



The Messenger



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Mission Statement of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

TO PUT THE LOVE OF JESUS INTO ACTION BY:

- WORSHIPPING TOGETHER
- TEACHING ALL GENERATIONS
- WELCOMING DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS
- AND
- BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE LYNDALE NEIGHBORHOOD.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please be informed that a Special Meeting of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation has been called for Sunday, March 21st, at 11:15 am following the morning worship service. The only item of discussion at this meeting will be the flat roof over the education wing. The final bids will be reviewed as will the proposed plan for funding a new roof. We encourage your participation at this meeting.



Wednesday Evening Lenten Schedule March 3—March 24

- 6:00pm—Lyndale Community Dinner
- 6:30pm—Confirmation
- 7:00pm—Midweek Lenten Worship
- 7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal



Zion's Holy Week Worship Schedule

- March 28—Palm Sunday—10am & 7pm.
- April 1—Maundy Thursday—7pm
- April 2—Good Friday—7pm
- April 4—Easter Sunday—6:30am, 10am & 7pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

Youth Lock-In	March 12
Daylight Savings Time Begins.....	March 14
Youth Sunday	March 14
Palm Sunday.....	March 28
Confirmation Off	March 31
Maundy Thursday.....	April 1
Good Friday	April 2
Easter Sunday	April 4
Twins Opener @ Target Field.....	April 12
Zion's 117th Anniversary	April 14
ZOOM House Fundraiser	April 17

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On The “Mark”

By Pastor Mark

^{NRS} **Psalm 121:1** <A Song of Ascents.> *I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?*

² *My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

³ *He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.*

⁴ *He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵ *The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

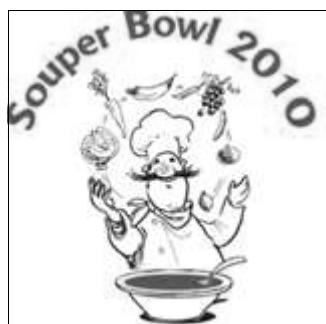
⁶ *The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷ *The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*

⁸ *The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.*

Although short in length, Psalm 121 has long been influential in my life. The hills I grew accustomed to lifting my eyes to, were the majestic Rocky Mountains of Montana. I have spent over half my life backpacking through the wilderness of the Beartooth Mountains, just fifty miles the way the crow flies from Yellowstone National Park. I have often been overwhelmed by the beauty and magnitude of God’s creation as I fly fished the mighty waters of the Boulder River and climbed to the summit of some of the highest snow-capped mountain peaks in the area. Throughout my mountainous journeys, I have been challenged, physically, emotionally and spiritually. And so in the midst of life’s journey, whether hiking along a peaceful pine needle laden trail or driving in the midst the chaos of rush hour traffic, I often find myself reciting this eloquent profession of faith in God when I am in need of assurance in the midst of trials and turmoil along life’s journey. From our first breath we take as newborns to death and beyond, this Psalm encompasses life’s journey, a journey at times that can be rapid and challenging like mighty rivers or calm and peaceful like mountain meadows. During the season of Lent, we are reminded that Jesus journey led to a cross, but the good news is that God was there too and as we travel through this season and beyond, it God who is our keeper for our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Throughout the season of Lent, I invite you to worship and participate in our midweek services on March 3, 10, 17 & 24, at 7:00pm.



2010 SOUPER BOWL RESULTS

On Sunday, February 7, the day of the football Super Bowl, Zion participated in ‘SOUPER BOWL’ Sunday. For your information, “you” Zion’s congregation, donated thirteen cans of soup, two boxes of soda crackers, three cans of chicken breasts, five cans of vegetables, one can of pumpkin mix, one can of sardines, two jars of peanut butter, two shopping bags of miscellaneous groceries, plus \$41.00 in cash and checks! WONDERFUL!! Thanks for your sharing!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ZION'S SUMMER DAY CAMP!

With all the cold and snow, talking about Day Camp almost seems out of place! But Summer WILL come ... and Day Camp will be a blast!

