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# Connecting with Care

## Births

March 8

Matilda Elaine Gerbi, daughter of Emily & Anthony

## Baptisms

February 19

Ella Jo Iverson

Bailey Jo Iverson

February 26

Sonia Lee Trigg

Myles Angelo Sabatino

Elliot Gregory Sabatino

## Weddings

Date

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Name

## Funerals

February 21

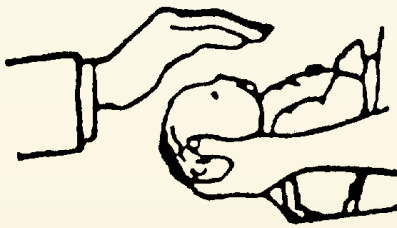
Darleen L. Manthey

March 2

Mae Veanna Marschel

March 7

Robin Renee Chaffins



## The Baptism Class

Anyone wishing to schedule a baptism is asked to attend a class prior to the date of the baptism. Expectant parents, as well as those who already are parents, may attend the class. Scheduling of baptisms will take place at the class.

The next classes are Sunday, April 23, and Sunday, June 11, at 11:45am. Register at [ZionBuffalo.org/Baptism](https://ZionBuffalo.org/Baptism) or by calling the office.

## Handcrafted With Love Women's Brunch on May 6

We are God's handiwork; what an amazing variety of creativity!

The 2023 women's brunch at Zion will be a morning filled with great variety and a wonderful brunch served by Any Thyme Catering. Invite friends and family to Trinity Hall on Saturday, May 6, to hear from four speakers who live out their God-given creativity in their own ways: Sue Wright in visual art, Chris Husom in writing, Holly Husom in drama, and Rick Dehmer in woodworking.

Musicians led by Minda Squadroni will add their creativity to the morning. The women's ministry team is curating a gallery of creations from Zion members that will bring color and design to the morning through paintings, photos, textile arts, and woodworking. And, of course, it's tradition that everyone will be given a calendar pack with original artwork and photos from Zion artists.

Sign up for the women's brunch at [ZionBuffalo.org/women](https://ZionBuffalo.org/women) or by calling the Zion office. If you have a group of six or more, we will save a table for you. Cost is \$12/adult and \$6/under 12 years.

# Perspective

By CHUCK ZUMBUSCH, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We recently experienced a good, old-fashioned, snowstorm. While it didn't quite live up to the media hype of a "Storm of the Century", it definitely did have a high impact, making a mess of travel plans and closing schools and businesses, but quietly, I enjoyed it! Don't worry, I am not suffering from Cabin Fever, (at least not too badly), nor have I lost my mind in stating I enjoyed the storm. Admittedly, shoveling and snow removal followed, but big snow storms remind me, and all of us, of who is in charge. Despite all of our best intentions and preplanning exercises, an abundance of snow still has the ability to affect our lives and bring things to a skidding stop. The morning following the storm, I bundled up in my winter best and stepped outside into the freshly fallen snow. I took a deep breath and enjoyed the beauty of the new blanket of snow, admired the silence, and noticed the impressive drifts that the wind had created. I also thought about how powerless we are over some aspects of our lives, but I am comforted by my faith, the Zion community, and the mission we share.

I recently had a brother that had suddenly become seriously ill, which was completely unexpected. As my wife and I sped to see him and be with his family, I was dumbfounded and afraid of what was to come. But as we made our way, my wife reminded me of a phrase my brother often states when going through a trying time, "Don't worry, God's got it." While the outcome wasn't clear, the simple, but important statement, provided me peace of mind and helped me weather the storm. And you know what? My brother was right! There wasn't anything I could do medically and worrying wasn't going to help. But the prayers, words of encouragement, and concern from others helped comfort me tremendously. I am happy to report, that now he is doing much better and on his way to recovery and I learned a valuable lesson along the way. While our winter might be coming to a close, challenges will continue to appear. I hope you might find some use in his words of wisdom and may they grant you relief when you need it most.

## New Member Orientation

The orientation to membership on Sunday, May 7, provides an introduction to Zion ministries and staff, an opportunity to meet others at Zion, and a little about what it means to be Lutheran and to be a member of Zion. Those who decide to become members will be formally received into our congregation on Sunday, May 21. If you'd like to attend, please sign up in advance at [ZionBuffalo.org/membership](http://ZionBuffalo.org/membership).



