

# March 2008

## VOICE OF ZION

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### SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship at 10:00 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

Date	Worship	Sunday School
1-27	186	81
2-3	200	80
2-6	91	Ash Wed.
2-10	165	72
2-13	56	Lenten Service
2-17	210	119
2-17	25	Tempo
2-20	70	Lenten Service

### ACOLYTE

3-2	Kayla H.
3-5	Kyle V. (Lenten Service)
3-9	Cory L. (10 AM)
3-12	Nicholas N. (Lenten Service)
3-16	Melissa S. (10 AM)
3-20	Claire S. (Maundy Thurs)
3-23	Shelby S. (Easter 10 AM)
3-30	Kyle V.

### GREETERS

3-2	Dustin & Kim Bredemeier
3-9	Esther Droege & Esther Schmitz
3-16	Jerry & Eleanor Klenck
3-23	Delwin & Patti Parker
3-30	Chris & Beth McCutchan

### LITURGIST

3-2	Kyle S.
3-9	Tina Spears 8:15 & 10
3-16	Carol Embrey 8:15 & 10
3-23	Tanya Schmitz 8:15, Pat Elkins 10
3-30	Justin D.



## “Refreshing Water”

Mary Jane Schroeder called the group together by passing out a list that might bring smiles to our faces. In the list was something that I remembered doing years ago, but can't remember when was the last time that “Lying in bed and listening to the rain on the roof” brought a smile to my face. Just reading that suggestion brought a smile to my face as I remembered the times when I was young enough not to be so preoccupied by what needed to be done that I could relax and be renewed just by lying in the hay loft and listening to the rain falling on the tin barn roof. It caused me to think about how water is so refreshing and renewing in other ways.

1. Lying in a tub of warm water after coming in from the cold. Just thinking about it brings a smile to my face.
2. Wading into the ocean surf with a rubber raft, and allowing the water to lift you and gently lower you in a rhythmic way. Just thinking about it brings a smile to my face.
3. Being offered a cup of very cold water just pumped from a very deep well. Just thinking about it brings a smile to my face.
4. The Gospel account of the conversation of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman and the way people are brought together as they share of the God-given water. Just thinking about it brings a smile to my face.
5. The water of baptism with the affirmation, “This is one whom God loves in a special way”. Just thinking about it brings a smile to my face.

Perhaps you can take a little time out from your busy day just to remember the times that something as God-given, common water is able to bring a smile to your face.

## Jr. Youth is sponsoring an Easter

**Egg Hunt** on Saturday March 15. The hunt will begin at 3 PM. Youth members need to be at church at 2 PM to fill eggs. Please bring 2 bags of candy, plastic eggs will be provided. Rain date will be March 16.



## MARCH

In order to share in the joys and celebrations of our lives as a congregation we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion. Numbers in ( ) represent year.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Barbara Klenck
- 3 Phyllis Martin, Tim Reineke, John Moyer,  
Lucas Gleim
- 4 Judy Pohl
- 6 Lisa Simpson
- 7 Aletha Meeks, Orvel Schroeder
- 8 Stacy Wagner, Bryan Reese
- 9 Griffin Wiethop
- 11 Jack Kleiman
- 12 Walt Gleim, Sharon Breiner, Carl Schmitz
- 13 Andrea Terhune
- 14 Duane Barnhart, Jordan Redman, Vince  
Frazier
- 15 Jessica Lodwick, Justin Schroeder
- 16 Drake Davenport, Alana Bredemeier,  
Shelby Lang
- 19 Shelbi Hollen
- 20 Clint Lodwick, Nathaniel Byerly
- 21 Albert Schmitz, Erika Lewis
- 22 Kenneth Esche, Ruth Redman, George  
Schroeder
- 24 Reece Terhune
- 25 Tina Spears, Kyle Swope
- 26 Rev. Ruby Schroeder
- 28 Irma Donner
- 30 Cooper Fuquay
- 31 Kristi Krack

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 10 Brad & Cindy (Embrey) Hollen (90)
- 13 Lowell & Bonnie (Butcher) Walker (60),  
Matt & Kristina (Herndon) Donner (04)
- 15 Steve & Pam (Craig) Martin (69)
- 18 David & MaryBeth (Richardson) Reese (78)
- 26 James & Carol Jo (Tenbarge) Droege (77)
- 26 James & Hilda (Schroeder) Donner (55)
- 28 Andrew & Kim (Herrenbruck) White (98)
- 28 Don & Shanna (Smith) Scherer (92)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or not correct, please call the office at 985-2437 so we may update our records. Thanks for your help!