Once again, Zion will partner with Calvary, Salem English, Our Savior's, Lyndale UCC and Little Flock for a four day (all day) Day Camp. This year Zion will host the camp which starts on Monday, June 14 through Thursday, June 17th. The Camp will be run by Luther Crest Bible Camp staff, assisted by volunteers. Watch for more info and how to be involved.

LWR EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE & TEA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



All the coffee and tea served within Zion's building is Fair Trade/Equal Exchange Coffee. This wonderful coffee and tea is now available for your purchase right here at Zion. We currently have the following coffees in-stock and ready for you to brew: **Breakfast Blend, Columbian Decaf, French Roast and Tanzanian Jubilee.** We have the following assorted teas available for your purchase: **Organic Rooibos Tea, Organic Green Magic Tea, Organic Irish Breakfast Tea, Organic Earl Grey Tea, Organic Green Tea and Organic English Breakfast Tea** Prices are as follows:

Coffee—1 for \$8.00 or 2 for \$15.00. Tea: \$3.50 per box.

Zion's Church Council Members

- President/Finance/Endowment..... Stan Nelson
- Vice President/Congregational Life.....Anne Ingvoldstad
- Secretary/Worship..... Tammy Fuentes
- Congregational Life.....Marilyn Nyberg
- Finance/Outreach Gary Larsen
- Learning..... Marge Cluckey
- Outreach/RecoveryJerry Allardyce
- Property..... Roger Dokken
- Youth Liaison/Property..... Charlie Metz
- ZOOM House Liaison.....Stan Due

Zion's Staff

- Pastor Mark Schmid
- Minister of Music & Outreach..... Steve Peters
- Administrative Volunteer Deana Miller
- Lyndale Community Dinner Dietician and Chef..... Karen Blanchard
- Jan Pro Custodial Services Dwight Stewart

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The church office is open
9:00am –1:00pm
Monday through Friday

In case of a pastoral emer-
gency , please call
(612) 325-1093.





REACHING & RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS

By Steve Peters, Minister of Music and Outreach

During the season of Lent the infamous question of “What are you giving up for Lent” is heard between friends, coworkers and even in the media. Well just the other day I heard it on one of my favorite talk radio stations as the co-hosts bantered around about all of things they have given up for Lent in years past. It seems as though this question has become quite clichéd, and in my mind has lead us down a path where Lent really isn't supposed to go. Lent in my mind is a time for repentance, but also a time for starting anew and renewal in our lives. Renewal may take many forms such as reaching out to old friends to renew relationships, reaching out to organizations in need and making contributions, or even reaching out to the community to invite them to come to Midweek worship. Did I have to give something up here for Lent? I think not. Instead I am reaching out to renew the lives of others, either monetarily, in friendship, or the most powerful of all renewal, and in person invitation. As you can see we have our work cut out for us if you look around the community, look around the United States, and yes, look around the globe. There are so many opportunities for all of us to reach out and renew this season that we could not possibly get to all of them.

Yet there are those out there who think “Somebody else will reach out, I'll get to it later”, and guess where THAT ends up.....and the clock is ticking and people are not being reached. Okay you say, what do I get out of this whole reaching out and renewing thing? A common question asked in our society these days. Well this is where the receiving portion of the program kicks in, and boy does it feel good. You see in helping others renew their lives, your life is renewed in turn. Let's say you make that effort to renew an old friendship. The person you are reaching out to might just need that friendship renewal because they are going through depression, or have news about other friends and acquaintances to share. The receiving that you get can be the joy and satisfaction of connecting with others, that human need to connect, share and care. The community, the country, and the world are truly a better place when this act of reaching and receiving is accomplished often. Look around you during this time of Lent and see where renewal is needed. Have a blessed Lenten season!

ZOOM HOUSE

ZOOM HOUSE SIXTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, ZOOM House will hold their sixth annual fundraiser, celebrating 11 years of “Investing in Futures and Transforming Lives” at Jax Cafe (1928 University Avenue NE) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. You are invited to attend this special evening featuring a delicious dinner, fabulous program, as well as a live and silent auction. It promises to be a fun-filled, exciting evening, supporting a wonderful organization. We'll see you there!

