

# ZION TYMES

The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church

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Many Christians enter this Lenten season by sacrificing something important to them, such as eliminating sweets from their diet or removing TV shows from their daily routine. We try to give up something we enjoy so it will be a genuine sacrifice, in a very small attempt to emulate the massive sacrifice of Christ. But what if we could sacrifice something even more beneficial, to others and ourselves?

It is often said that Lent can be an acronym for “Let’s Eliminate Negative Thinking.” Wouldn’t it be a powerful display of sacrifice if every year, at least during the time of Lent, we took away one of Satan’s favorite tools? After all, negative thinking certainly does not derive from God. He tells us specifically in Galatians 5:22-23 that the fruits of the Spirit are: “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

How different in contrast are the fruits of Satan. With negative thinking he is able to persuade us to engage in bad behaviors, such as:

- Loss of confidence
- Worry and anxiety
- Perpetual discord
- Gossip
- Jealousy
- Hatred

These are only a few of the vices Satan tempts us to perform when negative thinking is at the core of our behavior.

How wonderful it would be if we could eliminate negative thinking, even just for the days of Lent! Not only here within our Zion community, but imagine if newspapers printed as many articles about the occurrence of good deeds as they did crimes. Think of the potential for positive ideas to inspire us toward further good actions to combat the negativity that desperately tries to permeate our daily lives.

The reason negative thinking is such a powerful tool in Satan’s war chest is because it effectively

blocks our Lord's greatest command in John 13:34: "Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another." Love is the antithesis of negative thinking. Love is unconditional acceptance; it is a positive embrace of other, and this love is based on selflessness and trust. How different is hatred, which is a condition of perpetual suspicion and doubt, and has the potential to manifest itself into additional sinful behavior. A slight change in perspective has the potential to diminish the influence hate holds over us and, instead, allows our Lord's commandment to love each other to be performed with purity and joy.

This Lenten season, instead of passing on dessert, let us endeavor to follow Christ's new mandate as we walk the path to Good Friday with Him. Who knows, we may find it is a fruitful and fulfilling way to behave during the rest of the year, too!

As always, I remain yours in His service and love,  
Pastor

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A Thank You to to the following for flowers : Charlotte Wemmell in memory of her brother, Colleen Schuh, and the family of Helena Augusto.

Anyone wishing to donate flowers for March or April, please sign up on our flower chart in our addition **in pencil** or call Susie Rodriques at 860-647-0207 and let her know.

Consider donating flowers in honor of a special occasion (anniversary, birthday, just because) , or in memory or honor of a loved one.

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### ALTAR GUILD



#### MARCH

Anneliese Howarth  
Bob Howarth

#### APRIL

Irene Cyr  
Colleen Schuh

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**. PRAYER GROUP** - We meet on the first Sunday of the month after service in front of the church for fifteen minutes or so. Prayers are said for those in need and thanks given to God for our answered prayers. Anyone wishing to join us in prayer may.

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**SWEETHEART DINNER-** Charlottes "Sweet Heart" dinner has been postponed until March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm due to the constant snow storms every weekend. We hope by then the weather is clear and everyone can attend.

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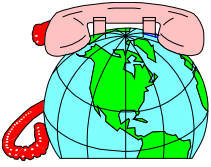


Anyone wishing to purchase an Easter flower for the front of the church on Easter, please see Charlotte Wemmell or call her at 860-646-0497 to order. The below flowers are available : Easter lilies – 1 plant per pot \$10.00, 2 plants per pot \$18.00; Asiatic lily in either mahogany, yellow or pink 1 plant \$10.00; Mona Lisa lily – pink \$10.00, tulips, daffodils and hyacinths 6 inch pot \$9.00; hydrangea –pink or blue \$13.50 and azaleas –color

unknown \$12.00. **Deadline for orders and payments is March 22.** Payments are due when your plant/plants is/are ordered. Your plant/plants is/are yours to take after the Easter 9:30am service.

Thank you.

## PRAYER LIST



If you know someone who could use our prayers, please tell me or leave a note in my mailbox and I will include them in the list of people to pray for. Please pray for the following people in your prayers. Thank you. Suzanne Sanden

Mary Allen  
Evelyn Amo  
Family of Helena Augusto  
Jack Casey Jr.  
Sandra Cooksey  
Bob Crooks  
Family of Leane Cswertek  
Marsha Danhy  
Franie Discount

Robert and Bonnie Duchow  
Dennis Greaney  
Katie Joyal  
Marie Kaczynski  
Milena Lecours  
Martha Metcalf  
Kay Moore  
Kaytlyn Moore  
Family of Christopher Passera

Debbie Perlinski  
Elaine Shew  
Trudi Schick  
Family of Maria Scholtz  
Betsy Smith  
Darlene Stroup  
Margaret Tluck  
Teresa Wilson

Those who struggle with addictions of any kind, those who live with mental health issues, and all those who are homebound, homeless and the victims of crime.

