

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# The Herald

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## Lent

Begins March 6  
with Ash Wednesday  
Service at 7:15 pm

2019: The Year of Scripture Memory Verse

Psalm 119:105 *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"*

March 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,



A story is told that after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, while his body lay in state, a long procession of mourners passed by his casket. In that long line was an elderly Afro-American woman with her 4 year old grandson who held tightly to her hand. As they came to the casket of Lincoln, the elderly woman stood motionless for a long time, looking at the lifeless form of the slain president. Tears were running down her cheeks. Then she stooped and lifted her little grandson so that he too, could see the body of the dead president. Wiping her tears from her eyes, she said to her grandson, “Honey, take a long look at that man—he died for you so that you might be free from slavery.”

In the Season of Lenten which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and continues through the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) on April 21<sup>st</sup>, I encourage you to take “a long look” at the One who gave His life for you that you might be free from the slavery of sin, death, and the power of the devil. That One is Jesus the Christ, and He died on a cross to set you free.

Faith, Love, Peace and Joy,  
*Pastor Chuck*

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

As you are probably aware by now 2019 is the Year of Scripture in our NW Ohio Synod and that Pastor Chuck went on a pilgrimage to Israel and its holy sites in February with a group from St. John Lutheran Church, Celina. To fully apply the message of the Bible and give you a sense of the world of the Bible that Pastor Chuck and others, including Pastor Don, have experienced on their visits to the Holy Land, our meditations during our midweek Lenten Worship Services will be Bible teachings filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East.

The video series we will be using is entitled, “Death and Resurrection of the Messiah – Bringing God’s Shalom to a World in Chaos,” by noted biblical teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan. Vander Laan is an ordained minister, who holds the chair of biblical cultural studies as a religion instructor at Holland Christian Schools in Holland, Michigan. His presentations bring together history, culture and geography to illuminate the Gospels. (Next page)

### **To Help You Be Faithful Through Your Giving**

The offering envelopes we now use at Zion (sample enclosed) allow you many different options for giving.

#### **1) The top portion of the envelope allows you to easily automate your giving.**

Automated/Electronic giving is an easy and reliable way for you to regularly contribute to the life and ministry of Zion. Not only can automated giving be convenient for you, it’s also a help in the church office. Why? Because your contributions are deposited automatically AND automatically recorded to your individual giving records! So that saves time and reduces the possibility of inadvertent clerical error.

You can check a box for a one-time gift or for weekly, twice/month, or monthly contributions. You can set up your automated giving through Auto pay via your checking account (preferred) or with a Debit or Credit card.

#### **2) The bottom portion of the envelope allows you to designate your giving AND the envelope still accepts good ole’ fashioned checks or cash.**

**3) Finally, you’ll notice that the envelope is “Business Reply Mail.”** That means that if you wish to share an offering (or set up automated giving) and you can’t be at church for whatever reason, you can just fill out the envelope and drop it into any US mailbox without the need to add a stamp. Zion will cover the postage.

#### **4) But what if I’m using the blue offering envelopes that are mailed to me each month?**

The blue offering envelopes still work fine and will continue to be provided for the time being to those who are signed up for that service. Our goal is to provide as many feasible ways to give as possible, so that you can use what works best for you.

#### **6) Then there is Online giving.** You can give online by going to [www.zionlima.org/giving](http://www.zionlima.org/giving)

So as you can see there are now many ways for you to exercise your devotion to our Lord through your faithful support of the church.

## General Information

### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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419-224-9951 Fax: 419-224-1279

**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

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Charles Boomhower

**Assisting Interim Pastors:** Don Pletcher and Sam Payne

**Administrative Coordinator:** Diana Schneider: diana@zionlima.org

**Church Secretary:** Norma Penn: churchoffice@zionlima.org

**Church Treasurer:** Diana Schneider: diana@zionlima.org

**Stephen Ministry Leaders:** Carrie Schepman & Diana Schneider

**Contacts:** Carrie Schepman (419-233-9081)

**Organist:** Mary Jane Eichelberger

**Adult Choir Director:** Marilyn Roth Basinger

**Bell Choir Director:** Jonathan Lischak

**Saturday Night Music Leader:** Open

**Childcare Director:** Lesa Brown (419-224-7719)

Scheduled Activity	Contact Person	Phone Number
Men's Breakfast	Stan Vandemark	419-909-9310
Out-to-Lunch Bunch	Marie Lawrence	419-225-7071
Potluck Dinner	Cathy Lehman	419-233-2149
Endowment Board		

### Church Council:

**President** – Cindy Linton

**President-elect** – Kim Manning

**Secretary** – Jim Raabe

**Members-at-Large:** Terry Boop, Linda Wensole, Mike Leppla, Stan Vandemark,  
Pastor Chuck Boomhower

During Lent our weekly focus will be:

Ash Wednesday, March 6—“When Storms Come”

Wed., March 13—“Piercing the Darkness”

Wed., March 20—“Gates of Hades (Hell)”

Wed., March 27—“City of the Great King-Temple”

Wed., April 3—“City of the Great King-Jerusalem”

Wed., April 10—“The Lamb of God”

Maundy Thursday, April 18—“The Weight of the World”

### LENT AGAIN - ALREADY

Yep-it is rolling around again Zion. And to let you in on a closely guarded secret it is a favorite season of at least one member of the Serve committee—namely me, Judy. The service we use here at Zion is the one on page 309 in our hymnal, and it never fails to inspire me with peace, comfort, holy encouragement, and faith for the continuing journey—whatever it may be.

