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# Messenger & Zepher

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**March 12th**

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# Daylight Savings Begins

March 10th

Remember to set your clocks  
1 hour AHEAD!



## Save These Dates

### Neapolitan Delights

Featuring Yetzabel Arias Fernandez, soprano

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm  
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**FREE  
Concert**

Join us for this special mid-winter treat: a one-hour concert of some of our favorite chamber works by Corelli, Vivaldi, and especially J. S. Bach!

*Refreshments will be served following the concert.*

If you would like to help with refreshments for after the show, please notify Joan Brydges, Ann Myers, Tina Button or any council member.

## Cohocton Lenten Services

Zion will be participating in the Cohocton Community Lenten Services. Zion's date is **April 10th**.  
Soup and sandwich served are at 6:00 pm and the service is at 7:00 pm.



## March Birthdays

Ted McLean  
March 2

Abi Skelly  
March 2

Whitney Walsh  
March 7

Reggie Hynes  
March 8

Doug Schwingel  
March 8

Dan Didas  
March 9

Sarah (Robin) Walczyk  
March 9

Gerri Long  
March 12

Bonnie Wolfer  
March 13

Nancy Smith  
March 14

Glenn Gates  
March 14

Marilyn Hynes  
March 19

AnneMarie Barrett  
March 25

Al Mann Will be 104!  
March 28

Hollee McLean  
March 30

Please contact the Church Office  
if we missed anyone.

## Pastor's Message

If you ask Christians what is the most important church holiday of the year you'd get a variety of answers. Some would say Christmas since Christmas is the celebration of God being born into human form and living with us. Some would say Easter since Easter celebrates God's triumph over death. But Lutherans are likely to argue that Good Friday is actually the most important holiday.

Sad, dark, and gruesome as Good Friday is, the events of that day are what save us. Christmas doesn't save us. Easter doesn't save us. On Good Friday, God brings about salvation. It is good for us to remember that saving us was not pretty work. Your salvation was not accomplished in a peaceful way. It was horrific. Crucifixions were gory events and the Romans made a spectacle of them. They usually took place along major roads or in public areas. Prisoners were usually tortured, stripped, and then nailed up to die. It was Rome's way of showing what happens to those who threaten it. The crowds watching could become rowdy. There was yelling, screaming, and fighting. Spectators would pass out or vomit or get drunk. Crucifixion sites were foul and disgusting.

Luke's gospel reports that when Jesus died the Roman soldier in charge said, "Truly this man was righteous." Maybe he knew the profound truth that he had just uttered, and maybe he did

not. Whatever the case, when we humans killed Jesus we killed our hope. God came to us to show how to live by love. We set about to destroy it. Too late did we recognize what we had done.

Somehow, somehow, in God's overwhelming love and goodness, God forgives us for what we have done. Hope is restored when Jesus forgives his disciples on Easter for all their failings.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. I invite you to see Lent as a spiritual journey. But don't see it as a journey toward Easter. See it as a journey toward Good Friday. In the biggest irony in history God made his all-time-greatest display of power on the cross. Celebrating Good Friday above all other days is not about making us feel depressed, or guilty, or ashamed. It is about filling our hearts with awe. When you can recognize that the crucifixion is God at his greatest, then you will know what love beyond all bounds looks like. That is the love that is holding you now even as you read this. That is the love that will continue to hold you the rest of today and into tomorrow and in every day until you die. And when you die that love will not lessen its grip in the least, for even death cannot overpower it. That is the love that will hold you into eternity.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

## Christ In Our Home

April, May, June

Available by  
the mailboxes



## Loads of Love

Individuals can receive funding for 3 loads of washing and drying.  
Families can receive funding for 5 loads of washing and drying.

Our schedule will be as follows:

### Eagle Laundromat on West Avenue

March 2nd: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

March 18th: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### Family Laundromat, 20 Franklin St.

March 4th: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 16th: 8:30 am - 11:30 am



*Please consider joining the team to help with this new ministry.  
Contact Joan Brydges or Ann Myers.*

## Stewardship Message from Nancy Faulds

Greetings to all of you faithful believers at Zion and St. Paul's! It is with a very grateful heart that I bring this message to all of you for your generous sharing of yourselves- your energy, your time and your talent to further the love of God in a time in history when so many are inclined to turn away from God and kindness. Starting this new year we have all been busy getting our Annual Meetings and budgets organized for another year. At St. Paul's we are keeping the same Council Officers as last year. The President is Nancy Faulds, Vice President is Tom Miller, Secretary is Cindy Wagner, Treasurer is Gerri Long, and Financial Secretary is Penny Leven. Penny has agreed to be Chair of the Call Committee. We will also choose others for that committee as needed. Zion is continuing their support as we work together to partner and support each other as we search for a new pastor. We have Pastor Deb Johnson and Pastor Jon Deibler working as our Transitional Pastors through this time with Pastor Deb as pastoral care and Pastor Deibler as administrator for our councils.

