

ZION TIDINGS

March 2026



“Serving Christ through Serving Others”

Why Lent?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent every year. It launches that 40-day journey towards Easter. We mark our foreheads with ashes, the paraments are changed to purple, and our Bible readings focus on the themes of repentance. But have you ever wondered why we celebrate Lent at all? Where does it come from? I thought I would write this brief article to help illuminate the historical and biblical background for Lent.

There was much debate among Christians about when exactly Easter should be celebrated, with many arguing for different days. The Council of Nicaea in 325 AD (where we get the Nicene Creed from) was a gathering of Christians from all over the known world to settle some of these debates. The council eventually decided that Easter would fall on a Sunday, specifically the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox.

The council then agreed that there should be a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter (Lent) due to the biblical roots of the number 40. In Genesis 7:4, God sends rain on the earth 40 days and 40 nights while Noah and his family ride in the ark. In Exodus 24:18, Moses receives the instructions from God on Mount Sinai for 40 days. The prophet Elijah was in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights as he walked to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8). And Jesus spent 40 days in the desert where he was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11). It is this last scene from the biblical witness that has influenced Lent the most.

In 601 AD, the start of Lent was set as Ash Wednesday by Pope Gregory. He launched the tradition of marking parishioners' foreheads with ashes in the shape of a cross. This practice also draws on biblical traditions. For example, the Old Testament often uses ashes for liturgical purposes. Ashes were meant to denote mourning, mortality, and penance.

The purpose of Lent is to help us fixate our gaze on the God who died to save us. We simply cannot save ourselves. As we spend the next 40 days in the wilderness with Jesus, let us remember what he went through, and let us remember that this same One walks with us now.

Have a blessed Lent,



Pastor Summers

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE April “TIDINGS” is Friday, March 20, 2026

March Birthdays

4	Ava Coppock	19	Hannah Kessler	28	Bob Keppel Lori Sebastian
6	Matthew Hannah Nate Ewing	20	Ash Johnson	31	Christine Copeland
7	Jen Kauffmann	21	Billie Fischer		
8	Dennis Jacoby	23	Dale Rudisill		
14	Janice Mach	24	Michael Hannah (dad) Kervyn Mach		
15	Lynnette McKibbin Nicholas McKibbin	25	Heidi Coppock		



Mission of the Month

Serving at Kennedy Hall

Zion will prepare and serve lunch at Kennedy Hall in Troy on **Saturday March 7th**. Kennedy Hall is a community space for the residents of Terrace Ridge apartments. Terrace Ridge is a senior housing community for those 62+ or disabled individuals receiving SSI. Zion members will prepare a meal beginning at 9:00 am at the church on Saturday, March 7th. We'll transport the food beginning at 11:00 and serve from 12:00-1:00. Also needed are donations of cookies and/or brownies. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Linda Holt.



Upcoming Events



Lent Devotional Service

Wednesday, March 4 – 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 29 - 10:00 am

Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt - Following Service

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 3 - 7:00 pm

Easter

Saturday, April 4 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 - 10:00 am



Bible and Brew

Tuesday, March 17th

5:30 – 6:30

Chaffee's Brewhouse

15 E. Second Street, Tipp



Everyone is welcome to join in on these interesting and thought-provoking gatherings. The monthly topics are diverse and relevant.

Chaffee's offers a selection of craft beers, coffees, and a variety of other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

March 21st

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Pizza will be provided

A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost

**Please BYO Beverages
and a Snack to Share**

Sign up in the Fellowship Hallway



If you don't know how to play –
no worries – we will teach you.
It's easy & fun!

Women's Daytime Fellowship
March 25, 10:00 a.m.

All women are invited. Bring an idea for discussion that is important to you. This can be a social concern, a Bible verse or story that you've always wondered about, a spiritual question, etc. If we don't get to your issue, we will continue in the following month. Our purpose is to form friendships, support for each other, and to grow in our Christianity. We meet for an hour.



**Palm Sunday Breakfast
& Egg Hunt**
March 29th After Service



Join us in the Fellowship Hall after Palm Sunday service for a delicious pancake and sausage brunch. Following, there will be crafts and an egg hunt for kids to enjoy. Please sign up in the fellowship hallway if you think you may attend (we would rather prepare for too many). We can always use help with this event. You can sign up to assist in the same place.



