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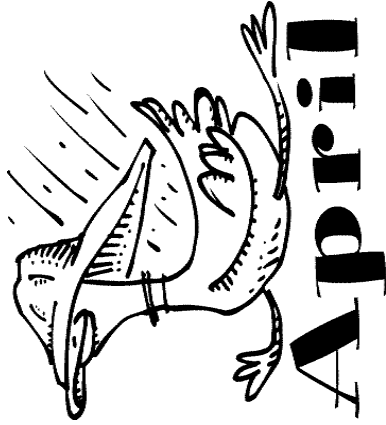
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EASTER FLOWERS 2018

Carol Boedeker	In memory of Don Boedeker (Organ Fund)
Chris & Phyllis Boedeker	In memory of Terry Boedeker
Joy Combs	The Joy of Easter
Tim & Jane Drewelow	In memory of Stan Drewelow & Lewis & Irene Sander
Bill & Sharon Elijah	In Honor of Easter
Brenda Esbaum	In memory of Loved Ones
Marlene Fox & Family	In memory of Roland Fox
Royce & Lisa Gottschalk	In memory of Bob Gottschalk & Family
Ann Harms	In memory of Louis Terlisner & In memory of Grandparents
Barry & Julie Hoffmeier	For the Glory of Easter
Deloris Kahl	In memory of Loved Ones
Kevin & Beth Kahl	In memory of Loved ones
Lou & Janis Krafock	In memory of Loved ones (Improvement Fund)
Duane & Terry Lasack	The Glory of Easter
LeRoy & Donna Luepker	In memory of Loved ones
Marcine Miller	In Honor of Service Men & Women
Susan Monson	In memory of Mel Monson
Jamie & Kelly Nabb	In memory of Grandparents
Rodney & Renate Port	In memory of Mom & Dad Boettger
Pastor Steve & Jean Stepp	In memory of John & Birdelle Stepp, Carl & Phyllis Chappelow
Keith & Tanya Stewart	In memory of our Grandparents
Kent & Janice Strackbein	In Memory of Loved Ones
Wilbert Wenndt, Debbie	In memory of Nola Wenndt
Axline, Sherri Rouse, Robin Klein	
Marlene Wiedenhoff	In memory of Bob & Connie Wiedenhoff
Darrell & Jody Yutesler	In memory of Darrell Yutesler
Zion Sr. High Fellowship	The Glory of Easter
Zion Youth Club	Let the Children Come to Me.

**The Palms are a gift from Marlene Wiedenhoff & family for the
celebration of Palm Sunday.**

**The Evening Circle thanks everyone who participated in the
decoration of the Church for Easter.**



FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I am sure that somewhere along your Christian journey you have been asked, "What is your favorite holiday?" I have been asked that question many times by children who absolutely love Christmas. What is there not to love about Christmas. It comes at the beginning of winter so snow is still fun. Christmas has the best array of candy and other delicious confections. There is a cool tree to decorate. You get presents to open and enjoy. And of course, Jesus, the Savior of the world is born. So, when a child, young adult or even adult asks me, what is my favorite holiday, I of course say, Easter. That's when the excitement in their eyes dull and they say, ever so politely, "Yeah, Easter's Ok."

It is then that I say, "EASTER IS GRRRRRRRREAT!" Whoever picked a bunny for Easter really wasn't thinking because Tony the Tiger would have been my first choice. I mean, come on...Jesus rises from the dead!!!!!! After all Jesus went through to pay the debt for our sins and then be raised from death!!!>>>...that makes "EASTER GRRRRRRRRRRRREAT! In my book. Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas too. Jesus, the king of kings, born in a stable. Easter would not have happened if Jesus was not born both human and divine. But, I love Easter. It is the GRRRRRRREATEST event of all events.

In fact, I love the whole story, from beginning to end, from Jesus' birth through his ministry, from Palm Sunday to the Last Supper, from Jesus' crucifixion to his triumph over the grave on Easter. I LOVE IT ALL

BECAUSE IT IS ALL GRRRRRRRRREAT!!!!!! And right now, as I write this newsletter, my heart is racing with anticipation of EASTER.

But I do not want to get ahead of myself and neither should any of us, lest we forget to remember and honor all the events we will lift up with joy and sorrow in the next few weeks.

So here are my challenges to all.

1. Open your Bibles, open your heart to God in prayer and read these chapters, Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 12-21.
2. Come and worship with us at our Sunday and Wednesday Lenten services, on Palm Sunday, on Maundy Thursday, on Good Friday, and on EASTER!
3. Give often and generously to the mission of Jesus Christ because it is Christ's mission that has brought you this far on your journey and it is the reason you are reading this newsletter and preparing your hearts for the GRRRRREATEST holiday of all... EASTER!