Donations for live and silent auction items are needed and welcomed. Please contact Carolyn Due @ cdue@isd.net if you have items to donate. Thank you.

BITS AND PIECES



LYNDALE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Did you know that collecting labels and bottle caps and box top coupons will help Lyndale School? Here's the 'scoop':

- KEMPS Nickels for Schools – collect bottle caps or symbols from cartons or tabs
- GENERAL MILLS – Box Tops for Education ... clip 'box top' coupons
- CAMPBELLS SOUP .. Labels for Education – clip UPC code points

There are collection boxes on the kitchen counter, right inside the fire door, left side. Don't toss ... clip/save and help Lyndale School!

AUGUSTANA AUXILIARY NOTES

BY KATHY NELSON, ZION'S AUGUSTANA LIAISON

For an afternoon of songs and refreshments, come to the Augustana Auxiliary event Monday, March 1st, at 1pm in the Health Care Auditorium. Hear the musical quartet, "First Four".



LYNDALE COMMUNITY DINNER



What wonderful meals we have on Wednesdays! We have been averaging about 50 folks each week for dinner ... sometimes more, sometimes less. Karen Blanchard, our nutritionist and cook, plans and guides our volunteers in the preparation of these meals. Great food and Great fellowship! The entrees are rotated so there is always a healthy variety of food. What more can we ask for? For those who want to help prepare and set up the meal, come to Zion about 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are coming to eat, be here by 6:00 pm. Homework Help is available at 5:00 p.m. for all youth. When your homework is done, games are also available.

A MESSAGE FROM AMICUS

Greetings to you at Zion Lutheran Church. Amicus has been looking for a space to host a new support group for people getting out of prison and starting anew. We are grateful to be invited to meet at Zion Lutheran Church on Monday evenings this March. We're a small group of about 10 who are coming together every week to learn new skills, and talk about the challenges of adjusting to life on the outside. Change takes work, and this group is a place to do the personal work.

The growth of prisons is a huge social justice issue of our time. Since 1989 Minnesota's state prison population has grown by 189 percent according to the Department of Corrections. We appreciate your partnership with us in treating offenders with dignity and respect.

Now a little bit about us. The word "amicus" is Latin for "friend." Amicus is a Minnesota not-for-profit organization with over 41 years of experience in improving public safety by helping inmates and ex-offenders through positive relationship-building, restorative justice practices and individualized transition services.

Through innovative programming, Amicus helps inmates and ex-offenders reshape their lives, reach their goals, and make successful transitions from prison into the community.

Visit us on the Web at Amicususa.org. We are always looking for volunteers.

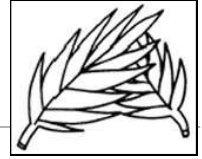
Sincerely,

Joel Grostephan | Male Reentry Counselor/MSW Intern | Support group facilitator
(612) 348-8570 | joel@amicususa.org





MARCH 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00pm Amicus 6:30pm Property 6:30pm Worship	2 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Text Study 6:30pm Little Flock Bible Study	3 11:00am Bulletin Assembly 4:00pm Saul/Paul 5:00pm Homework Help 6:00pm—Lyndale Community Dinner 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00am Prayer Group 6:00pm Simpson/ZOOM Event	5 9:30am ZOOM Staff Mtg. 7:30pm Pillsbury AA Mtg (open)	6 10:00am Big Book for the 21st Century 1:00pm Little Flock Women's Group
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SUNDAY MORNING SERVANTS MARCH 2010

If you're interested in serving, please sign up on the bulletin board outside Memorial Lounge, or contact the church office at 612-824-1017.

