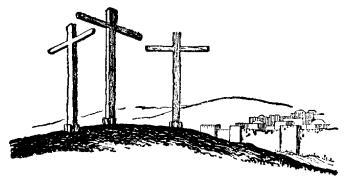
Easter is my favorite Christian holiday. Over the decades, I think I've become more in tune and appreciative of Easter than even Christmas. There's just something about how we prepare during Lent and basically are asked to take our faith more seriously, and then the entire trajectory of Holy Week, which goes from a great opening on Palm Sunday through the beginning of how we received Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and the bottoming out of our Christian history on Good Friday with Jesus' death before the resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Easter hymns are my favorite ones also, so I may be fairly hoarse after Easter Sunday as I like to sing (loud) most verses of the hymns and don't have a lot of self-control when it comes to me just listening to them and hearing everyone else sing.

Our Holy Week schedule is busy. We start with Palm Sunday April 2 with the kids (and any interested adults) walking and waving palms. Worship is at the normal time of 9:00. Since it's the first Sunday of the month the men's group will be serving pancakes and French toast and sausages at breakfast after worship! There are no more Wednesday worship services during Holy Week but we DO have worship on Thursday of this week—it's called "Maundy Thursday"—at 6:05 p.m. which will include First



Communion for some of our young people from church. There is a community Good Friday worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church over the lunch hour, and we will worship here at Zion on Good Friday evening at 6:05 p.m. also. Please note—there are no meals served on Thursday or Friday before worship services and no meal served on Easter Sunday either. We are only doing ONE worship service Easter morning at 9:00 a.m. (since we want to continue to do a radio broadcast at our normal 9:00 hour), and we are hoping and expecting the church to be full!

Please be aware that I will be taking some time off following Easter. I intend to leave town Tuesday or Wednesday following Easter and return Sunday evening April 16. My current plan is that I will be visiting family in Omaha. Our local LuMin campus minister, Ann Fortin, will lead worship at Zion on Sunday, April 16.

When I return, we have scheduled a New Member Sunday on April 23 along with a baptism (so have anyone interested in joining Zion get in touch with us if they'd like to be included in the group on this Sunday), and a Church Council Retreat on Saturday, April 29. I also hope to set up a meeting with the Visitation Committee people who are doing such great work keeping up with all of our shut-ins, and also with the Preaching Team to see who is willing to help us out. The reason for this is that I will be taking one Sunday off every two months from now on as I am ¾ time, and this seems like a fair way to acknowledge this reality.

We have quite a few people who are recovering from physical injuries and are currently remaining in their own homes (until the snow leaves us) or doing rehab in one of the local facilities. We also continue to have quite a few elderly who love it when people can visit them or write cards and notes to them. I am keeping fairly busy attempting to do this, but if you'd like to help by writing cards/letters to these people or by visiting, let me know and we'll see if we can make that happen. ~Pastor Jim

# February and March Council Highlights

- attended the Northern Plains
  Conference church delegates
  meeting in February. This
  meeting was for those who will
  be attending the Synod
  Assembly in June. Both the
  Synod and Lutherans Outdoors
  shared financial concerns for
  their organizations.
- Giving has been up over last year.
- The Service Feedback Forms gathered at the Annual Meeting have been tallied, and the general response was overwhelmingly positive.
- The last day of Sunday School is May 7th; there will be no men's pancake breakfast that day but there may be intergenerational Sunday School.

# Special Offering for April is Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota responds to changing needs in SD communities. We care for, support and strengthen individuals, families and communities. LSS touches the lives of South Dakotans 27,759 times each year with a variety of programs and service statewide. LSS is one of the largest private non-profit human service agencies in SD. LSS serves people of all ages, faiths, races and economic status with professional, confidential and affordable services.



## Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park Preschool!! March brought all the leprechaun messes and, despite all of our best efforts to try and trap them, we didn't catch a

single one!! We certainly had fun trying though! We made shamrock pies for cooking day, and the kiddos found gold-wrapped candies from the leprechauns since we had to clean up their messes!! The hit, as usual, was the fact that the leprechauns used the preschool bathrooms and somehow turned the toilet water green ③ The squeals coming from the bathrooms were hilarious!! We have moved into our dinosaur theme, which is always a hit, and the children have been playing our dinosaur path game



where they get to collect dinosaurs along the way! Since it's (technically) spring, we set up our campground dramatic play area complete with a tent, camp chairs and a "fire" for roasting marshmallows and hotdogs. We also have a pair of binoculars handy ... for any possible bear sightings! ~Jami

#### Thank you for your continued giving!

Zion is active in ministry and mission, and the church's ministry depends on your support. Checks can be mailed to the church office: Zion Lutheran Church, 1732 S Main St, Aberdeen SD 57401.



You can give online today (multiple ways) by going to zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving

You can also scan this QR code with your smartphone and it will take you to our giving page.

#### ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

#### **Bethesda Home**

Ben Schroeder Carol Knispel Jane Fischer Janice Peterson Esther Ottenbacher

#### Primrose Cottages

Frances Wolff

#### **Mother Joseph**

Lois Sollie Joyce Mentzer

#### <u>Derian Lodge</u>

LaVon Elsen

#### Milbank-Avantara

Marge Rhodes

#### Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter Shirley Wagemann Viola Tetherow Gladys Voegele Lorraine Kusler

#### **Groton Health Care**

Leon Tobin Ruth Bosmoe

#### Nano Nagle

Jo Tolvstad

#### <u>Minnesota</u>

LeRoy Buechler

#### <u>California</u>

Erna Schmierer

#### Colorado

Ella Aipperspach

# Aberdeen Health & Rehab

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#### "GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

- Thanks to Mike Bretsch for so graciously cleaning our parking lots after several of our snowfalls.
- Thanks to Lyle & Lois Chapin for the office paper & post-its.
- © Thanks to the Zion Men's group for making Mickey Mouse pancakes with sprinkles for Shrove Tuesday game night.
- Thanks to all of our Lenten meal hosts. We appreciate your willingness to serve others.
- Thanks to Norma Miller for sewing all the prayer pillow covers.
- © Thanks to Kathy Heffernan for all the work she does for the Women's organization both on local level and state-wide.

#### **Sunday School**

Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School on April 9 for Easter Sunday. The last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 7.

#### **Noisy Offering**

We will collect noisy offering during the worship service during the offering time on the second Sunday of the month. Don't forget your coins!



A bucket will remain at the back of the sanctuary on the offering table for you to use to donate noisy (or quiet) offering in the other Sundays of the month.



#### In the Works

The Faith Formation committee is working on plans for Vacation Bible School for the summer. The dates are: June 14, July 12, and August 9. Final details are being planned; stay tuned to next month's newsletter for an update.

ZION
2023-2024
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS

#### **Zion Scholarships**

Zion will once again award two \$350 scholarships for the coming academic year. One will go to a 2023 high school graduate and one to a continuing college student.

See the application for full instructions. Printed applications are now available in the fellowship hall. Completed applications should be returned to the church no later than April 14, 2023 at 12:00 PM or emailed to Pastoral Assistant Saundra at: Saundra.Anderson@nvc.net



#### **Garden Starter Fundraiser**

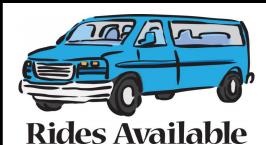
The Sunday School kids will be selling flower and vegetable garden starters on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> during the fellowship time in the Narthex. They will be selling marigolds, cherry tomatoes, big tomatoes & cucumbers for a free will donation. Donations will benefit Zion Sunday School programming.

#### **Freezer Meals**

If you know of anyone in need of a meal, please stop in to the church office during the week.

We will assist you in getting meals from the freezer to give to someone who is in need of one!





#### **Sunday Van Rides Available!**

Our van ride service is available on Sunday mornings for the 9:00 AM worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, please call the church office at 225-6755 and talk to Donna.

### Faith and Family



#### **Progressive Supper**

Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday**, **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. <u>Open to middle and high school youth</u>. **Bring a friend!** We will meet at Zion at 4:30 pm, and we will take the church van to our different locations. Kids will be returned for pick-up or can be dropped off at home after the event upon request.

We have had an incredible time visiting and building relationships through these meals. If you would be willing to host portion of a progressive supper (appetizers, dinner, dessert), please contact Saundra—even if you've hosted before and are willing to do it again! If you do not want to host in your home, you are more than welcome to at the church.

