



The Herald

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March 7	6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm	Lenten Service
March 14	6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm	Lenten Service
March 21	6:00 pm - Lenten meal; 7:15 pm	Lenten Service
March 29	7:15 pm - Maundy Thursday	
March 30	8:00 pm - Good Friday Traditional Tenebrae service	
March 31	5:00 pm - EASTER SERVICE	
April 1	8:30 & 10:45 am - EASTER SERVICES	

March 2018

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Our Northwestern Ohio Synod's Bishop Daniel Beaudoin has declared 2018 as "A Year of Prayer" thus our own midweek Lenten Worship focus here at Zion is "Living The Lord's Prayer." The discipline of prayer has been a part of my life since my days in Catechism Class and as I worked on completing the Pro Deo et Patria Award (Lutheran Scout religious award) back in the late 1950s and early 1960s. I still find it very meaningful to start and end each day following the prayer discipline that Martin Luther composed, used, and gave to us in his Small Catechism. Please find below Luther's "The Morning Blessing" and "The Evening Blessing."

The Morning Blessing

In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say:

"God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen."

Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well: "I give thanks to you, my heavenly Father through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen."

After singing a hymn perhaps (for example, one on the Ten Commandments) or whatever else may serve your devotion, you are to go to your work joyfully.

The Evening Blessing

In the evening, when you go to bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen."

Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well: "I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen."

Then you are to go to sleep quickly and cheerfully.

(Reprinted from [Evangelical Lutheran Worship](#), pages 1166-1167)

Perhaps you too will find Luther's Morning and Evening Blessings a helpful and meaningful prayer discipline during this Lenten season and throughout this Year of Prayer as much as I have through my many years.

Faith, Love, Peace, and Joy,
Pastor Chuck

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THRIVENT MEMBERS: 2017 Choice Dollars® Expire on March 31, 2018

Make a difference to Zion Lutheran Church by directing your Choice Dollars before they expire. This is the "C" component of Thrivent's ABCs. (See hall bulletin board as you exit to parking lot.)

Don't wait to direct.

Good Friday is on March 30th and March 31st falls on Saturday. As a result, the corporate office is closed on both of these days. To ensure that Choice Dollars directions get processed before the deadline, don't wait. Direct Choice Dollars now! Zion's Thrivent members directed several thousand dollars to Zion in 2017.

The two easy options for directing Choice Dollars:

Online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Phone: 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. The Member Connection Center is open until 6 p.m. Central time, Monday – Friday.

Questions? Please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or email fraternal@thrivent.com. For faster service, have your member ID or contract number available. For more information on the Thrivent Choice® program, please visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

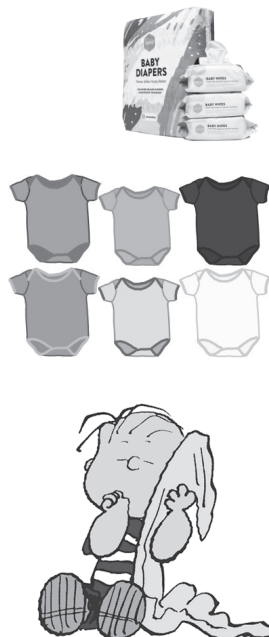
The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent members and Thrivent Member Networks in providing grants that support charitable activities (including churches), furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law.

Remember to always "Live Generously."

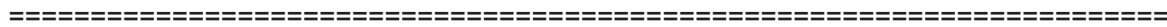
THE HEARTBEAT CRIB is back once again for the month of March. We at Zion hope to fill it with diapers, blankets, and clothing for newborns and babies to size 2T. Gently used clothing and blankets are welcomed, as well as new items. Donations of money are also appreciated to purchase items (usually diapers size 5 or 6) they tell me. Babies need LOTS of diapers!! Patty Kennedy at Heartbeat says that the Walmart brand Parents Choice is always a good value for diapers.

This Allen Co. organization seeks to serve the needs of infants, toddlers, and their mothers who need a helping hand.

Your generosity and support of this opportunity to share has been faithful, steadfast, and truly amazing. Your gifts are an outward sign of loving, caring hearts, and I am thankful to be one with you as we serve the Lord we love.



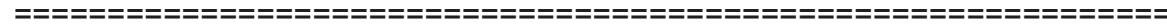
Judy Wiese for Zion's Serve Committee



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - We will be meeting March 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Our meeting last month was well attended, shawls were blessed and we had a great meeting. Ladies, with God's help, we keep this Ministry alive! All knitters and crocheters are welcome to attend. Blessings - Marie Lawrence and Sally Parker



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH - We will meet March 21st at 12:00 noon at the *Casa Lu Ai Restaurant*, 2323 N. West Street Road. Come join us for fun and fellowship with your Zion Family. Please sign up on the red bulletin board located in the north exit hallway or call Stan or Marie Lawrence, 419-225-7071



Sunday, April 16 - Easter Breakfast, serving from 9:30-10:30 AM

The Easter Breakfast is especially helpful on the busy Easter Sunday morning! This is also a fundraiser for our youth who will be attending the Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Churches United Pantry - 2017 Report

“Serve Team Update: West Ohio Food Bank is providing peanut butter once again for distribution. Needed items continue to be soup and vegetables.

