

LADIES DEPARTMENT



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Women in Mission - Zion Lutheran Mission Valley



Bible Study times each month....

Esther Circle-2nd Tuesday of the Month-9 am
Ladies Aid-1st Wednesday of the Month-2 pm
Rebecca/Ruth Circle-1st Monday of the Month-10 am. Each Bible study group or circle has ongoing activities they are involved in, such as the kits, quilts, Ladles of Love, etc. *But to participate, you do not have to belong to a circle...*



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Present were Iris, Shelley, Priscilla, Judy, Pam, Eva, Darlette, Darla, Michelle, Irene, Cass and Sherilyn.

Hostesses were Darla & Iris. Bible Leader was Cass. Lesson was from *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Winter 2025, "Esther—a Faithful Woman of God."*

Business: Lenten Meal on March 4 was Soups & Desserts by Esther A. March 11 meal will be Salads & Desserts by Esther. **Mid-Coast Retreat** was attended by 5 Zion women. They reported that this retreat was excellent. **Sewing** will be March 17.

Altar Guild Cleanup will be March 21.

Cards were sent to Kenneth Marbach, Alissa Blount, Darryl Heller, Dorothy Smith, Megan Meyer, Jonathan & Laura Meyer, Richard Gisler.

Offering: \$97.00

All ladies of Zion are invited to join *Esther* on the second Tuesday of each month as we study the Word of God! Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Shirley & Irene.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Secretary/Treasurer

REBECCA/RUTH CIRCLE

Rebecca/Ruth Circle met March 2nd at 10:00am at the church with 10 ladies present: Denise Afflerbach, Pat Harper, Peggy Lee, JoNell Martin, Pat Zmeskal, (1 visitor Pat's nephew, Jesse James) Sheron Alex, Seda Weaver, Gloria Buchhorn, Winona Klacman, & Shelia Seipert .

Denise Afflerbach was Bible Study Leader, and we did 2 Bible Studies. The first one was, "What is Hap-pen-ing?" Opened with prayer and closing prayer. Read responsively *Psalm 118:28-29 in praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

The next Bible Study was "Esther-a Faithful Woman of God". Opened Bible Study with Prayer, and closed Bible Study with the closing prayer. The Bible Studies were from the Winter Woman's Quarterly magazine.

Denise led **Business Meeting:** Rebecca/Ruth does Ladle of Love Saturday, March 14th. Meet at church 10:00 am. Chicken Spaghetti, Peas and Carrots, Garlic Bread, and Desserts; March 6th-7th Mid-Coast/Coastal Bend Zone Retreat Spiritual Retreat Center-Victoria; March 17th Sewing Day 9:00 am.; March 18th Lenten Meal 6:00 pm. Rebecca/Ruth. Nachos and sides will be served; March 21st Altar Guild Clean-Up 8:30 am; March 29th Palm Sunday.

Cards were sent.

Rebecca/Ruth will meet **April 6th at 10:00am at church.** Sherri Bluhm will be Bible Study Leader. Bible Study be first Bible Study in Spring Woman's Quarterly.

Everybody is invited to come and join us for Bible Study and Fellowship.

Secretary, Winona Klacman

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, March 4th. Winona Klacman was hostess and it was very good. We all participated in the Bible Study, "What's in a Name", as leader.

Events: 3/6-7 Mid-Coast Retreat; 3/8 Daylight Savings Time; 3/17 Sewing 9am; 3/18 Lenten meal and Bible Study 6pm; 3/21 Altar Guild Cleanup 8:30am; 3/29 Palm Sunday.

Sent cards to: Sympathy – Pastor & Laura Meyer and Megan Meyer; Thinking of you – Kenneth Marbach, Dorothy Smith, Darryl Heller.

Next meeting will be April 8th at 9:30am with Gail Woytasczyk as hostess.



LADLES OF LOVE

Adult SS Class is in charge of Ladles of Love in April. If you would like to participate in a group or form your own group, please talk to Sherilyn Arnecke.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Chairperson



Each month the ladies of the church are collecting a different item as one of their projects for Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM). For the month of **April** LWML is collecting **Packages of Instant Potatoes (any flavor)**. We are asking the congregation to help with this project. It would be very much appreciated. There is a box in the **Narthex near the Ladies Restroom** for your donated item. Please help restock the shelves at VCAM. If any questions, contact Eva Cooke, project chairperson.

