



Tidings Of Zion

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Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:30pm April 1

From the Latin "mandatum" we learn a new commandment as we witness the example of humble service by Jesus and we hear of the new covenant in His blood, given for all. Communion kits that were prayed over in epiclesis are available in the west entrance for your home worship.



Good Friday Worship, 7:30pm April 2



We gather in solemn devotion at the foot of the Cross as we experience the promise of new life in the death of the Son that was sent into the world for us.

Saturday, Vigil at Home April 3

Throughout the day, while at home, running errands, doing chores around the house, you connect with throughout the through the ages, your baptism (pray) as you imagine the stone no longer in front of the tomb (pray).



conduct your own personal vigil as the crucified Christ. At times day, recall God's deliverance (pray), remember the renewal of

Easter Sunday Worship, 9:00am April 4

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of our brokenness, and the assurance of eternal life as the Alleluias return, and we proclaim He is Risen! (Pre-register for in-person worship through the church office due to Covid.)



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair"
2 Corinthians 4: 8 (NRSV)

- Joy and sorrow.
- Praise and curses.
- Palm branches and the Cross.
- Death and Life

As I write this just before Holy Week, these bullet points capture the essence of the readings that will lead us through Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week, and finally, Easter. Perhaps it also captures points of our lives during COVID. It is for this reason, God sent His Son into the world.

The Holy Spirit strengthens us through these ironies, which emboldens and guides our faith as life is revealed in the death on the cross. As that life is revealed, the Spirit of the Lord propels us into a life of a faith active in love, in joyful witness to the love of God on the Cross.

What does this mean for us at 1300 Pearl Street?

We continue to walk intentionally and joyfully with Christ knowing the Resurrection gives us the spiritual strength to overcome the challenges of the world.

We have begun to safely re-gather for in-person worship. We continue in the new ministry of worship on the world wide web. Mitigation guidelines are adhered to as we demonstrate love of neighbor by exercising care for all and for one another. Soon we will likely add a mid-week service.

We will embrace new ministries, as the Gospel of John taught us, belief in Christ is an action verb. Faith is what happens after we say, "I believe". A new vision of ministry possibilities will spring forth. We set our sights on tomorrow, building on a legacy that has been a part of Zion Lutheran Church for over 126 years.

We give thanks to God for the gift of the Cross.

We look for new ways to respond in thanksgiving with new ministries, with new outreach, with new gifts given in the name of the Light that overcomes the darkness. Join us at church.....in person or on line. Be a part of the movement that bears witness to the mandate to love and serve others.

Our lives are at constant risk for Jesus' sake, which makes Jesus' life all the more evident in us.
2 Corinthians 4: 11 (The Message)

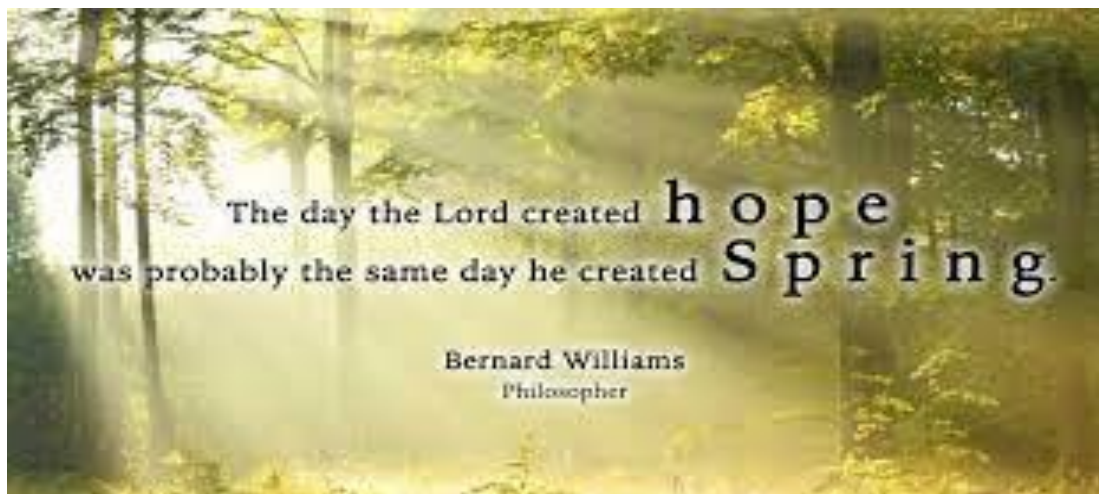
He is Risen, Indeed.
Pastor David Petersen



