

# Zion Lutheran Church

## March/April Newsletter

### **Cottage Meetings:**

Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church right now? What are we doing well, and what could we do better? What are our goals, and what must we do to accomplish them? And...where do we go from here?

These are all questions your Council discussed at a two-hour informal retreat in the fall and ones we would now like to pose to you. In the next couple of months, we plan to hold cottage meetings in which small groups of the congregation can come together and discuss these questions and any others you feel are important. While we are your elected officials, our church is here because of all of us and not just a select few.

As plans become more concrete, Pastor Ryan will make announcements at the beginning of services for all of us to volunteer to discuss church's present and future life.

I hope you will join us.  
Dianne Spear Hooton

### **Synod Assembly:**

Have you ever wanted to represent Zion Lutheran Church at the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly?

This year Synod Assembly is being held at the Grape Festival Grounds in Lodi on May 11, 2019. It is a one day event that does not require an overnight stay. The Assembly will be an all day event.

Zion Lutheran Church is allowed to bring two delegates (preferably one male and one female), plus a pastor, to the Assembly. Please playfully consider if this is a way you might be willing and able to serve the church!

If you are interested, please let Pastor Ryan know as soon as possible. We need to register our delegates by April 11, 2019.



## Pastors Letter:

Grace and peace,

It is hard to believe that Lent begins this month! I hope that you can make our Wednesday night Lenten soup suppers and worship a part of your Lenten season as we walk with Jesus to Holy Week.

We have been blessed over the fall and winter to have many new faces with us in worship. If you have been attending for a while and would like to learn more about Zion and becoming members, we are going to offer a class later this spring for those who wish to explore what it means to be a part of a church. The class consists of a few discussions centered around what it means to be a Christian and part of the Church. Contact me if you are interested.

We are collecting information for a new parish directory and to update information in our database. In order to do this, we ask that you fill out the form below and turn it into the office. Additional forms will be available in the Narthex. We will only be putting name, address, phone number, and email information in the directory, the rest is to update our database. Please indicate if you would like your information to appear in the directory. We need your form, with your permission for your info to be in the directory, even if your information has not changed. We hope to have the new directory ready this spring.

Peace to you all,  
Pastor Ryan

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service/Rank \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my information in the new directory: YES      NO

## **Presidents Message:**

On January 27, 2019, we held our congregational meeting. We had a quorum so voting could take place at the meeting.

A Nomination Committee was created. Gary McKnight and Vaness Kuhlmann had been selected by the Council. Dan Terry, John Pulver, Larry Cox and Tom Turnrose were selected by the congregation. There are three positions to be filled: Vice President and two At Large positions. If you are able to serve, please let a member of the committee know.

Dianne Hooton discussed the status of the altar wall construction. It will be completed by Easter and will be made of wood.

Elaine Werner, our Treasurer, presented the budget and answered questions from the floor. The budget was approved.

Bill Crawford presented our constitutional change ratification and Endowment Report. Regarding changes to the constitution, it was approved to have notifications sent by email. Those who do not have a computer will continue to be informed by mail. The meeting quorum will now be 35 instead of 50.

Your Council President,  
Vaness Kuhlmann

## **Friends of The Armed Forces:**

I am excited to report that Stephen Keyes has completed his deployment in Afghanistan and is now back on U.S. soil! Thank you again for all your prayers and support!!

The USAF Deployment Transition Center at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany works with our service members returning from deployments on reintegration into a non-combat environment. In this section of the Ramstein campus, there is a place called "Karen's Closet" where the service members participating in this program can pick up needed items free of charge. Some things that are available are toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant and other personal hygiene items, new and like new civilian clothes, and socks. Snack items are also available. Karen's Closet relies solely on donations. One box of personal hygiene items was sent to Karen's Closet from the Friends of the Armed Forces in December. We would like to send another box in March to support this program. We would like to collect the following personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and feminine hygiene products. Smaller travel size products work best. Donations can be left in the large basket in the narthex.

We will also continue to support Matthew Best with care packages thru April, as well as the 455<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in Afghanistan. Please let me know if you have any questions, and as always, thank you for your continued support!

