

# *Harbinger*

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Welcome to March, a month that is replete with change. As the old saying goes, “March enters like a lion and goes out like a lamb,” an adage to the transition from winter to spring we experience during this month. Although, the way the weather works these days, we very possibly could experience all four seasons within this one month! But that too is change.

For an old-school baseball fan like me, March starts with spring training games going full tilt, and ends the month with regular season games beginning March 28. However, and going along with the idea of March bringing change, this year the Dodgers and the Padres will play a two game regular season series in Seoul, South Korea on March 20 and 21. This too is change.

Note: The grumpy old man in me, doesn’t like this change. Baseball should start in April and Opening Day should always start with a day game in Cincinnati. (Shakes fist at the sky.)

For college basketball fans, the change during March is the transition from the regular season to “March Madness,” the Men’s and Women’s NCAA tournaments. This year’s tourney begins with Selection Sunday on March 17, which also happens to be St. Patrick’s Day. Given that these days March Madness is more about betting than basketball (again, grumpy old man is talking) fans might want to be careful with filling out your brackets on that particular Sunday. Green beer is not a good prognosticator of basketball success. This too is change.

Laura and I have our own version of March Madness, it’s called “getting married.” We got married foolishly young and overwhelmingly naïve about life. The foolish and naïve part was proven right away as our wedding was right in the midst of Indiana’s tournament run which would take them to a National Championship that year! In fact, on the day of our wedding (March 14, 1987) Indiana was playing Auburn in a second-round match up. My groomsmen and I were all gathered in the church workroom watching the game on a portable black and white television as we waited for the service to start. Indiana won, of course, and so did I. This month we celebrate 37 years together, 37 years of enduring and overcoming lots of changes and challenges. Marriage...this too is change.

With all the changes of life we are blessed to know of the One who never changes, who always is present and faithful to us. This year, the month of March literally ends with an Easter celebration and the shouts of “Alleluia!” So let us embrace March and all its changes and challenges, knowing of our Resurrected Lord’s love for us all.

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-- Pastor Saylor

## Lenten Midweek Worship Wednesdays

Through March 20

Noon & 6:30p.m.

Soup Suppers 5:15p.m.

### HOLY WEEK 2024 begins March 24

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

“Sunday of the Passion”

8am and 10:30am

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Noon and 6:30pm

Holy Communion

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Tre Ore: Noon—3pm

Good Friday 6:30 pm

#### **EASTER VIGIL**

5:30pm

(regular Saturday time)

#### **EASTER**

8am and 10:30 am

Holy Communion and Special Music

In our culture, Christmas has an intense emotional, financial, and traditional buildup. Not so for Easter! It isn't even a vacation time for school as it once was, unless it happens to fall over spring break. Where the church once had influence over culture, now it is school boards.

Maybe it is a blessing our culture has not taken over Holy Week as it has Christmas. This allows us to prepare for what God has done, rather than wrestle with the commercial distortions and distractions of a broken world. To celebrate an empty tomb when so many are trying to find more ways to fill their lives with stuff makes what we do on Easter even more precious.

This year the staff produced a devotional booklet to give practical, daily help with your journey through Lent. Our midweek services this year feature the characters and themes from the movie “Close Encounters.” We have done so to use familiar cultural themes just as Jesus did with this stories and parables. This assists in imagining what God means to and for us. We hope you are enjoying such support in this season.

Holy Week is holy as it celebrates the beginning of a new creation — much like the seven days of creation in Genesis. We celebrate the re-creation of a paradise that was lost, and the healing of the brokenness we call sin and death. Mark your calendars now, and make this “Holy Week” worship a powerful gift to nourish your faith.

*And realize how important these special worship services are an opportunity to invite those with no church home to join you here. Whom might you invite. There are some who have never heard the story, or have forgotten it and might just be waiting for an easy way to wander back in.*

#### **The Sunday of the Passion / March 24**

We will remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to shouts of Alleluia, and also how quickly the tone changed as his mission was headed not to an earthly throne but a cross.

#### **Maundy Thursday / March 28**

Join us to remember Jesus “last meal” and his parting words to “love one another.” We celebrate Holy Communion and remember the beginning of Jesus' passion. Our drama that night will focus on the Passover meal and how it was “filled full” by Jesus' acts of love.