#### **Cookbooks for Sale**

Zion cookbooks are available! Cost for a cookbook is \$20, and all proceeds benefit Zion Youth programming. You can purchase your copies from the church office during the week or from the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.





#### **First Sundays**

Join Pastoral Assistant Saundra for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun!

We will have a consistent time for middle and high school youth to get together during the spring (Feb-May): the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM. We'll meet in the youth room upstairs; each day will have a different theme/topic, and activities will vary from time to time. This month's topic will be Easter.

#### **Prayer Pillow Milestone**

On Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Pastoral Assistant Saundra held a Prayer Pillow faith milestone for our three-and four-year-old kids. During the time together, they learned about prayer, made placemats with their handprints to remind them of who to pray for, and even got to blow "Trouble Bubbles" and blow all their troubles up to God! Pictured are the four children who participated in the event. Thank you to the Zion quilters for their help in making the pillow covers!



(L to R): Odin Lambrechts, Lillian Madsen, Kenny Nash, Carson Miller

#### Zion Lutheran Church

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#### <u>Staff</u>

Pastor Jim Holthus	Interim Pastor
Saundra Anderson	Pastoral Assistant
Donna Steckler	Business Manager
Sonya Kempf	Director of Music
Sue Gates	Assistant Director of Music
Stephanie Hawkinson	Praise Band Director
Jami Ringgenberg	.Preschool Director/Teacher
Art Ketterling	Maintenance

#### ZION'S KEY MISSION

Rooted in faith + Growing in Spirit + Reaching out to those in need

#### ZION'S MOTIVATING MISSION

- + Centered in prayer, nourished through the Sacraments, empowered by God's Holy Spirit, Zion is spreading the Good News through new and innovative ministries.
- + Rooted in a strong heritage, Zion focuses on developing ministries of caring to help those in need.
- + Zion opens her doors to singles, families, special needs, young and old, churched and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

#### **Church Council**

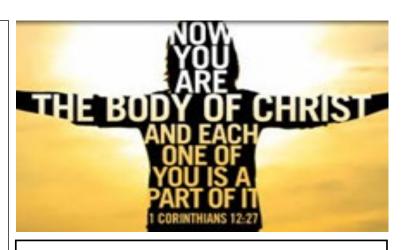
Officers / Executive Comm	ittee:
Ed Suchomel	President
Chastity Madsen	Vice-President
Joel Albrecht	Treasurer
Brent Stanek	Secretary
Council Representatives:	·
Jessica Moser	Faith Formation
Ryan Bretsch	Finance & Stewardship
Nicole Schutter	Mission & Outreach
Kathy Heffernan	Worship & Music
Norma Nielsen	

#### **Lincoln School Thank You**

Thank you so much Zion Lutheran Church. We love and appreciate it!

Lincoln School Staff & Students

See the kiosk for the original thank you, student signatures and photos.





# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT March 2023

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$30,000.00 Actual March Income: \$28,640.58

(as of March 29th)

Actual March Expenses: \$29,431.79

(as of March 29th)

\*Thank you for your generous support of Zion Lutheran Church with your gifts of time, talent and offerings. We look forward to your continued support of the ministries in the year ahead.

#### ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:	For:	From:
Jordan Heyd	Organ	Sonya Kempf
Joan Reichelt	Altar Guild	Trudy Anderson
Joe Bosmoe	Organ	Gary\Wanda Morehouse
Joe Bosmoe	Organ	Mary Jane Kabrud
Joe Bosmoe	Organ	Gene\Marilyn Bender
Joe Bosmoe	General	Kent\Susan Edson
Joe Bosmoe	Organ	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Joe Bosmoe	General	Rev. George\Mavis Gehart
Joe Bosmoe	General	Arnold\Joanne Mehlhoff
Joe Bosmoe	General	John\Susan Swennes

#### In thankfulness for:

From:

All Volunteers for the Lenten Services Mary Jane Kabrud

Thank you for your ongoing gifts in memory of loved ones.

Memory



#### Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several openings for this new year! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday! The following Sundays are available to be sponsored:

April 30, May 14, June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30

# Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy

Communion, and livestream

10:00 AM Fellowship time

10:10 AM Sunday School

#### **Worship Schedule**

We currently have one service available on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion being served each week. Each service features a kids' time and is broadcast live on the radio on KSDN 930 AM and 102.1 FM. A time of fellowship and Sunday School follow worship, starting at 10:10 a.m.

