



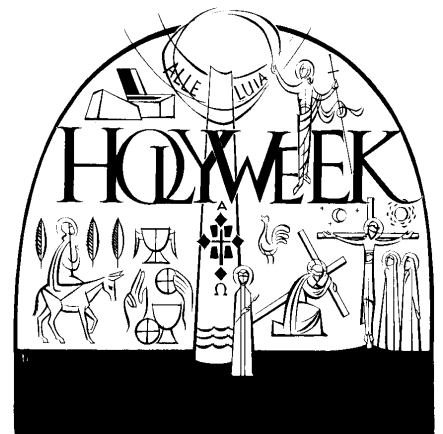
Zion Lutheran Church's On the HORIZON

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April 2009

Holy Week Schedule

- April 5 Palm Sunday Men/Child Breakfast at First Lutheran 7:30 a.m.
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 Community Good Friday—The Way of the Cross
St. Paul's Episcopal Church 12 noon—1p
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



Sunday School Easter Party & Egg Hunt

On April 5 the Sunday School will be holding 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.

Bells and Blessings Sunday April 26



On Sunday April 26 at 7pm we will gather to hear music from our choirs and hand bells. We will also enjoy skits from the Confirmation class that reflect what they have been learning this year. The Confirmation Hand Bell choir will also be playing. Come and enjoy an evening of music, laughter and blessings.

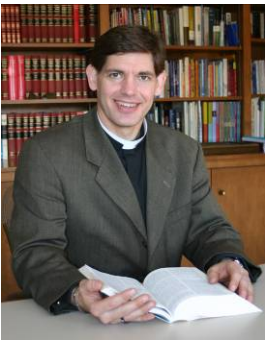
Apple Harvest Meeting—40 years of Fritters

The Next Apple Harvest Meeting will be Thursday, April 23 at 7pm. Come and join in the planning. This year's festival will be Oct. 2 –Oct. 11. We are planning to order new shirts to celebrate our 40th year of Apple Fritters. Let's make this the best year yet, but we need your help!



Father/Child Palm Sunday Breakfast @ First Lutheran

Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child (12 and under). Dads can bring sons and daughters this year. The breakfast will be held on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009 at First Lutheran Church. See Pastor Debner for tickets.



Pastor's Corner

Holy Week ends with Easter—the great celebration of the Christian faith. It's a day of rejoicing and celebrating. Yet, Easter started in the midst of great fear and trembling. (Mark 16:8 *"So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were*

afraid.") We still have terror, amazement fear and the gut reaction to run away, in our lives. It's no wonder that we need to hear again and again the good news of Easter. Christ has risen— That's Easter. The Risen Lord comes back to life and assures the disciples that they are forgiven. Peter had denied his Lord three times. / Thomas had doubted. / All the disciples had forsaken Him. But, Christ came back, forgave them and resurrected them. He comes this Easter to share with you the joy, the encouragement and the forgiveness of Easter. That's the reason for the resurrection, to give us all new life that begins now! He has Risen! He has Risen Indeed!

Pastoral Acts in March

Baptisms

3/8, 09 Jayden James Porter
3/8, 09 Diana Grace Porter

Funerals

Sandra Luther 3/20, 09
Peacedale Cemetery Bristol,
Marcel LaLonde 3/27,09
Zion Lutheran Church

Wedding Announcements

4/18, 09 Marieluise Vezina &
Christian Jannetto

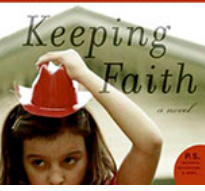
5/2, 09 Erika Sirotnak &
Nick DiGeronimo

Re-tacking of covering completed on pews

The Pew Committee has finished re-tacking the front board, foam and cloth coverings for all the main pews. We thank, Len, Russ, Doug, Frank, Pat, Lois, Beverly and Kim who helped to make it all happen. Next will be the repositioning to give a little more room between the pews. The Pew Committee wants to extend our sincere thanks to those dedicated folks who came out for two Saturdays to help repair the pews. An honorable mention goes to the Christensen's daughters who cleaned, moved pews, and overall were a huge help that first Saturday. The project was completed in 2 Saturdays. This was the first step in starting to address the needs for additional seating. The repairs cost less than \$200!! Thanks to everyone who helped!!!

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“Keeping Faith” is the New Book Club Selection for April 23– 7:30 pm



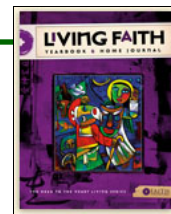
Synopsis: Somewhere between belief and doubt lies faith. For the second time in her marriage, Mariah White catches her husband with another woman and Faith, their seven year old daughter, witnesses every painful minute. In the aftermath of a sudden divorce, Mariah struggles with depression and Faith seeks solace in a new friend... a friend who may or may not be imaginary.

Faith talks to her "Guard" constantly; begins to recite passages from the Bible— a book she's never read. Fearful for her daughter's sanity, Mariah sends her to several psychiatrists. Yet when Faith develops stigmata and begins to perform miraculous healings, Mariah wonders if her daughter-- a girl with no religious background-- might indeed be seeing God. As word spreads and controversy heightens, Mariah and Faith are besieged by believers and disbelievers alike, caught in a media circus that threatens what little stability they have left.