#### **Good Friday / March 29**

The three hour service beginning at noon focuses on Jesus' words from the cross. It contains six half hour services in which you come when you can, leave when you must.)

The evening worship focuses on Jesus passion and his death. Scripture, prayer and music help our meditation at the foot of the cross.

#### **The Easter Vigil / March 30**

This service remembers the disciples vigil at the tomb, and recalls all the promises that would be fulfilled on Easter.

### Catechism Review — Lord's Prayer (part 3) "Your Kingdom Come"

When my daughter Abby was three, like every child her age, she controlled a vast kingdom. The imagination of a child is empowered by their lack of holding back or wondering how things might be.

With crayons she would draw the way she saw her world. She named stuffed animals and decided whether they would sit close to her or were banished to the closet! She controlled conversations with dolls, and decided if our family room would be a classroom or a magic kingdom. She truly was master of her kingdom.

As we pray "your kingdom come," we aren't thinking about 3 year olds, but maybe we should be! Innocently, they reveal what we think we can hide. They have not yet been so burdened with adult wisdom and are free to see wonder and joy in so much that we take for granted.

In our maturity we think we can control many kingdoms such as health and wealth, vocation and recreation, even family and friends. Our goal is to be masters of our lives, and when we fail or hit speed bumps along the way, we complain about how unfair life is. In truth, this is our attempt to control God. It is our effort to define how God should act, according to what we want, need, or deserve. This is our effort to bring God into the borders of our earthly kingdom.

Luther had something to say about this in the following words: *"The kingdom of God comes of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us also."* Jesus teaches us to pray by saying, *"Dear Father, may your kingdom be the one I want to live in!"*

That is crucial because we want our kingdom to become God's, rather than surrendering by faith to life in his kingdom. Listen closely to the words of this petition: *"Dear Father in heaven, may YOUR kingdom come TO ME!"*

God has created a miraculous kingdom of faith, hope, and love, In these words we ask God to help us see it and live in it, and quit trying to make His kingdom look like ours. These simple words remind that we are talking to God about his world, his plan, and our role in it. And then we need to be quiet, listen, remember, and learn. These words remind us that God is beyond our

control! He will be God and He will do "God-stuff," whether we understand how or not. God will be God whether we vote for him to be so or not.

As we remember the playing field, the rules, and decide to join in, we are ready to enjoy life and celebrate God's love.

Our first family dog, Nike, is still sorely missed. One of her unique qualities was she knew the boundaries of our yard. I don't know how she did it, as we never had a fence, but she knew where her kingdom ended and the next ones began. Because she knew where she lived, there wasn't a need for a fence or chain. She was free to live within the freedom of that kingdom that we all shared. (What a lesson she gave our family.)

Part of growing up is figuring out who is in charge of the kingdom, and temper tantrums of little children are all about testing those waters. (And what a painful struggle that can be!) No matter how long or intense, there always comes a point when the initial reason for the tantrum is forgotten. But a child has invested so much energy that the chain reaction can't be stopped. A parent can out scream and out yell and threaten, but the tantrum will only grow more out of control. A time of peace is needed before anything can change.

When Mom or Dad can finally distract their little angel from such devilish behavior, and get close enough to wipe a tear and give the hug of love, the moment is blessed with the element of grace.

As love again is the focus, a smile will usually shine from behind the clouds of tears. In that moment, whether stated or not, a child's true feelings are, "thanks for helping me stop the madness, because I had no clue how to make the crying end." Love does that, just like this prayer!

Jesus teaches us the same thing with this prayer! The simple words "YOUR Kingdom" distract us from the selfish fears and dreams of making or losing the worlds of our imagination and desires.

"Your kingdom" stops us in our tracks. Whatever we ask or thank for next, our tantrum is over and God's love colors and interprets whatever we say or hear next. May we learn from this prayer and pray to live in this love. His kingdom it is!

(Pastor Seeber)

## Worship Help for Parents and Children

(It is OK for everyone else to read too!)

### “The Creed”

Creed is a Latin word meaning, “I believe.” For our purposes it states what a Christian believes. It is our statement of faith.

