



Zion Lutheran Church

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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 2ND AT 12:00 PM
IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMING



Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Wider Church Activity



Mid-February has been busy for me in the sense that I've had a lot of activity outside of just Zion. First it was our Eastern Conference meeting which was held on the 16th of February at Trinity Lutheran Church. The major announcement at the meeting was that Resurrection Lutheran Church has closed and that the building has been turned over to the Central States Synod (CSS). Resurrection Lutheran Church's address is 4112 W Florissant Ave, St. Louis, MO 63115. Some of you may know the history of Resurrection; it was formed by the merger of three other Lutheran churches but has been struggling for quite some time.

I recently had telephone calls from Lutheran Family and Children's Services (LFCS) because Resurrection wanted to give the building to them. The idea was that the location might make a good outpost for LFCS. Apparently LFCS didn't think so because Resurrection finally just turned it over to the CSS. The building is relatively new for a church. The original building was destroyed in a fire in 2006 and the existing building was built after the fire.

The CSS is obviously looking to the St. Louis area churches and is suggesting that maybe this could be an outpost opportunity for some of our existing churches.

The second "outside activity" was on the 17th of February. I attended an all day Zoom conference entitled "Diversity and Anti-Racism Workshop" sponsored by the CSS, and all clergy were required to attend. There were two presenters: Kolloh Nimely and Ken Steensma.

The presentations were followed by all of us being broken into small groups for discussion and then reporting back into the large group. The large group for this session included 64 folks spanning the entirety of the CSS area (i.e., Missouri and Kansas).

As most of you know, the ELCA is a very diverse group of Lutherans; many are from rural Kansas and Missouri, and then you have those from larger city areas like St. Louis and Kansas City. As you can imagine, we don't all think alike. That is not a surprise to most of us, but when we were talking about Diversity and Anti-Racism, as the day grew longer, the gloves came off, and some words were spoken that not everyone agrees with. Some folks are very conservative interpreters of the Bible, and some folks are very liberal interpreters of the Bible.

Just so you know, I was able to keep my brain, my heart, and my mouth all in check. When it got a bit heated, I was able to use one my time-honored sayings, “Never miss an opportunity to keep your mouth shut.”

We’re two years into the Covid pandemic and things don’t seem to be getting any better; in fact, they seem to be getting worse.

What is better? I am so proud of the work that our four teams are doing as we look to our future. It is probably a little slower than most of us would like, but the biggest thing I’m seeing is the openness that is coming out of it. You’ve heard me repeat “Love God & Love Neighbor” as referring to “Love one another as God has loved us and forgive one another as God has forgiven us,” so many times that you are probably saying, “Enough already!”

But what *is* happening is you are all starting to live all of that through opening up and talking about your lives and love and what they all mean to you. At the workshop during one of the small group discussions, I talked about the Rose, the Bud, and the Thorn activity we did a few weeks back for ConnectionZ in terms of what we are doing in being open with one another. Guess what? I got a question in the chat room from one of the folks wanting to talk more about that!

Getting to know one another better goes a long way towards building better relationships with each other as well as with Jesus Christ. God is good and full of GRACE.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. Larry



March Birthdays

7 th	Jason Martin
8 th	Bill Taylor
10 th	Esther Negwer Jayda Tucker
11 th	Ethan Robinson
15 th	Fannie Cole
16 th	Alissa Robinson
17 th	Ara Tess Dorothy Scales
19 th	Ruth Lemons
29 th	Steven Kaiser

March Anniversaries

14 th	Justin & Kristen Kinney
17 th	Thomas & Julie Webber

Worship Scheduled During Lent

- Regular Sunday worship every Sunday at 9:30 AM, in-person and live-streamed.
- Ash Wednesday Worship on March 2nd at noon, in-person and live-streamed; imposition of ashes at the end of the service.
- Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings during Lent on Zoom at 6:30 PM; we will focus on our Zion Devotional Booklet.

*Holy Week service details will be printed in the April Tidings.

“Walking With Jesus” Lent Devotional

A big thank you to all who contributed to the booklet. A big, BIG thank you to Andi Martin who put everything together and to Norma Wolz who was the proofreader. The devotional will be the focus of discussion for the Midweek 6:30pm Zoom.

