

ZION HERALD



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Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Ok everyone, we have made it past the first two months of the year which are traditionally the coldest and snowiest. I think we will all agree that this year's January and February did not disappoint us. Well, maybe we were disappointed only that this year's winter was too traditional. We had the really cold temperatures that sparked many childhood memories of walking at least three miles (one-way) to school when it was 30 below zero (oh yes, uphill both ways 😊). I truly doubt that many people can say they enjoyed this winter as much as some of our recent mild winters. Do you remember 2012? In March the temperatures soared into the 80's for an entire week and this year we soared to above freezing just a few days ago! But there is something that we all believe in, we have faith that the cold will give way to warmer temperatures, green grass, and song birds. We believe this because we have all experienced it and there is no doubt in our minds, "Spring will come!"

You know... the disciples had a faith like that too. They believed Jesus was God because they experienced him and there was no doubt in their minds that "Jesus will come again!" They witnessed the risen Jesus; they saw him ascend into heaven; and they knew beyond any shadow of doubt that Jesus would come again and that they would be raised from death to join him in God's eternal kingdom. So they devoted their lives to spreading this wonderful news, "Whoever believe in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." What did their devotion to Christ look like? It reflected the teachings, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus. They taught us to love one another as Jesus loved them. They lived a life that put the needs of others before their needs just as Christ did. They faced death without fear

knowing that Jesus was there waiting for them just as God was waiting for Jesus. And they lived their life in complete faith knowing that just as Jesus was raised from death, they too would be raised from death. Now they shine in glory with our risen Savior and we are to be Christ's disciples who teach others, who live our life for others and who will one day die only to be resurrected by God so that we may join our risen Savior and all the faithful who are with him. May we all believe in Jesus Christ more than we believe spring will come.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th @ 7:00 pm with our combined service at St. Paul's UCC in Wheatland. Then we will continue our traditional Lenten services each Wednesday as we travel around Cedar County and enjoy the hospitality, food, and fellowship of our sisters and brothers in Christ at Bennett, Wheatland, Tipton, Clarence, and of course our own services on Wednesday, April 2nd and Maundy Thursday, April 17th. This year our Lenten offerings will benefit *Our Sacred Space* (Pilgrim Heights UCC church camp) right here in Iowa. The complete Lenten schedule is printed in this Herald.

During Lent 2014, I hope and pray that the fruit of God's Spirit and our discipleship in Christ will be reflected as we gather for our regular Sunday worship services and our special Lenten services. May our faith, our Savior, and God's Spirit be our light and compass as we continue our faith journey together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

"We human beings instinctively regard the seen world as the "real" world and the unseen world as the "unreal" world, but the Bible calls for almost the opposite."

Phillip Yancey

MARCH USHER SCHEDULE

- March 1 Church Council
- March 9 Al & Vicky Mohr
- March 15 Dan & Amy Mohr
- March 22
- March 29 Senior High Fellowship

ACOLYTES

- March 1- Kelli Proesch & Addie Luepker
- March 8 Kaci Gottschalk & Mackenzie Poppe
- March 15 Addie Luepker & Kaci Gottschalk
- March 22 Kelli Proesch & Mackenzie Poppe
- March 29 Kaci Gottschalk & Kelli Proesch



- March 1 Jody Yutesler
- March 8 Cheryl Boedeker
- March 15 Jane Drewelow
- March 22 Cody Fields
- March 29 David Niermeyer



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- March 1 *Roger Fox, Mallory Baldwin, *Amanda Kahl
- March 4 Doug Wiedenhoff, Jamie Nabb
- March 5 Lonnie Luepker
- March 9 Jalynn O'Howell,
- March 11 Gene Horman, Annette Behrens, Kody Klahn, Seth Hamilton
- March 12 Dennis Mostaert, *Lisa Horman
- March 13 Megan Horman
- March 14 *Lisa Gottschalk
- March 15 Aaron Horman, Anna Dohmen
- March 18 Addison Luepker,
- March 19 KaCee Traver

