



Zion Lutheran Church's On the HORIZON

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Zion Youth Participate in 30-Hour Famine March 13-14



Building a better world for children

Wars and natural disasters all over the world dominate the daily headlines but behind the scenes and far from the spotlight, **hunger** and preventable diseases claim the lives of 26,000 of the world's children a day.

Last Sunday Pastor Rinell reminded us that many people in this world are living on the edge in need of our touch. Can we follow our Lord and let others leave the table hungry?

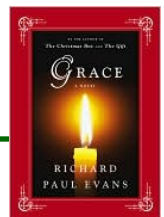
Right now, more than 840 million people around the world don't have enough to eat. Annually, more than 9 million children under the age of five die from disease and malnutrition as a result of hunger. But world hunger is 100% preventable and **teens from Zion are ready to be a part of the solution.**

This March 13 & 14, some of Zion youth will be joining the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the nation who will set aside the usual "stuff" that fills their daily lives. Instead, they "WILL STARVE FOR FOOD" – the theme for World Vision's 30 Hour Famine this year -- by going without food for 30 hours to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face everyday. Prior to the event weekend, students raise funds with the knowledge that every \$30 they raise can help feed and care for a child for a month.

Funds raised by 30 Hour Famine participants help feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe. Additionally, a portion of funds raised support World Vision's efforts to assist families in need in the United States. 30 Hour Famine funds contribute to World Vision's response in areas where famine, conflict, and other crises make children vulnerable to hunger and preventable disease. Since 1992, 30 Hour Famine has raised more than \$118 million, representing countless saved lives. World Vision works in 100 countries, helping approximately 100 million people every year.

Zion teens interested in participating in the Famine need to register with Barbara Debner at (860) 628-7131 before March 5th. This is a life changing overnight event that we have done for many years at Zion. We will be encouraging all teen participants to look for sponsors before the event. Congregational members interested in donating to this event can look for Barbara Debner at worship in the coming weeks. Keep these difference-makers in your prayers as they demonstrate Christ's love and change the lives of the hungry.

New Book Club Selection for March 26



On March 26 at 7 p.m. we'll have a discussion of "Grace" by Richard Paul Evans. We will consider questions like: "I just don't think God wants us to do good things because we're scared. I think he wants us to do good things because we're good." What does Grace mean by this remark?

St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale



We are having our next Bake sale on March 15th with a St Patrick's Day theme. This money will help us make some improvements for our children's safety on the church's playground out back. If anyone has any feedback on what items you liked or anything that can help improve our bake sales please e-mail me at hvnfun769@aol.com or you can leave me a note in my Christian Welfare mailbox at church. Thanks again Dawne Cappellino.

Pastor's Corner



Baptism of Sophie Lee Cynitha Atwood 2/22/09

Baptism of Kylie Faith Watson 2/8/09

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Lutheran Marriage Encounter offers tools to make weak marriages stronger, good marriages great, and great marriages fantastic. The next weekend will be held March 27-29 in Meriden, CT. Call Bob McGurn to register at (860) 653-2173 and visit www.GodLovesMarriage.org for more info and registration form.

Mid-Week Lenten Programs

In this Lenten Season, Zion is offering an opportunity for your whole family to come and be refreshed in faith. The program will begin at 6 pm and end at 6:45. Adults will join pastor Debner in reflecting on the Holy Land and Jesus life, by looking at scriptures and photos from Israel Trip.

March 4—Where is the Holy Land?

March 11—Bethlehem-Jesus' Birth

March 18—The Region of Galilee

March 25—Holy Week in Jerusalem

April 1—Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem

Child and Youth activities will be offered for the 45 minutes. Bring your Bibles.

Hein-Fry Lecture

2 pm Sunday March 22, 2009 at Emanuel Lutheran Church—Manchester CT. Mary Hinkle Shore will be the speaker from Luther Seminary, MN. What is the Bible? Life's bigger instruction book?

