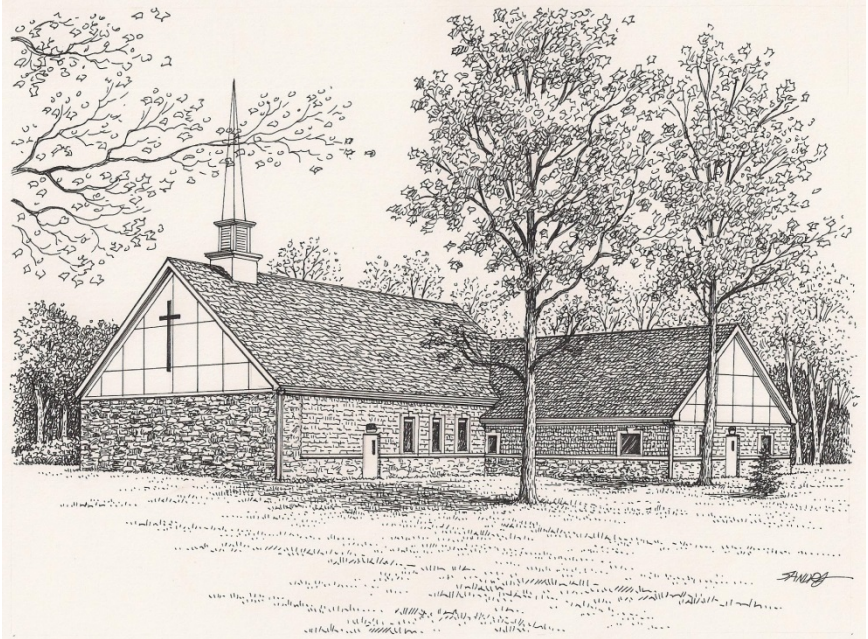


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Bristol, Indiana



March 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:30 am Worship Service

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier
Sharon Miller – Administrative Assistant
Ushers-Darlene and Jim Ashcraft

Musician - Becky Goodman
Worship Assistant – Sue Davila
Technology Team – Marv Middleton

Welcome Guests! Everyone please sign the registration folder located at the end of the pew, and then pass to your neighbor. Nursery for infants & preschoolers is down the hall just past the restrooms. Just a reminder, we have a family restroom for those of you with babies and small children. Hearing aids for the service are available at the sound booth. Offerings may be placed in the aisle boxes.

* Indicates Please Stand

GATHERING

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Worship Leader) WL

PASSING OF THE PEACE (WL)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Let us return to worship)

MEDITATION MUSIC

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Pastor) SCREENS

GATHERING SONG

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

GREETING (WL)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

(Let us pray)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WL)

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Amazing Grace ELW 779

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Sally Middleton

FIRST LESSON Joshua 5:9-12 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

32

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is¹ put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there¹ is no guilt! R**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away,
because of my groaning¹ all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you
forgave me the guilt¹ of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in¹ time
of trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they¹ shall not reach them. R

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts¹ of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you should go;
I will guide you¹ with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will¹ not stay
near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust¹ in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart. **R**

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 (WL) SCREENS

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

APOSTLES CREED

ELW 105

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

(WL)

Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.**

**As we receive your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(WL)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(WL)

BLESSING

(Pastor)

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!



THIS WEEK
March 30, 2025

(All events are at the church unless indicated elsewhere)

Sunday, March 30	8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service
Monday, March 31	11:30 am Young At Heart at Perkins
Tuesday, April 1	
Wednesday, April 2	9:00 am Quilting 6:00 pm Lenten Service
Thursday, April 3	9:00 am Men's Group
Friday, April 4	
Saturday, April 5	8:30-10:30 am Compassionate Cafe 9:00-12:00 noon Compassionate Clothes Closet

April 12 – Road crew pickup at 9:00 a.m. Call Mary Z if questions

April 19- Biblical Journaling 9:30 -noon (come and go as you please)

April 26 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. Cookies and Canvas per Sue Davila.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Chad Root March 31
Jeri Hisey April 6
Happy Anniversary
Chris & Dennis Otto April 2



PRAYERS FOR

Health Issues and Concerns

March 30, 2025

To make a Prayer Request complete a yellow prayer card, or contact Nancy Teall at 848-9135 or the Church Office at 848-4880 or office@zionbristol.org.

Aaron Crocker, had a heart procedure over a week ago. He is doing well and was with us last Sunday. Prayers a good recovery.

Tom Kiel, best friend of Doug Stutsman since grade school, diagnosed with cancer in latter stages. He is now in Hospice. Prayers are appreciated.