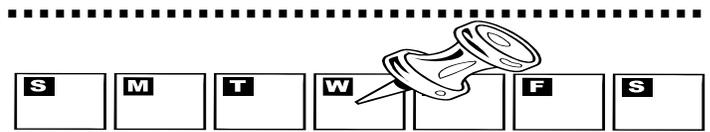
- March 22 Janice Jordan, Parker Stout
- March 23 Sandra Koch
- March 25 Paige Hamilton
- March 27 Donna Tank
- March 28 Laci Gritton
- March 30 Kent Stout, Heidi Neill
- March 31 Dorothy Fisher, Jennifer Glover

MARCH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

- March 31 Dorothy Fisher, Wheatland Manor, PO Box 369, Wheatland, Iowa 52777

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- March 5 Alden & Marilyn Klahn~ 55 years
- March 10 Merle & Donna Tank ~59 years
- March 14 Scott & Carmen Fields ~23 years
- March 21 Brandon & Jessie Horman – 7 yrs.
- March 29 Josh & Jennifer Horman~6 years



Mid-Week
WORSHIP SERVICES
2014 Lenten Schedule

5:00 to 6:30 meal is served

7:00 p.m. Worship service

- March 4 St. John's UCC at Clarence
Pastor Tommi Boeder doing the message
- March 11 Peace Church at Bennett the service
Pastor David Mears doing the message
- March 18 Zion UCC, Lowden
Pastor David Lorenzen doing the message
- March 25 First UCC, Tipton
Pastor John Cofield giving the message
- April 2 Maundy Thursday at St. Paul's UCC
Wheatland
- April 3 Good Friday at Zion UCC Lowden

Spring Dinner News

Lenten Dinner at Zion



The Evening Circle will once again provide a delicious meal before the Lenten Service at our Church on Wednesday, April 2. They will serve from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The meal will be Beef Lasagna, Chicken Lasagna with a tossed salad, Garlic French Bread, Beverage and Dessert. The cost will be \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 per child 12 and under.

Lenten Service will follow the meal at 7:00 p.m.



CHURCH COUNCIL

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 February 11, 2014
 Unofficial Minutes

Council members are Kevin Kahl, Renate Port, Tanya Stewart, Mark McElaney, David Niermeyer and Merlin Conrad. Lind Behrens – church sect. and Treasurer. Rev. Steve Stepp



FEBRUARY- ZION EVENING CIRCLE
 February 17, 2014

The Meeting was cancelled because of bad weather.



**DECORATE THE CHURCH
 WITH SPRING FLOWERS
 2014**

Jean Stepp and Marlene Wiedenhoff will bring the Glory of Easter to Zion with available with be two sizes of lilies, hyacinths, hydrangea in blue or pink, azaleas, daffodils, and tulips. Order will be taken the last week of March and the first week of April. The prices will be available later.



GIVE TO
 ONE GREAT
 HOUR OF
 SHARING.



Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will be dedicated on Sunday, March 30th during the worship service. Information and an envelope are included in this month's Herald. Thank you everyone for your generosity to this awesome ministry.

Thank you to our church family for the concern shown during Jerold's illness and since his passing. It was appreciated very much.

Sincerely, Donna Jensen

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all if the members of our church who



has shown us how much they cared for us during very difficult time after our loss of Al's brother and sister in law.

Thank you

Al and Linda Behrens

ANNUAL REPORT CORRECTIONS

OOPS! I got the address for Deloris Kahl incorrect in the directory of the annual report. It should be Deloris Kahl, 103 Augusta Drive #2, Lowden, Iowa 52255. Also the technology report is for the wrong year, so I have copies of the correct one in the office. If you wish to come in and get it to put in your report please do so.

Also there are 3 different places that the end of the year is incorrect so you can change it to state 2013 instead of 2012. They are on page 11 both sections, and on page 18 ending balance should state December 31, 2013.

In the Benevolence Fund (page 15) the Meals on Wheels should have been \$192.75.



**ZION FAMILY FUN
 OLYMPIC NIGHT!!!**

Thank you to all those who



came to out for Family Fun "Olympic" Night! A lot of fun and laughter was shared! A big thank you to all those who helped set up; prepared our food; and who pitched in to clean up! All your support was much appreciated! Blessings to all joined in on the fellowship!

On Sunday, February 23, the students of Sunday School shared their knowledge of the Disciples. They learned the Disciples were ordinary men who left everything to follow Jesus. They share with the congregation the best way to achieve greatness on planet Earth, is to be the most humble of servants. Worry about serving, and the being "KNOWN" part will take care of itself. And that's was these disciples did!