

GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

9:45 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Pastor @ Panera: 2:00-4:00 PM
Thursdays**

April 2, 6:00 PM: Food for Body
Food for Soul

April 7, 5:00 PM Confirmation

April 7, 7:00 PM Church Council

April 9, 6:00 PM: Food For Body
Food For Soul

April 12, 9:00 AM Holy Week for
kids and families

April 13, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Palm Sunday worship

April 15, 7:00 PM Healing Service

April 17, 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs-
day worship

April 18, 7:00 PM Good Friday
Worship

April 20, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Easter Sunday Worship

April 21-25: LIPY Mission Trip to
Philadelphia

April 27, Bylaw and constitution
discussions

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

May 10: Why Lutheran? @ Trinity

May 17: Zion Flea Market

May 18: Congregational Meeting

Zion Lutheran Church

April 2014



WINTER AND LENT

SPRING AND EASTER

This winter has seemed endless – too much snow, and certainly too cold. As I write this, we are expecting snow once again, in late March. The excitement of snow has long since faded, and most folks are ready to be **done** with shoveling, salting and sanding. And yet, it appears that winter is not done with us. In a similar way, I know that sometimes, we are ready to be **done** with Lent – before it is done with us. We await Easter with the same sense of longing that we await Spring.

We start Lent with good intentions, to set aside more intentional time for our relationship with God. Some of us give up chocolate or meat, others increase our prayer and study time, and others add a practice of meditation or prayerful walking. In my experience, by the time we get half-way through Lent, I usually have had at least a few days where my good intentions have fallen through. That is normal and OK. Our Lenten practice should be more like a companionable stroll with God, rather than a marathon to be endured.

I am reminded of the hymn: "We've Come This Far by Faith" (ELW #633) The words to the chorus remind us We've come this far by leaning on the Lord... trusting in his holy word...

May your Lenten journey be a faithful one. One in which you lean on the Lord and trust always in the Word. Your journey may seem direct, or round-about. You may end up right where you hoped, or you might encounter surprises along the way. I encourage you to ponder, this Lent, and beyond, your own journey of faith, and give thanks for all those who have joined you along the way.

And then, after Easter **finally** arrives, I encourage you to continue to set aside an intentional daily time for prayer, study, meditation, time that will deepen your relationship with God, year-round.

Yours, in Christ,

Pastor Nancy



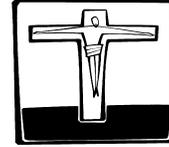


FOOD FOR THE BODY, FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Our final two Wednesday Lenten gatherings will be April 2 and 9. We gather at **6:00 PM** for a light supper of bread and soup, followed by the sharing of scripture, prayer and holy communion. Our gatherings this year focus on stories of Jesus sharing meals with friends and disciples. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help provide soup for one of the meals.



NEW EVENT - HOLY WEEK FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES
- SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH 9-11:30
 Submitted by Susan LeBouef



HOLY WEEK

We will have an interactive immersion into Holy Week especially for kids. We will 'walk through' Holy Week together from Palm Sunday up to Easter. The kids (and adults) will gain a deeper understanding of the meaning and events of the events of the last week of Jesus' life: The procession into Jerusalem, (Palm Sunday) the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemene, and Jesus' Arrest (Maundy Thursday), Jesus' trial, carrying the cross to Golgotha, Jesus' death on the Cross (Good Friday), ending with Jesus' being placed into the tomb. We will make crafts, hear the Bible story, sing songs, and learn together. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church, with number attending, so we can be prepared with enough supplies for everyone.

WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday
9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Worship with blessing of the palms



Tuesday, April 15, Healing service, 7:00 PM

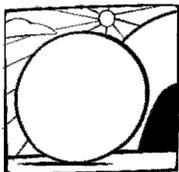
Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM

Supper, foot washing, holy communion, and the stripping of the altar



Friday, April 17 – Good Friday 7:00 PM

The Passion of Our Lord and
 The Glory of the Cross



Sunday, April 20, Easter Day,

Resurrection of Our Lord,

Easter Sunday Worship
9:00 AM and 10:30 AM



OTHER HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

Community Stations of the Cross in Oxford You are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 18th, at noon**, beginning at Grace Episcopal Church on Main Street and walking along Main Street, and ending at the Gazebo in Oxford Center.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester invites you to join them in the joyous Easter Vigil on **Saturday, April 19th** beginning at 7:00 PM, followed by a reception.