Finally, as you remember these final events on Christ's journey, remember your own Christian journey and ask these questions, "How did I get to where I am right now?" and "Where am I going with Jesus as I continue my life from this point on?"

May we all be united by the faith of Jesus Christ and in the life of Jesus Christ as we continue our journey of faith together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

"Let us consider this settled, that no one has made progress in the school of Christ who does not joyfully await the day of death and final resurrection."

John Calvin

THIS USHERS MONTH



APRIL USHER SCHEDULE

- April 1 **Senior High Fellowship (Sunrise Service)**
Church Council (10:15 Service)
- April 8 Dan & Amy Mohr, Randy Horman,
Pete Johnson
- April 15 David Niermeyer, Ryan & Sara Gottschalk
Merlin Conrad
- April 22 Kyle & Melissa Gottschalk,
Dean & Mandi Behrens
- April 29 Senior High Fellowship

MAY USHER SCHEDULE

- May 6 Church Council
- May 13 Royce & Lisa Gottschalk,
Tanya & Keith Stewart
- May 20 Kip Esbaum, Beth & Kevin Kahl, Tim Kahl
- May 27 Senior High Fellowship

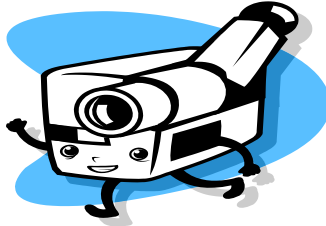


APRIL SCHEDULE

- April 1 Nathan & Jacob
- April 8 Abby & Milo
- April 15 Taylor & Leighton
- April 22 Nathan & Koby
- April 29 Milo & August

MAY SCHEULE

May 6	Jacob & Abby
May 13	Taylor & Leighton
May 20	Koby & Milo
May 27	



APRIL VIDEOGRAPHERS

April 1	Donna Luepker
April 8	Aaron Horman
April 15	Cheryl Boedeker
April 22	Cheryl Boedeker
April 29	Jody Yutesler

MAY VIDEOGRAPHER

May 6	Jane Drewelow
May 13	Jean Stepp
May 20	David Niermeyer
May 27	Aaron Horman



Birthdays & Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Debbie Axline, Dean Hamdorf
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April 4	Cody Fields
April 5	Jacob Holst
April 6	David Niermeyer
April 7	Steve Kahl,
April 8	Megan Hamdorf
April 9	Evan D. Tjaden
April 11	Logan Williams
April 14	Kirk Steinke
April 15	Quenten Wiedenhoff
April 18	*Dean Frederick
April 20	Lisa Hamdorf
	Leighton Tjaden
April 23	Dan Hamdorf
April 26	Gladys Conrad
April 27	Kelli Hamilton
April 29	Stacy Traver
April 30	Jody Yutesler

Card...  ...shower

APRIL BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Honoring 80 years and over!!

April 26 Gladys Conrad, 300 Main Street, Apt. 1,
Lowden, Iowa 52255

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 2, 1966	Dennis & *Diane Mostaert -52 years
April 18, 1970	Steve & Rhonda Poppe – 48 years
April 23, 1998	Jason & Shannon Hayton – 20 years
April 26. 1980	Gene & Jaynice Hamdorf – 38 years
April 28, 2015	Melissa & Kyle Gottschalk – 3 years
April 29, 1978	Gene & Linda Horman – 40 years



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Zion United Church of Christ Council met at 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2018. President Joy Combs called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve opened with a reading and a prayer. Those in attendance were Bonnie Kintzel, Joy Combs, Sharon Elijah, Al Mohr, Jamie Nabb, Rick Balke, Linda Behrens and Pastor Steve. Linda was present through the treasurer's reports.

Joys and concerns were shared. News and happenings were announced.

Secretary's minutes from the January meeting were read and made official on a motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Al. Motion carried.

The treasurer's reports were approved on a motion by Rick, 2nd by Bonnie. Carried.

<u>Calendar Review:</u>	Feb.21	Lenten service at Tipton
	Feb. 28	Lenten service at Bennett
	Mar. 7	Lenten service at Lowden
	Mar. 14	Lenten service at Clarence
	Mar. 19	Evening Circle
	Mar. 21	Lenten service- Wheatland
	Mar. 22	Church Council\meeting

Pastor's report was reviewed. Jamie moved, 2nd by Rick to accept Pastor's expense report. Carried. Pastor announced there are new members wishing to join our church. Bonnie moved, Jamie 2nd to approve the new members. The Regional Youth Event is being held in Grinnell this summer. Students from 6th through 12th grades are encouraged to attend. Al moved, 2nd by Sharon, that we would support attendance by giving \$25 to each student who completes the 3 day event. Motion carried. The hospitality team is serving

coffee before church with a good response from the congregation.

