

Through Zion's Window

April 2019



Dear friends in Christ,

One of the ancient celebrations of the church has been declining for now for many years. Many traditions, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, and our own ELCA, have been working to recover the celebration however our own society has made it quite the challenge. I am referring to the celebration of the "Triduum" (Tri-je-wum).

The Triduum is the 3-day feast that begins in the evening on Maundy Thursday comes to completion on Easter Sunday. For many centuries in the church these days were the highpoint of the year eclipsing all other celebrations, including Christmas.

However, in today's society, priorities have changed. In our lives God has taken a back seat to work, family, and even recreational time. No longer are other activities scheduled around worship, now we see if we can find the extra time for worship. This can be clearly seen even at Sunday morning worship, so it is no surprise that expecting people to "find time" for worship two more hours in a week seems to be an unreasonable stretch.

But this is our loss. Our relationship with God grows as we learn about what He has done for us. When we do not take the time to learn we begin to grow apart. Now Palm Sunday has become Palm/Passion Sunday. Instead of taking time during the week we give only one-hour Sunday morning worship and during this hour we try to tell the entire story from Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem to his hanging on a cross. Doing it this way, in such a quick fashion, we end up stripping the emotion, the passion and the depth from the festival. Then the following Sunday, Easter, we celebrate his glorious resurrection. In doing all this in a mere two Sundays we lose so much of the story.

So, what happens on those three days? On Maundy Thursday (Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning commandment) Jesus gives us the commandment that we love one another as he has loved us as he washes his disciples' feet. On this day Jesus institutes, the Lord's Supper, Communion, that we celebrate every Sunday. And, of course, Jesus is betrayed and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. On Good Friday Jesus is tried and condemned by Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea. Jesus is crucified on this day, dies and is placed in the tomb. Many churches are also recovering the practice of the Saturday Vigil. Remember how, as children, we could barely sleep Christmas Eve? We were too excited; we knew that this night was unlike any other, the morning would bring great things. This is how the Easter Vigil started. The congregation gathered in the darkness Saturday night with candles, too excited to sleep, awaiting the great news of Jesus' resurrection. Even though our Savior is in the tomb we hold the light and share the stories, anticipating the resurrection of our Lord. Historically in the church the forty days of Lent were a time of teaching new converts and during the Saturday Vigil the converts were baptized and welcomed into the congregation.

These are the events of those days of the Triduum. But what the Father and Jesus were up to was so much more. I invite all of you to join us in worship learn what happened during these days. Maundy Thursday is April 18th, we will worship together at Cross, and Good Friday is April 19th, and we will worship together, along with Holy Name of Jesus, at Zion. Holy Name will hold a Saturday service and we are all invited. Our Lord has done great things for us, let us set some time aside to hear the stories.

Pastor Doug



March 10, 2019 Council Minutes – The meeting was brought to order by President Jerry Liesener at 10:13 am. Devotions were led by Carrie Wendorf. Devotions for next month's meeting will be led by Christine Siedschlag. A motion was made by Christine, seconded by Jeanine Heinrich, to approve the secretary's report for February as printed, motion carried.

Carrie reviewed the treasurer's report. She is waiting for an invoice for the balance of the carpeting (\$28K) that will need to be paid. Motion by Jeanine, seconded by Doreen Schultz to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. All in favor, motion carried.

Pastor's Report – will be at Zion and Cross each Sunday in April except for the last week when he will be on vacation. Maundy Thursday service will be at Cross and Good Friday will be at Zion. On May 5th, a visitor from Haiti Ventures in People will be in attendance to talk about the water project. Pastor is planning on being at local coffee shops in Oconomowoc on Fridays and available for anyone that may want to drop in, introduce yourself and chat. Watch Zion's Facebook page or Zion Happenings emails for specific dates, times and locations.

Worship –change in service order was made, added psalm reading back into the order of worship. Missions – Zion is hosting the Blood Drive on Monday, March 11th at the Ashippun Town Hall. Evangelism – let Doreen know if you have a middle school, high school or college graduate in your family, Sandy Jaeger put together children's worship activity packets instead of the blue cart of books and activities, hoping to hold another card making workshop the end of March. Building and Grounds – will be working on lights on the outside of the church when it gets warmer, getting bids for redoing the basement floor and waterproofing the basement wall.

New Business – Council election of officers – John Siedschlag as Vice President and Heidi Tunak as secretary. Council installation will take place on March 24th. An office for Father Dave was discussed and decided to offer him use of the Habeck classroom. Using the ELW hymnal (cranberry hymnal) and transitioning the worship service to this book was discussed. Watch for additional details in the next few weeks on the hymnal and signups to purchase a hymnal for personal use, in memory of or in honor of. Schedule for serving at the Ashippun Apartments will be – April 28th – Gina, Jerry & Franklin; June 9th – Carrie & Jeanine; August 4th – Doreen & Wendy; October 13th – John, Chris & Heidi; December 8th – Council. The computer for the projection system needs to be replaced. John will look at replacement options. Oktoberfest planning meeting will be Thursday April 4th at 6:30 pm.