TECH COMMITTEE NOTES

About a year ago, Zion’s “Tech Committee” consisted of various members running the soundboard and a tablet for video. Flash forward – and it’s a brand new world. With the help of Gary Yunto, Mike Knitter and others, we are moving towards a full-fledged Audio-Visual Tech Team! And like Yul Brynner, in the “The Magnificent Seven”, we’re looking for more to join the team. It is absolutely a way to live and spread The Gospel – serving our shut-ins, snowbirds and those who for various reasons don’t walk through the doors of 1300 Pearl Street, but may want to experience worship. Our website and videos help those seeking a “home” to see what Zion has to offer. For 126 years we’ve impacted the community – and this ministry can help continue that mission for Christ. Ask Gary, Mike, Pastor or myself how to get involved. We’re looking for folks who can help out...and another reason is that we’ll always have “coverage” at the computer or video camera. Experience is always a plus, but a willingness to serve the Lord is the biggest thing.

Doug Shiloh





Outside Landscaping Project

Later this spring, the council has approved spending to upgrade the landscaping for the area of the church along Pearl Street and the 6th Street sides of the church! The changes will give the church exterior a whole new look and improve our “Street Appeal” for individuals driving or walking by. This is a much-needed improvement to our churches exterior appearance. If you would like to donate to this project, please indicate on your giving envelope with the word “Landscape” and your donation will be applied to this project.

Gary Yunto

CALLING ALL OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

We are asking for volunteers who are able and willing to help with Zion’s outside yard and garden work this spring and summer!! Jobs include mowing, trimming, edging and watering. Your green thumbs are greatly needed and truly appreciated. Please contact John Bender if you are interested and we will put you on the schedule with whichever day(s) work for you!!



Thanks to everyone that supported the Fellowship Hall “Lighting” upgrade project. Enough money has been raised to start the project!! Lights have been ordered and work will begin in the very near future. If you still would like to donate to this project, please indicate on your envelope with the word “Lights” and your donation will be applied to this project!

ONLINE WORSHIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Zion now has an online pre-registration form available for your convenience in registering for your attendance to our worship services!! We are excited to offer you the option of

going to our website; zionbelvidere.com and tapping on the “Resources” tab, then arrowing down to the “Worship Signup” tab. Our Signup Genius webpage will automatically open and give you signup buttons to choose the particular service dates you plan to attend worship. Please provide your information as it requests and ignore any popup ads that may appear. It’s as simple as that!! It’s a great time saver and gives you a chance to sign-up for many services at one time. Of course, you are free to continue calling our office at 815-547-6102 and pre-registering by leaving a message or asking to be added to that Sunday’s worship service.

PIONEER NEWS ALERT

There is a strong possibility that we might be able to meet again soon for our Pioneer Luncheons!! With the declining Covid rate and vaccine availability, we are hoping that we will be able to get together on the 3rd Monday in May and once again in June.

We will be limited to 50 people, (never a problem) and lunch will be purchased, the chicken, (always was anyway) - so we will just add some fixins. We will try to contact our regulars by phone or email blast.

Not sure if or what the programs will be as of yet, as we are still in the discussion stage.

Disposable table service will be provided and we may just take up a donation for lunch. If you are like us, we have really missed our Pioneers getting together and we need to get out and get living again!! Please watch for more detailed information in next month’s newsletter as decisions are made. Your Pioneer Friend ~ Patti Lee





Sunday School News

Happy Spring!

