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March 2022 Newsletter

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March SERVANT SCHEDULE:

| | USHER | LECTOR | COMM. ASST. | Acolyte | |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 6 | Sharon Nordahl | Becky Woltermann | Kathy Trask & Cindy Giese | Tripp Wirtzberger |  |
| 13 | Kent & Nina Yunker | Annette Fjeldheim | Annette Fjeldheim & Karen Combs | Meredyth Bruchez | |
| 20 | Chelsea Solberg | Scot Solberg | Scot & Shayla Solberg | Emma Solberg | |
| 27 | Foss Wilson | Angie Maier | Angie Maier | Josi Maier | |
| | | | | | <p>*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTY, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT</p> |



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WORSHIP, FAITH IN ACTION, OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, NEWS, EVENTS, CAUSES, HAPPENINGS, COMMUNITY, STEWARDSHIP, MINISTRY, CONNECTIONS & MORE!

March Social Concern is...

Love Inc.

Our mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. Practically speaking, we're a network of churches that links church ministries and volunteers to people in need. We hope to cooperate with churches, community agencies, other nonprofits, and community businesses to provide effective help for anyone facing a tough time.

<https://heartofmontanaloveinc.org/>

If you would like to donate to this effort, please mark Love Inc. on the memo line of your check.



Friends of ZLC,

The origins of Lent are connected to the early church's preparation of candidates for baptism. Ash Wednesday wasn't normally a part of Lent, it only became so as Lent took on a more penitent feel. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon (early English) word meaning to "lengthen." Lent comes at a time when spring is approaching and the daylight hours are getting longer. It's a time we too can 'lengthen' spiritually, stretching ourselves out to connect more fully with each other and the Spirit of God.

Lent lasts 40 days, giving us ample time to really get in touch with the person God created us to be through our baptisms. It's too easy to forget ourselves in a time and context such as ours--one in which the world around us insists on telling us who we should be, what we should look like, or how we should or shouldn't describe ourselves. Yet, God gives us incarnational identity from the start--as in, we're all born to do good works. We're all born to serve a purpose. Life is more than just a flesh and bones concept. Rather, God gives us personality and a spirit. God gives us courage and determination. God works in and through us for the sake of God's kingdom come, calling us into God's vision to redeem and save the world.

Our faith story is one that describes to process of learning and truly realizing our incarnational identity. Who we're created to be may not be so clear all the time but God is always working to bring us more into that understanding, one that helps us live for the purposes we're made for. We learn a lot about God when we engage in intentional reflection and practices like Lenten prayer, Scripture study, serving others, and fasting. In the weeks to come, join us for our Lenten worship services on Wednesday nights to meet God in these and other, energizing ways. Break bread, visit, and commune with us during our Soup Suppers, for we learn a lot about God and each other when considering the life and faith stories of others.

In life, we're often living and leading others blindly or haphazardly. We stop perceiving and we simply move through our days unaware of God's blessings until all of a sudden we find ourselves in a dry and parched place. We begin to feel the death-ness of our existence rather the alive-ness of it. So together, I look forward to our 40-day trek to strengthen our relationships with God, each other, and the world. Soon we'll let ashes touch our face, marking our failures and fallings, but we'll also feel how washed and awakened we are as we contemplate God's love in community.

On we go to journey through deserted and dry places in search of God's gushing love and Christ's living water. I'm grateful to have you as companions along our way.

Your sister-servant,
Pr. Stacey



SOUP Suppers

Lent will be starting on Wednesday, March 9th. Soup suppers will be at 5:15 and worship will begin at 6:30pm. Sign-up sheets for soup and bread are on the narthex table. If you bring soup, you are expected to serve and cleanup. Question, call

Lana, 366-2364.

Let's build a choir for Easter! A few song choices will be ready as options, depending on how many folks can come to sing. Short practices at 5:15 before Wednesday Lenten soup suppers on March 16, 23, 30 and April 6. Note reading helpful but not required; we will make recordings available.



Growing in Faith


Zion Lutheran Church has many ways to grow in faith all while getting to know the people in our church family. Weekly worship services take place on Sundays at 9:30 am. For even more ways to make connections & grow in faith take look at what's happening at Zion every week!


- **ZLCW Circle Bible Studies:**
 - Hosanna Circle** – Bible study meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4 pm in the Fireside room. Contact person: Lynette Sallee 406-535-5236
 - Rachel Circle** – Bible study meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. Contact person: Debby Shobe 406-535-5864
 - Ruth Circle** – Bible study meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact person: Kathy Trask 406-535-5601
- **Men over Lunch**—Join this lively men's group each Wednesday at 12:00 pm for good food and good company! Men Over Lunch meet at the Elks
- **B.L.A.S.T.** – Stands for Believe, Learn, and Seek Truth. 2nd -6th grade kids meet Wednesdays after school at 3:30 – 5:00pm
- **Confirmation Classes** – 7th & 8th grade kids meet at 3:45 pm on Wednesdays in classes designed to teach bible lessons in preparation for the Affirmation of Baptism.
- **Youth Group** – High Schoolers meet from 6:30- 8:00pm on Wednesdays with dinner provided.