Extra copies can either be picked up at Zion or by request to be mailed USPS by contacting the church office (314) 522-0100.

A visual representation for the theme will be the “walking” of shoes from window to window each week leading up to Holy Week.

Easter Flowers

It may be hard to believe, but spring is right around the corner! When you are out shopping for your spring flowers, please consider loaning some to Zion for decorating the sanctuary for Easter (April 17). We asked for your support last year, and what a success! The chancel area was so colorful with a wide variety of flowering plants. Let’s do it again!



A Message from the President

Dear Zion Family,

We hope you enjoyed our February activities at Zion, especially celebrating our many volunteers on February 13th. Wow! That list was impressive. I hope it reminds you of how much we are coming together as a church family to further God's kingdom.

There are so many things we can do. The possibilities are endless, right? All we ask is that you keep your heart and mind open to being active in our ministries at Zion. Speak up if you feel passionate about something or if you have an idea to do something that sparks your interest. Even little things that are not big splashes make a difference.

Writing this reminds me of one such "little thing" that makes a difference. Years ago, I think after we participated in a God's Work Our Hands Sunday with Oak Knoll Skilled Nursing, Gary Voss took it upon himself to arrange for 15 large print Portals of Prayer devotional books to be given quarterly to Oak Knoll for their residents. We still take devotional books to them and almost every time we drop them off, they tell us how much the residents appreciate them. There are so many ways to make a difference!

Keep praying that Zion continues to do things both big and small to show God's love to the world!

Blessings!

Pam 



March 2nd is Ash Wednesday and it marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During this time, Zion will hold midweek worship services via Zoom. ConXtionZ will take a break and participate in these services to continue growing our relationship with God and with each other.

Our gatherings will resume on Friday, April 25th — hopefully with a return to the patio! The Alternative Worship Team will take advantage of this time to investigate new ways to celebrate God's love. If you would like to be a part of this process, contact anyone on the team. There might also be a short survey in the near future. We would love to hear your ideas! See you at the midweek Lenten services and at ConXtionZ on April 25th!

Disciplines of Lent

Lent is the 40 day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter (not counting the Sundays that are considered a weekly remembrance of Easter.) There are three traditional practices: prayer (God), fasting (self), and almsgiving (others). The Worship Team offers some suggestions.

Prayer: Included in the newsletter is a prayer labyrinth. The instructions are at the bottom of the page and invite you to spend time thinking and giving thanks for people who contributed to your walk of faith. You could also meditate on God's unconditional love for you and God's sacrifice in the death of Jesus. If you want to walk a labyrinth, we are fortunate to have one in North County at Zion UCC at 5710 N. Hwy 67, Florissant 63034. When you turn into the driveway go straight to the back where you will find parking. There are benches in addition to the brick paved labyrinth. It's open from sunrise to sunset.

Fasting: We usually think of something to give up as a personal sacrifice. We invite you to take on a new practice like reading a psalm every day or praying on your knees (or a different posture than you usually use), fasting from making critical comments and substituting kind remarks or expressions of genuine concern, etc. See where this practice takes you on your faith walk.

Almsgiving: Community in Unity has an activity for each of us to help support the Laundry Love Project. Consider donating food for the Warming Center (see the sign-up sheet at the back of church.) What other things you can do to "Love God and Love Neighbor?" Share what you are doing to encourage others who are "Walking with Jesus."

Spring Cleaning

Spring flowers are beginning to show green so Easter can't be far behind. It's time to get rid of some of my "stuff" and prepare my home and heart to celebrate Christ's Resurrection! Let's see – what can go first? Maybe those stacks of magazines that I wanted to look at once more but didn't. Okay, a couple of trips to my recycling bin and Whoa! I can see the top of my coffee table again! What next? The boxes and bags of crackers and snacks that have long ago passed their "use by" date? I scattered the contents on the patio; the birds had a feast and I gained a shelf.