In His service, Jodi

## Altar Wall Update:

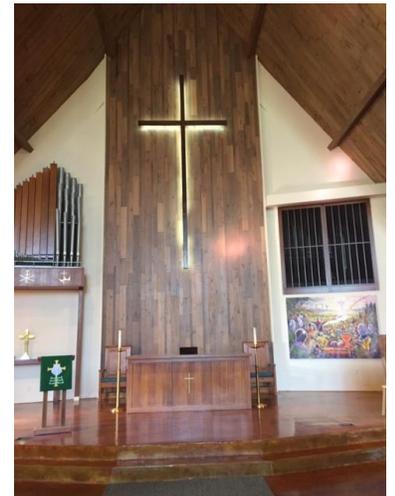
By the time you read this, the altar wall should be completely finished. As many of you know, the work began much sooner than the committee expected because the contractors who saw the damage were very concerned about the safety issue. We chose John Droge, a general contractor who is a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, to remove the tile squares from the center altar wall. Because of the quality of his work and his care in protecting the organ pipes, we also selected him to repair and paint the adjacent walls of the front of the sanctuary.

A few people suggested we again use tile for the center altar wall. However, after discussing this idea with several contractors, it was recommended that we choose another medium since tile would not "give" as our church continues to settle. I also received suggestions from at least ten people that we consider a design of wood. A special thanks goes to Stephanie Hensley for her original design concepts. Lynne Terry and Pastor Ryan, both members of the committee, recommended Raphael Flooring in Lodi, the company we chose.

The cost of the demolition was just under \$6,500, and the combined costs for the center altar wall and side sections will total about \$10,400. We received \$15,000 from the Endowment Fund, and Zion's congregation was generous in giving additional donations to cover the extra cost.

Hopefully the finished product is one you will enjoy and learn to love in the years to come.

Sincerely, Dianne Spear Hooton



## Fellowship:

Last year our Fellowship Ministry held several events including Pentecost Celebration. We had Confirmation with St. Anne's with both bishops officiating and lunch was served. Grace Hall was full of fellow Christians celebrating these events.

During the summer we also gathered for Faith Night with the Stockton Ports, it was an opportunity to share in the Port's loss!

In September we celebrated Rally day with a potluck/picnic, including games and music provided for all to enjoy, after the service.

October, we gathered for our Harvest Festival, and great fun was had by all. Brats and more were served. We had fall crafts, a silent auction bake sale which raised over \$200 for the Gospel Rescue Mission.

Our November Pie Sale was a huge success, our members supplied many great pies. We raise \$500 For the Friends of the Armed Forces which included donations.

In December we celebrated the Advent Season with an annual Advent Fair following the Service. We had two great Advent crafts available, which prepared us for the Coming of our Lord. Future event are listed in upcoming event schedule below. Pictured here are a few of last year's events.

Judi Renberg & Jan Stuber



## What Does Our Name Mean?

The word Zion occurs over 150 times in the Bible. It essentially means “fortification” and has the idea of being “raised up” as a “monument.” Zion is described both as the city of David and the city of God. As the Bible progresses, the word Zion expands in scope and takes on an additional, spiritual meaning.

The first mention of Zion in the Bible is 2 Samuel 5:7: “David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David.” Zion was originally an ancient Jebusite fortress in the city of Jerusalem. After David’s conquest of the fortress, Jerusalem became a possession of Israel. The royal palace was built there, and Zion/Jerusalem became the seat of power in Israel’s kingdom. It is on the southeast side of the city.

When Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, the meaning of Zion expanded further to include the temple area (Psalm 2:6; 48:2, 11–12; 132:13). This is the meaning found in the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:6, “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.” In the Old Testament Zion is used as a name for the city of Jerusalem (Isaiah 40:9), the land of Judah (Jeremiah 31:12), and the nation of Israel as a whole (Zechariah 9:13).

The word Zion is also used in a theological or spiritual sense in Scripture. In the Old Testament Zion refers figuratively to Israel as the people of God (Isaiah 60:14). In the New Testament, Zion refers to God’s spiritual kingdom. We have not come to Mount Sinai, says the apostle, but “to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Hebrews 12:22). Peter, quoting Isaiah 28:16, refers to Christ as the Cornerstone of Zion: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame” (1 Peter 2:6).

Our church name has a rich history but we cannot rest on our past. We must adapt and change and look to the future to continue to live up to our namesake. As a member of Zion Lutheran Church, how are you seeking to live out our mission of "Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ?"

