



ZION'S JOURNEY

Rooted in Faith * Growing in Spirit * Reaching Out to Those in Need

FROM THE PASTOR:

February 2014

February is traditionally known as the month of love – due I suspect to the celebration of Valentine's Day. The Bible is full of references to love. According to christianbiblereference.org love is mentioned 317 times in the Old Testament and 221 times in the New Testament. It is obvious that love plays a big role in our Christian faith. But too often our emotions define what we perceive love is instead of our actions. In the Bible to love is to act. I was reminded of this as I read Bishop of the ND Synod, Bill Rindy's Christmas message. He references all the brokenness, hatred and strife in the world and asks,

“Who in their right mind would want to get involved with that? One would have to be ignorant, desperate, crazy, or... all consumed by love; Oh, to be loved like this...I have some good news and some bad news for you.

The bad news: You are broken and a mess. There may have been (or still are) times you wondered how someone could possibly love you if they knew everything about you. At the same time...you are loved, more than you can possibly know. That is the good news.

God's love for you is so intense and powerful. God burst into humanity's mess in the stealthiest of way: through a young, unwed mother, during an underprivileged period in time (by our standards). God came to a world that would eventually kill him for it.

That's the kind of love that is needed. That's the kind of love we've been offered. That's the kind of love we're now called to share.

God is so possessed by the love to hold you. God is crazy for you and for all humanity. This is our reality. This is our mission.

Jesus said, **“Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”** John 13:34-3

This is indeed our mission, to love one another. Blessings to you as you live out the love Christ has for you!

Pastor Marcia

2014 GENERAL FUND**Attendance**

Zion's General Fund needs to take in an average of \$28,000.00 each month to meet monthly obligations.

January 5	\$ 3,707.00	69/74
January 12	\$ 6,724.60	97/91
January 19	\$ 4,986.00	87/108
January 26	\$ 3,141.00	86
Fund 2 Preschool	\$ 1,988.30	

NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS - If you are interested in joining the congregation, contact the church office, Pastor Marcia, at 225-6755...or indicate your desire to join on the welcome pads during worship. Then, you will be contacted by Zion's Welcome & Outreach Committee who will answer any questions you might have about Zion. New member Sunday will be March 23rd.

If you have heard of someone who is interested in joining us at Zion, please contact Pastor Marcia.

**Zion Core**

Values:
STEADFAST (IN)

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE
PRAYER

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- * *Amazing Grace* - God loves us unconditionally
- * *Sweet Hour of Prayer* - God promises to listen and hear our prayers
- * *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* - God forgives our sins
- * *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - Faith

**spotlight****"Get to Know You"****Spotlight Person**

For the Month of **February 2014**
"Shawn Kempf"



- * **Born and raised:** Born in Ipswich, SD and raised in Aberdeen, SD.
- * **Education:** graduated from Central High School, and NSU with a degree in Business Management and a minor in German & Economics.
- * **Family history:** wife, Nicole; 3 girls, Raegan, Zoe, & Ella.
- * **Member of Zion for how long:** my whole life.
- * **What I like about Zion:** everything.
- * **How I've been involved in my Church:** being an usher.
- * **My favorite part of Zion is:** the family atmosphere.
- * **What my Church means to me:** peace and happiness.
- * **Best time of year at Zion:** Christmas.
- * **What I would like to see more of at Zion:** family participation.
- * **Last dream I had:** I can't talk about it.

- * **Last gift I gave:** flowers to my wife for her 40th birthday.
- * **Last time I cried:** when my wife's dad passed away.
- * **My favorite ... Color** - green - **Sport** - football - **Hobby** - cross-words - **Activity** - playing with my kids - **Movie** - Wizard of Oz - **Food** - anything - **Vegetable** - Corn - **Clothes** - shorts - **Travel** - anywhere - **Music** - Rock - **Proudest moment** - watching the girls grow older and wiser.
- * **If I could change things in this world it would be** - 1 no bullying. 2. everyone would get along.
- * **The one thing people don't know about me is:** I like to eat.
- * **A perfect day is when:** I am home with my family.
- * **My biggest challenge in life:** keeping food on the table.

