

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (including 1 visitor) 84  
**Offering** (Mennonite Church USA) \$442.63

### *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Deacons** meet at parsonage 7 P.M., Tue.  
**Wed. evening** meals and activities (*last this spring*) Wed.  
6 P.M./supper; 6:30/Adult Bible Study; no adult choir

Greeters: Joe and Lois Friesen Next Sun.  
Musicians: Annette / Annette / Carol Next Sun.  
Offering: Christian Peacemaker Teams / Peace Connections Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**Palm Sunday Service w/ Grace Hill @ Zion** 7 P.M., Apr. 9  
**Governing Council** 7 P.M., Apr. 10  
**Maunday Thurs. Service w/ Grace Hill @ GH** 7 P.M., Apr. 13  
**Easter morning walk** from cemetery to church 9 A.M., Apr. 16  
**ZEST: report** on Israel/Palestine learnings 6:30 P.M., Apr. 23

### *Pray This Week for...*

- Evelyn Buller; Thur. is her wedding anniversary to Ray in 1946.
- Edna Andres may be released from Wesley Rehab Hospital this weekend; back surgery has been postponed app. 6 weeks.
- the many struggling with flu (Pete, Lorena, Elmo, Ruth, etc.).

### *Thank You...*

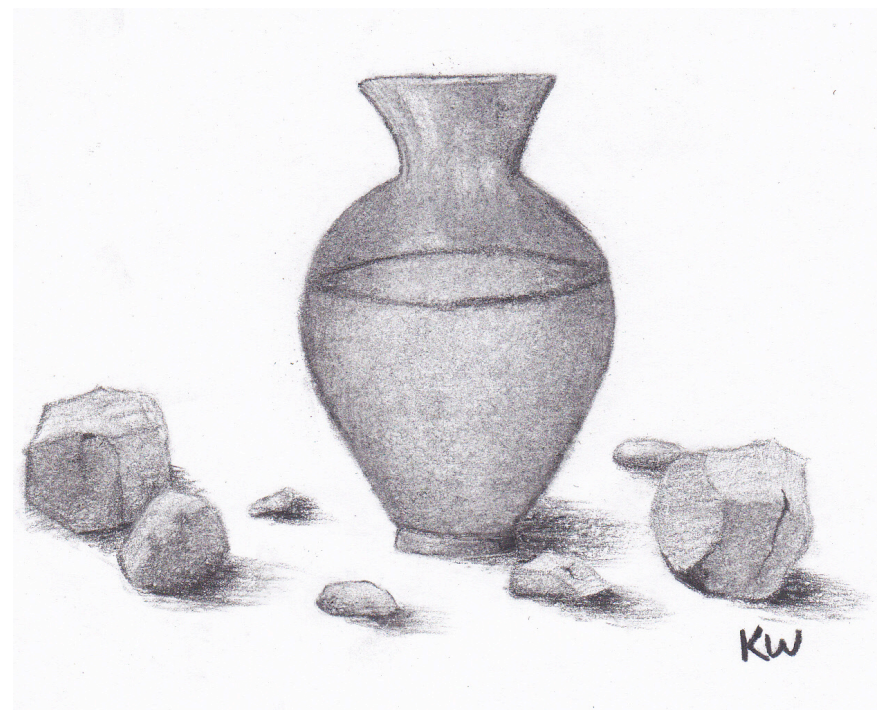
... for the opportunity of this sabbatical leave, to allow us to refresh and gather new perspectives; to Karen Andres for serving as interim minister in our absence; and to the many members of the congregation who stepped up and took on extra tasks as well.  
—Pastors Ray and Rosie

**From Death to Life:** an Easter walk from the Zion Menn. Ch. cemetery to the church. Meet at the cemetery on Easter morn, Apr. 16 at 9 A.M. to walk the app. 2 miles to Elbing to symbolize Jesus rising from the grave: "He is not here; for he has been raised." (Meet at church earlier to carpool; SS will still meet).

# Zion Mennonite Church

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## RESTORE US, O GOD!



## WE BREATHE

—our thanks to Kristyn Wedel for the Lenten graphics during March!

Zion Mennonite Church  
April 2, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M.      Worship at 10:45 A.M.

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Gathering and Praise

\*Gathering Hymn “Holy Spirit, come with power”      HWB #26

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed  
souls.

**All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

L: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

**All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

L: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

**All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

L: Bring all that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

\*Hymn of Praise      “Spirit of the living God”      HWB #349

Sharing the Word

Children’s Time      Rosie Epp

Scripture      Psalm 130

Message      Ray Reimer

Responding and Confessing

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of  
our lives, we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants  
of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our  
minds—“Will these bones ever live?”

**People: But in the midst of our doubt, we proclaim that you  
are the life-giving Spirit. You breathe new life into all  
that is dead.**

L: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.

Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb, and  
your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.

**All: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our  
hearts, that we may never settle for death, but rise again  
as your beloved people.**

*(Pause for silent reflection)*

Leader: God, holy Breath,

**All: restore us.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with  
reverence, serve you, once more. Our whole selves waited  
for you, O Lord, and you answered us. In you there is  
unfailing love and full redemption. You redeem us from  
all our sins. Amen.

Response Song “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”      HWB #216

Offering      *Local Fund*

Offertory

Sabbatical Retrospective

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer      Rosie Epp

Sending

\*Sending Hymn “I will come to you in the silence”      SS #49

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: John and Reinhild Janzen      Worship Leader: Deanna Entz

Musicians: Carol Klingenberg

Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp      (316) 799-1200

**Welcome** to our worship service. Today we continue our Lenten  
theme “Restore us, O God. We see,” reflecting on how God—who  
is Spirit—breathes life into us, so that we are restored.

**Pastors Ray and Rosie’s Schedules:** One of them is at the church  
office most weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon.,  
Thur., & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed. (she no longer works at IRC);  
they try to reserve Fri. P.M. and Saturdays for “off” time.