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Welcome to Zion!

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## April, 2017 Zion Lutheran, Idaho Springs

April 1 is upon us. We are two thirds of the way through our Lenten journey. As I have listened to you over the past few weeks, I have heard Lenten disciplines shared such as, "I'm giving up forty bags for Lent", "I'm clearing space for prayer", "I'm giving up road rage" (I'm particularly grateful for that one), and other conscious decisions to remove roadblocks to a closer relationship with God. As diverse as we are, there are that many paths to experiencing God in our lives. That has been our Lenten journey—to walk a path where we encounter the Holy Spirit guiding us toward the promise of new life in Christ.

For me, Lent has included some letting go of things that no longer serve me. It has included making space to begin getting to know you, the people of Zion. Clearing space has opened new areas that you are beginning to fill as you share your fears, your hopes, and your celebrations. Thank you for creating space for both pastors now serving you to accompany you on that journey of hope, trust and belief in something new.

Our Lenten disciplines of repentance, prayer or fasting are called disciplines because we have to be *disciplined* in creating space for new ways of being in the world. We strive for our Lenten practices to extend to the next season and become lasting opportunities to experience God more deeply. As we experience God more deeply, so too does our relationship with each other deepen - praying for each other, sharing fellowship time with each other, or checking on a parishioner who has been absent. We believe in this promise even if we cannot quite see it.

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So it is with April in Colorado. It is now spring. As I look out my window at 8600 ft. above sea level, I wonder what spring surprises lay under the ground surface. The ground appears dormant under the snow. And yet, there is promise that old and new will soon burst forth with life in ways in which we can only hope and trust.

I recently saw an article about the desert in California that is blooming after years of drought. The beauty was hidden under a barren land that was desolate to the human eye as well as empty for those creatures that are hungry and thirsty. Suddenly, after the intense rains, the land is now filled with extraordinary beauty that also provides visible evidence of plentiful tables to come.

Zion's mountain community of faith is also filled with extraordinary beauty ready to burst forth into spring as new spaces in our individual and communal lives continue to be cleared and filled anew. Jesus' promise of new life is not just for the likes of Lazarus, but for all of us who have moved through areas where evidence is not yet quite visible of plentiful tables to come. His promise is for all of us who, like Martha, have experienced the loss of something or someone, and wondered, does the promise of new life reach here

April and the Easter promise are upon us. As it rains (or snows depending on our altitude), may we all be filled with the Spirit showering on and through us; may our spaces be cleared to experience God's abundant love for us; and may we be sustained by Jesus' promise of new life wherever we are on the journey.

Peace and hope,

Pastor Terry

*"What you are is God's gift to you . . .  
What you do with yourself is your gift to God."*

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**From the Council** (Continued)

Date	Attendance	Collection
March 5	28	\$ 402.00
March 12	22	681.00
March 19	20	601.00
March 26	24	1,182.00

Total for March \$ 2866.00\*

Total for Jar 16.00

\* \* Total for Lutheran Disaster Fund \$268.31  
 Needed each week to meet the budget \$997.00

A last minute Note

Maundy Thursday is April 13th. There will have a pot luck supper at 6:00 pm. It will be followed by a worship service at 7:00 pm. It is a service that is held in the basement and will be conducted by Pastor Terry. You are encouraged to be here and participate.

There is a community Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm , to be held at The United Church. All are welcome.

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**From the Council**

**FROM THE COUNCIL**

March 5, 2017

Attendees: Tom, Lori, D.J. Judy, Pam, Donna  
 The possibility of interested members of Zion joining the Friday night worship service with Pastor Terry at the Denver Women's Correction Facility was discussed. More information to follow after further discussion with Pastor Terry. Discussion followed regarding Workman's Comp for Supply Pastors and employees of Zion. Tom stated that Supply Pastors could not be covered under Zion's Workman's Comp plan, but Bryce is covered when working at the Church as Zion's Coordinator.