Our Creeds cover basic teachings as revealed in Scripture. We believe in the Creative Plan of the Father, the Sacrificial Rescue of the Son, and God’s invisible Spirit-presence today. Our God reveals all that he is in these three ways.

Creeds were the earliest part of Christian worship, added to forms already in existence (prayers, scripture reading, a message or explanation of the readings, and psalms or hymns.) When many were illiterate, and manuscripts rare, people memorized to remember.

They couldn’t download from the internet, but could download it from their memory! This allowed each generation to teach the next. It is how the faith was shared.

Normally we recite the Apostles’ Creed. The written form is from the 3rd century AD. It came from the teachings of the Apostles (their sermon notes?) and was used as the Baptismal liturgy.

As we recite, we proclaim, *“THIS is what I believe! God is my loving Father! Jesus (God in the flesh) lived, died, and rose for me! The Holy Spirit (God’s breath in me) makes me part of the Body of Christ (the Church) forever!”*

As we repeat those words, we remember what we believe, and teach the faith to children and even visitors who maybe have no faith background. Wherever Christians gather, this celebrates that even with many denominations, for there is only ONE Church! Every Sunday, throughout the world, Christians all proclaim this one, true faith!

When we say “holy, catholic Church” the word catholic means “universal.” (That means there are Roman Catholics, Lutheran Catholics, Methodist Catholics, but only ONE Christian Church! Despite our human-inspired differences in practice, we are all part of ONE Church! That is something we need remember more often!

The Nicene Creed developed in response to false teachers who said Jesus was only a good man.” It dates from the Council of Nicea in 325. We have typically used it on Festival Sundays, but it can be used in any time of worship.

The Athanasian Creed was likely developed during the 5th or 6th century, and named for Athanasius (a staunch defender of the deity of Christ during some of the heresies of the 4th century.) It’s length keeps its usage rare, but you should read and use it as a devotional and great guide for prayer. Our creeds are printed in our hymnals and catechisms.

### For Parents with Younger Children:

As parents, much of our time is teaching our kids to believe the right things such as stoves are hot, look twice before crossing a street, we will always love you, and God loves you always!

*Repetition and love are always the key!* That is why we say the creed so often for that is how we memorize and remember. Have your kids follow the words when the Creed is spoken — they will learn it quickly.

Take time to ask your children what they believe about the weather, your love for them, their favorite foods, or anything. Then ask what they believe about God. Show them our stained glass window and point out the three Latin words “credo.” That means “I believe.”

Our window celebrates God as Father (all-seeing eye), Son (lamb), and Holy Spirit (dove.) Help your children understand how the Creed reminds and teaches, just like the window. What we remember we are less likely to forget.

Show them a family picture of cousins, uncles, and aunts. Talk about how they are all one family because of what they have in common. Explain the Creeds are similar reminders that show how what we believe makes us part of God’s family.

Don’t wait for someone else to teach them this. They are ready to hear you tell them now! Explain in your words what this means. Take time, phrase by phrase, week by week, season by season. Help your kids learn more about what their Baptism means!

(Pastor Tim)

## Upcoming Schedule

**March 6, 13, 20: Midweek Kids practices  
handbells from 6-6:30pm**

**March 24-30: Holy Week worship**

**March 31: Easter Worship!  
(no Sunday School)**

# Family Life

## Family Ministry News

### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Psalm 127:3-5 (CEV) says: "Children are a blessing and a gift from the LORD. Having a lot of children to take care of you in your old age is like a warrior with a lot of arrows. The more you have, the better off you will be, because they will protect you when your enemies attack you in court."

Children are a blessing. Do you view your children as a blessing? Obviously they do not know they are blessings sometimes, however, God says they are! I like the analogy of a child to an arrow. I think this has further implications than just protection. Arrows need to be pointed and aimed in a certain direction—the target! There are outside factors beyond your control (wind, obstructions, the target keeps moving, etc) however there is more in your control than you might realize. How are you "aiming" your child? Are you pointing them to the bullseye (a relationship with Christ) or are you getting caught up in distractions? As a parent, you can guide and you can encourage a certain path but once that arrow flies, it is out on it's own. In your time with your child be sure to help them see through the distractions, the busyness, and all that might hinder, and help them see the true target of Jesus.