## Spring Bible History Class

Rick Johnson will present an 8-week Bible History class beginning Monday, April 3, and ending Monday, May 22. The class will run from 6:30 to 8:15 pm in the library. This class will examine the background and creation of the New Testament. The class is for anyone interested in Bible History whether you have been in a previous class or not. Sign up now at [ZionBuffalo.org/events](http://ZionBuffalo.org/events) (class size is limited).

## Zion Softball Team

The Zion Lutheran softball team is looking for players interested in playing slowpitch softball this summer (8-11 Friday nights; 2 games each night). Anyone with questions or interest please contact Tom Middagh at 612-419-1157 or [tmidd42@gmail.com](mailto:tmidd42@gmail.com).

## Zion Fishing Club

Zion's Fishing Club meets weekly in the summer to fish on area lakes. Help make plans on Wednesday, April 19, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Join the ZionBuffalo Fishing Club on Facebook for updates about specific lakes and details.

## Prayer Group

Members and regular attenders are invited to join the private Zion Lutheran Church Prayers group on Facebook ([facebook.com/groups/zionbuffaloprayer](https://facebook.com/groups/zionbuffaloprayer)) to share or respond to prayer requests.



# Living God's Call

## Celebrate Global Mission Sunday on May 7

You are invited to join in celebrating Zion's Global Mission Sunday on May 7. This is a special day to reflect on our call to serve and support our siblings in Christ throughout the world. Zion's mission field starts right here in the greater Buffalo area and extends out around the world. Through your contributions of time, talent, goods and money we provide clothing, food, housing and building supplies, medical care, scholarships, education support, financial support and volunteer hours to our local and global communities. Our Global Mission partners include Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis, All Kids Can Learn International (AKCLI) in Zambia, Africa, and Mission Jamaica. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to take our mission trips to AKCLI in Zambia or Jamaica in the last three years, but we look forward to resuming these mission trips in the near future!

The Global Mission committee members would like to thank you for your ongoing support of this vital ministry. God has blessed us with the opportunity to reach out and help others. On Global Mission Sunday, and every day, we thank God for these chances to be His hands and feet on earth.



# SERVE WEEKEND

*Love generously*

## It's time to SERVE!!

BY KIM HAGGEN

SERVE weekend is returning with many familiar service opportunities and some brand spanking new ones. In addition to the Blessings Closet, a mobile food pantry and kid's bike/helmet give-away, there will be a community breakfast sponsored by the Blessing Closet and the Buffalo Food Shelf. We'll be assembling Personal Care Kits through Lutheran world Relief to send to Turkey to assist earth quake victims. There will be Bingo and music at local care centers, making cat mats for Crossroads animal shelter, tie blankets for kids recovering from natural disasters, a chance to supply some of our community seniors with flowers all summer from a local flower farm, and SO MUCH MORE! Do you already know you will be gone this weekend? Sign up for one of our flex dates. There will be in-person activities and take home options, with service opportunities for everyone of every age. We'll also be working together to flood our families and community with small acts of service in the week leading up to SERVE weekend. There will be cards to share with your acts of service and a way to report so that we can all see the wave of love and service sweeping through our area.

Pick your project at [ZionBuffalo.org/serveweekend](https://ZionBuffalo.org/serveweekend)

Talk to your family, talk to your friends, and make plans to "love generously" SERVE with us on April 20th-23rd.



4 *Engaging people in a process of discipleship which inspires them*





## Blessing Closet and More

BY ROGER & SANDY BRENNY

Wow! It has been quite a winter here in Buffalo! It has been cold with way too much snow, but now that the calendar is turning over to April, community members are invited to Zion to receive a free breakfast, free clothing, some groceries, and ride into spring on a new bike.

SERVE Weekend will include a free multi-event on Saturday, April 22, including the Blessing Closet, a food pantry, a free breakfast, and the Allina Health / Bikes 4 Kidz giveaway at different times throughout the day from 9am to 1pm.

