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# Tidings

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## **What will you 'vote for' this Lent?**

Once again, it is the season of the year we call Lent. We started off the Church year with Hope and Expectation concerning the birth of the long awaited Messiah. Then we moved into the Joy and Celebration of the Christmas season, then on into Epiphany when it is revealed to us who Jesus is in Power and Majesty.

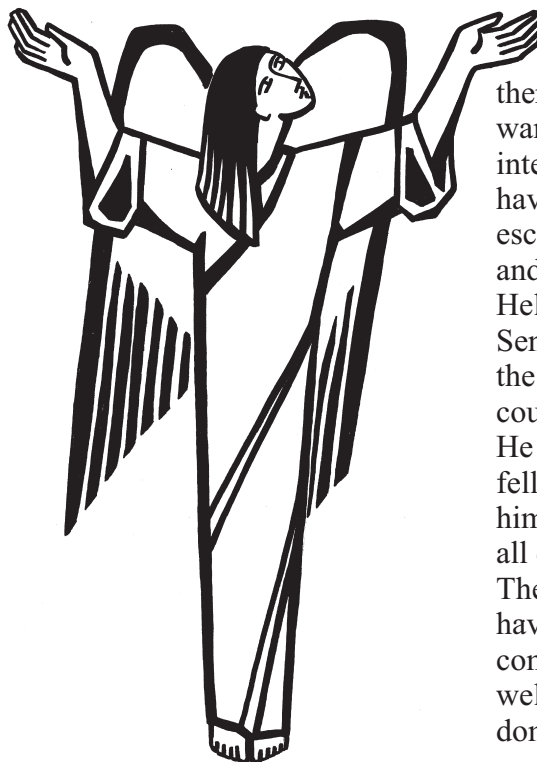
Now we move into the time of year when we spend 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter

looking at our day-to-day lives to ask ourselves: "Are we being the person and the people our God redeemed us to be?"

I recall an old joke that goes something like this: A United States Senator dies and appears at the gates of Heaven. St. Peter greets him at the gate. "Welcome Senator. Before we let you enter, we have a special procedure for all politicians. What we do is have you spend one day in Heaven and another day in Hell. Then you decided where you want to spend eternity."

The Senator protests: "But there's really no need for that. I want to be in heaven." St. Peter interrupts him, "I'm sorry, but we have our rules." St. Peter then escorts the Senator to an elevator and down, down, down he goes to Hell. The doors open and the Senator finds himself standing in the middle of a beautiful green golf course. In the distance is the club. He recognizes all his friends and fellow politicians. They welcome him, pour drinks for him, and they all dine on lobster and tenderloin. The Senator and his cronies are having a wonderful time. The Devil comes over and introduces himself, welcoming the Senator to his domain. What a great guy, the

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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."



## Spring ahead!

Daylight Savings Time begins early this year. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11.

## Lent worship

Mid-week Lent worship services are taking place on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. This year's Theme is "Christ on Trial." We have been hearing witnesses in defense of Jesus. We are doing joint services with the Methodist Church. The Methodists hosted on Ash Wednesday and the first Wednesday in Lent and will be hosting on March 7. Zion will host the worship services on March 14, 21 and 28. Our Elders will be asking for help preparing refreshments following our evening worship.

## Campaign over

We have just completed our annual stewardship campaign for 2007. If you have not already turned in your offering card for this year, it is not too late to do so. You may place it in the mail or drop it off in the offering plate.

## Looking ahead

Palm Sunday is April 1. We will begin worship that Sunday with a Palm Branch Procession from the social hall into the sanctuary. April 5 is Maundy Thursday. We will have worship at Zion beginning at 7 p.m. We will continue with our theme, "Christ on Trial." The next evening, April 6, is Good Friday. We are having a community worship service at 7 p.m. at New Life Church of the Nazarene located at 2020 St. Rt. 142 NE. Easter is April 8. We will have two worship services – our Sunrise service will take place at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast. We will have our regular festival worship at our usual 10:30 a.m.

## WELCA News

The annual Shrove Tuesday Dinner was held Feb. 20. The power flickered on and off several times, but the griddles kept hot! We had a good turnout. After expenses, we cleared \$125, which we donated to the West Side Pregnancy Decision Health Center. Thanks to all who ate, cooked or cleaned!

## A night at college

High school youth are encouraged to come to a night with our college students on Saturday, March 10. We'll meet for dinner and conversation at 6 p.m. at the Mustard Seed Cafe on Main Street in West Jefferson. The band for the evening will begin playing at 7:30 p.m. if the group wants to stick around. On this night you can get all your questions answered from the "experts" on what college life is like. Friends are invited! This is not limited to Zion high school youth – the more the merrier. See you at the Café!

