



Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

In the interest of brevity, it has been requested that we keep the Prayer List in the Bulletin, and mentioned during services, for people who are experiencing immediate health issues and not those with chronic health issues. However, we want to continue to remember all who are experiencing health problems in their lives in our prayers. Therefore, we are now going to list everyone to remember in your prayers on the website and newsletter. **If you have asked for someone to be on the prayer list and they are doing better or can even be removed, please Geri know so she can keep the list updated.**

Please pray for † Virginia Coffield † Chris Danzl † Julie Peterson † Jeff Christiansen † Jim Wallenberg †
† Sheldon Carlson † Eileen Bernstrom † Dick Olson † Owen & Janet Swenson † Kristi & Leo Vasquez †
† Dan & Deb Finney † Easton Carr † Bonita Hanson † Kim Johnson † Logan Johnson † Kelsey Stenmark †
† Owen Swenson † Eileen Bernstrom's brother, Galen Schultz † Dennis Nordin † Hunter Pinke † Ann Lasky †
† Colin Richard † Audrey Hartje † Amie Dexter † Landon Labine †
† Armed Forces † our Law Enforcement † our First Responders † our Health Care Workers †

Let's also pray for wisdom for all world leaders in the time of this world-wide health pandemic and for all who have contracted the Corona Virus that God lays healing hands upon them and they are able to make a successful recovery.

IN MEMORY: Please keep families and friends of the following in your prayers:

† Luella Quiner † Matt & Jackie Przekwas family †
† Laverne & Pat Isaacson, Pat's brother passed away unexpectedly †
† Dale & Susan Van Dale (Geri's brother & sister-in-law) - Susan's son passed away unexpectedly on 01/19 †

SNOW SHOVELING - HELP NEEDED!!!

Call Geri Apler at 218-762-1441 to sign up for snow shoveling the sidewalks and doorways at the church.

If you would like to volunteer, but are unable to shovel, Jacob and Ozzie will shovel.

Call Brad Rice at 218-762-3521 for arrangements.

03/07 thru 03/13	Jacob & Ozzie for Lois Boroski	03/28 thru 04/03	NEED
03/14 thru 03/20	Jacob & Ozzie for Leon Olson	04/04 thru 04/11	NEED
03/21 thru 03/27	Jacob & Ozzie for Leon Olson	04/12 thru 04/18	NEED

Kathy's Office Hours

Kathy Levenhagen, SAM, wants to make certain that everyone is aware that she would normally maintain office hours at Sion between 2 and 5 pm, Thursdays, in the Pastor's Office, but due to COVID, her schedule is in doubt! Kathy welcomes any phone calls if you need to speak with her, even if it's just to reach out!



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Lenten Services

MAR. 10, COMMUNITY WITH OUR NEIGHBOR, MARK 2:1-12, PARALYZED MAN IS HEALED

MAR. 17, COMMUNITY WITH THOSE ON THE EDGE, MARK 5:1-20, GERASENE DEMONIC

MAR. 24, COMMUNITY WITH CHRIST, MARK 10:32-45, WALKING IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

APRIL 1, MAUNDY THURSDAY JOHN 13:1-17 31-35

APRIL 4, MARK 16: 1-8

THANK YOU

Thank you!!! We can't thank the congregation enough for your support of soup and sandwiches. It has been a huge success so far and we couldn't do it without the support of all of you! THANK YOU ALL!!

See you all on Wednesday!

~Sion Youth Group~

Lent: Time to go the second mile

"If any of your kin fall into difficulty and become dependent on you, you shall support them." Leviticus 25:35a

Thanks to vaccines, we can expect an end to the pandemic this year, but the economic recovery will linger much longer. Our government reports that half the families in our nation lost income in 2020, with many of them forced into desperate poverty.

Billion of dollars in federal assistance and a moratorium on evictions have helped ease the pain, but many are suffering. The pandemic's economic victims may include you, your family members, and people in your community or congregation.

Lent has begun, but it's not too late to adopt a discipline that may simultaneously help bring you closer to God, increase your faith and help your neighbor. Pray for guidance on how to respond to the need.

Here are some ideas:

- Pray, Set aside time each day to talk and listen to God.
- If you can afford to make a financial contribution, give sacrificially to a ministry that's helping people get by. A food pantry, soup kitchen, homeless shelter, clothing closet. Can you make a weekly donation through Lent, and beyond?
- If you cannot afford to make a financial contribution, can you volunteer? Are there special talents—writing, online communications, organizing, fund-raising, etc.—that you might be able to donate?
- In your congregation, start or expand a helping ministry. Alternatively, lead your church to become a ministry that's already doing a good job.
- Learn about the needs in your congregation and community, and then educate others.
- Advocate on issues of poverty and economic justice.

The pandemic's bruising effects will take years to heal. As God's people, we can help by praying, serving and supporting those in need.

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Virtual Services

Church services will continue to be livestreamed. <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e7b8c54ae33e> and can always be accessed by going to our website at www.sionlutheran.com.

For those who want to attend in person, feel free to do so. We will follow all CDC guidelines.

Notes from Kathy

March is a messy month. It can be cold and full of snow at unexpected moments. Or it can be warm and sunny. It may require snow boots or mud boots. Lent is a little like that as well. Messy and we are not sure where the Lenten season will take us. Will taking time to reflect on the things that fill our lives leave us enriched or longing for more?

We may deeply believe in the necessity for solitude and reflection but gradually there is no space left in our day. We become so used to not having any space for solitude that finally we no longer notice that it is missing. Joyce Rupp writes in *Fresh Bread and other gifts of Spiritual Nourishment* that "we may truly believe in the need to forgive and to be reconciled, to start anew in relationships that have sharp edges or dull pain, but we allow little, hard spots in our hearts to build up into a wall that forgiveness cannot penetrate. Eventually we end up losing that warm spot in our heart for a person we once loved. We can so simply let the days and months go by without ever searching for our lost pearls of great price."

If we look closely into our hearts we will find that we have all lost something we value. Sometimes we are not even sure what we have lost, but something tells us we need to look. Something unnamed gnaws at our insides and begs us to hunt, to pursue it. Perhaps it is a loss of our inner sense of direction, or a feeling that we are not sure if we have strayed from God's good news. The gospel is filled with images of lost treasures being found. There's the lost son who returns to the arms of a father long waiting for him. There's the shepherd who searches for and who gathers into his arms the lost lamb. And there's the woman who was overjoyed at finding a lost coin.

The beauty of the finding is that all of the greatest treasures are in the heart of our God. Lent is a time to look at the Son, Jesus, and to see what he held dear, to recognize anew how he refound all of us through his death and resurrection.

Lent is a time to come to know the one who continually searches us out and finds us.

As you look at this list of treasures that may need finding, where do you feel yourselves drawn?

- Have I lost a sense of purpose in life? Do I have a goal?
- Have I lost a belief in myself and my inner goodness?
- Have I lost a generous heart? Do I give grudgingly, or only to a few, chosen ones?
- Have I lost the treasure of compassion? How open is my heart to the cares of others?
- Have I lost my perception of the truth? Do little lies creep into my life and does hypocrisy pursue me?
- Have I lost my intimacy with God? Do I still know Jesus?

Hopefully, we can have some answers by Easter morning and join our voices together as we Alleluia our journey with Jesus.

See you Sunday, Kathy

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March 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1) 7PM Lions Mtg Parish Hall	2)	3) 3:30PM Confirmation (in house) 5:30-6:15PM Soup/Sand 6:30PM Lenten Services	4)	5)	6)
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