

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMOR

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ZION'S MISSION STATEMENT: We are claimed, gathered, and sent forth to serve and witness in Jesus' name.

ZION'S VISION STATEMENT: Zion is a welcoming church where all people will experience a vibrant lifelong journey in faith through worship, education, mission and service.

WELCOME! It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this morning. Let us worship the Lord with gladness! If you are a visitor, interested in membership, would like to receive our newsletter, or would like a pastoral visit, please check the appropriate box on the fellowship pad. We hope to see you often. **You are welcome at Zion**

Equal Exchange Sunday is TODAY!

Equal Exchange chocolate mini-bars will be available during fellowship to sample. The February action group will also be providing other love day treats along with our coffee; Pink lemonade for lemonade lovers.



Equal Exchange involves Lutheran communities in supporting small farmers around the world. Equal Exchange buys directly from small scale farmer's cooperatives, owned and run by the farmers themselves. Equal Exchange is committed to supporting sustainable farming methods that help green the earth through reforestation, natural resource conservation and organic practices. Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate bars will also be for sale.

"Everyone needs help at some time"

At Zion, we have many ways to help you, a loved one, a friend or a neighbor. Here are a few:

- ❖ **We can pray.** Studies have shown that knowing that someone is praying for you relieves stress and promotes healing. Have a prayer request? Call or email the office/Pastor Jim with your request at 495-2563 or zionamoroffice@prtcl.com.
- ❖ **We don't go thru life alone – so when you find yourself in a difficult time, let us walk beside you.** **Stephen Ministers** are lay people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation. Stephen Ministers are available for anyone who has a need. Information On Stephen Ministry is located in the pews and in the kiosk in the narthex/lobby. Please call Pastor Jim at 495-2563 to discuss Stephen Ministry.
- ❖ Do you have hardships due to disability, loss of income, or medical needs? Do you need some short term projects done around the house caused by age-related issues? Or maybe you need community services but don't know where to start? **Helping Hands may be right for you.** Contact the office at 495-2563 for more information.

The Cry Room: It's great to have children in church! That's the sound of a healthy congregation. If you ever feel as if you would like to step out with your children, our cry room has a window and speakers to keep you involved with the service while caring for your child(ren)'s needs.

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Contemporary Music Director.....

Sonja Holmgren

Office Manager.....Lynn Melchior

Office Assistant.....Lynn Cave

Education Coordinator...El J Arntson

PRAYER WALL

Prayer works. Add your prayers to the Zion Prayer Wall; **ALL prayers are welcome – no prayer is too small or too large for God.** The Prayer Wall is just inside the double doors leading to the fellowship area. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

THIS WEEK AT ZION

TODAY <i>Communion</i>	8:40 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Adult Forum: Abe Lincoln and Will of God Worship - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship Equal Exchange Awareness Faith N' Films
MONDAY	8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Quilting Stephen Ministry
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Common Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Pr Text Study NO Council Praise Team Ash Wednesday Service Choir Practice after service
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Conference Pastor's Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Sunday School Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship March Action Group OTC Youth Skiing at Andes/Overnight at Faith Haven Conference Meeting

Thank you to the Praise Team and the Sunday School Children for the special music this morning.

Help needed: We are looking for someone to keep our website up to date. For more information, please contact the office.

By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study brings the Catechism into today's world. Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Feeling Lucky? Want to feel like you won the lottery? Signup for 1 week of snow removal! (and hope for no snow!)

Zion is looking for able bodied people (or teams) that will remove snow from the entryways. A snow blower is in the shed and we have lots of shovels. This process worked very well last year. Sign up calendar and more information is in the narthex/lobby.



Beer & Hymns: A Spirited Sing-A-Long

TODAY 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
The Rusty Nail in Battle Lake

Like Movies?

Stop by Zion and enjoy Faith N' Films on TODAY at 6:30 p.m.
Popcorn provided. This event is open to all ages!



ADULT FORUMS

Sunday, Feb 25 at 9:15 a.m.: **Battle Lake Area Child Care Center Update**
Presenter: Gary & Karalyn Harrington

Sunday, March 11 at 9:15 a.m.: **Stop the Bleed**
Presenter: Michael Ittner

Today's Stewardship Thought: *"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."* - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? Giving God a high priority in *everything* helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?