All services are livestreamed on our Facebook page and website. Recordings of the broadcasts are also available after to be viewed at any time on our Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

#### **Welcoming New Members**

Are you interested in becoming a member of our faith family? Do you know someone who is, or are you wondering what it means to be a member of Zion?

Let Norma Nielsen, Welcome and Outreach chair, or Pastoral Assistant Saundra know of your interest! We'd love to know if you're thinking about becoming a member. You can also contact the church at 225-





#### **Material Needed**

Rummage sale season is coming soon. If you are out and about and see any sheets keep the Zion quilters group in mind. We can use any gently used sheets or and children's themed material.

Please bring to the church if you have any or find any at the store. Thanks so much!



# Easter Flowers

#### **Easter Flowers**

Easter is Sunday, April 9th and our sanctuary always looks so beautiful filled with spring flowers! Please consider purchasing a spring flower during the week of April 3-7, and bring it to the church anytime that week for display on Easter Sunday. You can take it home with you after Easter worship if you wish. (Please no lilies due to severe allergies in our congregation.) If you wish your plant to be in memory or in honor of someone please attach a note to your plant. Let's celebrate Christ's resurrection by beautifying our sanctuary!

#### **Organ Committee**

Zachary Anderson: 252-1229; Sue Gates:

290-1684; Nicole Kempf: 228-5218; Sonya Kempf:

228-2490; Sharon Stroschein: 228-1299;

Ed Suchomel: 380-6375; Millie Suchomel: 380-6373

Special thanks to all the organ committee members. They have been working hard on all the fundraisers. If you haven't yet, please pray about it and consider filling out your pledge card and returning it to the church office. Together we can do this.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to our various item drives and freezer meal ministry. In January, we collected over two dozen quilts/bedding sets, and in February, we were able to stock our freezer with 33 freezer meals.



Your generosity and support of these missions makes this work possible.



#### **Organ Restoration Fund**

Cash on Hand - \$110,384.51 Unpaid pledges - \$34,335.72 Total project funds - \$144,720.23



# Adopt-a-Grad

#### Adopt-a-Grad

The Mission & Outreach and Welcome & Caring Committees are looking for individuals and families who are interested in supporting our current high school seniors as they head out into the next phase of their lives. We will be participating in the Adopt-a-Grad program and will need individuals/families to help reach out to these students throughout next school year. If interested, please talk to Norma

Nielson or Nicole Schutter, email them at <a href="mailto:nnielsen53@gmail.com">nnielsen53@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:nnielsen53@gmail.com">nicoleschutter@yahoo.com</a>, or call the church office by Sunday, April 30 to be added to our list!

#### New Member Sunday

We will be holding a New Member Sunday on

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
during worship. If you
are interested in
making Zion your faith
home, please reach
out to Norma Nielsen,
Pastor Jim, or Pastoral
Assistant Saundra so



we can officially welcome you into our faith family!

**CHURCH PHONE** (605) 225-6755

**PASTOR JIM'S #** (218) 760-2028

#### STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Web: zionlutheranaberdeen.org

YouTube: bit.ly/ZLCYouTube

Facebook: facebook.com/ZionAberdeen
Facebook: facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth

Instagram: @zlcaberdeensd

# Happenings at Zion

#### Northern Plains Conference Women's Annual Spring Gathering

Zion Lutheran Women's group are hosting the Northern Plains Conference Women's Annual Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 15, 2023. The theme for the day is "Quilted Together" and gathering verse is: "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13. Fellowship and Registration is 8:30 – 9:00 am. The registration fee is \$15.00.

#### Events of the day:

- Devotions: Judy Albl
- Triennial Gathering update: Dee Sanderson-SWO Advisor
- Guest Speaker: Sharon Stroschein
- Annual Business Meeting:
- Entertainment: TBD
- Silent Auction: Bids open 9:00- until the opening of the afternoon session (bring an item)
- LOVE offering speaker: Sleep in Heavenly Peace \$\int\$
- N.P. Triennial Scholarship Information
- Bible Study/ Communion: Pastor TBD
- Museum Presentation







LOVE offerings: 1. cash donations to the Aberdeen School District School Lunch Program.
2. boy/girl juvenile sheet sets, pillows, twin blankets or quilts, cash donations welcome to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace".

