

The Tidings

Zion Lutheran Church



APRIL 2018

What I love About Easter

As a little boy I loved Easter. What's not to love? My sister and I always got a new "Easter outfit" which included a new suit for me (probably because I grew out of the old one) and tie. We colored enough eggs to fill a bathtub with potato salad. We even thought we were artistic geniuses. Of course my sister and I waited in rapt anticipation for the loaded basket with fake grass filling the bottom that a giant rabbit would drop off in exchange for the large carrot left as an offering of gratitude...and yes, we believed! Up at dawn, we'd marvel at the lovely loot bestowed upon us and eat a few pieces of candy before breakfast and then off to church. Church was fun because our Sunday school teacher would have another basket of goodies filled with candy and a religious trinket or two. She would tell us the basket was from Jesus. So there you have it, two baskets, one from a rather large bunny and one from Jesus but both contained what is now called "comfort food."

Age has caused me to give up the Easter stash of the marshmallow peeps, chocolate bunnies, jelly beans and malted milk eggs (well, maybe not the chocolate bunnies). But there is something that has never changed. There is something so familiar about Easter that is as wonderful as a child's comfort food.

Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Is there any greater comfort than to hear those words again and to be reminded that Jesus did rise again for me? Do you hear it? Listen again, "God demonstrates His love for me..." He loves me. He comforts me. He promises me to be my Lord and Savior.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing

Happy Easter,

Pastor Mike

Women of the Word

Women of the Word April

Circle meetings: It is never too late to join a Bible Study group/circle. Please look at the following opportunities and join us. Please call Carolyn Freeman (895-5876) if you would like to join or have questions. New members are always welcome.

Tuesday, April 3

Naomi Circle will do home study 2 Thessalonians in March and April. They will resume on May 1st at 9:30 in the Conference Room with Mildred Barton leading the study of 1 Corinthians.

Sarah Circle will meet in the Conference Room at 6:30pm. They will continue the study of “Group Hug” by Catherine Tate.

Thursday, April 5

Ruth-Rebecca will meet in the Conference Room at 9:30. The study is “Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven” by Dr. David Jeremiah. Mary Louise Leach and Lucy Duff will be hostesses.

Esther Circle will meet in the Conference Room at 2pm. The study will be “Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven” by Dr. Jeremiah. Diane Theiss will be hostess.

Thursday, April 12

Dorcas-Elizabeth will meet in the Conference Room at 2pm. The study is on the book of Genesis. Marilyn Thompson will be the hostess and Bible Study leader.

Friday, April 13

Mary-Martha (Brown Bag) will meet in the Conference Room at 12:05pm. They will continue their study of “Courage When Faith Deserts You” by Dr. Jeremiah.

WOW Board Meeting, Monday, April 9

The Board will meet in the Conference Room at 2pm on Monday, April 9.

Wednesday, April 11

Fellowship Breakfast will meet at Cracker Barrel at 9am.

Friday, April 20

The third Friday of each month the Single Diners will meet at 5pm at a restaurant to be determined. Please call

Betty Koetting (792-6940) if you would like to join us.

The Crisis Center Box

The Pink Box in the Narthex is for items needed at the Women’s Crisis Center. Please donate any soaps,

shampoos, etc. picked up on your travels. They are greatly appreciated.

Soap Tubs

Soap donations should be put in the CAM box in the narthex.

All Women of Zion! Save the Date:

Date: Saturday, April 28 Time: 2:00 PM

What: Women of the Word “Spring Flowers” Tea

Speaker: Beth McMahon, Horticulture County Extension Agent for Gillespie County, will speak (Power Point) on flowers—wildflowers, edible flowers, etc. for our area. Refreshments: tea, tea party sandwiches and sweets. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. NOTE: See the flyer in this newsletter and look for them at Zion!

PRAYER REQUESTS

When submitting a prayer request please furnish who is making the request, who to pray for, relationship, and specific need. Updates on their progress is always welcome.

Prayer request cards are on the backs of the pews and can be placed in the offering plates or in the prayer request box on the table in the narthex. You may also call Mildred Barton (792-3817) or Peggy Peese (257-7921) with your requests for the prayer chain. Thanks for helping the prayer team.