- The Blessing Closet will be open from 9am to 1pm. There are no income or residency requirements to qualify for free clothing. Children should ideally be present to do their own shopping, but adults can pick up clothing for their children along with shopping for themselves.
- Zion is partnering with the Buffalo Food Shelf to provide a free food drop. The food pantry will be open from 9am to 1pm, and will include fresh produce and bakery items along with some non-perishable items.
- Come and join us as we celebrate SERVE Weekend with a free community breakfast for everyone in Fellowship Hall from 9am to 11am! Everyone is welcome with no residency requirement or need to participate in any of the giveaways! The menu is pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, and beverage.
- Allina Health has partnered with "Bikes 4 Kidz" and will provide 100 free refurbished bikes and helmets, to be distributed in Zion's north parking lot. Sign up at [ZionBuffalo.org/bikes](http://ZionBuffalo.org/bikes) is required (call 763.317.6052 in case of problems with sign up). Each family can order two bikes and choose their preferred size ranging from 12-inch to 27-inch (while supplies last). Someone will call back with an appointment time between 10am-noon for pick up. A parent or guardian must sign a waiver and load the bike in their vehicle.

## Call Committee Forming

Do you know someone who would be a good match for serving on the Associate Pastor Call Committee? Zion's constitution states that the Council shall appoint seven people to serve on the Call Committee. The council will make these appointments at their meeting on April 19. Call Committee candidates should be active members who have a strong commitment to faithful prayer and a passion for the future mission of Zion. We need people with excellent communication and hospitality skills, who pay attention to detail, and who are mature in confidentiality. Serving on a Call Committee is intense, time heavy, and absolutely rewarding. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this work, please submit the name to Council Secretary Deb Rude at [nursedeb\\_51@yahoo.com](mailto:nursedeb_51@yahoo.com) or 763-229-9438.





# Celebrating on Sundays

## Pastor Bahe's Installation

Pastor John Hulden from the Minneapolis Area Synod will be joining us on Sunday, April 30, when Pastor Bahe will be installed as Senior Pastor at both worship services.

Following each worship service, there will be an opportunity for all to meet and greet Pastor Bahe and Pastor Hulden during coffee time in the Fellowship Hall.

## Service of Prayer & Healing

April 30 is the fifth Sunday of the month, so the Service for Prayer and Healing will be a part of all worship services. You are invited to submit specific prayer requests in advance or during worship on Sunday, which will then be included during the 8:30am and 10:30am services:

- Email [pastorbahe@zionbuffalo.org](mailto:pastorbahe@zionbuffalo.org).
- Post in the private FB prayer group (watch for a prompt early in the week or specify that you intend for your prayer to be included in this service).
- Use an online connect card (and be sure to check 'Share on Sunday').
- Post in the live chat of the online worship livestream on the 30th.
- Or use the bulletin insert provided on Sunday during worship on the 30th.

## The Nursery is Open!

The nursery is open during both worship services for children ages infant through age 3. The nursery is located in the northeast corner of the building, near the back entrance, or simply stop by the Information Desk and we can show you the way.

## Connect Card

If you have questions, prayer requests, a new mailing address, etc., please fill out a connect card online at [ZionBuffalo.org/card](http://ZionBuffalo.org/card) or find a card in the pew racks. The same card can be used to record your participation in Holy Communion.



## Holy Week and Easter at Zion

### Holy Week Prayer Walk

An outdoor prayer walk experience will be available at Zion from Sunday, April 2, through Friday, April 7, with stations on the walking path around the building.

### Palm Sunday, April 2

- 8:30 & 10:30 Worship: Sunday school singing and Change for Children noisy offering at both services
- 9am-12:30pm Palm Sunday Breakfast (a youth fundraiser to offset the cost of camp)
- 1pm Easter Egg Hunt (see page 12)

### Maundy Thursday, April 6

- Noon Worship: Worship with Holy Communion
- 6pm Worship: Worship with Holy Communion and music led by the Senior Choir. We take the next step toward the cross by stripping the altar, leaving only the cross and bare altar for Good Friday. This service will be livestreamed on Facebook and available later in the evening on YouTube.

### Good Friday, April 7

- 5:30pm Worship: Good Friday Express worship service (Trinity Hall). This interactive, youth-led service will include a simplified version of Good Friday events. You will hear a hopeful message from Pastor Bahe, participate in hand-on stations, and be filled with beautiful music led by the Youth & Family Worship Team.
- 7pm Worship: Good Friday Tenebrae worship service is reflective with scripture, meditations, and music. The scripture readings, prayers, solos, familiar congregational hymns, and extinguishing of candles are a meaningful end to Holy Week as we await the joyful Easter dawn. This service will be livestreamed on Facebook and available later in the evening on YouTube.





## Easter Sunday, April 9

All Easter Sunday services include Pastor Bahe's Easter message, Holy Communion and children's message.

