Worship Helpers

Council Representative January: Bob Braun

The Council Rep is responsible for reading announcements today. Any additional church-related announcements, please contact that person before the service.

Scripture Reader: Macie Sullivan Greeters: Acolvtes: **Music**: Head Usher:

Betty Jo Braun

Ron Wevl

Many thanks to those serving this morning!

You ARE NEEDED! We invite you to review the opportunities for participating listed on sign-up sheets in the narthex. There are many open dates that worship assistants are needed. Please check the listing and sign up.



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Announcements—February 11, 2024

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



This morning we honor Pastor Bob and Sandi Broeder for their faithful service to Zion UCC and the community, by bestowing of the honor of Pastor Emeritus upon Pastor Bob

Pastor Bob and Sandi served this congregation from 1984 until 2008.

May the blessing and love of God be yours now and always as you continue to undertake the ministries you perform so well on our behalf, and through the empowering Spirit of God. Amen.

Following the worship service, all are welcome to join us at the Valentine's Brunch to celebrate the life-giving relationship of Pastor Bob and Sandi with our congregation.

The altar flowers are given today by LeAnn Jacobson and Zion Fellowship honoring Pastor Bob and Sandi Broeder in celebration of their service to Zion.

Ash Wednesday Service – February 14

February 14 is the beginning of Lent – the time when we walk spiritually with Jesus to the Cross, in anticipation of the Resurrection. On Ash Wednesday, we will gather in worship at 6:30 p.m. for a service and administering of ashes.

The Church Council will meet in the Conference Room at 7:00 on Tuesday, February 13, for the February meeting.

The Men's Breakfast will meet on Wednesday, February 14, at 8:00 a.m. at Luke's Diner, Le Sueur.

The Women's Breakfast will also meet on Wednesday, February 14, at 8:00 a.m. at Luke's Diner, Le Sueur.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES ON CALENDAR			
Sunday	2/11	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Honoring
			Pastor & Sandi Broeder
		10:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast
			Valentine's Brunch
Tuesday	2/13	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	2/14	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship
		6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Friday	2/16	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Field Trip
Sunday	2/18	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		10:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast
		10:00 a.m.	Social Hour

WEEKLY REPORT OF GIVING AND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE				
February 4, Attendance:	83			
February 4, Offering:	\$4,866.05			
Amount needed weekly for budget:	\$5,735.00			

Zion UCC Communion Ministers

At a recent meeting of the Friendly Visitors, we discussed the need to expand our care for members of our church who are unable to attend services.

The ministry of communion to members of our congregation offers those who are homebound a way to participate in the worship and sacramental life of the church. Serving communion to those who are unable to be present in public worship also allows those who *can* attend, to demonstrate our unity with those who are absent from our midst.

If you are interested in serving as a Zion communion minister, you are invited to attend a brief training meeting at 4:00 on February 20, where we will discuss scheduling, theology and practice of communion ministry.

Following our meeting, there will be a brief commissioning of communion ministers on March 3^{rd} at the 9:00 a.m. communion service. Please contact Pr. Jan or the church office if you plan to attend.

Food Shelf Volunteers Needed

February is our month to volunteer at the Le Sueur Food Shelf and to collect food for people in our area in need. Please volunteer your time. Check the sign-up sheet to see when help is needed, or contact Cindy Braun at 612-756-1833.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Karen Pioske in celebration of her 86th Birthday. The bulletins are sponsored by Edith Mutch in memory of Gordon Mutch on his birthdate. Thank you to all who give to this ministry.

Sponsor a Radio Broadcast

Our members and the general public have the opportunity to worship via radio. Our morning service is recorded and then broadcast on radio station KCHK 1350 AM & 95.5 FM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast, please contact the church office at 507-665-6441, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$140. This is a valuable ministry for our homebound members and our community.

Special Offering for the Discretionary Fund

We will be collecting offerings for the Zion Discretionary Fund during the month of February. This fund is used to help members and others in need. An envelope for the Discretionary Fund is in the pew or at the ushers' table. We encourage you to support this important ministry of Zion.

There will no class for Pre-K through 5th Grade on Wednesday, February 14. The confirmation class will be doing the readings at the Ashe Wednesday Services.

Zion Leadership Retreat

Council members past and present and all members who currently have leadership roles in the church, are invited to participate in a halfday strategic planning retreat to be held on Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Zion.

> The theme of the retreat is from Isaiah 43: "Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing."

Materials for the retreat are in the office, ready for you to pick up today. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up or talk to Pastor Jan following the worship service.



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Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. February 21- March 20

Community supper served @ 5:30 p.m. Free-will offering accepted

All are Welcome

