



April 2009

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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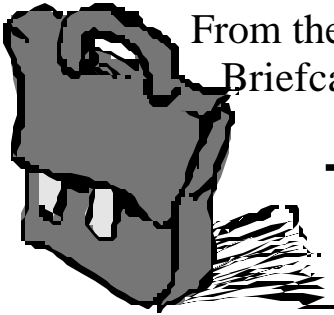
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Palm
Sunday



From the pastor's Briefcase, "Christ is Risen!"

Today more and more people are seeking a spirituality and faith that makes a difference right now, one that involves their whole life. These are people who have never known life without television, computer or the Internet. They live in a world with cell phone technology. More likely than not they have 140 or more available channels on their 35 to 70 inch surround sound television. They see war through nightscope lenses and watch smart bombs fall through chimneys on the nightly news. They measure worth by gigabytes, distance by how long it takes to get from one place to another and, power by Google ranking. Young people have been raised with a global worldview; they are instantaneously affected by events from half way around the world. "It's a small world," has never been smaller, information more available. This is an age that tells us that science and logic are the answer to all our problems. So finding God in worship, lecture or sermon, a theological argument is proof no longer, nor is the sermon effective as the sole means of sharing the gospel. How can we think all we need say is, "The Christ is risen," when they can Google thousands who would disagree? Plus they say, "show me!"

Think about it. A majority of these people know about church they grew up in it, they attended Sunday school, youth group, and know all the stories, but for all the stories and the messages of grace, they experience very little of it.

Maybe I'm being "pie in the sky, by and by," but I believe we need to live out grace and not just talk about it. We need a grace that members, visitors and seekers experience. Yes, we can tell folks, "Christ is Risen." But, we need to be a community of people they can trust as they explore a life in Christ, one that calls them to experience the risen Lord.

If we here at Zion Lutheran wish to claim a truth about ourselves as believers in Jesus, we must be willing and able to do more than say so. How can we continue to proclaim Christ is risen this Easter season and go on as if this makes no difference? Words and sermons are not enough. Our lives need to express Christ as head and cornerstone; and while grace saves, we should not settle for a cheap grace that demands nothing of our lives.

Thus, we need to see every member as a "pastor." For people want more than membership, they want action.

Many members and non-members alike are not looking for a church—they are looking for Jesus, a fellowship of believers who live their talk and do the walk. This is an age of re-formation calling for us to put Jesus and not just church as the center of our Easter. May we love Jesus as boldly as our message. Christ. Is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

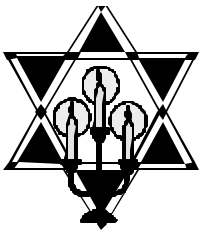
Pastor Lazarchak



APRIL 5, 2009 9:00 A.M.
THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

HOLY COMMUNION

Throughout most of Christianity, this day is referred to as Palm Sunday and Sunday of the Passion. This dual name indicates the two-fold emphasis to this observance. The service begins with the Liturgy of the Palms—commemorating Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. There He is greeted by worshipers who have strewn His pathway with palm branches and articles of clothing. Symbolically, in many Lutheran congregations today the people process into the nave holding palm branches to remind people of the honor and glory that is due the “One who comes in the name of the Lord.” However, in Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday pageantry dramatically changed to persecution. So also today we should move from triumphant to penitential. As the Passion According to St. Mark is read, our joy is subdued, and eagerly we await the joyful pronouncements of Easter morning.



HOLY WEDNESDAY
Seder at 7:30 pm

HOLY WEEK

WE WILL BE HOSTING a program that will be presented by a missionary from “*Jews for Jesus*,” a Mr. Jeremiah Zaretsky. We will learn and see first hand how the feast of Passover is celebrated in the Jewish homes across America. This feast is held on the first and second nights and is called the Seder. Mr. Zaretsky will also sing some songs and there will be time set aside for some Q and A. This presentation will take place on **Holy Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 pm** right here in our own nave. The community has been invited to attend through the newspaper.



MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE AT 7:30 PM
HOLY COMMUNION
THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

April 9, 2009

As the time draws near for our Lord to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world, He does a remarkable thing. He offers His disciples a foretaste of the forgiveness He would soon offer the entire world. In, with, and under the bread and the wine is the true body and blood of Jesus, given and shed for the forgiveness of all of their sins—and ours. He offers that foretaste also to us today. The Lord engages all of our senses as we walk with Him and His disciples through the events that lead up to His trial; those events we remember on this holy Maundy Thursday. Take time to remind your fellow members, family and friends to come to the Lord’s table and receive new life through Christ Jesus.



**GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE AT 7:30 PM
SOUL**

**April 10, 2009
THE DARK NIGHT OF THE**

As the most somber day of the Church Year, Good Friday provides us with an opportunity to walk with Jesus in a world that we could only imagine. This world is Jewish but is ruled by Rome. This world prosecutes religious offenses through the state. This world releases a murderer and crucifies the innocent Jesus. Faithful and chosen disciples engage in betrayal, deception, and denial. This is a world that will never be the same—for the very Redeemer of Life dies upon the cross so that all may live (Acts 3:15).



**SATURDAY'S EASTER VIGIL
SERVICE AT 5:00 PM
HOLY COMMUNION**

**April 11, 2009
IN GRIEF WE JOURNEY**

The traditional Easter Vigil service in which Scripture readings, drawn primarily from the Old Testament, reveal to us God's salvation history for His people. Instead, I wanted the service to focus primarily on those who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection. This service would be appropriate not only for tonight's Vigil, but could be used for an Easter Sunrise service as well. Ask yourself the question, what would it have been like to witness the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Wonder, amazement, joy, and fear would have gripped the first witnesses who saw Jesus' empty tomb and resurrected body. Jesus gives to all of us an unprecedented miracle—death is no longer the final word. Our joy to this fact may be diminished by the vast distance we perceive between us in the 21st century and the events of the 1st century. We keep vigil in this worship service bridging the span of history—to walk with mourning women and to discover the empty tomb. We bear witness to Mary's conversation with the gardener and her elated exclamation, "Rabboni."

We see what the disciples saw—Jesus' wounded hands, feet, and side. And as the disciples heard, we also hear the words of Jesus, "Feed my sheep." We also receive Jesus' command to "Go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This day, we perceive God's rich blessings in Word, water, wine, and bread!



**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
SERVICE AT 9:00 AM
HOLY COMMUNION**

April 12, 2009

Are we too quick to run to Easter from the shadows of Good Friday? The resurrection is the crowning glory of all that Jesus accomplished, but it does not stand in isolation from the death that Jesus died for our sins. As we celebrate this day of days, it would be good for us to remember the tie between the humble sacrifice and the glorious victory.

We cannot have one without the other—and in our daily lives and witness these two remain forever connected. Our view of the risen Savior is always through the perspective of the cross where salvation was won for us and for the whole world.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2009

SERVICE AT 9:00 AM

Holy Communion



Thomas is not the only disciple whom the Lord must forgive. Peter denied the Lord three times and yet the Lord restored His fallen disciple. The miracle of this turn-around is revealed in the Pentecost sermon where Peter speaks boldly of Him who was crucified and whom God raised. In the crush of our own guilt for our own denials of Christ, we find great comfort in Peter's proclamation. We are also heirs of hope with Peter, Thomas, and all who trust in Christ—no matter how many times it appears we have struck out!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2009

SERVICE AT 9:00 AM



In an age of accommodation it may seem arrogant to say that there is “no other name” but Jesus in which salvation may be found. But if we fail to proclaim this exclusive name, God's kingdom will not be the inclusive place where every sinner may find a home in grace. The early Church saw the name of Jesus as the essential truth to proclaim to the world. Could it be that we have forgotten what is in this name above all names? Could it be that we have lost the sense of urgency that once accompanied the proclamation of the name of Jesus?

