

This Week at Zion...

Sunday, February 18

Traditional Worship †	8:00 a.m.
Special Voters' Meeting	9:15 a.m.
Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship †	10:30 a.m.

Monday, February 19

No School	
Monday Sewing	1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

Scrip Orders Due	9:00 a.m.
Tuesdays at Two Bible Study	2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

Women's Bible Class @ Cronks	6:30 a.m.
Chapel/Lenten Service	8:30 a.m.
Lenten Service	5:30 p.m.
Lenten Meal (Evening Guild serving)	6:15 p.m.
Youth Confirmation	6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
Nifty Needles	1:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23

Men's Bible Class @ Cronks	6:30 a.m.
Prayer Party	7:30 a.m.
Newsletter Assembly	1:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

Traditional Worship †	6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, February 25

Traditional Worship	8:00 a.m.
Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship	10:30 a.m.

Serving Lent Feb. 21:

Elders: 8:30 – Bob Matthiesen
5:30 – Kieth Osborn
Acolyte: 5:30 – Leigha Brungardt
Greeters: 8:30 - Susan Danielson
5:30 – Lauren Bowker
Ushers: 5:30 – Gavin Miller, Dave Bockelmann, Butch Munson



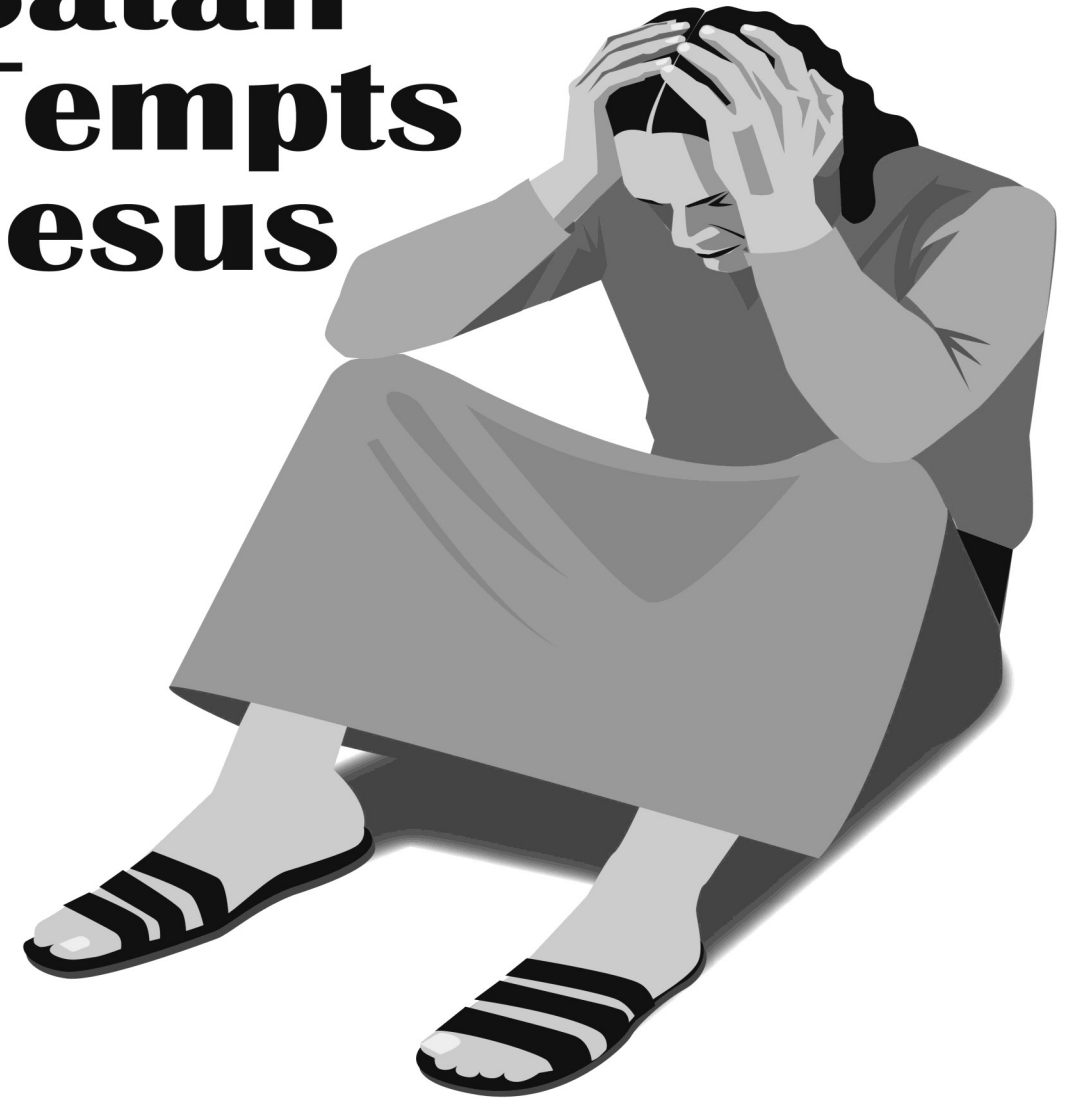
Serving at Zion This Week...