Worship & Music Notes

Judy Johnson

He is risen! He is risen indeed! So many of our Lutheran hymns proclaim our Lord's resurrection and victory....too many to list. The cross and tomb are empty; our hearts and voices are full of love.

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
In death his love shall never die.***

LBW #363

Why is the resurrection so important?

1. God's mighty power is at work, preparing us for Jesus' return.
2. Because death has been conquered, we also have eternal life.
3. It gives authority to the Church's witness.
4. It gives meaning to the Lord's Supper.
5. Christ is alive, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us.
6. It gives us strength to endure hardship and hope for the future.

So let us be "**Easter people,**" living in the joy of our Lord's victory, praising him in all things, thanking him, trusting him, expecting miracles, and sharing this Good News with others. **He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

A heartfelt thanks to many who made our Lent/Easter services so meaningful, including worship/music staff, pastors, Praise Team, Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, musicians, preachers, youth, actors, Media Team, and Altar Guild. Zion has demonstrated some pretty amazing teamwork!

April calendar

Apr. 1 **Easter** 9am & 11am services identical; breakfast at 10am
Apr. 8 Hendricks family missionaries
Apr. 22 Food for the Poor
Apr. 29 Next Gen, 11am

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ...

Tim and Karen Welsh. He grew up in Moline, Illinois, know as the "World Headquarters of the John Deere Company". He attended the University of Iowa graduating in 1978 with Bachelor of General Sciences. Tim's career has spanned 40 years in construction and real estate development. He plans to retire next year. His hobbies include fly fishing, golf and travel.

Karen was born and raised in Goliad, Texas. Her family was active in St. John's Lutheran Church. She worked at Camp Chrysalis as camp hand and counselor in the summers while going to high school. She attended Texas Tech University graduating in 1979. She taught elementary and middle school for 30 years. On October 28, 1995 she and Tim were married. They enjoy having two dogs. They moved to Kerrville in August of 2017. She is retired and enjoys reading, entertaining, gardening and traveling.

Member Updates

Marriage

Kelly Varwig and Michelle McDowell
1315 Jackson Road
Kelly: 817-797-8148
Michelle: 817-683-7169

Baptism

Aidan & Guage Varwig

Death

Deborah Winston

Memorials

Building Fund

Deborah Winston by M/M C. T. Adams, M/M Darryl Guentert, M/M R. Smrkovsky, M/M Larry Rogers, David & Deanna Niesner, Sam & Patti Niesner

CALLING ALL 6th-9th GRADERS

"REWIRED"

1:00-3:00 pm

every 1st & 3rd Sunday
come to the old sanctuary
for service projects, food, fun and
fellowship. Bring your friends.

What's Happening at Zion Lutheran Children's Center

ZLCC is an outreach ministry of Zion Lutheran Church; serving the Kerrville Community by providing Quality Education in a Nurturing Christian Environment.

March Birthdays:

Alaina
Davien
Devan
Freeman
Greyson



Curriculum

Week 1: A Tribute to Dr. Seuss
Week 2: March Winds
Week 3: Birds and Butterflies
Week 4: Spring Things
Week 5: Insects

SPECIAL DAYS IN March :

1st: Ash Wednesday

17th: Saint Patrick's Day

Lenten Services every Wednesday through Easter.

ZLCC will be closed, March 16 & 17th, for Spring Break.



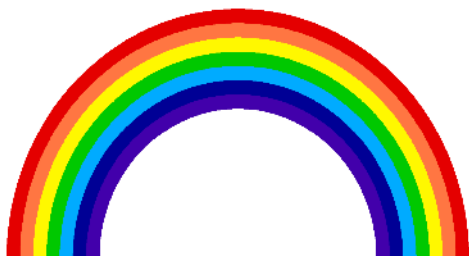
Bible Focus

Week 1: Jesus Teaches us Love
Week 2: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray
Week 3: Jesus Seeks Us
Week 4: Jesus Wants Us to Seek Him
Week 5: The Last Supper

**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
Matthew 22:27**

ZLCC is having a cookie dough fundraiser starting March 1st, anyone interested in placing an order may stop by the center at anytime. We will be selling all the favorites plus a few new ones.