THANKS TO PASTOR PAUL HENRY (father of Susan Leboeuf) for his gift of 100 handmade crosses. The crosses were distributed in worship on Sunday, March 9th.

BASKETS OF PROMISE



This Lent we are joining Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each week, we collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it is often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.

The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow people who have lost their belongings after a disaster to stay healthy and clean and preserve personal dignity. Lutheran World Relief is currently reaching out to families affected by Typhoon Haiyan with Personal Care Kits. By participating in the LWR's Baskets of Promise Lenten campaign, we help meet their needs, along with thousands of others around the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. **You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort.**

Week of APRIL 6

Nail Clippers
(metal, attached file optional)



PALM SUNDAY) APRIL 13

More Bars of Soap, in original wrapping.

Or any other item for the Health kits



Donations for the cost of shipping the kits are much appreciated. It costs approximately \$2.65 for LWR to add toothpaste to a kit and then deliver it overseas. Consider making a donation to cover the cost of shipping one or more kits.

We will pack the kits after Easter and deliver them to the regional pickup point in Framingham in early May. Watch for info on how you can join in the packing party!



EVANGELISM

Submitted by Ken Bean

"COME & SEE"

A recent Sunday Gospel reading presented John's story about "the woman at the well". After speaking with Jesus, she was deeply moved by his welcoming words and his good-hearted acceptance of her. She drank in the blessings of his insights. After her opportunity to meet Jesus, she excitedly ran to her village saying, **"Come and See!"**

She didn't craft a careful speech to witness to Christ. She simply wanted others to find in Jesus all the love and grace that she seemed to find. Her invitation was simple: **"Come and See!"**

As Holy Week and Easter draw near, it is a perfect time FOR ALL OF US to extend a simple invitation to our family and friends also. The wonder of God's love and the blessing of Christ's resurrection bring peace and hope! With a simple invitation, we, too, can reach out to those we know and lovingly say to them: **"Come and See!"**

To support this invitation, our Evangelism Team has prepared a large "Sandwich board banner" for the church yard which will invite all who pass our door to **"Come and see!"** As you have opportunity, please add your words of invitation and be present to extend your hands in welcome!

For Evangelism, Ken Bean

Zion's Evangelism Committee will meet next on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m.

APRIL FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

This month we continue our **Focus on Stewardship** looking at the principle of proportionate sacrifice. Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions – **grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, and challenged**. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

Principle #3: Sacrifice Proportionately. as Christ sacrificed for us. For our sake Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's word and blessings.

Bible passage for reflection

“...[they] gave according to their means, and even beyond their means.”(2 Corinthians 8:3)

As you reflect on the principle of proportionate sacrifice to God, how do you respond? Do you try to figure out what you feel you can afford to give? If you do not already give proportionately, one way to start is just to figure out what your current giving translates to in proportionate terms (i.e. what percentage of your income do you give to the local congregation, the wider church, other charities?) and then pray about whether that giving is in balance with how you want to live out your faith commitment.

(Resource adapted from ELCA.org/..stewardship)

PASTORAL ACTS



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO ZION

On Sunday, March 2nd at our 10:30 AM service we welcomed new members Darlene Drake, Patricia Laureano, Scott Marks, James Vogel and Isaac Gilliard. If you have not met our new members yet, please take a moment to greet them and introduce yourself.



HOLY BAPTISM

Aurora Day Phillips was welcomed to Zion through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 23rd during the 9:00 AM worship service. Aurora is the daughter of Patricia Phillips and Jesse Zina. Please greet and get to know Aurora and her family.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The nominating committee has met several times to discuss potential nominees for open positions on the **congregation council and audit committee**. Voting for these positions will take place at the upcoming congregational meeting in June. If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak to Peter Betrovski (chair of nominating).

Synod Assembly: Each year the congregations of the New England synod meet in assembly to worship together and conduct the business of the synod. This year, we meet at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA on Thursday, June 5 through Saturday, June 7. Our theme is “**Mission and Worship in the Age of the Spirit.**” This year's Assembly will include the election of numerous Synod Council seats, as well as seats on the Discipline and Consultation Committees. Our time together will include opportunities for casual conversation, small group discussions, and educational experiences around our theme of mission and worship we will learn together through a variety of workshops, work projects, extended break times and worship services.