To announce and introduce Zion's two new Pastors, Tom composed a bulletin presenting biographies of each pastor and including information regarding Zion's location in Idaho Springs, worship service times and an invitation to members of the communities to come and meet our new pastors and join us in worship. The Bulletin will be posted throughout our communities where possible and also will be posted on Zion's Website

D. J. will talk to Bryce to offer any help or support that might be needed with Zion's Website.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
 APRIL**

<b>Daryl Betts</b>	<b>April 1</b>
<b>Lori Albers</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<b>Dennis Johnson</b>	<b>April 26'</b>
<b>Abby Moles</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Daniel Ward</b>	<b>April 28</b>

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**Important dates to remember in April**

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**Sunday April 2nd**  
**Council Meeting 9:30 am**  
**Worship Service 10:30 am**

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**Sunday April 9th**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Worship Service 10:30 am**

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**Good Friday April 13th**  
**Worship service**  
**7:00 pm at**  
**The United Church**

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**Sunday April 16th**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Breakfast 9:00am**  
**Worship Service 10:30 am**

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**Sunday April 23rd**  
**Worship Service 10:30 am**

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**Sunday 30th**  
**Worship Service 10:30 am**

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**During Lent**  
**Conversation Group**  
**With Bryce will meet**  
**Every Tuesday 5:15 pm**  
**At Zion**  
**Starting February 28**

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**Zion's Prayer Chain**

Prayer Chain is a ministry of Zion members in which we pray for each other and outside needs. As need arise, I am contacted and send out a blind copy email to the group. You then pray for the needs. Contact me if you have requests or If you wish to be a part of this. Please contact Diane Butler at dbbwa@earthlink.net or call 303-781-4737 Thanks, Diane

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During lent Bryce is doing Wednesday night Lenten services in Limon. Therefore we invite you to join us at Zion on Tuesday evenings at 5:15 pm for snacks and enriching conversation. We are now watching the Introduction to The New Testament course from Yale University, Who decided and how did they decide what ended up making up what we call The New Testament. We follow up the video with discussion and sharing our own experiences. Everyone is Welcome!

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I received this letter from Karen Fellbaum, (she was correcting a zip code error I made) but I enjoyed hearing from her, and thought all of you who know her would enjoy reading it.

Lori,

First, first. The address that you have on my newsletter has a zip code of Albuquerque. You Have to make it MN, (small town) 56345, It got to me this time but maybe not in the future.

It's been a long time since I have been in CO. Probably 15 years. I've aged those years. I'm aware of the problems of aging; stroke, heart surgery, pain from who knows where, plastic knee, appendectomy. It seems I am more comfortable living here. Dr. offices, hospital, my older brother living within walking distance.

I'm living in the house that my parents bought when I was in fifth grade. Three bedrooms upstairs, bathroom small and cozy, living room, dining room, clothes washing and sewing room, kitchen (very small) and partial basement.

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*Providing food and Support to  
Clear Creek and Gilpin. Counties*

**Please don't** forget about our local food Bank. **Loaves and Fishes** serves almost 100 families a week. That is 100 cans of tuna, 100 macaroni and cheese, 100 rolls of toilet paper and on and on. There are many homeless living in their cars in Clear Creek County. They cannot afford the gas to find a job.

Loaves and Fishes also has special programs for school age children to help supplement meals on weekends and during the summers months as well as help provide to provide school supplies.

Please remember the hungry this summer and bring something to church every Sunday.

Almost always needed:

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| Toilet Paper        | Jelly        |
| Macaroni and Cheese | Canned beans |
| Tuna                | Boxed Cereal |
| Peanut butter       | Canned fruit |

It is through your support that we will be able to give to those "who have nothing prepared".

Of course, we are grateful fur all donations, now and throughout the year.

Hours:  
Food stocking and distribution  
Thursdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Fridays 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Directions**

**Loaves and Fishes is located on hwy 103.  
Behind Evergreen Sport and Spinal**

**Zion Members**

**We have a purple bin in the basement for  
Food and other items for Loaves and Fishes!**

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LOAVES & FISHES (CONTINUED)

Also... Loaves & Fishes :To get more involved, find out about volunteer opportunities on-line at: <http://www.loavesandfishesco.org/donatevolunteer.html>. Monetary donations may be made through the above website or mailed to: Loaves & Fishes

PO Box 967  
Idaho Springs, CO 80452-0967/

Loaves & Fishes is a non-profit ministry of the churches here in Clear Creek County. They provide food and other forms of assistance to those in need.

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Karen Fellbaum's letter (continued)

I got angry a few years ago and pulled down the wall paper in the largest bedroom. Purchased bunches of plaster patch. Filled the cracks. Painted it. I took a couple of months to finish it. I am proud of that achievement. I keep thinking I want to do the same to another bedroom, but haven't found time to do it.