Canned fruit is always needed along with basic staple items. Check your favorite grocery for sale items, along with Ruler and Aldi's for daily low priced items.

Monetary donations can be placed in the church offering plate and will be forwarded to CUP.

Thank You goes to each one of you for your continued support and generosity.

Sandra Knarr

Special Note: Zion's own Gary Howell will be taking over as the treasurer of Churches United Pantry this year.

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The **Serve Team** is asking for donations of peanut butter, soup, and canned fruits and vegetables throughout February, March and April for Churches United Pantry. Please place your donations on the table in the narthex or in the big “CUP” in the hallway outside the Hospitality Room. Thank you for your generous support.

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First Communion

If you are a parent of a first grade student or older who has not yet had First Communion instruction, please contact Diana in the church office at 419-224-9951 or by email at schneider.diana@rocketmail.com.

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“SHARE.FEED.RELIEVE” FINAL TALLY

Thanks to the amazing generosity of this congregation, the total amount donated for this campaign (between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31) was \$9,618.02. (Last year we received donations totaling \$7,599 over the same length of time.) We are sending \$4,000 to David Brondos, our missionary in Mexico, and \$2,809.01 each to Churches United Pantry and Lutheran Disaster Response. So many people will be helped through your self-less giving !!

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The **Endowment Board** will meet on Wednesday, April 11. Please submit any applications to the church office by Monday, April 9. Applications are available on the zionlima.org website or in the church office.



March Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries

Day		Years	Day		Years
4	Phillip and Cathy Shafer	51	20	Josh and Charisse Bailey	8
9	Mike and Cathy Lehman	44	23	Gregory and Cheryl Grant	15
13	Mike and Cheryl Frey	25	26	Gene and Velma Fries	63
16	Jim and Kathy Guy	44	31	Donald and Pamela Schulz	51

Birthdays



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Day		Day		Day	
1	Rose Busboom	10	Sarah Sullivan	25	Russ Wensole
1	Brian Calvelage	17	David Heffner	25	Oliver Young
3	Gary Howell	20	Cameron Grant	27	Dave Douglas
5	William Behnfeltd	20	Lee Grant	27	Pam Schulz
5	Stan Lawrence	20	Jeanette Jamison	28	Austin Lehman
6	Dick Marquart	21	Ron Hagaman	28	Adeline Schulz
7	Janet Baier	22	Ryan Dickrede	28	Hope White
8	Luke Best	22	Jenny Howard	30	Irene Kay Rhoades
8	Terry Boop	22	Jackie Loescher	31	Linda Young
8	Sally Parker	23	Karen Long		
10	Nancy Klausung	25	Sue Fifer		

If we've missed your anniversary or birthday, or if we have the wrong date, please call the Office—419-224-9951.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	26	27 5:00 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Transition Team	28 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:15 Lenten Service	1 7:00 pm Choir practice	2	3 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
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18 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30 Bell Choir practice 9:30-10:30 am Sunday School	19 April Newsletter Deadline	20 6:30 pm Childcare Board	21 10:00 am Serve Team Noon Out to Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:15 Lenten Service	22 7:00 pm Choir practice	23	24 3:30 pm Praise Team Practice 5:00 pm Worship Service
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April 1 Happy Easter !! 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Service 9:30-10:30 am Easter Breakfast	Wednesday Soup Suppers during Lent are provided by the Serve Team, Church Council, Adult Choir, Spiritual Outreach and Renewal Team, and the Men's Breakfast Group. Thanks so much for your service and delicious food !!!					



**Easter is April 1 !
 Join our celebration !!**

Contact Information, Etc.

Scheduled Activity	Contact Person	Phone Number
Men's Breakfast	Gary Howell	419-236-7275
Out-to-Lunch Bunch	Marie Lawrence	419-225-7071

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Toll-free message: 1-877-470-1910

e-mail: churchoffice@zionlima.org

web site: www.zionlima.org

Facebook: zionlima

Childcare phone number: 419-224-7719

Worship:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
 Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 am
 Sunday School - 9:35 am
 Tuesdays-12:00 pm: Live on-line Worship

Interim Pastor: Rev. Charles Boomhower

Administrative Coordinator: Diana Schneider: schneider.diana@rocketmail.com

Church Secretary: Norma Penn: churchoffice@zionlima.org

Church Treasurer: Diana Schneider: schneider.diana@rocketmail.com

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Carrie Schepman & Diana Schneider