Thank you to Zion Lutheran Church for your continued support.



Zion Lutheran Church

Services:

9:00 a.m. and 11:00a.m.

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: Lenten Services

All are welcome!





Celebrating God's Work

Date & Time	Prayer for Illumination	Lay Readers
April 1 9:00 a.m.	Shirley Smith	Mark Bigott
April 1 11:00 a.m.	Gaye Janice	Katy Kappel
April 8 9:00 a.m.	Karen Saunders	Karen Saunders
April 8 11:00 a.m.	Katy Kappel	Betty Houston
April 15 9:00 a.m.	Marilyn Thompson	Beth Taylor
April 15 11:00 a.m.	Daniel	Mary Louise Leach
April 22 9:00 a.m.	Linda Mann	Barbara Pollei
April 22 11:00 a.m.	Weldon Baker	Karen Kordzik
April 29 9:00 a.m.	Next Gen	Peggy Peese
April 29 11:00 a.m.	Next Gen	Zoe Contryman



9:00- Allen & Diane Stern, Mike & Shari Borchers, 11:00-Harold & Linda Johnson, Buddy Bell, Jenschke family, John Dennis, Next Gen

Altar Flowers

April 1 Lilies
 April 8 A. J. & Arita Rasco
 April 15 Dorothy Peschel & Mary Heimann
 April 22 Walter & Karen Saunders
 April 29 Delbert & June Oehler

If you would like to provide altar flowers on any Sunday in 2018, please sign the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office at 257-8411.

Liturgists

1st Sunday Brenda Abbatiello
 2nd Sunday Misty Erlund
 3rd Sunday Sue Nelms
 4th Sunday Mary Amburn

Subs: Judy Johnson, Karen Saunders

Altar Guild

Linda Mann & Donna Shirley

Bell Choir

Jim Abbatiello

Chancel Choir

Judy Johnson

Communion Assistants

Linda Mann & Marilyn Michel

Decorations

Karen Kordzik

Lay Readers

Evelyn Wilke

Multimedia

Misty Erlund

Praise Team

Dan Stisser

Prayer Stations

Rheba Schwarz

TV/Radio Broadcast

Gerd Rohleder

Ushers

Beverly Fisher

Every Sunday
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 10:10 Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 8:30am Prayer Cell Communion CAM Donation Sunday 10 Breakfast	2 Office Closed Noon Wmns A A 6:30 Men's BSF	3 9:00am wor Plg/staff mtg. 9:30 Naomi Cir. 12:15 Weight Watchers 6:30pm Sarah Cir. 8:00 pm Agape	4 10 ZLCC Chapel Noon Wmns A A 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 pm C A	5 9am LWR Sewing 9:30 Ruth Rebecc 10:00am Comm Bible Study 2pm Esther Circle 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:00pm Band Practice 8:00 pm Agape	6 5:30 A A Wende House	7 8:30 Aglow 10am A A Mtg. 10am N A Mtg.
8 8:30am Prayer Cell 9 & 11 Hendricks Missionaries 12:30 Next Gen Rehearsal	9 Noon Wmns A A 2:00 WOW Board 6:30 Men's BSF	10 9:00am wor Plg/staff mtg. 12:15 Weight Watchers 6:30pm Council 8:00 pm Agape	11 9 Wmn's Brk Noon Wmns A A 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 pm C A	12 9am LWR Sewing 10:00 No Comm. Bible Study 2pm Dorcas Eliza 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:00pm Band Practice 8:00 pm Agape.	13 Noon Brown Bag 5:30 A A Wende House	14 10 A A Mtg. 10 N A Mtg CSI Volunteer Day
15 Newsletter Deadline 8:30am Prayer Cell Communion 10 Home bound visitation mtg. 11 Spagetti Dinner 5-6pm Prayer Hour	16 8:30 Quilt Guild Noon Wmns AA 6:30 Men's BSF	17 8:30 Quilt Guild 9:00am-noon Wor Plg/Staff Mtg.. 12:15 Weight Watchers 1:30pm Knitters 8:00 Agape	18 10:00am ZLCC Chapel Noon Wmn A A 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 pm CA Mtg	19 9am LWR Sewing 10:00am Comm Bible Study 5:30pm Weight Watchers 6 Comm. Prayer 6:00pm Band Practice 8:00 pm Agape	20 8am-5pm Lifeline Screening 5:30 A A Wende Hse.	21 10 A A Mtg. 10 N A Mtg.
22 8:30 am Prayer Cell 9 & 11 Food for the Poor 12:30 Next Gen Rehearsal	23 Noon Wmns AA 6:30 Men's BSF	24 9:00am-noon Wor Plg/Staff Mtg. 12:15 Weight Watchers 8:00 Agape	25 Noon Wmn A A 4:00 Next Gen Rehearsal 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 CA Mtg	26 9am LWR Sewing 10:00am Comm Bible Study 4:00 Next Gen Rehearsal 5:30pm Weight Watchers 8:00 pm Agape	27 5:30 A A Wende Hse.	28 10 A A Mtg. 10 N A Mtg 2:00 WOW Tea
29 8:30 am Prayer Cell 9 & 11 Next Gen	30 Noon Wmn A A 6:30 Men's BSF					