## Schedule of Services and Easter Lilies/Donations

### Sunday March 9

8:15 AM Worship Service  
10 AM Worship & Confirmands  
Presentations of Creed & Banners

### Palm Sunday March 16

8:15 AM Worship Service  
9 AM Confirmands Photos  
10 AM Worship & Rites of Confirmation

### Easter Sunday March 23

6:30 AM Sunrise Service  
7 AM Breakfast  
8:15 AM Worship Service & Communion  
10 AM Worship & Communion,  
Confirmands First Communion

**Sunday School will not be held on these  
Sundays, March 9, 16 or 23.**

**Easter Lilies** – If you would like to honor or remember a loved one at Easter, you may provide a lily or make a donation to a church fund of your choice. In either case, please complete a form, found by the church office, and place it in the offering plate or note box by office by March 9. Cost of lilies will be \$12.00. Contact Jan Droege @ 874-3576 if you have any questions.

**Men's Lenten Breakfasts** will be held each Saturday morning through March 22. Various churches in the area host the meal served at 7 AM with services following at 8 AM. Please contact George Schroeder by Wednesdays if you plan to attend. A schedule with breakfast locations and more information is on the bulletin board, or contact George Schroeder, Dwight Esche or Rev. Scherry.



## A WORD OF THANKS . . .

What a lovely gift bag the Women of Zion made and filled with an interesting assortment of goodies. Thanks to the WOZ and to Alice Garness and Ruthie Redman who brought the gift and visited with me. God Bless you all.

Evelyn Reed

Thanks to the Women of Zion for the nice bag of goodies for Valentine's Day and also to Delene Schmitz for bringing it to me.

Edmund Droeger

We wanted to thank you for the flowers and food given for Betty Schmitz's funeral. Your support and generosity was greatly appreciated. You all have always been a part of Betty & David's lives. We definitely consider all of you as part of our family.

The David Schmitz  
Family & Mary Schauss

Dear Friends at Zion Lippe,

We here at St. Peter's Food Pantry are very grateful for the check you sent from your Christmas Eve offering. Thank you so much for helping us help our fellow neighbors who may be struggling to put food on the table. Thanks for all you do, God Bless you.

Sharon Krohn

What a great mission story! (Partners for Food) I can't imagine what 2500 lbs of potatoes, 4489 lbs of ground beef and 6614 lbs of ground pork looks like – but it sure is a lot! In this culture of scarcity, the story of Zion UCC once again illustrates the abundance of God's blessings. Thanks to the people of Zion for your ministry!

Stephen Gray, Conference Minister

Thank you to Zion UCC for the generous donation of \$100. In 2007 Albion provided 6688 nights of shelter to 325 women and 280 children. With grant dollars continuing to decline year after year, we rely on the generosity of the community to help us meet the growing needs of domestic and sexual violence victims.

Barbara Miller, Albion Fellows Bacon Center

Thanks to the Women of Zion for the Valentine treat that was brought to me by Martha. Thanks again.

Edgar Boberg

Thank you to the Women of Zion for the Valentine goodies, and to Martha Ziegler for bringing them and spending time with me.

Ethel Boberg

We are blessed to have a church family, friends and neighbors so caring, loving and so supporting at this time of loss. May God Bless you.

Brenda Bean, Amy, Aaron & Sean Phillips

Thanks to all who donated at Christmas for the Heifer Project. With those donations and an additional \$800 from Endowment, we were able to send \$2500 to Heifer.

Thank you, my Christian brothers and sisters, for your smiles, encouragement, prayers, cards, hugs, gifts, and food. The food was a surprise, but is quite helpful. Thank you, Julie Klenck, Katy Lang and others, that helped organize our meals. After stuffing ourselves on a recent meal kindly delivered to our front door, Travis smiled at me and said that once again getting food was the one thing good about me having cancer. Although I know there are MANY good things that I have experienced from cancer, I agree that the meals are wonderful. Most nights after I get home from work, my fatigue is so great that I go straight to bed for a nap. This allows me to regain energy by late evening to do something with Travis or around the house. So, on these days in particular, I am grateful for your meals to nourish us.

God has blessed me with a wonderful peace since I was given the news that my breast cancer was back, this time in my lungs. The love and support I have received from all of you continues to warm my heart. God has blessed me in so, so many ways!

Love and hugs, Tracy Reese

## March Special Offering is *One Great Hour of Sharing*

### Tree Work Day

We will have a work day (weather permitting) on Saturday, March 29, 8:30 AM, to remove 2 trees in south parking lot. Anyone looking for some firewood and can bring a chain saw is welcome. We will also pull 5 posts that are in the soccer field area. Rain date is April 5. Please contact Ron Strupp @ 985-5436.

## **Miss and Mrs. Banquet**

*Sunday May 4*

Our theme this year will be "Patterns of Grace". We are looking for quilts to be shown during our program. If you have a quilt or quilts in mind to bring, please write down the name of the quilt pattern (log cabin, nine patch, etc.) with the dimensions and who the quilt belongs to. Give this information to any committee member so that we can prepare for the banquet.