Sunday, March 8th



Friday, March 20th

Order Your Zion T-Shirt

We have Zion T-Shirts available for the congregation to order! Shirts are a great way to show your love of Zion within the community. They are also a helpful tool to be recognized easily at events within the community and hosted at Zion.

Please see the posters located around the building to view your color options (Grey, Purple, Blue, or Red). Shirts are available in both Adult and Youth sizes. There is a poster showing the colors and size charts for adults and youth in the fellowship hall and a smaller chart beside the order forms on the table in the narthex. Please return your order form with cash or check to the envelope in the workroom by **March 8th!**

Order Your T-Shirt



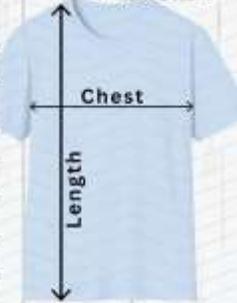
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Adult Shirts \$12 each
Youth Shirts \$15 each

Size	Length	Chest
XS	27"	16"
S	28"	18"
M	29"	20"
L	30"	22"
XL	31"	24"
2XL	32"	26"
3XL	33"	28"
4XL	34"	30"
5XL	35"	32"

ADULT



GILDAN SOFTSTYLE T-SHIRT

Youth T-Shirt Size Chart
(Gildan 5000B)



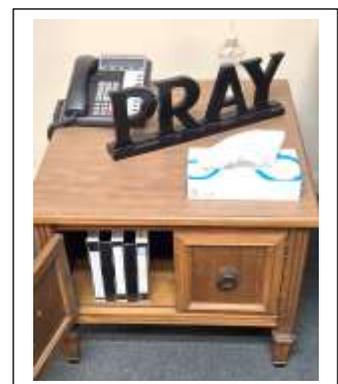
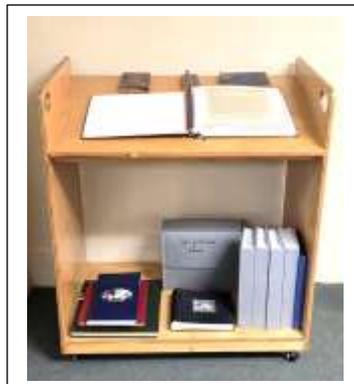
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XS	6-8	16	32	20.5
S	10-12	17	34	22
M	14-16	18	36	23.5
L	18-20	19	38	25
XL	22-24	20	40	26.5

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What's New

In honor of our 200th anniversary, a group of people have been organizing photos that had been piled into drawers in the workroom. After months of work, the collection is finished and you are invited to look through the albums, which are in the narthex. DVD's are also available.

Thanks to Ruth White & Sue Rambeau who started the sorting and Deb & Bob Keppel, Jill Greer, Dianne LeGros and Carla Frame who finished the job.



Women of Zion Valentine Video Night

Fifteen Women of Zion and a guest enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship, delicious food and a hilarious video of Jonnie W, a Christian comedian. At the end of the evening, the women shared what was happening in their lives, prayer requests and laughter.

All women are Women of Zion. Join us for our next meeting on **Sunday, March 8th at 5:00**



Time to Order Easter Flowers



Easter is just around the corner and it's time to place your order for flowers. Order forms are in your bulletins the first Sunday of March. After that, they are available on the table in the narthex. There is a collection box for the forms and the money on the table or you can put it in the offering. Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church and put "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. The deadline is **March 16th**.



Thank You

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,342.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through ELCA Good Gifts.

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed! Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people – around the world and around the corner with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,
Rachel Wind,
Executive for Development
ELCA



Souper Bowl Watch Party

Eight folks gathered to eat delicious soups and snacks, play cornhole and watch a defensive, one-sided Super Bowl. Those in attendance said they had fun.



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Souper Bowl of Caring Results

Zion members accurately predicted the outcome of the game with their donations.

Non-Perishable Items:

Sea Hawks: 32

Patriots: 8

Monetary Donations:

Sea Hawks: \$59.00

Patriots: \$6.00



Children & Youth Sunday School

If you have a preschool aged child who would like to be included in Sunday School, we are happy to include them accompanied by a parent. Kindergartners and older may be dropped off to a teacher at 9am.

All Sunday School students will be learning about the same topics, which coincide with our lectionary.