DON'T FORGET OUR SPECIAL PROGRAM



“Jews for Jesus”

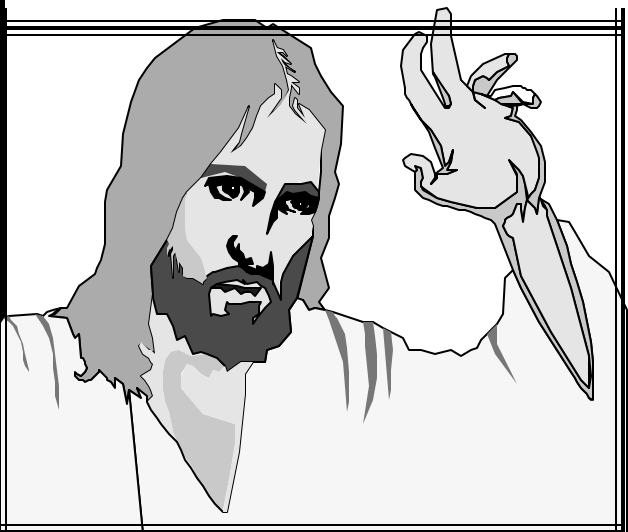
Mr. Jeremiah Zaretsky Missionary to L.A. California will present a program on the Passover (Seder) with some songs he will be singing. The program will take place at 7:30 pm on April 8th of Holy Week Wednesday.

Passion Play Drama Ministries Proudly Announces in 2009

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A HEART STIRRING MUSICAL DRAMA YOU WILL NEVER FORGET



Friday, April 3, at 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 4, at 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 5, at 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 9, at 8:00 pm

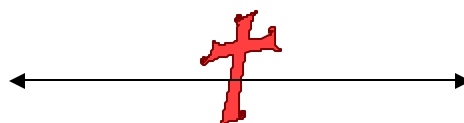
Friday, April 10, at 8:00 pm

“For God so Loved The world That He
His Only Son” (John 3:16)

Held at:
Felician College
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A Message from our Head Elder/President

Greetings to all:

People have been very busy working in our Narthex in connection with our "Inside Move". The narthex and our church office is one big mess right now, but not much longer. Vince Grieco, Scott Davidson, Glen Bertholf and I have made enormous progress. The coatroom, teller's room and the "safe" room will become Pastor Nishikori's new office. The vestibule on the East Pleasant Ave. side is now the **new coat area** with coat racks on both sides. The "mail rack" for the Altar Guild, School, LWML, Sunday School, etc., has been re-located outside of Pastors office by the men's room.

Temporarily, the Teller and Ushers are using the church office to do the accounting of the offerings. In the meanwhile, Vince has moved the three file cabinets that were behind the door in Pastors office, into the main office to replace the two cabinets that were there. In cleaning out those cabinets, I have found historical info and photos that people probably never knew was there going back to 1889.

At present, we are considering a new layout for the church office that will also accommodate the Japanese Christian Church (JCC) secretary position (now vacant). The office and facilities will be shared by both congregations. The expenses will also be shared.

When Pastor Nishikori moves upstairs to his new office, the Quilters will move into his old office and also take over the choir room. A folding gate will be installed down by the kitchen to close off the hallway during school hours only. The quilters will have access to the kitchen and rest room. The gym doors will be locked during school hours only on Thursday while the quilters are present. This will comply with NJ State nursery school laws restricting access to the children while school is in session. During school hours, no one is permitted to be in the school "common" area unless the school administrator is notified. The room that the quilters are now using will become our "new store room."

The choirs of both congregations will practice in the sanctuary. One issue that still needs to be dealt with is getting rid of our antique safe.

Your friend in Christ Jesus,



John H. Blume, Jr.

ZION FAMILY HELP NEEDED!



Our different fund raisers cannot be done without the help of everyone from set-up of tables, etc. to break-down of same. Following are the dates and times we will be looking for men and women for the rummage sale.

Wednesday April 15th 5PM-to empty garage of rummage sale items, bring to gym and set-up tables in the gym.

Thursday April 16th 9:30AM– until completed sort and set-up rummage sale items on tables in gym.

