

An Unlikely Lent

“Unlikely Courage”
Sunday, March 22, 2026

JOIN Fifth 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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THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*INVITATION SONGS *Our God* "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are afraid,

May we sense our Lord ever near.

When we feel alone,

May we sense our Lord always present.

When we cry out, "Where is our God?"

May we sense our Lord by our side.

When we feel the world in turmoil,

May we feel our Lord calming our lives.

When we feel at a loss,

May our Lord fill us with an unlikely courage.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

UMH 358

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we thank you for this season of Lent, during which you invite us to come, to examine, to confess, to be renewed and healed. Grant us courage to set aside easy answers and quick fixes in favor of your word that penetrates and transforms us. Enable us to see past the immediate satisfaction of our wants that we may choose instead the eternally fulfilling grace of your presence. Embolden our faith that we may trust you rather than the false and empty promises of our age. Thank you for walking this Lenten journey with us. May we emerge from it prepared to serve you with renewed passion and joy. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Lord Will Be My Shepherd"

by Don Besig

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

Matthew 27:55-56

Unlikely Courage

Rev. Clay Lundberg

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (vs. 1 & 3)

UMH 301

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be" (vs. 1 & 3)

UMH 399

*SENDING FORTH

THIS WEEK AT ZION

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, March 29th

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School
Continued. . .

10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m.- Palm Sunday Worship Service
4:00 p.m.- STEM Sunday Funday

TUESDAY, March 31st

9:00 a.m.-UM Men's group at Perkins
5:30 p.m.-Love Feast

WEDNESDAY, April 1st

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, April 2nd

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

FRIDAY, April 3rd

7:00 p.m.- Good Friday Service

No Sunday School Easter Sunday, April 5th

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. 25th**, and **April 1**. . 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.**

GOOD FRIDAY

Join us on Friday April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. for our Good Friday worship service in the sanctuary followed by a communion service in the Fireside Room.

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!

THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The name of this week's quilt is "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" It is a twin sized panelled quilt measuring 63" x 84".

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE

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

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 15, 2026
Sunday Worship – 65 Sunday School – 16 Online - 29

FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 15, 2026

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| WORSHIP SERVICE..... | \$ 4,707.00 |
| NARTHEX..... | \$ 215.00 |
| APPORTIONMENTS..... | \$ 110.00 |

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

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| 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 22ND- MARCH 28TH 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

03/24 Dale Taylor
03/24 Cheryl Klamm
03/26 Grace Sondreal
03/26 Cynthia Shabb