	Lent	Lent 2	3/1/2026	Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-17
	Lent	Lent 3	3/8/2026	Woman at the Well	John 4:5-42
	Lent	Lent 4	3/15/2026	Samuel Anoints David	1 Samuel 16:1-13
	Lent	Lent 5	3/22/2026	Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11:1-45
	Lent	Palm/Passion Sunday	3/29/2026	No Sunday School - join us after Worship for Breakfast and Egg Hunt	
	Easter	Easter Day	4/5/2026	No Sunday School - Happy Easter!	
	Easter	Easter 2	4/12/2026	Thomas Answers Jesus	John 20:19-31

Confirmation for 6th graders and older who have already spoken to Pastor Summers: March 10 5pm.

Fun, Faithful Fellowship Events (formerly Fun Family Fellowship)

Remember how much fun last summer was? We had popsicles in the park, painted rocks, made paper airplanes and bridges, fellowship, Christian Education, and so much FUN!

Well, this year we need YOUR help to plan and run some “fun for everyone” events! These events can focus on faith, fellowship, or something in-between! If you have a hobby you’d like to share with God’s children (of various ages) please contact Jessica Dorn so that we can get some events on the schedule!

2027 Youth Gathering- Minneapolis

If you have a current 8th-12th grader who may be interesting in attending the youth gathering on **June 28-July 2, 2027** please reach out to Jessica as soon as possible because planning is currently underway!

*to God – whose power now
at work in us can do
IMMEASURABLY MORE
than we ask or imagine.*
—Ephesians 3:20 (inclusive)



Capital Bowl Youth Outing

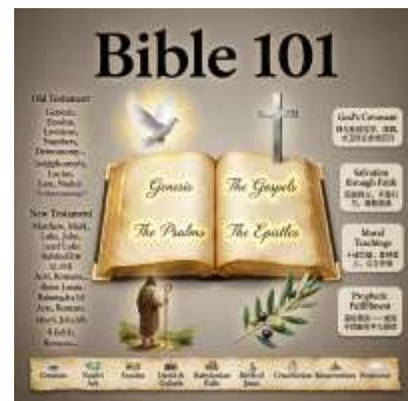
3 youth and 2 leaders went to the Capital Bowl at Capital University on February 6-7 along with approximately 70 kids. While at the Capital Bowl, there was fellowship, spiritual growth, prayer, a service project, a tour of Capital University, and a lot of fun!



Adult Sunday School

The adults will wrap up their study on Luke on March 8th.

Pastor Jaren will be starting a new series, Bible 101, for Adult Education on **March 15th**. **Join us at 9am** on Sunday mornings as we talk about the basics of the Bible. Come with any and all questions. We look forward to seeing you!





How Can I Get Involved?

We are so happy to welcome new people to our congregation. We've been asked about ways to plug in to activities. To provide information about the multitude of opportunities, this an ongoing section in Tidings, which describes a specific ministry area and ways to become involved. This month we are highlighting Sunday church service **Readers** and **Communion Assistants**.

Readers stand up during service and read three scriptures. No skills or training are required to do this but it is important to speak clearly so that the congregation can hear and understand you well. Annette emails the scriptures in large print on the Wednesday before service so you can review them, which is especially helpful if they contain unusual names. If you are interested, we pass a sign-up sheet around every other month during Sunday service.

Communion Assistants stand with Pastor Summers and serve communion to the congregation. No special skills are required but, a small amount of training is needed. Please see Pastor Summers if you are interested in this. Once you have the training, you can sign up to serve on the aforementioned sheet that is passed.

Worship Participation Open Houses

These are opportunities after worship services to ask questions or simply learn more about participating in worship.

Saturday Service – March 7th

Pastor Jaren will be providing a refresher course after worship to introduce different opportunities for people to help out in Saturday worship. We will discuss opportunities like serving as greeters, taking care of the offering and helping the altar guild.

Sunday Service – March 8th

Pastor Jaren and the Communications/Welcoming Committee will be covering different opportunities like serving as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, and readers. There will also be an opportunity to learn about choir.