The Easter Garden will be displayed in the Sanctuary, while Trinity Hall is an allergy-free zone for Easter, with no pollen plants.

- 7am: Sunrise Easter Worship in Trinity Hall with handbells.
- 8:30am: Traditional Festival Easter Worship in the Sanctuary, music led by organ, Senior Choir, and brass. This service will be livestreamed on Facebook and available later in the evening on YouTube.
- 10:30am: Contemporary Easter Worship in the Sanctuary, music led by Youth & Family worship team. This indoor worship service will be also be broadcast on FM 87.9 for those worshipping from their cars (drive through the canopy to pick up a bulletin, etc., and then park in the back parking lot and tune your car radio to FM87.9).

## A New Beginning

BY PASTOR BAHE

**"Jesus said, "It is finished."  
Then he bowed his head and gave  
up his spirit. "**

— John 19:30

If this is where our story ended, we would be living a very different kind of life. Death would have the final word. Where would our hope be? Dead. Where would our joy be? Dead. We would stand at a crossroads that offered nothing but a dead end.

Thanks be to God! This is not where our story ends. This is just the beginning. God can do that; take what seems like an ending



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## Sunday Worship Services

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship (with livestream)
- 8:30 Sunday School
- 9:30am: Coffee Fellowship / Adult Education / Family Events
- 10:30am: Contemporary Worship (with drive-in)
- 10:30am: Sunday School

For drive-in worship at 10:30, please drive through the canopy at the front of the church to pick up a bulletin etc., before parking in the back parking lot and tuning your car radio to FM 87.9.

Holy Communion will be part of all worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month. All members receiving communion are asked to complete an electronic communion card at [ZionBuffalo.org/card](http://ZionBuffalo.org/card) or text CARD to 763-335-1245.

If you are attending the online worship service, we know you won't have the exact same elements that we use when we are in worship in the sanctuary. Gather any variety of wine or fruit juice and any kind of bread product.

Just like on Christmas Eve, we will be ready to welcome all those who are helping to serve on Easter Sunday. Greeters, ushers, communion servers, and lectors will check in at our specially created hospitality center, located in the library, and receive everything needed to be a part of welcoming all to Zion's Easter morning worship.

We are excited to serve together and so very thankful for all who take time to share Zion's warm hospitality and special welcome on Sunday mornings.

Kim Hagen



# Finance & Stewardship

## Memorial Gifts Received

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Joyce Edwards, from Jeffrey & Robin Edwards.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Darlene Manthey, from Marilyn Menninga.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jan Olson, from Larry & Diane Huston.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bernard Anderson, Dominic Ziebarth, John Scharenbroich, and Laura Scharenbroich.

A gift to the Zion Foundation in memory of Scott & Clifton Stedje, from Jared Bjerga.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Clifton Stedje, from Deborah Siechta.

## Financial Report

By JOHN LINDLIEF, FINANCE COMMITTEE

Contributions to the General Fund continue to exceed our giving of last year. In February those amounted to about \$51,000 which is 11.5% more than last February. Expenses for the month exceeded our income by about \$9,800. These are only 1.4% greater than those of a year ago. For the year so far our giving to the General Fund is around \$129,400. Our expenses have been about \$128,400.

While the Building Fund income for February was slightly down from a year ago, the giving to that fund for the year has just about equaled our mortgage expense. This fund continues to be stable.

As we look ahead, with the formation of a Call Committee for a second pastor, we know that this will impact our General Fund expenses. We trust that we will meet this challenge as Zion continues to move forward. Thanks to all who contribute with their time, talents, and financial contributions.



## A Previous SERVE Weekend

By TOM MOLINE, STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Steve joined us as we took our break. John, Dave, and I had started the morning in jackets and sweatshirts and now we were down to our t-shirts as the day warmed. We ate burgers and fries but he was satisfied with only a malt. Tim had stopped by earlier and dropped off tools and much-needed advice. The prep work was done and we would paint as much as we could on the stairs, deck, and porch that day. Now it was time for the stain, 2 coats it turned out as the wood greedily absorbed the stain. Steve had built the porch in his younger days. He had his own cabinet business and knew how to use tools. Steve needed help now. He had lost his wife recently, and couldn't get around easily. He was hard to understand too. Surgery had been done to remove cancer in part of his jaw. With break time done, I gave a hand to Steve to get out of his chair and we got back to work. John opened the can of stain and we got started on painting.

