

# Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

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**March 19, 2023**

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## Zion Activities this week

### **Sunday, March 19**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School  
(No CHAOS, MYF or primary)

### **Monday, March 20**

9:30 am ~ Staff (zoom)  
7:00 pm ~ Formation

### **Tuesday, March 21**

10:00 am ~ Zoom Bible Study

### **Wednesday, March 22**

9:00 am ~ Pastor Peer (offsite)  
5:30 pm ~ Family meal  
7:00 pm ~ CHAOS  
7:00 pm ~ MYF Life Planning/Taize Prayer service  
7:00 pm ~ Gifts Discernment

### **Thursday, March 23**

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer  
7:00 pm ~ AA (310)  
7:00 pm ~ Choir practice

### **Friday, March 24**

5-8 pm ~ Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved

### **Saturday, March 25**

12-7 pm ~ Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved

### **Sunday, March 26**

8:30 am ~ Sojourners  
9:30 am ~ Worship (sanctuary & zoom)  
10:45 am ~ Sunday School  
11:45 am ~ Exploring Baptism

## Happy Birthday:

March 21 - Mike Zimmerman  
March 22 - Barb Aeschliman  
March 23 - Greg Nofziger

## Happy Anniversary

February 24 - Eric & Kellie Creighton (18)

## Office News

~ Dan is working from Goshen this week.

## Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bonnie Stuckey  
Welcome & Announcements ~ Lynn Roth  
Dedication Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"To God Be The Glory" (MH 532)  
Baby Dedication of Jill Marie Dahl  
Blessing Music ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"Children Of The Heavenly Father" (MH 532)  
"Jesus Loves Me"  
Call to Worship & Prayer ~ Lynn Roth  
Offering/Offertory ~ Lynn/Bonnie  
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"Longing For Light" (STJ 54)  
Confession & Prayer ~ Lynn Roth  
Scripture ~ John 9:1-12  
Sermon ~ Sue Short  
Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"I Want To Walk As A Child" (STJ 95)  
Testimony  
Prayer for Church & World ~ Sue Short  
Benediction ~ Sue Short  
Sending Hymn ~ Cheryl Britsch  
"The Lord Bless You And Keep You" (SJ 76)



**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.**

## Lent Worship Series 2023

*Created in the Image of God - Shaped by Jesus*

Lent is a fitting season of the church year to focus our attention on some foundational questions - What does it mean to be images of the God who created us? What does it mean to be called by Jesus, and shaped by Jesus as we follow? What is the Spirit's role within us and among us?

**Lent 4 - Sunday, March 19** - *"Called to the Light"* (1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41)

**Lent 5 - Sunday, March 26** - *"Called to Life"* (Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45)

**Lent 6 - Palm Sunday, April 2** - *"Called to Worship"* (Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11)

## Thank you

Thank you so much for welcoming us so warmly on our Chamber Singers spring break tour last week! It was so lovely to share our music with you all. I know it is an extra thing to add to your list of things to work on, so I'm very grateful that you decided to help us in this way.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and it is in large part due to meeting so many wonderful people along the way. I hope our paths cross again in the future!

Thanks again!

Peace,

Benjamin Bergey

Assistant Professor of Music, Eastern Mennonite University

## New Announcements

**Family Meal** on March 22 at 5:30 will be sub sandwiches, cookies and fruit. Vegetarian options available. We hope to see you Wednesday!

### **THE LAST PAGE...**

#### **...but never the last word**

I don't know about you, but one of my thoughts about stewarding creation is refusing to put single-use batteries in the trash. If you've tried to do something about this, you know the difficulty. There are places that take recyclable batteries and old cell phones; but not single-use batteries. We have an accumulation of batteries at the office because who wants to throw them in the trash – but what else is there?

So Bethany did research and found a place that recycles single-use batteries. Those used batteries in the office are going to find a new home! The box can hold 50 pounds of batteries. That's more than what we have in the office, so until the box is full, we invite you to bring batteries for recycling. (Call the office if you have questions.) Once it's full and shipped off, we will evaluate the experiment and decide whether to continue. Feel free to share your thoughts with staff.

Dan

### **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**

A sign up sheets are on the table across from the mailboxes. There are 2 separate sign up sheets...one for if you are willing to host and one for being a guest! Dinner will take place on April 23.

### **Don't Forget**

**Gospel of John Lent Read-Thru:** Sue would like to invite you to join her in reading through John in the weeks leading up to Easter. We'll begin Monday, March 20th, reading one chapter per day. Come join in!

**On March 22 at 7 p.m.,** we will hold a Taize service in the sanctuary. This will be the monthly Life Planning meeting for youth and advocates, but the entire congregation is invited. Come and experience prayer and worship in a contemplative way.