

Isaiah 46:3-4

"Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

James 1:17-21

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was

there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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From Age to Age the Same



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Zion's Mission Statement:

Proclaiming Jesus Christ through Preaching, Teaching and Reaching

Pastor: *Rev. Jonathan M. Ripke*

Interim Co-Principals: *Dan Bertrand & Merri-lynn Seaburg*

Music Director: *Karina Keating*

Ministering to Each Other: *All Members*

✦ WELCOME ✦

A warm and cordial welcome to all! Your presence is a blessing to us and we are happy that we can all join together in worshiping our Lord and in celebrating His triumphant resurrection. We invite you to lift up your hearts with joy and thanksgiving with us. And please do come and worship with us again!

✦ FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION ✦

The Lord's Supper, Jesus says "This is my body; This is my Blood." We cannot fully grasp this mystery, but faithfully trust Him that in this Sacrament we receive Christ's body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. By communing together we affirm that we share this same confession of faith. If you have not yet been instructed in the Lutheran confession or have questions about the Sacrament please refrain from communing until you have opportunity to speak to the pastor. We joyfully desire to gather together at the table of the Lord in faithful accordance with God's Word.

✦ Second Sunday of Epiphany ✦

Life Sunday

January 19, 20, 21, 2019

6:00 PM, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM—Divine Service 4 - LSB Page 203

Hymns: *LSB 791, 733, 523, 411, 878*

Organist: Sat: Lisa Hasseldahl Sun 8:00: Karina Keating Mon: Lisa Hasseldahl

Sermon: "From Age to Age the Same" Pastor Ripke

Sermon Text: Isaiah 46:3-4

From Age to Age the Same (Isaiah 46:3-4, John 2:1-11)

How e_____ : there was no more w_____! (John 2:3)

⇒ Weddings in Jesus' day could last for a whole w_____.

J_____ is right there in the midst of an embarrassing situation (John 2:2,4)

⇒ He is not bothered: "My time has not yet c_____." (John 2:4)

Why do you think they ran out of wine? _____

M_____ knows embarrassing situations: it had happened to her 30 years before (Matt. 1; Luke 2).

⇒ The Lord brought her through: brought J_____ to her side (Matt. 1:20-24); wise m_____ offered gifts (Matt. 2:11); kept them safe (Mt. 2:13-15, 21-22).

⇒ Mary t_____ all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:19, 51)

What's e_____ usually doesn't end up that way: it is often the d_____ in disguise (see Matthew 4 or 2 Cor. 11:14).

Jesus is there in s_____ : He was one from whom "m_____ turned their faces away" (Isaiah 53:3) and struggled for breath (Luke 23:46); He also refused an "easier" way (see Mark 15:23).

⇒ Jesus w_____ with us in suffering.

He remains with us in embarrassing situations, just as He did with His people long ago: "From a_____ to a_____, I am there..." (Is. 46:4)

⇒ Even though they worshiped i_____ and sold out to foreign nations, God remained t_____ for His people. (see Is. 46:5-13)

On Life Sunday, we have a S_____ who is not embarrassed by s_____ or s_____.

At the end of John 2, Jesus' glory is r_____, and His disciples put their _____ in Him. (John 2:11)

⇒ "I am with you a_____..." (Matt. 28:20)

Disciple means "one who follows": Jesus' disciples followed Him long ago. We are His disciples and follow Him t_____.

Jesus goes, and we must go too, that the Lord would continue to r_____ Himself to the world.



Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday

8:00 AM Worship W/C
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Bible Study–Pastor Ripke
 9:30 AM Bible Study–Pastor Schulz
 10:30 AM Worship W/C

Monday No School

5:30 PM Ron Ham Counting Team
 6:30 PM Worship W/C

Tuesday

8:45 AM Ladies Bible Study
 9:00 AM Reading Partners
 3:00 PM Blood Drive
 7:00 PM Directors Meeting

Wednesday

6:00 PM Adult Handbells
 7:00 PM Adult Choir

Saturday

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
 6:00 PM Worship

Student in College?

Pastor Ripke would like to connect with members from Zion who are in college right now. Addresses, phone numbers, etc.-- any contact info is great! You can send information to Pastor Ripke at pastor.ripke@zionmarengo.net or talk with him at church.



All children age 3 through high school are invited to Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

9:15 AM Opening Songs

9:30 AM Sunday School

Bulletin Announcements

- ◆ Due: Wed. @ Noon
- ◆ E-mail submissions 100 words or less to sandy.hauschildt@zionmarengo.net
- ◆ Typed/neatly printed announcements can be dropped off in the office.
- ◆ All submissions must include name, phone, and start/stop date (max. three weeks).
- ◆ Announcements are subject to approval, may be edited, and must be Zion related, reflecting the mission of the church and school.

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Zion Lutheran Church

Weekend of January 20, 2019
 Information Bulletin

Adult Bible Studies

9:30-10:15 AM
 "Anxious for Nothing"
 Taught by Pastor Schulz, will meet in the Library.

"Why Do We Sing That?"
 led by Pastor Ripke, will meet in the Chapel.

Coffee Hour

This week's coffee hour is being hosted by **Lutherans for Life**

Next week's is being hosted by the **The Auction Committee**

Door Collection

A door collection for Social Action will be taken as you exit services this weekend. Proceeds will be going to Lutherans for Life.

