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# Zion Lutheran Church

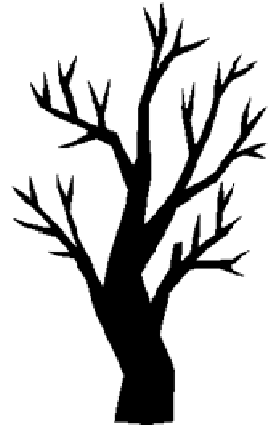
## MARCH 2012

### ***The Tree of Life...The Cross of Salvation***

There have been a few changes in the sanctuary this month. As has happened in past years, to simplify our visual environment, all banners with the exception of one purple banner have been taken down and put away.

We have also moved the worship leader chairs, placing them off to the side, to better allow the congregation and the worship leaders to focus on the altar and the cross.

The big visual surprise is that we have placed a tree with bare branches in the corner near the stained glass window. This tree begins the Lenten season with completely bare branches, with no decoration other than the colorful shadows thrown upon its branches by the sun shining through the stained glass. Right now, it is bare enough that you may not even notice it at first, but each week, as a part of the Tuesday evening services, it will gradually become more and more enhanced with Lenten purple. In the same way, I pray that as the weeks pass, your awareness of Lent will deepen, and become more visible to you.



The Tree of Life, which we encounter first in the Garden of Genesis, becomes the Cross on which our Savior is crucified – a place of death and the source of our new life. As we gaze on the tree, we turn our hearts to Christ, who gave his life for all on the life-giving-tree of the Cross.

+ Pastor Nancy +

**SUNDAY MORNING:**

**9:00 AM Worship**

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**9:45 Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**TUESDAY**

**6:00 PM Worship**

**MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mar. 4: 11:30 AM** Solar Presentation following 10:30 worship

**Mar. 5: 7:00 PM** Book Club @ Rossmeisl's house

**Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27:**

5:00 PM-Soup

6:00 PM- Lenten Worship

**Mar. 6, 20: 7:00 PM** Confirmation

**Mar. 7: 7:00 PM** Stewardship Mtg.

**Mar. 12, 26: 6:00 PM**

Stephen Ministry

**Mar. 18: 3:00 PM**

Lenten Ecumenical Worship @

Church of Reconciliation/Webster

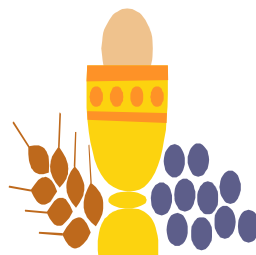
**Mar. 19: 7:00 PM** Bylaws

**Mar. 22: 7:00 PM** Worship Mtg.

**Mar. 24: 7:00 PM** Youth/Bonfire

**March 25: 7:00 PM** LIPY Mission Trip Meeting

***FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES***



A group is being formed to prepare children for First Communion. We will meet for a few sessions at a time that is mutually agreeable to all. The curriculum we will use is called **Fed and Forgiven**. Using age-appropriate engaging content, we will explore the ritual and basic theology of Holy Communion. If your child would like to join in receiving Holy Communion, then please speak to Pastor Nancy.

## MUSIC MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

### HAND CHIMES?? HAND CHIMES !!



Have you ever thought of playing hand chimes? Come and learn how to play the chimes as we prepare a piece for Palm Sunday. There is no experience required, and you do not have to know how to read music to be involved in this great activity. **REHEARSALS** will be held **Tuesday evenings** in **March (6, 13, 20, 27)** from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the sanctuary. Please see Chris with any questions. Hope to see you there!



### JOIN IN MAKING MUSIC AT ZION

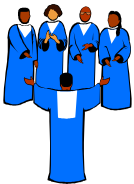
Come hear our **Sunday School** kids sing on **Palm Sunday, April 1st** at **9:00 am.** (rehearsals weekly during Sunday School)

**Sing with the choir for Easter Sunday anthem:**  
- Easter anthem rehearsals - Sunday, March 18th (after 10:30 worship)  
and Thursday, March 29th at 6:30

### Do you love the Hallelujah Chorus??

The choir will sing it as the postlude on Easter Sunday.

