel? Discuss the good news of Jesus' Resurrection and why it's important to share this good news with others.

### **Parent's Place**

In the last Outlook I challenged you to discuss giants as your *highs and lows*. Many kids think their parents are invincible. Sharing your giants with your kids can show them that even parents have fears or giants they struggle with.

For the month of April I would like to encourage you to talk about forgiveness. This can be a tough topic to discuss with your children as the perception of forgiveness may not be fully understood until they are older. Here is my suggestion for you; take a step back from the "adult" aspect of forgiveness. Ask your child(ren) what forgiveness looks like to them. Have they ever forgiven someone or has someone else forgiven them? Share a life story about when you forgave someone or vice-versa. Forgiveness is all around us and our faith is a living testament to that.

### **VBS 2010**

Mark your calendars folks; Vacation Bible School will be July 5-9. This year's theme is *Hero Headquarters: Where Kids Join Forces with God!* Look for more information on sign up to come in the beginning of May. If you are

interested in helping with VBS please contact Bryanne NOW. Always remember that friends and family are welcome to sign up for VBS; the more the merrier!!

## **CHURCH COUNCIL TO HOST FUNDRAISING BRUNCH**

At their March meeting the Council discussed a number of improvements to the church building that are needed. To help fund these improvements the Council will host a brunch on Sunday, April 25. The brunch will be served immediately following worship. Sunday school teachers and students will be served first as classes will meet this day. Please mark this fellowship opportunity on your calendar. The specific improvements that will be funded through this brunch will be announced in the worship bulletin.

## **COUNCIL SETS SPRING CLEANUP DATE**

At their March meeting the Church Council designated Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> as Spring Clean Up Day. The fun begins at 8:30 a.m. A variety of indoor and outdoor projects will be completed. If you are planning to work outdoors, please bring a rake and a pair of work gloves. If it is raining that day, this event will be moved to Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

## **DO YOU HAVE COMPUTER SKILLS?**

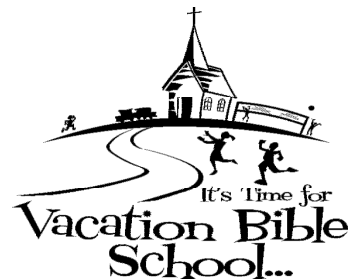
We are looking for another person to be trained to run the audio video equipment that is used during worship and at other events. If you are willing to help, please contact Pastor Kim.

## **EMAIL SIGN-UP**

If you would like to get email from Zion St. John, please email the church at [mail@zionstjohn.org](mailto:mail@zionstjohn.org) to get on the list. E-mails will be sent to those who sign up when important events take place at church during the course of the week. Examples of how this will be used include: when the church is being used as an emergency shelter or to provide information regarding funerals.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS will be here before we know it. There will be lots to do to make this year fun and exciting for the kids of our congregation and community. If you can not commit to helping during the week of VBS but would still like to assist in some way, just let Bryanne know. If you would like to help with VBS 2010 please let Bryanne know as soon as possible.



## **HOSPICE OF NORTH IOWA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Hospice of North Iowa needs men and women volunteers to serve patients and their families in our local communities. Volunteer training will be held at the United Bank & Trust, Hwy 3 & 65 (across from McDonalds) in Hampton. The two day training will be from 9:00 AM—5:00 PM, Tuesdays, April 13 and 20. The class is free of charge and open to the public. Those completing the class will be eligible to apply to serve as a hospice volunteer, however participants are under no obligation. Pre-registration is required. To register or if you have questions please call 1-800-297-4719. The training provides a background of information about hospice, the role of the staff and what may be expected of the hospice volunteer. Those completing training and wishing to become a volunteer go through an application process and are then able to select the types of activities they would like to help with.

## **PARTY TO CELEBRATE WENDELL'S LIFE**

A party to celebrate Wendell Meints' life will be held Saturday, April 17 from 7-10 p.m. at Marty's. Wendell was recently diagnosed with Stage Four Pancreatic Cancer. Please bring pictures and stories to share with his family and friends.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
				1       7:00
<sup>4</sup> Easter Day 5:00 a.m. Youth—Easter Breakfast Set-up 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Service w/Holy Communion No Sunday School	<b>5</b>       7:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle	<b>6</b> 6:30 a.m. Bible Study  9:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle  7:00 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting 8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting    5:15 p.m. Confirmation No Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b> Second Sunday of Easter  9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School  6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group	<b>12</b>       5:45 p.m. High School Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6:30 a.m. Bible Study  11:30 a.m. Joy Group meets at Sheffield Inn  8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting    5:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>15</b>    6:00
<b>18</b> Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. 8th Grade Trip Meeting  6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group	<b>19</b>       5:45 p.m. High School Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:30 a.m. Bible Study    7:00 p.m. Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting    5:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>22</b>
<b>25</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Council Fundraising Brunch  3:00 p.m. CIA Youth	<b>26</b>       5:45 p.m. High School Bible Study	<b>27</b> 6:30 a.m. Bible Study    8:00 p.m. AA & Alanon	<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting    5:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>29</b>