## It's Fiesta Time!

The 6th Annual Fiesta Tropical will be April 14 at the Bridgewater Banquet and Conference Center in Powell. Proceeds benefit Montana de Luz, a place of hope for children with HIV and AIDS in Honduras.

In conjunction, a raffle will be held for a Caribbean cruise for two on Carnival Cruise Lines. The winner will select from 12 getaways. Included are lodging, on-board meals, port charges, government fees, shipboard gratuities and \$500 airfare to a Carnival ports city. The winner also receives \$500 to spend on ship activities or shore events. Raffle tickets are one for \$10 and 3 for \$25. You not need to be present to win. Contact Ginny Fogt (879-8333) if interested in attending or to buy raffle tickets.

# Vote

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 Senator says to himself. After a day of golf, good food and remi-niscing about the old days, the Senator takes the elevator back to Heaven.

St. Peter is waiting for him. He escorts the politician to a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing and singing the praises of God. It is perfectly lovely. Before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by, and St. Peter sends for him.

“Well, Senator, you’ve seen both Heaven and Hell. Where do you wish to spend eternity?” The politician reflects for a minute, then responds, “Well, Heaven is a perfectly wonderful place. I never would have thought it, but I think I would prefer Hell.”

“As you wish,” St. Peter says and escorts the Senator to the elevator. Down, down, down he goes. The doors open – but this time the Senator is standing in the midst of a burning desert covered with ashes and garbage. His golf buddies are dressed in rags, picking up trash and stuffing it in endlessly long black bags they drag behind them. It’s insufferably hot and the rancid odor is nauseating. Suddenly he feels the slimy arm of the Devil around his shoulder.

“I don’t understand,” the Senator stammers. “When I was here yesterday there was a beautiful golf course and delicious food. All of my friends were happy. We had a



wonderful time. Now all that’s here is a burning wasteland, garbage and misery.”

The Devil looks at the Senator, smiles and says, “Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted.”

In our own lives, there is often a chasm between what we say we believe and how we live those convictions, between the promises we make and our commitment to work for those promises. Lent calls us to look at the “Heavens” we have built, the temples and objects we worship; this 40-day journey with the Lord to Easter leads us across that divide between the values of God and the values we live, to re-center our lives on the faithfulness, integrity and selflessness demanded by the Gospel we claim to “vote for.”

*Pastor Dennis*

‘To listen to  
 someone who  
 has no one to  
 listen to him  
 is a very  
 beautiful  
 thing.’

– Mother Teresa

Date	Festival	Acolyte	Greeter(s)	Lector	Worship Assistant	Nursery	LSS Food Pantry
3/4*	2 Lent	Daniel Hadidon	Linda Koch	Susie Taylor	Malenie Hadidon	Carol Mahon	
3/11*	3 Lent	Tyler Hadidon	Libby Lutz	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 <sup>th</sup> 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	Louise Johnston	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



# March



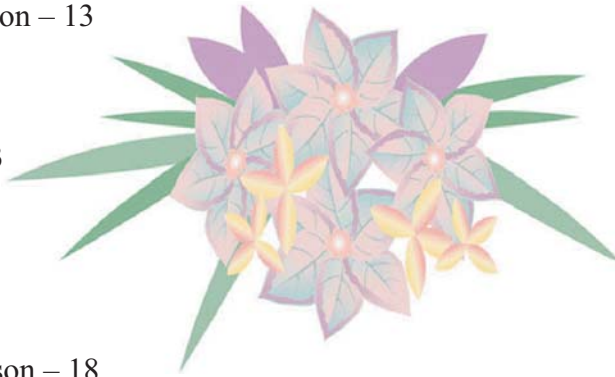
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Food Pantry After worship	Tutoring 4:30 p.m. Exercise 6 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	Exercise 8:30 a.m. Choir 6:45 p.m.	Tutoring 4:30 p.m. Exercise 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m. WJUMC	Exercise 8:30 a.m. Weight Watchers 6 p.m.		Confirmation 9 a.m. Knitting @ Milly's 3 p.m. College Night @ Mustard Seed 6 p.m.
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>SPRING AHEAD!</b>						
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<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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**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



**April Birthdays**

- 4/1 Willie Harrison
- 4/3 Ward Weber
- 4/4 Harry Keckley
- 4/7 Danielle Jenkins – 18
- 4/13 Blade Butler – 8
- 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 – 19
- 4/24 Bob and Dortha Feddern – 58
- 4/26 Timothy and Melinda Biler – 21

*Want to submit an item for the newsletter?*

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