**All welcome to join in..** Just come to one rehearsal, Thursday, March 29th at 6:30. Talk to Chris Costello, Zion's Minister of Music for more information.



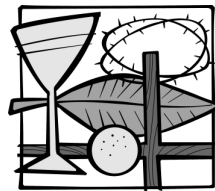
### SING WITH TRINITY CHOIR AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Folks are invited to join the choir of Trinity Worcester to sing at the Easter Vigil Worship on Saturday, April 7th at 7pm. There will be one rehearsal of combined choirs AT Trinity. Date TBD. Please contact Pastor Nancy if you want to participate at Trinity.



### ZION SOLAR UPDATE

A representative from both Solar-City and New Generation Energy will come to Zion, provide information and answer questions on **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30am service.** This session will provide an opportunity for Zion's Congregation to ask the representatives any questions they may have about how Zion can benefit from a Solar Electric system. We are also forming a **Task Force** to further investigate solar electric options for Zion. If you are interested in being part of this Task Force, please let Bob Laurens or Peter Betrovski know. Direct questions about the session to Jim Champoux.



### LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Theme: You Shall Love the Lord Your God....

**Tuesdays during Lent ( March 6, 13, 20, 27)**  
**Soup Supper at 5:00 PM Worship at 6:00 PM**

### HOLY WEEK

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:** **Worship at 9:00 and 10:30:** Blessing of the Palms and Passion Sunday

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 PM:** Healing Service (Note: No Soup Supper this week)

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM:** Maundy Thursday; Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar

**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM:** Good Friday; The Passion of Our Lord and The Glory of the Cross

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM:** We are invited to join in the joyous Easter Vigil at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester with a party to follow.

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** The Resurrection of Our Lord **Easter Sunday Worship 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM** Coffee and Refreshments to follow each service!



**WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

**WORK CONTINUES ON THE NEW EASTER BANNER**

Our meeting nights have been changed to Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. We will be meeting in March on the 26th and 28th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.



**2012 FLOWER CHART POSTED!**

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar during 2012, please sign the **Flower Chart** in the Vestibule. Weekly cost is \$30.00 per family. Please note "altar flowers" in the memo corner of your check. Thank you.

**ZION BOOK CLUB**



'Sarah's Key' by Tatiana de Rosnay is the book selected for discussion at the next book group meeting. The story of a 1942 Jewish family being evicted from their home in Paris and sent to a camp is interwoven with the plot of a modern-day reporter trying to determine what happened to the little girl in the family. **This time, the discussion will be at the home of Shirley and Ed Rossmeisl on Monday, March 5th at 7pm.** Check with Shirley for directions.



**CAMP FIRE FOR ALL THE YOUTH AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**March 24th, 6:00 PM**

Hospitality is sponsoring this event for the youth. We will start the fire with the kindling that pasted out in January. Do you have a favorite camp fire songs? I'm sure you do! We will provide all the makings for smores and hot chocolate. Please sign up in the Narthex. ! Invite your friends! Direct questions to Lisa Betrovski.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO SHARE IN THIS EVENT TOGETHER**



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let the presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

anonymous

**If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please speak to Pastor Nancy.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**



On **March 11th** we "spring ahead" as begin daylight savings time. Remember on Saturday evening to turn your clock ahead (lose an hour's sleep).

**YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



The youth will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, March 11th**. This is to raise funds to send 4 youth to the LIPY Mission Trip during April school vacation. There will be servings to accommodate people at both services. There will also be a basket raffle (each of the 4 youths will be donating a themed basket that people can purchase raffle tickets for). Additional details regarding cost and times will be forthcoming. Please come and help support our youth.

**UPDATE!** The youth sponsored **Souper Bowl of Caring** collected **\$364.00** at worship on February 5th. The donations went directly to Oxford Food Shelf.

Central Massachusetts Conference of the  
New England Synod presents

**LENTEN SCHOOL OF  
THEOLOGY**

***Prophecy, Parables and Politics***

***Sundays, March 11, 18 & 25,***

***3:00-5:00 PM (Child Care Provided )***

***at Trinity Lutheran church***

***73 Lancaster St. Worcester, MA***

***(508) 753-2989***

***www.trinityworc.org***

Look for information posted around Zion  
and inserts in bulletins.