Want to thank everyone for contributing food for all these people in need.

Irene Heinold & Darlette Mathisen, Chairpersons

Thank you, thank you. For the month of February 86 lbs. of Canned Peas were collected for VCAM!



SEWING DAY

We had sewing on Tuesday, March 17th. We put together and tacked one graduate quilt. Those here to sew were Judy Faulkner, Eva Cooke and Darlette Mathisen.

We are missing several of our needles and magnets that hold them from the sewing cabinets. If anyone has borrowed these items, please return them.

Should you take anything from these cabinets, please leave a note so we know where they are.

Our next Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, April 21st** at 9am in the multi-Purpose Room.

Irene Heinold & Darlette Mathisen, Chairpersons



LWML Mid-Coast Zone Spring Rally will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Wharton on Saturday, April 18th. Registration 10am. Ingathering are items for Homestead Pantry at Wharton County Junior College, example: Toiletries, Snacks, Protein bars, fruit snacks, microwavable noodles, etc. Speaker will be Shannon Haltom, motivational Christian speaker who has written a book, Training Ground, enduring the process to run your God-Given race. Please RSVP to Michelle Wendel by April 12th.

See insert.



QUARTERLY MEETING

The LWML General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th, at 6:45pm**. This organization is for all women of Zion, providing spiritual growth and instrumental on giving an insight, through God’s Grace and to His Glory, of the good work that is accomplished for the Church and beyond. Please consider joining us.

Please make plans to attend and **bring your Mite Offering**. Hostess will be Esther Circle and Rebecca/Ruth Circle will have the devotions.



BAKE SALE

Save the Date. On Sunday **May 10th**, the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League ladies will host a bake sale before and after Church. We are planning to send several ZION Church women to the 2026 Texas District LWML Convention held in Austin, Texas, June 11-13, 2026. With this and future endeavors we plan to raise funds to increase the opportunity for more women to attend. Any questions please contact Jo Nell Martin or Bettye Pribyl, Leaders of Christian Life. Thank you in advance.



YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Please join us for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9am.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP FACEOFF DAY

We will be taking a short hiatus from Fellowship Faceoff during the Lenten season so Pastor Jerry McNamera can lead Bible Study and provide continuity during this meaningful time. To keep things consistent throughout Lent, we’ll pause Fellowship Faceoff and look forward to resuming starting the 2nd Sunday on May 10th.

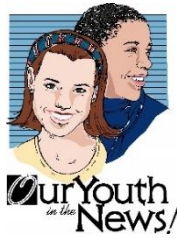
Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School is right around the corner – **May 31st- June 4th!**

The theme of Illumination Station VBS is "**Shining a Light on Who Jesus Is**" *John 8:12*. It focuses on helping kids explore how light reveals the true nature of Jesus, who is described as the Light of the World.

Please check out the VBS table in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed, teachers, and registration forms (register on website too).

Coordinators, Jennifer Henry, and Kristy Zarate.

See inserts.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Abagayle & her dad,
John Faulkner



Abagayle with her
grandparents,
Paul & Judy Faulkner



Welcome Pvt. Abagayle
Faulkner, graduation
March 20, 2026. Ft Sill,
Lawton, Ok.

Her schooling will
continue in mental health
at Ft. Sam, San Antonio

CONGRATULATIONS



Stella Hickman, daughter of John & Stacy Hickman
and granddaughter of Calton & Sherlyn Arnecke runs
track for Trinity Episcopal School. She competes in
the 100, 200 and 4x4 Relay. She medaled in each
event at each track meet. Way to go, Stella!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT
AREA LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

See insert.



If your children have any news like school
recognitions, honors, sports, achievements this year
that you would like to share, please submit them to
the church office. Throughout the year, please submit
special happenings. We love to hear about our
children.

COMMITTEE NEWS



ALTAR GUILD

We had our semi-annual (Spring) clean up on March 21, 2026. There was a good turnout including: Irene Heinold, Darlette Mathisen, Michelle Wendel, Peggy Lee, Pauline Janak, Darla Sifford and Eva Cooke. Pat Zmeskal was unable to work on Saturday, so she polished ALL the communion ware beforehand. The ladies polished and cleaned all the pews, dusted, cleaned windows, polished altar furnishing and we worked on the scratches on the floor and furniture. I also want to thank the ladies that came to me sharing why they would not be able to attend. In our meeting we covered the communion wafers (gluten free), fridge, and straightening up the pews after a service. Again ladies...thank you.

