

Zion Weekly News

March 14, 2021
4th Sunday in Lent



ZION
Lutheran Church

Serving Christ by Sharing God's Love

A Warm Welcome to Zion!

*No matter where you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome in our faith community.*

Check out our **NEW** website at ziongr.org,
call, or scan the QR codes for more information.
Like and follow us at facebook.com/ZionGR.



COVID Update

We are doing our best to provide online and/or physically distanced worship and activities while following CDC, state and synod recommendations and keeping everyone safe. Evaluated weekly. Note that the MN Dept. of Health recommends people at high risk stay home. Staff are working a hybrid of office and home depending on the situation. The church is open for day-to-day business—call first to be sure someone is there—and small groups if scheduled. The south door is open when staff are present. **Please read the COVID Info & Procedures on p. 6.** Watch for updates as the situation evolves.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—elca.org.

Order of Worship

Sunday—9:30am

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Confession & Forgiveness
Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone (Worship Too)
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Children's Message—Sonja Nelson
Gospel—John 3:14-21
Message—Pastor Ben Buchanan
At the Cross
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Communion
Table Blessing
Prayers of Intercession
Greater
Benediction
Dismissal
Postlude

Wednesday—6:00pm

Welcome and Announcements
Service of Light
Evening Hymn
Evening Thanksgiving
Psalms 141
Prayer
Gospel—John 3:14-21
Message—Pastor Ben Buchanan
The Annunciation
Magnificat
Prayers of Intercession
Closing Prayer
Lord's Prayer
Final Blessing
Peace



Communion is open to all, regardless of age or church affiliation

Lent at Zion

God's Church enters this reflective, somber season as we prepare for Holy Week, the crucifixion of our Lord, and the glory of Easter.



Holden Evening Prayer Worship

Wednesdays 6:00-6:30pm—Sanctuary—thru Mar. 24
Communion offered Mar. 24

Limited capacity, masked & distanced—pre-registration required [here](#).

Online Holden posted on [YouTube](#) and Wednesdays on [Facebook](#)

Lenten devotionals from World Hunger are at the Welcome Center

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship

9:30-10:00am—Sanctuary

Limited capacity, masked & distanced. Communion Sundays through Easter.

Pre-register for all in-person worship [here](#) or on [ziongr.org](#).

If you don't have internet, you may call to register—M-F.

Online Worship Posted Sundays

CHANGE: We are live streaming our in-person worship. Thanks for your patience as we use some new technology.



9:30am—Zmail link, [YouTube](#) & [Facebook](#) link

Zmail signup [here](#) or on [ziongr.org](#)—still sent at 8:00am, but worship link won't work until about 9:30am. Offering online [here](#) or mail—thanks for your continued support.

Online Connection Card

For Guests and Members—[Here](#) or on [ziongr.org](#). Prayer requests, contact info or submit communion records. (Prayer chain can also call 326-8553.)

Pre-register for all in-person worship [here](#) or [ziongr.org](#).

Limited capacity, masked and distanced, 30-minute worship.

Online worship also available on [YouTube](#).

Easter!

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday—March 28, 9:30am

Good Friday—April 2, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship—April 4

8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

Easter Flowers

[Order](#) in honor or memory of loved ones by Mar. 24.
Printed forms at the Welcome Center. \$10 each.

YOUTH STUFF

Holy Week Family Kit

Sign up for the Holy Week Kit by March 25 with pick-up beginning March 28. Register at <https://ziongr.breezechms.com/form/ziongr.org2342046>

Coming Up—Vacation Bible School in June!

Zion's VBS will be in June, in-person, and will be a program from ELCA's World Hunger. More information will be posted and registration will begin online in April. Hope to see you there!

Tentative Timeline for Lent—Children, Youth & Family

Sunday School	10:15–11:00am in-person (Youth Rm.)
Confirmation	Attend Lenten Holden Worship (see p. 2) and meet after until 7:05. (Chapel/Fellowship Hall/123)
5th/6th Grade Youth	Attend Lenten Holden Worship (see p.2) and meet after until 7:05. (Gym)
HS Youth	Attend Lenten Holden Worship (see p.2) and meet after until 7:45. (Youth Rm.)

To be added to emails or if you have questions, contact [Sonja Nelson](#).

Sunday School—Age 3 to 4th Grade Register [here](#).

Youth Programs Register [here](#)—5th grade through High School.



YOUTH MINISTRY &
MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE
NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD

Mental Health Podcasts!

To educate and help families begin conversations. <http://www.nemnsynod.org/mental-health-podcasts.html>.

Interested in Joining Zion?



Simply fill out a [new member form](#) any time to join and then attend an orientation when we are able to have one. See the “New to Zion?” info flyer at the Welcome Center or on the [website](#). Questions? 326-8553.

God's work. Our hands.

Christmas Cleanup Volunteers Needed

Sign up for a specific task, and complete it on your schedule by Sunday, March 21.

Tasks include: remove lights, box nativity set, cut display trees/stumps into firewood, haul stable and boxed items to the garage, etc. Find the signup under March 21 [here](#)—ignore times. Details in signup.



Bible Studies All women are invited! Studies are in the *Gather* magazine—check [WELCA website](#).

Martha Circle—2nd Wed. at 9:30am—Fellowship Hall or Zoom—link forwarded by Audrey Erdman.

Rebecca Circle—2nd Thu. at 6:30pm on Zoom—contact Peggy White 360-2420.