Nermyr, Jan	4/1	Turner, Fran	4/17
Thompson, John	4/1	Anders, Jordan	4/22
Haverlah, Vernon	4/5	Jascur, Deborah	4/23
Burris, Erik	4/6	Williams, Annabelle	4/23
Gold, Tammy	4/6	Grassly, Connie	4/24
Keeny, Diana	4/6	Taylor, Tollie	4/24
Herman, Tyler	4/7	Thompson, Wilma	4/24
Bernhard, Lisa	4/9	Bligard, Jake	4/25
Carswell, Marque	4/9	Feldman, Stephen	4/25
Altman, Brandis	4/10	Walters, Aaron	4/25
Krutsinger, Catherine	4/11	Barton, Mildred	4/26
Scherer, Lily	4/12	Williams, Fred	4/26
Bligard, Inez	4/13	Harrison, Lee	4/27
Gold, Peggy	4/13	Jenschke, Tyler	4/27
Rauhut, Barbara	4/13	Turner, Bill	4/27
Schultz, Carol	4/13	Gold, Don	4/28
Pagel, Nadine	4/14	Hargis, Jeannie	4/28
Parkhurst-Rhodes, Tammy	4/14	Haverlah, Diana	4/28
Kinsey, Teri	4/16	McMahon, Beth	4/28
McLerran, Joe	4/16	Boos, Irene	4/30
Mikeska, Mitch	4/16	Michel, Renee	4/30



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 Bell Choir Director - Jim Abbatiello
 Children's Ctr. Director - Abigail Guest
 Nursery Attendant - Audra Rode
 Superintendent - Steve Griffin
 Altar Guild - Linda Mann & Donna Shirley
 Ushers - Beverly Fischer

Church Council Officers

President – Sharon Spenrath
 Vice President – Roger Lampman, Jr.
 Secretary – Cathy Krutsinger
 Treasurer – Mary Vestuto

Representatives:

Benevolence – Tim Tompkins
 Children's Center – Larry Cattran
 Evangelism – Karen Saunders
 Fellowship – Kelly Varwig
 Parish Ed – Fran Turner
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 Stewardship - Bob Gates
 Worship & Music - Tammy Parkhurst-Rhodes
 Youth Ministry - Donna Kelley

MISSION MOMENT

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt

Director of Mission Growth

Fools for Christ

The number one reason why Christians do not share their faith is fear. More than any other reason that we give for not telling others about Jesus is fear of rejection, fear of messing up, fear of being asked questions we don't know the answer to, etc. In short, we can say that we are afraid of making fools of ourselves!

This month we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on April Fools' Day for the first time in 62 years! While much has been written and said about Jesus making a fool of sin, death, and the devil in his rising from the dead, I wanted to take a few moments and reflect on our foolishness instead.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 1 that "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." In other words, we shouldn't be surprised that some who hear the Good News about Jesus will see it as foolishness. And this also should not deter us from sharing the Gospel, but simply prepare us for how we may be received.