Also, we are looking for certain quilts to be used during the program. If you have one of these quilts and can let us use it, please contact a committee member. Thank you.

Patchwork	Friendship
Butterfly	Americana
Nine Patch	Schoolhouse
Wedding Ring	Crazy

Carol Embrey, Lori Davenport, Ruth Redman,  
Kay Austin, Joanna Dickhaut

## **Pump It Up for Church Camp**

Pump it Up will be held on Thursday, March 27th (during Spring Break) from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The cost is \$10.00 for each child. Ages 3 thru High School can attend. Everyone can bring a friend or many friends to come and play. The kids have a blast and we do not want anyone to miss the FUN. There will be a sign up sheet (by the drinking fountain in the foyer) for kids and friends to sign up. I need at least 50 kids to RSVP by March 23rd to make this event successful for Church Camp. You can pay at the door, but will need a signed waiver and socks to be worn during the event. Any questions, contact Joanna Dickhaut @ 985-9107.



## **Bible Study**

Thursday March 27, 7 PM in ZEC (Parsonage)  
Some study helps can be found in a lavender folder in the library on the checkout table. Please feel free to take one.

Interested in enjoying brunch with other persons from Zion? If so, you're invited! Our next brunch will be on March 9, 2008 and we'll be traveling to a nearby restaurant, the Silver Bell at 4424 St. Wendel Road. You may choose the family menu (from \$10.50 - 12.95 depending on the entrée you choose), or there's a salad bar and varied sandwiches on the menu. We'll have a private room.

Join us at the front of church after worship for a count so we can let Silver Bell know how many people to expect



## **Women's Fellowship**

The next WOZ meeting will be Ladies Night Out on March 13th @ 6:00 p.m. We will meet at St. Phillips Inn for dinner and White Elephant Bingo. This should be a fun evening. Women are asked to bring one wrapped item to be used as a prize. The committee is Gail Lashley, Irma Donner, and Lillian Randall. Please call Irma for reservations prior to March 9th.

WOZ will have a Bake Sale on March 2nd. The proceeds will go toward School Kits. WOZ thanks everyone for their participation thus far this year.

Church World Kit items needed yet are 12" rulers, large erasers, 24 count Crayola Crayons, and pencils.

March 30th is Food Pantry Sunday.

The Cookbook Committee is trying to make corrections to the recipes in our cookbook. If you know that your recipe is incorrect, please drop a note with the corrections into the box in the foyer labeled for the Church Cookbook. Contact Martha Ziegler if you have any questions.

## **Health Ministry Team Meeting**

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm to discuss upcoming activities for our church and community.

# WALK TO JERUSALEM

Well, we're on our way walking to Jerusalem. In our first week of travel, we passed by Brooklawn Children's Home in Louisville, Kentucky, and took time to glance north to our national church office in Cleveland, Ohio, all the while marveling at the beautiful hills and valleys of the terrain on our walk to Charleston, West Virginia. In our second week, we traveled the trails walked by prehistoric Indian tribes and we remembered the dark days of slavery and those who gave their lives to abolish it. After passing through our nation's capital in Washington, D.C., we set sail across the Atlantic Ocean. Of course, we're taking a much bigger ship than the one used by Peter as he fished the Sea of Galilee. There are many decks on our ship and anyone who has ever taken a cruise can attest to the number of steps they walked each day getting to where they wanted to be on the ship (and in my case, retracing those steps because I kept getting my starboard and port side reversed). It's a long way from Washington, D. C. to London, England, but together we'll make it one step at a time.

We're looking forward to docking in London about March 15<sup>th</sup> where we'll be setting our feet towards Amsterdam, Holland. As you may remember, Amsterdam was where our Exter Tour Group changed planes and went through customs on their way to Germany last June. Luckily, we won't have to worry about standing in line for a customs check on this trip. From Amsterdam, we're headed to Hannover, Germany. We're looking forward to seeing some of our Exter friends while we're in Germany on our way to Innsbruck, Austria. From Innsbruck, we'll be headed to see the Vatican in Rome, Italy, and maybe the catacombs where the early Christians hid from their persecutors. What a beautiful walk it will be through the countryside from Rome to ancient Athens, Greece, and then through Turkey towards Ankara and Constantinople. I wonder what it will be like walking the roads that Jesus traveled through Damascus, Syria, as we talk toward our destination of Jerusalem, Israel.

We have so many places to visit and sites to see and remember along our journey. Keep looking for notes from our travels in each week's bulletin and follow our progress on the world map in the foyer. We hope to also have information available on the church website. I'm so glad you're walking with me. It makes the trip so much more interesting and pleasurable to be able to share it with someone else. Walking together – we're on our way!