Rose Benjamin, wife of Larry Benjamin, has been diagnosed with cancer. Her treatments begin after Easter. Prayers for both she and Larry.

Dawn White, after her fall, is making progress. She will wear a sling for 8-12 weeks. Hopefully, she will not need surgery. Prayers, please.

Ross Reitz, friend of Jill Tevlin, diagnosed with cancer and has heart issues. Pray for good medical decisions, strength and success in treating him.

Geri Broyles, continued prayers of support.

Sue Johnson Filley, friend of Sue Davila, had pancreatic surgery. Good news! It is not pancreatic cancer. It is a different type and is contained. Prayers as she moves forward with treatment.

Mike Dandino, classmate of Sue Davila, has been transferred to a rehab program. Prayers for family, too.

Helga Maria Richards, doing well. Prayers for further recovery and strength.

Trudi and Ed McNulty, both have some health issues they are dealing with currently. Prayers appreciated.

Paul Hoffmeister, prayers for strength, comfort and healing.

Mike Griggs, continued prayers for health issues

Jill Tevlin, continued prayers for strength, peace and comfort.

Marsha Frey, continued recovery from stroke.

Prayers for our servicemen and women both at home and abroad.

Those unable to worship with us: Shirley Yoder, Mike Griggs, Maria Richards and Jill Tevlin.

Remember all unspoken prayers in our congregation for health and any other issues. (health, living arrangements, loneliness, etc.)

Let's send a card this week to Rose Benjamin and Maria Richards.

Address: Rose, 16582 CR 10, Bristol, IN 46507 and Helga Maria: 16967 Chain Lake Street, Cassopolis, MI 49031.

NEW FROM THE PEWS

March 30, 2025

Needed monthly: \$12,234

Received January offerings: \$8,810

Year to Date Shortfall: \$3,384

HUB: \$171

New Week's Volunteers:

Offering Counters TODAY: Jim Kensinger, Amber Teall

Sunday, April 6: Dave Teall, Lyn Hisey

Refreshments, April 6: Lana Stutsman, Jodee Shaw

Readers, April 6: Lynn Shelley, Lyn Hisey

Altar Care, April 6: Lana Stutsman

Children's Sunday School April 6: Becky Goodman, Sue Davila

April 12 at 1:00 p.m. (Saturday) Community Easter Egg Hunt here at Zion. **There will games, picture taking, refreshments and the EGG HUNT. Kids, bring your cousins, friends, neighbor children.** Those Included are toddlers through elementary age. We can hardly wait!

Easter Breakfast being planned for Sunday, April 20th at 8:30 a.m.

Bring a dish to share if you can. If questions, see Chris Otto.

Caring Christians

In 2025 Zion Lutheran will continue to be a "family" of people who show their faith both in word and action. Each month our Zion budget donates \$50 to a social ministry cause and asks you to also contribute to the cause. In March, the \$50 will go to RETA. "RETA Pregnancy Clinic & Family Resources" is committed to providing free, discreet, non-judgmental services for those facing a pregnancy-planned or unplanned, parenting challenges or regret following an abortion decision. They offer pregnancy testing, first trimester ultrasound, STD testing & treatment, abortion pill reversal, parent coaching & resources, and abortion recovery." In making a donation, please make your check to Zion Church and write in the memo it is for RETA. Thank you so much.

A community event is planned for April 26 "Canvas and Cookies."

It is at 3:00 p.m. on a Saturday. A fun new fellowship event including cookies and learning to paint. Sue Davila is in the know if you have any questions. Bring a guest. It should be a fun together.

No Church Council meeting in April – F

ZION EVANGELICAL

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier

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continue to be:

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the office address.

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(574) 848-4880

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Website: www.zionbristol.org;

Link to special feature try

<https://zionbristol.org/gallery/>

for some special videos/pictures
on the website. More in next
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Children's Sunday School
during worship service.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday School 8:15am

Coffee/Fellowship 9:00am

Worship* 9:30am

Children's Sunday School is
weekly during church service.

*Communion is 1st and 3rd
Sundays unless announced
beforehand.

Clothed in Compassion is a
free clothing program open the
1st and 3rd Saturday of each
month year round from 9:00 am
to noon at old church basement.

Café Compassion is a free
breakfast open to the
community and served the 1st
Saturday of the month year
round from 8:30am to 10:30 am
at the new church.

Choir practice is scheduled for
twice a month.

Zion's Mission

We are a family of Christians
who choose to worship, to learn,
to witness, and to care by
reaching out and sharing
ourselves through the Good
News of God the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.