Paul goes on to write that "God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe." Paul's words should give us courage to face our fears and not worry about whether we look foolish in the eyes of those we reach out to. We may be rejected, but we shake off the dust. We may be ridiculed, but we know that we are counted as blessed. We may be asked tough questions, but we answer honestly: "I don't know - let's see if we can figure that out together." We may even feel like we mess up, but we know that God is with us, the Holy Spirit is empowering us, and that God promises that his word will always accomplish its purpose.

So be bold and brave and share the love of God with someone God has put in your life to enjoy and befriend. For we are reminded that being a fool for Christ is a good thing and its not foolishness at all. For if we are never willing to risk some embarrassment for Jesus' sake, we will never receive the reward of the joy of salvation coming to the one who hears and believes.

Jesus looked like a fool for dying on the cross. What kind of King does that? The kind that loves us so much that he was faithful even to death to accomplish his Father's plan of salvation, so that death can be conquered and the joke be on the devil! And it would be foolish of us to NOT share this Good News!

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for the LCMC Texas District. Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Feel free to contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lcmctexas

A Thank You Note – 2018 Quilts

Oops, a mark was left off our chart so the final count when all the quilts were placed on the pews was 103. Many, many thanks go out to all the people who made this project such a success. Twenty quilts will go to four local charities (CAM, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Hill Country Youth Ranch), and the rest will go to Lutheran World Relief at their Maryland warehouse.

Here is the 2018 composite list whether you came every day or a few hours or worked at home: Mary Vestuto, Linda Behrens, Shirley Smith, Rachel Erlund, Carolyn Freeman, Nancy McVey, Barbara Pollei, Linda Johnson, Peggy Peese, Wilma Thompson, Linda Mann, Karen Saunders, Susan McMahan, Arita Raso, Rheba Schwarz, Mary Heimann, and Janett Windsor.

A special thanks goes to Steve Griffin, Kelly Varwig, and Jim Smith for setting up the fellowship hall with all the tables, our supplies and sewing machines. Thanks to Jim Smith for helping to lay out the four stations ready for tying on Monday. He also cooked the chili for the last Thursday lunch. Thanks also go to the members of second service who helped to get the quilts back to Room 138. Thanks to all the people who donated fabric and sheets for the tops, liners, and backs. Thanks to the volunteers who packed up the quilts so Oda and David Van Winkle could help Jim and I take them to Fredericksburg on April 3rd. Linda Mann told me that Karen and she have six kits ready for anyone who wants to start on next year's quilt project. That's right. It never stops, God willing.

Submitted by Shirley Smith

QUILTS: Fabric for quilts should be washable cotton/cotton blend material. Any cotton fabric larger than 8 ½" square can be used for quilt tops. Larger pieces are used for backs (64"x84"). Flat sheets in good condition, double or larger size, make wonderful backs. Fitted sheets can be taken apart and pieced also. Sheets of lesser quality can be used for liners. Please wash sheets. We can NOT use double knits, velvet, lace, or wool. Please leave fabric and sheets for quilts in Room 138.

FABRIC KITS: These kits are used to teach people a means of supporting themselves. Each kit consists of TWO pieces of cotton/cotton blend fabric each 3 yards by 44" wide and TWO spools (each 250 or 300 yards or equivalent) of matching or neutral ALL PURPOSE thread. Please label these items: FOR FABRIC KITS and place in the LWR box in the narthex. The circles will assemble kits from items donated.

SOAP: Bath size bars of soap, individually wrapped, (any brand) can be left in the LWR tub in the narthex. The soap will be for people around the world through LWR and the local needs through donations to CAM.

CASH DONATIONS are always welcomed. Checks and cash may be placed in pew envelopes. Checks may be written to Zion Lutheran Church with "WOW-LWR" on the memo line. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or dropped by the church office. These donations are used to purchase items to complete the LWR projects, the maintenance of sewing machines, and shipping costs.

QUILTING DATES:

Dates for the 2018 quilting project are February 5—February 9th and February 12--16^h. Mark your calendars now to join us then. The quilts will be displayed on the pew backs February 18th.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
PROJECTS 2017-2018**