

Through Zion's Window

APRIL 2021



Dear friends in Christ,

It's almost Easter! Yeah – now go hunt for hidden, colorful eggs and a basket of chocolate!

The secular and the religious imagery don't play well together for this Holy Day (holiday). Instead of focusing on grace and forgiveness and sacrifice the secular holiday focuses on rabbits and candy.

And that thought leads me to wonder about how folks understand the meaning of Easter. For some, it means new clothes and a chance to show them off. Others focus on the eggs, candy, and special meals. March Madness draws us to the television and Spring Break is a highlight of the season for many as the current chaos in Miami Beach makes all too clear.

Yet, for both the religious and the secular celebrants, Easter is also billed as a time of resurrection and renewal. It may be relatively easy to renew things outwardly — new clothes, a hairstyle, a fancy party. Renewal on the inside can be more difficult. Problems from the past can torment us for a long, long time. Broken relationships undermine self-confidence. Guilt over missed opportunities, pain from rejection, loneliness and anger from past hurts can sometimes create downward spiral in our lives; a psychological black hole from which escape is difficult.

Where does one find inner renewal? Some look to friends or family. Counselors and self-help books provide coping skills. But maybe a look at the first Easter could also offer some clues.

Nearly two thousand years ago, a revolutionary Jewish leader upset the established authorities. He was executed, declared dead, wrapped up in grave clothes and placed in a tomb. A large stone was rolled against the tomb's entrance and guards were put in place to protect the tomb from grave robbers.

Two days later, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty, but the grave clothes were still in place. The man's closest followers, most of whom had abandoned him during his trials, reported seeing him alive again. Despite threats from those very same authorities these followers persisted in sharing the story of Jesus. Even as many of them were killed for doing so they refused to back down. These men and women, who lacked the courage to stand by Jesus on Good Friday and who huddled in fear on that day of resurrection were able to move past their failure, their guilt and pain, and their fear.

They had been transformed from the inside and it affected every part of their lives, giving them strength, freedom from guilt, love for their enemies, and boldness to stand for what they believed was right. "If anyone is in Christ," wrote one early believer, "he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Sometimes life's challenges can drive us to seek distraction. To avoid examining ourselves closely lest we find ourselves lacking. Yet that first Easter still offers hope. If God loved us enough to die for us, to give us new life and forgiveness, then people today can be set free from the torments of their past and find a new hope for the future.

Pastor Doug

Even if you are not worshipping with us in-person, you can still worship with us virtually, as technology allows.

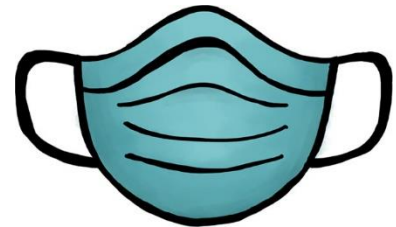
YouTube: Cross-Zion Parish

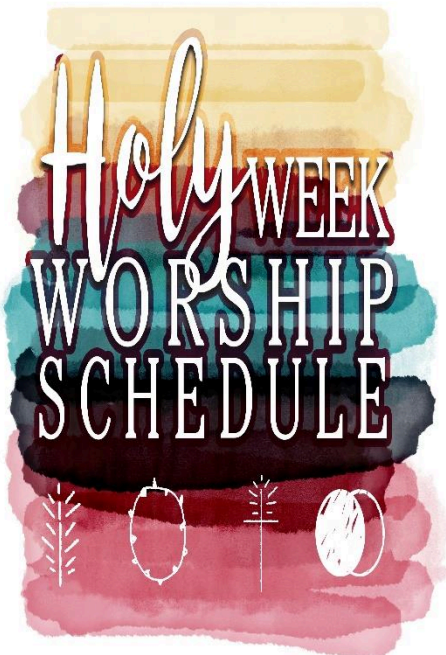
Website: www.zionashippun.org (and follow link)



Sunday mornings we will worship at 8:30 am (10:00 am at Cross) and on Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will worship at 6:00 pm (11:00 am at Cross).

Remember to bring a face mask with you to worship, we do have a few extras, but please try to remember to bring one from home.