Hey, I'm on a roll. Now for those clothes I'll never wear again. Into bags they go ready for the resale shop. I should feel good about my progress, but something is nagging at me. What about those hidden things I'm hoarding: grudges, hurt feelings, unresolved differences, etc.? Why are these so hard to release? Hundreds of times I have prayed "forgive my sins, Lord, as I have forgiven others." Were these only words? Jesus has already given me the gift of forgiveness. Now it's past time for me to pass that gift on to others.

– Doris McCall

Zion Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 6:30PM (Zoom Meeting)

In attendance: Pam Statler, Kristen Kinney, Bill Budenholzer, Pastor Larry Lemke, Doris McCall, Jan Roevekamp, Jason Martin, Stacey Miller, Johnnie Tucker

- **Welcome and Devotion**

- Psalm 1
- The trees do not wither and in all that they do, they prosper
- Stay close to the Word and God's teaching – we will bear fruit

- **Confirm approval of meeting minutes from January 2022 meeting**

- Motion made to approve minutes, seconded, and approved

- **Pastor's Report**

- Ferguson Ministerial Alliance
 - Meeting on 2/8 focused on Albert Harrold – responsible for Families and Community Engagement for Ferguson Florissant School District
 - Police Chief discussed traffic reports and other needs in the area
- Wanting to make sure follow up continues with members when things are needed – make sure Pastor is aware of the needs inside the congregation
- Working on a draft of Personnel Policies – reviewing other congregations policies as examples
- Three reports that have to be put in for the Central State Synod – Mission Support Statement of Intent, Annual Congregational Report (Form A and C), and a report from Pastor Larry to the Bishop – due 2/15/22 – all submitted

- **Space Sharing Update, if any**

- No updates currently

- **Zion's Bus – Transportation Needs**

- Justin Kinney working on showing the bus to a possible buyer
- No other transportation needs for the congregation identified

- **Feed My Starving Children**

- Continue to promote and encourage the sale of the raffle tickets to individual congregation members
- The congregation did not budget purchase of any tickets in 2022 for mission support

- **Team Reports**

- Worship Team – Pastor Larry/Doris
 - Discussed Christmas and New Years and how it went
 - Lenten Devotional Walking with Jesus is coming along
 - Volunteer Appreciation Sunday – February 13th
 - Ash Wednesday is March 2nd – Service at 12pm with ashes on the way out
 - Lenten Services will be Zoom at 6:30 on Wednesday Evenings – reflecting on the devotional booklet
- Member Care Ministry – Doris
 - Trying to make sure that everyone is contacted
 - Checking on addresses for members as well

- Property – Pam/Johnnie
 - The garbage disposal in the little kitchen needs to be replaced
 - Room 1 is completely clear of all things we do not want to store; Christmas decorations are now stored in this room; an inventory and pictures was created for the Christmas decorations
- Treasurer Report – Bill
 - None at this time; January results will be emailed soon
- **Thrivent Resolution (authorized signatures)**
 - Pam proposed the adoption of a Corporate Resolution to authorize Pamela S. Statler (President), William Budenholzer (Treasurer), and Paul O. Herrmann III (Financial Secretary) to execute documents and conduct business with respect to accounts with Thrivent Trust Company. A copy of the signed and executed Corporate Resolution to be saved with the minutes of the council meeting. Motion was made, seconded and approved.
- **Strategic Goal Reports**
 - Financial Sustainability - Pam
 - Wrote up a summary of the Roth Fund after looking at the history
 - Working on the Scholarship fund next
 - Wanting to look at how to structure the financial aspects to support the future vision of the congregation
 - Community in Unity (Partnership/Outreach) – Stacey
 - Working with the Warming Center- continuing to make meals
 - Moving forward with some fundraising plans for Laundry Love over the next few weeks
 - Going to discuss God’s Helping Hand and possible ways to support them and partner with them
 - Education and Faith Formation – Jason
 - Looking to start Seeking Shalom again, probably virtually
 - Alternative Worship – Kristen
 - Continuing to meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays
 - Working on Zoom for now – lots of conversation and sharing
- **Constitution and By-Law updates – Jason – Roth Fund bylaws**
 - Will work on this going forward
- **Shout outs for people sharing talents and time**
 - Shout out to Doris, Dorothy, Marvin, Andi, and Richard for helping clean up Room 1
 - Looking forward to Sunday the 13th to shout out the volunteers
 - Justin Kinney for all he does quietly and without complaint
 - Shout out to the Tech Team for the streaming work that is done – it’s really helpful and appreciated for members who are at home
- **Next Meeting Date – March 8th**
- **Closing Prayer – Prayer for Zion’s Future**
- **Adjourned: 7:34**

