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**Prayer Concerns**: Allen Jensen, Selena Morales, Zander Uluestad (Diane Jensen’s niece's grandson), Lynn Henkelman, Nory Hegland, Mary Aasland, Marlys Van Winkle, Harvey Schwarz, (brother of Elaine Rau), Bob Roggatz, Kari Brown (Molly Erickson’s daughter), Tabe & Kathy Hoppe, Joe Espinoza, Jennifer Gibson (daughter of Barb Gens), Christopher Kepner, Kari Brustuen Paulson (sister of Barb Gens), Christal (Stotesbery) Spah, Chuck Tatge, Barb Gens, and Jody Longman. SW Diocese Africa Companion Synod, and all of those that we hold silently in our hearts.

 **BORGUND, MN VALLEY & ZION LUTHERAN**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, February 25th, 2024

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**GATHERING HYMN ELW 796 *“How Firm a Foundation”***

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (insert)

**ZION SENIOR CHOIR *“Morning Has Broken”*** (Zion)

**MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

 (Zion SS children dismissed)

**FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

**PSALM: 22:23-31**

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

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**GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 514 *“O Word of God Incarnate”***

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**PEACE**

**OFFERING: ELW 692 *“We are an Offering”***

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (Zion, MN Valley)

**BLESSING & SENDING**

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**SENDING HYMN ELW 798 *“Will You Come and Follow Me”***

**DISMISSAL**

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Communion: Jason L.

Lector: Dale Lien

Acolytes: Alexis Cam

Videotaping: Mark Schoenfeld

**Borgund-February**

Bryan & Heidi Clark

Tim Siegert

**Zion**

Lector: Connie Stotesbery

Communion: Connie Stotesbery

Videotaping: Hope Schmidt

February Ushers: Mitch Gerdes Family

**Zion Altar Guild**

Flowers: Renaee Schreck

Communion: Open

Parament: Kathy Skjei

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 **Lenten Worship Schedule**

* **February 28:** 6pm supper

7pm Lenten service to follow at Zion Lutheran Church.

* **March 6:** 6pm supper

7pm Lenten service at Borgund Lutheran Church.

* **March 13:** 6pm supper

7pm Lenten service to follow at MN Valley Lutheran Church.

* **March 20:** 6pm supper

7pm Lenten service to follow at Zion Lutheran Church.

We will again be doing a ***Tri-Church choir*** that will be singing during the Maundy Thursday service. **Rehearsals will be after Lenten Services at the various churches. All are welcome!** Last year went very well. Thank you to those who sang last year. Looking forward to seeing you all again. Dale Lien has extra copies of music for MN Valley & Borgund singers who are interested. Thank you, Ted Albers-Director

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent**

 -8:30am Zion Worship/Coffee & Treats following worship

 -10:30am Borgund Worship

 -10:30am MN Valley Worship

**Wednesday, February 28**

 -6pm Supper @ Zion

 -7pm Lenten Worship @ Zion

**Sunday, March 3 – Third Sunday in Lent**

 -8:30am Zion Worship/Coffee & Treats following worship

 -10:30am Borgund Worship

 -10:30am MN Valley Worship

**Wednesday, March 6**

 -Care Center Worship

 -3:45pm Confirmation Class @ Zion

 -6pm Supper @ Borgund

 -7pm Lenten Worship @ Borgund

**Wednesday, February 21:**

3:45pm Confirmation Class at Zion Lutheran.

6pm supper at MN Valley Lutheran Church.

7pm Lenten Worship at MN Valley to follow.

**Wednesday, February 28:**

3:45pm Confirmation Class at Zion Lutheran.

6pm supper at Zion Lutheran Church.

7pm Lenten Worship at Zion to follow.

**Wednesday, March 6:**

Appleton Care Center Worship

3:45pm Confirmation Class at Zion Lutheran.

6pm supper at Borgund Lutheran Church.

7pm Lenten Worship at Borgund to follow.

**Appleton Area Health:** We invite you to join us in our fundraising efforts at the Appleton Area Health Foundation Winter Gala on Friday, March 8th at the Appleton Armory starting at 6pm. Step back into the 50s at our sock hop themed gala! Enjoy a gourmet burger bar, live tunes, silent auction, and raffle drawings. For more information on this event, please take a look on the bulletin board at Zion.

**You are invited to join the Benson community in “A Journey through Holy Week-The Seven Days”** which will be given at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday evening, March 24th at 7:00pm.

The program will be a message in Scripture, Organ music and Song.

Pastor Gary Mills will play the organ and a community choir will sing four numbers. We are inviting singers from the area to join in the choir practices for three Sunday evenings on March 3rd, 10th and 17th at 6:00 pm at Our Redeemer’s. There will be congregational singing of traditional Lenten hymns as well. A Free will offering to the local Food Shelf will be available. Please plan to make this a part of your Holy Week.

Alongside area churches, we are invited to participate in the **“Love Your Neighbor”** donation opportunity to benefit the LQP food shelf and Appleton food shelf. The food shelves are asking for “everyday” type items: paper towels, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, diapers, baby wipes, etc. A second option for you is to give cash – make your check to your congregation with “food shelf” in the memo line. Please consider giving a boost to the local food shelves by giving in one of these two ways! Thank you!

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 **Holy Week**

* **March 28, Maundy Thursday:** 7pm service at MN Valley Lutheran Church. Tri-Church Choir performance.
* **March 29, Good Friday:** 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church.
* **March 31, Easter:**

 6:30am Borgund Easter worship

 8:30am Zion Easter worship

 10:30am MN Valley Easter worship