Earth Hour 2009

Stewardship of the Earth—March 28, 2009. There will be a Candlelight Observance with a 7 pm worship service at Emanuel Lutheran Church—Manchester CT.

Earth Hour begin with lights out at 8:30 in your home. See www.earthhour.org

ENVIRONMENTAL ON-LINE RESOURCE FOR LENT

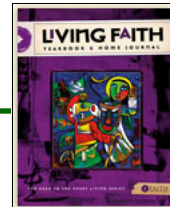
Subscribe to "Living Earth: Joining the Hymn of All Creation" and download the "Environmental Lenten and Holy Week Worship Resource" at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Issues/Environment-and-Energy/Lenten-Reflections.aspx>. Called to be in communion with God's creation, we must live in such a way that is sensitive to precious natural resources and in conscious relationship to the earth, creatures and each other.

This 40-day ELCA Lenten reflection series will offer a holistic approach to how we live as earthly companions, combining God's caring relationship with creation to our journey in the physical universe. Each e-mail emphasizes individual and communal solutions, resources for further learning and suggestions for how to act or become more educated. This is a limited subscription; the first e-mail will arrive on Ash Wednesday 2009, and the last e-mail will arrive Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 5 Palm Sunday Men's Breakfast—First Lutheran Worship Services 8 & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School Easter Celebration 9a
Easter Egg Hunt following 10:15 worship
- April 9 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7 p.m.
- April 10 Good Friday Worship Service 7 p.m.
- April 11 NO Saturday Worship Service
- April 12 Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship 6 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship Services 8 & 10:15am

Confirmation & Acolytes



This year's program explores Martin Luther, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer.

- March 1 The Lord's Prayer — Will Be Done
- March 8 The Lord's Prayer — Daily Bread
- March 22 The Lord's Prayer—Forgive Us

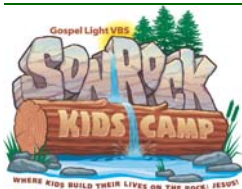
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Parents of Confirmation Students: please remember that serving as an acolyte is a requirement for all youth in confirmation class. You should have received a letter with detailed instructions on how to sign up via the sign-up sheet or on the web. If you have any further questions, please contact Karin Thompson.

Corporate Confession & Forgiveness begins March 1

To assist in your Lenten discipline at 7:45 and 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, there will be a time for corporate confession and individual absolution at the altar. This early beginning will give more time for prayer and preparation for worship. Start your Lenten journey a little early at Zion on Sunday, March 1 until March 29 at 7:45 and 10:00 a.m. *Join us at Zion as we begin a new walk with God.*

VBS 2009—Son Rock Kids Camp



Mark your calendar! This summer our Vacation Bible School will be held July 20-24. The theme will be "Son Rock Kids Camp". We've ordered the starter kit so watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Scholarship Available to High School Seniors

High school seniors who have been members of Zion Lutheran Church for at least one year and will be attending an accredited college full time in the fall can apply for this year's scholarship by picking up an application on the table outside the sanctuary or by calling the church office at 628-5759. **Applications must be received by April 1, 2009.**



Missionary Newsletter Available

The February edition of The Djembe, Peter & Sarah Grow-Hanson's newsletter sent from Senegal, is now available to read on our website at www.zionlutheranct.org under the "news" tab.



Canned Food Drive

Starting March 1st until March 29th Take the CAN CHALLENGE!!!! We are challenging every family to bring in just 1 (one) can or non-perishable food item each week to be donated to Southington Social Services. Whatever service you come to bring your 1 can in each week for the month of March. There will be a basket in the Gathering Place.

March is one of the toughest times of the year for them because donations are down. So let's make a difference one can at a time!!!!!! Thank you SO MUCH.