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service w/Holy Holy Communion	2  3:00 p.m. Youth Practice for Good Friday  7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service (youth led)	3
8	9	10 8:30-10:30 a.m. Community Coffee In Fellowship Hall  8:30 a.m. Spring Church Cleaning
15  6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Sheffield Care Center	16	17
22	23  Articles for the "Outlook" due today!!	24
29	30	

## WORSHIP

Head Usher: Don Greimann

Ushers: Tom Severe,  
Marlene Severe,  
Todd Greimann,  
Barb Greimann

Tape Delivery: LaVonne Conlon,  
Lois Brinkman

Lectors: Heidi Harper, Larry Olk

Greeters:

- 1 Maundy Thursday —Darren/Pam Meints & Family
- 2 Good Friday –Youth Group
- 4 Sunrise-Mark/Sue Rother Festival-Don/Alice Greimann
- 11 Youth
- 18 Julie Greimann and Malachi
- 25 Steve/Marie Lubkeman

Acolyte:

- 4 Sunrise-Collin Arndt Festival-Ahna Larson
- 11 Hailey Lock
- 18 Courtney Larson

Crucifer:

- 4 Sunrise-Blake Brady Festival-Austin Neff
- 11 Ahna Larson
- 18 Ethan Meints

Offering Counters: Carol Luecht,  
Darwin Meyer,  
Larry Greimann-Back-up

Coffee Fellowship Time Servers:

- 4 Easter Breakfast by Youth
- 11 Brigid Christianson & Emily Trewin
- 18 Merna Schroeder,  
Maxine Harvey,  
Pam Harvey
- 25 Need Volunteers



## ZION ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Zion St. John Lutheran Church Council was held on March 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Present were

Larry Greimann, Delmar Koch, Betty Heginger, Carla Berding, Michelle Brady, Carol Luecht, Darwin Meyer, Charles Sukup, Pastor Kim Wills, Bryanne Hensley, Emma Olk.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions.

Emma Olk presented the Treasurer's report. After review this report was put on file for audit. The Lenten Service collections will be given to Damascus Road, Franklin County Alcoholism Center, Lutheran Services of Iowa, Riverside Bible Camp, The Sharing Shoppe, and Access. Discussion was held regarding the Treasurer position; the individual must have knowledge of taxes, as well as general accounting.

The Secretary's minutes were reviewed. Michelle Brady moved and Betty Heginger seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Pastor Kim presented his report. Carol Luecht moved, and Darwin Meyer seconded, to use money from the Youth Savings Account to supplement Bryanne's registration to the Youth Ministry Certification School to be held in May 2010. Pastor will be on vacation April 11 which is Youth Sunday and he will be at

the Synod Assembly on June 13 when a Hymn Sing is planned.

The Parish Ed Committee has chosen the Hero Headquarters for their VBS curriculum.

The Youth & Family Ministry Team will be publishing their calendar and other information in the Outlook to better inform all members of the congregation.

The Worship & Evangelism Committee has most volunteers lined up for the coming months; they will be looking for musical volunteers for the summer months.

The Property & Management Committee reported that work will soon begin on the water damaged area.

As Old Business, Larry updated the group on his search for a treasurer. The Church Constitution was also reviewed; it is interpreted that the treasurer does not need to be a member of the church.

Larry also shared the estimates he received for installing a generator hook-up. After discussion, the group decided to get estimates for all repairs needed in the basement to be done at the same time so a fundraiser can be held. It was then decided a Fundraiser Brunch will be hosted by Council Members after service on April 25.

As New Business, April 10, beginning at 8:30 a.m., has been scheduled for Spring Clean Up Day for the church yard. A day also needs to be scheduled for cleaning the

cemetery; Bryanne wants to make this a family event. Offering Counters for April are Carol Luecht and Darwin Meyer with Larry Greimann as backup.

Michelle Brady made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Carol Luecht seconded this motion. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Berding, Secretary

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

I would like to say Thank You to everyone for your beautiful cards and notes and especially the prayers for me before and following my surgery on February 23 here at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames for a left total shoulder replacement---after 2 1/2 days in the hospital- and 18 staples, now removed---I am slowly doing fine, learning how to do everything with one arm! March 30, I will be able to start very low impact Physical Therapy for 8 weeks.

In the meantime, the immobilizer and the use of one arm has proven to be quite a challenge for dressing---sliding things up an arm, over the head, and then the good arm---doing so with the help of a very patient and helpful Gerry---who also has been a great Nurse and cook.

We plan on being in Sheffield for Easter Service and Breakfast---as we look forward to seeing many---and again THANK YOU DEAR FRIENDS!