In addition to their pastor, each congregation can send two (or three) voting members. Travel lodging and meal expenses are covered by the congregation. Attendees can sign up for three different workshops, including presentations on human trafficking, spirited music, mission, connecting liturgy and mission, experiential worship, hunger and justice, strategies for change, stewardship, and conversations with visiting theologians. Registration for the Assembly is due soon! So if YOU are interested, please speak to Peter Betrovski (Nominating chair) or Pastor Nancy.



LIPY MISSION TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Monday, April 21st to Friday, April 25th our youth will be in Philadelphia as part of the LIPY Mission Trip. Please pray for the youth as they travel and spend a week in Philadelphia volunteering at various church and social service organizations. The annual mission trip is one of the most popular LIPY events and the youth greatly appreciate your financial support and prayers.



NOTES FROM THE MARCH 10, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by Marleen Bacon

The March council meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Robert Laurens and was opened with devotions by Pastor Nancy.

The financial report for February was presented. A fuel oil delivery and boiler maintenance accounted for the expenses exceeding income for February. The check book balance still maintains a positive balance. The full financial report can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

You have most likely noticed the lack of heat in the Sanctuary on Ash Wednesday and at the March 9th services. So have the Council members! They voted to have the Property Committee gather price quotes to replace the current furnaces and to also look into the possibility of utilizing the gas line that runs in front of the church. This expense will be taken from the Building Fund, if you wish to support this project, you may do so by contributing to the Building Fund. We are in the early stages of getting quotes, but we are sure that the final price will be significant. When a final price is determined, the Council will bring this before the Congregation for a final vote. More information will be coming as plans are made.

The Sunday School is planning a Holy Week activity for April 12, 2014 from 9-11:30 am. Many craft activities are planned which will cover Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. "Children" of all ages are invited to attend this very special Holy Week learning experience.

Stephen Ministry and Pastor Nancy are planning a Healing Service to be held on April 15, 2014.

The Audit Committee has met and is preparing their report to be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

The Nominating Committee is working to secure new Council and Committee members to be voted at the next Congregational meeting.

The complete Council minutes that have been approved can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

This meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm and ended with the Lord's Prayer.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Submitted by Paula Kilian Clark

Spring is the season to start anew as the weather warms up, the rain falls and the earth blossoms. If you have been hibernating during this long New England winter, now is the time to wake up! Our hope in Christ's resurrection is about to be realized as we continue towards Easter. We have a new opportunity to be energized in Zion's social ministry outreach to our church family, our community and the world around us. We can do this by continuing our gifts to the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf each month or by showing up to assist at the pantry on any Thursday night. During this Lenten season, we can act on our compassion for the many worldwide refugees of war and violent weather by our donations of towels, soap, toothbrushes, and nail clippers for LCA personal care kits. As the month of April comes to an end, we can pin a mosquito behind insect netting as the second year of our LCA malaria drive begins. Let this spring be our opportunity to be refreshed, to begin again, opening our hearts to new people and new opportunities to show our Christian love.

P.S. Offerings of tea bags and cans of coffee are most appreciated during April.

Peace and Blessings, Paula



COMING IN MAY

Pastor Nancy will be starting another brown bag discussion group in May. The topic will be the Book of Psalms.



NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- SUNDAY, MAY 18TH.

We will hold **one** worship service at 10:00 AM followed by the meeting.

At this meeting, in addition to review of 2013 reports, and elections for open positions on council and other committees, we will be voting on our new Constitution and Bylaws.

We had our first, affirmative, vote to adopt the new Constitution this fall. A second, ratifying vote is needed to finalize our approval of the new Constitution. We will also vote at this meeting on adoption of the proposed new Bylaws. Copies of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws will be made available at the church beginning on April 6th. **On the three Sundays following Easter, (April 27, May 4th and May 11th),** there will be opportunities for **Q&A in forums** held in the fellowship hall, after each service. Please take the opportunity to review carefully the proposed changes and attend a forum so that you can ask any questions you might have in advance of the meeting.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Submitted by Pam Olson



For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to provide confidential, one on one, Christian Care. If you or someone you know is in need of this care, please speak to a Stephen Leader: Jackie Bonneau, Maydee Morales, Pam Olson, Susan Pierce or Pastor Nancy.