## Youth News

We will continue to meet as a combined Middle School/High School Youth Group. Any student entering 6th-12th grades is invited to attend unless specifically noted! Friends are also invited!

### Confirmation Class (6th-8th)

March 6,13,20 from 6pm-6:30pm, then attend worship until 7:15pm

### Bible Study

Sundays, at 9:15am in the High School Youth Room

### 8th grade project

March 9th from 9:30am-1pm we will be working on our project!!! This needs to be the priority this day!

### SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, March 16th from 9am-1pm (lunch included) we will be repacking diapers at St. Luke Diaper Bank. Sign ups limited to the first 10!

## Echoes

*God IS at work through people in our congregation...here is their story:*

My brother-in-law passed away a few months ago. It was a very sudden and unexpected loss. In response to that tragedy many servants at Zion were a glimpse of God at work. The many cards and prayers we received were overwhelming. The financial support shared with my sister's family was also a greatly appreciated surprise. The words of comfort and opportunity to share the story of his life with others made me feel noticed. The offer of a meal after my return from the funeral was highly valued. Zion is a living, loving, caring congregation. The word "refuge" was recently used to describe Zion and I would have to agree. In the darkness of the world, in those difficult to understand moments of life, and in the daily realities of spiritual warfare, God is at work through His congregation of Zion Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo. Be on the lookout for the downtrodden, the hurting, those in need...and allow God to be seen through you and your loving actions.

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY REPORT: FEBRUARY**

From 2012-2020, our Bronco Buddy Mentoring Program was one of the biggest ministry events in our campus ministry. Each of those years, we had nearly 40 WMU students as a mentor to a Grade K-5 student at Tree of Life School in the Edison neighborhood. It was an amazing partnership that our campus ministry had with Tree of Life school and it gave WMU students a chance to live out their faith and serve as a role model and example for the kids at Tree of Life. We also found that the kids/students at Tree of Life had a huge impact on our lives as well.

When COVID hit, we were unable to continue our Bronco Buddy mentoring program. By the time COVID restrictions were lifted, the vast majority of the students who had served as mentors graduated, and we found it difficult to continue. I was sensing the Lord had other opportunities ahead for us, but not at the scale that we had with Bronco Buddies.

The last couple of years, we volunteered at the Kalamazoo YWCA and at Maple Street Middle School. Meanwhile, I had always hoped we could renew the partnership we had with Tree of Life.

In late January, a group of 15 WMU athletes and I went to Tree of Life and spent the lunch/recess hour playing games with the kids at Tree of Life in their gym. There were WMU softball players, track and field athletes and football players that volunteered.

After talking with the athletes and getting feedback from them about their experience that day, we are looking at volunteering once a month at Tree of Life. Our next event is scheduled for Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>. I am hopeful this new outreach endeavor will become our renewed connection with the students and staff at Tree of Life School.

Our Monday evening Dinner and Discussion events at Solid Grounds continue to be meaningful to the students. Attendance this semester is down due to several students having Monday evenings classes. We are having 5-6 students attend our Monday evening events.

I continue to enjoy serving and calling on the home bound members of Zion. I spend Tuesday and Friday afternoons calling on them.

God's blessings and peace to you all,

Pastor Mark



## **FRIENDS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL**

The preschool has been very busy this time of year, and we are excited to share with the congregation all that we have been up to!

Preschool artwork is on display in Blends this month. Our projects, themed "God's Green Earth" used recycled objects and materials to produce new and beautiful art to be shared with all. Children enjoyed exploring objects in new and different ways and learned that reusing and recycling is a great way to take care of the planet God has given us.

The children of Friends of Jesus are also excited to share the joy of Easter with the congregation through song and praise on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM service. Along with Zion Children's Ministry, we will sing of the powerful Easter message. The congregation is invited to a reception of sweet treats following the service.

Lastly, our March Read-a-Thon is well underway! Students are eager to read books to raise money for the preschool and earn exciting prizes! Donations for Read-a-Thon will continue to be accepted throughout the month of March. Please see the kiosk by the main entrance for more information.

As a reminder, we are enrolling for Summer Camp 2024 and the 2024-2025 school year. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about all that Friends of Jesus Preschool has to offer!

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Jesus Preschool!