Date	March 7 <i>3 Lent</i>	March 14 <i>4 Lent</i>	March 21 <i>5 Lent</i>	March 28 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>
Assisting Minister	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Servers	Ili Gerst LuAnn Giles Dennis Werneke	Linda Torkelson Wilma Klaahsen Patty Kane Jerry Allardyce Ethel Allardyce	LuAnn Giles Sharon Hendrickson Stan Due Carolyn Due Joan Konigson	Marge Cluckey Matthew Metz Charlie Metz Ron Schloer Dennis Werneke
Communion Set-up/ Clean-up	LuAnn Giles	Marilyn Nyberg	Deana Miller	Marilyn Nyberg
Greeters	Bev Carlson Darlene Carlson	LuAnn Giles Thelma Lewis	Gary Larsen Phil Vavricka	Bev Carlson Darlene Carlson
Lector/Reader	Joyce Jensen	Anne Ingvoldstad	Bill or Mike Robbins	Debra Schloer
Usher Team	Team 4	Team 4	Team 4	Team 4
Nursery	Carla Hofland Ili Gerst	Joan Konigson	Tammy Fuentes Jeremy Fuentes	Carolyn Due Joan Konigson
Sunday School	Carla Hofland	Änna Overbo	Penny Werneke	SueAnn Westphal
Counters	Charlie Metz Carl Hendrickson	Charlie Metz Patty Kane	Charlie Metz Wilma Klaahsen	Charlie Metz Anne Ingvoldstad
Fellowship Hour	Property	Quilters	Worship	ZOOM Board

NOTES ON SUNDAY SERVANTS AND COUNTERS

The signup sheets for both Sunday Servants and Altar Flowers are posted on the bulletin board outside the office across from the entrance to the sanctuary. Lots of opportunities for you to sign up for Sunday Servants ... and a few for Altar Flowers. Check it out ... and sign up! When you need to make changes in the Sunday Servant schedule please call the office and provide us with that information. It helps tremendously with scheduling.

The 2010 Counting Schedule is almost complete! If you are a counter, you will receive a copy of the new schedule via the mail. Keep it ... and check it for your Sundays. Thanks.

INFORMATION ON ZION'S FLAT ROOF

BY DEANA MILLER

I would guess the majority of Zion's folks know that the flat roof (over the education building) has been leaking off and on since October. It was patched about a year ago, and about a year before that. You can see the water lines where leaks run down the walls. We have had four different roofing companies out ... first question we asked was "can it be repaired?" and the second was to ask for a bid for repair. A couple of the companies said "yes, you can repair it – but it will cost money and it won't last long. You are better off just replacing it." This was discussed at the Annual Meeting at the end of January.

We have learned about rubber membrane roofs, TPO, layered roofs, warranties, tapering the roof, water runoff, etc. (Who knew there was so much to learn?) A Committee has reviewed the bids. The committee is Stan Nelson, Pastor Mark, Carl Hendrickson, Carolyn Due and Deana Miller. It was narrowed down to two bids. These two companies were called back to meet with the committee. The Committee has "chosen" what appears to be the best choice for Zion. The committee is now looking at options as to how it might be funded. The next step, as per the decision at the Annual Meeting, is to call a special Congregational Meeting to review the findings of the committee. At this meeting, the final decisions will be made. We hope that you will attend.

MARCH CAMPAIGN FOR MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

Throughout March, Zion will be collecting cash and nonperishable food items for the Minnesota FoodShare Campaign, a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

For 27 years, Minnesota FoodShare has worked with Minnesota food shelves in the March campaign, the largest food and cash drive in the state. Nearby Simpson Food Shelf is a participant in the Minnesota FoodShare campaign. Cash and food collected at Zion will be contributed to the Simpson food shelf. Food donations will also be shared with ZOOM House.

Food shelf use in last year was at record highs across Minnesota. Almost 1 million Minnesotans live in households struggling to put food on the table. Your help is needed! Visits to food shelves is rising, but food donations have declined in Minnesota.

Please take a moment to look at the posters on Zion's bulletin boards and consider what your contribution will be. Be sure cash contributions are clearly labeled as food shelf donations. Thank you!



ZION'S PRAYER CHAIN

Currently there are three main "lines" on the prayer chain.....when a request comes into the office, three people are called and each of them calls others on "their line". It would be wonderful to expand the prayer chain. We often "hear" the results which are then shared with the prayer chain. Being on the Prayer Chain costs nothing. It takes some of your time, but prayer is powerful and exciting. If you are interested in being a part of Zion's Prayer Chain, talk to Pastor Mark or call Deana at Zion's office.