Stephen Ministry will be hosting **a service of hope and healing on Tuesday April 15th at 7PM.** All are welcome to participate in this quiet reflective service. Mark your calendar to join us and bring a friend as we start our Holy Week Journey. Light refreshments will

ZION'S CHRISTIAN CARE LIBRARY

Submitted by: Carol Weinhardt
Christian Care Library coordinator.



The Zion Christian Care Library is divided into five sections. They are Care Giving, Biblical Equipping, Grief, Prayer, and Spiritual Growth. Most of the books reviewed have been from Spiritual Growth. The book featured for April is from the section Care Giving. The title is Helping a Neighbor In Crisis by Charles Colson. The book is divided into ten chapters. Each chapter gives helpful advice on things to say and do and responses to avoid which could be hurtful. The chapters cover every bad thing that could happen to a person in this life. This would include a troubled marriage, natural disasters, substance abuse, employment, physical problems, a victim of a crime, grief and so much more. This book could be very helpful when you just don't know how to pray or how to respond. Now at this point I would also say that if your neighbor is in more pain than you can help by bringing cookies or by just being there, then you could also recommend a Stephen Minister. Our Stephen Ministers will care for members of our congregation and neighbors in our community.

SPRING FLEA MARKET/BAKE SALE:

Submitted by Carol Weinhardt



This year's Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 17, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** As with any event, there is always a need for whatever help you have to offer! **The next planning meeting will be Sunday April 6 in the Fellowship hall at 9:45 A.M.** All are welcome to join in. Please while you are spring cleaning, don't throw out save it for the Flea market. Any questions call Bob Laurens (860-926-9541) or Jayne Boutilier (508-987-5824).



CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Do you have the winter blues? Has snow shoveling got you down? Why not make plans to join us on a summer weekend all ages congregational retreat to Camp Calumet, (www.calumet.org) on the shores of Lake Ossipee, NH, **Friday, June 27 through Sunday, June 29th**

Conference Center or Village cabin: \$144 adult, \$77 student (up to age18), 6 and under free, \$455 per family (living in same household)

Camp site: Camp sites include water and electricity and can accommodate tents, pop-up campers, trailers and RVs. Camp site fee is \$96 + additional fee for meals and program. Please check directly with Pastor Nancy to calculate total campsitcost. (It is usually less than the conference center/ village cabin cost, depending on number of children.) Very large RVs require special reservations, but can be accommodated.

\$50 deposit per person (adult and student) - required to reserve a spot. Checks payable to Zion - clearly marked Calumet Retreat, with reservation request type noted Accommodations are available on a first come, first served, basis.

Fed and Forgiven.

Introduction to First Communion course to be offered



Not sure if your child is ready for Holy Communion? They can participate in the Intro course and then together we can assess their readiness. Open to all. We use age-appropriate and engaging content to explore the ritual and meaning of Holy Communion. Kids can also come for a refresher or to continue to deepen their understanding of how Jesus comes to us all in the Sacrament, age-appropriate, pre-K through 6th grade. Talk to Pastor Nancy and we will figure out a good time for all who are interested.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Zion has a volunteer cleaning program. We have a few dedicated volunteers who sign up to clean the church, but we need more volunteers to assist them and help spread out the number of weeks they have to clean. They would welcome your help! You can clean alone, as a family, or with a partner. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like further information about what is entailed in cleaning, you can speak to Property Chair Bud Fischvogt, Paul Peterson or Karen Borden. A building key is available in the office so you can clean at a time convenient to you.



"What Made Martin Luther a Lutheran--And Why We Are Lutherans, Too?"

A Day with Dr. Timothy Wengert

Saturday May 10, 2014 8:15 AM registration, **9:00 AM-3:30 PM** (lunch provided) at Trinity Lutheran Church 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA

Discover anew the heart of Martin Luther's Reformation, which one scholar recently described as "Gift without Giving Gifts in Return." By looking at the basics of Luther's Biblical theology (justification by faith alone, the distinction between law and gospel, the theology of the cross), one discovers a way of doing theology that spells freedom from guilt and working our way into God's good graces and, at the same time, freedom to serve the neighbor in all of our God-given callings on earth. Only sinners need apply!