**SUPER WEDNESDAYS IN  
LENT**

**FEBRUARY 29TH —  
MARCH 28TH 6:30-7:30 PM**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church 183 W. Main St.  
Westborough, MA**

**THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF-  
HENRIETTA LACKS**

A study that will engage theo-  
logical, ethical and scientific  
issues. Posters have been  
posted around Zion with details  
on this interesting study. Regis-  
tration is strongly encouraged:  
508-366-7095 or email of-  
fice@gs-lc.org



**LUTHERAN SOCIAL  
SERVICES**

**OPEN HOUSE**

14 East Worcester St.  
Suite 300, Worcester

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29  
4:00—6:00 PM**

**Friends of LSS are  
invited to attend.**

Come and see their new  
location.



**NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012**  
Submitted by Marleen R. Bacon

The monthly meeting of the Zion Church Council was called to order at 7:03 PM  
by President Laurens and followed with devotions given by Pastor Nancy.

The minutes of the January Council meeting were accepted. The financial reports showing  
income and expenses were presented.

Pastor Nancy has been working with the Worship and Music Committee on the upcoming Lenten  
services. There will not be any joint mid-week Lenten services with area churches. Zion will hold  
Tuesday evening soup suppers at 5 pm followed by worship at 6 pm. A Healing Service will be held on  
April 3, 2012, as well as, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7 pm. There will  
be an Easter Vigil at Trinity in Worcester on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

The Hospitality Committee will present the Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 following  
the 6 o'clock service. On this same night the Evangelism Committee will begin the Book Swap.

The Council voted unanimously to form a solar panel Task Force. Interested members of the  
Congregation are encouraged to join this Task Force and can do so by speaking with Peter Betrovski or  
Jim Champoux. The solar panel presentation is scheduled after the 10:30 am service on March 4, 2012.

Stephen Ministry and the Evangelism Committee will conduct a two day course to be held on May  
4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> entitled "How to Make God's House a Home". The goal for this course is to learn how  
congregational members can build relationships in the church and in daily life. Also, learning how to pre-  
vent inactivity in the church and how to reach out to inactive members. There will be a participant charge  
of \$10 and all other related expenses will be paid for through the church budget. This course will be  
taught by Pat Bean. For more information, please see Pat.

This meeting concluded at 9:00 pm with the Council members joining in the Lord's Prayer.

### **HISTORY COMMITTEE UPDATE BY DONALD WEINHARDT**

Since our last newsletter update in June 2011 we have received three additional gifts to the church archives. The first came from Jean Peterson, it was a set of six photographs, color, 4" x 6", of the Outdoor Chapel. These photographs were taken at the dedication of the Chapel in June 2006; also a set of four photographs, color, 4" x 6", of the exterior of the church. Jim Moore was the photographer for both sets of photos.

The second gift came from Conrad H. Redlitz. This was a set of three photographs in color, 3.5" x 4.5", showing the preparation and blessing of the new cornerstone box. The box was installed at the base of the bell tower in June 1990 as part of Zion's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Featured in the photos are Conrad H. Redlitz, Walter L. Neulieb, and Pastor Goetsch. (Note - In June 2008 the bell tower was dismantled for safety considerations and the church bell and cornerstones are stored in the shed adjacent to the parking area.)

The third gift came from Sandy Maisano. It is an 8" x 10" color, photo portrait of Pastor Paul Sinnott and his wife Carol. Pastor Sinnott was the Interim Associate Pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Webster from 1999 to 2002.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have continued their support with financial donations to the History Committee. The Committee has not spent any money recently, however our archival storage capacity is getting very limited and may need to be expanded in the near future. Also be aware that the year 2015 will be the Zion Congregation's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, this is three short years away. As of now there is no line item in the church budget for any type commemoration or celebration. If there is enough History Committee Memorial money, we may be able to at least publish an up to date church history.

During a recent conversation that I had with Tim Schur he indicated that he is in the process of going through his father Walter's belongings and putting aside quite a bit of material for the church archives. The Schur family is founding members of the church, and Walter was extremely active in the church, holding many positions of responsibility.