Dawne Cappellino 793-0278

Worship Servants for March

Date	Communion Assistants	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes
3/1	Carra Rockwood (8) Nancy Benoit (10:15)	Linda Klopp (8) Bill Gibbs (10:15)	Robert Steindl & Lucy Davis (8) James Suess & Dean Mauro (10:15)	Hannah Pelegano (10:15)
3/8	Joyce Suess (10:15)	Michelle Gladue (8) Bill Holbrook (10:15)	John Darling & Nick Salerno (8) Charles & Kimberly DeMarino (10:15)	Matthew Kall (8)
3/15	Lisa Gentile (8) Bonnie Zownir (10:15)	Beth Moller (8) Beth Long (10:15)	The Crampton Family (8) Doug & Kyle Graham (10:15)	Aidan Jones (10:15)
3/22	Frank Miller (8) John Kjellson (10:15)	Carra Rockwood (8) Laura Webster (10:15)	Ruth Heering & Frieda Fries (8) Lisa & William Miller (10:15)	Hannah Pelegano (10:15)
3/29	Karin Thompson (8) Barbara Welton (10:15)	Lois Davis (8) Lee Sirotnak (10:15)	Betty Lou Schweiger & Sue Skrzypiec Michael Kurtz & John Sirotnak (10:15)	Aidan Jones (10:15)

Altar Guild in March: Michelle Gladue & Deborah Walonoski

Pastoral Acts at Zion in February. Feb. 8—Baptism of Kylie Faith Watson /
Feb. 12-Funeral for Maryanne Brown / Feb. 19-Funeral for Edith Groll /
Feb. 22-Baptism of Sophie Lee Cynthia Atwood / Feb. 23-Funeral for Karin DeManche

Sunday School Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt—Palm Sunday



On April 5 the Sunday School will be doing its annual Easter Celebration where we visit the last few days of Jesus' life. We will have the last supper with some disciples, carry a heavy cross, see an empty tomb and visit the Garden. Everyone is invited to arrive at 9:00 to be assigned a center in the Gathering Place. We will be finished at 10 with pick up in the Basement. Classes will move around the church space to each center during the hour. Zion's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately follows the 10:15 service.

EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Please complete this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering basket along with your payment. **Deadline for orders is April 4, 2009.** Plants may be taken home following worship on Easter Sunday.

___Easter Lily(\$10) ___Tulip(\$6.75) ___Daffodil(\$6.75) ___Hyacinth(\$6.75)

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

I wish to make a donation toward the purchase of:

- Worship Chairs Freestanding Bulletin Board Christian DVD's for our Video Library
- Multi-media equipment

Please list my gift as:

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Info & events

March Sermons: Questions for Lent

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Zion is affiliated with the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, one of over 11,000 congregations in the ELCA.

We worship every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly at all services. Sunday School and Adult Study Hour: 9 a.m., except during the summer. Summer Sunday worship at 9 a.m.

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March 1-A Grace Question : How do we live with temptation?

March 8-A Discipleship Question: What do we do with the cross?

March 15-A Commitment Question: What needs to be driven from your life?

March 22-A Wholeness Question: Do you want to be made well?

March 29-A Cross Question : Are you willing to die?



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You can download the New Testament podcast to your mp3 player! Listen to it daily and in 40 days you'll have experienced the entire New Testament!

Father/Child Palm Sunday Breakfast

Watch the weekly announcements and check out Zion's website for the latest information on the Men's Palm Sunday Breakfast on April 5. First Lutheran of Southington is hosting this year's breakfast.

Women of the ELCA Gathering

All women are invited to attend the spiritual gathering, "Wit and Wisdom of Women", which will be held April 17-19, 2009 at Mt. St. Alphonses in Esopus, NY. This is a time to grow spiritually, commune with God, bask in fellowship and joy, attend workshops, walk the labyrinth, pray, and enjoy the beauty of the Hudson River. (This retreat is offered once every 3 years). If you would like to attend, please call the office for the registration form (628-5759). Please see Barbara Debner if you'd like to carpool with her.

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