Pauline Janak, Chairperson



BOARD OF ENDOWMENT



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Each year Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley awards one of our High School graduates a scholarship. Anyone who would like an application for the Bertha Arnold Scholarship, please contact the church office. **The application is due in the church office by May 10th.** Members of the Scholarship Committee are Taylee Lester, Chairperson; Darlette Mathisen, Michelle Wendel, and Douglas Bluhm, Elder rep.



LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

met on February 22, 2026, after church. Freddy Dentler addressed the parking lot expansion on getting gravel put down. Garrett Adcock mentioned that with his experience in construction that if the spot is not properly prepped the gravel will just sink down into the ground and later if it's decided to pave the parking lot it will have to be all scraped out and started from the beginning. Garrett will be getting a quote for preparing for the expansion.

Garrett also mentioned looking into getting a bid on moving (or if possible) the septic line that runs in the middle of the property that is to be a parking lot. Freddy mentioned that he would be able to move the fence when the time comes.

It was discussed about the school side of the church. Garrett will be getting a retaining wall bid to be done and also clean up around there a little to make parking better on that side.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Terry Depine



The Call Committee met on March 13 at 6pm. Call Committee members in attendance were Denise Afflerbach, Pauline Janak, Debbie Meyer, David Miller, Bettye Pribyl, David Stockton, alternate member Terry Depine and Ex Officio member Pat Zmeskal.

David Miller opened the meeting with prayer. The agenda for the meeting was to review the list of pastoral candidates received from Texas District and select the top candidates for further consideration. The Texas District provided a second list of pastoral candidates to the Call Committee on Feb 24, 2026. The list contains 10 candidates. The Call Committee reviewed and discussed the documentation provided for each candidate. The committee selected four candidates as the top choices. These candidates will be contacted by David Miller to determine if they would be open to considering a call from Zion. If so, a video conference call will be setup with each candidate to learn more about them and to share more details about Zion.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Pra

Submitted by David Miller

CONGREGATION NEWS



Our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Rosemary Zarate who passed away March 13, 2026. She was the mother of Abe (Kristy) Zarate and grandmother of Ky and Katarina Zarate.



IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Justin and Haley Willemin on the birth of a son, Reid Austin. He was born March 1, 2026, 6.15 lbs. and 19.50 inches. Proud grandparents are William & Lana Webel and Rusty & JoBeth Willemin. Also, proud step-great grandmother is Mai Harwell.



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Zion's Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 12th**. The meeting will be held immediately following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone or organization would like to put something on the agenda, please let Council know. Please plan on attending.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- April 2 – **No Maundy Thursday Worship**
- April 3 – Good Friday Worship 7pm
- April 5 – **No Sunday School/ No Adult Bible Study**
 - Easter Breakfast 8:15-9:15am
 - Easter Egg hunt 9:30 am (toddlers walking thru 5th grade)
 - Worship w/Communion 10am



Easter Sunday Breakfast

The Board of Fellowship is hosting the Easter Morning Breakfast on Sunday, April 5th, 8:15-9:15am. They are serving breakfast casseroles and all the fixins. If you would like to help or donate items, please contact Priscilla Dornburg, Chairperson. **There will be a signup sheet in Nathex for items needed starting 15th.**

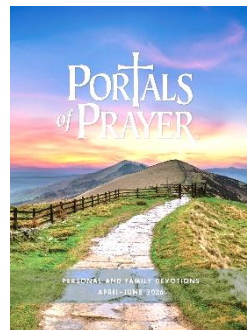


Easter Egg Hunt will be at 9:30am for toddlers walking thru 5th grade. Don't forget your Easter basket!



EASTER CROSS

There will be **no** outside Easter Cross to bring flowers. There will be an Easter Cross in the Narthex for family photos.



PORTALS OF PRAYER

April thru June small and large print Portals of Prayer are available on the magazine rack in the Narthex. First come, first serve, if you want one, please help yourself. If you know of anyone who needs one, please take them one.