Preceding all of this wonderfulness of the Spirit is the part that I only have to cook part of our dinner once (ok maybe twice) for five Wednesdays in March and April! Yaaaay!

A win for every cook at Zion for sure! If this has not been part of your church life here at Zion, consider this a personal invite to join us. We look forward to welcoming you! We serve from 6 to 6:45, followed by clean-up then the service in the sanctuary.

The group lineup for the suppers is as follows.

March 13—Serve Committee

March 20—Church Council

March 27—Men's Breakfast

April 3—Choir

April 10—SOAR

No meals Ash Wednesday or Holy Week

*Judy Wiese for your Serve Team*

“Mike and I would like to give a great big **THANK YOU !** to everyone's thoughts and prayers while we were in Chicago getting his artery opened up. We could feel the prayers with us. Mike is doing really great ! Thank you again and God bless you all - Cathy & Mike Lehman”

**SHARE.FEED.RELIEVE** Christmas Offering set a goal of \$10,000 to be donated through December 2018 and January 2019. We are VERY thankful for the generosity of this congregation, as we can report that the total received was \$9,488.40, nearly 95% of the goal. After fulfilling our yearly pledge to Missionary David Brondos, we are able to send \$2,659.77 to Lutheran Disaster Response and \$2,828.63 (includes \$168.86 from "Souper" Bowl Sunday) to Churches United Pantry. Congratulations to all who participated in this campaign !!!

**Sunday School - Children age 3 through grade 6** are invited to Zion's Kids Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Each Sunday, the lesson is tied to one of the lessons from Scripture used in Worship that day (based on the three-year rotation of the Lectionary). This means that Sunday School is directly related to the content addressed during worship! We hope this works to strengthen our students' understanding of the Good News proclaimed each week at Zion. (Adult caretakers are welcome to join the Adult Class or have fellowship with others in the Hospitality Room during the Sunday School hour.) Hope we can see both old and new faces every week!



**A Message From Childcare**  
Lesla Brown, Childcare Director

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 are also celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and the arrival of Spring with fun crafts and activities.

We are starting our registrations for our Summer program which will start June 4 and continue through August. We have a lot of fun activities planned, especially for our school-age children. If you are interested in enrollment, please contact Lesla Brown at 419-224-7719.

# March Celebrations



## Wedding Anniversaries

Day		Yrs	Day		Yrs
4	Phillip and Cathy Shafer	52	20	Josh and Charisse Bailey	9
9	Mike and Cathy Lehman	45	23	Gregory and Cheryl Grant	16
13	Mike and Cheryl Frey	26	26	Gene and Velma Fries	64
16	Jim and Kathy Guy	45	31	Donald and Pamela Schulz	46



## Birthdays

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

If we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please call the church office at 419-224-9951.

## Worship Helpers

Position	March 2-3	March 9-10	March 16-17	March 23-24	March 30-31
<b>Saturday Asst. 5:00 pm</b>	Carrie Schepman	Sue Fifer	Mary Smith	Diana Schneider	Bud Linton
<b>Asst. Minister 8:30</b>	Diana Schneider	Matt Young	Chuck Eichelberger	Diana Schneider	Matt Young
<b>Asst. Minister 10:45</b>	Curtis Young	Cathy Lehman	Chuck Eichelberger	Darrell Ball	Richard Schneider
<b>Greeters Saturday</b>	Cindy Linton Linda Boop	Ted & Mary Smith	Linda Lindstrom Kim Manning	Buzz & Karen Long	Dave & Ski Douglas
<b>Saturday Offering Assistants</b>	Cindy Linton Linda Boop	Ted & Mary Smith	Linda Lindstrom Kim Manning	Buzz & Karen Long	Dave & Ski Douglas
<b>Projection Input</b>	Carol Gibson	Carol Gibson	Dave Miller	Dave Miller	Cindy Linton
<b>Outdoor Sign</b>	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley	Nan Maley
<b>Head Usher 8:30</b>	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman	Roger Fessler	Dan Schulz	Dave Hieneman
<b>Ushers 10:45</b>	Stan Vandemark Dave Morman Sam Bassitt Ed Baden Richard Schneider	Jim Maley Mark Cellar Catie Lucente Luke Best Darrell Ball	Stan Vandemark Curtis Young Ed Baden Chase Dotson	Jim Maley Mark Cellar Catie Lucente Dave Morman Luke Best	Stan Vandemark Curtis Young Sam Bassitt Ed Baden Richard Schneider
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Marie Lawrence	Diana Schneider	Diana Schneider	Janice Comeskey	Janice Comeskey
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Becky Scott Joyce Bowsher Sue Fifer (Sat)	Becky Scott Joyce Bowsher Sue Fifer (Sat)	Becky Scott Joyce Bowsher Sue Fifer (Sat)	Becky Scott Joyce Bowsher Sue Fifer (Sat)	Becky Scott Joyce Bowsher Sue Fifer (Sat)

