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What's our role in the Kingdom?

As we leave the Epiphany season and move into the season of Lent this month, Jesus, in the Gospel lessons that we will be reading and sharing, has given a glorious glance of what the Kingdom of God is like. Do you see your place in the Kingdom?

Dilbert is cartoonist Scott Adams' satirical chronicle of the trials and tribulations of life in corporate America.

In a recent episode, engineer Dilbert comes up with a terrific idea. He presents his plan to his boss, an incompetent little troll who is more concerned with office politics than productivity.

"I found a way to save a million dollars by spending only \$10,000," Dilbert says.

The boss glances at Dilbert's plan but quickly dismisses it. "The \$10,000 would come out of my

budget but the savings would go into someone else's budget. It's not feasible."

Dilbert observes, "Our stockholders might disagree." The pointy-haired boss counters, "That's why they aren't invited to meetings." [Dilbert by Scott Adams, Dec. 25, 2006.]

Dilbert has recognized his role in the Kingdom of God. But, the boss is different. We all recognize the myopic self-interest of the boss's dismissal of a good idea: What's in it for me? Nothing? So why bother?

It's that kind of thinking that Jesus calls his hearers to cast aside. Jesus challenges everything our me-first, bottom-line-centered society holds dear: Wealth and power are not the stuff of the Father's reign; humility, selflessness, and compassion are the treasures of the city of God.

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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."



Lenten worship

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 21. As we have done in past years, we will have a joint worship service with our friends at the Methodist Church each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This year the Methodists will be hosting us for the first three weeks in Lent. We will be with them on Feb. 21, Feb. 28 and March 7. The remaining three weeks will be hosted by us here at Zion. The theme for this year's Lenten services is "Christ on Trial."

Council correction

All council meetings will be held on Wednesdays with the exception of the March meeting, which will be March 13.

Jr. XYZ swim

The 3rd Annual Winter Junior XYZ Swim will be held Sunday Feb. 25 at the Dublin Recreation Center.

Kids in grades 1 through 8 are invited to spend an afternoon having fun in the pool. If you've never been in this pool, you don't want to miss the fun! They have a lazy river, a cool sliding board and the water is warm! And, parents, the maximum depth is 3.5 feet in this spacious pool. Cost is \$4. We'll leave from church after worship, stop for a bite to eat at McDonald's, and then be on our way.

Hope to see you there and bring a friend! A sign-up sheet is located on the youth bulletin board above the water fountain. Depending on how many kids attend, we may need extra adults to go along.

Support our students

Throughout February, congregation members will have an opportunity to remember our college

students by donating items for a care package to be sent to them.

Anything from Ramen noodles, to macaroni and cheese, to tissues, to gum, to post-it notes, to stamps, to cookies, to whatever you think would be fun for them to receive would be appreciated. Even notes of encouragement would be great. Three bags will be located in the social hall through Feb. 25. Thank you!

WELCA News

There will be a WELCA general meeting on Sunday, Feb. 11 at church at 6:30 p.m.

Our women's morning out was held last month at the home of Pam Davis. She prepared breakfast for us at her "Cajun Café." Thank you to Pam for an enjoyable and delicious meal!

Navajo Ahe 'ee

Ahe 'ee (Thank You) from the children and staff of the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. Your participation in the Labels for Education program has enabled the school to purchase a van to transport the kids to and from the school. It took about three million labels to buy the van. Since we started this partnership with the Mission, we have collected and sent out nearly 1,600 labels. Please keep the labels coming in. Thanks again

Souper collection

After worship on Feb. 4, congregation members contributed to the local food pantry by filling a soup pot with cash. Nearly \$100 was collected.

Year-end reports

Year-end reports are available by contacting Pastor Dennis.

A Note from Don and Carol Schiff

Thank you to our loving family, again! We have thanked God for allowing us to belong to such a caring, loving family. What a blessing to belong to Zion's church family – a family who cares – who REALLY cares.

Our frantic move in 2005 and now the wonderful, wonderful food you have brought to us. Best of all knowing it has been prepared by families with caring hearts. I may get so spoiled I'll have to request carry-in more often!

When we joined Zion so long ago, little did we realize that we were joining a family, not just a church, a loving family.

You have shown us in so many ways, many ways how wonderful it is and has been to be a family member of Zion.

Your prayers, love and support have been wonderful. Thank you, family. We love you.
 Carol, Don, Alex and PeeWee



Kingdom

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Jesus, in his Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6) once said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours . . . but woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."

Jesus articulates a new vision, a new attitude in approaching life; to seek the common good before our

own individual wants, to bring compassion and forgiveness to others despite our own anger and humiliation, to free ourselves from the pursuit of things of this world in order to possess the lasting things of God.