A Moment for Fellowship

Starting **Sunday, March 1st**, we invite you to stay after Sunday worship for coffee, juice, and donuts in the lobby. We are looking for **two volunteers** each week to help with simple setup, brewing coffee, and cleanup. If you can help serve, a sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



FELLOWSHIP



Council Meeting Report

The February 10th meeting of the Church Council opened with prayer and a thoughtful devotion titled *Life's Enjoyment*, inviting us to pause and recognize the small, everyday blessings that bring joy and meaning to our lives. It was a gentle reminder that God often meets us in the simple moments we might otherwise overlook.

Pastor shared that Usher and Greeter Training will be offered on March 7th and 8th, providing an opportunity for both current volunteers and anyone interested in joining these ministries of welcome.

The Welcoming /Communications Committee continues to build momentum for fellowship and connection in the coming months. Two Bunco Nights—March 21st and June 20th—promise evenings of laughter and lighthearted fun. The committee also noted several upcoming opportunities for gathering and growth:

- WOZ Valentine's Party – Sunday, February 15
A joyful Video Night hosted by the Women of Zion.
- Bible and Brew – Tuesday, February 17, 5:30–6:30 PM
A relaxed hour to explore faith, scripture, and life through open conversation.
- Dayton Dragons Outing
Zion will once again offer a group outing to cheer on the Dragons, with more details coming soon.

The Christian Education Committee reported on the recent Capitol Bowl Event, held Friday, February 6th. The evening began with a kickoff gathering at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and continued with a full schedule designed to nurture faith, friendship, and fun. Participants enjoyed three meals (including one in the Capital University dining hall), an inspirational speaker, small group discussions, open gym time, snacks, games, crafts, movies, a scavenger hunt, special SWAG, and even an optional campus tour. It was a rich and memorable experience for all who attended. A heartfelt thank-you were extended to Jessica Dorn and Katie Kessler, who generously served as chaperones and helped make the event possible.

Christian Education also announced the launch of a new Amazon Wish List for Zion's youngest churchgoers. This curated list will make it easy for members of the congregation to support our children's ministries by purchasing items that are needed in the nursery and Young Church spaces. The Wish List will include fidget toys, quiet activities, and replacements for worn or broken items—simple tools that help children feel comfortable, engaged, and cared for during worship and learning time. By contributing an item or two, members can directly bless the children who bring so much joy and energy to our congregation.

A new initiative is taking shape as Zion prepares to launch Holy Grounds Café, a pilot program beginning March 1st. This informal gathering will take place immediately after Sunday worship, offering coffee, treats, and a warm space for conversation. The heart of the program is simple: worship doesn't end with the final hymn—community continues as we share stories, build friendships, and welcome one another with intention. Whether someone has been part of Zion for decades or is walking through the doors for the first time, Holy Grounds Café will be a place where everyone belongs.

As part of Zion's 200th Anniversary celebration, several special events are planned to honor our history, community, and faith. Planning continues for the Rededication of the English Lutheran Cemetery on South Hyatt Street, a meaningful service of remembrance and blessing scheduled for Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 PM. This historic site holds the stories of Zion's earliest members, and the rededication will honor their legacy with care and dignity.

During the meeting, Council members were shown a sample of the new cemetery sign that will be placed at the site. The sign lists the names, dates of birth, and burial dates of those interred in the cemetery—an important act of restoration, as many of the original headstones have weathered away or no longer exist. This work ensures that the identities and stories of these early members will not be lost to time. Ongoing efforts include verifying historical records, integrating WPA research, preparing interpretive materials, and finalizing the service program.

Later in the anniversary year, Zion will host a Community Ice Cream Social on Saturday, June 27th at 2:30 PM, inviting members, neighbors, and friends to gather for a summertime celebration of fellowship and gratitude. Zion's bicentennial year continues to unfold with joy, remembrance, and a deep sense of community—honoring the past while building connections that carry us into the future.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Property Committee

February 2, 2026

- The committee members carried all the wood needed to install the attic floor to the attic from the church garage.
- Boy Scout Troop 413 will be moving out of the Sunday School room and soon the quilters will be moving into that room.
- Many thanks to John Greer for taking the remaining upholstered wood chairs to Habitat's ReStore in Troy.
- Thanks to James Sebastian for replacing all the fluorescent light bulbs and removing the ballasts throughout the building and installing LED bulbs in their place This will save Zion electricity costs in the future. James has been working on this project for many months.
- The monthly work list was completed.

