

THE CLARION

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lenten Series - Starts March 1



Our Lenten Series this year will be "Christ on Trial". Christ most certainly WAS on trial. 2000 years have come and gone since Caiaphas and Pilate passed judgment on Jesus in Jerusalem. And though the verdict passed down at that trial was a miscarriage of justice, the result fulfilled God's purpose: **to save the world by sacrificing His Son.** Christ most certainly IS on trial. His saving act, His being in the world, His radical teachings all demand a reaction. Every human heart must wrestle with questions like: Who is this Christ? Is He who He claims to be? If so, what does He mean for me and my living? Christ demands

a reply. Daily, Christ IS on trial. As He is again this Lent, Holy Week and Easter. "Christ On Trial" is a series of worship services where Court will be in session to determine who Christ is. **Ash Wednesday** we will hear a lawyer's opening statements;

March 8 Matthew will speak of Jesus' scandalous association with the seedier side of society;

March 15 a former cripple is, herself, evidence of Jesus' loose interpretation of Sabbath law,

March 22 a prominent Jewish leader Nicodemus weighs in;

March 29 evidence that Jesus is a self-elected

"Judge and Jury" is offered by a woman caught in adultery and

April 5 a young man named John is called to the stand to answer the question: "Are charges of cannibalism true?"

... the result fulfilled God's purpose: **to save the world by sacrificing His Son.**

Plan to join us for this special Lenten Worship Series "Christ on Trial" beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1.

Voters' Meeting

Our Call Committee is ready to present to the congregation the names of three Candidates for the position of Assistant Pastor.

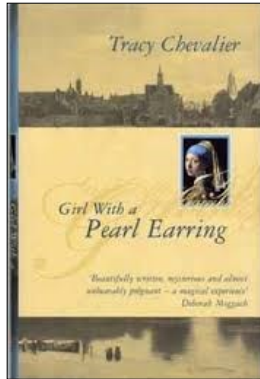
This important Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 5 at 9:15 am. Our Circuit Visitor Rev. Chuck Kramer will also be in attendance that morning.

After reviewing all the information presented to you, we are hoping to be able to take a Vote and place a Call to one of the three Candidates to be our Assistant Pastor.

Special
VOTERS' MEETING

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Book Club

This month we are reading "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier.

History and fiction merge in Chevalier's luminous novel about artistic vision and sensual awakening.

Through the eyes of sixteen-year-old Griet

the world of 1660 in Holland comes dazzlingly in this richly imagined portrait of the young women who inspired one of Vermeer's most celebrated paintings.

"Girl with a Pearl Earring" also became a movie in 2003 starring Colin Firth, Scarlett

Johansson and Tom Wilkinson.

Please join us in the Atrium on Saturday, March 11 at 9:30 am as we gather to discuss this book. Please use the east door.

Books can be picked up in the Conference Room.

March 1— Youth
March 8— LWML
March 15— Boy Scouts
March 22— Streets of Bethlehem
March 29— OPEN

Lenten Suppers

Lenten Suppers will take place every Wednesday from 5:30—6:30 pm during the Lenten Season.

Zion's Youth will host the Supper on Ash Wednesday, March 1. The Youth will be serving Walking Tacos.

On March 8 the LWML will be hosting the Supper. Plan to join us for a Baked Potato Bar.

The Boy Scouts will host the meal on March 15.

On March 22 the Streets of Bethlehem Committee will host.

March 29 - We **NEED** a Host for this Supper. Please contact the office at 338-5226 if your group would be willing to host.

All the Lenten Suppers are Fundraisers for the individual groups so a free-will offering will be taken at all of them.



LWML NEWS . . .

The LWML Board will meet at 11:45 am on Sunday, March 12 in the Conference Room.

Circles will meet for their regular meetings this month.

Eve Circle - Sunday, March 19 at 9:15 am - Conference Room

Rebekah Circle - Tuesday, March 21 at 1:30 pm - Conference Room

Mary Circle - Tues-

day, March 21 at 6:30 pm in the Atrium.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, April 8 - 1:30 when we will gather for a Spring Dessert Event. More info to follow.

Serving at Lenten Services

ELDERS

Ash Wednesday

10 am - Roger Corkill
6:30 pm - Ed Dunlap,
Dennis Werner, Nathan
Gilster

March 8

10 am - Roger Corkill
6:30 pm - Brad Tauchen

March 15

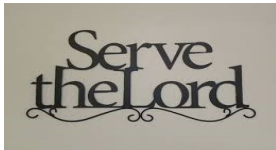
10 am - Roger Corkill
6:30 pm - Shannon J.