\*\*Conference Challenge: Bring a 10"x10" pieced square to become part of a quilt that will be displayed at the 2023 Fall Retreat. To be raffled or as a traveling quilt.

Lunch RSVP: to Carmel Heyd 605-229-1360 (leave a message) by Monday, April 11.

ALL are WELCOME! (bring a guest, a new church member, a family member)



# 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering including MYLE the tAble Young Adult Gathering

#### **Youth Gathering Meeting**

There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM for those interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer. We'll talk about the trip, cost, and fundraising options. Be sure to attend (even if you're not sure you're ready to commit)!



#### **First Communion**

The celebration of First Communion for our third and fourth grade students will be during the Maundy Thursday service at 6:05 PM on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to celebrate this faith milestone with our youth!

# Happenings at Zion

#### My Zion family:

A couple weeks ago, I received a call from the Bishop's Assistant, Pastor Renee, who said the synod had a candidate interested in Zion. I called the executive committee and Zach Anderson (representing the call committee) as April was busy moving to their new home. We did a zoom call with our group.

The Candidate was a first call second career person. He was also bilingual; that could have been an asset to Zion as our community is becoming more diverse. Honestly, as we discussed the candidate and possibilities, it came down to money. As you know, the financial budget of Zion is showing a deficit, and even though the stewardship is increasing through the generosity of Zion members, we decided we could not with a clear conscience set an interview knowing we could not afford the appropriate financial commitments the candidate would deserve at this time.

We were open to see if the candidate would be interested in a 3/4 time position and passed that along to Renee, who said she would follow up with the candidate. So far, we have not heard back. My friends, we may have to be open to considering a 3/4 time pastor or co-op with an area church looking for a 1/4 time pastor. A full-time pastor for Zion is still our hope, but the financial commitment for this person in the future would be significant.

These are just conversation topics the Synod is asking us to consider. Please pray and share your thoughts, and contact anyone on the executive committee or the call committee so we can keep working hard. Also, please pray about ways you can potentially help Zion continue to improve its financial picture as we have good momentum in that area that is giving us some enthusiasm and hope!

Respectfully, Ed Suchomel, Council President



#### **Men's Fellowship Opportunity**

On Wednesday, April 26 at 8:00 PM, there will be a men's meeting at The One-Legged Pheasant for an opportunity for fellowship. This is intended to be extremely informal and an opportunity to get to know one another. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we will see you there!

#### **Progressive Lock-In**

We had a great night with Good Shepherd and St. John's on Friday, March 3. We participated in a *Night of Parables*, traveling from church to church learning about different stories and refreshing our faith. Below are pictures of the youth at the different locations engaged in the evening's activities, including making sturdy towers, learning about being lost and found through finding lost jellybeans and eggs, and talking about how God loves all of us just the way we are through a cross activity, along with worship to round out the evening.









## Stewardship Update

#### **Zion Lutheran Financial Situation Continues to Slowly Improve**

Pastor Jim is writing this short article to say THANK YOU to all Zion members who have stepped up and decided to join our "Creative Stewardship Ideas" for 2023 (this list is elsewhere in this newsletter but please look at it if you haven't done so as of yet). Our esteemed treasurer has kept us aware that our income so far in 2023 has exceeded what Zion took in during these same months in 2022. I have shared with the church council that I am cautiously hopeful that this trend can continue.

In other congregations and campus ministries I have served during my 40 year career, I usually suggest three options to people looking for ways to support a ministry and encourage them to select one of them: 1) give a substantial "one-time" gift now so it can be put to use by the church, 2) leave your church a contribution when you set up your will, and 3) set up an automatic withdrawal program do every month your gift is automatically deducted from your account. However, while those are very good ideas and I still support people doing that, this year at Zion we are experimenting with stewardship ideas that are definitely "out of the box".