Altar Flowers

In Memory of
Brian
 From: Keith & Donita Hopper

Last Week's Attendance

Total – 361
 Sat. 6:00 PM 45
 Sun. 8:00 AM 97
 Sun. 10:30 PM 111
 Mon. 6:30 PM 108

Next Week's Acolytes

January 26, 27, 28
 6:00 PM Olivia Clausen
 8:00 AM Rylan Smith
 10:30 AM Grace Partsch
 6:30 PM Allyana Pedroza

Next Week's Greeters — January 26, 27, 28

6:00 PM Jessica Rekalde & Laura Altamore
 8:00 AM Ron & Arlene Ham
 10:30 AM Sarah & Jude Lubas
 6:30 PM Sandee Dunker & Pam Woodruff

Special Prayers

Shawn M. McAulffle

Kay Papka

Tara Seaburg

Donnie Logsdon–Judith Dailey's nephew

Ladies Aid

There is a meeting at 10:00 AM today (Feb. 20th) for anyone interested in helping with the Ash Wednesday Supper on March 6th.

Zion Auction is coming up, please bring your chocolate goodies in to add to the basket by March 3rd

Altar Guild

The first meeting of the year is **Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 PM** in the multi-purpose room. We look forward to seeing everyone there to start out the new year! And there's treats!

No Public School Confirmation Class on

Monday, January 21st.

Life Quote

"The most fundamental fact of modern biology is that your body is in a continual state of change and development from cradle to grave. Yet, through all the changes, your identity remains the same."

Rev. Jonathan Lange, district life coordinator for the Wyoming District LCMS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Over the past few decades, studies have shown that Americans are the most anxious people in the world. We take the most medication for it, see doctors to treat it, and spend fortunes trying to relieve it. How have we let our fears get the better of us? In *Anxious for Nothing*, Max

Lucado reflects on the promises of Philippians 4:4-8. This passage from Paul's epistle contains an antidote to anxiety that will help you develop a mindset of resilience. A new Bible study, based on Lucado's book and accompanying video, will begin at Zion on Sunday, January 6th. Plan to be a part of the study and discussion.

Giving Statements

Please pick up your giving statement in the Narthex. They are in alphabetic order. Thank you!

Dinner and a Movie

Mark your calendar!

Outreach will again host a "Dinner and a Movie Night" on Friday February 15th in the multi-purpose room. Dinner, starting at 6:00 PM will consist of tacos with trimmings, mac and cheese, side dishes, desserts, bottled water and coffee. The movie, "I Can Only Imagine," will start at 7:00 PM.

It is a Christian themed film about a boy growing up in fear at the hands of an abusive father. Admission is free, but there will be a free will donation at the door to cover expenses. Any donations exceeding our costs will be donated to Zion. Feel free to bring friends who aren't currently Zion members. We hope to see you on the 15th.

Zion Outreach Committee

SCRIP Orders

Monday, January 28th

Financial Recap

GENERAL GIVING:

Weekly Budget	\$19,000
Weekly Jan 13	\$ 8,374
YTD Giving Over	\$13,095

BUILDING FUND GIVING:

January Budget	\$3,000
January Received	\$ 1,172

2018 GIVING FOR:

Pastor Ferry	\$3,607
Comfort Dogs:	\$7,045

Operational Loan Balance:

Buhrows Endowment	\$42,309
Current Operations	\$ 0.00

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent products, you may have money to donate to Zion Church or School. This is easy to do. You have until March 31st to tell them where you want your dollars to go.

Call 800-847-4836 during weekdays. All you need to tell them is your name, birthday, and telephone number. You may be on hold for a few minutes. There are still thousands of dollars available through our members.

Life Light

LifeLight classes have began. Anyone is certainly welcome to join us. There will be 2 classes, one at 10 AM and the other is at 7:15 PM. We will be studying Ephesians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Books are available in the church office for \$10.00 each.

Ski As A Family at Alpine Valley Resort 2018-2019

We have the opportunity to ski as a group at Alpine Valley Resort. We will be skiing Sunday from 3-10 PM.

There's a one-time club card fee of \$18. This card allows you to purchase \$18 lift tickets and \$18 ski/snowboard rentals for each Club night (Jan 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Feb 3rd, 10th) of the program. The card also allows students to ski or snowboard Sunday through Friday after 3:00 PM for the same \$18 club price lift tickets.

In addition, the Student Program also includes one free lesson on club night. Contact Stephanie Martin for club card purchases (cash only...Alpine Valley policy) and additional information call 815-405-2218

PTL Girls Basketball Tournament

You can help us make our tournament a success. PTL is looking for pies & people to grill for the tournament on February 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, please call Rachel Ortega at 815-543-6949 for details.

Lutherans For Life

Lutherans for Life celebrates life at all stages. We know science can tell us amazing facts about human life, but cannot tell us where life is from or why does life matter.

This message of life is the message running through scripture & the reason LFL exist. As we are confronted with old & new threats to the sanctity of life, we hold them up to the mirror of God's Word. As Lutherans for Life takes this Gospel motivated message across the world we need your prayers., your volunteer spirit & financial support. FROM AGE TO AGE THE SAME... some things never change. Thanks be to God! Contact Genny Hertel & share your ideas 815-568-8425

Attention

All Trivia Buffs!

Come test your knowledge at Zion's 4th Annual Trivia Night; Friday, February 8, 2019 from 7-9 PM. Admission is \$10 per person at the door. Teams of up to 10 players! Come with a team theme/decorations, bring your own snacks and (non-alcoholic) drinks. (Come as an individual player even if you don't have a team) Prizes awarded for the Winning Team and extra prize-winning games played between rounds. Question topics include Sports, Movies, Music, Cartoons, Literature, Math, Technology, Religion, Science, Bible, Geography, and History. Proceeds from Trivia Night will support the teacher's professional development at LEA 2019.

Coat Drive

We are, once again, collecting gently used coats in all sizes. All donations are given to The More Center, to be given to our fellow community members who may need them. Your generosity has helped to keep others warm for many a past winter. We will collect the coats, mittens/gloves and hats.