March 22

10 am - Roger Corkill
6:30 pm - Dave Rames

March 29

10 am - Roger Corkill
6:30 pm - Joe Simonson



USHERS

Ash Wednesday - 6:30

Paul Marvin, Jeff Thompson,
Faith Thompson,
Braedon Thompson

March 8 - 6:30 pm

Joe Simonson, Sam
Castetter, Jeff Bickel,
Hal Frenz

March 15 - 6:30 pm

Paul Marvin, Doug
Callies, Brian Frenz,
Lyle Dabbert

March 22 - 6:30 pm

Ken Schmuck, Rose
McGaha, Mike Berg,
Teresa Berg

**March 29 - Faith
Thompson, Braedon
Thompson, Jeff Thompson**

Miracle Sunday

Thank you for participating in Sioux Falls Lutheran School's Miracle Sunday!

With gifts and pledges being received weekly, Our Greatest Gifts capital campaign offerings now exceed \$2.4 million. Praise be to God!

To date Zion's gifts and pledges total \$51,740.

Donations are still being accepted. Just go online to: <http://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/our-greatest-gifts/> to make your donation.

Concert

Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls will be hosting its Spring Music Concert on Thursday, March 16, starting at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Lutheran Church sanctuary.

Come, relax, and enjoy the joyful notes made through the gifts given to the students from our Heavenly Father.

Stay up to date with the current happenings at LHSSF. Visit their calendar on their website: http://lutheranhighsf.org/school_calendar/

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15



10:00 am

June 25 - July 1

Sola

www.minneboji.com

**Deadline to Register:
June 1**

Theme

Camp Minneboji Registration Books and Medical Release Forms are in the rack in the East Entryway at church or on our website (www.zlcsf.org) or the Camp website (www.minneboji.com).

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Zion Youth will be serving Monday, March 20 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Pizza Ranch - 3809 E 10th Street.

100% of the donations and 10% of all dine-in and carry-out orders will go to help support the Zion Youth 2019 National Youth Gathering.

Everyone is welcome to come out and help support the youth. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

See you there!

Recruitment Visit

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Jaime Nava from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Faith Lutheran Church on Friday, March 24 from 2:00 - 8:00 pm.

Rev. Nava is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages —

elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you.

Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you're interested in scheduling a specific time, you can contact Rev. Nava at navaj@csl.edu or 314-505-7224.

March Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jacob Loween | 14 Will Kulzer |
| 1 Larry Smith | 14 Tracie Phelps |
| 1 Dee Wood | 15 Wanda Sanftleben |
| 2 Krista Brost | 16 Kevin Kohlmeyer |
| 2 Lori Coufal | 17 Kyle Consoer |
| 2 Addisyn Hagen | 17 Pam Kludt |
| 2 Wayne Huebert | 17 Sharon McCarthy |
| 3 Kim Baartman | 17 Calvin Stratton |
| 3 Tom Farr | 18 Judy Schmuck |
| 4 Shelly Simonson | 18 Joe Simonson |
| 4 Dennis Stene | 19 Rylan Beaner |
| 5 Ray Black | 19 Odin Hanisch |
| 5 Brittney Hendry | 19 Alvina Knode |
| 5 Mike Pierce | 19 Brad Tauchen |
| 5 Grace Tisher | 20 Sharon Gibson |
| 5 Karla Woodward | 21 Judy Bittner |
| 6 Marsha Kritzmire | 21 Allison Grave |
| 6 Pastor Greg Lehr | 21 Jacob Marvin |
| 7 Don Fick | 21 Leona Polyak |
| 7 Gus Kruger | 23 Devon Fox |
| 8 Bonnie Boese | 23 Suze Frentz |
| 8 Aaron George | 23 Steve Schlueter |
| 9 Gage Thompson | 25 Erica Boyce |
| 9 David Trautman | 25 Ashley Eilertson |
| 10 Kristi Hofer | 25 Mandy Miller |
| 10 Lance Lindemann | 26 Ben Boehrs |
| 10 Jeff Sebesta | 26 Clare Helling |
| 11 Todd Schettler | 27 Rich Coffman |
| 12 Pam Bouwman | 28 Beth Graff |
| 13 JoAnn Boettcher | 28 Kate Hardy |
| 13 Becca Johnson | 29 Judy Berndt |
| 13 Kathleen Van Hove | 29 Paul Farmer |
| 13 Barbara Waack | 29 Rachel Flaten |
| 14 Eric Dabbert | 29 Chad Liesinger |
| 14 Carol Flatten | 29 Chez Shoup |
| 14 Madison Hofer | 30 Wynston Doop |
| 14 Gordon Krause | 30 Matt Stotts |

SD Lutherans for Life Essay Contest

for Students in Grades 6—12

Students will write a life-affirming essay that must be based on the 2017 Conference Theme: "Hope For Life" and I Peter 3:15.