Pastor Dennis

A Prayer for Those who care

I do not know how
 Long I'll live;
 But while I live,
 Lord, let me give
 Some comfort to
 Someone in need
 By smile or not
 Kind word or deed,
 And let me do
 What'er I can
 To ease things for
 My fellow man.
 I want naught but
 To do my part,
 To lift a tired
 Or weary heart,
 To change folks' frowns
 To smiles again.
 Then I will not have
 Lived in vain.
 And I'll not care how
 Long I'll live
 If I can give and give
 and give!
 Submitted by The Schiffs

Date	Festival	Acolyte	Greeter(s)	Lector	Worship Assistant	Nursery	LSS Food Pantry
2/11	Epiphany 6	Tyler Hadidon	Hallie Jenkins	Louise Johnston	Linda Koch	Anne Marie Lutz & Libby	In honor of Terry Taylor's birthday
2/18*	Transfiguration of our Lord	Derek Taylor	Sally Hurt	Sally Hurt	Wesley Porter	Linda Koch	In honor of Shari and John LeFavour's birthdays
2/25*	1 Lent	Liz Balderson	Sandy Balderson	Catherine Balderson		Malenie, Tyler, & Daniel Hadidon	By Joyce Gossett in honor of Jerry's birthday
3/4*	2 Lent	Daniel Hadidon	Linda Koch	Susie Taylor	Malenie Hadidon	Carol Mahon	
3/11*	3 Lent	Tyler Hadidon		Karen Brooks		Milly McNutt & Daniel Hadidon	In honor of Lydia Feddern's baptism anniversary
3/18*	4 Lent	Blade Butler	Barbara and Rick Woods	Louise Johnston	Wesley Porter	Jody Taylor Brandon & Gunnar Doran	In honor of Philip Taylor's 13 th birthday
3/25*	5 Lent	Derek Taylor	Melinda Biler	Wesley Porter	Niki Biler	Anne Marie Lutz & Libby	
4/1*	Passion/Palm Sunday	Daniel Hadidon	Don and Carol Schiff	Susie Taylor		Linda Koch	
4/5*	Maundy Thursday	Tyler Hadidon	Milly McNutt	Milly McNutt		Sandy Balderson	
4/8*	Easter Sunrise		Barbara and Rick Woods	Louise Johnston			
4/8*	Easter 10:30		Milly McNutt	Milly McNutt		Malenie, Tyler, & Daniel Hadidon	
4/15	Easter 2	Philip Taylor		Wesley Porter	Wesley Porter	Carol Mahon	
4/22	Easter 3	Liz Balderson	Sandy Balderson	Catherine Balderson		Milly McNutt & Daniel Hadidon	In honor of Bob and Dortha Feddern's anniversary
4/29	Easter 4	Blade Butler		Linda Koch		Jody Taylor Brandon & Gunnar Doran	In honor of Julie Feddern's birthday

* This is a Communion Sunday

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 WELCA 6:30 p.m. Scout Banquet 5-7:30 p.m.	12 Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	13	14 Council 7 p.m.	15 Weight Watchers 6-8 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	20	21 ASH WEDNESDAY Lenten Worship WJUMC 7:30 p.m.	22 Weight Watchers 6-8 p.m.	23	24 Confirmation 9- 11 a.m. Knitting Circle 3 p.m. @ Milly McNutt's
25 Jr. XYZ to Dublin Rec. Center after worship	26 Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	27	28 Lenten Worship WJUMC 7:30 p.m.			
March				1 Weight Watchers 6-8 p.m.	2	3 Confirmation 9- 11 a.m.
4	5 Choir 6:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	6	7 Lenten Worship WJUMC 7:30 p.m.	8 Weight Watchers 6-8 p.m.	9	10 Confirmation 9- 11 a.m.

February Birthdays

- 2/6 Heidi Weber – 12
- 2/7 Milly McNutt
- 2/12 Terry Taylor
- 2/15 Brandon Doran
- 2/23 Bill Harrison
- 2/25 Jerry Gossett
- 2/27 Tom Mahon

February Anniversaries

- 2/14 George and Doralee Wendell – 47
- 2/18 Richard and Nancy Bausch – 23
- 2/19 Steve and Anne Marie Lutz – 13
- 2/22 Frank and Joie Livingston – 61

March Birthdays

- 3/2 Hallie Jenkins – 13
- 3/5 Sally Forrest
- 3/8 Nancy Bausch
- 3/9 Donna Green
- 3/11 Elizabeth Balderson – 13
- 3/11 Robert Chafin
- 1/13 Chuck Hilliker
- 3/15 Ron Taylor
- 3/16 Philip Taylor – 13
- 3/17 Malenie Hadidon
- 3/18 George Wendell
- 3/22 Lisa Weber
- 3/25 Bobbie West
- 3/26 Dortha Feddern
- 3/29 Catherine Balderson – 18
- 3/31 Frank Livingston

March Anniversaries

- 3/6 Fred and Bonnie Myers – 15
- 3/10 Ron and Maxine Taylor – 51



Want to submit an item for the newsletter?

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