What are you willing to believe? Is Faith a prophet or a troubled little girl? Is Mariah a good mother facing an impossible crisis— or a charlatan using her daughter to reclaim the attention her unfaithful husband withheld? As the story builds to a climactic battle for custody, Mariah must discover that spirit is not necessarily something that comes from religion, but from inside oneself. Jodi Picoult masterfully explores the moment when boundaries break down, when illusions become reality, and when the only step left to take is a leap of faith.

Read the book and join us for discussion on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation



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

April 5 The Lord's Prayer—Deliver Us from Evil

April 19 The Lord's Prayer—The Doxology

April 26 Special Event night that begins at 7 pm., Skits, Confirmation Hand bell performance, Chapel Choir, other musical offerings.

May 3 Media and Materialism (last class of the year).

Confirmation Day is May 31 at noon.

Attention Acolytes: We need your help on Confirmation Day! Please sign up on Zion's website at www.zionlutheranct.org by clicking on the "Worship" tab, then on "Worship Servants".

Easter Communion-Standing

During the Easter Season we will stand as we receive communion. The time of penance is over and we no longer kneel. To remind ourselves of our Lord's victory over death, we stand with our risen Lord during the distribution of communion.

Easter Brunch Fundraiser

Join us for a delicious Easter brunch between the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services. All money raised will go toward the West Virginia Mission trip happening in July, 2009.



Foxes End Association with LBT

The Lutheran Bible Translator's support of the Fox family in Guatemala will end on May 31 along with the LBT's support of the San Andres K'iche' Translation and Literacy Project. Mary and Ed Fox have chosen to resign from the LBT and continue their work in Guatemala, particularly in San Andres, at least until the New Testament Scriptures and Genesis are completed, or for as long as their health allows. Read the entire Foxes' Footprints newsletter on our website at www.zionlutheranct.org. Click on the "News" tab, and then on "Missionary and Medical Staff Newsletters".

Reception for Vicar Olsen—May 17 Following 10:15 Worship

Please join us as we celebrate Vicar Olsen's internship with us and as we wish her well on the next steps of her journey. Please bring a salad or dessert to share—Zion will provide the main meal.

Council Positions Will be Open


The following Council positions will end their term on June 30, 2009: Worship & Music, Christian Education, Christian Fellowship, Membership & Witness, and Treasurer. There are currently candidates for some of the open positions, but not all. Please prayerfully consider serving on your Church Council and speak with Pastor Debner for the details of the open positions. Call the office at 628-5759 if you would like a job description for any available position.

Worship Servants for April

Date	Communion Assistants	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes
4/5/09	Carra Rockwood (8) Nancy Benoit & Bonnie Zownir	Carra Rockwood (8) Linda Graham(10:15)	Frieda Fries & Ruth Heering (8) The DeMarino Family	Zachary Gehrken & Austin Gentile (8) Sarah Hurley & Rachel Harvey (10:15)
4/9/09	Karin Thompson (7p)			Elizabeth George & Katherine Miller (7)
4/10/09				
4/12/09	Carra Rockwood (8) John Miller & Joyce Suess (10:15)	Linda Klopp (6) Carra Rockwood (8) Steve Long (10:15)	Linda Klopp (6) The Welton Family (8) Steve Kroll & Steve Long (10:15)	Nathaniel Gleicher & Bruce Wellin (8) Reed Kroll & Mackenzie Martin (10:15)
4/19/09	Lisa Gentile (8) Lee Sirotnak (10:15)	John Waters (10:15)	Carra Rockwood & Helmut Jobs (8) The John Miller Family (10:15)	Harrison Garret & Zachary Gehrken (8) Aidan Jones & Madeline Sadkowski (10:15)
4/26/09	Barbara Welton (8) John Kjellson (10:15)	Jeanne Garrett (8) Bill Holbrook (10:15)	Peter Kurtz & Sue Skrzypiec (8) Mike Kurtz & John Sirotnak (10:15)	Caroline Barry & Taylor Waters (8) Katherine Hartford & Ashley Christensen
Altar Guild in April: Anne Graham & Linda Klopp				

Women of the ELCA Spiritual Gathering

All women from our congregation 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.



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:

____In loving memory of:_____

By:_____

____To the Glory of the Risen Christ

By:_____

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Info & events

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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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April Sermons:



April 5 Palm Sunday-The Passion according to Mark
 April 9 Maundy Th. -Seeing Ourselves in the Disciples
 April 10 Good Friday—The Passion According to John
 April 12 Easter: Happy Ever After
 April 19 Easter Faith
 April 26 The Reality of the Resurrection

Thrivent Teach Kids to Share Day

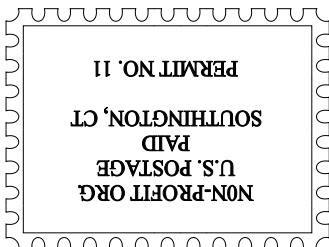
April 24, 2009 Children’s Museum, 90 Trout Brook Dr., West Hartford from 5:30p—9:00p



This event brings families and kids (ages 6-10) together for fun and learning. Explore unique ways kids can share, save and spend. You’ll participate in an interactive workshop, share dinner and fellowship and take home educational tools to continue the fun. Cost is \$10 per family and space is limited. Register at Thrivent.com/shareday or call 800-236-3736.

Funeral Booklets Available

Plans for my funeral service—booklets are available in on the table by the stained glass windows. Take time as we remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return, to ponder your own funeral plans.



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