Essay topics could deal with abortion, the handicapped, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia.

Grades 6 to 8 - submit essay up to 400 words
Grades 9 to 12 - submit essay up to 750 words

Entry Deadline: March 15

For more information see the bulletin board in the Office Wing.

February Givings

HOME GIVING (3 Sundays)

Envelopes.....	\$30,300.89
Plate	991.66
Mission.....	115.00
Lutheran School	150.00
Treasure Chest.....	67.29
Radio	60.00
Flowers	37.20
Coffee/Donuts.....	250.00

Monthly Total \$31,972.04

Monthly Giving Needed..... \$56,250.00

OTHER GIVING (3 Sundays)

Debt Retirement	\$930.00
Wedding/Funeral.....	582.93
Miracle Sunday	37,000.00
Youth Missions.....	55.00
Sudanese/Gaat South Sudan	1,823.00
Wed Suppers/Dare 2 Share.....	1,616.55
Lutheran Hour	20.00
Main Street Living	55.00

Monthly Total \$42,082.48

Lenten Fundraiser for Samaritan's Purse

Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday

During the Lenten Season, many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penance. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, to draw themselves near to God.

This Lenten Season our LWML is presenting an opportunity for you to help others through their Fundraiser for Samaritan's Purse. If you are giving up your evening snack for Lent perhaps you can estimate the cost savings and donate that amount per day to this project. Or maybe at the end of each day you could donate your loose change. Or maybe you're planning to sacrifice your daily Starbucks Coffee or your can of soda pop. Just drop off your 'savings' in the galvanized can in the East Entryway by the Samaritan's Purse display and let's see how many Goats, Chickens and Sheep Zion Lutheran can donate. Watch the display 'grow' during Lent and Holy Week.

GOATS

Each nanny goat can produce a liter of fresh milk every day. For \$70, you can provide a goat so that we can minister to an impoverished family in the Name of Jesus.



BABY CHICKS

In the developing world, baby chicks are truly a gift that keeps on giving. When grown, hens can produce up to 200 eggs each year. Your \$14 gift can bless an impoverished family with an ongoing source of nutrition and supplemental income, all in the Name of Jesus Christ.

SHEEP

For \$80, Samaritan's Purse can provide a sheep or other wool-bearing animal and train families to care for their flock as we share the great love the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, has for them.



Serving in March

ELDERS

March 5: * Roger Corkill

Craig Stember, Dennis Werner

March 12: * Ed Dunlap

Jeff Sebesta, Dave Rames, Nathan Gilster

March 19: * Craig Stember

Brad Tauchen, Ed Dunlap, Shannon Johnson

March 26: * Dennis Werner

Jeff Thompson, Joe Simonson, Jeff Sebesta

GREETERS

March 5: 8:00 am - Renee Lehr, Susan Krank

10:30 am - Jolene Dyce, Margie Wiebers

March 12: 8:00 am - Alverna Andersen, Carol Harms

10:30 am - Brad and Jill Powell

March 19: 8:00 am - Hal and Jan Frenz

10:30 am - Dale and Marlys Brockberg

March 26: 8:00 am - Judy Bittner, S. Muldbakken

10:30 am - John and Mary Lou Giddings.

READERS

March 5: 8:00 am - Sarah Gilster

10:30 am - Jenny Kendig

March 12: 8:00 am - Steve Olson

10:30 am - Heather Kellenberger

March 19: 8:00 am - Brad Tauchen

10:30 am - Phillip Castetter

March 26: 8:00 am - Dianne Corkill

10:30 am - Dennis Werner

USHERS

March 5: 8:00 am - Doug Callies, Dennis Stene

Jerry Gibson, Judy Bittner

10:30 am - Steve Hendry, Mike Dressler

Wendell Bouwman, Jim Bosley

March 12: 8:00 am - Ken Schmuck, Rose McGaha

Steve Stember, Dan Fick

10:30 am - Evie Meier, Mike Dressler

Wendell Bouwman, Jim Bosley

March 19: 8:00 am - Judy Bittner, Jerry Gibson

Craig Stember, Jeff Bickel

10:30 am - Joe Simonson, Sam Castetter

Steve Hendry, Dennis Werner

March 26: 8:00 am - Steve Stember, Dan Fick

Paul Marvin, Doug Callies

10:30 am - Dave Rames, Brian Frenz

Bob Kunz, Michael Fitterer

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 5: Laura Dressler, Danica Schettler

March 12: Brooks and Leah Pidde

March 19: Ashley Eilertson, Lisa Stotts

March 26: Regan Lehr, Nicole George

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

8:00 am

10:30 am

March 5:

Jada Smith

March 12:

Heather Hemmer

March 19:

March 26:

POWERPOINT

8:00 am

10:30 am

March 5: Natasha Baer Brad Powell

March 12: Linda Wagner **(Volunteer Needed)**

March 19: Chad Zinnel Will Kulzer

March 26: Roger Wagner Braedon Thompson

MUSIC LEADERS

Mary Dunlap
Jane Kurth
Carrie Johnson
Jacob Shoup
Rusty Willson

BROADCASTERS

March 5: Jeff Flaten
March 12: John Kritzmire
March 19: Paul Farmer
March 26: Jeff Flaten

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Jeff and Faith Thompson

Zion Lutheran Church

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Ash Wed Worship 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Ash Wed Service	2 9:00 am Lil Trooper Chapel 9:30 am Ladies BC 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team	3	4 9:30 am District Evangelism Workshop Resurrection Lutheran
5 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 9:15 am Kids Praise 9:15 am Voters' Meeting 9:15 am Youth 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm LHSSF Open House 2:00 pm Youth Dodge Ball	6 Pastor Greg's Day Off 7:00 pm Jesus Cares	7 7:00 am Men's BC 8:30 am Circuit Meeting Our Redeemer 7:00 pm Christ Care	8 10:00 am Lenten Service 5:30 pm Supper 5:30 pm YLT 6:30 pm Lenten Service	9 9:00 am Lil Trooper Chapel 9:30 am Ladies BC 5:00 pm Knitters 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team	10 6:00 pm Families in Faith Pizza and Bingo	11 9:30 am Book Club Atrium
12 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Fellowship 9:15 am Kids Praise 9:15 am Youth 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Communion 11:45 am LWML Board 4:00 pm Koinonia	13 Pastor Greg's Day Off 7:00 pm Jesus Cares	14 7:00 am Men's BC 8:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Elders	15 10:00 am Lenten Service 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Service	16 9:00 am Lil Trooper Chapel 9:30 am Ladies BC 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team	17	18
19 8:00 am Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 9:15 am Eve Circle 9:15 am Kids Praise 9:15 am Youth 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	20 Pastor Greg's Day Off 5:00 pm Youth – Pizza Ranch E 10th Street 7:00 pm Jesus Cares	21 7:00 am Men's BC 8:30 am Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Rebekah Circle 5:30 pm Board of Directors 6:30 pm Mary Circle	22 10:00 am Lenten Service 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Service	23 9:00 am Lil Trooper Chapel 9:30 am Ladies BC 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team	24	25 Boy Scout Banquet Atrium
26 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Fellowship 9:15 am Kids Praise 9:15 am Youth 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Communion 1:00 pm Youth Swim Event	27 Pastor Greg's Day Off 7:00 pm Jesus Cares	28 7:00 am Men's BC 8:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Sewing & Growing	29 10:00 am Lenten Service 5:30 pm Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Service	30 9:00 am Lil Trooper Chapel 9:30 am Ladies BC 6:15 pm Choir 7:00 pm Praise Team	31	

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings dear members of Zion Lutheran Church in the name of our risen and ever present Savior Jesus Christ!

I have great news!! Zion's Call Committee for the Assistant Pastor position has been doing its work prayerfully and diligently over the last several months. In cooperation with our LCMS District Office, our Circuit Visitor Rev. Chuck Kramer and Zion's Call Committee a list of 12 names was discerned and reduced to 6 names. These 6 pastors were to be interviewed by the Call Committee by Skype or telephone.

In contacting the 6 pastors to arrange the interviews 3 pastors excused themselves from our list... each for a reasonable personal reason at

their present Call location. So now the list of 6 pastors is a list of 3 pastors ... Oh how God works!

The Call Committee did interview the 3 pastors and then took a week to prayerfully consider all of the information collected and discussed during interviews.

The Call Committee met and concluded to bring the names of all 3 pastors to the congregation for a vote on March 5, 2017. So at 9:15 am in the Zion Atrium is a Congregational Voters' Meeting to vote for our possible next Assistant Pastor.

The names of the 3 pastors on the list are: Rev. Ted Benson, Peoria IL, Rev. Mark Kleckner, Bedford MA, Rev. Joshua Moldenhauer, Oberlin OH.

At the Congregational Voters' Meeting Circuit Visitor Rev. Chuck Kramer will be present and more information about each of the 3 pastors will be shared as well as the Call Committee being available to share information.

For now PRAY! PRAY for the Lord ... working through His people (you) to bring to us the pastor He has chosen for us ... work Your will through me O Lord ... let Your will be done O Lord ...!

Please come on March 5, 2017 at 9:15 am to the Zion Atrium for the Congregational Voters' Meeting as we pray, hear information and vote on our possible next Assistant Pastor.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Greg