Jen LaPorte,  
Director



**The lilies are used to decorate the church sanctuary.**

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the “**Easter Lilies**” may do so by sending their gift to the church office or putting it in the offering plate along with this form. Please note on your check “**Easter Lilies.**”

Contributions are due by March 24th.

**Contributions will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.**

*In Loving Memory of:*

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*In Thanksgiving of:*

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*In Honor Of:*

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*Given By:*

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**Giving Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday Soup Menus

<b>3/6</b>	Chicken Orzo Broccoli Cheese
<b>3/13</b>	Taco Soup Creamy Mushroom/ Wild Rice
<b>3/20</b>	Creamy Chicken Noodle Butter Bean
<b>3/27</b>	No Dinner



You're Invited!

### Women's Coffee and Craft

Saturday, March 23rd

9-11:30am

Zion Lutheran Church

We'll be making a Spring craft!

Refreshments provided! Free Event!

Bring a Friend!

**Sign up at the kiosk or call the office.**

**For info: Sue Bickel (269) 823-4493  
or Dana Butt (269) 352-0063**



# RightNowMedia

Did you know Zion has a subscription to RightNow Media? RightNow is a digital library full of Bible studies and Bible based kids shows that is FREE to you, thanks to Zion. If you haven't signed up, please do so! Go to <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/zionkazoo> or follow the QR code to create an account. We are blessed to have this great resource!



Zion Children's  
Ministry and Friends  
of Jesus Preschool  
will be sharing the joy  
of Easter on

*Sunday, April 7*  
at the  
*10:30 AM*  
*Service*

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*Save  
the  
Date*

May 17 -19  
Mission Roadmap  
Weekend

An Exciting Gathering to  
focus on the mission of  
Zion as we move into  
the future  
(more info to follow)

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## EMAIL COMMUNICATION

If you're not receiving Zion's weekly email, please contact the church office with your current email address.

**Book Review:** "Wounded Prophet; A Portrait of Henri J.M. Nouwen." Michael Ford. 1999. 2002

My first encounter with Nouwen was when I read his book, "The Wounded Healer." It has become a classic and is so powerful in its witness to the compassionate Christ.

We can relate so much easier to a savior who has suffered for us, than one who demands obedience from a distance. Christ is powerful because we can relate to hunger, thirst, pain, and death. Because he did all that for us, we are more apt to pay attention and listen. (God is wise that way, isn't He?)

Nouwen was an incredible gift of the Church and many of you have heard his name, read some of his books, and maybe even get daily devotions on the internet from some of his works. Michael Ford has done incredible research to provide the details of this biography of a man who was aware of his many wounds, and used them to witness his compassion and faith for those around him.

This is a very readable biography that goes into more depth than I have ever read into the life of this fascinating Christian teacher who has touched so many lives, despite his own weaknesses, confusion, and lack of confidence.

Nouwen was born in Holland (the real one) which might explain his life long fascination with the works of fellow Dutchman Vincent Van Gogh. Both lived troubled and difficult lives filled with depression and yet faith.

A Catholic priest, a clinical psychologist, and a professor of religion, he spent seven months as a monk at a Trappist Monastery in New York. For many years he taught at University of Notre Dame and later at Yale Divinity School. One entire chapter deals with his fascination with clowns, circuses, and the trapeze artists. He spent many of his later years living in a small community of developmentally disabled adults.

At one point Nouwen wrote: *"I experienced connections between Vincent's struggle and my own and realize more and more that Vincent was becoming my wounded healer. He painted what I had not before dared to look at; he questioned what I had not before dared to speak about; and he entered into the spaces of my heart that I had*

*not dared to come close to. By doing so he brought me in touch with many of my fears and gave me the courage to go further and deeper in my search for a God who loves."* [Prologue]

He was a prolific writer and speaker and has been a great influence on many people in their own spiritual journey. His work is often filled with the same searching we all face, and he is unafraid to admit his weaknesses and fears as he wrestled with God's love in his own life.

This biography adds so much to his story that he had never imagined and it is an incredible testament to the power of faith in our lives that someone who was both incredibly intelligent and has so many weaknesses and doubts was able to become the powerful witness and pastoral presence for so many.