This kind of story happens a lot on SERVE Weekend. Your donations to Zion helped make this happen. The paint and other supplies are needed as much as the volunteers. Thanks to your generosity, we've helped make Buffalo a little bit better and a little bit more loving.

Join us as you can on this upcoming SERVE Weekend, April 20 to 23. Thank you for storing treasures in heaven and supporting God's work through our congregation!

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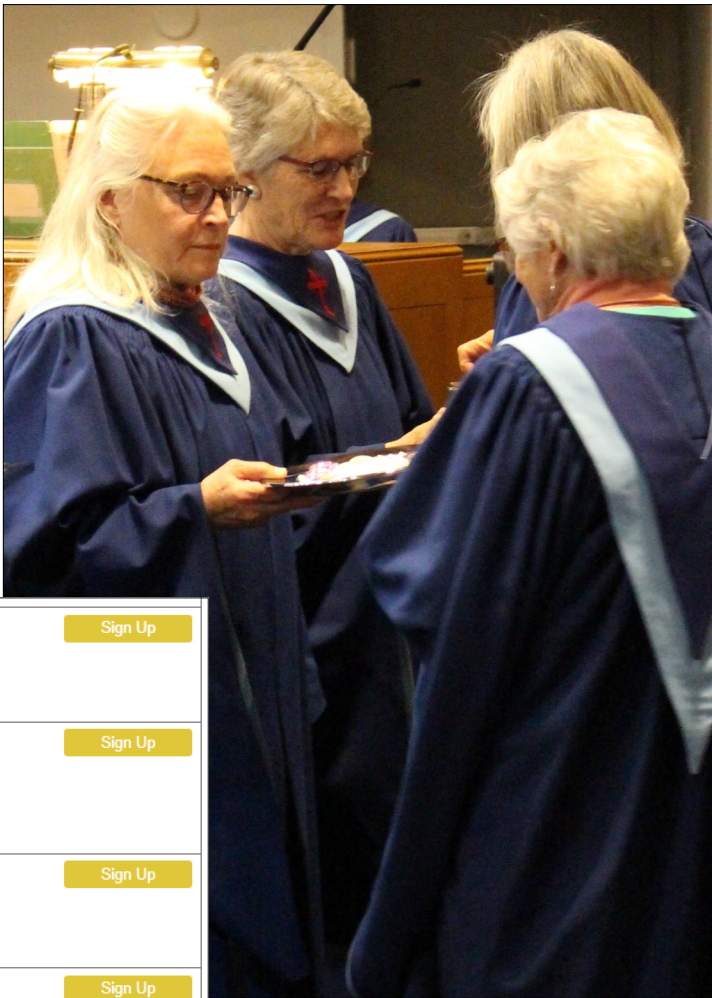
# Easter Sunday Hospitality

By Kim Hagen

Do you know what your schedule will be for Easter Sunday? What better way to celebrate the Risen Lord than by serving in His house? Greeters, ushers, and communion servers are being recruited now.

With three worship services and extra guests and family visiting, many more volunteers than usual are needed to serve.

Help Zion share some radical hospitality for Easter Sunday! Take a peek at the sample photo and let me know if you would like to help. No experience is needed! We are happy to provide a quick training. Families, singles, couples, friends, groups are ALL welcome. Sign up at [ZionBuffalo.org/easter](https://ZionBuffalo.org/easter) or contact me at [kim@zionbuffalo.org](mailto:kim@zionbuffalo.org) or 763.682.1245 et. 103.



7:00 am Easter Worship	6:30am-8:00am	<b>Communion Set Up</b> 1 slot available	Sign Up
		<b>Ushers</b> 5 slots available 5:30-7:00	Sign Up
		<b>Communion Servers</b> 4 slots available	Sign Up
		<b>Communion Clean Up</b> 2 slots available	Sign Up
8:30 am Easter Worship	8:00am-9:30am	<b>Communion Set Up</b> 2 slots available	Sign Up
		<b>Greeter 8:00-8:30am</b> 4 slots available	Sign Up
		<b>Usher 8:00-9:30am</b> 2 of 6 slots filled	Sign Up

## Have You Remembered

### Zion Lutheran Church Foundation in your estate planning?

When you update your will, trust, or asset beneficiaries, please consider including a gift for ministry, using the following legal directive:

*"I bequeath \_\_ % of my estate (or my fund) to Zion Lutheran Church Foundation, located at 1200 Hwy 25 S, Buffalo, Minnesota, EIN #41-1385843."*

Foundation gifts are welcome at any time. A gift to the Zion Foundation keeps on giving.

