



# Defending the *Doubting*

**April 12, 2026**  
**Zion United Methodist Church**

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

*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 *"Come Into His Presence," "Jesus Messiah," "Isn't He"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as people on a journey.

*We believe and we have doubts; we do good and we sin.*

*We are imperfect humans and still beloved by God*

Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God..

*We seek forgiveness and grace from Jesus and from those we have harmed.*

Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

*We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.*

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

*Speak to us, God! Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen!*

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"*

UMH 312

OPENING PRAYER

Living God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness. By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"What the Lord Has Done in Me"*

arr. by Lloyd Larson

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

*John 20:19-28*

*Defending the Doubting*

*Rev. Clay Lundberg*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

*"Christ is Risen"*

UMH 307

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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

*"Thine Be the Glory" (vs. 1 & 3)*

UMH 308

\*SENDING FORTH

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **SUNDAY, April 12th**

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

### **TUESDAY, April 14th**

9:00 a.m.-UM Men's group at Perkins

### **WEDNESDAY, April 15th**

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters  
7:00 p.m.- Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, April 16th**

9:00 a.m.- Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop  
7:00 p.m.- SPRC meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, April 19th**

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

### **TUESDAY, April 21st**

9:00 a.m.-UM Men's group at Perkins

### **WEDNESDAY, April 22nd**

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters  
6:00 p.m.-VBS Meeting  
7:00 p.m.- Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, April 23rd**

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

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## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY TODAY!

This is the last day that the Easter backdrop will be on display in the **narthex** for picture taking. Use your camera or cell phone to take pictures. Then send Happy Easter greetings to family and friends.

## LOVE FEAST

Zion's turn for serving the Love Feast is now on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We will need plenty of volunteers to help serve, prepare, and clean. We will be serving scalloped potatoes and ham, French cut beans, and homemade 7-layer bars. There is a sign up in the narthex for This event. There will also be a Sign-up Genius sent out.

## HELP WANTED

We are looking for a new person to count our weekly offerings on Mondays. Barb Larson has generously counted Sunday offerings for many years and is looking to retire. THANK YOU, Barb for your service to Zion! The only skill required is to be able to use a calculator. Please consider this service opportunity.

## MUSTARD SEED EVENT

Mark your calendars for **April 26th** and join us **after our service** for a cultural event with a variety of foods prepared by refugees who have been resettled through Global Friends Coalition. Global Friends received a Mustard Seed grant through the UMC Dakota's Conference and as part of that we agreed to provide a cultural meal and introduce the congregation to some newcomers. A free will offering will be accepted to help off-set the cost of the food preparation

## 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 Quilt of the Week is a 78.5" x 64.5" twin called "Light and Dark". .

**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 Myröld
LAY READER.....	Matt Myrick
LAY LEADER.....	Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Gail Sherwood

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 5TH, 2026

Sunday Worship – 126 Online - 51

## FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 5TH, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 4,080.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 615.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 210.00

### MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 37,887.36
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 23,693.77
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 6,480.18

### 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!



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## PRAYER MARKER FOR APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>- APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> 2026

### LIFT IN PRAYER

Peter Blay  
Wally and Carol Mytych  
Aileen Sandwick & Family  
The Juntunen 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  
STEM Sunday Funday

### BIRTHDAYS

04/17 Tim Carlson

### ANNIVERSARIES

04/13 James & Linda Juntunen