Contacts: Carrie Schepman (419-233-9081) or Pastor Kent Wilson

Organist: Mary Jane Eichelberger

Adult Choir Director: Marilyn Basinger

Bell Choir Director: Jonathan Lischak

Saturday Night Music Leader: Open

Child Care Director: Lesa Brown: Zionchildcare45805@gmail.com



In order to beautify our sanctuary for Easter, we are requesting your assistance in purchasing potted plants. Please indicate the type and number of plants you wish to purchase on the lines provided. You may want to use the enclosed envelope to submit this completed order form and either cash or a check made payable to **Zion Lutheran Church**. Just be sure to indicate on your offering envelope the amount you are submitting for your flower order before placing it in the offering.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer lilies this year due to the closing of the nursery we have used in the past and the shortage of potted lilies elsewhere in the area.

The order deadline is Sunday, March 11.

Thank you in advance for your help! You may pick up your flowers after the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Plants are \$10 each, and you may choose from the following:

Daffodils _____ Tulips _____
 Hyacinths _____ Daisy Mums _____

Please Print:

Name _____

Phone _____

Loving Memory of (Deceased) _____

In Honor of (Living) _____

**Please Remember: Your payment must accompany your order.
 Thank You!**



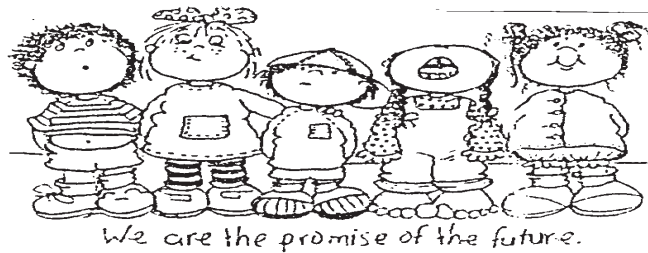
**Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m.
 on Sunday, March 11**

Spring Congregation Meeting

Per Church Council's decision at its February 2018 meeting, the **29th of April** will be the date of the congregation's semi-annual meeting. Chapter C10.01.b of Zion's constitution includes the following information in regard to this Spring Congregation meeting:

A second meeting shall be held in March or April to elect council members for the coming year and to receive reports on the previous year's ministries. Business requiring congregational approval must be presented in writing to the Church Council one week prior to the preceding Council meeting.

The April Church Council meeting is currently scheduled for April 10.



News from Childcare

The children are eagerly awaiting warmer weather and outside fun at Zion. In the meantime, we will be enjoying fun inside activities for the month of March.

We will be having our annual Leprechaun Hunt on March 15, and wearing our favorite green outfits. We will also enjoy Dr. Seuss month with fun crafts as well as activities.

We will be closed March 30th for observance of Good Friday.

We are starting our summer registration for our Summer program which will start June 4 and continue through August. We have many openings for Summer Enrollment. Our contact information for summer is Lesa Brown at 419-224-7719.

Worship Helpers

Position	March 3-4	March 10-11	March 17-18	March 24-25
Saturday Asst. 5:00 pm	Mary Smith	Diana Schneider	Sue Fifer	Carrie Schepman
Asst. Minister 8:30	Matt Young	Diana Schneider	Matt Young	Chuck Eichelberger
Asst. Minister 10:45	Carol Gibson	Curtis Young	Cathy Lehman	Richard Schneider
Greeters Saturday	Ruth Baughman	Ruth Baughman	Dave and Ski Douglas	Deb Nolter
Saturday Offering Assistants	Kim Manning Cindy Linton	Dan and Sue Fifer	Dave and Ski Douglas	Deb Nolte Linda Lindstrom
Projection Input	Cindy Linton	Cindy Linton	Diana Schneider	Diana Schneider
Outdoor Sign	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley
Head Usher 8:30	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz
Ushers 10:45	Gary Howell, Jim Maley, Joel Perrin Sam Bassitt Mark Cellar	Gary Howell, Stan Vandemark Ed Baden Dave Morman Richard Scheider	Gary Howell, Jim Maley, Curtis Young Sam Bassitt Darrell Ball	Gary Howell, Stan Vandemark Joel Perrin Mark Cellar Ed Baden
Bread Bakers	Phyllis Simon	Janice Comeskey	Janice Comeskey	Sheila Leppla
Altar Guild	Joyce Bowsher Phyllis Simon Kim Manning (Sat)	Joyce Bowsher Phyllis Simon Kim Manning (Sat)	Joyce Bowsher Phyllis Simon Kim Manning (Sat)	Joyce Bowsher Phyllis Simon Kim Manning (Sat)

Maundy Thursday March 29, Assist: Darrell Ball,
Ushers: Gary Howell, Jim Maley, Richard Schneider,
Dave Morman, Sam Bassitt

Good Friday, March 30, Assist: Chuck Eichelberger Ushers: Darrell Ball, Gary Howell
Bread Baker: Connie Glancy