I go to the ELCA church in town. I was a member of the Missouri Synod Church, was even baptized there. I spoke to pastor there when mother was alive and wanted to walk with her to communion. My younger brother, Bryce, was mentioned. He and I are heretics.

I like the ELCA Church. I go to the weekly prayer group. A goal is to pray for all of the people whose names are in our bulletin. I frequently know few people on the list. But a prayer is a prayer.

Enough about me.

Love Karen

PS I don't like the cold This morning it was -8. Expected high 14

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**Easter Lilies**

**There is a SIGN UP SHEET for the Easter Lilies, Not sure what the charge will be.**

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## Prayer Requests

For those recovering from sickness, and/or surgery  
 For those in grief, For those needing wisdom  
 For those needing strength, For those in the community, For those in fire, flood, typhoons, and hurricanes areas, in the world, For comfort and guidance: all the troops worldwide and their families, our children, teenagers, and parents, all those traveling, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Urban Servant Corps, ., for peace in the Middle East, for the whole church around the world, especially our companion Synods of the Malagasy Lutheran church, the Mahayana and Antsiranana Synods, all lay evangelists who risk their lives to preach the Gospel, and Zion Lutheran Church in this time of transition and revitalization of membership. If pastoral services are needed please contact the Church Office

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### Outreach Coordinator:

Interested in bringing forward ideas and helping to plan events or efforts that connect with our surrounding community? This would be perfect for you! The Outreach Coordinator would act as a point-person for these sorts of activities and events. Talk to Pam Thomas if you're interested.

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## Birthday Information

If your birthday isn't in or is wrong in the newsletter it means I don't know when it is. Please let me know and I will correct it in our birthday list each month. Thank you

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### Seniors

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## Additional Bulletin Announcements SERMONS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE WEB PAGE

If you miss church you can listen along to the sermon now from our website You can listen to them by hitting the "Worship" tab on the website , selecting "Sermons" from the dropdown menu, or click on this link.  
[www.zion-lutheran-church.com/sermons.html](http://www.zion-lutheran-church.com/sermons.html)

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## Special Occasions

People of Zion, we wanted to offer the opportunity that if you have a special occasion, event or remembrance and would like to bring in flowers. We will place them on the altar for everyone to enjoy and share your special occasion!

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**Sign-Up Sheets:** We have sign-up sheets for tasks like cleaning the church, reading Scripture during Worship, bringing snacks for fellowship time, and cleaning up the kitchen after fellowship time. After Worship the sign up sheet is downstairs on the table. Thank you to all who sign up.'

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## Monthly Newsletter

This is a reminder to all recipients of the Zion Newsletter, who re receiving it by mail, if you have an email address and would rather get it via email, please send me your email address to  
[albers2222@aol.com](mailto:albers2222@aol.com)

Lori

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### Seniors

QUESTION: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there

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## The Funny Side of Faith



### **Manna Again?**

***"If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."***

*Numbers 11:4-6*

The Israelites came down with a bad case of tunnel vision while they wandered in the wilderness. They fondly remembered how well they ate in Egypt— in the days when they had plenty to eat—but they forgot that they were slaves during that time! All they could think about was the manna that appeared each day, the only food they were able to eat.

The people would have starved while wandering in the wilderness, but God provided the food they needed.

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## Laughing with Lutherans

During a long confirmation service at Bethel Lutheran Church, Little Falls, Minnesota. Our sports minded 3 year old leaned over and whispered loudly, "This is sure going into overtime!"

Mary Jane Wolters  
Little Falls, MN

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I left my 11 year old son home one evening while I went to my older daughter's school concert. He called me five times while I was driving home, frightened because a thunder storm was brewing. When I got home I sat in bed with him and snuggled. He said "Mom, I think after God got done making thunder and lightning, that's when he needed to make mamas."

Paige Fiedler  
Johnstown, WV

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### **Lutheran This and That**

I was watching *The Wizard of Oz* with friends and their children. When Auntie Em says to her crabby neighbor, "Elvira Gulch for 23 years I've been dying to tell you what I've thought of you, but being a good Christian woman I can't say it," Aaron, 6, gave us a toothless smile and spouted "I bet if she were Lutheran she'd tell her."

Lee Anne Gilson  
Waldo, WI

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