The past six months I have spent quite a bit of time rewriting and updating the church history. This will give us a head start for our own 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but also will enable me to provide the requested material to the Town of Oxford for their 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Their Historical Commission has requested a short history and a time line for Zion. Once this is completed I will submit them to the Church Council for approval before submitting them to the Historical Commission.

Since the inception of the History Committee in 2009, we have been reasonably successful in building an archive to represent Zion's 122 years of existence. However, there are two areas that we have not been successful. The first is early photographs from 1890 to about 1925, both of the church building and congregational functions. The second is "meeting minutes" for both Congregational meetings and Council meetings. The minutes for the last ten years have been spotty at best. If you can help provide help in either of these areas please contact me at 508 - 461 - 7424.

### **"THE SCHUR EFFECT"**

Next time you are in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour or an event, take a moment to check out this article from a Valporaiso University publication about Dr. Walter R. Schur. You can find this wonderful article and pictures on the 2nd divider in the hall.



Camp Calumet has lots to offer year round. In the spring, there are plenty of mid-week and weekend retreats with lodging in the Conference Center or heated cabins. In the Summer, there are camping opportunities for kids at the resident overnight camp, including special drama, music and adventure camp weeks. The campground accommodates tents, trailers and campers – and you can make new friends while you enjoy the lakeside beach, local hiking trails, campfires, bible study, conversation, and more. For more info. go to [www.calumet.org](http://www.calumet.org) or call 603-539-3223.

**COURSE TO BE OFFERED AT ZION****How to Make God's House a Home****Friday Eve May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012****+++A time for fellowship, learning and growing+++**

What do we do together as a church? ---"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way...fulfill the law of Christ."Galations 6:2

As a congregation we do carry each other's burdens, but we can learn to do it even better. It is in this spirit that Zion is offering this course.

We will learn how to better relate to both active and inactive members. The course content includes:

- Hopes and expectations
- How to handle chance encounters with inactive members
- How to converse comfortably
- How to listen effectively
- How to invite gently

We will learn together how to help "make God's house a home" and to care like Jesus does.2

Who should take this course? ALL members of the congregation can benefit. The more we are aware of helpful or unhelpful responses to those we see or haven't seen around church for a while, the better. The more persons who are aware of the topics covered in *How to Make our House a Home*, the more it will make all of us feel connected.

Here is what an individual from another congregation has said about the course:

*"This whole course helped me to appreciate and understand other people's point of view... I've **learned to listen better to what the other person is actually saying**. It has helped me in my relationship with one person already."*

**Course Schedule:****Friday, May 4th, 6:00 PM to 9:30 (We begin with dinner)****Saturday, May 5th, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM (Lunch will be provided)**

The course is being sponsored by the Evangelism Committee and will be taught by Pat Bean, Stephen Ministry Team Coordinator.

**A registration fee of \$10.00 will help to cover some of the cost of materials.**

The **registration deadline is Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** so that materials may be ordered.

**For more information please contact Cecelia Jalbert, Evangelism chair, at 508-248-7006 or Pat Bean at 508-943-2762.**

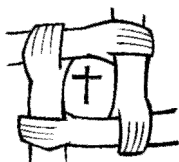
**Registration Form** (deadline April 15<sup>th</sup>)

YES, I am interested in taking part in the course *How to Make God's House a Home*. Enclosed is my **registration fee of \$10.00**. (deadline April 15<sup>th</sup>)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in taking this course but cannot do so now. Please let me know the next time that the course is offered. **Return registration and fee to:** Pat Bean, the church office or place in the offering plate.



Doing mission together

## **THE SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM**

### **God's Work; Our Hands**

Archeologists unearthing artifacts and skeletons discover how our human ancestors lived and died. All human lives leave evidence that tells a story. What evidence will we at Zion leave behind? James 2 v 26 tells us "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead." As Lutherans, we believe that we are saved by grace alone, by our faith alone. If we claim to have these gifts of grace and faith, if we are "saved," we are compelled to act as people of faith in our church, our community and the world. We cannot just wish the homeless, the hungry, the broken in spirit well. We must share our love, our comfort and warmth, our food and water. It is not our charity that saves us. When we act as people of faith, we leave evidence that tells the story of Jesus.