Everyone, sooner or later, will be in the "spotlight"! Committee members: Gary Job (chair), Sharon Stroschein, Sharon Paranto, and Kathy Job



CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE - If you are signed up to sponsor the Radio broadcast on February 16th. I need to know who is sponsoring that day and the information you would like in the bulletin. Thanks

Special Offering for the Month of February is CICS - NSU Campus Ministry

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are available for the next several months. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the new narthex. We are heard at 8:30 am on KSDN radio (930 AM). The cost of sponsoring a week's broadcast is \$100.00. One family or an individual can pay this, divide it into half, or even divide it into three parts. Please help us by signing up to sponsor one of our Sunday worship services. We need you to keep this important ministry going.

RECORDS UPDATE - If you have moved or changed your phone number or could add a cell number or email to the church records, please call the church office at 225-6755.



PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS
If you have any prayer requests, call the Church Office at 225-6755 or Elsie Geffre at 225-7488 with the person's name and information.



Van Rides

Van rides are available for both the 8:30 am or 10:45 am services. Please call the church office at 225-6755 by 12:00 noon on Friday for a ride. Or leave a message on the answering machine.

WOMEN'S MEETING

The ZLCW Executive Board will meet On February Wednesday, February 26 at 5:30 PM at Perkins.



Welcome New Members

We welcome new members Gottlieb and Rose Gienger, Nick Guthmiller, and Mike and Janice Noonan. Be watching for more info on these new members in future "Spotlight" newsletter articles.

WOMEN OF FAITH mark your calendars now! We are heading back to the Excel Energy Center in St. Paul on **October 17 & 18, 2014**.

For more information or to sign-up, contact Lori Carpenter at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 225-9740. If you have questions, contact Sharlene Wanttie at 725-2964.

2014 Offering Envelopes

We have less than a box of 2014 Offering Envelopes! If you haven't picked yours up yet, stop in the office and Donna will be able to retrieve them for you from the backroom or call and we will send them in the mail. A big thank you to everyone who picked theirs up or delivered to those who were homebound! Less than one box out of ten is terrific!

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As **Zion** prepares for a new year, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [\[zionlutheranaberdeen.org\]](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org), locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.



ABERDEEN
HEALTH AND REHAB

Robert Jarvis
LaVerna Schumacher

Red Rose Care House

Olivia Bendewald

Angelhaus

Dorothy Heinrich

Nano Nagel

Hazel Martell
Florence Marzolf

Bethesda Home

Alice VandenAkker
Marion Lehr

Manor Care

Gerald Arnold
Adam Reich
Natalie Heyd

Mother Joseph

Doris Hansen
Emily Wagner
Howard Martell
Delores Hilgemann
Howard Kuebler

Towne Square

Anna Stern

Lakeview Care Ctr.

BigFork, MT
Alma Vilhauer

Agape Manor, Buffalo,
WY

Irma Herrboldt

Eureka, SD

Christ Schumacher

The Inn on Westport

Sioux Fall, SD
Erma Wahl

Primrose Cottages

Walt\Ella Klingman

Minnesota

Helen Tichota



BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

YAH!, Evening Study Group for Women: *Young at Heart*, a group for women of all ages, meets Thursday, February 13th at 7:15 pm.
Contact Person: Vicki Carlson

Zion Men's Group:

The Men's Group will not be meeting in February.
Contact Persons: Hugh Dahme & Garry Johnson

Zion's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, February 3rd, 2:30 for knitting and crocheting together; 3:40 for prayer and blessing of shawls.
Contact Persons: Ruth Beitelspacher and Kathy Brumbaugh

Fellowship Circle and Peace Circle

Fellowship Circle and Peace Circles: Peace Circle and Fellowship Circle will meet February 13th at 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM. Bible Studies are found in "Gather" magazine, the magazine of Women of the ELCA.



"READING TOGETHER"

ZION'S BOOK CLUB, will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 11:30 at the Palm Garden. The book for this month is "The Husband's Secret"
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION NEXT MONTH!
Contact Person: Virginia Tobin

BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

If you have a question about small group opportunities at Zion,
please call the contact person listed above or the Church Office at 225-6755.
Newcomers always welcome!



