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How has your Lenten journey gone?

We are well into our Lenten journey. How is yours going? I find each day a challenge. Some days end with me feeling good and as if I've accomplished something but then others feel like a total failure. In other words, I've not loved my neighbors and therefore have not loved myself or my Lord.

Luckily we are in community. We are part of a larger body that fills in the gaps. Those we might slight or ignore at least stand the chance of being loved by our sister or brother in the faith.

^{NRS} **Job 19:14 My relatives and my close friends have failed me;¹⁵ the guests in my house have forgotten me; my serving girls count me as a stranger; I have become an alien in their eyes.**

Job was disappointed in those near to him. Some in the Church feel the same way. Are we truly a community of faith or are we just individuals going our own way and



claiming the title "Follower of Christ"?

Lent gives us a chance to amend wrongs into rights. God calls us to examine the self. As Luther points out, we will always come up short. But at the same time God reminds us of Jesus and his love. We are called anew DAILY to struggle against sin, death and the devil (from our baptismal covenant). May you be blessed in the journey.

Pastor Larry Baker

Zion Lutheran Church
 Mission Statement
 "To share the
 Good News of
 God's love shown
 to us through
 Jesus Christ; in
 gathering for
 worship, Baptism,
 and Holy Communion;
 through studying
 God's word in order
 to share an active
 faith; providing
 loving service
 to our community."



A few thank yous

H.E.L.P. House – Thanks to all who came down to church to help pack food for Loving Kindness Kitchen: Karen Brooks, Norma Hicks, Nancy Hoenie, Susie Taylor and Arlene Castor. Also, thanks to all who donated food for us to take: Millie McNutt, Dortha Feddern, Joyce Gossett and Sally Hurt. Also, thanks to Kate Mahon for going to H.E.L.P. House with me and working there for a while. – **Carol Mahon**

Lenten Services – Thanks to all the folks who made delicious goodies for the Lenten fellowship after our services.

LMC Clean-up – A big thank you to MIC Adam for coordinating the workday at Lutheran Memorial Camp during the Maple Syrup Festival.

WELCA News

Keep your calendars open in May! On May 16 at 2 p.m. we will be having a Mother-Child Tea at church. Plan on coming and having a good time. We will be having a florist talk to us about the meaning of flowers and then try to assemble some Victorian nosegays. Lots of good food and door prizes. Tickets are \$5 and will be available from either Joyce Gossett or Carol Mahon the last Sunday of April.

We also are planning on getting together some Friday night in May to watch a video of the Women in Faith Conference. It was too expensive for us to go this year, so we are trying to bring the Conference to us! Look for more information to come. Any questions, contact Malenie Hadidon or Carol Mahon.

Bible study

A Bible study on the book of John begins May 5 at 7 p.m. at church. Bring your own Bible (any edition is OK). For more information, see

Arlene Castor

Easter breakfast

Breakfast will be served Easter morning between the early and Festival worship services. Food will be provided by the Sunday School. Please plan on joining us then. Also an Easter egg hunt is being held for any children wanting to participate.

World Hunger meal

World Hunger was met head-on by the members of Zion feasting lavishly on baked beans, ham, chicken stew and desserts galore. It seems our overindulgence would not be a means to combat hunger but it was the opportunity pass out "banks" for a collection for ELCA World Hunger. We joined with hundreds of other congregations attacking this ongoing malady. If you missed getting your bank just turn your donation in clearly marked for ELCA World Hunger.

Lenten schedule

We are in the grand celebration of Holy Week. Maundy Thursday will be here at Zion at 7 p.m. with a soup supper scheduled for 6 p.m. Good Friday is set for a community-wide service at 7 p.m. at the Freewill Baptist Church on Gardner Road. Resurrection of our Lord (Easter) services will be at 7 and 10:30 a.m. with a breakfast and Sunday School activities in-between.

Training Offered

Training will be offered for worship assistants and homebound communion ministers. The former will be held on April 21 at 7 p.m. and the latter on April 28 at 7 p.m. Sign up sheets are on the kitchen bulletin board.

Getting to know ... Jan Murray

Jan has the distinction of being the last charter member of Zion as it was closed on Reformation Sunday following her baptism in 1955. Consequently Zion has always been her church home.

She met her now husband John when she agreed to substitute for Whitey Wester (now a Lutheran minister) at a CROP Walk between churches in London and West Jefferson. They met in 1972 and were married in 1976. They have three children, John Robert, Jeff and

Jennifer and one grandson Daniel.

Jan has been active in the Zion church family as WELCA Representative to church council and was council secretary for 8 years. She also has served as WELCA treasurer since 1992. She has been a medical laboratory technician at Doctors West Hospital for 30 years and John is an outside lumber salesman for Tri State Forest Products.

Her main hobby is reading. In case you didn't know, she is the daughter of Bob and Dortha Feddern.

Changes (Also called New Beginnings)

Perhaps you've noticed some changes in the past couple months. Let's see if we can enlighten you on the NEW things you've noted.

The Paschal Candle: We now have a Paschal Candle. At present it is near the Font. During Easter it will be near the Altar. It will be lit from Easter to Pentecost. It represents the "Light of Christ." It is always lit for baptisms and funerals. It is near the font for baptism and near the casket for funerals. You'll note that it has the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on it. These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

Tables: Tables of Communion are not blessed individually. The blessing for post-communion (The

body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace) is reserved for the whole assembly. Therefore when a table finishes eating and drinking they may arise and return to their seats awaiting the completion of the meal (Mass).

Psalmody: The psalms are varied by type. So we utilize the psalms according to their type. If a psalm is, for example, an individual psalm of lament, then we may do it in unison. On the other hand, if the psalm is one of corporate confession, we might do it antiphonally or responsively by sides of the nave. This manner helps us comprehend the psalm more easily.

Lent: A reminder: Alleluia is

omitted during the Lenten season. It will return on Easter.

Confession: The Brief Order for confession is an option on Sundays. At times (for instance during the Easter season) it may be omitted throughout. At other times it is appropriate to do a Thanksgiving for Baptism in place of the Confession. Fear not – your pastor will hear confession any time you desire (no, that is not a Roman Catholic thing, it is very Lutheran).

Pastor Larry Baker

April Birthdays

- 4/3 Ward Weber
- 4/4 Harry Keckley
- 4/7 Danielle Jenkins
- 4/13 Blade Butler – 10
- 4/15 Esther Mae Baker
- 4/16 Richard Bausch
- 4/29 Julie Feddern
- 4/29 Norma Hicks
- 4/30 Carol Mahon

April Anniversaries

- 4/16 Jerry and Paula Paulins – 21
- 4/24 Bob and Dortha Feddern – 60
- 4/26 Timothy and Melinda Biler – 23



May Birthdays

- 5/1 Larry Johnston
- 5/2 Alex Lutz – 12
- 5/3 Nathan McNutt
- 5/5 Jim Feddern
- 5/6 Jim Hall
- 5/6 John Hall
- 5/7 Ginny Fogt
- 5/9 Paula Paulins
- 5/14 Johnny Balderson – 13
- 5/15 Linda Collins
- 5/18 Bob Feddern
- 5/23 Sonya Chafin
- 5/29 Nell Sheller
- 5/30 Dick Hurt

Want to submit an item for the newsletter?

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