Tuesday Noon Call to Prayer It is beautiful! womenoftheelca.org.

Prayer Shawls Do you knit or crochet? Prayer shawls are warm, soft and wrap around the recipient. Each stitch is filled with prayers, a gift of God's love through the skill of the maker...the prayers are felt. Pattern [link](#). Questions? Fay Klande 492-4338 or Ann Godfrey 259-5548.

Zion's Open Closet

Free Clothing for Our Neighbors in Need



Need Clothing? Call 999-9631 Mondays from 9-noon to place an order or leave a message. One order/family/month. Items are packaged for physically distanced pickup. **We are NOT Accepting donations at this time—we are full. Thank you!**

Time to Sign up for Bible camp!

Soak in WILD GRACE. Sign up by April 1 for discounts. [More info.](#)
(Zion youth camperships: \$30—*Discoverers day*, \$60—*Discoverers Overnight or Venturers*, \$150—*other camps*. *ONE campership per youth*. *Zion campership donations welcome.*)

Join our Summer Team! Live out your faith as you hone leadership skills and provide a fun and memorable experience. Counselors, kitchen, maintenance, lifeguards, etc. Apply [here](#).

Cabin and Room Rental Available
NorthwoodsRetreatsMN.com.

VLMcamps.org, vlm@VLMcamps.org, 800-331-5148, 218-666-5465



COVID Info & Procedures

- **Masks required**—covering nose & mouth per Zion's COVID Plan and [MN Mandate](#). Children under 2 exempt, 2-5 encouraged.
- **Stay physically distanced—at least 6 feet apart.**
- **Please use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands.**
- **If you or a family member have symptoms, are awaiting COVID test results or exposed to a case, please stay home!** Symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or loss of taste or smell. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea less common.
- **If you test positive and have recently been at church while infectious,** please contact the office.
- We are open for small groups with safety protocols required—you must be scheduled with the office for potential contact tracing.
No food or beverages consumed in the building.
- [MN Dept. of Health](#) recommends people at [high-risk](#) (over 65 or underlying medical conditions) stay home. The [CDC](#) has info too.
- Church Council evaluates monthly. Watch for updates. See [Zion's COVID Plan](#) for detailed info. [NE MN Synod](#) recommends a conservative approach for the health and wellbeing of members.



NE MN Synod

Synod Info www.nemnsynod.org/

Mental Health [Resources](#)

EcoFaith nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html



E-Giving @ Zion

3 additional ways to give:

- **Online**—Donate at ziongr.org
- **Text**—Text the amount you want to give, ex. “40” to (218) 935-6112
- **Give+ App**—Find “Give Plus” in the App store and search for Zion

*One-time donation or recurring...
make changes yourself any time without a form.*

Switching from offering envelopes? Notify us to take you off the order list.
Envelopes ordered in summer for program year.

Changing from Simply Giving? Fill out form (on website “Donate” page), sign and email/return to office to stop bank draft first.



Zion Finance Update—January 2021

Thanks so much for your continued support!

Monthly Summary

Account	Budgeted Need	Received	Surplus/Deficit
General Fund	\$42,542	\$51,733	\$9,191
Building Fund	\$6,862	\$4,993	-\$1,869
Renewing Zion	\$3,901	\$2,118	-\$3,856
Mission Support (ELCA)	\$5,173	\$1,318	-\$3,856

Year-to-Date Summary

General Fund	\$42,542	\$51,733	\$9,191
Building Fund	\$6,862	\$4,993	-\$1,869
Renewing Zion	\$15,604	\$30,446	\$14,842
Mission Support (ELCA)	\$5,173	\$1,318	-\$3,856

Debt

Account	Balance
ELCA Mission Investment Fund (MIF) Loan	\$544,432
Honeywell Loan—New Boiler/Water Heater	\$187,251

Zion's Weekly Calendar

During this uncertain time, please watch for changes.

Sun., Mar. 14—4th Sunday in

Lent

9:30am Worship in Person (S)

Must Pre-register—p. 2

9:30am Online Worship (Zmail,
YouTube & Facebook)

10:15am Sunday School (YR)

Daylight Saving Time Starts

Mon., Mar. 15

9-12am Open Closet Phone

Orders (CR)

Tue., Mar. 16

12:00pm COVID Committee (FH)

1:30pm Staff Meeting (FH)

5:30pm Worship Too—small
groups (S/MR)

6:00pm Church Council (FH)

Wed., Mar. 17

6:00pm Lenten Holden Worship

(S) *Must Pre-register—p. 2*

6:35pm Senior Choir—small
groups (MR)

6:35pm Confirmation (CH/
FH/123)

6:35pm 5th/6th Grade Youth
(CLC)

6:45pm High School Youth (YR)

Thu., Mar. 18

5:30pm Carillon Classics (S)

Sun., Mar. 21—5th Sunday in

Lent

9:30am Worship in Person (S)

Must Pre-register—p. 2

9:30am Online Worship (Zmail,
YouTube & Facebook)

10:15am Sunday School (YR)

*Room Key: S=Sanctuary, CH=Chapel, CLC=Christian Life Center/Gym, K=CLC Kitchen,
L=Library, FH=Fellowship Hall, MR= Music Room, YR=Youth Room,
CR=Office Conference Room, LR=Living Room, BR=CLC Ball Room*

News Deadline is the 15th of the prior month.

Send news/calendar info to tiina@ziongr.org or bring to the office.

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