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Zion Connection

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

We're all about helping you get connected -

With one another, with your faith, with the greater church, and with opportunities to serve our community & beyond.

Ash Wednesday & Mid-Week Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday Service - March 2nd @ 12:00pm

The liturgical season of Lent , which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter), is a time when Christians are called to reflect on the meaning of Christ's journey to the cross, death and resurrection. It is a season of deep inner reflection, soul searching, and penitence that culminates with the joyous celebration of Easter.

An Ash Wednesday service with Imposition of Ashes will be held (both in-person & <u>via livestream</u>) on March 2, 2022, at noon at Zion Lutheran Church. As subsequent weekly mid-week Lenten services will not be held at Zion, **you are encouraged to worship online with** Salem Lutheran Church each Wednesday at 7:00pm. (Link to Salem's Services)

Opportunities for Personal Lenten Reflection

Two meaningful opportunities for personal Lenten reflection are being offered to our Zion family. First, Diane Brown has prepared a Lenten calendar for us to use in support of the <u>ELCA Hunger</u> <u>Appeal</u>. (Thanks, Diane!) This eye-opening and thought-provoking calendar is filled with daily ideas for reflection, giving and action. As Diane explains, "For millions of people, hunger is no journey. It is a daily struggle. In this small way, you are invited to accompany hungry



Church Calendar

Weekly Worship Service -11:00am - In-person and via livestream (Link)

Men's Prayer Breakfast -Mondays - 8:30am @ Rainbow Restaurant in Groveland (For info: <u>John Renn</u>)

Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom - Thursdays @ 2:00pm (For info, email <u>church office.</u>)

Mah Jongg Fellowship -Fridays - 1:00pm @ Zion (For info: <u>Gail Huntley</u>)

Bold Women's Worship Service - Sun., Feb. 27th

Ash Wednesday Service -Wed., Mar. 2nd @ 12:00pm -In-person & livestream (Link)

WELCA Meeting via Zoom -Mon., Mar. 7th @ 10:00am Link: WELCA Zoom Mtg.

Church Council Mtg. - Sun., Mar. 13th @ 12:00pm

Final Day For Easter Lily Donation - Sun., Mar. 20th

WELCA Spring Fling - Sat., Mar. 26th in Winter Park. (For info: Louise Willim))

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(Lenten Reflection - cont.)

people for the next 40 days by praying for them, learning about the causes of hunger, and resolving to act." **Printed copies of the 40-day calendar along with instructions for use will be distributed at church beginning Sunday, Feb. 27th.**

Second, Pastor Hoven of Salem Lutheran in Orlando is organizing a video project to read the entire Gospel of Luke during Lent with individuals from around Heart of FL Conference sharing their own thoughts about a part of this good-news message. Each day a different participant will post a short 3 - 5 minute video sharing a reflection about what he/she notices in that day's portion of text and then posing some questions for viewers to consider. As videos are completed, they will be posted to Pastor Hoven's YouTube page. If you would like to view the daily videos, please click here. If you would like to volunteer to share a Lenten video for this project, please click here.

Looking Ahead to Easter Lilies

Even as we are just now preparing to take our first steps along our Lenten journey, scheduling challenges require that we look ahead to the beautiful Easter lilies that will once again adorn our chancel area on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

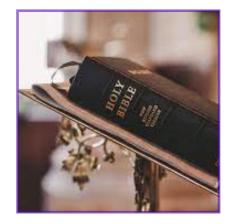
Members of our church family are invited to donate an Easter lily in honor, appreciation or memory of a special person or meaningful occasion. The cost for the lilies is \$8.00 per plant. Following the Easter service, all who donated are invited to take their lily(s) home.

How to Participate -

Order forms are now available at church. The form is also attached to the email with which this ZC newsletter was sent. Or, you may mail a check made out to Zion with a note detailing the person or occasion you are honoring. The very last day to place your order to ensure your name and commemoration appear on the printed Easter Lily Donation List is Sunday, Mar. 20th.

WELCA Spring Fling!

Each spring, the women of Heart of FL Conference gather for *Spring Fling*, a fun time of renewing friendships, singing, Bible study, delicious lunch, guest speaker and closing worship with Communion. This year's *Spring Fling* will be held on **Saturday, March 26th, at St. John's Lutheran in Winter Park**. Mark your calendars, and let's fill a car or two for the event from Zion! For more info, please contact Louise Willim.



Scripture Readings

Sunday, Feb. 27th

(Bold Women's Sunday) Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2nd

Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, Mar. 6th

(Reader: Louise Willim) Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, Mar. 13th

(Reader: Ann Schultz) Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

Zion Family Birthdays in March -

- 8th Paul Brown
- 8th Terrence Renn
- 13th Gail Huntley

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