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

Thank you! Thank you! We now have picnic coordinators! Those who volunteered for this year's picnic are Darla Sifford, Cass Martignoni, Peggy Lee and Michelle Wendel. Please watch for more details in the bulletins and messengers. Again, thank you ladies!



MISSION VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

The annual BBQ Chicken Fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 11th. Chickens will be available for pick-up from 11am – 1pm. Chickens - \$15 each or 3 for \$42. Beans will be \$5 per quart. In order to reduce confusion from last year, **reservations must be made in advance by calling Sherilyn Arnecke by 9pm, April 10th and please leave a message. Anyone making an order after April 10th will have to wait till 1pm on April 11th to see if there are any chickens left. Also, we will not accept reservations made by mail, email or Facebook.**

Mission Valley Vol. Fire Dept.
Gun Raffle
\$10/Ticket



1. Diamondback DB15 223 Rem
2. Radical Firearms RF15 300 Blackout
3. Ruger American Gen 2 308 Win
4. Ruger American Gen 2 Ranch 300 Blackout
5. Keltec Sub2000 Mod 3 9mm
6. Savage Stevens 320 12 Guage
7. Mossberg Maverick 88 Security 12 guage
8. Rossi RS22M 22 Mag
9. Ruger 10/22 Magpul 22lr
10. Ruger Mark IV 22/45 22lr
11. Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 2.0 380 acp
12. Rost Martin RMsc1 9mm
13. Ruger Max 9 9mm
14. Springfield Armory Hellcat 9mm
15. Springfield Armory XD Mod 3 9mm

Gun Items to be picked up from:
 Hoovers Outpost - 113 Berkshire Ln., Victoria, TX
 361-218-0407

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
Drawing to be held:
April 11, 2026, 1:00 P.M.
@ Mission Valley FD during the annual BBQ
WINNERS MUST MEET ALL FEDERAL & STATE GUN PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS

GUN RAFFLE

The Mission Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. will have a gun raffle again this year. Drawing will be the day of the BBQ at 1pm. Tickets are \$10 ea. and anyone who buys 5 raffle tickets gets a free raffle ticket for a gun safe raffle. Tickets are on sale now till the drawing time. For tickets see any firefighter, or come to the station at meeting times, 3rd Tuesday at 7pm.



MISSION VALLEY COMMUNITY CEMETERY

There is a growing interest in preserving our past. The Mission Valley Community Cemetery is being reviewed and revitalized. Our past is our history. There is now a Fb page and one can find stories that come alive. This is our local history. If you have loved ones buried here and wish to tell their story, please see Judy Faulkner or Henry Wood. We would love to talk to you.

MVCC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As of 3-13-26

- Clean up organized
- Fb page established
- Some history events posted
- Organized toward a complete veterans listing plus conflicts
- Contacted MV Elementary
- Preparing letter for parents
- Preparing article for churches
- Plot map revision in progress
- Partial inventory @ grave updates
- Rediscovery of hidden graves
- Finding obits for information
- Using ancestry.com for connections
- Gathering info from next of kin



PRAYER LIST

To add another person's name to our prayer lists, you must be a member or active worshipping guest of Zion and identify yourself as the one requesting prayer for someone else. It is your responsibility to gain this permission! The church office reserves the right to edit prayer requests for publication.

*******PRAYER REQUESTS*******

Please check names on the Prayer List. Please let the office know should someone be removed.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

1. Bill Lagal
2. Cole Ohrt – friend of Zion
3. Holly Corey
4. Loma Chandler – Karen Wood's sister
5. James Morris, Sr.
6. JoNell Martin
7. Ann Pantel – wife of Curtis Pantel
8. Jeanette Laza – cousin of Irene Heinold
9. Lisa Roman – niece of Cass Martignoni
10. Kamryn McDavid – granddaughter of Pribyl's
11. Mai Harwell
12. Rose & Dalhardt Goebel
13. Allie Faulkner – Faulkner's granddaughter
14. Julie Heinold
15. Alissa Blount
16. Jodie Schaefer – friend of Barbara Schmidt
17. Becky Debore – friend of Irene Heinold
18. Glennie Bednorz – friend of JoNell Martin
19. Ava Soliz – Ann Heller's friend's daughter
20. Jim Krause
21. Priscilla Dornburg
22. Pauline Janak
23. Emily – friend of Ann Heller
24. Charles Krueger – Cass Martignoni's brother
25. Gail Hogan – Barbara Schmidt's cousin
26. Kenneth & Nancy Hahn – Faulkner's friends
27. Cindy & Jennifer Henderson – Randy Carter's sister & niece
28. Jana Ragsdale – niece of Julie Heinold
29. Pam Ficklen – niece of Barbara Schmidt
30. Kim Gisler – relative to Jacki Cooke
31. John Meharg – Calton Arnecke & Darlette Mathisen's cousin
32. Janie Bolten – Jacki Cooke's friend
33. Ryan Aaron – friend of Cooke's

