

Zion Lutheran Church and School

Welcome to Zion! We're excited to have you with us worshipping our Lord together! It's our prayer that you experience the love of Jesus in a deep and meaningful way.

Word and Sacrament

- **"A Portrait of Grace"** will be the focus of the cantata presented as part of this year's Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14. Bring your valentine to church to celebrate God's gift of love in His Son Jesus Christ, sent to save us from our sin. The 6:30 p.m. worship service will include song, narration, and slides which will recap the events of Holy Week. Join us for this special event.
- **The first of our Lenten Bible Breakfasts** on "The Salutory Gift" begins this Wednesday, February 14, at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant in Bethalto at 9 a.m. Pastor Willard Meyer will lead the devotional topic on "Life-Giving Fruit." Plan to join with members of Concordia, St. Peters, and St. Paul for an hour of worship and fellowship.
- **Lent Suppers are changing!** In an effort to provide congregational fellowship prior to Lent services, as well as an opportunity for youth to serve and allow them time to attend service, the youth group will still be preparing and providing food on Wednesdays during Lent. However, instead of a full meal, we will offer appetizers, snacks and desserts, as well as coffee, iced tea and water. Menus will be posted soon. We are still collecting a free will donation each night to help defray costs to our youth for the 2019 National Youth Gathering. Thank you for your continued and unwavering support!
- **New Member/Adult Confirmation/Catechism Refresher Class** continues Tuesday, February 13, at 6 p.m. This six week class walks through Luther's Small Catechism. If you're interested in joining Zion, please come join us! If you've been a member for a long time, this is a great chance to learn and ask questions about what make us Lutheran.

Bible Studies and Small Groups for Adults

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18a)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday	9:30	Revelation	Dottie Rogers	East Conf. Room <i>Near Elevator</i>
		The Small Catechism	Pastors	Adult Ed Room <i>Basement</i>
		Revelation	Ken Ray, Wayne Weber	Old Conf. Room <i>Basement</i>
		Martin Luther: The Movement	Various	West Conf. Room <i>Ministry Center</i>
		Women's Bible Study	Marla Ray	Copy Room <i>Ministry Center</i>
Sunday	9:30	3 years and under		Little Lambs Room
Sunday	9:30	Pre-kindergarten		Church
Sunday	9:30	Kindergarten—Jr. High		Zion School
Sunday	9:30	Sr. High		Youth Room
Tuesday	9:00	Pericopes <i>A study of the weekly church readings</i>	Pastor Kale	West Conf. Room <i>Ministry Center</i>
Wednesday	10:30	The Book of Revelation	Bruce Dorris	West Conf. Room <i>Ministry Center</i>

Evangelism

- **Zion Military Family Address Update:** If your military sons, daughters, spouses, or grandchildren have changed their rank and address, please sign the notebook next to the Military Bulletin Board or email me their new information: Paula Giertz, pkgiertz@charter.net (rank, name, unit, and complete address). Thank you for your help in updating our address list. Questions, call Paula Giertz at 466-2966.

Service

- **Preschool Sunday School Teacher Needed!** Volunteer needed to teach Preschool Sunday School once a month, and help another teacher once a month. Please contact DCE Kristen if you are interested or know someone who may be. (kwyzard@zionbethalto.org) Thank you!

Church Office

- **Gluten free communion wafers** are now available. If you need one, please speak to a pastor or elder before the communion service.
- **The Parish Nurse will be here this Wednesday, February 14, 9 a.m.—11 p.m.** (Please note the time change.)
- **Total Saturday/Sunday Worship Attendance** for 2/4/18 was 424 compared to an attendance of 479 on 2/5/17.
- **Pastor Mark** is preaching at Concordia Lutheran Church in Cottage Hills this morning.