March Fellowship Service List

*** Altar Guild Co-Chairs**

Dawn Allbee
Scott Allbee
Jordan Allbee
Kyle Allbee
Logan Allbee
Elizabeth Anderson
Kim Bitz
Tyler Bitz
Wayne Breitag
Susan Cook
Ken Cordingley
Ruth Cordingley
Vivian Eske
Jane Fischer
Stacy Geffre
Hildegard Gugel
Gerald Guy
***Georgia Ramos**

Art Heinrich
Harold Hoffman
Hilda Hoffman
Fred Johnson
Danielle Johnson
Zachary Johnson
Walter Klingman
Ella Klingman
Melvin Kolb
Betty Kolb
Milbert Mehlhoff
Howard Norton
Sharon Paranto
William Pesicka
Harlene Pesicka
Gene Reich
Jan Reich

Richard Saylor
Deb Saylor
Ben Schroeder
David Schweigert
Lina Schweigert
***Millie Suchomel**
Keith Trinko
Brenda Trinko
Destin Spellman
Daylon Spellman
Dessa Spellman
Dana Trumm
Kathy Trumm
Lorraine Wasem

New Members



Welcome to Mike\Janice Noonan and Gottlieb Gienger who joined Zion in January.



Baptized at Zion in January was Devik Andrew Greger son of Jesse Greger & Angela Vincent.



Youth kuchen baking -
Thanks to all who ordered or helped with the kuchen fundraiser in any way.

ZION LUTHERAN YOUTH SERVE TABLE OF PLENTY!



Noah's Park Preschool



Hello from Noah's Park Preschool!! We are trying to stay warm and hope you are, too. The MWF classes were just getting into the routine of putting on their snow gear to play outside and then the weather took another turn!! We have been staying inside (a lot) lately — on the days we are lucky enough to have school. It makes me smile when we miss a day of school and I have students telling me how much they missed preschool :-). We had a great cooking day at the end of January. We made mini bagel pizzas with cheese and pepperoni. All of the children enjoyed them and some have shared the recipe with their families. We did a lot of science experiments with ice during our winter theme. A favorite game was passing an ice cube around our circle to see how long it would take to melt. We have been playing letter bingo and working on retelling stories by acting them out. We also made snowman by using paper lace doilies. These turned out so cute we had to hang them up!! ~Jami

Sweetheart Dinner

The Zion Mission Trip Group will settle you in for a romantic date night with candle light, mood music, and your choice of spaghetti and meat balls or chicken alfredo (meatless options are also available.) We will have kid food and childcare provided, upstairs if you wish to make it a special night with your sweetheart or bring the whole family for a family affair.

Join us on Sunday, February 16th between 5:00-7:00 pm by filling out a reservation sheet found in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.



Guardian Angels

We have come to the end of the Guardian Angel program for the past year. If you would like, you may reveal yourself to the child to whom you were a "Guardian Angel". If you choose to remain anonymous, that is fine. Thank you for your support to this important and wonderful ministry to the children of Zion. Be watching for the new "Guardian Angel" board in the month of February. You can pick a card from the board and be a "Guardian Angel" to someone else. Remember that gifts are not a part of the program, just keep the child in your prayers. Cards and notes for special occasions may be sent, if you wish.



Lord's Prayer Sunday

Sunday, February 9th at the second service, the 6th grade class will complete their course on Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, by being apart of the worship service. This is a Milestone in our Confirmation Program.

We are so proud of all of your youth.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. The treasurers report presented an account balance of \$196.89 as of 01/16/2014
2. The Annual Meeting Forum was well attended with many questions, that the Properties Committee appreciated.
3. The Fellowship Committee reported with the rising cost of kitchen supplies, they will be approaching serving groups to contribute \$30 per quarter to help pay for these supplies.
4. The Nominating Committee has found people to fill all the current vacancies.
5. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 pm.



Now You Can Donate to Zion Online!

Out of town and forgot to send in your offering?
Or maybe you prefer to use your phone or computer to gift Zion.

