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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**

**First Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, February 18th, 2024

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**GATHERING HYMN ELW 517 *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”***

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (insert)

**MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

 (Zion SS children dismissed)

**KRYSTAL RINGERS** ***“Amazing Grace”***

**FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17**

**PSALM: 25:1-10**

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**GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

**SERMON**

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**PEACE**

**OFFERING: ELW 678 *“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”* (Vs. 1)**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Borgund/Zion)**

**BLESSING & SENDING**

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**SENDING HYMN ELW 325 *“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”***

**DISMISSAL**

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Thank you, Bart Hill for leading worship at MN Valley today.

**MN Valley**

Ushers: Larry Hastad

Communion: Don T.

Lector: LuAnn & Jon Hegland

Acolytes: Taylynn Cam

Videotaping: Scott Omland

**Borgund-February**

Bryan & Heidi Clark

Tim Siegert

**Zion**

Lector: Matt Tollefson

Communion: Tollefson Family

Videotaping: Vacek Family

February Ushers: Mitch Gerdes Family

**Zion Altar Guild**

Flowers: Renaee Schreck

Communion: Open

Parament: Kathy Skjei

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**Lenten Worship Schedule**

February 21: 6pm MN Valley Lutheran Church supper

7pm Lenten worship

February 28: 6pm Zion Lutheran Church supper

7pm Lenten worship

March 6: 6pm Borgund Lutheran Church supper

7pm Lenten worship

March 13: 6pm MN Valley Lutheran Church supper

7pm Lenten worship

March 20: 6pm Zion Lutheran Church supper

7pm Lenten worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today, February 18 – First Sunday in Lent**

-8:30am Zion Worship

 -10:30am Borgund Worship

 -10:30am MN Valley Worship

**Wednesday, February 21**

 -1pm Zion Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Apple Ridge

 -3:45pm Confirmation Class @ Zion

 -6pm Supper @ MN Valley

 -7pm Lenten Worship @ MN Valley

**Friday, February 24**

-11am Memorial Service for Victor Arnold

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

 -8:30am Zion Worship

 -10:30am Borgund Worship

 -10:30am MN Valley Worship

There will be a Memorial Service for Victor Arnold on Saturday, February 24 at Zion Lutheran 11am. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning at 10am.

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!

MN Valley will be delivering **Meals on Wheels** Feb. 19-23. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board at church. Help is greatly appreciated!!

 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

**Zion Prayer Shawl** will be gathering at Apple Ridge on Wednesday, Feb. 21. New members are always welcome!

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. 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.

**Holy Week Schedule**

**March 28, Maundy Thursday:** 7pm service at MN Valley Lutheran Church

**March 29, Good Friday:** 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church

**March 31, Easter:**

 6:30am Borgund

 8:30am Zion

 10:30am MN Valley

*“Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For Your Name’s sake, Lord, preserve my life …*

Psalm 143