

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Brad & Jessica Boyle in Memory of all of their grandparents and Ron & Judy Meier in Honor of their wedding anniversary.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Terry & Paul Hayes in Memory of Terry's father Bob Johnson.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **YOUTH GROUP.** Zion's Youth will put their skills to test in our upcoming event on Sunday Feb. 21st at Zion. They will be playing Minute 2 Win It! The fun starts at 5:30pm. Plan on having fun and bringing your friends!
- **MISSIONS WE SUPPORT.** The Naumann Family (Sri Lanka and India), Lohmeyer Family (Dominican Republic) and the Wittenberg Project (Germany) thank us for our continued support and prayers. Please keep these missions in your prayer as they continue their work.
- **LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP.** The theme for our Wednesday services (7:00pm) in Lent will be the Last Week of Jesus' Life from the Gospel of Matthew. Come and worship with your Zion family!
- **OPERATION STARS & STRIPES** With 344 Ramen Noodles, 370 Granola Bars, 263 Gum, 264 Slim Jims, 269 Drink Mix Singles and 360 Twizzlers, Sunday school kids were able to assemble 264 Bags of Love! All donations have been shipped to Operation Stars and Stripes. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success!
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !** 3 station leaders are needed for the March unit 'Mary of Bethany'. Available stations are Storytelling, Games, Art, Cookery and Music. Contact Katie Gielarowski or the church secretary to volunteer.
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!
- **BELL CHOIR.** We are looking to expand our music ministry and need your help! We are in the process of establishing a hand bell choir here at Zion! **THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO IS BUY HANDBELLS. WHICH, AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, ARE NOT CHEAP.** If you would like to give to this ministry, please note on the MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK (OR, IF YOU ARE GIVING CASH, ON THE OFFERING ENVELOPE) that you would like to give to the hand bell choir. Thank for you for support of the music ministry here at Zion! **AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HANDBELL CHOIR!**
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!
- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is back on February 20 at 8:00am down in the Fellowship Hall.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** starts this Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30pm. Sign up in the Narthex to reserve a book. Talk to Alissa McLellan if you have any questions!
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

For those of you who are doing Bible in a Year, this is the last day you have in the book of Exodus. You've spent the last week listening to God give the Israelites instructions about how to live, how to worship, and how to build a house for him. It's been worthwhile, but sometimes tedious reading. Hang in there! Leviticus is up next. As you read this book of ceremonial and moral regulations, ask yourself what it must have been like to live under such a system. What message does the system established in the second half of Exodus and Leviticus create for you? (We'll examine it next week, so please come back.)

This week our focus is on the Sabbath—a day of rest given to the Israelites, the foreigners living among them, and even their animals. A remembrance of their deliverance from Egypt as well as a weekly reminder of the order of creation—and the God responsible for it.

There's a lot to cover in any discussion about the Sabbath. Do Christians still need to keep it? May Christians choose to keep it? What does "keeping it" mean? And what does Jesus mean when he declares himself to be lord of the Sabbath?

All this and more, it's coming up in worship!

God bless your time with us this morning!

--Pastor Duncan

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ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Prelude – Praise to the Lord Almighty

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Before we listen to God's Word read and proclaimed, and before we receive the body and blood of Christ in the Supper that bears his name, let us confess that we are weak, poor in spirit, and crippled by the disease of sin. We are unable to save ourselves from our condition and need God's forgiveness and grace; which we find only in our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, we may be able to fool our friends and even our family, but we cannot fool you. We confess to you that, despite what others may think about us, we do not have it all together. Our lives are a mess, and the more we try to dig ourselves out, the deeper the hole gets. We ask that you would have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins, and allow us to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Gospel. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 31:12-18

And the Lord said to Moses, "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you. You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.'"

And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
For evils have encompassed me beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether,
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"
As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 12th Chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 12:1-8

At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.
(Please be seated)

***Offertory – Adult Choir
(10:30 service)***

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Collection of the Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us all together pray the prayer our Lord has given us to pray.

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	761
Come unto Me, Ye Weary	684
O Lord, throughout These Forty Days	418

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less 576

Postlude – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Lindsey Faini
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Shane Bryant
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Dale & Alice Miller (8:00) Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse(10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker (8:00) Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester (10:30) Loren Luedeman & Richard Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager & Sarah Ali
Nursery:	Susie Bishop & Megan Pasquini

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/7) – 219

Wednesday Attendance (2/10) – 87

Sunday Offering (2/7) - \$5,989.00

Online Offering (2/1-2/5) - \$1,510.00

Bell Choir Donations (2/7) - \$650.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of Feb. 14th – Feb. 21st

SUNDAY 2/14	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 12:00 PM – Events Committee Meeting
MONDAY 2/15	
TUESDAY 2/16	9:00 AM – Mom’s in Prayer 6:00 PM- Children’s Choir 6:45 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY 2/17	7:00 PM – Lent Service
THURSDAY 2/18	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 2/19	
SATURDAY 2/20	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 6:00 PM – Family Fun Night/Pot Luck
SUNDAY 2/21	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00 PM – Stephen Ministry 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Minute 2 Win it

MINUTE 2 WIN IT



What? Zion Youth Group: **MINUTE TO WIN IT Night!**

When? Feb. 21, **5:30-7:00pm**

Where? Zion Lutheran Church - 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville

Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

Cost? \$0



Questions - Concerns

Contact Joe Faini

youth@zlcg.org





FAMILY FUN NIGHT



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

   **\$10/COUPLE \$20/FAMILY** *(suggested donation!)* 

 **POTLUCK DINNER AT 6:00PM**     

 **FUN STARTS AT 7:00PM**      

            

   **CHICKEN & CHICKEN NUGGETS PROVIDED** 

    **SIGN UP TODAY IN THE NARTHEX!** 

            

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