### **Socks for St. Matthew's**

A couple of weeks ago at coffee hour Maydee Morales introduced me to her mother, Pastor Rafaella who is ministering to the homeless through her church, St. Matthew Trinity in Hoboken, New Jersey. Mondays through Thursdays her church provides a lunch time ministry, offering meals and a brief respite for warmth and caring conversation. This ministry is in great need of adult men's white socks, especially the type that are high, to the calf length. We are glad to help out and will be collecting socks to help St. Matthew Trinity's outreach through the end of March. A container will be placed near the food pantry box. Feel free to add a note saying hello or send along well wishes.

### **Oxford Food Pantry**

During February we continue to collect jams and jellies for distribution at the Food pantry. For March, we are seeking donations of canned meats, ***please no tuna***. Beef stew, corned beef hash, canned chicken, Spam, deviled ham, and small cans of ham would be greatly appreciated. **Let's do our best to meet the monthly Zion 120 challenge.**

### **Sharing Our Love**

Eighteen "bags of love" were sent out to our elderly and shut-in members and friends. Each bag contained Valentines chocolate, a box of conversation hearts, a jumbo size word search book, a beautifully illustrated book of prayers, lip balm, hand lotion, packages of crackers and cheese, packages of crackers and peanut butter, and a Valentines note pad. Thank you to all contributed to help out with the cost. Many smiles and appreciative words came back to us!

## **Jesus as Teacher - Be Ready for Surprises**

The following is a Lenten Meditation we recently received that we would like to share with you.

What are your memories of school? Dull classes and tons of homework? Or a feeling of learning something new? When we look to Jesus as teacher, it should be with expectation. We may find a new challenge or gain new insights.

Jesus surprised people with his words and with his actions. He gave blessings not to the powerful but to the meek, the poor and those who felt persecuted. The old religious requirement was to keep oneself pure by not associating with people who had sinned. Jesus sat and ate with those whom society had cast out. Many thought that fasting was essential for the religious life, but Jesus and his disciples did not fast. He allowed essential work on the Sabbath. Is Jesus saying that, rather than being limited and restricted, true faith sets us free?

To be sure, there are things that faith calls us to avoid, but Jesus seems more interested in providing new possibilities. Notice, however, that this is all centered in a particular kind of spirit. Jesus used his freedom to guide people to a more creative life. Perhaps, this is one of the things to which the Lenten season calls us.

What possibilities are open to us? Beyond keeping the standards of honesty and the caring of self-giving love, what opportunities does God reveal? Perhaps we could see the true worth of someone right around us, whom we often ignore. Perhaps, we could speak up on issues we feel strongly about, but have never mentioned. Perhaps, we could listen more fully, being ready to change some long held ideas. Jesus calls us to be open to new possibilities.

It may seem easier to stay in our rut; it has become comfortable. But Dr. Laurence Peter in the last century said that "A rut is a grave with the ends knocked out." If we opened ourselves up to new possibilities what might be open to us?

God's peace be with you. Be generous with your gifts.