March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 am ~ Zion Worship Service

10:00 am ~ Cross Worship Service

April 1 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm ~ Joint Worship Service at Cross

April 2 – Good Friday

7:00 pm ~ Joint Worship Service at Zion

April 4 – Easter Sunday

8:30 am ~ Zion Worship Service

10:00 am ~ Cross Worship Service



PROJECTION OPERATORS

- 02 – Heidi Tunak
- 04 – John Siedschlag
- 11 – Jerry Liesener
- 18 – Heidi Tunak
- 25 – Cindy Wagner

USHER TEAM

- Franklin Wolter Team**
 John Siedschlag Family
 Brian Schlieve

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 04 – Gary Gunther
- 12 - Carson Michalowski
- 23 – Jenna Clemans
- 26 – Terry Clemans
- 29 – Kristofer Schultz
- 30 – Nolan Altreuter

GREETERS

- 02 – John Siedschlag Family
- 04 – Bill & Ele Mack
- 11 – Doreen Schultz
- 18 – Shorty & Carol Schuett
- 25 – Franklin & Karen Wolter

ASSISTING MINISTERS

- 02 – John Siedschlag
- 04 – Jerry Liesener
- 11 – Anna Gramling
- 18 – Mike Johnson
- 25 – Carrie Wendorf

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 18 – Keith & Dawn Fredrick
- 26 – Terry & Lynn Clemans

LAY READER

Debbie Guenther

ALTAR GUILD

Ruth Peirick
Wendy Egholm

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 01 – Maundy Thursday
- 02 – Good Friday
- 04 - Easter
- 21 – Administrative Professionals Day
- 22 – Earth Day



View from the Pews

02/17 ~ 19	03/07 ~ 32
02/21 ~ 32	03/10 ~ 11
02/24 ~ 11	03/14 ~ 30
02/28 ~ 15	03/17 ~ 10
03/03 ~ 11	03/21 ~ 30



If you would like to share your Easter lilies or spring plants with us, please have them at Zion by 9 am on Saturday, April 3rd.



February Total Income: \$7,934.26
 February Total Expenses: \$8,056.36
 February Overall Total: \$-122.10

Financial Update

Full financial reports attached to your newsletter email.

Thank you for continuing to support Zion! Please mail your gifts to the address below.

Zion Lutheran Church
N557 Main Street, P.O. Box 254
Ashippun, WI 53003



The Ashippun Blood Mobile was held on Monday March 8, 2021 at the Ashippun Town Hall. Thank-you to all of those that helped to bake and to those that volunteered to work the canteen.

The many Blood Donors, as well as the Red Cross workers enjoyed the delicious bars and cookies provided by our church. They so look forward to the desserts.

Thank-you for your kind donations.

Zion Missions Committee
 Christine Siedschlag

2021 Graduates



Let's honor the Class of 2021!

Please let Danielle in the church office or Doreen know who will be graduating (or has graduated) during the 2020-21 school year, whether elementary, high school, college, or post grad.



Registration is now open for the 2021 ProHealth Care Walks for Cancer!

The walking is real. The community is virtual.

Every cancer journey is unique. This year your path for the Walks for Cancer can be too.

This May, walk in a way that's safe for you while connecting virtually with ProHealth Care and fellow participants. Whether you're in your neighborhood or on your favorite trail, your participation still makes a difference in the lives of our patients.

[Register online](#) for just \$20. Our team name is **Zion Spirit**. Your 2021 t-shirt will be mailed to the address you provide. Be sure to visit our [FAQ page](#) to review other information about this year's Walks.

Cancer doesn't stop for a pandemic, and neither will we.

Questions? Please [email us](#) or call 262-928-9255.



Piggly Wiggly Receipts

February's receipts turned in totaled \$3,168.45.

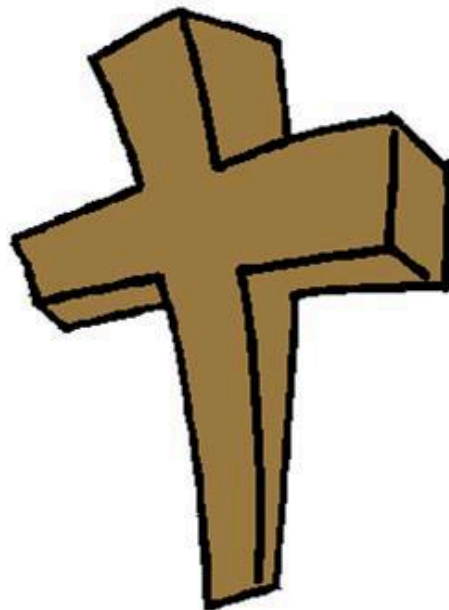


Ellen Braunschweig
 Shirley Chatfield
 Carly Ostrom
 Peyton Wolter
 Tom & Donna Meotke
 Wilber & Barb Pieper
 Ross & Jacob Kopfer

Easter Word Search

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 N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
 A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
 S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
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APOSTLES
 CHRIST
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 HOLY
 JESUS
 KING
 LAMB
 LOVE



MARY
 REDEMPTION
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 ROMANS
 ROOSTER
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