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## **Easter Breakfast**

Our annual Easter Breakfast will follow the  
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship Service

The breakfast is sponsored by  
Zion Senior High Fellowship.

Come and enjoy a great breakfast  
after the 6:30 am worship service  
or before the 10:15 am worship service.  
There will also be plenty of great fellowship.

## **Wednesday Night Lenten Services**

**April 3—St. Paul's in Wheatland**

Rev. Rev. Ann Molsberry preaching

**April 10—First UCC in Tipton**

Pastor Scott Meyer preaching

**Supper is served from 5-6:30 pm**

**Worship Service begins at 7:00 pm**

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

Did you ever wish you had something to do on a Tuesday  
night besides watching TV? Well you do!

On Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30 pm we will be showing a great  
movie. We can't share the title of in this newsletter,  
but you can call 563-941-7726 to get the word  
on what playing.

So gather up your favorite snacks and join us as we enjoy  
a night at the movies. (and its free!)



# FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this note to you, I am anticipatively reminded that Spring begins in 6 hours and 7 minutes from now. It sure seems like it has been a very long winter. In fact, we have waited about 88 days from the official declaration of winter which is called Winter Solstice on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to reach the Spring Equinox. But didn't it seem a lot longer this year? Snow, freezing temperatures, and a significant lack of sun light all played their role in our perceptions.

Just imagine how the descendants of Abraham felt as they waited for a Messiah for almost 2000 years. WOW, right? They endured great feasts and famines, prosperity and poverty, as well as righteous and corrupt rulers. During their wait, the people turned away from God many times and they returned to God many times too. But the One ever-loving, ever-constant that endured for those thousands of years was the Triune God.

God's love never left the people. Even when the leaders and the people convicted and executed an innocent man named Jesus, God's only Son. How much love did it take for Jesus to proclaim, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing" as he was nailed and hung from a cross, suffering not only the physical pain of crucifixion, but the spiritual pain of every sin that was ever committed by a human being? Well...it takes a love so great and so pure that we cannot fathom the depth of that love.

Therefore, we need to realize God's wonderful promise; we will someday experience and literally feel that love deep within our heart when we join Jesus in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

For right now, we have to wait. And yes, that wait is much longer than our recent wait for Spring; and just like winter, we will experience highs and lows, plenty and scarcity, joys and sorrows. As we wait, we might ask, "what will get us through all of it?" The answer is, our faith which is founded on Jesus' love for God and love for us. Therefore, my Sisters and Brothers embrace the truth—faith is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5 & Matthew 22:37). We can never say it enough. So please say it with me right now..."I LOVE YOU GOD!"

We have a lot of faith-filled activities going on this month, so be sure to read your Herald carefully. I hope that we all have a glorious Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter! We will finish out the month with a special time of labor, food and fellowship as Zion presents its Annual Spring Dinner. May God bless us all as we love God by serving God's people!  
Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve

*Something to remember during the  
Lenten Season*

*God proved His love on the Cross.  
When Christ hung, and bled, and died,  
it was God saying to the world,  
'I love you!'*

*-Billy Graham*

# THIS MONTH **USHERS**

## **APRIL USHER SCHEDULE**

April 7	Church Council (10:15 Service)
April 14	Wilbert Muhs, Randy Horman, Pete & Sharon Johnson
April 21	Ryan & Sara Sawyer, Dan & Amy Mohr
April 29	Senior High Fellowship

## **MAY USHER SCHEDULE**

May 5	Church Council
May 12	Brian & Carolee Lohman, Tessa Holst, Ann Harms
May 19	Kyle & Melissa Gottschalk, Royce & Lisa Gottschalk
May 26	Senior High Fellowship



## **APRIL SCHEDULE**

April 7	Sophie & Carter
April 14	Johny & Matthew
April 21	Jaydon & Josselyn
April 28	Drew & Sophie

## **MAY SCHEDULE**

May 5	Johny & Jaydon
May 12	Matthew & Josselyn
May 19	Carter & Drew
May 26	Council

## **APRIL VIDEOGRAPHERS**



April 7	Cheryl Boedeker
April 14	Jean Stepp
April 21	Aaron Horman
April 28	Jane Drewelow

## **MAY VIDEOGRAPHER**

May 5	Donna Luepker
May 12	Jody Yutesler
May 19	Aaron Horman
May 26	David Niermeyer



# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 1	Debbie Axline, Dean Hamdorf
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	Quentin 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, c/o Karen Bentrrott,  
 122 Roosevelt Avenue, Lowden, Iowa 52255

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

April 2, 1966 Dennis & \*Diane Mostaert -53 years  
 April 18, 1970 Steve & Rhonda Poppe – 49 years  
 April 23, 1998 Jason & Shannon Hayton – 21 years  
 April 26. 1980 Gene & Jaynice Hamdorf – 39 years  
 April 28, 2015 Melissa & Kyle Gottschalk – 4 years  
 April 29, 1978 Gene & Linda Horman – 41 years



**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
 February 21, 2019

Zion United Church of Christ Council met February 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. President Joy Combs called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve opened with a devotion and prayer. Those in attendance were Jon Mansfield, Duane Lasack, Joy Combs, and Sharon Elijah. Rick Balke was seated at 7:30 and Aaron Horman was absent. Linda Behrens was present through the treasurer's reports.