Have you found our worship services online?

The easiest way to find our online worship videos is to go to our website: www.zionlewistownelca.com

On the front page of the website are two icons:

 **YouTube** will take you directly to our YouTube channel where you can watch at the same time as an in-church service. Previous services are also available here. Check out Playlists to find funerals and Children's Time videos.

 **facebook** will take you directly to the Zion Facebook page. Click on the More tab and scroll down to Videos to find some of our past worship videos.

On our website you can also point to the Worship tab and a drop-down menu will show Video Worship Services. These videos are from previous services along with access to a bulletin for each service.



B.L.A.S.T.

Highland Park kids should find a buddy and walk to Church

Lewis and Clark kids will meet their driver in the parking lot as usual.

-Falan 😊



Believe Learn and Seek Truth

Upcoming Lessons

- 2** The Transfiguration
- 9** Tempted
- 16** Gods Promises to Abram
- 23** Parable of the Fig Tree
- 30** The Prodigal Son

We're going to have it again! Mark your calendar for the upcoming

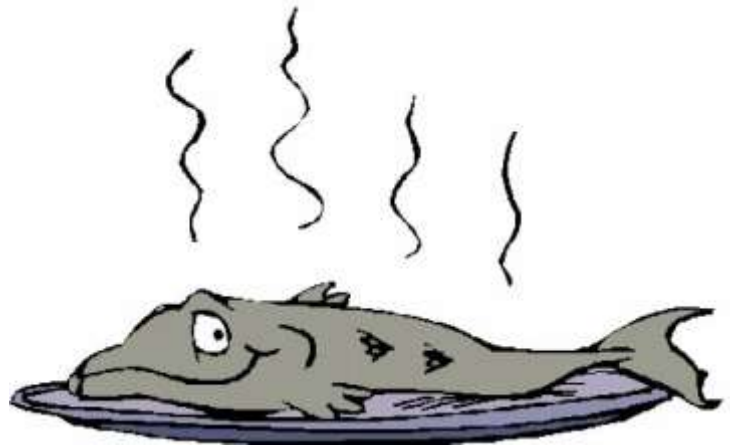
LUTEFISK & SWEDISH MEATBALL DINNER.

It will be held on MARCH 6, 2022 from 11:30 until 2:00 P.M.

The menu will be the same, but because of health concerns we will be serving BUFFET STYLE. It will still be "all you can eat."

The prices will be \$20.00 for adults and \$10 for youth 6 through 12.

Help spread the word!





Council has approved the use of Instant Church Directory. Using this you can have an up-to-date directory with you wherever you go.

-You will have the ability to update your information when ever needed. Members are able to upload their own family picture. We will also have the option to have a professional photographer take your photos.




-The app can be downloaded on iPhones, iPads, Android Devices and Kindle Fire.

-Members use the email address in the directory to create their own password.

-Only members who are entered in the directory can login to the website, and if the member is removed, they no longer have access.

-We will also have printed copies available for members who would like one.

How To.....

1. Download the app
-Instant directory
2. Create a Log In
3. Use your email on file at the church
4. Create password
5. Confirm in your email
6. In the app touch the 
≡ to Edit My Family

From there you should be able to add a family photo and any information that you would like. If there is info that you do not want to add leave the space blank.

Security information from Instant church Directory.

Member Information Security.

Even though your data is stored with us, we at Instant Church Directory do not access your members' data, except for specific troubleshooting purposes within the directory. All data provided by members is held securely and we do not use member information such as phone numbers or emails for marketing purposes (either internally or by selling the information to other organizations.)

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?tab=rc>

The Evangelism Team: In-House Listening Sessions for ZLC!

Sessions will take place the 3rd Monday of every month from 5:45-7. Dinner will be served at 5:45. We'll then kick things off at 6, ending promptly at 7.

March: Young(er) Adult Singles (50 yo or younger)

Blessings,

Your ZLC Evangelism Team



Calling all High School students and their friends! Zion Lutheran is hosting an overnight Youth Lock-In on Friday night, March 25th. Get ready for a fun night of games, activities, fellowship, and fun as we learn a bit about God and each other! Be sure to mark your calendars! More details to follow!



ZLC Parents, Grandparents, and Friends, Pr. Stacey will be needing some adult volunteers to help with chaperoning, food prep, and fun-planning! Please be in touch with her by calling or texting 406-272-2014 if you'd like to assist with our Youth Lock-In!

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