He did not stop with easy answers but kept searching and listening for God's guidance. He seemed to gravitate to the broken place and persons in life as the place where it might be easiest to find Christ and the passion of his love. And such a search gave him confidence and hope in faith that wisdom and logic could never achieve. He was a healer for many, but wounded more than most. As such, his writings and mediations have more power because he writes from the loneliness and pain of his own life and how Christ alone was able to lift him up.

How can a circus inform faith? We can understand the role of art, but a circus? Here is his fascination with the trapeze artists. *"The star was not the flyer, but the catcher whose hands were always there to welcome home. The greatest hero is the least visible. Trust the catcher!"* [p. 22]

This quote dovetails well with one of his most powerful books titled "The Return of the Prodigal Son; A Story of Homecoming." and Nouwen's fascination with a painting of that scene from the Bible. His study of the father's hands as he touches the returning son became the inspiration for the book.

This is a wonderful biography which makes his writings even more powerful as we understand the context in which Nouwen lived and grew in his faith. This book is in Zion's library.

(Pastor Seeber)

## HELPING OTHERS

We are collecting health care items during March and April

### for Ministry with Community

#### Items Needed:

- ◆ Bath size towels / wash clothes (new or gently used)
- ◆ Bars of soap—travel size
- ◆ Shampoo / Conditioner travel or full size
- ◆ Body Lotion—travel or full size
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Toothpaste—travel or full size
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Lip balm
- ◆ Razors / shaving cream
- ◆ Nail clippers
- ◆ Sturdy tooth combs
- ◆ Band-aids

Place your contributions in the bins located in the hallway the 1st week of March. Contact Jayne Mayer 375-8342 with questions.

***Thank you for helping others as Jesus shows us His love every day in our many blessings.***

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## ANNUAL BAZAAR—DONATIONS WELCOME

Got too much stuff? We can help you! We are accepting donations for our annual bazaar which will be **Saturday, November 16th**. With spring approaching and garage sales starting, now is the time to clean out! Donations can be dropped off to the container in the workroom. We accept household goods, kitchen items, linens, holiday items and novels.



On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank all those who sent cards, made calls, visited and otherwise supported Pete and me during his illness and passing. It was a long journey, and the love and caring from members and the Prayer Chain helped us tremendously. The outpouring of faith and love at his memorial service was overwhelming! Zion is a wonderful church family!

Chris Wilkins and family



## ZION LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF GUILD

The following quote is from LWR SHARING NEWSLETTER

"In war-ravaged GAZA, an aid truck filled with essential supplies made its way through the one and only gate. It was carrying diapers, quilts, feminine hygiene products, and more, enough for more than 10,000 people. Every item on the truck was provided by generous LWR contributors.

When tragedy strikes, seconds count. Faithful Lutherans never wait."

Zion's LWR Guild is blessed to be part of the priceless undertaking and is grateful for the many donations received throughout the year helping to keep this mission strong.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/2	Emma Hendricks, Alice Tomer
3/3	Joanne Mills
3/4	Pete Asaro, Priscilla Mercier, Jon Nelson
3/6	Kevin DeVries
3/7	Andrea Grube
3/8	Alan Sarver, Olivia VanDenBerg
3/9	Frank Geib
3/10	Addyson Emig, Kaitlyn Hamilton, Walter Kohnke
3/11	Lynne Gerfen, Kathy Harmon, Katie Woodhams
3/13	Ryan DeMorrow, Mark Meyer, Mike Proos
3/15	Cathy Geib, Alison Nelson
3/16	Daniel Frazier
3/17	Nick Alsvig, Pat Frohnappel, Nick Huss, Matthew Schuppel, Mary Tuttle
3/18	Philip Kunze
3/19	Connor McDonald, Gina Schipper
3/21	Kim Schommer, Lena Turczyn
3/24	Andrew Gast, Jason Masek, Connor McGill
3/25	Mary Horensky
3/26	Randall Parat
3/27	Marie Freudenberg, David Masek
3/28	Madison Geib, Brian Kiessling, Daniel Zerbel
3/29	Mary Berkhausen, Allison Watson, Alexandria Whittaker
3/30	Todd Schierbeek

## Parish Report

### Deaths

Horst Jendralski

1/27/2024

## March Art Ministry Display in Blends

### “God’s Green Earth”

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Please enjoy the display and honor our kids by....