Central Market's "We Care" Program

Central Market of Perham and Detroit Lakes will donate .5% of your receipt totals to Zion. When checking out, ask for a "We Care" stamp on your receipt and then turn the receipt into the office. The funds for the first year will support the youth and the community garden.

Missions Reflection: "Some of us are the kind of people who easily and naturally reach out to learn each other's names. Others need a little encouragement to introduce ourselves and ask. Others of us have to apologize and ask several times, 'I'm sorry, what's your name again?' And we all need encouragement to get to know each other more deeply and care for one another. It's hard, especially when we don't immediately find things in common. It takes time and many opportunities to get to know each other, to be willing to share what's going on in our lives, to listen to another person without judgment. But that's part of why we are here: to learn to love our neighbors." - - - *Everyone Needs An Encouragement*. Read Mark 1:29-39.

MILLION PILLOW CASE CHALLENGE



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team is looking for donations of pillow cases during the month of February. These pillow cases will be filled with afghans or baby blankets and donated to Eagles Nest, Bundles of Love and Ottertail Public Health during 2018. Any size, color, new, used, embroidered or appliqued pillow case will be appreciated. Donation box is located in the narthex/lobby. Contact Lynn Cave for more information.

ATTN: 7th through 12th graders!

On February 18 and 19 is the youth have a ski / sleep over event. The youth will leave the church at 12:15 p.m. to arrive at Andes Mountain about 1:15 p.m. At about 5:45 p.m. we will leave Andes Mountain and travel to Faith Haven Bible Camp for supper and a mini-retreat led by Luther Crest.



We NEED you to sign up so we can coordinate transportation and arrange drivers. A sign-up sheet is available in the Church narthex.



IF you are available to chaperone the overnight at Faith Haven please talk with Pastor Jim or El. J.



FREE PIANO

Owner needs it moved by March 10th. (You move it.) Needs tuning. Originally came from Zion loft Sunday School area. Contact the office for more information.

Sunday School Families: Don't miss 'Fat Sunday' on Feb 18th!

Every year around the world the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is celebrated as Fat Tuesday. In the 16th century it was marked with the consumption of pancakes. Sunday School Extravaganza (in lieu of lessons) we will serve pancakes for breakfast starting at 8:40 a.m. **Your entire family is welcome so join us for breakfast.** After we eat we'll talk about the purpose of Lent and why it's so important to the church.

If you are willing and able to help with this breakfast please let us know. We'll need pancake mixers, flippers, servers, beverage pourers, set up, and clean up assistance. IF you are able and want to donate items for this breakfast please talk with either El. J. or one of the Lynns.

Ash Wednesday Service

is Wed., February 14th at 6:45 p.m. (No soup Supper beforehand.)



Lenten Services will start on Feb 21st. Soup Suppers will be at 6:00 p.m. Signup for soup, bread, crackers and milk is in the narthex/lobby.

The Holden Evening Prayer will be used for our Lenten worship and the confirmation class will be leading short dramas during worship.

Maundy Thursday is March 29th at 6:00 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday this year Zion of Amor will be reliving Jesus' last supper by hosting a Seder meal as our worship service. The service will be held in the fellowship hall and will include a pot luck supper. The church will provide and prepare the traditional required foods of the Passover. With Pastor Jim leading us, we will relive Jesus' last supper. When we celebrate this Seder meal and service we will receive insight into a Jewish Passover feast as it transitioned into our celebration of the Eucharist. We will eat our pot luck supper within the service so plan on bringing something to share.

As the plans become more specific the congregation will be updated. If you would like to be part of the planning and facilitating of this service please contact Pastor Jim, El. J. or the Worship and Music team! The more hands involved the less each hand needs to do and the more gets done.

Mark your calendars: **Easter** is April 1st.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

You are the Way devotional books are available in the narthex/lobby. Even if you're not a devotional type of person, these short readings are for you. They include scripture, something to ponder and a prayer – often using our current culture for quotes and inspiration.



Over the past few weeks, multiple lights have been left on (sometimes overnight). Please make sure the lights are turned off when you leave the room and building. Let's strive to be good stewards of all of God's gifts. Thank you!