For more information, call 763.682.1245, visit [ZionBuffalo.org/foundation](https://ZionBuffalo.org/foundation), or email [foundation@zionbuffalo.org](mailto:foundation@zionbuffalo.org).

# April 2023

## Saturday April 1

### Sunday April 2

#### *Change for Children*

#### *Holy Communion at all worship services*

- 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)
- 8:30am Sunday School
- 9:00am Palm Sunday Brunch
- 9:30am Executive Committee
- 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship (with drive-in)
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 1:00pm Holy Week Easter Egg Hunt

### Monday April 3

- 9:00am Quilters
- 9:00am Women's Ministry Committee
- 6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Spring Bible History Class

### Tuesday April 4

- 9:15am Storytime with Jesus
- 11:00am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday April 5

- 7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00am Working Party Fellowship
- 2:30pm Kids' Place
- 3:00pm Ring Forth
- 3:00pm Blessing Closet Diaper Distribution
- 4:00pm Class Ring
- 4:30pm Youth Open Gym
- 5:00pm No Supper ~ Holy Week
- 5:15pm Elevate Choir
- 6:00pm Lifted Choir
- 6:30pm Altared Choir
- 6:30pm Joyful Ringers
- 7:15pm Senior Choir
- 8:00pm High School Youth Group

### Thursday April 6

- 8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study
- 9:30am Buffalo Area Dementia Friends
- 12:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
- 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship (with Livestream)

### Friday April 7

- 5:30pm Good Friday Worship
- 7:00pm Good Friday Worship (with Livestream)

### Saturday April 8

- 9:30am Music Rehearsals
- 11:00am Easter Garden Setup

## Sunday April 9

### *Easter Sunday*

- 7:00am Easter Sunrise Worship Service
- 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)
- 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship (with drive-in)

### Monday April 10

#### *Church Office Closed*

- 9:00am Quilters
- 6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Spring Bible History Class

### Tuesday April 11

- 10:00am Maintenance Department Meeting
- 11:00am CYF Ministries Meeting
- 4:00pm Fare for All
- 5:30pm Children & Family Ministry Team
- 5:30pm Youth Board Meeting
- 6:00pm Outreach Committee
- 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Mission Jamaica Committee Meeting

### Wednesday April 12

- 7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00am Working Party Fellowship
- 1:00pm Buffalo Ministerial Meeting
- 2:30pm Kids' Place
- 3:00pm Ring Forth
- 4:00pm Class Ring
- 4:30pm Youth Open Gym
- 5:00pm Supper: Tater Tot Hotdish
- 5:15pm Elevate Choir
- 6:00pm Lifted Choir
- 6:30pm Altared Choir
- 6:30pm Joyful Ringers
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Harvest of Hands Crafts
- 7:15pm Senior Choir
- 8:00pm High School Youth Group

### Thursday April 13

- 8:00am Newsletter Deadline
- 9:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study
- 9:30am Buffalo Area Dementia Friends

### Friday April 14

- 6:00pm Middle School Fun Night

## Saturday April 15

### Sunday April 16

#### *Holy Communion at all worship services*

- 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)
- 8:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship (with drive-in)
- 10:30am Sunday School

### Monday April 17

- 9:00am Quilters
- 6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Spring Bible History Class

### Tuesday April 18

- 9:30am Naomi Circle
- 11:00am Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Stewardship Committee
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting

### Wednesday April 19

- 7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00am Working Party Fellowship
- 2:30pm Kids' Place
- 3:00pm Ring Forth
- 4:00pm Class Ring
- 4:30pm Youth Open Gym
- 5:00pm Wednesday Supper: Chicken
- 5:15pm Elevate Choir
- 6:00pm Lifted Choir
- 6:30pm Altared Choir
- 6:30pm Joyful Ringers
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Zion Fishing Club Meeting
- 7:00pm Church Council Meeting
- 7:15pm Senior Choir
- 8:00pm High School Youth Group

### Thursday April 20

#### *SERVE Weekend*

- 8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study
- 9:30am Buffalo Area Dementia Friends
- 10:00am Rebecca Circle
- 12:00pm Blessing Closet Distribution Set-Up