I have no idea how many members are taking part in this experiment nor who they are unless they volunteer to share with me; I have been really surprised at how creative and unique the ideas are from the people who have volunteered this information to me. One person is adding to their current giving by donating 10 cents more per mile driven each month; another is adding to their current giving by donating money for each hour they procrastinate when they are home; another is using their work situation and their comments to co-workers as a guide to how much to add to their current giving. There is NO WRONG WAY to do this experiment! I've decided to ask volunteers who have shared with me that they are taking part in this idea to consider writing a short paragraph each month for the newsletter and the first people to do this are Kent and Susan Edson, whose article is below.



Kent and Susan Edson

#### **Stewardship**

Susan and I over our 60 years of marriage have carefully planned our charitable giving. We started early by determining a percentage gift of our income. Our gifts were part of each monthly budget along with our home mortgage payments, etc.

Now retired, we use the IRS tax benefits to withdraw tax free an annual distribution in January from our Individual Retirement Account (IRA) direct to Zion's General Fund. We recently added to our General Fund giving by selecting Zion's Option 1 of giving an additional weekly giving amount each month by online giving. We also give amounts to Zion's special giving designations and special occasions, Lent, etc.

#### **Stewardship Ideas**

Have you tried one of the new stewardship ideas? Here's the list if you haven't seen it yet:

- 1) Double your usual offering one Sunday a month.
- 2) Pick one or two of your extras each week and add that amount to your regular giving.
- 3) Pick a new habit and add a quarter every time you didn't comply.
- 4) Collect and donate your spare change each week.



We are so grateful for you and for all the ways you support our ministries and mission here at Zion!

# Happenings at Zion



#### **Rummage Sale**

There will be a free will rummage sale held at Zion on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM—12 PM. All proceeds benefit the Zion youth.

If you would like to bring items to donate to the rummage sale, you can start bringing items on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please no electronics or adult clothing. As you begin your spring cleaning, keep us in mind!

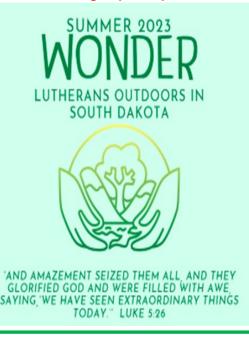
#### **Summer Camp Registration**

If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student or older, it's time to start thinking about summer options for camp! Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota offers three different locations with options to suit whatever interests you have!

If you are interested in applying for camp, please speak with Saundra as soon as possible so we can get you registered and discuss fundraising options. There are some scholarship funds available, as well!

If we have enough kids interested, we will attend the Explorers Camp at NeSoDak August 9-11 as a Zion group. If your 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade child (as of Fall 2023) is interested in going together, please reach out to Pastoral Assistant Saundra.

Prices will go up on April 15<sup>th</sup>.





#### **Spring Showcase**

The Preschool Committee is hosting a Spring Showcase for the current preschool kids and families on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. In addition to a spaghetti supper, there will be artwork and silent auction baskets available for purchase, with all proceeds benefitting the preschool program. All artwork will be on display that Sunday following worship, so you can see what the kids have been up to this spring!

We are in need of some donations for the spaghetti meal. Tags will be placed on a table in the narthex starting the week of Easter and will need to be returned by April 26<sup>th</sup> if you would like to pick up and donate items for the meal; there will also be a sign-up for anyone who would be willing to donate desserts. We are also in need of some volunteers to help this event run smoothly, including serving and clean-up after the meal. If you are willing to volunteer a couple hours of your time, please contact Nicole Schutter or Pastoral Assistant Saundra (we will feed you)! Thank you for your support of our preschool program!





#### **Holy Week & Easter Services**

Join us for services during Holy Week as we walk through the betrayal, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Holy Weeks starts with the Palm Sunday service on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM. The Maundy Thursday service on April 6<sup>th</sup> will also include First Communion for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

In addition to Zion's Good Friday evening service, there will be a Community Good Friday service held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at noon. Holy Week concludes with a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday.

#### **Table of Plenty**

We hosted our first Table of Plenty meal since 2020 on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout with lots of fellowship and delicious food! THANK YOU to the volunteers for helping us relaunch this monthly meal and to the committee for all of their hard work!

The next Table of Plenty meal will be held on **Monday, April 24 from 5:30-7 PM.** Be sure to invite your friends and family, and join us for another great evening of food and conversation! The April meal is sponsored by Glacial Lakes Energy.