Now you can easily give online. Simply go to our new website and click on **Donate**. You will safely be able to give your offering using your credit or debit card. We are using the same company as Simply Giving so the site is very secure.



JANUARY INCOME:

1/3 - 216.00 - Simply Giving
1/5 - 3,085.00 - Sunday
1/6 - 40.00 - Electronic Offering
1/10 - 366.00 - Simply Giving
1/12 - 4,827.60 - Sunday
1/13 - 400.00 - Simply Giving
1/14 - 20.00 - Electronic Offering
1/15 - 994.15 - Preschool Sal.
1/15 - 900.00 - Electronic Offering
1/17 - 577.00 - Simply Giving
1/19 - 4,721.00 - Sunday
1/21 - 265.00 - Simply Giving
1/24 - 217.00 - Simply Giving
1/26 - 3,141.00 - Sunday
1/27 - 90.00 - Simply Giving
1/29 - 1,296.92 - Preschool Sal. & Exp.
1/29 - 2,500.00 - Fund 2
Undesignated Memorials
1/29 - 986.36 - Fund 2 Building Maint.

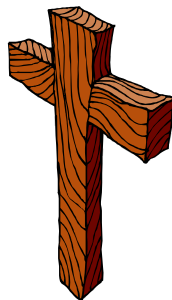
TOTAL - \$24,643.03

January Bills Paid

\$ 28,889.99

January bills yet to pay - Schwan Electric - \$722.46

Checking account balance as of January 29th is negative \$3,660.14



Don't Miss This!!

**David Ramsey FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
coming to Zion February 9 – April 6!**

This life-changing class taught on video by Dave Ramsey and the Financial Peace University teaching team will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

Sundays at 4:00 pm
February 9- April 6
Child Care will be provided.

Cost is \$93.00 but the cost to your family is only \$50.00.

Zion will pay the additional \$43.00! You will not find this class this affordable anywhere else!! One membership with materials can be used by you and your spouse. Your Financial Peace University membership entitles you to visit any Financial Peace University class again in the future.

What's included-
Membership for you and your spouse
Access to the online resources and tools
A copy of Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money book
Financial Peace University (FPU) Class workbook
FPU Envelope System
FPU Progress Chart

Go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/48679/class/247721> to register online or call the church office - 225-6755. Nancy Graham, a graduate of the Financial Peace University program will be the course facilitator.



BETHESDA BINGO

Every second Saturday of the month Zion hosts bingo at Bethesda. The women are in charge of finding volunteers to help with Bingo. Plan to participate in this ministry opportunity on February 8th! Contact Vi Tetherow (226-2320) or Elsie Geffre (225-7488) if you can help.



RECEIPTS from Kessler's and Ken's are being collected for Noah's Park Christian Preschool.

Please bring receipts, dated September 1st and later to the collection box in the kitchen.

Ken's also accepts gas receipts from their pumps. Thanks much!!!



Adult Mission Trip - An adult mission trip to Pine Ridge is planned for September 11th-14th 2014. The trip is a combination of service projects and building a cultural relationship. We are partnering with Bethlehem Lutheran Church for this mission trip. For more information contact Jane Albrecht 226-2853.

Hub City Brew - Talkin' grace and life. Gathering once a month to talk about faith & life and be in community with one another. Pull up a chair and join us on Tuesday, February 25th at 7:00 PM!

Hub City Brew is about Diverse people, diverse opinions, everyone welcome in the Hub City Brew Conversation. Whether you drink coffee or other beverages, pull up a chair and be part of the night.

Each month come talk about local and global issues, ideas for helping the world, and dreams you have for Aberdeen and beyond. Come try out different opinions with people who will push you to think. And eat wings.