The next Council meeting will be on April 14th. Motion was made by Christine, seconded by Carrie to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Tunak

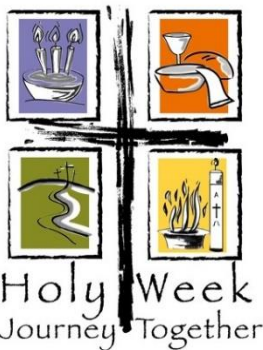
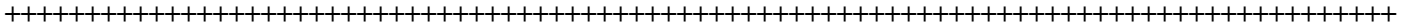
LENTEN Schedule

March 27 --- St. Paul's Episcopal Church – Hwy P/Ashippun

April 3 --- Cross Lutheran Church – Ixonia
(If anyone would like to bring a treat to share for fellowship time after Cross, would welcome it)

April 10 -- St. Olaf's Lutheran Church - Alderly

All Services are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM



April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 am ~ Zion Worship Service

April 18 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm ~ Zion/Cross Joint Worship Service at Cross, Ixonia

7:00 pm ~ Holy Name of Jesus Worship Service at Zion

April 19 – Good Friday

7:00 pm ~ Zion/Cross/Holy Name of Jesus, Joint Worship Service at Zion

April 20 – Holy Saturday

4:00 pm ~ Holy Name of Jesus Worship Service at Zion

April 21 – Easter Sunday

7:15 am ~ Holy Name of Jesus Worship Service at Zion

8:30 am ~ Zion Worship Service ~ Please bring a treat to share for fellowship time after

10:00 am ~ Cross, Ixonia Worship Service

****Zion is Welcome to attend any Worship Service at Cross, Ixonia or Holy Name of Jesus also****



Missions Committee

On behalf of the Ashippun Blood Mobile I am passing on a special "thank-you" to Zion members that volunteered to oversee the March 11 canteen and to those that shared their baked good to serve to the donors. It was a busy day with 79 donors that so graciously gave the gift of life. Thank-you for your time and generosity in helping Zion support this important community event.

Christine
Missions Committee Chairperson



Mark Your Calendars ...

Oktoberfest 2019 will be held on Sunday October 6, 2019. Plans are under way for the annual event. The Committee will be meeting on April 4 at 6:30 pm. The committee is looking for donations of prizes for the large raffle. Please let Christine know if you have a prize so that it can be added to list before ticket printing in May.

Zion Oktoberfest Committee



Cross Lutheran in Ixonia is currently looking for an individual who can work in the church office for roughly 5 hours/week. It will be helpful if they are familiar with Microsoft Word and Publisher. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please contact the office at office@crosslutheranchurch.com or call at 920-474-7242.

Evangelism News...

LakeWalk for Cancer

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 4 and register today! Register before May 1 to take advantage of the \$30 special early registration! Save an additional \$5 by going paperless and register on line. (You can also still register on the day of the walk for \$35.) We need YOU to join *Zion Spirit* to help fund cancer research. Remember, what's raised here stays here.



Graduates on the move

We will honor students in the Class of 2019 at coffee hour in May. Please let Danielle or Doreen know who will be graduating (or has graduated) during the 2018-19 school year, whether elementary, high school, college, or post grad.



What a wonderful Seuss Birthday

Thank you for all the great books donated to replenish the Little Free Library. Spread the news and encourage young readers to visit our Little Free Library located at the Ashippun BP station.

Doreen Schultz
Evangelism Committee

It's an easy youth fund-raiser!

Here are the latest receipt program guidelines for you to get into the action.

1. All receipts must be from **Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly**
2. Receipts for the current year and prior year are accepted. Older dates will not.
3. Service desk purchases do not qualify, e.g., lottery tickets, stamps, utility payments, money orders, car license renewal, and deposit on tappers and barrels.
4. "Duplicate Receipts" are not accepted.

Your cash register receipts for January and February totaled **\$6982.33**.



There will be one service Easter Sunday. Coffee and socializing will follow. Please bring a sweet or savory treat to share.

Our Little Worshippers



Activity kits have replaced the cart located at the back of the Church. The activity kits are located in the Narthex for our little worshippers.

Workshop

Another workshop is planned for March 31 after service in the lower level to decorate cards (*cards will have a per-determined design to follow*) and stuff goodie bags for the Ashippun Senior Apartments. Wine-cork pumpkins for gifting in the fall will also be available for embellishing.