

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMOR

Sunday, February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
LBW Service of the Word
10:00 a.m.



Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals them and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

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.

Thank you to El J Arntson for presiding at the service today.

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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.**

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Ministers: Congregation

Today's Lead Musician...Sandra Sedivy

Choir Pianist.....Sandra Sedivy

Choir and Contemporary Director.....Sonja Holmgren

Office Manager.....Lynn Melchior

Office Assistant.....Lynn Cave

Education Coordinator.....El J Arntson

Thank you to the Central MN Boys Choir for the special music today!

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir (based out of Staples, MN) was founded in 2000 as a way for young boys with unchanged voices to share their love of singing. The organization has grown into two choirs, the Explorer Choir (training choir) and the Voyageur Choir (experienced choir.) Boys in the organization range in age from 8 to 14 and currently represent 8 communities. The vision for the CMBC is: "Impacting generations by engaging boys through choral music" and they are looking forward to a bright future of doing just that! The Voyageur Choir will be singing at Zion this morning, and they will be taking a freewill offering at the end of the service to help with the continuing mission of the choirs. Thank you so much for your support!

“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 anyone on the prayer chain: Bob Roberts 495-3524, Barb Bjorgo 495-2152, Betty Johansen 826-6834, Galen & Laura Youngsma 495-2681 and Yvonne Erickson 495-332. You can also 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 or Susan Thompson at 367-2625 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.

Musicians Wanted: See the office for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

TODAY	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship
MONDAY	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
TUESDAY		NO Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Praise Team Confirmation Choir – New Members Welcome!
SATURDAY		Mission Jamaica Group Returns
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Communions</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 the Will of God Worship – Contemporary Coffee Fellowship Equal Exchange Awareness Faith N' Films

Bars Needed for Blood Mobile on Feb 9th

Zion needs to provide 6 – 7 pans of bars to First Lutheran by 11:00 a.m. for the Blood Mobile. Please bring the bars to First Lutheran in BL on cardboard (so there is no worry about getting your pans back). Sign-up sheet in the narthex/lobby.

PRAYER WALL

Prayer works. Add your prayers to the Zion Prayer Wall. The Prayer Wall is just inside the double doors leading to the fellowship area.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

ADULT FORUMS

Sunday, Feb 11 at 9:15 a.m.: **Abe Lincoln and the Will of God**

Sunday, Feb 25 at 9:15 a.m.: **Battle Lake Area Child Care Center Update**

Today's Stewardship Thought: *"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"*

- MARK 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



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.

Beer & Hymns: A Spirited Sing-A-Long

Sunday, February 11 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Rusty Nail in Battle Lake

Missions Reflection: When we think of the first commandment — you shall have no other gods — it helps us let go of money or jobs that sometimes we worship. When we think of the fourth commandment, ‘Honor father and mother,’ it leads us to respect and obey our parents and others in authority. That is the positive work of God’s Law to guide us to love God and neighbor. You may have an opportunity to talk about that today: the Super Bowl is on and the television sound is sometimes muted between commercials. This is an opportunity to talk about God teaches us the rules, fulfills the rules through Jesus, and who invites us to life — the most exciting and challenging game ever!” - - - *Most Exciting and Challenging Game*. Read *Matthew 5:13-20*.

Equal Exchange Sunday is February 11th

Equal Exchange chocolate mini-bars will be available on Sunday, February 11th 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 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.



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



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.



Like Movies?

Stop by Zion and enjoy Faith N' Films on Sunday, Feb. 11th at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn provided. This event is open to all ages!



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 the Church for more information.



FREE PIANO

Owner needs it moved by March 10th. (You move it.) Needs tuning. Originally came from Zion loft Sunday School area. Contact Tina Bladow 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 contact the church office..



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 AM. **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 contact the Church office.



Our Mission Jamaica team is working in the Name of Jesus Christ and as your representatives to build a home for a needy family and to serve the disabled orphans at Westhaven.

Please remember to pray for the group and for the people of Jamaica. They covet your prayers for health, safety, and a positive mission experience.

A suitcase of toothbrushes, shoes and King James Bibles were taken down to give away to the poorest of the poor. Thank you to everyone who donated!

The team of 29 people will be return next Saturday. Check out the Mission Jamaica Facebook page for pictures of our team.



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.