Ash Wednesday Bread Baker: Pam Raabe

Ushers: Stan Vandemark, Darrell Ball, Curtis Young, Sam Bassitt, Ed Baden

Assistant: Carol Gibson

**A MISSION TRIP** is being planned for this summer in partnership with Group Mission Trips. A team of high school age and adults will travel to Puerto Rico in June! The people of this island still need a lot of help recovering from the hurricane. Projects may include:

- Help with minor home and roof repair, especially disabled / elderly;
- Help with debris clearing and residential clean-up;
- Provide individualized help to those impacted by the hurricane;
- Deliver supplies and food to residents in need;
- Assist in other ways as needed.

Each participant will pay \$500. The group will also hold the following fundraisers to supplement expenses.

**March 24** - Soup and Potato Lunch after the 10:45 worship service

**April 14 & 21** - Bake sales (Easter goodies)

**April 21** - Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

### **Easter is April 21!**

Easter is on April 21 this year and that day/weekend will be here before we know it! So here's what you can start doing now...PRAY for the kind of Easter at Zion that inspires the faithful and captivates the hearts of our guests!

And speaking of "guests," Easter is the very best time for YOU to invite someone to join us for worship at Zion! With your help we're praying that we can have more first-time guests at Zion on Easter than we've ever had before!

Which means that NOW is the best time for all of us to start praying for help in deciding whom we can invite to join us for Easter worship at Zion. Please begin praying now for the Lord to help you decide who you can invite to Easter at Zion. Thanks so much for doing your part to help Zion reach out to one person at a time.  
*Zion's Welcome Team*

### **"The Year of Scripture" Study Group**

In 2019 our Northwestern Ohio Synod is extending a challenge to all congregations to participate in "The Year of Scripture." If you are interested in reading through the Bible in a year, you can pick-up a "Bible in a Year" guide sheet from a table in the Narthex. We will meet at 10:30 am on the first Tuesday of each month in Zion's library to discuss the previous month's readings. If you're unable to meet with Pastor Chuck, we encourage you to follow the guide sheet on your own or with your family.

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 8:30 & 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 <b>Bell Choir</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Sunday School</b>	25	26	27	28 7:00 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	1	2 8:30 am <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 3:30 pm <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b>
3 8:30 & 10:45 am <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30-10:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Catechism</b> Noon — <b>Potluck</b>	4	5 6:00 pm <b>Welcome / Bldg&amp;Property Team</b>	6 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:15 Service	7 7:00 pm <b>Choir practice</b>	8	9 3:30 pm <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b>
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## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD - March 3

It's an astounding scene: Jesus on the mountain with Peter, James, and John. Elijah and Moses appear. Jesus' appearance is transformed. This is not an ordinary day with Jesus! Then the cloud fogs everything up—which is perhaps more similar to our experience of faith than beholding Jesus in all his glory.

A voice is heard in the fog: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7). Apparently they had *not* been listening to him. Jesus had been teaching that he would be rejected, suffer, die, and on the third day be raised. Jesus had been telling the disciples that following him meant denying themselves, taking up their cross, and losing their lives for the sake of the good news. No, they didn't want to hear this. They wouldn't listen.

We often want a faith that is all sunshine and clarity. We often want a life that is a straightforward path with no confusion, stumbling, or sacrifice. But most of the time we are walking in the fog of uncertainty and in a cloud of confusion. Life is not easy or clear, and neither is following Jesus and living by faith in the gospel. The transfiguration shows Jesus' disciples that he really is the one, and his way really is God's way. Elijah and Moses affirm by their appearance that Jesus is the continuation of God's plan. Listen to him! Jesus' way of selfless love is the path to life for all. Listen to him! Even though life feels like a fog, God is with us on the journey. Listen to him! There is glory hidden among us all through our trials and sacrifices, the glory of the crucified Christ with us. Listen to him! The voice comes in the fog and says Jesus is the way and walks the way of the cross with us until the fog of this life becomes the clarity of the kingdom of justice and mercy for all.



**OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH** - We will meet March 20, at 11:45 a.m. at Apollo Garden Café, 3325 Shawnee Road. (Please note the time change. They start early there,) 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.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - We will be meeting March 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the library. February's meeting went well and was enjoyed by all. If you knit or crochet, come join us. We need you to help continue this outreach ministry at Zion. Bring your needles. We have the yarn!  
*Peace & Blessings - Marie Lawrence & Sally Parker*