Old Business:

We will continue to work on the membership updates. Jamie and his committee will continue to work on the kitchen drain; perhaps finding a drain cleaner or jetting the tile. The roof on the parsonage is finished; the garage roof was reinforced and the stove vent fixed. The total bill came to \$17,825.73. Donations toward this work will be appreciated.

Al reported the spring dinner committee will be having another meeting. Profits from this dinner will be discussed after the dinner is held.

The next council meeting will be March 22. Pastor Steve closed with a prayer. On a motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Rick, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Elijah, Secretary



Zion Evening Circle—March 19, 2018

Eric Wright with the DNR was our guest speaker at our meeting on March 19, 2018. We were all amazed at his knowledge and the extent of his work as a DNR officer. It was a very interesting talk and we were pleased that he brought along his little girl. We had 3 husbands attend also.

A delicious lunch was served by Jody and Millie; with the tables decorated with deer antlers. After eating, Jean gave devotions entitled "What Is Faith?"

President Terry called the meeting to order. 12 members answered roll call by telling our favorite first sign of spring. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Millie moved, 2nd by Jody that bills be paid. Motion carried. President Terry thanked all those who took care of flowers; gave devotions, served refreshments and worked at Jess Axline's funeral.

The Lenten supper was discussed. Joy announced that the profit from this year's supper was \$519.72. Discussion was held on what to do with the profit from this year and prior years. Millie moved, 2nd by Jean that we buy a bundle of shingles for the parsonage and also buy Advent candles. Motion carried. Pastor Steve and Jean will look into the purchase of the candles.

Donna announced that the Easter flowers will not be here in time for Palm Sunday but will be up for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Jody, Donna and Julie are the committee in charge.

Terry reminded us to be thinking of ways to celebrate our 75th Evening Circle anniversary. She also noted that there are many doilies and some Easter decorations donated by Marlene Wiedenhoff. These will be kept at church and can be used for decorating. Also that the senior breakfast will be coming up and we will need a committee to serve that event.

Pastor announced some things we could be working toward: someone to be trained and compensated for staying in the nursery during worship and purchasing a defibrillator for the church. He also thanked Evening Circle for purchasing the towels and roses given at baptisms. Six new members will join the church in April.

Flowers in April will be taken care of by Terry and Donna. Linda and Julie will serve the Committee on Ministry in May. Pat Kedley will be our speaker at the April meeting. Devotions will be led by Janice S. and refreshments served by Jane and Sharon.

The meeting was adjourned. Millie pulled her own name out of the basket for the "association" door prize.

Sharon Elijah, Secretary

*Connecting through Christ @
Pilgrim Heights Camp & Retreat Center*

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do anything.

Each week we will experience ways to deepen our connection with Christ. Come experience growth as young disciples of Christ. Come branch out and try new things! Come experience the Joy of Christ's life in us!

You will also experience building Christian community through intentionally non-competitive, cooperative activities that allow campers of all ages, abilities, and passions to fully experience the joy of camp at Pilgrim Heights!

Once again, any returning camper may bring a friend who has never been to Pilgrim Heights and each of them will receive a discount.



Greetings to you my Brothers and Sisters,

Is God tempting you with his glorious beauty? Spring is here!!! It is a time of rebirth and renewal. Everywhere we look God is sharing his love for us and with us. As we look upon the landscape, no longer do we see only darkness and drab, but we see beautiful shades of green. Our world around us is springing forth new life. We are greeted each day with songs from the many birds which have returned bringing us hope for another season. Flowers are poking up from the once frozen soil and the majestic trees are once again starting to bud. God's promise of new life is evident in our homes and on our farms with the many babies being born. Yes, spring is here indeed.

Our annual Spring Dinner is almost upon us. Please be sure to check the worker's list in this Herald for your time to work or bring a dish. Remember if something comes up and you are unable come to the dinner; please call another member on the reserve list which is also in this Herald.

Let us, as a community in Christ, come together in a spirit of rebirth and renewal and enjoy God's promise of new life together as one body.