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March Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am-Worship	28	1	2 Ash Wed. 12pm-Worship	3 10am-Member Care	4	5
6 9:30am-Worship	7  J Martin	8 6:30pm-Council	9 10am-Bible Discussion 6:30pm-Mid-Week Lent Zoom	10 6:30pm-CIU	11	12
13 9:30am-Worship	14 2pm-Worship Team	15	16 10am-Bible Discussion 6:30pm-Mid-Week Lent Zoom	17 	18	19
20 9:30am-Worship	21 Tidings Deadline	22	23 10am-Bible Discussion 6:30pm-Mid-Week Lent Zoom	24	25	26
27 9:30am-Worship	28	29	30 10am-Bible Discussion 6:30pm-Mid-Week Lent Zoom	31	1	2

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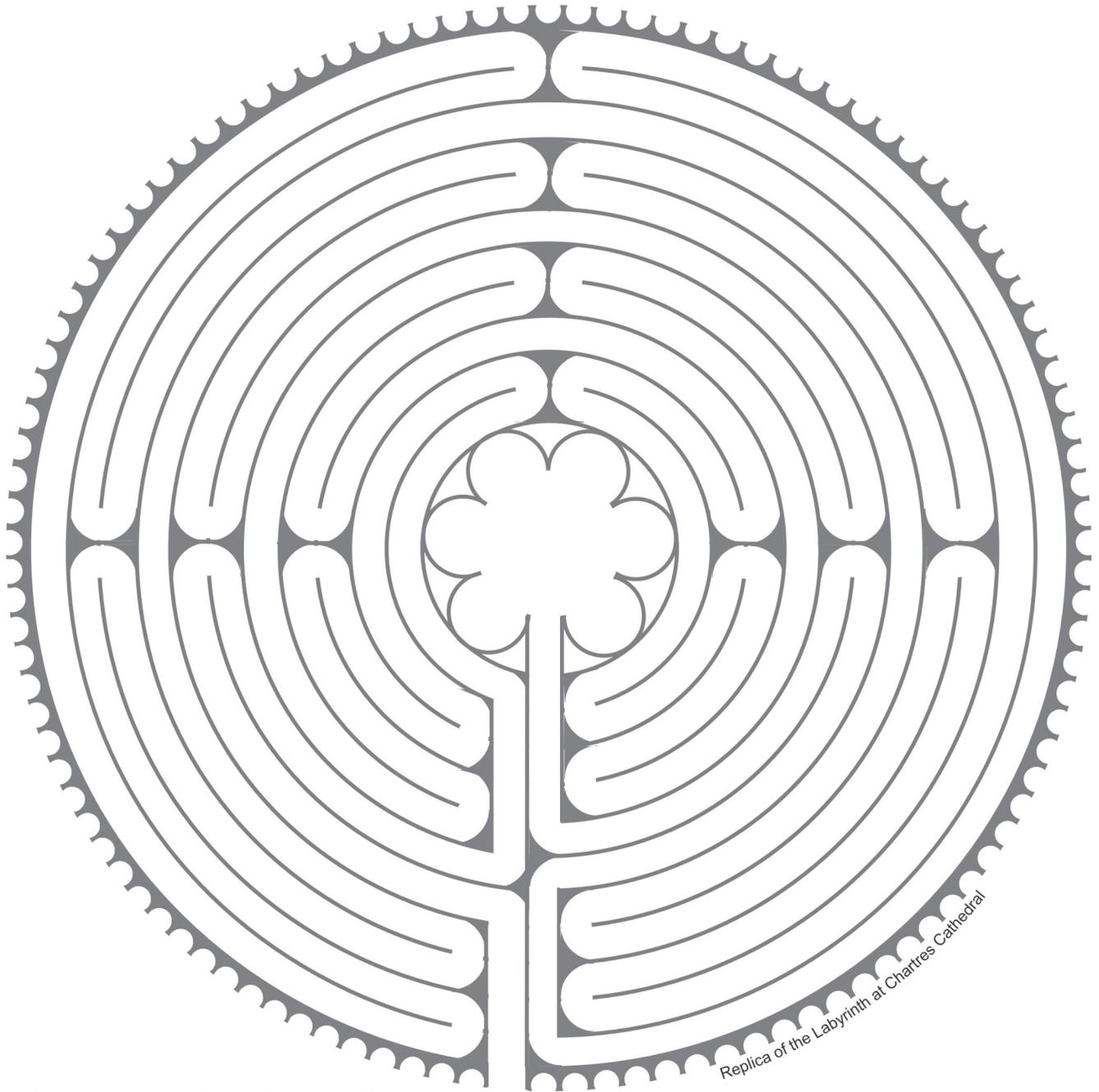
Serving on Sundays in March