We want to extend our appreciation for the hard work Joan Brydges has done for our church and on our Council. She has served several terms in past years and now is finished serving two full terms (a total of 6 years). She will take a break from that this year though she still is a member of our Fellowship and Social Ministry committees. Joan, bless you for all you have done and do for us! Great job!! We also want to thank Tom Miller

and Heather Robin for accepting 2nd terms on Council. Tom is Vice President, and Heather is Youth Director as well on the Worship and Music committee. Accepting a new term on Council this year is Candy Pelitera. She will work with Fellowship and Social Ministry. Welcome aboard! We are grateful for your willingness to serve! Sally Jansch is on our Stewardship committee and Henry Robin will continue as Property Supervisor. We are looking forward to a good year with our talented crew!

We thank you in advance for your support of our Council members and appreciate your help and your prayers. Maybe you wonder what council members do. Each serves a 3-year term. They meet at the church monthly to go over what has been happening as far as the committees' activities, keep up on the finances, work with the Treasurer to put up a new budget and help decide on how to meet our needs and spend the money received. They also take care of counting the receipts each Sunday and take it to the bank.

If anyone has suggestions, questions, wants to or needs help, we are here to help in any way we are able. Thanks ever so much for all your support- together we make a great team! God loves you everyone!

Sincerely, Nancy Faulds

Counters: *March* Penny Leven/Heather Clark  
*April* Nancy Faulds/Bill Faulds

## Worship Helpers

DATE	DEACON	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	USHERS/GREETER
March 3	Ann Myers	Henry Robin	Ellie Mountzouros	Dick Sahrle Bob Whiteman
March 10	Carolyn Baker	Tom Miller		Paul Button Rodney Button
March 17	Paul Smith	Olivia Miller	Jocelyn Miller	Paul Button Bob Whiteman
March 24	Penny Leven	Ellie Mountzouros		Bob Babcock Tarry Priestly
March 31	Paul Smith	Judy Babcock		Glenn Gates Bill Shaver
April 7	Ann Myers	Gerri Long	Ellie Mountzouros	Paul Button Rodney Button

If you cannot be a helper on your appointed day, please trade OR call the Church Office.

## Easter Lilies

It is a tradition to decorate our sanctuary with a large cross of Easter Lilies. Dedicating a lily is a loving way to remember those who have passed on.

It is time to place your order!

Orders must be in by **March 19**.

Make checks payable to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

For more information call the Church Office (335-5260).



### Lily Order

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God

Number of PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up after the Easter Service.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave it to be given to a shut-in.

## Dates to Remember

### ST. PAUL'S MARCH

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

*Please call for an appointment*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tues & Wed 9am-12pm, Fri 9am-11am

Sat. 2nd: 8:30am **LaundryLove**-Eagle Laundromat

Sun. 3rd: 9:15am **Communion**  
and **Sunday School**

Mon. 4th: 4:30pm **LaundryLove**-Family Laundromat

Tues. 5th: 6:30pm **Council**

Wed. 6th: **Service @Zion** *Ash Wednesday*  
*Time to be announced*

Sun. 10th: 9:15am **Worship** *Lent Begins*  
and **Sunday School**  
"Little" Coffee Hour after service  
*Daylight Savings begins*

Tues. 12th: **Newsletter** deadline

Sat. 16th: 8:30am **LaundryLove**-Family Laundromat

Sun. 17th: 9:15am **Communion** *St. Patrick's Day*  
and **Sunday School**

Mon. 18th: 4:30pm **LaundryLove**-Eagle Laundromat

Tues. 19th: **Lily Order** deadline

Sun. 24th: 9:15am **Worship**  
and **Sunday School**  
Loose Plate for Geneseo Outreach

Thur. 28th: 7:00pm **Neapolitan Delights Concert**

Sun. 31st: 9:15am **Worship**  
and **Sunday School**

### ZION MARCH

Cleaners & Altar Guild: *volunteers needed*

Sun. 3rd: 11:15am **Communion**

Tues. 5th: 7:00 pm **Loyals**

Wed. 6th: **Service** *Ash Wednesday*  
*Time to be announced*

Sun. 10th: 11:15am **Communion**

Sun. 17th: 11:15am **Communion**

Sun. 24th: 11:15am **Communion**  
and **Council**

Sun. 31st: 11:15am **Communion**

*Coming in April:*

Wed. April 10: 6:00pm **Soup & Sandwiches**  
7:00pm **Lenten Service @ Zion**