\* Reducing \* Reusing \* Recycling



The wish list item for **March is Canned Fruit (no sugar)**. Place your donations in the gray bins under the church office windows. Thank you!



# MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Worship
<b>3</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 SS, Bible Study 10:30 Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 P. Brelje Bible St	<b>6</b> Lent 3 Noon & 6:30 Worship 5:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:30 Midwk Kids 6:00-6:30 Conf Class	<b>7</b> 7-8p Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 - 1p 8th Gr Project 5:30 Worship
<b>10</b> Daylight Saving 8:00 Worship 9:15 SS, Bible Study 10:30 Worship	<b>11</b> 6:30 Endowment	<b>12</b> 10:00 P. Brelje Bible St	<b>13</b> Lent 4 Noon & 6:30 Worship 5:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:30 Midwk Kids 6:00-6:30 Conf Class	<b>14</b> Noon - Finance 7-8p Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9-1 Service Proj @ Diaper Bank 5:30 Worship
<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 SS, Bible Study 10:30 Worship	<b>18</b> 6:30 BOD	<b>19</b> 10:00 P. Brelje Bible St 2:00 Womens Book Grp	<b>20</b> Lent 5 Noon & 6:30 Worship 5:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:30 Midwk Kids 6:00-6:30 Conf Class	<b>21</b> 7-8p Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9-11:30 Women's Coffee & Crafts 5:30 Worship
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 SS, Bible Study 10:30 Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 P. Brelje Bible St	<b>27</b> No Dinner	<b>28</b> Maundy Thurs. Worship Noon & 6:30	<b>29</b> Good Friday FOJ CLOSED Noon-3p Tre Ore 6:30 Tanebrae	<b>30</b> Easter Vigil 5:30 Holy Worship
<b>31</b> Easter 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship (No SS)		Notes				

## March 2024 WORSHIP LEADERS

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31 EASTER
<b>Head Ushers 8:00am</b>	Dave Newman Ted Maxson	Matt Simmons Walter Kohnke	Steve Weber Dave Mayer	Stan Leitz Troy Cosgrove	Donya Mosher Rich Rakow
<b>Head Ushers 10:30am</b>	Steve Nuyen Dennis O'Brien	Dan Buchtrup Eric Carlson	Joe Zerbel Garr Gast	Ken Lundquist Dave Borak	Steve Nuyen Dennis O'Brien
<b>Communion Assistants Saturday 5:30pm</b>	Mike Schlack	NA	Kathleen Jordan	NA	Joanne Bowes
<b>Communion Assistants 8:00am</b>	Dave Newman	NA	Jim Mayer	NA	Staff
<b>Communion Assistants 10:30am</b>	Steve Butt	NA	Sue Bickel	NA	Staff
<b>Acolytes 8:00am</b>	Nikko Quezada	Noah Bentz	Beatrice Mayer	Nikko Quezada James Mayer	Hayden Williams David Hampshire
<b>Acolytes 10:30am</b>	Sydney Woods	Hayden Williams	Eli Frazier	Sarah & Mark Skuratowicz	Grayson & Crosby Field
<b>Cantor</b>	8a Dennis O'Brien	Karen Stokes Chapo	8a Linda Stieve	Vicki Holt	8a Dennis O'Brien 10:30 Danielle Field
<b>Lectors 8:00am</b>	Carol Daenzer	Jayne Mayer	Dave Mayer	Linda Stieve	Staff
<b>Lectors 10:30am</b>	Erin Hampshire	Alice Tomer	Alison Carlson	Alice Tomer	Staff
<b>Altar Ministry Saturday 5:30pm</b>	Phil Rettman Joey Miller	NA	Phil Rettman Mary VandenBerg	NA	NA
<b>Altar Ministry 8:00am</b>	1. Vicki Holt 2.	1.NA 2.	1. Joe Zerbel 2. Larry Zerbel	1.NA 2.	1. 2.
<b>Altar Ministry 10:30am</b>	1. Toni Holt 2. Diane Alsvig	1. NA 2.	1. Joe Zerbel 2. Larry Zerbel	1.NA 2.	1. 2.

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