Submitted by: Burke Wallace

Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Zion.html>

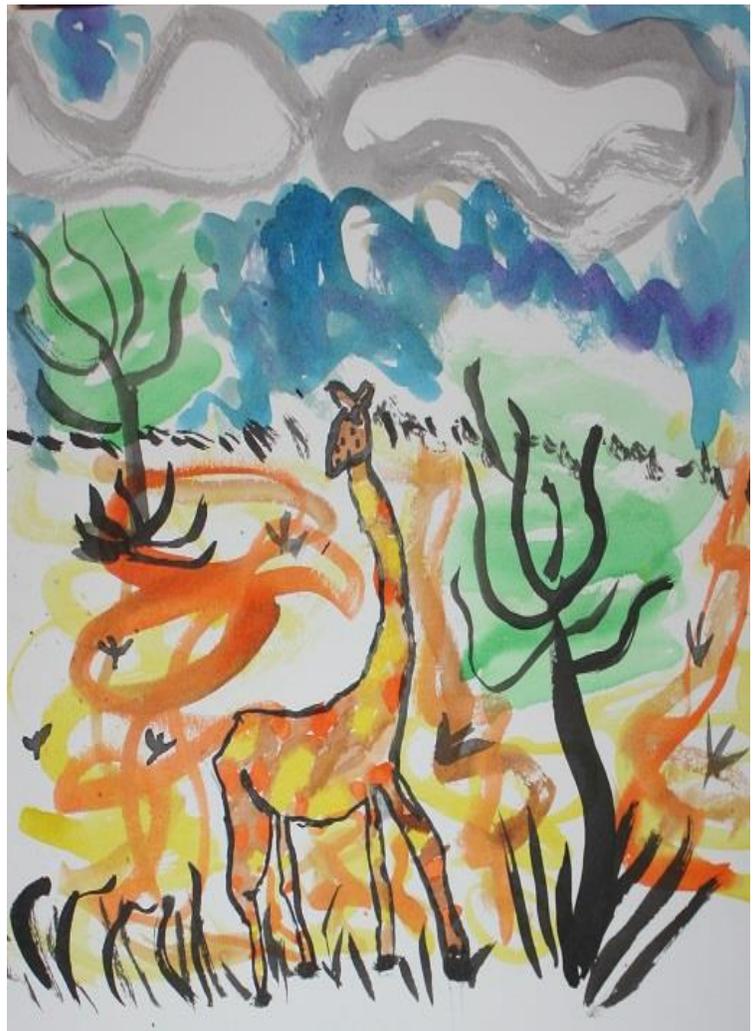
## For The Sake Of Art:

We here at the FTSOA Ministry are busy with our classes and upcoming events for the remainder of the school year.

The Ministry team is working on promoting the program, as well as recruiting guest artists to come teach the students, so if you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact a member of the ministry team (Connie Crawford, Lynne Terry, Jane Rasmussen, Sharyn Car or Christopher DeRoos). We are also looking ahead to our annual Student Art Show on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Fireside Room, and Summer Art Camp over the summer (date to be announced in the next issue).

The Ministry team would also like to thank everyone for their continued support of this program. Until the next issue, may you all have a blessed Lent and Easter season.

-The FTSOA Ministry Team



**Easter Lily Order Form**

If you would like to share a Easter Lily plant with the congregation for the Easter season, you may do so by filling out the form below and placing it in the offering plate during Sunday worship service or by dropping it off at the church office.

To cover the cost of purchasing each plant you order, the suggested donation is \$10.00. Your donation may be paid by cash or check. Please place your donation in an offering envelope and, mark the outside of the envelope "Easter Lily".

The plant may be given in memory of your deceased loved ones or in honor of someone living. You may pick up your plant at the Easter worship service.

**DEADLINE: Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**Easter Lily Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honoring \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00      Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**Serving in March**

**March 3**

Assisting Minister	Dianne Hooton
Communion Assistant	Joyce Morken
Usher	Norm Randolph
Usher	Jerry Hooton

**March 6-Ash Wednesday-12pm**

Assisting Minister	Jan Stuber
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**March 6-Ash Wednesday-7pm**

Assisting Minister	Tom Rasmussen
Usher	Burke Wallace

**March 10**

Assisting Minister	Lynne Terry
Communion Assistant	Tom Turnrose
Usher	LaVerne Gondry
Usher	Shirley Montgomery

**March 17**

Assisting Minister	Deborah Griffin
Communion Assistant	Jan Stuber
Usher	Elaine Werner
Usher	Bill Werner

**March 24**

Assisting Minister	Dan Terry
Communion Assistant	Sharyn Carr
Usher	Bob Carr
Usher	Pete Lepisto

**March 31**

Assisting Minister	Dianne Hooton
Communion Assistant	Judi Renberg
Usher	Jerry Hooton
Usher	Gary McKnight

**Serving in April**

**April 7**

Assisting Minister	Bill Crawford
Communion Assistant	Connie Crawford
Usher	Shirley Montgomery
Usher	Norm Randolph