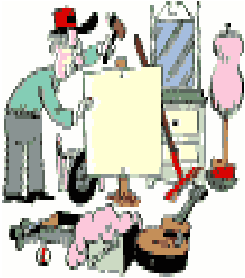
Friday April 17th-8:30AM-1PM-cashier, pack bags for patrons of sale and keep tables straightened out.

Saturday April 18th-9AM-2PM-same as Friday except help bag left overs and put tables away—this takes approximately 1 hour to do.

Everyone is invited to join in——all of your are needed. Please call Kathy Schmidt 973-773-0374 if you would like to volunteer before being called



The Spring Fish n' Chips Dinner will be Friday, May 8th from 4:45 to 6:45 P.M. The ladies of the Priscilla Guild will have tickets available shortly at \$12.00 each. Help support your church and enjoy the fellowship. We enjoy seeing family and friends of Zion. Tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance—no tickets at the door..



CORRECTION OF TIMES:
FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH-8:30A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH-9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Another reminder to go through your closets etc and weed out those things that do not fit but are too good to just throw away. Clothing, some household goods, linens etc. Are to be boxed or bagged and put in the garage before the sale. Please do not bring large items, computers, furniture, electronics etc. Also no rummage sale items are to be left in the church.



CELEBRATING "100 YEARS"

*Many of you remember Zion's friendly secretary of many years ago—
Martha Brinkman. Always a smile, willing to listen and ready to help, no matter
what the problem.*

*On April 1st, Martha is celebrating her "100th Birthday"! We pray that God will
continue to bless her with good health, happiness and many more with family and
friends. Martha still lives in her home in Carlstadt and finally gave up driving at
98!*



LWML SPRING RALLY—APRIL 26, 2009

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be having the District Spring Rally at Zion on Sunday afternoon, April 26th from 2-5 P.M. As host church, the Priscilla Guild will be serving refreshments of cake, cookies, coffee, etc. and our ladies are in charge of the program for the day. All ladies from Zion are invited to attend. It will help everyone to know what the LWML does and where our mites go that are collected at our Priscilla Guild monthly meetings.



ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH LWML RALLY

All members of the congregation are asked to contribute aluminum cans (clean, no labels and crushed if possible) to our box by the front door of the church. This will be in place from now (started in March) until April 26th when all the cans will be taken away. Monies realized from this collection go toward LWML Projects. Thank you for your contributions! (Pie plates are also a good source of this recycling project).



Please remember to see Elsie Rieck if you are in need of any occasion cards. She has them by the box (12 per box) for \$5.00 or individual cards for .50 each—no tax! As well as cards for Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Thinking of You and Sympathy. She has a wonderful supply of napkins. You can see Elsie in church regarding cards or call her at 201-845-7826.



QUILTING GROUP

The "Needle Little Comfort" quilters of Zion are in need of more help! Would you like to join us on either Monday evenings at 7PM or Thursdays at 11:45 AM? The needs are many and jobs are varied—no need to know how to use a sewing machine, but this will be taught if you want to learn!

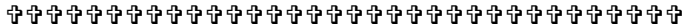
Our quilters just sent out about 20 quilts to Lutheran World Relief for use wherever the needs may be at any given time. Our quilts join the many that are sent nationally to collection sites. Quilts were donated to the new residents in the apartment at the Widony House. Our quilts are a "warm" welcome to a new family in the neighborhood! We have previously donated quilts to HIV/AIDS residence in Newark and quilts have also been used at various functions within the church. Come, share the fellowship!

**"What do you call a non church goer?"
A Seventh Day Absentist!**

**"Many people go to church just to see who didn't!"
By: Jay Bene**



- 1) Charlotte Walker
- 4) Betty Ann Lindhurst
- 5) Mike Gagliardi
 Lauren Mark
- 6) Robert Miloche
- 8) Maria Mark
- 10) Larry Schmidt
 Jill Coyle
- 11) Michael Levitzke, Jr.
- 15) Emma Ehalt
- 21) Robert Lansey
 Kaitlin Abrams
 Lauren Abrams
- 26) Bruce Engelbrecht
 Lorraine Jordan
- 28) Christian Steimle

