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# *Zion Lutheran Church* **NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME TO THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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**FEBRUARY 2020**      **5831 GRUNDY ROAD, HUDSON, IA 50643**  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Psalm 40:1-3, we read, "I waited patiently for the Lord to help me. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in Lord."

As we make plans, whether for our personal lives or the life of Zion Lutheran Church, we must constantly remind ourselves that God is in charge. It is essential that we listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and stay in constant communication with God. Chapter 29 of Jeremiah reminds us that God has plans for good and not for disaster, to us a future and hope.

In today's world, trust has come to mean having confidence or hope. However, in the time of King David and the prophets, the word trust had a much deeper meaning. It communicated complete reliance. When David wrote "trust in the Lord," he was expressing the importance of a complete dependence on God.

We are God's instruments in this broken world. As we meet together as a congregation and plan for the year ahead, we are asked to make decisions about our congregation's path forward. Let us prayerfully study what lies ahead of us, putting our complete trust in God and His will for Zion.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Mark Decker

### **Please Join Us in Prayer**

Each Sunday in worship, we publish a list of people who have requested prayers. To help you remember them in your regular prayer time: Dianne Bascom, Whitney Laube, Sean Love, Eunice Neil, Holly Paar, Fred Tessmer. Prayer requests can be submitted to Pastor Mark.

### **Hospital Visits**

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please let Pastor Mark know so he can visit and pray with you during your time there. Unlike in years past, hospital staff does not call the pastor to notify him when a church member has been hospitalized.

### **Sign-up to Read or Serve Fellowship Treats**

There are still some open days on the sign-up pages on the wall of the church entryway for those interested in taking a turn to serve as a reader or bringing fellowship treats or help with the sound and PowerPoint display on Sunday mornings. Please take advantage these opportunities to use your talent.

### **Congregational Meeting**

On Sunday, February 16, Zion will continue our annual meeting to approve the budget. At the January 19 meeting, the vote on the budget was tabled to give more time to preview that information before voting.

### **We Appreciate Our Worship Leaders!**

At 11:15 on Sunday, February 16, all those who step up to lead the music in worship (and their families) are invited to the parsonage for an appreciation brunch. Please let Sherrie know if you can join us, so we know how much to prepare. If you are interested in helping lead music, please speak with Pastor Mark, Sherrie or Tammy.

### **Lenten Worship on Wednesdays**

We begin our annual trek through Lent this year with our Ash Wednesday service on February 26, at 6:30 p.m. On the following Wednesdays we will continue to have special worship services at 6:30 with a meal provided beginning at 5:30. There will be no meal on Ash Wednesday but on the following five Wednesdays. The theme of this year's Lenten services will

be the joy found in the expression of faith found in Martin Luther's Small Catechism. We will use the "Holden Evening Prayer" as music for the service.

### **NewAldaya Chapel Helpers**

The month of February will be Zion's turn to help residents of NewAldaya attend their Sunday morning chapel service, usually by pushing wheelchairs.

### **Thank You!**

Jamie Miller deserves much appreciation for her work in putting together the PowerPoint presentations, week-in and week-out. If you notice any mistakes in the PowerPoint, it is most likely Pastor Mark's fault for sending her something incorrect.

### **Thank You!**

Thanks to those who stepped up and led worship while we were at that Abundant Life Summit during the last week of January, especially John Neil who preached and Lyle Wulf who presided over the service.  
Pastor Mark and Sherrie

### **Visit with Mitch Juhl**

It was a joy to get to see and visit with Mitch Juhl last month. Mitch is in the Army, serving at Fort Eustis in Virginia, and was back for his grandfather Raymond Kimm's funeral (which ended up being postponed because of bad weather). Later, in February, he will be making a three-week training exercise in the United Arab Emirates. We continue to pray for his protection and thank him for his service.

Mitch's address is: 211 57th Street, Apt. A, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451.

### **New Adult Sunday Bible Study**

We invite everyone to a new adult Bible study. "Bible Basics" is a DVD presented by former Christian Crusaders speaker, Rev. Homer Larsen and discussion during fellowship time resuming again in January.

### **Zion Cookbook**

Our Zion Cookbook is available. The cookbook is for purchase during fellowship time. The price is \$20 and contains 615 recipes. Cookbooks make great gifts! Our last cookbook was printed in 1987. Thank you to all that submitted recipes and asked others for recipes. Each recipe makes our book special. Our cookbook also contains many recipes from those we hold in our memory. Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement. We have a great cookbook and we hope you enjoy it!

### **February Anniversaries**

20 Fred & Bev Wulf

### **February Birthdays**

1 Sherrie Decker  
5 Marj Simpson  
9 Martha Watson  
9 Zander Young  
10 Ben Sorensen  
14 Chris Brandhorst  
23 Ben Volding  
25 Casey Bonwell  
26 Marvin Miller  
26 John Neil  
27 Jodi Sorensen

### **Acolytes**

2 Dylan Garbes  
9 Elizabeth Karsjens  
16 Rorie Volding  
23 Carson Laube

### **Ushers**

February 2 Andy & Cindy Appleton  
February 9 Andy & Cindy Appleton  
February 16 Irv & Jennifer Laube  
February 23 Irv & Jennifer Laube  
Feb 26 (Ash Wednesday)  
Harold & Julie Sorensen

### **Communion Servers**

February 2 Rod & Marilu Degener  
February 9 Rod & Marilu Degener  
February 16 Dan & Jane Miller  
February 23 Dan & Jane Miller  
Feb 26 (Ash Wednesday)  
Rod & Marilu Degener

### **Communion Clean-up**

February 2 Evelyn Andorf & Marian Grover  
February 9 Evelyn Andorf & Marian Grover  
February 16 Dan & Jane Miller  
February 23 Dan & Jane Miller  
Feb 26 (Ash Wednesday)  
Elaine Brandhorst & Gayle Juhl

### **Snow Removal**

February 1-15 Andy Appleton  
Dan Miller  
February 16-28 Chris McCulley  
Bruce Bascom

**The color of the paraments** for February 2, 9, and 16 is green for the season of Epiphany. On February 23, the paraments are white for the Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday.

**Our lectionary readings for the Sundays are:**

**Feb. 2:** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**Feb. 9:** Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10;

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 ; Matthew 5:13-20

**Feb. 16:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

**Feb. 23:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2;

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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**If you have an announcement, message, quote, picture, or prayer, that you would like to share in the newsletter, contact Pastor Mark, (515-538-2200) by the 25th of the previous month.**

Minutes of council meetings which will be included in the newsletters will be from 2 months earlier as they have to be approved at the next monthly meeting before they can be published.