### Friday April 21

#### *SERVE Weekend*

- 5:00pm Blessing Closet Distribution Set-Up
- 5:00pm Community Breakfast Set-Up

### Saturday April 22

#### *SERVE Weekend*

- 9:00am Blessing Closet
- 9:00am Food Pantry
- 9:00am Community Breakfast
- 10:00am Bikes 4 Kidz (by appointment)



## Sunday April 23

### *SERVE Weekend*

- 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)
- 8:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship (with drive-in)
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 11:30am Baptism Class

## Monday April 24

- 9:00am Quilters
- 6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Spring Bible History Class

## Tuesday April 25

- 10:00am Maintenance Department Meeting
- 11:00am CYF Ministries Meeting

## Wednesday April 26

- 7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
- 9:00am Working Party Fellowship
- 10:00am Newsletter Assembly
- 2:30pm Kids' Place
- 3:00pm Ring Forth
- 4:00pm Class Ring
- 4:30pm Youth Open Gym
- 5:00pm Wednesday Supper: Tacos
- 5:15pm Elevate Choir
- 6:00pm Lifted Choir
- 6:30pm Altared Choir
- 6:30pm Joyful Ringers
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Harvest of Hands Crafts
- 7:15pm Senior Choir
- 8:00pm High School Youth Group

## Thursday April 27

- 8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study
- 9:30am Buffalo Area Dementia Friends

## Friday April 28

- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday April 29

- 2:00pm Wedding

## Sunday April 30

### *Pastor Bahe's Installation*

- 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)
- 8:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship (with drive-in)
- 10:30am Sunday School

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and make it entirely new. God does that! What a miracle of a relentless love that is so amazing, so divine!

**“He is not here; for he has been raised.”**

**— Matthew 28:6**

Our story is not over. Now, the future is filled with hope! Death does not get the final word. God, in Christ Jesus, has the final word and it is a word of life. Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

What seemed like a certain ending has been redeemed and transformed into: a new beginning. Thanks be to God!

We are an Easter people, which means that every day we know that the ending is not an ending. We know the ending is just the beginning. The new life and new hope that we celebrate on Easter morning is the same new life and the same new hope that we live with every single day of our lives. All because of God's amazing grace given in Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Depending on when you read this, you may be in the midst of the first statement: death. The days of Holy Week bring us from that death to life. It begins on Palm Sunday with shouts of triumph and joy and moves to Maundy Thursday when we recall that Jesus ate with the disciples [even knowing the betrayal that would come] and then gave the great gift of Holy Communion to the church, all while teaching God's new commandment of loving and serving. On Good Friday we are lead to the foot of the cross and weep with those who love Jesus. And then on the third day, we awake to the mystery of God's amazing love. We awake to the power of grace. Death does not get the final word! Death is swallowed up in victory! We awake to an end that is actually a beginning. And, that is all because of God's relentless and redeeming love.

**Endings that are really beginnings, death that is actually life, and lost hope that is anything but lost: these are all the power of a God who loves with relentless purpose.**

A relentless purpose that changes everything. We are Easter people because of God's relentless love. A relentless love that relentlessly bestows the victory over sin, death, and the evil one. A relentless love that is an Easter miracle for every day of your life because Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God!

My dear friends in Christ, I anticipate worship with you this Holy Week and Easter morn with great humility and joy. Together, we have walked this Lenten journey to rediscover God's relentless pursuit of love and grace. Together, we are relentlessly pursuing God's future with great hope. God is up to amazing things at Zion! What a reason for hope and rejoicing. I thank God for you and for the joy of serving as your pastor. May you know the sweet truth of God's relentless love and grace for you each and every day! Thanks be to God!

## Holy Week Easter Egg Hunt



SUNDAY, APRIL 2 @ 1PM

The Egg Hunt on April 2 is a free event for ages birth-12 years, and open to the entire community!

Easter Eggs will be hidden outside (weather permitting) and inside. This event also includes a short video, a scavenger hunt, decorate a cookie, picture with the Easter bunny along with other activities.

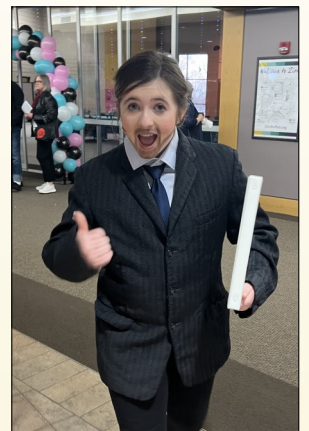
Bring donations of bagged candy, stickers, small objects to fill Easter eggs, monetary donations, mini water bottles, and juice boxes to the collection bin near the church office by Thursday, March 30.