LUTHER SEMINARY FRIENDS PRESENT

BY PATTY KANE, LUTHER SEMINARY LIAISON

“THE PIECE-ABLE KINGDOM” QUILT SHOW

Featuring liturgical, traditional, contemporary/art and mission quilts

MARCH 26-28, 2010

Friday, March 26 – 4 to 7 pm

Saturday, March 27, 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday, March 28, Noon to 3 pm

Public invited. Cost: \$5 general admission at the door.

FRIENDS LUNCHEON, PROGRAM AND SILENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010 10 am to 1 pm

“THE THEOLOGY OF QUILTING”

By Sarah Henrich, Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary; Art docent, Minneapolis Institute of Art and quilter

Cost: \$25.00 (includes admission to quilt show)

RSVP: 651-641-3419 or lmoritzk@luthersem.edu

Both events take place in the Luther Seminary Olson Campus Center, 1490 Fulham Street, St. Paul, MN

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY CARL HENDRICKSON, KATHY NELSON, STAN NELSON

The Finance Committee anticipated that January would be a lean month for the congregation. Do not be discouraged by these numbers. 2010 should be a stable year for Zion financially (barring any unforeseen expenses or loss of income). The snapshots below show the current health of our congregation:

Operating Costs	Actual	Budget
Income Year to Date	\$16,484	\$15,854
Expenses Year to Date	-\$17,806	-\$15,224
Net Income Year to Date	-\$1,348	\$630
Pledges	\$9,279	\$8,263

Worship Attendance 2010

First Sunday	46
Second Sunday	43
Third Sunday	71
Fourth Sunday	48
Fifth Sunday	64
Average Attendance 2010	54
Average Attendance 2009	55

2010 is going to be a fun and challenging year for our committee. We do not want to keep the fun all to ourselves. Consider becoming a member of the Finance/Stewardship Committee!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

BY DEANA MILLER, ZION PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Another busy month for the Property Committee! Our usual pattern is to work the first 30 to 45 minutes, and then have our meeting ... on the first Monday of the month! In February we checked out all railings, tightening screws and then wiping with antibacterial wipes. All the "new" black chairs in the dining room were wiped off with a damp cloth, removing 98% of the spills. (Next month we will do the chairs in the Fireside Room!)

We spent time reviewing the issues of the last month with updates. Time was spent talking about the roof. Our committee feels the special congregational meeting to present the final bids and the proposed financing is a good plan. We are waiting for the fourth bid and when received the "Roof Committee" will begin their review. A list of ongoing needs was prepared so when folks show up with time to spare, there is a list to work from. We also talked about re-establishing a monthly work day, similar to the "First Wednesday" that met for several years. If you are interested in being a part of this group, let either Deana or the office know.

We have had an infestation of four-footed little friends The "church mice" have returned – fourfold!!! In the process of Youth Farm cleaning up their space, the extended mice family that apparently was residing on the top floor has moved into the entire building! Plunketts has been here ... and will be back again. On February 1st Plunketts saturated the building with "new poison" and came back at the end of the week. As Youth Farm has been cleaning, they have tossed out their seeds stored in paper bags on the floor – which provided the mice with food. They also removed bags of paper, shredded and not, which provided nesting materials. Now that these items have been removed, the mice have gone in search of food and nesting. Hopefully they will not find sufficient supplies to stay in the building! It points out our efforts to keep all food in secured containers, and all scrap paper out of the building! Our cleanliness will help control the mice population. Everyone needs to work on this! As a result of Plunketts efforts, we had been advised to clean out the clutter behind Door #4! Friday, February 5th several Property Committee members came to do this task. There was much in this closet to attract the mice. As this closet was emptied so Plunketts could check for holes to the outside, the variety of "stuff" was sorted and the majority found its way into the Dumpster. Hurray!!

Thanks are extended to the many folks who volunteer their time and talents to do the many tasks it takes to keep the building in 'good shape' and clean!

At the February Council meeting, Property gained two new members – welcome to Roger Dokken and Charlie Metz! Our next meeting is 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1st. Other Committee members are Alden Anderson, Dale Mendenhall, Deana Miller (current chair), Marilyn Nyberg, John and Norma Pietz, Jerry Reichert. Talk to any one of us if you wish more information on the work of the Committee.

