

An Unlikely Lent

“Unlikely Companionship”
Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Zion United Methodist Church exists to celebrate God's grace
and witness for Jesus Christ. As you worship, open your heart.
God has a word for you today!*

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PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*INVITATION SONGS *"Only King Forever" "The Wonderful Cross"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are on a journey of faith

We travel with Jesus as our guide.

The promises of God shine like a star before us and give us strength for the journey.

But still, in the wilderness, we become impatient and rebellious, and lose our way,
We gather seeking God's word to rediscover the paths of righteousness

*O God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thank you for Jesus
who is our companion on the way.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

UMH 601

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus the servant-Christ, whose disciples we are. Make us strong through your strength. Make us wise in your wisdom. Make us gentle in your compassion. May we become the traveling companions of other disciples on the way so that your name be glorified in all the earth. Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Before and Behind" by Shalinn Silkwood & BJ Huffman
Zion Praise Band*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

*Luke 23:26-31
Unlikely Companionship*

Rev. Clay Lundberg

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O How He Loves You and Me"

TFWS 2108

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN

"Take Up Thy Cross" (vs. 1 & 4)

UMH 415

*SENDING FORTH

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY, March 15th

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

TUESDAY, March 17th

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins
7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, March 18th

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters
5:30 p.m.-Lenten Supper/Devotion
7:00 p.m.–Choir Practice

THURSDAY, March 19th

9:00 a.m.-Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, March 22nd

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

TUESDAY, March 24th

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

WEDNESDAY, March 25th

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters
5:30 p.m.-Lenten Supper/Devotion
7:00 p.m.–Choir Practice

THURSDAY, March 26th

9:00 a.m.-Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & DEVOTIONS

Join us on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall during the season of Lent at 5:30 p.m. for a soup supper and devotion based on the "meal stories" from the gospels. Jesus makes himself known at the table. Soup supper dates are: **Mar. 18th**, **Mar. 25th**, and **April 1st**. There is a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to provide some yummy soup.

COMING SOON : STEM SUNDAY FUNDAY

Get ready for STEM Sunday Funday, where faith and curiosity collide! As we journey through the days of Holy Week, we'll explore the story in a whole new way—through hands-on STEM challenges, creative experiments, and surprising discoveries. Come see how science, engineering, and the story of Jesus can spark wonder together! All are welcome to join us on **Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

BLESSING BOX

There is a blessing box outside of Zion! Take a blessing, leave a blessing! Pick up something extra to share with our Zion Neighborhood when you visit the grocery store! Non-perishable items only please!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Your safety is our first concern. Should we need to cancel worship services or other church activities this information will be found on our Zion Church website (www.zion-umc.org) or you may check your local stations at **Television** – *WDAY/WDAZ, Channel 8; KVLY, Channel 11*
Radio – *KNOX 1310 AM; KCNN 1590 AM.*

THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The Quilt of the Week is a twin sized quilt measuring 58" x 86". It is called "I SPY" and is scraps that are sewn together.

**IF YOU NEED A QUIET PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD,
OUR NURSERY IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER WEST WING.**

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTOR	Rev. Clay Lundberg
MINISTERS	The Congregation
CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	David Perry
ORGANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST	Marjorie Myrold
LAY READER.....	Mark Flint
LAY LEADER.....	Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Gail Sherwood

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 8, 2026

Sunday Worship – 72 Sunday School – 20 Online - 32

FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 8, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 3,617.50
NARTHEX.....	\$ 625.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 00.00

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN	\$ 26,500.53
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT	\$ 21,100.05
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE	\$ 4,775.18

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ZION

Other than using checks, you may take advantage of other giving options. You can give online via **Tithe.ly**. Scan the QR code here and follow the directions. For those who prefer **Automatic Bank Transfer** on a regular basis, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYER MARKER FOR MARCH 15TH- MARCH 21ST 2026

LIFT IN PRAYER

Peter Blay
Wally and Carol Mytych
Aileen Sandwick & Family
The Sondreal Family
The O'Shaughnessy Family
The Rowe Family
Our Shut-ins

JOYS

Sunday Music
Praise Band and Choir
Love Feast
Building Update Projects
Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions

BIRTHDAYS

03/15 Everleigh Klamm
03/19 Deb Glennen