The Child Care Center of our sister church Wollaston in Quincy, MA. The center suffered extensive damage due to frozen sprinkler system.

Loved ones currently serving in our country in the Armed Forces: Brent Hallenbeck, Eric Jarvis, and David Erickson, Matthew Bolivar.

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE



**Lent is underway and the theme for this Lenten season is “Our Suffering Savior”.**

A soup supper will proceed the services at 6:00pm. Lenten Services at 7:00pm.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> the service is entitled “By His Wounds We Are Healed”. On March

11<sup>th</sup> the service is entitled “Stray Sheep”. March 18<sup>th</sup>, “Is There No Justice” is the title of the service. March 25<sup>th</sup> the service is “Knowing When to Keep Quiet”.

**NOTE - NO Wednesday service Holy week.** Our Maundy Thursday service is on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm entitled “Blood Bath”. Our Good Friday service is on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm is entitled “A Rich Burial”.

**Easter Sunrise service at 6:15am followed by a pancake breakfast. Easter service is at 9:30am followed by a pancake breakfast in case you missed the earlier one. Easter services are entitled “Satisfaction Guaranteed”.**

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## BIBLE STUDY

Pastor is leading a Bible Study entitled Lutheranism 101 after church every Sunday except for Voter meeting Sundays and coffee hour Sundays. Please join him directly after service for an informative and lively study of our Bible and Lutheran viewpoints.



# THE HAPPY CORNER



## MARCH

Jane Bensche	3 - 2
Freddy Ortiz III	3 - 6
Carl Ruebin	3 - 6
Harold Sanden	3 - 8
Shirley Tully	3 - 20
James Taylor	3 - 20
Wyatt Augusto	3 - 21
Anneliese Howarth	3 - 23
Helga Worgan	3 - 24

## APRIL

Gisela F. Field	4 - 2
William Hebert	4 - 6
Carl Schuh	4 - 21
Dean Ott	4 - 21
Remington Casida	4 - 24
Robert Howarth	4 - 26
Paula Moore	4 - 27
Paul Moore	4 - 30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dick and Charlotte Wemmell	3 - 13
Suzanne and Harold Sanden	3 - 17
Linda and Richard Ott	3 - 28
Barbara and Pastor Henry Lubben	4 - 25

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**MACC SOUP KITCHEN** - Would you like to help out at the Manchester Area Council of Churches soup kitchen? It only takes a few hours and the clients are grateful to the volunteers. Zion is scheduled to work there on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:45pm to 8:45pm. It is easy and very little clean up is involved as the clients do most of the work. **This is an opportunity to help serve others in our community. It is also fun and rewarding.** PLEASE SEE BARBARA TAYLOR TO SIGN UP. THANK YOU.

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## ZION KNITERS AND CROCHET GROUP

Our prayer shawl group will meet again on March 6<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. In April we will meet on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> due to Lent. If you do not know how to knit or crochet and would like to learn, we have people willing to teach you. Please bring your own yarn and knitting needles or crochet hook. See you then. Please contact Irene Cyr at 860-643-1638 for more info.

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## WENT TO BE WITH OUR LORD

Helena Augusto	2-6-2015
Liane Cswertek	2-19-2015
Maria Scholtz	2 -20-2015

# MEMORIALS

In memory of Elli Weiss by Linda Ott and Margaret Tluck.

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Due to all the snow recently our February 8<sup>th</sup> Voters meeting did not make a quorum and due to continued bad weather our next voters meeting will take care of matters not discussed at that meeting. That will be our voters meeting in May on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Note the date change due to Mothers Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

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## LWML/LADIES AIDE



Our March meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. We are having pizza and playing Bingo. Do not forget your white elephant prizes. We always have fun and enjoy the prizes. Mites are due. Because of bad weather in February, some of our members forgot their health kit items. We will also finish packing the health kits for MACC. Hopefully, Pastor has some Lutheran tracts we can include in our kits. Someone needs to take them to the shelter.

