

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

Wednesday Lenten Service:
A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil
March 26, 2025



Zion Lutheran Church

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"Gathering together, growing in faith, and going into the world in Jesus' name."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome: We gather each week of Lent for evening prayer and to hear stories that are traditionally a part of the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday of Holy Week. We can imagine ourselves tonight being invited to sit around the campfire with our faith ancestors to hear these stories and wonder together about the descriptions of God, the metaphors for resurrection, and the references to baptism they contain. Welcome! We are glad you are here.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Storyteller Introduction & Prayer

Service of Light

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

Psalm 141	p.4-7
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Storytelling: Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21)

Campfire Reflection & Prayer

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Prayer

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Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you...

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Welcome to the table! Our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord invites all to participate in this meal of Holy Communion. You may come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Receive the bread in your open palm and dip bread into wine (light) or grape juice (dark). Gluten-free bread and separate cups available for those who need them. All are welcome here.

Distribution Music

Communion Prayer

P: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Mission & Ministry Announcements

Final Blessing

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Storyteller Dismissal

Go in peace and share the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please submit any prayer requests to a member of the prayer chain: Linda Moe 715-398-6779.

Prayers of Healing: Ric Adrihan, Jane Christie, Barry Kilner, Michael Pelletier, Lucille Sullivan, and for Pastor Terry Stratton and family with the passing of Judy Stratton.

Prayers of Protection:

Nathan Anthony, Andrew Hutton, Nathan Madsen, Keely Nelson, Andrew Mattson, Joshua Seifert, Mathew Sherwood, and for all those who are in military service throughout the world and their families; and for law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all who put themselves at risk for others.

Prayers of Comfort:

Those homebound or in long term care: Jerry and Marilee, and Alice Mattson.

Prayers for Strength & Guidance: Pastor Sarah Gunderson, Our Church Council, our lay leaders, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Martin Halom and our Synod Staff, and for all those who stand up for justice in Jesus' name.

Thank you to all who pray faithfully.

(To add or remove a name, please call the office. 715-398-3663 Thank you.)

Calendar of Events

Wed, Mar 26	1:30pm Bible Study 5pm LOGOS 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Lenten Service 7pm Adult Study – Faith of Our Neighbors	Sun, Apr 6	9am Sunday School / Adult Study 10am Worship 11am Coffee Fellowship 3pm Don't Kick the Turkeys 5:30pm Dinner @ Pilgrim 7pm ZOOM Book Study
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Mon, Mar 31	5pm Choir 5:45pm Bells	Tue, Apr 8	5pm Operations
Wed, Apr 2	1:30pm Bible Study 3:30pm Worship & Music 5pm LOGOS 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Lenten Service	Wed, Apr 9	1:30pm Bible Study 5pm LOGOS 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Lenten Service 7pm Adult Study – Faith of Our Neighbors
Thu, Apr 3	2pm ELCA Stitch Society	Thu, Apr 10	9am WELCA kitchen cleaning 9am – 11am Spring Cleaning 2pm ELCA Stitch Society 5pm Stewardship
Fri, Apr 4	7pm Don't Kick the Turkeys		6pm Church Council
Sat, Apr 5	7pm Don't Kick the Turkeys	Sat, Apr 12	Middle School Youth Gathering in Rice Lake, MN

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Every 4th Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday!

Food Shelf Focus (non-freezable items please)

Brown rice . Dried fruits . Cereal . Crackers . Granola bars . Hamburger Helper
Instant Mashed Potatoes . Powdered Gravy packets . Ramen
Powdered Spaghetti Sauce . Macaroni & Cheese . Pop Tarts
Whole Grain Cereal . Whole Grain Pasta

Bar soap . Dental Floss . Tooth brushes (no multi-packs)

Please help us provide food for our neighbors and community!

MARCH LAY MINISTRY	
READER	COUNTERS
Mar 30 Donna Meltz	Mar 30 Donna Meltz, Aine Merrill
MINISTER ASSISTANT	GREETER
Mar 30 Linda Moe	Mar 30 Shirley Boris
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Mar 30 Vicky Holm	Christel Lewis
<p>If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time, please notify the Office at 715-398-3663 with the name of your replacement. Thank you for your service.</p>	

WELCA

Ladies Night Out



ACES
ON 29th

5:00 pm, Thursday, March 27

All Women Welcome!

Zion Easter Garden

Easter is approaching and it's time to order Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. There are a variety of choices and we are ordering from Engwall Flowers. To order, please fill out the information below.

	<u>*price each</u>	<u>quantity</u>	<u>total price</u>
Easter Lily	\$20.00 w/bow +.50	_____	\$_____
Tulip garden	\$36.00	_____	\$_____
Cyclamen	\$30.00	_____	\$_____
Hydrangeas blue or pink	\$26.00	_____	\$_____
Kalanchoes (mixed colors)	\$18.00	_____	\$_____

Total Paid \$_____

*All prices include foil for each plant.

