

Holy Week

The Heart of the Christian Story

The earliest Christians didn't celebrate Christmas until a few decades after the death of Jesus. The cross and resurrection were the beginning and the focus of their message. That's still true for us today.

Palm Sunday Worship

(with Palms and Procession)

Sunday, April 14th at 8:30 and 10:45 AM



Maunder Thursday

6:30 PM – Soup supper with foot washing, communion and stripping the altar

Good Friday

7:30 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae



Easter Morning



6:30 AM – Sunrise Worship with Communion

8:30 AM – Easter Worship with Communion

9:45 AM – Easter Breakfast

10:15 AM – Children's Egg Hunt

10:45 AM – Easter Worship with Communion

Lent – A Season of Renewal

We continue our evenings of worship and small group discussions:

- ♦ April 3rd: "Meaning and Purpose"
- ♦ April 10th: "Why Church"

Worship at 7:00 PM each week, followed by small groups and refreshments. Come join us!

Easter Breakfast

Again this year, our youth will prepare and serve the Easter Breakfast. The menu will include pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage, fruit and drinks. We hope everyone will join us!

It is a free will offering. 10% of the proceeds will be given to Feed My Starving Children. The remainder will be used towards expenses for the 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.



Feed My Starving Children – April 6th

We have another great chance to serve by packing food that will be sent to hungry children all around the globe. We serve from 9 AM to 11 AM on a Saturday morning, so many of us may be able to go. Dianha Ortega Ehreth is organizing this event, so if you'd like to attend, let her know! Even children over age 5 are welcome to volunteer with an accompanying adult, so this is a great family activity!

To register go to <https://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=19YNEN> or email Dianha Ortega Ehreth at Dianhae@gmail.com.

April Verse of the Month

Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)



Worship Scripture Lessons

April 7, 2019—*The Story*, Ch. 26

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (sermon text)
Mark 15:27-41

April 14, 2018—Palm Sunday

(Not using The Story this week)
Psalm 118:25-29
Matthew 21:1-17 (sermon text)

April 21, 2019—*The Story*, Ch. 27 (EASTER!)

Psalm 118:19-24
Matthew 28:1-10 (sermon text)

April 28, 2019—*The Story*, Ch. 28

Acts 1:6-11 (sermon text)
John 14:16-20

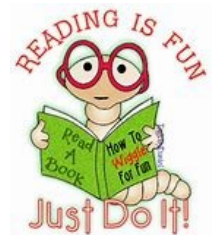
Youth Group

We have a great group of kids and they are busy serving to make the world and the congregation a better place:

- ♦ April 6th: This month our youth group will be headed to Feed My Starving Children at the Schaumburg site to pack meals, along with family members and others from the congregation. See the article on page 1 for registration details.
- ♦ April 20th: We will gather at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall to set up for Easter Breakfast.
- ♦ April 21st: We serve Easter breakfast!

Books for Lowrie

It is hard to believe, but before we know it summer break will be here! And – as every year, Zion wants make sure that every child at Lowrie Elementary School will be able to take at least 1 book home for summer reading!



Thanks to you we already have quite a collection of books K- 6th grade. However, we could still use books for the lower grades and especially children's books in Spanish. Please drop your donations off in the overflow area on the corner rack. Questions? Please contact Gudrun at 847-931-9774.

Elgin Public Information meeting at Zion

On April 4, the city will hold a public information meeting at Zion for two area construction projects from 7-9 PM – the Lord Street Combined Sewer Separation Phase V and the Jewett Gertrude Street Rehabilitation. If you are in the SWAN area, these may be of interest to you.



FINANCIAL UPDATE YEAR TO DATE THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
General	\$29,285	\$32,855
Building	\$2,821	\$1736

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/ Holy Communion
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:45 a.m. Worship/ Holy Communion

- May 7 – Soup Kettle – We serve
- May 19 - Last day of Sunday School and final week of *The Story*
- May 24 - Game Night
- May 26 – Begin summer worship times (8:30 and 10:15)
- June 4 – Soup Kettle – We serve
- June 7-8 – Synod Assembly
- June 9 - Church Picnic