



Holy Ghost STORIES

**“Wrestling with God”
April 19, 2026**

Third 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 *"God So Loved," "You Are My All in All"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the quiet places of our lives, we come—bringing our questions, our struggles, and our fears.

We come to wrestle with God, and to be held by God.

When the night feels long and the path unclear, God meets us in the struggle.

God meets us, blesses us, and calls us by name.

Come, all who are weary from the wrestling—come, all who seek a blessing.

We come to encounter the living God, and to be changed by the Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

UMH 452

OPENING PRAYER

God who was and is, and is to come, we approach your presence to behold your awesome power and glory. Open our eyes this day, that we might witness the love of Jesus and the immeasurable power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to live with your justice and mercy in our daily lives. Open our hearts, that we may rejoice in your covenant of reconciling love. Guide us with your Spirit so that we may live as new people in and through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"And Can It Be"

arr. by Dan Forrest

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

Gen 32:22-32

Holy Ghost Stories: Wrestling with God

Rev. Clay Lundberg

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

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

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

*SENDING FORTH

*STAND IF COMFORTABLE | UMH: UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL (RED) | TFWs: THE FAITH WE SING (BLACK)

THIS WEEK AT ZION

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, April 26th

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

TUESDAY, April 28th

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

WEDNESDAY, April 29th

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

THURSDAY, April 30th

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

LOVE FEAST

Zion's turn for serving the Love Feast is now on April 28th. 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.

THE BIG EVENT

Save the date, May 2! Come and help from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm with our spring clean-up. Bring your rakes and window washing supplies.

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 four panel floral with cottages on the panels. We call it "Enchanted Cottages" and it measures 80" x 65".

**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.....	Cathy Perry
LAY LEADER.....	Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Gail Sherwood

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 12TH, 2026

Sunday Worship – 58 Sunday School - 17 Online - 36

FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 12TH, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 7,422.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 0.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 0.00

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!



PRAYER MARKER FOR APRIL 19TH- APRIL 25TH 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

04/22 Wayne Seames
04/25 Stephen Benson