To Register: Contact Sandy Talbot by phone 203-729-4953; email: talbot@snet.net or mail 20 Quinn Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770. She will confirm your registration. The registration fee of \$40 will be collected on the day of the event; please pay by check made out to New England Synod.



SUMMER CAMP ON THE LAKE!

CAMP CALUMET

Now is the time to register for summer camp at Camp Calumet, our synod camp, located on Lake Ossipee, in Freedom, NH. (www.calumet.org)

Children's Summer camp begins June 29th for boys and girls ages 8-18. Camp sessions run from Sunday- Saturday. Kids enjoy games, arts and crafts, sports, boating, drama, while staying in cabins and tents with other campers. **Living in God's Time** is the theme for this summer.

Family and adult reservations for the campground and conference center can also be made – stay a night, a weekend, a week, or even longer. Enjoy the beach, the mountains, local attractions, or just relax. A day camp for kids aged 6-12 is available. Contact bonnie@calumet.org if you have any question.



LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR ZION'S 2014

MISSION SUPPORT PLEDGE

"For we are God's servants, working together..."

First Corinthians 3:9a

A letter was received from Bishop James Hazelwood on behalf of the New England Synod, thanking Zion for our 2014 Mission Support Pledge.

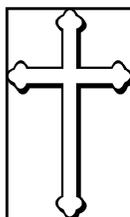
Our Mission Support Pledge helps hungry people all over the world, helps new church start ups, supports seminary students at Lutheran Seminaries, hospital chaplains and so much more.

If you would like to read the letter of "thanks" in its entirety, it is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



COFFEE HOUR

A big thank you to everyone who has helped out with our Sunday morning Coffee Hour by either hosting or by donating snacks and goodies. Pat Cheever, our Coffee Hour Coordinator greatly appreciates all of the help.



MEMORIAL GARDEN

We have a new engraver for the Memorial Garden Cobblestones. If you would like to order one, they will cost \$50.00. The cobblestone has three lines with eleven characters. Place your order now in time for spring! Contact Lisa Betrovski at 508-248-4547.



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

In case of emergency hospitalization or death – the best, and quickest, way to reach Pastor Nancy is by calling 508-499-8787. By calling this number, you can reach Pastor Nancy immediately.



OFFICE SUPPLY DONATIONS

To help with cost of office supplies, we would greatly appreciate any donations. **We are always especially in need of reams of white copy paper (8 1/2x11), and mailing labels (1 in. x 2 5/8 in. for Laser and Inkjet Printers in white, 94 brightness) Staples gift cards and Forever stamps.** Any donations are a big help to the office supply budget. Donations can be left in the office. Your generosity is always appreciated.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL RESULTS
FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

Shirley I. Rossmeisl, Treasurer

During the month of February, we received \$10,503.04 thousand and we disbursed \$11,545.07 thousand. Expenses exceeded Income by 1,042.03 dollars.

For the year, we received in \$21,297.73 thousand and disbursed \$23,381.87 thousand through the month of February. For the year, Expenses exceeded Income by \$2,084.14.

For the two months of 2014, Revenue is \$3,579.60 under budget and Expenses are \$1,495.46 under budget.

The following is a comparison of 2014 actual to 2014 budget:

	Feb 2014	Jan-Feb 2014 YTD	Budget YTD 2/12	Over/(Under) Budget	
Operating Revenue	\$ 10,503.04	\$ 21,297.73	\$ 24,877.33	\$ (3,579.60)	
Less Operating Expenses	\$ 11,545.07	\$ 23,381.87	\$ 24,877.33	\$ (1,495.46)	**
Income Net of Expenses	<u>\$ (1,042.03)</u>	<u>\$ (2,084.14)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