Volunteers, please sign up at [ZionBuffalo.org/events](https://ZionBuffalo.org/events).



# Youth Gala Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered at, or donated to the dinner theater fundraiser on March 4... 97 people attended and \$5,800 was raised for Zion's youth program!





## Active Military

Vinnie Pecarina  
Stationed in Alaska

Hope Kellerhuis  
Stationed at Fort Drum, NY

Michael Christensen  
Stationed in Virginia Beach, VA

Alexis Nichols  
Stationed in Georgia

Adam Hartung  
Stationed at FE Warren AFB, WY

Will Dobbins  
Stationed in Hawaii

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Serving in the National Guard

Tyler Marr  
Serving in the Air Force

Ben Pecarina  
Air Force Reserves

Brianna Marschel  
Serving in the Army

Christian Marschel  
Serving in the Army

Collin Lesch  
Serving in the Army.

*And members whose names cannot be  
published for security reasons*

## Christ in Our Home

The new issue of the quarterly devotional "Christ In Our Home" for April, May, and June is now available at the information desk. This resource includes a scripture, devotional thought, and prayer for each day, and is provided by the Women of Zion in regular and large print editions.

## Weekly Announcements

In addition to this monthly newsletter and ministry specific emails, the weekly announcements are available by email which is sent on Thursdays and also available at [ZionBuffalo.org/announcements](http://ZionBuffalo.org/announcements). Printed announcements are available upon request from the information desk for those who do not have internet access.

## Harvest of Hands Resin Projects in April

*By JOY ARENS, COORDINATOR*

The Harvest of Hands group continues to meet to work on projects for our annual sale in November. The meeting dates are the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (April 12 and 26) at 7pm in the Wilderness Room. We are working on resin projects this month, similar to those pictured.

Harvest of Hands is a dedicated group that works together to help rid the world of hunger. We are always looking for new projects and people to join us. Home project supplies are available too—please contact Joy at 763.300.4542.

### Vision Statement:

In an environment of growing faith and loving camaraderie, Harvest of Hands sponsors events and creates products for sale that will help alleviate both local and world hunger.

### Mission Statement:

With a broad partnership of known and unknown entities, Harvest of Hands is committed to ending both local and worldwide hunger, one meal at a time.

We encourage you to join one of our sessions for fun, fellowship, and a sense of accomplishment.







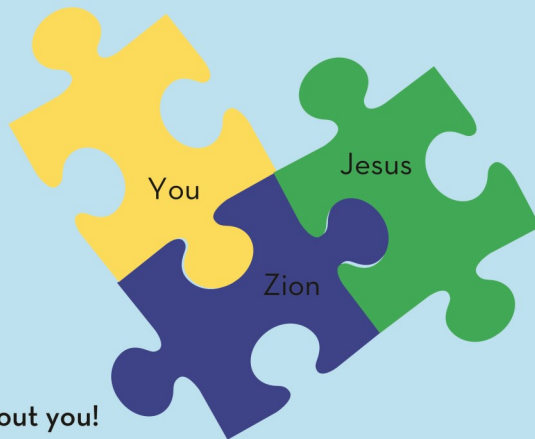
## Volunteer Appreciation Meal

Thank you to all who participated in the volunteer appreciation dinner and game night! We had many delicious soup varieties and played games, put together puzzles, and fellowshiped. If we missed you this time, we hope you will join in the fun next time around. We so appreciate all who serve at Zion!



## Essential Piece

Isn't it a wonderful thing that we're all different? Each of us has strengths and skills to share. And when we link our individual strengths together, we're invincible. Can't imagine us without you!



Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. -John 12:26





## Our Mission...

Zion seeks to  
Share Christ's Word,  
Strengthen faith, and  
Serve those in need.



## Our Vision...

Helping people  
experience the joy  
of life in Christ by:

### 1. Celebrating on Sundays:

Creating Sunday morning experiences  
that invite, welcome, engage, and  
inspire people to live for Christ.

### 2. Living God's Call:

Engaging people in a process of  
discipleship which inspires them to  
trust in Christ, grow in faith, and serve  
God's world.

### 3. Connecting with Care:

Creating a community where people  
are connected in relationships and  
supported in need.



## Youth Tubing Trip







## Daddy Daughter Dance



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