From _____

In loving memory of _____

In Honor of _____

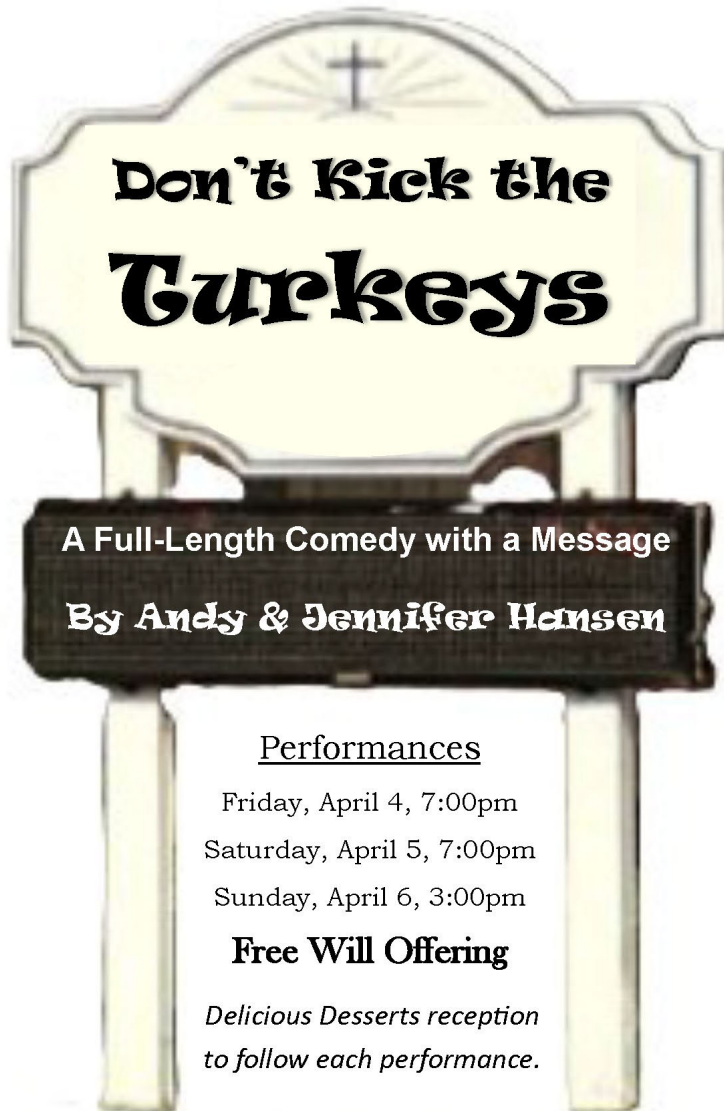
Please return this form with your check or cash to the church office.

Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran.

The deadline to order flowers is **Sunday, April 6.**

Thank you!

Zion Lutheran Church Presents



**Don't Kick the
Turkeys**

A Full-Length Comedy with a Message

By Andy & Jennifer Hansen

Performances

Friday, April 4, 7:00pm

Saturday, April 5, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 6, 3:00pm

Free Will Offering

*Delicious Desserts reception
to follow each performance.*

All proceeds benefit the mission of Zion Lutheran.

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Lent 2025

Lenten Study Opportunities

This Lent we will be learning a little bit about some major faith traditions in the world and how they compare to our Lutheran faith tradition. Join us for a weekly (no-prep) conversation at church as we explore a different faith each week. There will also be a book study happening during Lent to complement and dive a little deeper into the gift of learning about the faith traditions of others. Hope you can join in this Lenten journey!

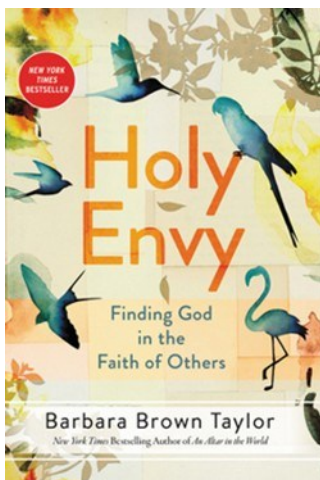
Learning about the Faith of Our Neighbors

Come learn the basics of these major faith traditions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and other Christian denominations. Each week we'll learn a little about how each faith tradition compares to our Lutheran beliefs and how we might be better neighbors with those who may practice another faith. Come for one or more conversations!

Sunday mornings at 9:00am (before worship) March 9- April 6

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm (after Lenten worship) March 12-April 9

Join our Lenten Book Study



Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor

We will meet for a reflection/check-in time each week on Sunday evenings on Zoom 7pm, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6.

And for a final wrap-up session with dinner together on Sunday, April 27, 6:30pm, at Zion.

You are welcome to read the book on your own, and then join for the book conversation on April 27, or come to any of the Zoom check-in reflection days to reflect with others along the way.

Pick up a copy of the book at church for \$10 or find one on your own.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ZION-DINNER AT 5:30, WORSHIP AT 6:15



Wednesday, March 12
Week of Lent 1 Worship:
Creation Story

Menu
Chef's Surprise
No Logos-Spring Break



Wednesday, March 19
Week of Lent 2 Worship:
Flood Story

Menu
Chicken, mashed
potatoes and gravy,
peas, salad and dessert



Wednesday, March 26
Week of Lent 3 Worship:
Deliverance at the Red Sea

Menu
Chili, corn bread, salad
and dessert



Wednesday, April 2
Week of Lent 4 Worship:
Salvation Freely Offered

Menu
Spaghetti, garlic bread,
salad and dessert



Wednesday, April 9
Week of Lent 5 Worship:
**Deliverance from the Fiery
Furnace**

Menu
Sloppy Joes, mac and
cheese, salad and
dessert



**Holy Week Worship
Schedule at Zion**

Maundy Thursday, 4/17, 6:30pm
Good Friday, 4/18, 1pm, 6:30pm
Easter Vigil, 4/19, 6:30pm
Easter Breakfast 4/20, 8:30-9:45am
Easter Sunday, 4/20, 10am

Worship will be led by our Logos Youth Group. We will use Holden's Evening Service as the worship setting. For more information call the church office at 715 398-3663 or email churchoffice@zionsuperior.org. Hope to see you there!



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