Stewardship for Lent

The Sunday School kids have been collecting change for our Stewardship Project - A Goat and a Flock of Chicks



If you would like to contribute any extra change you may have around the house or in the car, we have a collection bank in the back of the Sanctuary. Or, if you want to sponsor all or part of a Goat and a Flock of Chicks, each group costs \$60.00. We will be collecting all change on April 11, during Sunday School.

In-Person Sunday School

We will be going back to in-person Sunday School starting April 11, from 10:00 - 10:45am, after church. **YEAH!!!!** We will require masks and practice social distancing. To limit sharing of supplies, each child will have their own basket of supplies.

Vacation Bible School

We will be having VBS this year! Our theme is "God's Good Creation". It is scheduled for June 21 - 25 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Look for an "I'd Like to Help With VBS" sign-up sheet coming soon.

Happy Easter and Stay Safe!

Pat Castro

Sunday School Director



April Birthdays

5	Kris Enright	10	Anthony Mallegni	21	Kay Boudreau
6	Carolyn Poole		Zachary Brown	22	Nate Brunshon
	Rocco Baird	11	Marie Anderson	23	Judy Ernest
7	Preston Watts		Jordan Lehman	24	Gretel Baird
	Joanne Miller	14	Ellen Swanson	25	Art Boudreau
8	Marguerite Fowler	16	Gail Walsh Knitter	27	Riley Sipe
	Lavonne Spangler	18	Dick Durley	28	Lisa Ahlberg
9	Joanie Ekberg	20	Julie Bredlau	30	Ben Hicks



From the Treasurer

General Fund

02/2021	Beginning Balance	\$58,454.36
	Total Income	\$13,105.21
	Total Expenses	<u>\$31,974.21</u>
	Balance	\$39,585.36

Building Fund

02/2021	Beginning Balance	\$ 4,851.74
	Total Income	\$20,156.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 9,956.50</u>
	Balance	\$15,051.24

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Monday & Wednesday
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Sunday Musician

Dan Albrecht
Thursday Musician

Dawn Calkins
Choir Director

Pat Castro
Sunday School Director

Diane Vorndran
Financial Secretary

Sharon Yunto
Treasurer

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:00am
(Limited Seating
due to Covid-19)

Register Online
at www.zionbelvidere.com
tab under resources

Find Worship Videos at
www.zionbelvidere.com

OR

On Facebook at
[ZionBelvidere+](https://www.facebook.com/ZionBelvidere+)

Council Members

Term Through January 2022


Kris Beever
John Bender
Pat Scherf
Rod Brandmire
Jen Downey
Marge Olson
Donna Brookbank
Tanya Hoemke

Term Through January 2023

Cheryl Sturges
Kris Enright
Gail Walsh Knitter

Term Through January 2024

Jeff Ernest

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL				1 Bell Choir Practice - 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm	2 GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday Service 7:30 pm	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9am (Limited Attendance)	5 Office Hours 10 am to 1 pm	6 Office Closed Contact Pastor Worship & Music Meeting 5pm	7 Office Hours 10 am to 1 pm Zoom Bible Study 10:30am	8 Office Closed Contact Pastor Bell Choir Practice 6:00pm	9 Office Closed Contact Pastor	10 NIFB Food Giveaway 10 am to 11:30 am
11 Sunday Worship @ 9am (Limited Attendance) Sunday School Zoom Bible Study: 10:30am Confirmation Class: 12-1:30	12 Office Hours 10 am to 1 pm Finance Meeting: 5:30pm Witness Meeting: 7:00pm	13 Office Closed Contact Pastor Christian Nurturing Meeting 7:30pm	14 Office Hours 10 am to 1 pm Zoom Bible Study 10:30am	15 Office Closed Contact Pastor Bell Choir Practice 6:00pm	16 Office Closed Contact Pastor Council Reports Due	17
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