Donna Hartig, for the Walk to Jerusalem Committee

## NOTES FROM THE NURSES

Have you ever thought about how someone would contact your family if you were involved in an accident or had a sudden illness? Paramedics and emergency room staff often turn to that person's cell phone for clues to their identity. You can make their job easier with a simple idea using I.C.E. I.C.E. stands for "In Case of Emergency". If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under ICE, with the name and phone number of the person that the emergency services can call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly.

Create an ICE number in your cell phone today!

How would your health history quickly be shared with emergency staff? There are "File of Life" magnets on the Sunday school entry shelf that you may take home with you to complete. These list your name, emergency contacts, doctor's name, allergies, prior hospitalizations, medical insurance information, and medications. These can be easily picked up and shared with emergency personnel to quickly access your health information.

Use these ideas to make the emergency service crew's job easier and your emergency health care information more quickly processed.

## Council Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly Council meeting scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 of the Zion Lippe Church Council was postponed due to bad weather and a short meeting was conducted on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. President Larry Lewis called the meeting to order and Reverend Scherry led us in prayer. Devotions were conducted by Jan Droege. The minutes of last month's Council meeting were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's report was presented, reviewed and filed subject to audit.

**Congregational concerns** – Tina reported that the Zion Nursery Center attendance has continued to grow and could exceed capacity next year. This was a problem a few years ago when we had a waiting list but other schools opened up in our area. We are glad to be close to capacity again and the committee will be reviewing options to see what can be done to accommodate the increased enrollment.

### Unfinished Business –

- Congregational Meeting
  - Cemetery Association proposal – Larry will be working with the Cemetery Association to get another meeting setup and continue progress toward a resolution.
- Service schedule – Jan Droege handed out proposed schedule for the upcoming Easter and Lenten activities. Since we have 17 confirmands this year it was decided to hold two services to accommodate the large numbers of attendees. Two services will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> with the 8:15 being the regular services. The 10:00 service will be for Creed & Banner presentations (March 9<sup>th</sup>), and the Rite of Confirmation (March 16<sup>th</sup>). Three services will be held on Easter Sunday with Sunrise at 6:30, Breakfast at 7:00. Regular Easter service at 8:15 and Confirmation First Communion at 10:00. Jan also indicated who would be participating as liturgist, serving communion, and taking up offering. Communion will be served Pew style on Maundy Thursday and Altar style on Good Friday
- Purchase of Christmas tree – Linda Juncker has indicated that she has been working with a wholesaler that could potentially provide a good deal on a new Christmas tree. The current tree is broken and somewhat dangerous to put up. Concerns have been expressed at the precarious positions required to decorate the tree. A tree that is pre lit and folds up could be a much safer option. The existing tree is over 10 years old and has become damaged and repairs are not an option.
- Viola Hobgood Memorial – Ron Strupp will coordinate placement of two new concrete benches near main entrance of the Church. Church policy was reviewed to determine what memorial options are available. The Memorial Gift Policy (approved 12/5/1995) states “No memorial gifts acquired for the church as a memorial will have any markings to indicate the names of donors or of the deceased in whose memory the items were provided.”
- Sign up sheet for devotions – Jan collected volunteers for Council devotions for the next year and a document was handed out indicating the new schedule.
- Update the Emergency Call List – J.J. collected updates to the emergency call list and this will be distributed with the monthly minutes. This list will be used to notify members should services need to be cancelled or a message delivered to all members on short notice.
- Review committee assignments – A current member list was provided to the Council members of the exiting committees and who is serving on them. This list was updated and will also be distributed with the next monthly distribution of minutes.

**Stewardship:** –Larry reported that he will be working to transition the Stewardship responsibilities over to Terry Schroeder.

**Property:** Ron Strupp reported on maintenance issues. Ron reported that he will be looking for help in removing the two trees in the parking lot as they are dead and need to be removed. He also reported that the poles next to the soccer field will be removed.

**Pastor's Report** – Reverend Scherry reported that we have no one in the hospital at this time. He also reported that the Pastoral Review committee recently met with him and it was a good meeting. No outstanding or significant issues arose.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 11<sup>th</sup>. With no further business, meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and the friendship circle.

Secretary, J.J. Mohr



***Lenten Services for March***

Wednesday March 5 & 12,  
Lenten Service - 7:30 PM

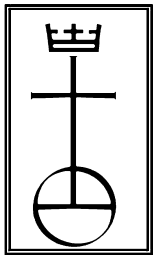
March 20, Maundy Thursday  
Service, 7:30 PM

March 21, Good Friday Service,  
7:30 PM

A light meal will be served  
before the March 5 & March 12  
Lenten Services, 6:15 PM.  
A free will offering will be taken  
for the meals, proceeds will go  
to the Partners for Food Fund.



Zion Family Game Night will be on  
March 1, 2008 starting at 6:30 PM. Bring  
your favorite games and finger food.



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