The next meeting will be **Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

Bike Rodeo

Do you have any gently used bikes that are taking up space in your garage? Would you like them to go to a good cause? St Paul Lutheran Church on Dog Leg Road in Dayton is looking for donations of bikes for their 5th Annual St Paul Bike Rodeo on



Saturday, May 23rd from 12-2pm. At this fun community event, they give away gently used bikes and brand-new bike helmets to help both kids and adults have a great start to their summer. The bikes come from generous community members and the helmets come from Dayton Children's Hospital and the American Academy of Pediatrics. This has become a wonderful outreach event. Last year, they served 140 people and gave away 68 bikes and 88 helmets. Now you can be a part of this year's event. If you have any bikes (for kids or adults) that you would like to donate, please contact Pastor Kurt Lammi at 937-890-1791 or kurtlammi@gmail.com. Donations will be accepted through the end of April. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You

Zion Lutheran Congregation:



I can't thank you enough for all your donations to Little Kindness non-profit. Your donations make a BIG difference in being able to reach so many deserving individuals with chemotherapy care bags and Random Acts of Kindness. I listen to the Holy Spirit on who to hand a Random Act and He leads me to some very deserving people. Thanks again for supporting Little Kindness for the 4th year.

Pam Hale

Items donated: 11 hats
15 pairs of socks
1 box of envelopes
45 individual tissue packets
6 bags of chocolate
8 bags of mints
8 decks of playing cards
1 nausea patch
11 lip moisturizers
6 coloring books
17 puzzle books
15 body creams
26 gift cards



March Hymn – *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land is an African-American spiritual that we will learn in March. As is the case with many spirituals, they are passed down orally, and the origin and the texts are varied depending on whose version is heard and learned. The version we have in our hymnal was arranged by Wyatt Tee Walker whose lyrics and music were based on an arrangement by Silver Strands, a 1960s San Diego-based musical ensemble of United States Navy personnel. The verses are based on 3 primary Scriptures.

**vs. 1: No man can do like Jesus,
Not a mumbling word He said;
He went walking down to Lazarus' grave,
And He raised him from the dead.**

John 11:38–44 ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

**vs. 2: When Jesus was on earth,
The flesh was very weak;
He girdled Himself with a towel
And washed His disciples' feet.**

The refrain *Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm* could be based on a wide variety of Scriptures. One explanation by Father Charles Pope ties *Jesus is a rock in a weary land* to the Israelites and Communion, specifically: "that Jesus feeds us with his actual Body and Blood and is food for our journey across the desert of this world unto the promised land of heaven. In the Old Testament God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna and water from the rock (and the Rock was Christ)" – see 1 Corinthians 10:3-4

Another source (Discipleship Ministries) suggests that the refrain references the following Scriptures. Isaiah 25:4 "For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a *shelter from the rainstorm* and a shade from the heat."; Isaiah 4:6 "It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat and a refuge and a *shelter from the storm* and rain."; and Isaiah 32:2 "Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the *shade of a great rock in a weary land*." Further, Psalm 61:3 mentions "for *you are my refuge*, a strong tower against the enemy." Because of images that are conjured when Jesus is our rock, our shelter, and our protector, I connect similarities with A Mighty Fortress is Our God.

Lastly, here are additional Scripture references (not mentioned above) that hymnary.org references for the hymn *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*: Exodus 33:21-23, Numbers 20:1-13, Psalm 46, Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 11, John 12:12-19, and 1 Peter 2:7. For a hymn that originally was passed along orally, I was surprised by the abundance of Scripture that this hymn references!

John 13:1–17 ¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already decided that Judas, son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. . . [cut due to length]

**vs. 3: Yonder comes my Savior,
Him whom I love so well;
He has the palm of victory,
And the keys of death and Hell.**

Revelation 1:17–18 ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last ¹⁸and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades."

Worship & Music Committee Meeting

The Worship and Music Committee met on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. Attending were Carla Frame, Susie Gray, Bill Jones, Deb Keppel, Lori Sebastian, and Pastor Summers. We reviewed the upcoming dates and services:

- A. Devotional Service – March 4, 2026 – 6pm
- B. Palm Sunday – March 28, 29
- C. Maundy Thursday – April 2 – 7pm
- D. Good Friday – April 3 – 7pm
- E. Easter – April 4/5
- F. Mothers' Day Weekend – May 9/10
- G. Pentecost – May 23/24
- H. Holy Trinity – May 30/31

We reviewed the liturgy and hymns. We are currently in Setting 4 for Lent and will stay with that setting but adjust canticles for Easter. The hymn of the month continues. We will start the Setting 2 liturgy (for summer months) on Pentecost Sunday (May 24). Then, in the fall – we will look at introducing liturgy Setting 11 or 12 from All Creation Sings.