34. Gary Moses
35. Ray Buchhorn
36. Susan Forsythe – family friend of Alex's
37. Robert Kaiser – friend of Arnecke's
38. Bea Fuchs
39. Richard Gisler – friend of Zion
40. Darryl Heller
41. Jan Foerster – friend of Karen Wood
42. Ken Sifford



VISITATION

If you are in the hospital or would like a home visit, please call an Elder or Church office.



Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is especially ill, please call an Elder or contact the church office.



SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep our shut-ins in your prayers and enliven their lives through visits, letters, and cards or phone calls.

Dalhardt & Rose Goebel
3100 S. River Road
Cuero, Tx 77954

James Morris, Sr.
3472 FM 447
Victoria, Tx 77905

Alissa Blount
Arboretum of Winnie
1215 TX-124
Winnie, Tx 77665

Dan & Doris Nugent
5404 FM 236
Victoria, Tx 77905



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

- April 3 – Kristy Zarate
- April 6 – Nikki McLaurin, Darlette Mathisen
- April 7 – Richard Alex, Dalhardt Goebel
- April 11 – Garrett Adcock
- April 12 – Peggy Lee
- April 13 – Olivia Heller, Brett Williams
- April 14 – Jennifer Henry, Peggy Spears
- April 15 – Gracey Hoefling, Christopher Wood
- April 17 – Joshua Lee
- April 24 – Don Schneider
- April 26 – Amber Arispe, Derrick Miller
- April 27 – Ray Alex
- April 30 – Robert Ramirez, Korgen Ramirez



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL

- April 1 – Megan Meyer, Rose Goebel
- April 2 – Kern Harper
- April 3 – Oakleigh Jaeger
- April 6 – Rylan Heller
- April 8 – Holly Corey, Ashton Kelly
- April 11 – Julie Heinold
- April 12 – Henry Wood, Cody Bishop, Paul Faulkner
- April 13 – Brett Williams
- April 14 – Joy Alex, Pam Matthys, Dorothy Smith
- April 16 – Randy Carter, Cheryl Carter
- April 18 – Doug Bishop
- April 19 – Reese Weiser
- April 24 – Kelsey Wendel
- April 25 – Seda Weaver
- April 26 – Darlette Mathisen
- April 27 – Garrett Adcock

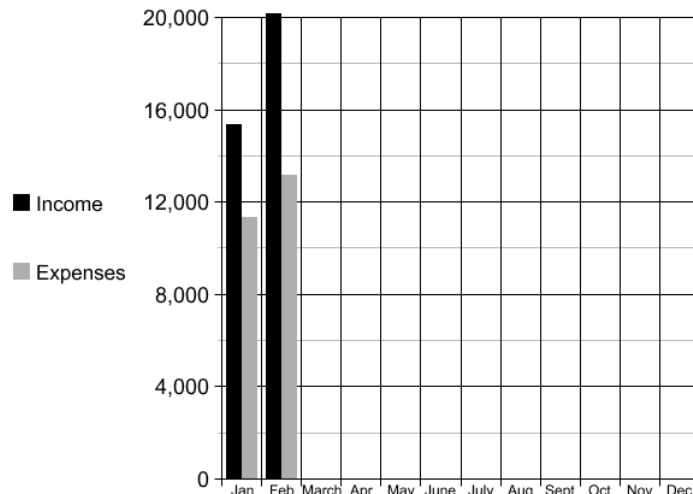


ATTENDANCE CARD

Members & Guests, please fill out an attendance card for each worship service attended and place them in the offering plate. These cards help us to keep accurate records and assist with pastoral care. Please list each individual's name attending if in a family. That way each one gets counted.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
Sunday, February 22 nd	85
Wednesday, February 25 th	46
Sunday, March 1 st	79
Wednesday, March 4 th	43
Sunday, March 8 th	67
Wednesday, March 11 th	37
Sunday, March 15 th	83
Wednesday, March 18 th	30
Sunday, March 22 nd	70
Wednesday, March 25 th	26