Elders	6:30	Jim Asmus
	8:00	Brian Christensen, Larry Berner
	10:30	Trevor Gress, Mark Feller
Acolytes	6:30	Chloe Koch
	8:00	Devin & Jake Fink
	10:30	Quincy Mahrt
Projector	6:30	Karly Brodersen
	8:00	Hunter & Easton Emery
	10:30	Leigha Brungardt
Greeters	6:30	Jim, Staci & Lexi Neumann
	8:00	Connie Crawford, Liz Christensen
	10:30	Jalene Knudsen, Emma & Gracie Schurke
Ushers	6:30	Colton Neumann, Dave Haase
	8:00	Matthew Weltz, Butch Munson, Dave Bockelmann, Dave Johnson, Dan Martin, David Miller
	10:30	Summer Lamaak, George & Susan Salmon, Pam Soseman, Dylan Friedrichsen

Serving at Zion Next Week...

Elders	6:30	Butch Miller, Jim Asmus
	8:00	Marc Gosch
	10:30	Kieth Osborn
Acolytes	6:30	Lexi Neumann
	8:00	Delaney Lutz
	10:30	Quincy Mahrt
Projector	6:30	Colton Neumann
	8:00	Devin & Jake Fink
	10:30	Morgan Winey
Greeters	6:30	Kyle, Tammy, Kirsten & Karly Brodersen
	8:00	Dan & Pam Martin, Matthew Weltz
	10:30	Cindy Mengwasser, Garret Plagge
Ushers	6:30	Brittany Krajicek, Dave Haase
	8:00	Liz Christensen, Butch Munson, Dave Bockelmann, Dave Johnson, Dan Martin, David Miller
	10:30	Leigha Brungardt, George & Susan Salmon, Pam Soseman, Dylan Friedrichsen

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**First Sunday
in Lent
Feb. 17 & 17, 2018**

Announcements...

As We Gather... Lent is a special time to focus on what God in Christ has done for us. God acknowledges the sinfulness of humanity and works with a broken and sinful world to bring God's steadfast love to it. God chooses to save us in spite of our sinfulness.

Stewardship Corner... God's will for us is not only that we should be saved, but also that we are to be sanctified - live the Christian life faithfully. This flows from the unchanging message of God's mercy and love, which makes us God's instruments ready to do His works. God's good, pleasing and perfect will contradicts our own perverse, stubborn and selfish wills. Our old nature influences us to put ourselves first and God second. God's mercy leads us to seek God first and Him only. God's mercy leads us to do good works, not in order to gain salvation, but because we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. That salvation, which results in serving God, is God's perfect will for you.

Lenten Services Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. led by Vicar Zac Courie of Our Savior, Denison/Bethlehem, Dow City. This year's theme is "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Meal will be served after the 5:30 service by Zion Evening Guild. Menu will be assorted casseroles, fruit, roll and dessert. Free will offering.

Newsletter Assembly is Friday at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to help!

Seamstresses wanted for a Sew-a-Thon on Monday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kiron. There will be a meal served. Swaddle blankets are being made for a new orphanage in Haiti. Bring portable sewing machines and supplies. Also needed are people to pin and cut (if you don't sew!). RSVP to Deb at 263-0389 or Jane at 675-4347.

Lutheran Witness Renewals are due. If you are a subscriber, or would like to subscribe, please pay \$22.67 in the office for the year, or put envelope in offering marked "Lutheran Witness."

Thy Strong Word Listen to KDSN (107.1 FM) for these 3-4 minute devotions (Monday-Saturday) at 6:25 a.m. This week's speaker is Rev. Richard Merrill of St. John Lutheran Church, Charter Oak.

Building Healthy Families: At the end of the Revolutionary War, in his letter to the States on June 8, 1783, George Washington is quoted as saying: "...the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation." As you celebrate President's Day tomorrow, pray and thank God for the gifts of liberty and freedom, and for those who currently hold national, state and local positions of leadership in government. Lutheran Family Service of Iowa - Lynnette Aschinger (712-276-9000).

Please pray for...

For Healing... Linda Petersen, Carla Long and Kelly Dirks
(Names will be carried on the list for 3 weeks. Please call the office if you would like a name on for an additional 3 weeks.)

Happy Birthday to... Kevin Beam, Deb Green, Dorothy Listamann, Mike Petersen, Scott Bowker, Terry Long, Kevin Ransom, Gen Baker, Michael Frazier, Delores Meyer, Magdalyn Sharp, Angele Boehm, Linda Ewoldt, Kay Farris, Shawn Kleckner, Deb Mead, Louis Poggensee, Wilbur Reimers, Jon Tiefenthaler, Whitney Dearduff, Jeremy McMinemee, Marlene O'Meara, Julian Rank, Gloria Kuehnhold

Happy Anniversary to... Ron and Pat Rothe, Steve and Maxine Winey, Butch and Marlene Munson, Dale and Anne Neumann, Alan and Kelly Weltz

For Comfort... The family of Erma Meggers

Families and Zion Staff including... Denny and Debra Denker, Tim and Diane Goslar, Ross and Janet Iversen, LuAnn and Cari Mesenbrink and Heather Hoffman

Today's Bible Readings...

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the sea-shore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Epistle Reading

James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Church Statistics February 10 & 11:

Attendance: 312
Communion: 71
Offering: \$5,260.28
Sunday School Attendance: 56
Sunday School Offering: \$19.28



Hymns:

6:30 - 544, 547, 424, 418
8:00 - 544, 547, 424, 618, 619, 418
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This Week's Bible Verses:

Sunday - Mark 1:9-15 - Temptation of Jesus
Monday - Genesis 9:8-17 - God's promise to Noah
Tuesday - 1 Peter 3:18-22 - Suffering for doing right
Wednesday - Matthew 4:1-11 - Jesus' temptation
Thursday - Jeremiah 31:31-34 - A new covenant
Friday - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 - God will provide a way out
Saturday - Psalm 25:1-10 - Prayer for guidance
Sunday - Mark 8:31-38 - Jesus predicts his death