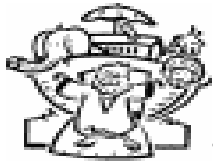


Please Keep These People In Your Prayers



- Louise Arnebold
- Patty Avery
- Robert Bauer
- Doris Cunningham
- Ann Daniels
- Marie Donaldson
- Connie Harris
- Richard Ptasnik
- Jean Harvey
- Judy Hopkowitz
- Lorraine Jordan
- Hanna Powell
- Margaret Reifsnyder
- Nancy Rhein
- Ruth Schmidt
- Gail Weigel
- Amy Weiss





NOAH'S ARK APRIL NEWS

It looks like spring is just around the corner. The children will be anxious to get back outside and on the playground.

Mrs. Coyle's class is busy looking for clues that the leprechaun may have been visiting. They are hoping to catch a glimpse of the tiny little man.

I would like to share a few more of the parent comments about Noah's Ark. Hopefully you can join us in taking pride in the school that reaches out to the community and in many cases introduces children to God for the first time.

"Being at Noah's Ark, is like being with family. All my children were prepared for kindergarten, not just in abc/numbers but in sharing, following the rules and respect. Noah's Ark is a very special community where close friendships start and grow for children and parents."

Michelle Gervino

"Noah's Ark Nursery School provides a safe, loving environment for preschoolers. When I drop my child off in the morning, I feel like he is at his 'home away from home'. I know that his teachers love and care for him as well as guide him. The school has my absolute trust. When I drive away, I have peace of mind which is PRICELESS!

Cheri Wild

"Noah's Ark instills the values and beliefs that are important to us as parents, and does it in a safe, fun and educational environment."

Heather & Jim Petrie

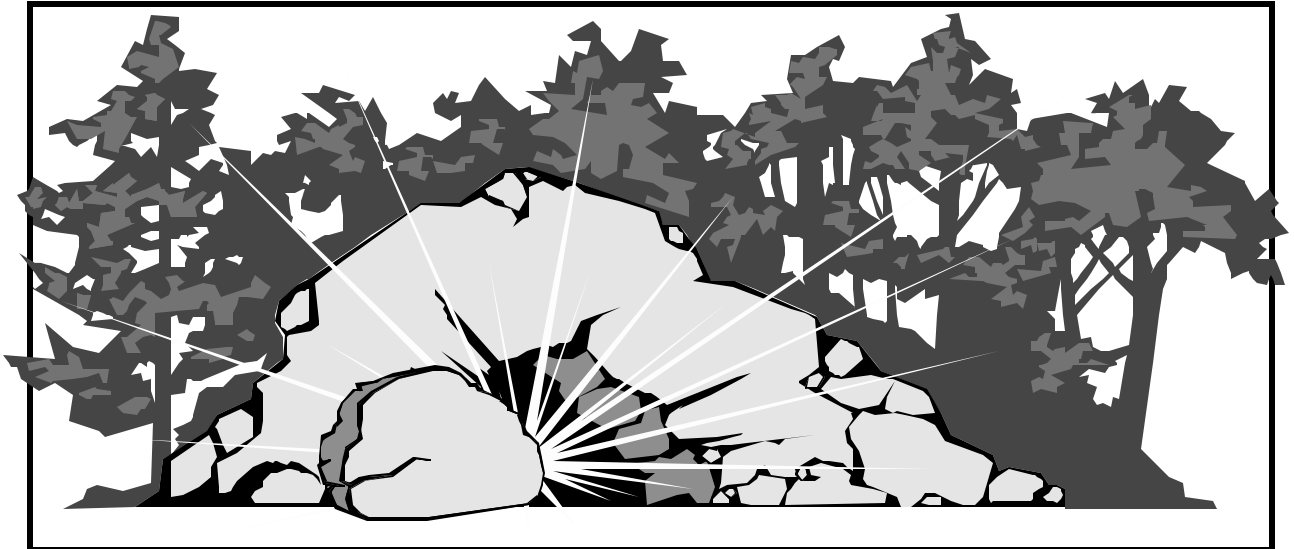
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