General Fund - 2026 Income vs Expenses



In the above chart, you can see our expenses and offerings. We share this with you so you are aware of how this is continuing to impact our overall ministry. Even as we continue to thank God for the many blessings He gives to Zion, including those of the financial offerings of His people, the Church Council and Church Office are being as mindful as possible about the stewardship of the church budget.



HEARING ASSISTANCE

HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

To assist anyone to hear the discussion at meetings in the Fellowship Hall, the Fellowship Hall is now equipped to use the same hearing assistance devices that are used in the sanctuary. Just bring one of the devices from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. Contact David Miller or David Pribyl for any assistance.



RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES

How do we get rewards for recycling ink cartridges? As a Reward Member of Office Depot, the church gets \$2 back in program rewards for each ink cartridge that we recycle, up to 10 cartridges per month. Qualifying purchases include any product or service purchase made in store or online. All brands of ink qualify for recycling rewards. This helps with the rising cost of supplies for the church. There is a basket on a shelf in the Narthex between the Men's & Ladies' Restrooms for your cartridges.



WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

Entire Service on: Zion's Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/zionmissionvalley/>

*****We are trying to "boost" our social media (Facebook) and internet presence. If you are a Facebook user, go ahead and give us a "Like" at facebook.com/ZionMissionValley. We are posting several times a week with various memes, quotes, Q&A, and interesting articles. "Like" and share what you see, whether it's Sunday's service or a goofy meme! Also, be sure to click on the church webpage, <https://zionlutheranmv.org/> and let it load up. You don't even have to read it! It drives the algorithms to keep us closer to the top when people do searches for churches in the Victoria area.



VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Visit our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

Staple inventory items always in dire need in the pantry:

Rice (1 or 2 lbs. bags – uncooked), cereals (box or bag), 1lb. bag beans, pastas, tomato sauce.

Please consider donating these bags to VCAM. This will greatly assist in maintaining our expenses.

VCAM IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF T-SHIRT BAGS FOR ALL PHASES OF OUR OPERATION PLEASE RECYCLE TO VCAM



Of course, the most spiritual & practical way to give is in the form of monetary donations:



Blessings...*Marc*

Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is served on a daily basis.

All services are provided free.

Please continue to refer those who require our services to VCAM & please continue to support.

"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."



ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS

The Messenger Staff wants to correct any errors and/or omissions. Please let the church office know promptly.

THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ’s way alone is God’s answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths

Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God’s glory. Christ’s life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: “Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Romans 6:4–5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?



THERE’S SOMETHING BETTER COMING

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we’ve felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable. There’s something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving. There’s something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we’ve unintentionally neglected. There’s something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There’s something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be! There’s something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There’s something better coming.

Easter is a chance to “renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint.” There’s something better coming.

FYI

CHURCH CONTACTS

Sunday School – Board of Education/Youth
Lutheran Youth Fellowship – Board of Education/Youth
Altar Guild, Pauline Janak
Blood Drive, Church Office
Leaders Of Compassion, Eva Cooke
Judy Faulkner
Ladles of Love, Sherilyn Arnecke
Library, Sherita Miller
Memorials, Seda Weaver
LWML President, Michelle Wendel
Esther, Iris Heller
Ladies Aid, Eva Cooke
Rebecca/Ruth, Debbie Meyer
Worship/Music Bd., Hilbert Nagel
Church Secretary, Seda Weaver
Sound System, David Miller
Kitchen Cartel, Darla Sifford
Board of Elders, David Miller
Board of Trustees, Pauline Janak
Board of Outreach, Judy Faulkner
Board of Education/Youth, Jacki Cooke
Candice Clay
Board of Fellowship, Priscilla Dornburg
Security & Safety, David Pribyl

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President, Pat Zmeskal
Vice-Pres., Pauline Janak
Secretary, Terry Depine
Treasurer, Seda Weaver
Financial Sec, Teresa Boswell
Elder, David Miller
Elder, David Pribyl