Your Stewardship Committee

FINANCIAL RESULTS				
JANUARY 31, 2012				
We took in \$10,607 thousand in January and we spent \$10,846 thousand in January Expenses exceeded income by \$240 dollars-- resulting in a deficit for January				
For the year, we took in \$10,607 thousand and spent \$10,846 thousand through the month of January. For the year, Expenses exceeded income by \$240 dollars.				
For the 1st month of 2012, revenue is \$1,962 under budget and expenses are \$1,722. under budget.				
The following is a comparison of 2012 actual to 2012 budget:				
	January 2012	Jan- 2012 YTD	Budget YTD 1/12	Over/(Under) Budget
Operating				
Revenue	\$ 10,606.50	\$ 10,606.50	\$ 12,568.75	\$ (1,962.25)
Operating Expenses	\$ 10,846.28	\$ 10,846.28	\$ 12,568.75	\$ (1,722.47) **
Income Net of Expenses	\$ (239.78)	\$ (239.78)	\$ -	\$ (239.78)
	January 2012	Jan- 2012 YTD	Budget YTD 1/12	Over/(Under) Budget
Expenses				
Benevolence	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 858.33	\$ (833.33)
Pastors Ministry	\$ 5,814.21	\$ 5,814.21	\$ 6,037.42	\$ (223.21)
Stephen & Youth Ministry	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 162.50	\$ 137.50
Worship & Music	\$ 2,460.83	\$ 2,460.83	\$ 2,260.75	\$ 200.08
Administration	\$ 1,106.85	\$ 1,106.85	\$ 1,198.08	\$ (91.23)
Property Management	\$ 661.13	\$ 661.13	\$ 592.08	\$ 69.05
Insurance & Utilities	\$ 287.92	\$ 287.92	\$ 1,122.08	\$ (834.16)
Education & Outreach	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50	\$ 204.17	\$ (151.67)
Evangelism & Hospitality	\$ 131.04	\$ 131.04	\$ 79.17	\$ 51.87
Stewardship	\$ 6.80	\$ 6.80	\$ 54.17	\$ (47.37)
Non-budgeted Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 10,846.28	\$ 10,846.28	\$ 12,568.75	\$ (1,722.47) **
2011 Operating Budget			\$ 150,825.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 01/31/12				\$15,321.24
<i>Respectfully submitted,</i> <i>Shirley I. Rossmeisl, Treasurer</i>				



**MEMORIAL FUND  
In Memory of  
Harold Schremser**

**Given by:**  
Marjorie Schremser

**STEPHEN MINISTRY  
In Memory of Sandra  
Howland**

**Given by:**  
Robert and Charlene  
Howland  
Kim Petrunia

**Submitted by Susan  
Schade**



**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

- George Bayer 02
- Nicole Karp 06
- Bev Makowski 06
- Paul Siegmund 08
- Ginny Watkins 11
- Jim Champoux 12
- Laurie Teece 12
- Karen Siegmund 13
- Mira Filipkowski 16
- Amy Peterson 17
- Tyler Olson 18
- Jenna LaFontaine 21
- William Peterson 26
- Joy Arent 28
- Carol Langer 31



**EASTER PLANTS**

It's time to order plants for the 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 complete the form below and mail it 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 **SUNDAY, MARCH 25..**

Lilly - Single Stem:	@\$ 7.75 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Triple Stem:	@\$21.00 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Azalea:	@\$13.00 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Hyacinth – 8" Pot:	@\$11.50 ea.	No. Ordered _____	Total \$
Daffodil – 8" Pot:	@\$11.50 ea.	No. Ordered _____	<u>Total \$</u>
			Total \$

(Please Print) **Donated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope No.** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor / Thanksgiving For:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory Of:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DOING WHAT MATTERS**

**Electing a New Bishop**

Rostered leaders and all interested lay people will gather in conference meetings to consider the mission of the synod and the gifts needed in the new bishop. Information from those conference meetings will be shared and reviewed at the **Doing What Matters Mission Area Assemblies** to be held throughout the synod during the month of March. Lay people and rostered leaders attending these assemblies will formulate questions which will be asked of the seven top candidates on Friday evening, June 8, at the Synod Assembly. **The Central Mass Mission Area Assembly will be held on Saturday, March 10, at Bethel, Auburn, MA.**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW BISHOP SET FOR  
SPETEMBER 29**

We are preparing to elect a new bishop for the New England Synod in June at the Synod Assembly in Springfield, Mass. Once elected, our new bishop will be installed Saturday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, Mass. Save this date! .

*Prayer Concerns*

**Frank Abissi, Dedrick Baublitz, Isabel Cannalonga, Fran and Rebecca Chlapowski, Brian Cole, Cheryl Dyer, Esther Elliott, Liesl Voosen Fields, Pamela Foy, David Jalbert, Margarethe Johnson, Ron Johnson, Jonathan MacDonald, Doris Manzi, Jennifer Mooore, Lillian Pavovich, Peter Pierce, Len Pauplis, Barbara Steege, Mark Sweet**

*The family and friends mourning the death of Pauline Kindler.*

*To let the pastor know about a prayer concern or to add a name to the printed prayer list, you can tell Pastor Nancy in person or by email, call or email Karen in the office or use the forms in the narthex.*

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