



WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

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Lent 4
March 31, 2019

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

In Jesus' name we welcome you to worship today. May God bless you through his Word of grace and give you the peace and joy that come only from Jesus!

Welcome Guests!

We pray the service will be a blessing for you. Please do us the honor of filling out the guest register located in the narthex. Should you desire any further information about Zion, our Pastor will be happy to speak with you after the service. Additional notes about our Church are printed on the back page of this bulletin.

THEME OF THE DAY

God's plan of salvation represents wisdom to the believers, but it is foolishness to the unbelievers.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to confront us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done. Proclaim that his name is exalted! Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things! Let this be known in all the earth! Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 32 Pg. 78

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. In fact, it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will bring to nothing. Where is the wise man? Where is the expert in the Jewish law? Where is the probing thinker of the present age? Has God not shown that the wisdom of this world is foolish? Indeed, since the world through its wisdom did not know God, God in his wisdom decided to save those who believe, through the foolishness of the preached message. Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, but to those who are called,

both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

VERSE OF THE DAY: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

GOSPEL **Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." He told them this parable: "A certain man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" "He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.' Then they began to celebrate. "His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant told him, 'Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. He answered his father, 'Look, these many years I've been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' "The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.'"

SERMON **The Message of the Cross** **1 Corinthians 1:18–25**

This Week at Zion
March 31st - April 8th

- Today 9:00am Worship
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Bible Class
-  Monday 6:30pm Worship
- Wednesday 10:00am Bible Class
3:45pm Confirmation
5:15pm Lent Meal
5:45pm Choir
6:30pm Lent 5 Worship
- Thursday 1:30pm Ladies Aid Meeting
- Sunday 9:00am Worship with
Communion & Examination
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Bible Class
- Monday 6:30pm Worship with
Communion



Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, April 24th

4:30 PM Social

5:00 PM Dinner

Brown's Corner in Peshtigo

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call Marquita Limberg at 715-582-3304. All women from the congregation are invited to attend.



Worship Attendance

Weekend of March 24th	139
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Bible Study Attendance

Sunday Morning Bible Class	9
Wednesday Morning Bible Class	2

Our Gifts to Our Lord

Current	\$2,983.07
Online Giving	\$2,216.00
Plate	\$372.00
Fellowship/Lighting Fund	\$30.07

Holy Week

- April 14th **Palm Sunday 9:00am**
- April 18th ***Maundy Thursday 6:30pm**
- April 19th ***Good Friday 1:00pm**
- April 21st **Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am**
- April 21st **Easter Breakfast 7:30am to 8:30am**
- April 21st ***Easter Festival Service 9:00am**

*Communion Services

Confirmation

- April 7th **Examination**
- April 14th **Confirmation**
- April 21st **First Communion**

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory or honor of a loved one, to decorate the church for Easter, there are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$13.00. Please sign up by Palm Sunday, April 14th. You may take your lilies home after the Easter Festival Service.



Ladies Aid

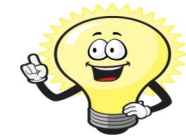
The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will be on Thursday April 4th at 1:30pm. All communicant ladies are welcome to attend.

LENT 2019

Lenten Meal Schedule - 5:15pm

April 3rd	Confirmation Class	Chili Cook-off
April 10th	Sunday School	Pulled Pork

"Buy A Light"



Any donation, goes toward a light and the installation.

Zion Ladies Spring Banquet
Monday April 29th
5pm Social Hour 6pm Dinner
Brown's Corner in Peshtigo
Tickets can be purchased
from Joy Caebe, Lois Kamm,
Susan Rudolph, Dianne
Stewart or the church office.

Adults \$12
Children 7-12 \$8
Age 4-6 \$4
3 and under free

Open to All Ladies & Families

Can You Sharpen Blades?

We are in need of someone to sharpen the blades on our paper cutter.

Do You Have Award Winning Chili?

Alex Prestine is our current chili champ and he challenges you to defeat him. If you feel that you have what it takes to win and would like to enter your favorite chili recipe for our Chili Cook-Off on April 3rd, there is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. This year the Cook-Off will be hosted by our





Recommendations for Church Fellowship.

One of the highlights of this summer’s 65th Biennial Synod Convention will be the formal declaration and recognition of fellowship with two confessional Lutheran church bodies. The 2019 synod convention will be held July 29 – Aug. 1, 2019, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.

The Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ – Kenya (LCMC – Kenya) was formed when the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya began to tolerate false teachings. A group of Kenyan pastors broke away and began searching for a confessional Lutheran church body. In 2015, Rev. Mark Onunda of the LCMC – Kenya met at length with the Doctrinal Committee of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa – Zambia Synod (LCCA – Zambia), a former WELS mission and now our sister synod. The LCCA – Zambia synod declared formal fellowship with the LCMC – Kenya last September. The WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations will be recommending to the synod convention that WELS also formally declare fellowship with the LCMC – Kenya.

The Christian Lutheran Evangelical Church in Taiwan began as a WELS mission and is now an independent Lutheran Church body that has always been in fellowship with WELS. Because this church is now independent, the Commission on Inter-Church Relations is recommending that the synod in convention formally recognize our fellowship with the Christian Lutheran Evangelical Church in Taiwan.

Representatives from each church body will address the convention and make presentations that will familiarize the delegates with these church bodies that will be recognized formally as a part of our fellowship.

We thank God for continuing to enlarge our fellowship with Lutheran Christians around the world.

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder

Note To Visitors

We sing the Psalms! Before the service it might help to read through the instructions on page 63 of the hymnal.

Personal Prayers for Worship may be found on pages 10-11 of the hymnal.

If your child becomes restless, that’s okay....We love having children in worship at Zion. Feel free to step into the fellowship hall or to use the cry room near the west entry until your little one settles. There are speakers in both areas.

Restrooms are at the west end entry area also. Changing tables for babies are in each.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and the third Sundays of each month (and the Mondays after). In the Lord’s Supper, our Savior offers unworthy sinners a personal pledge of forgiveness of sins through His body and blood. As He draws repentant sinners to himself, he also draws them into a special bond of fellowship with one another. In the WELS, we demonstrate this special fellowship bond in what is called “close communion.” Thus, if you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor. He will share with you the steps toward establishing communion fellowship. Thank you for respecting our practice. Personal preparation help is found on page 156 in the hymnal.

Our Mission Statement

As a family of believers in Christ and members of His Kingdom, our congregation exists to worship, praise and honor the Triune God, share His pure Gospel message, encourage one another to grow stronger in faith through daily use of the Word, and urge each other to demonstrate such faith in daily living.



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Welcome Bell

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Lesson - 1 Corinthians
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Verse of the Day

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