Pastor gave his updates. He will be teaching 2 different adult education classes. Bible 101 will begin during Sunday School on March 15. Then, on April 19, he will begin a Liturgy 101 session. He also discussed the various evening services since we are standardizing to ELW for the devotional service (Evening Prayer), Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Pastor also gave his updates for the live stream, that on average this past calendar year, we had 59 people viewing each worship service.

Bill and Susie gave updates for the choir. Vocal choir will finish on Mothers' Day (May 10). Vocal choir rehearsals will resume in the fall after Labor Day – and the first performance date would be 09/20/2026. Choir is working on Lent pieces. Lori updated that the bell choir will ring on Sunday, April 12th. We will plan to get a larger bell choir together this fall (date TBD).

Carla stated everything for altar was running smoothly. There was discussion about how to handle Maundy Thursday (stripping the altar and Communion). And what would be needed for Good Friday. Deb mentioned the women may put together some alternate seasonal artificial floral arrangements for times the flowers aren't delivered.

Lori gave updates on outside music groups. Quintessential Winds will be providing special music on 4/19/2026. Adena Brass will be providing the special music for 200th anniversary celebration service (9/13/2026). Thank you to Linda Holt who has been reaching out to different groups to see availability.

Our next meeting date will be
Wednesday, April 22 at 6pm.



Our Zion Quilters need cotton fabric and are requesting donations!

By the Numbers

Instead of printing attendance and giving weekly in the bulletins, we are putting offerings and average monthly attendance for the previous month in Tidings. This is the month of February – four Sundays through the 22nd and three Saturdays through the 21st.

Average Attendance – Saturday: 44 Sunday: 62

Average Sunday School Attendance – Adult: 14 Youth: 3 Kids: 2

Total Giving: \$16,054.16

Prayer Requests

Prayers for those grieving: Pray for the family and friends of Ashley Flynn.

Prayer requests: May Fischvogt is recovering from surgery. Her friend Bob is recovering from a hip replacement. Prayers are requested for Carolyn Stocker (mother of Tina Putnam) who is overcome with grief over the loss of her husband and her family is having a difficult time taking care of her. Tina is Zion's custodian. Emily Clenney (daughter of Bill and Kim Jones) is having kidney issues and is being referred to a specialist. Prayers are requested for Richard Leflar. Keep in your prayers Williams' neighbor Regina, Jayson Williams, Sean and Doug Lowe, Jaxson Williams, Steven Williams, Brandon and Aubrey Lowe.

Continue to pray for: Betty Jackson, Chalmer Mader, Debbie Turner, Ruth White, Greg Watkins, Peggy McCoy, Christine Copeland, James Oaks, Brian Watkins, Sam and Diane Miller, Colonel Troy Cramer, Rick Matson, Fred Staie, the Weprin family, Cindy Moore, and Carol Phillips.

Zion's Prayer Chain is sent out weekly through email. It lists prayers needed for those in our community and world. If you have signed up to receive the prayer chain and have not received it recently, please let the office or Linda Holt know. If you have never been a part of the prayer chain and would like to receive it, let us know that, as well.

To request prayers, or take an individual off the prayer chain, email them to prayers@ziontippcity.org. You can also access this through Zion's website www.ziontippcity.org or call the church office at (937) 667-3110.



March 2026

Calendar of Events at Zion

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5 Property Mtg. 6	3 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm	4 Lent Devotional Svc. 6 pm 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 Serve at Kennedy Hall Communion Saturday
8  WoZ 5pm	9 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	10 Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 Comm Mtg 5p Council 7p AA 8-9 pm	11 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15	16 Quilts 10:30 TOPS 3:30 - 5	17  Mens Bkfst 9:30 Quilts 10 AA 8-9 pm Bible & Brew 5:30 - Chafee's	18 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	19	20 	21 Communion Saturday Bunco 6:00
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