STAFF

Pastor: Marcia Sylvester

Pastoral Assistant: Alyssa Weber

Secretary: Donna Steckler

Custodian: Art Ketterling

Director of Music: Sonya Kempf

Associate Dir. Of Music: Sue Gates

Worship Band Coordinator: Scott Geffre

Sunday School Superintendents: Stacy Geffre,

Sharlene Wanttie & Tammy Paulsen

WHO DO I ASK ABOUT

Zion Women: Carmel Heyd

Zion Men: Garry Johnson

Hugh Dahme

Ushers: Curt Suedmeier

Altar Guild: Lois Sollie

Library: Sharlene Wanttie



**NOAH'S PARK
CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL**

Teacher:

Jami Ringgenberg

RECEPTIONS

Funerals: Sharon Mizerny

Weddings/Anniversaries: Julie Beusch

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President: Carol Rutherford Vice President: Sue Gates

Secretary: Kathy Heffernan Treasurer: Carmel Heyd

COMMITTEES:

Welcome & Outreach: Andrea Morehouse

Properties: Mike Bretsch Fellowship: Kathy Job

Worship/Music: Hugh Dahme Education: Sharlene

Wanttie Stewardship: Rachel Mountain Visitation:

Social Concerns: Jane Albrecht Finance: John Desens

Youth: Jeff Carlson



Educator: Sonya Kempf

ANNUAL MEETING

The Zion Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 2nd at 12 noon (following the second service). Annual reports will be available in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be important as we will be discussing the major repairs needed in the old building, items that the property committee has been researching and we will discuss forming a call committee as we search for a second pastor.

TABLE OF PLENTY COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday, February 24th - 5:30-7:00 pm



" MUSINGS from SEEMORE THE CHURCH MOUSE"

I have once again made my list of helpers here at Zion, but I hope you will forgive me if I have forgotten any of you, as it is so hard to see everyone. (Please don't evict me - I love living at Zion!) But if I forgot you, or someone you know of, please call them at the office and see if they will put it in the next time. Thank you. SeeMore!

☺ Brrr...too cold. Too snowy. Even for a furry church mouse. I am so glad we have Art to clear our sidewalks and keep the ice away. And I am especially glad for all the helpers who clean the walks and salt the sidewalks when he is not here.

☺ The funeral committee has been busy this month. That Sharon Mizerny does such a good job recruiting faithful workers. I know how much your hard work means to the families. Thank you all.

☺ Whee!!! Ice skating! I may have little skates and the rink at the Odde Ice Arena was really BIG but what a fun time I had skating with all 15 youth. (I think I was lucky no one mistook me for a hockey puck!) Thanks to everyone who made this night happen.

☺ The Desen's were hard at it again; cleaning the church after a wedding on a Saturday night. I have heard Art say he appreciates his day off and the Desen's always do such a good job!

☺ Mmmmm.....there is nothing better than the smell of fresh baked kuchen. And this month there were 150 kuchen creating this good smell at Zion. Thanks to the mission trip youth and their parents for gifting the congregation with this special treat. (If you wondered where that "flopped" chocolate chip kuchen went to... never fear, it went to a good "cause". Or should I say a good "mouse". ☺

☺ Darrell Sorensen deserves thanks for acting as our Parliamentarian during the annual meeting. I know President Rutherford thought so too!

☺ Pork sandwiches, chips, salad and cookies. Another successful Table of Plenty meal! Thank you TOP volunteers for making this ministry happen.



Calling A Second Pastor

The time has come to begin the process of calling a second pastor to serve God at Zion. A Call Committee is currently being assembled. We are looking for members from across the congregational spectrum to serve on this short term committee.

If you feel God leading you to be a part of this prayerful committee, please contact Pastor Marcia (225-6755 or psylvester@nvc.net). We will keep the congregation informed as the process unfolds.



A note From the Assistant:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13: 34-35

Jesus commands us to love one another as he first loved us. This may be a tricky task considering the extent of the love that Jesus showed for us, and his sacrifice on the cross. Can we truly love someone like this? This is an awfully big task that Jesus asks of us. But what if we were to look at his ministry through out his life? Jesus was often crossing racial and social barriers to minister to those in need. What if this is the love that Jesus was commanding us to exhibit. Love that is blind to social standing or race? Love that is blind to gender or lifestyle? Love that is blind to physical or mental illness?

I believe that if we were all to exhibit this kind of Love the world would be a much more loving and Christ like place.

Blessings,

Your Sister in Christ, Alyssa Weber