Expenses	Jan 2014	Jan- 2014 YTD	Budget YTD 2/12	Over/(Under) Budget	
Benevolence	\$ 3.18	\$ 351.57	\$ 1,166.67	\$ (815.10)	
Pastors Ministry	\$ 5,958.86	\$ 12,139.92	\$ 12,800.17	\$ (660.25)	
Stephen Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87.50	\$ (87.50)	
Youth Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83.33	\$ (83.33)	
Worship & Music	\$ 1,851.76	\$ 3,551.42	\$ 4,112.50	\$ (561.08)	
Administration	\$ 964.73	\$ 2,227.61	\$ 2,641.33	\$ (413.72)	
Property Management	\$ 781.00	\$ 1,208.48	\$ 1,261.67	\$ (53.19)	
Insurance & Utilities	\$ 1,722.06	\$ 3,533.90	\$ 2,272.50	\$ 1,261.40	
Education & Outreach	\$ 165.18	\$ 261.22	\$ 268.33	\$ (7.11)	
Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	
Card Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.67	\$ (16.67)	
Stewardship	\$ 98.30	\$ 107.75	\$ 116.67	\$ (8.92)	
Non-budgeted Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 11,545.07</u>	<u>\$ 23,381.87</u>	<u>\$ 24,877.33</u>	<u>\$ (1,495.46)</u>	**

2013 Operating Budget **\$ 149,264.00**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 2/28/14 **\$ 904.07**

MEMORIAL/DESIGNATED FUNDS BALANCE AT 2/28/14 (2 accts) **\$ 49,432.77**



EASTER PLANTS

It's time to think about ordering plants to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday! Your flower donation given to **"the glory of God"** can be given either in **honor of** or in **thanksgiving for** a special event or in **memory of a loved one**. A listing of names will appear in our Easter Bulletin.

Please note that our prices have increased slightly. Our former vendor is no longer in the wholesale business, and it was necessary to find a new vendor. You will also note some new additions to our selection list. Thank you for your continued support and generosity in preparing our sanctuary for the resurrection of our Lord.

Please complete the informational form below and either mail it together with your check to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church with **"Easter Plants"** in the memo corner. Deadline is **THURSDAY, APRIL 10**. Thank you.

Lilly - Single Stem:	@\$ 7.95 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Triple Stem:	@\$25.00 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Azalea:	@\$17.50 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Hydrangea (blue) – 8" Pot	@\$25.00 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Hyacinth – 8" Pot:	@\$15.75 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Daffodil – 8" Pot:	@\$15.75 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Gallery Dahlia – 6 1/2" Pot:	@\$ 7.50 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$

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(Please Print): **Donated By:** _____

Envelope No. (if applicable): _____ Phone No.: _____

In Honor of / In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____



John Andrews, Pat Bean, Guy Bacon, Sue Backstrom, Jeff Backstrom, Helene Bejune, Lois Bernier, Ed Bonneau, Ray and Margaret Briere, Sarah Dalzell, Doug Cooper, Esther Elliott, Debbie Ennis, Donna Filipkowski, Alice Grzlecki, Bob Hokanson, Shirley Kilian, Carl Larson, Catherine LeBouef, Dorothy McLellan, Elsa Milas, Ryan McGaughey, Becky Most, Joshua Peterson, Peter Pierce, Conrad Redlitz, Gladys Rossmeisl, Arthur Siegmund, Brian White and Shirley Zatkalik.

To let us know about a prayer concern or to add a name to the printed prayer list, call or email Karen in the office or use the card in the pew racks and place in offering plate.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Donald Piehl 03 | Kristen Betrovski 11 |
| Chase Levasseur 03 | Lucille Blood 11 |
| Peg Briere 04 | Ben Schur 12 |
| Janet Abissi 05 | Chris Bonneau 12 |
| Allison Schur 05 | Walter Lukasek 12 |
| Justin Howland 07 | Conrad Redlitz 13 |
| Erin Legier 07 | Nathaniel Schur 17 |
| Pat Siimes 07 | Darren Aniello 18 |
| Kim Reed 07 | George Murray 20 |
| Lois Bernier 08 | Josh Woods 22 |
| Emma Schremser 10 | Shirley Rossmeisl 27 |
| | Paula Clark 28 |



YOU CAN HELP!!

Seeking folks who are willing to drive someone to church on a regular or semi-regular basis – and a 'match-maker' to connect drivers with those needing a ride. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if you can help with this ministry.



If you have moved or will be moving in the future, please let us know so that we can change your address, telephone numbers and emails if necessary. We want to stay current with our mailing information.



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