Joys and concerns were shared. The secretary's report was read and made official on a motion by Duane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon. Motion carried. The treasurer's reports were reviewed. Duane moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon to approve all but the general fund reports. Motion carried. There was no report from Greg Wiese for the general fund.

Calendar review:

March 6 Ash Wednesday services at Zion  
 March 9 Parents Night Out/Kids Night In  
 March 12 Movie Night

March 13 Lenten service at Clarence with Pastor Steve preaching  
March 20 Lenten service at Bennett  
March 27 Lenten service at Lowden with Lasagna supper

Old business:

Aaron changed the thermostat in the Educational basement and fixed the phone in the elevator.

Pastor's report was read. Church services are now on YouTube and linked to our website. A streaming license was purchased, and Jon moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duane to reimburse Pastor Steve and ask the Mission committee to reimburse the general fund for this outreach service. The Father/Daughter dance was held February 9<sup>th</sup> with 48 dads and daughters attending. The Human Trafficking program was held on February 19 with about 30 people in attendance. Sharon moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duane to approve pastor's expense report. Motion carried.

Joy had received a letter from Alliant Energy regarding their safety inspection. The building and grounds committee will take care of this. Lowden Plumbing and Heating was called to repair the furnace.

Committee purpose statements were discussed. All committees should meet and complete their purpose statements.

The Endowment committee had met and expressed their desire to have authority to reinvest funds. Duane moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick, to give the David Niermeyer, the chairman of the endowment committee, the authority to write checks, have access to the lock box, and transfer funds from the Endowment Fund to the Money Market account as necessary. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon. Pastor closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Elijah, Secretary



## The Annual Spring Dinner, April 28, 2019

Spring is here!!! It is a time of rebirth and renewal. Our world is springing forth new life. We are greeted each day with hope for another season. As we look upon the landscape, we see beautiful shades of green starting to take form. Flowers are poking up from the soil and trees are starting to bud. God's promise of new life is evident in our homes and communities. Yes, Spring is here indeed!

Our annual Spring Dinner is almost upon us. Please be sure to check the Worker List in this Herald for your time to work or your dish to prepare. Remember if something comes up and you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities, **please call another member on the Reserve List (which is also in the Herald) to substitute for you.**

As members of Zion, we would welcome you with open arms to come and partake of our annual spring meal and enjoy each other's company in the main dining room. Let us, as a community in Christ, celebrate this wonderful season and enjoy God's love and promise of salvation.

## **PILGRIM HEIGHTS Summer Camp 2019 Peace Works.**

**Are** you trying to think of something different to do the summer?! Well, we have a flyer from Pilgrim Heights Camp & Retreat Center that has some very interesting and exciting camps. There is a Teen Service Camp, a Father's Day Camp, a Musical Theater Camp (Gr 5-12) and many more fun opportunities. If you want you want to find out more, stop in the office check out the brochure to see the dates and costs of the camps. And remember, the church has scholarships that will pay some of the costs after the student attends the camp.

## **Father Daughter Dance 2019**

This years' second annual Father Daughter Dance with a tropical theme went well! We started the night off with a prayer to say thank you to God for all the great dads and male role models who took the time to spend with their daughters. Pizza from Sundstop, a family owned gas station, was enjoyed and for dessert, everyone really had a fun time at the chocolate fountain dipping bananas, strawberries, cookies, marshmallows and many more things. Our DJ this year was Taylor Tunes and he did a great job keeping everyone moving on the dance floor. We ended the night with a father daughter dance off and that was such a delight to watch. Photographer Rachel Peek from Country Life Photography was there with a very cute beach themed background for everyone to get their pictures taken to capture the memories. If you missed out this year, we hope to see you next year in February.

Submitted by event coordinator, Heather Easterly.



# Easter Story

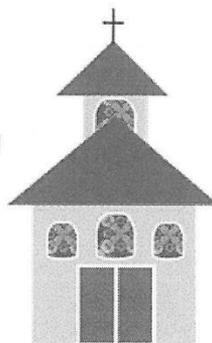
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**“DATES TO REMEMBER”**

**April 6, 2019**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Bring along snacks to enjoy during the movie.

For the Title of the Movie Call the Office.

**April 14, 2019**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**April 18**

**Maundy Thursday, 7:00 Worship**

**@ St. Paul Wheatland**

**April 19**

**GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 Worship**

**@ St. John's Clarence**

**April 21**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30**

With breakfast following

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15**

**April 28, 2019**

**11:00 am ZION SPRING DINNER**

Come & enjoy a delicious

Swiss Steak Dinner.