The Spring Dinner Committee 2017

PUBLICITY

Spring dinner Committee

*******SATURDAY*******

COOKING PREPARATIONS

(9:00 am)

Vicki Mohr

Aldie Klahn

Brian & Carolee Lohman

SET UP FELLOWSHIP HALL/SET

UP COFFEE (9:00am)

Spring Dinner Committee

*******SUNDAY*******

HEAT VEGETABLES (9:00am)

Spring Dinner Committee

FILL COFFEE & WATER

PITCHERS (10:00 am)

Kirk Steinke

HEAT GRAVY (9:00am)

Spring Dinner Committee

MAKE POTATOES (8:00 am)

Spring Dinner Committee

PORTION TO GO, DINING

ROOM SALADS, FILL BREAD

BASKET (9:00am)

Karen Bentrutt & Laurie Steinke

PLATE DESSERTS (11:00 am)

Jessica Coppess & Callie Tjaden

CASHIER FOR DINE IN ROOM

(11:00 - end)

Lou Krafock

CASHIER FOR CARRY OUTS

(11:00 - end)

Janie Drewelow

ANSWER PHONE FOR HOME

DELIVERIES (8:30-10:30 am)

Marlene Wiedenhoff

HOME DELIVERIES (11:00

Kent Strackbein

Pete Johnson

PLATE MEALS FOR DINING ROOMS (11:00 – end)

Sharon Elijah

Joy Combs

Julie Hoffmeier

Mary Balke

DINING ROOM SERVERS

(11:00-end)

Kelly Nabb adult

Sarah Sawyer

Lisa Gottschalk

Senior High Fellowship

Confirmation class

CARRY OUTS (11:00 – end)

Sharon Johnson

Jan Strackbein

Linda Freese

Mary Campbell

WASH DISHES (12:00 – end)

Janis Krafock

Carol Engel

Berniece Miner

David Niermeyer

HOST / HOSTESS (11:00 –end)

Mary Huffman

DOOR GREETER AT ELEVATOR

(11:15-end)

Rick Balke & Bob Campbell

DINING RM. HELPER 1-end

Zion Youth Club children

FOOD DONATIONS

DROP OFF BY 9:00 AM

PASTA SALAD

Bonnie Kintzel

Sharon Elijah

Vicki Mohr

Jessica Coppess

Beth Fox

Stacey Luepker

Sarah Sawyer

Marilyn Klahn

Marcine Miller

ORANGE COOKIE SALAD

Sandra Horman
Megan Horman
Annette Behrens
Linda Breese
Diane Esbaum
Rose Horman
Tessa Holst
Jean Stepp
Janice Krafock

CHOCOLATE LASAGNA (9 X 13 PRECUT)

Joy Combs
Julie Hoffmeier
Jan Strackbein
Terry Lasack
Jody Yutesler
Lisa Gottschalk
Carmen Fields
Millie Muhs
Carolee Lohman

CHERRY CHEESECAKE DESSERT (9 X 13 PRECUT)

Sandy Esbaum
Sig Schluter
Tanya Stewart
Jane Drewelow
Kelly Nabb
Cheryl Boedeker
Deb Axline
Mandy Behrens
Tim Kahl

Spring Dinner

Worker Reserve List

Behrens, Dean
Bentrott, Jared

Bentrott, Rick
Boedeker, Scott
Dittmer, Lori
Egli, Allan
Esbaum, Brenda
Esbaum, Brett
Esbaum, Diane
Esbaum, Kip
Esbaum, Laettner
Fields, Robert III
Fields, Scott
Gottschalk, Kyle & Melissa
Gottschalk, Royce
Hamdorf, Dean & Lisa
Hamdorf, Dan & Gail
Hamdorf, Josh
Hamdorf, Megan
Hamdorf, Gene & Jaynice
Hamilton, Ryan
Hein, Jay
Horman, Adam
Jensen, Michael
Kahl, Beth & Kevin
Klahn, Gary & Kim
Klahn, Kalab
Klahn, Kody &
Koch, Allen & Sandra
Luepker, Lonnie
Luepker, Landon
Miller, Marcine
Mohr, Al
Mohr, Dan
Monson, Sue
Mostaert, Dennis
Niermeyer, Dwight
Norton, Liz
Poppe, Cody
Poppe, Steve & Ronda
Port, Renate
Proesch, Judy
Rowold, Bob
Sawyer, Ryan
Keith & Tanya Stewart

Easter Breakfast

following the 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship Service sponsored by Senior High Fellowship. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and some awesome fellowship.

“DATES TO REMEMBER”

April 1, 2018

6:30 am SUNRISE SERVICE with breakfast

9:00 Christian Education Classes

10:15 EASTER SERVICE

Both will have communion

April 8, 2018

11:00 am ZION SPRING DINNER

Come & enjoy some delicious food.