In April, our meetings return to the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Please consider joining us. Any ideas for our April meeting? We'll also talk about our "Spring Fling" dinner we will have during May.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention will be held June 25-28, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa. **Early discounted registration is now available** online or by filling out the registration form in the *Winter Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. **Early Registration Available Now! Register by March 14 and save \$20.00. More info is available at <http://www.lwml.org/convention>** The theme is "Bountiful! Sow & Nourish & Reap". It is based on 2 Corinthians 9:8. "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work". (NIV)

If you have never attended a convention, consider this one. The more of us that attend the more fun it is. It is wonderful to be with other LWML members in fellowship and friendship. We split the cost of the room and that reduces the cost a lot.

Look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

Suzanne Lieber – Sanden, Zion LWML/Ladies Aide President

### REFRESHMENTS

MARCH  
Ruth Herbele  
Irene Cyr

APRIL  
Anneliese Howarth  
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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Psalm 119:105

## LOOKING AHEAD

March 1, Sunday - 9:30am - Worship w/communion.  
10:45am –Prayer Group meets  
11:00am – Bible Study.

March 3, Tuesday, 7:00pm – Grange uses church basement.

**March 4, Wednesday, 6:00pm – Soup Supper.**  
**7:00pm – Lenten Worship.**

March 5, Thursday, 7:00pm – Council Meeting.

March 6, Friday, 7:00pm - Knitting and Crochet meet.

**March 7, Saturday, 5:00pm – Zion’s “Sweet Heart” dinner.**

March 8, Sunday, 9:30am – Worship.  
10:30am – LWML Coffee Hour.  
10:45am – Bible Study.  
1:00pm – Estonian worship.

**March 11, Wednesday, 6:00pm – Soup Supper.**  
**7:00pm – Lenten Worship.**

March 15, Sunday, 9:30am - Worship w/communion.  
10:45am – Bible Study.

March 17, Tuesday, 7:00pm - Grange uses church basement.

**March 18, Wednesday, 6:00pm – Soup Supper.**  
**7:00pm – Lenten Worship.**

**March 19, Thursday, 6:45pm – Helping at MACC Soup Kitchen.**

March 22, Sunday, 9:30am – Worship.  
10:30am – Bible Study.  
12:00pm – Estonian Worship.

March 24, Tuesday, 7:00pm – Zion Crafters meet.

**March 25, Wednesday, 6:00pm – Soup Supper.**  
**7:00pm – Lenten Worship.**

**March 29, PALM SUNDAY, 9:30am – Worship w/Communion.**  
**10:30am – Bible Study.**

**April 2, MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7:00pm – Worship w/Communion.**

**April 3, GOOD FRIDAY, 7:00pm – Tenebrae service Worship.**

**April 5, EASTER SUNDAY, 6:15am – Easter Sunrise Service w/Communion.**  
**Followed by Pancake Breakfast.**  
**9:30am – Worship w/Communion.**  
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April 7, Tuesday, 7:00pm – Grange uses church basement.

April 8, Wednesday, 7:00pm – Worship w/Communion.

**April 9, 7:00pm – Council meeting.**

April 10, 7:00pm – Knitting and Crochet meet.

April 12, 9:30am – Worship.  
10:30am – LMWL Coffee Hour.

# LOOKING AHEAD CONTINUED

**April 14, Tuesday, 7:00pm – LMWL meeting.**

April 15, Wednesday, 7:00pm – Worship.

April 19, Sunday, 9:30am – Worship w/Communion.  
10:45am – Bible study.

**April 22, Wednesday, 7:00pm – Worship.**

**April 26, Sunday, 9:30am – Worship.**

April 28, Tuesday, 7:00pm -Zion Crafters meet.

April 29, Wednesday, 7:00pm – Worship.

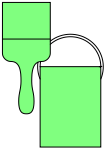
**May 3, Sunday, 9:30am – Worship w/Communion.**

**10:45am – Prayer Group meets.**

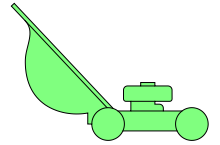
**11:00am – Bible Study.**

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## TRUSTEES REPORT



No Trustees report this newsletter per Head Trustee.



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## READ YOUR BIBLE



### WHEN....

You worry, READ MATTHEW 6:19-34

You are lonely or fearful, READ PSALM 23

You are in sorrow, READ JOHN 14:1-6

You are grateful, READ PSALM 103

Others fail you, READ PSALM 27

God seems far away, READ PSALM 139

You are discouraged, READ ISAIAH 40

You need courage, READ JOSHUA 1