May God Bless all of you-----  
very sincerely,  
Marlys Beyer Hartman

## MISSIONARY STADTLANDER UPDATE

Well we think it's safe to say that we fell off the "newsletter wagon" somewhere around our last home assignment. Why? There are probably various causes, including being really busy all the time. Perhaps it also had something to do with a reluctance to share some of the less positive sides of our life and work here. Not keeping our prayer support informed of our needs when we need it most probably isn't the best course of action, but we hope you'll understand that sometimes it's hard to sit down to write a newsletter to the people supporting you when you have to search for good things to say. So now you're all wondering... what happened!?!? The short story is that we had a lot of unfortunate events pile up after our return to Linguere following home assignment, including: a break-in and theft of computers from the translation and evangelism offices on the church property, alcoholism and related circumstances with some members of the Christian community, the firing of the administrative and financial assistant in Linguere (i.e. increased workload for everyone else who works in Linguere), and various other things that add up. The good news is that though these things continue to be issues, life in Linguere goes on and has been a lot more positive lately. And we're starting to write newsletters again! We had a great but very busy home assignment. We visited most of our covenanting congregations and saw family and friends. Eva even did a month of kindergarten in Iowa City before she returned to start school

in Linguere. Eva loved being a Lemme Leopard! Sarah's parents' visit over Christmas was a wonderful time to reconnect for all and gave them the opportunity to see and experience our life first-hand. ....

If you would like to read more of the Standtlander Newsletter and become completely updated (photos included), please visit our church website. Directions on how to subscribe directly are also given. Or you can read about them on the narthex bulletin board.

## *Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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First of all, thank you to Carla Nelson, VP extraordinaire, for covering for me while I was gone in February. It's always nice to come home. We look forward to welcoming back the rest of our "snowbirds".

We had a great turnout for our World Day of Prayer this year. Thank you to Marcia Etnier and Luanne Peterson for planning it. Thank you also to Work Group 4 for serving.

Maxine Heuberger reported they have put together 76 layettes and are still working on health kits. There has been quite a demand for health kits and quilts because of the disaster in Haiti. Thank you to all who have helped to contribute.

Our Cluster Spring Retreat will be April 20 at 9:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, Belmont. We will carpool and leave our

church at 8:30 that morning. The speaker will be Diane Thome of KJCY Christian Radio Station in Mason City. Lunch will be served after the program. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 for the meal that day. They are looking for people willing to serve as vice president, treasurer as well as board members. Betty Heginger has been both vice president and treasurer and so if you are considering it or have questions; please give her or me a call. My phone is 892-4639.

We will be collecting "bundles" to be brought to our Synod convention in June. These will be given to LSI. Look for a display in the narthex for this.

Watch your mailbox; you will be getting a Bakeless Bakesale letter this month. Last year it really helped with helping us pay for campships.

Work group Call lists have been revised. If you have not received one, contact me or the church office.

Oh yes, and don't forget. We have one more Community Coffee on April 13. See you there!

In His Service,  
Marlene Severe

### **PLEASE... PICK UP YOUR PANS, ETC.**

in the church kitchen by April 17. Items remaining will be donated to Goodwill. In the future, please put your name on your container, an address label works great. That will help in getting your items back to you. Thank you.



April 1	Gordon Greimann
April 2nd	Ethan Meints
April 3rd	Adam Schuchmann Zachary O'Connor
April 5th	Seth Berding
April 7th	Matthew Retz Lorraine Rust Jeffery Sanders Elizabeth Sukup
April 9th	Amy McKee
April 10th	Marcia Etnier Marilyn Sheahan James Tuttle
April 12th	Vicki Tuttle
April 13th	Noa Thompson
April 14th	Chuck Nolte
April 15th	Dale Brayton Gretchen Moehle
April 16th	Darin Nelson
April 17th	Delaney Christianson Joseph McKee Makenzii Rasmus
April 18th	Greg Riles
April 20th	Emma McKee Gary Nelson
April 21st	Curtis Cameron
April 22nd	Lawrence Hansen Julie Routh
April 23rd	Janet Lockwood
April 24th	Sean Cameron Roger Lacey
April 27th	Tyler Hegarty
April 28th	Madisyn Harper Sarah Retz

April 29th	Cody Arndt Dawn Greimann Lisa Hubka
April 30th	Lonnie Barkema Rachel Hubka Alberta Christians Libby Winter Helen Liekweg Christin Mechler

**PRAYER LIST**

Let us know if you or a loved one would like to be on our prayer list. Names will stay on the list for eight weeks. If you would like to continue beyond that time, please let us know.

**LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**

- + Stacie McGregor (daughter of Kim Jensen and granddaughter of Gladys and Delmar Koch), Bill Latham (father of John Latham), Luanne Peterson, Wendell Meints, Fred Eberling, Drew Retz and family (brother of Fred Retz), Bob Schroeder, Bea Becker, family of Jean Hanson (mother of Bev Bohach)
- + our missionary family in Senegal Dirk, Sarah, Eva & Ellen Stadlander
- + our service men and women serving our country, Andrew O'Connor who is again serving in Iraq, and Andrew Brayton (son of Dale and Kathy Brayton) overseas.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

In order to keep Pastor Kim informed and our prayer list accurate, please let the church office or Pastor know if you are in the hospital or are anticipating hospitalization.

