

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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## March 27, 2022

### Zion Activities this week

#### **Sunday, March 27 ~ CHAOS Sunday**

9:30am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

5:00 pm ~ Young Families Gathering

#### **Monday, March 28**

10:00 am ~ Staff

#### **Tuesday, March 29**

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, March 30**

5:30 pm ~ Family Meal

6:30 pm ~ "Get to Know the Pastors" Fun Night

7:00 pm ~ CHAOS (7th & 8th)

7:00 pm ~ MYF (high school)

#### **Thursday, March 31**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ Bethany High School Choir Concert

7:00 pm ~ AA

#### **Sunday, April 3 ~ Church School Sunday**

9:30am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

6:30 pm ~ Lenten Prayer Service (in-person & Zoom)



### Order of Service

**Prelude** ~ Kel Friesen

**Welcome & Announcements**

~ Jodi Nofziger, Keith & Jackie Lehman

**Interlude** ~ Leah Roth

**Call to Worship** ~ Naomi Richer & Ben Wheeler

**Opening Prayer** ~ Creighton Aeschliman

**Opening Songs** ~ Julia Richer, Grace Hastings,

Leah Roth, Naomi Richer

“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord” (HWB 76)

“New Earth, Heavens New” (HWB 299)

**Children's Time**

~ Karen Rodriguez & Isaias Gracia

**Offertory Prayer** ~ Ben Wheeler

**Scripture** ~ Luke 15 Readers Theater

**Sermon Conversation**

~ Sue Short & Creighton Aeschliman

**Song of Response** ~ Julia Richer

“I Will Arise” (HWB 139)

**Lenten Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

~ Grace Hastings & Ben Wheeler

**Prayer for the Church and World** ~ Suz Wirick

**Congregational Song** ~ Julia Richer,

Grace Hastings, Leah Roth, Naomi Richer

“In The Bulb There Is A Flower” (HWB 614)

**Benediction** ~ Creighton Aeschliman

**Sending Song** ~ Julia Richer

“We Are People Of God's Peace” (HWB 407)

**CHAOS Youth:** Creighton Aeschliman,  
Reiss Creighton, Isaias Gracia, Grace Hastings,  
Naomi Richer, Leah Roth, Ben Wheeler

### Office News

~ Corben will be on vacation Saturday afternoon, March 26th, through Tuesday.

### Happy Anniversary:

March 27 - John & Cathi Baer (58)

### Happy Birthday:

March 29 - Sarah Berry

April 2 - Darlene Polasek

*By God's Grace, Zion Mennonite Church will be a House of Peace where all people are invited to share Christ's love with each other and the world.*

## Upcoming Worship

**Lent 2022: “Seeking God’s Ways”** - This season, our Lent worship resources center on a focal text from Isaiah 55:8, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”* Lent is a time to repent, which means to turn away from our ways and recommit ourselves to the ways of God, as revealed in Jesus. How might we be called to greater faithfulness as we seek God's ways? What might it mean for us to follow God's ways, rather than our own?

**Sunday, March 27 CHAOS Sunday:** *“From Exceptionalism to Inclusion”* - Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Sunday, April Church School Sunday3:** *“From Scarcity to Abundance”* - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:4b-14

**Sunday, April 10:** *“From Power Over to Power With”* - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Luke 22:14-23:56; Philippians 2:5-11

## New Announcements

**Gospel of John Lenten Read-Through:** *(This was such a good experience last year, let's do it again!)* Sue would like to invite you to join her in reading through the Gospel of John during the remaining weeks of Lent. **Beginning Monday, March 28th, read one chapter of John each day, finishing on Easter Sunday.** As an added challenge, consider using a journal to write down what you are noticing as you read. What stands out to you? What are you learning?

**We will have another Lenten Prayer** service on Sunday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The focus of this service will be praying for peace in Ukraine and around the world.

**The last reminder:** Family meal, Wednesday, March 30, 5:30 to 6:30. Following the meal, at 6:30, you will become a part of the Newly Weds (and not so newly Weds) game. The participants will be Corben and Mara Weaver-Boshart, Sue and Stan Short, Steve and Sarah Hastings, and Neil and Kathy Nofziger. Looking forward seeing you next Wednesday! Those who cannot attend can connect with ZOOM using the church link for worship.

**CPC Women’s Health Resource** is happy to invite you and your church family to our 36<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Spring Benefit celebration, “Pro-Life and Unashamed.” To promote this event, we have enclosed flyers. Please accept our personal invitation and consider how you can help save babies from abortion. Our speaker is Mike Spencer, president of Project Life-Voice. The event will be held at Archbold High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 with hors d’ouvres at 5:30 pm with the program at 7:00 pm. The event is free and registration is requested but not required. To register, please go to [www.cpcnwo.org](http://www.cpcnwo.org) or contact the business office at 419-636-5692.

## Don’t Forget

**Bethany Christian High School Choir Concert at Zion** on Thursday, March 31st, in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. A freewill donation will be taken to help cover travel expenses.

**Family Meal:** Mark your calendar — Wednesday, March 30 at 5:30 for the family meal. Then at 6:30, let’s have fun with our pastors, Sue and Corben. Plan to be there.

**Church School Day:** Sunday, April 3 is our annual Church School Day at Zion. We are delighted to have Rachel Swartzendruber Miller, Vice President of Advancement at Hesston College, providing the sermon that day. Rachel will also spend time with our MYFers during the Sunday School hour. All are welcome to make pledges and contributions to our student aid fund for the benefit of our students at Mennonite colleges for the coming academic year. Our three students graduating from Mennonite colleges this spring are Denver Beck, Connor Wyse, and Ben Zimmerman, all from Goshen College. Our students next year will be Eli Grieser, Sr., Bluffton University (BU), Elijah Zimmerman, Jr, (BU), and Quinn Wyse, Frosh, Goshen College.  
~ College Financial Aid Committee

**Anabaptist World Magazine:** It is once again time to renew your membership with Anabaptist World. If you are currently receiving a magazine through the group subscription, **please let the office know whether you would like to renew or not!** If you are not on the group subscription and would like to be, contact the church office to be added to the group. The magazine will be \$39 for the year.

**On the Level:** The March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the partnership between Fraser Valley Church and MDS Canada in response to last years devastating flood, read about MDS volunteers making a difference for hurricane survivors in Louisiana, and find out how one volunteer went the extra mile to restore a banjo for a flood survivor. Click on this link to read more:

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