	Mar 6	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 27	Apr 3
Pastor	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
Music Accompanist	C Rock	A Mayhew B Kemper	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock
Assisting Minister	R Schademann	P Herrmann	J Martin	N Wolz	P Statler
Lector	D Tucker	N Wolz	A Martin	P Herrmann	D Balestier
Children's Message	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss	N Wolz
Ushers	Li Lemke J Tucker	G Voss J Roevekamp	D Kaiser L Wolk	Li Lemke J Tucker	G Voss J Roevekamp
Altar Guild	D Kaiser L Moore	D Kaiser L Moore	D Kaiser L Moore	D Kaiser L Moore	J Stoverink T Harkins
Video Streaming	N Wolz	B Budenholzer	N Wolz	P Statler	B Budenholzer

* Scheduled servers are subject to change at the discretion of organization leaders.

If you have a schedule conflict, please inform the Church office of any changes or schedule swaps.

Lent 2022 Prayer Labyrinth



Replica of the Labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral

How to use the labyrinth

Write the names of everyone who has been part of your life. Family, Friends, Neighbors, Teachers, Pastors. As you add names, you



will be building the body of Christ that is part of your life. These are the people who have helped you grow as a Christian.

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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

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Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

Pastor	Larry Lemke
President	Pam Statler
Vice President:	Stacey Miller
Secretary:	Kristen Kinney
Treasurer:	Bill Budenholzer
Member At-Large:	Jan Roevekamp
Member At-Large:	Johnnie Tucker
Member At-Large:	Jason Martin
Member At-Large:	Doris McCall
Member At-Large:	-

Member Care Ministry

Doris McCall*
Ron & Wanda Devenport
Dorothy Kaiser
Richard Schademann
Deborah Balestier
Carol Tillmann

Committee Chairs

Finance	Pam Statler
Property	Johnnie Tucker
Stewardship:	Pam Statler
Personnel	Ara Tess
Nominating	-

Organizations

Fellowship:	Robert Negwer
Altar Guild:	-
Hospitality	Doris McCall

Team Leaders

Worship	Gail Voss
Service & Community	Stacey Miller
Education	Jason Martin
Alt. Worship	Deb Murrish

Team Members:

Worship Team

Gail Voss*
Kristina Oswald
Nyokia Robinson
Norma Wolz
Doris McCall
Bill Budenholzer

Community in Unity Team

Stacey Miller*
Pam Statler
Bill Budenholzer
Linn Moore
Doris McCall
Sue Dunham
Deb Murrish
Kristen Kinney
Nikki Tucker
Annis Tucker
Dorothy Kaiser
Justin Kinney
Richard Schademann
Linda Lemke
Ara Tess

Education Team

Jason Martin*
Norma Wolz
Stacey Miller
Linda Lemke
Andi Martin

Financial Sustainability Team

Pam Statler*
Bill Budenholzer
Paul Herrmann

Alternative Worship Team

Deb Murrish*
Andi Martin*
Jason Martin
Kristen Kinney
Christine Walters
Bill Budenholzer
Pam Statler
Gail Voss