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

Silent Knight, the company that we chose from the four bids, to install our new Security System, has completed about 98% of the work. The remaining piece is the Card Reader for entry into the building. The process will be completed when Zion has identified the "calling tree" for alarm response and who will receive the limited number of cards that will provide entry. The Executive Committee has reviewed and determined the folks that will receive a card. It will be an adjustment for folks who have been used to using their Blue Door key and coming to Zion just any old time of the day or night. This will no longer be possible. Soon the key to this door will not work. Each card will be entered into the system individually, with access to the building for the days and times necessary for the holder. Not everyone's card will allow entry every day nor will it be for 24 hour access. It has taken much time and preparation to get to this point with the system. This system will certainly provide greater security to both the building and the folks who use it. Patience is requested as we work through yet another change! Just as there are charges for lost keys, there will be a charge for a lost card ... and a charge for violating the rules of having a card. And ... there will be a charge for false alarms once the system is up and running. More details will be shared shortly. We are close to having this upgrade to our building in place. And yes, we acknowledge that change is difficult!

ENDOWMENT NEWS

Gifts, Memorials and Honorariums Received

NOTICE TO ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS

To all who may have given memorial and/or other monetary gifts to Zion's Endowment Fund prior to 2005, we wish to make this announcement:

The Endowment Fund Directors are proposing a 'lifting' of any designation of small amounts (less than \$400.00) that were given prior to January 1, 2006. In the 'passing of the torch' from year to year, some of the records are no longer available to the current Directors. The release of these designations will allow us to use these gifts for current mission and ministry.

If you believe you gave a gift prior to 2006, and you can document said gift, please write this information down, and sign your name to release that designation, or state your wish to not release the designation.

The deadline for this response is May 31, 2010. Non-responses will mean donors agree to this release. Thank you.

If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Due, chair of the Endowment Fund @ cdue@isd.net.

The Zion Endowment Fund was created in 1982 as a means of preserving the long-term vitality of Zion Lutheran Church and assisting Zion in meeting its mission. Zion's Endowment has assisted in the continued support and work of local and world missions, community projects and building improvements or expansion. Most recently the Endowment Fund has helped in assisting with building improvements and Zion's new Recovery ministry.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund may be in the form of money, securities or other property. Gifts or bequests should be made to "The Endowment Fund of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church", 128 West 33rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408. If the donor wishes to direct how the gift is to be used, instructions should accompany the gift or bequest.

Birthdays for March 2010



- 2 Lisa Joann Gomez-Anaya
- 2 Charlie Metz
- 4 Kathy Nelson
- 4 Ethnela Daley-Brown
- 4 Stan Nelson
- 10 Thelma Lewis
- 13 Tammy Fuentes
- 14 Ruth Ann Von Grossman
- 16 Emily Gerst
- 17 Essence Wagner
- 22 Dale Mendenhall
- 25 Felicia Borgeson
- 25 Jenny Gerst
- 25 Juli Klindt
- 25 Roger Dokken
- 29 Ethel Allardyce
- 31 Christopher Brito

Milestones

Statistics for events

February 1, 2010—February 31, 2010

February 7 – Altar flowers were given in celebration of Donald and Elaine Klingman's 53rd wedding anniversary.

February 14 – Altar flowers were given in honor of Linda Thomsen.

February 21 – Altar flowers were given by Patty Kane in memory of Dennis Kane.

February 28 – Altar flowers were given by Margery Cluckey in celebration of Chelsea's birthday



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Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00am—Choir Rehearsal
9:45—Nursery Opens
10:00am—Morning Worship
10:00am—Sunday School
11:00am—Coffee and Fellowship
11:15am—Learning and Sharing
6:30pm—Gathering/Light Meal
6:45pm—Nursery Open
7:00pm—Recovery Worship

Holy Communion is served every Sunday

Wednesdays

5:00pm—Homework Help
6:00pm—Lyndale Community Dinner
6:30pm—Confirmation
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal

Office Hours:

9:00am-1:00pm – Monday-Thursday



SUNDAYS @ 7:00PM

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