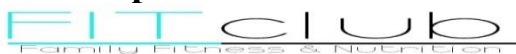
School

- **The Zion Lutheran School Ministry Team** would like to invite potential new students and their families to come and enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade soup and visit our school during our open house TODAY from 12—2 p.m. The teachers, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Roggow, Board of Education members, and our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Hardwick, will be available to help you see what makes Zion Lutheran School one of the strongest and most loved schools in the Bethalto community. If you or someone you know has a child who might enjoy attending a school where God's love is working in and through His people and where kids excel academically, please consider visiting our school during the Open House today from 12—2 p.m.
- **Do you wish your kids could attend Zion Lutheran School** but not sure you can afford it? Zion Lutheran Church and School Board think that every child deserves a high quality Christian education and will do everything possible to help make it possible for those who desire a Christian education for their child. This Thursday, February 16, members of the Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) and Zion Lutheran School staff will be available to assist parents in electronically filing for financial assistance through the LESA Building Blocks Scholarship Fund and through our Financial Assistance Committee. The computer lab and assistants will be available from 6—8:30 p.m. An RSVP to the school office (618-377-5507) would be appreciated to assure we have the resources available when you arrive. If you would like a TADs Financial Assistance Worksheet in advance to assure you have all the necessary information you need to successfully complete the application, please contact Ms. Hardwick in the school office.
- **Metro-East Lutheran High School** invites you to an Open House today from 1—3 p.m. at Lutheran High. Come find out more about this dynamic ministry and take a tour, visit with faculty and administration, get information on financial assistance and scholarships, and get additional questions answered. For more information or to RSVP, contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

Youth

- **New Sr. High Events!** We have some exciting things coming up for Sr. High Youth! Be sure to join the text reminders for updates: Text@ZionSH to 81010 to join. Sunday, February 11: Movie night—bring your favorite movies (PG13 or under) and we'll enjoy movies and popcorn (4—6 p.m.). Sunday February 25: Glow in the Dark Volleyball at the school gym, 4-6 p.m. Assemble your teams and come ready to play!
- **Pecan Sale:** The youth still have some pecans and other nuts left for sale! Pistachios, and almonds are \$9. 12 oz. bags of white chocolate pecans are \$8. Thank you for your support!

Fellowship



- **Join us for the following weekly events:**
- **Yoga** - Mondays, 8:00 p.m., Ministry Center
- **Zumba** – Wednesdays, 6 p.m. & Saturdays, 9:00 a.m., School Gym
- **Walk/Run** - Saturdays, 8:00 a.m., Culp Lane Park
- **Free will donations will be collected by the leader at each event to support the Community Hope Center.**

Misc.

- **Men's Club would like to thank** everyone that volunteered for this year's sausage supper. We served over 2,300 dinners. Without your hard work we cannot keep this wonderful tradition going. Again, thanks for helping. Next year's sausage supper will be January 27, 2019.
- **Sausage Supper:** Zion Lutheran Church, 220 W. Henry, Staunton, is hosting their annual sausage supper today serving from 11:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10/Adult and \$5/children (5-12).

- **Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast:** There are still spaces available for Pastor Mark's and Pastor Meyer's trip in October. The dates are October 6-17. Book by March 30 and save \$250 per person. If interested, please pick up a brochure outside the church office.
- **It's not too early to think about the Passion Play in 2020.** Pastor Meyer and Pastor Mark have planned a trip to Israel then on to Germany for the Passion Play at Oberammergau. The dates and the trip are September 8-18, 2020, and the cost is \$5099. In 2010, we were blessed with about 45 Zion members on that trip and we expect this trip to fill up quickly because of the combination of Israel and the Passion Play. This will be a trip to remember.
- **Alton Symphony Orchestra:** Upcoming events: Sunday, February 25, 3 p.m. "*Tribute to America*"; Sunday, April 15, 3 p.m. "*Amen*"; Saturday, April 21, 7 p.m. "*A Foreign Flavor*"
- **Part-time teacher position:** St. Peter's Lutheran School in Prairietown will be accepting resumes for a part-time upper elementary or middle school teacher for the 2018-2019 school year to work from 8:30 a.m.—12:40 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please send resumes to St. Peter's Lutheran School, 7182 Renken Rd., Dorsey, IL 62021. Any questions could be directed to Mrs. Burns at 618-975-8581 or mburns@madisonelco.com.

Worship Services

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Contact and Connect

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Activities This Week

TODAY:	Sr. High Youth Night Youth Board	4-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
MONDAY:	Braille (Highland) Matins Choir Yoga	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:	Braille (Wood River) NO Pericopes Adult Confirmation Quilters (Adult Ed. Room) Handbells Board for Older Adults	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:	Quilters (Adult Ed. Room) Parish Nurse Lenten Bible Breakfast – Eagle’s Nest Restaurant Bible Study (Zion Library) Lent Appetizers & Desserts (served by the Youth) Ash Wednesday Service	8 a.m.—12 p.m. 8—11 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Stewardship Board Leadership Team	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY:	Zumba	9:00 a.m.