**April 14 Palm Sunday**

Assisting Minister	Lynne Terry
Communion Assistant	LaVerne Gondry
Usher	Tom Turnrose
Usher	Pete Lepisto

**April 18 Maundy Thursday 7pm**

Assisting Minister	Tom Rasmussen
Usher	Judi Renberg
Usher	Burke Wallace

**April 19 Good Friday 7pm**

Assisting Minister	Dan Terry
Usher	Elaine Werner
Usher	Bill Werner

**April 20 Easter Vigil @ St. Anne's 8pm**

Lector	Deborah Griffin
Lector	Burke Wallace

**April 21 Easter Sunday**

Assisting Minister	Phil Spohn
Communion Assistant	Sharyn Carr
Usher	Bob Carr
Usher	Burke Wallace

**April 28**

Assisting Minister	Tom Rasmussen
Communion Assistant	Joyce Morken
Usher	Gary McKnight
Usher	Charlie Leberman

# March/April Calendar

## Weekly Activities:

### Sunday

8:15am Cantor/Choir Practice  
9:00am Adult Education  
10:00am Sunday Worship

### Monday

11:00am Banjo Practice  
4-5:30pm FTSOA-Kids  
7:00pm Prayer Group (second & fourth Monday)

### Tuesday

7:00pm Bible Study  
11:00am Esther's Circle (fourth Tuesday)

### Wednesday

6:30pm Midweek Worship  
7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday

7:00am Men's Breakfast  
12:00pm Primetimers (first Thursday of month)

### Saturday

10:00am FTSOA-Adults (first Saturday of month)

## Upcoming Events:

### **3/5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:**

5:30pm Men's group cooking Pancake Dinner at Zion w/ St. Anne's

### **3/6 Ash Wednesday:**

12:00pm & 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service at Zion w/ St. Anne's (No regular Wednesday activities)

### **Soup Suppers with Taizé Service:**

6:00pm Soup Supper  
6:45pm Taizé Service  
7:15pm Choir Practice

March 14-Hosted by Fellowship committee

March 20-Hosted by Choir

March 27-Hosted by Council

April 3-Hosted by Men's Group

April 10-Sign up with Judi Renberg

### **4/17 (No Wednesday Activities)**

### **4/18 Maundy Thursday Service**

7:00pm at Zion

### **4/19 Good Friday Service:**

7:00pm at Zion w/ St. Anne's

### **4/20 Saturday Vigil:**

8:00pm Saturday Vigil at St. Anne's

### **4/21 Easter Sunday:**

8:30am Easter Brunch

10:00am Easter Worship followed by Easter Egg hunt

### **4/22 (Office Closed:)**

### **4/28 Student FTSOA Art Show:**

11:30am in the Fireside Room

## **Congregation Birthday's:**

3/4 Chuck Beck  
3/16 Sharyn Carr  
3/16 Judi Renberg  
3/19 Robert Carr Jr.  
3/24 Eitha Williams  
3/24 Mary Whiplly-Miller  
4/1 Norma Maigaard  
4/3 Justin Hensley  
4/6 Evie McCarty  
4/8 Deann Christianson  
4/10 Bob Carr  
4/15 Tom Turnrose  
4/16 Jason Carr  
4/19 Elaine Werner  
4/24 Marcy Beck  
4/24 Chris DeRoos  
4/28 Marcy Beckwith  
4/29 Salme Kopperoinen

## **Congregation Anniversaries:**

4/5 Deann & Lee Christianson  
4/7 Margaret & Rudy Guzman  
4/20 Brenda & Chris DeRoos

# GOSPEL CENTER RESCUE MISSION

- canned or dry beans
- rice or other grains
- whole grain pasta
- pasta sauce
- apple sauce
- peanut butter, or other nut butters
- rolled oats
- canned fruit in its own juice or water
- canned vegetables
- meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- canned chicken or tuna
- olive or canola oil
- low-sugar whole grain cereals
- shelf stable milk or milk-substitutes
- honey
- chicken, beef, or vegetable stock
- healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)

Please avoid items packed in glass. Think healthy.

**Bring items to church on Sunday**



808 W. Porter Ave. Stockton, CA 95207  
Sunday Worship 9:00 am  
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**ZION'S STAFF**

*Pastor:*  
*Ryan Eikenbary*

*Music Director:*  
*Rhondda Nunes*

*Office Administrator:*  
*Genevieve Galli*  
*office@zlcstockton.org*

*Custodian:*  
*Alex Hlavacek*

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