



ZION'S JOURNEY

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

FROM THE PASTOR:

January 2014

“I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations...See the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I will tell you of them.”

Isaiah 42:6-9

Christmas is over. Schedules return to normal. A new year unfolds before us filled with hope and promise. None of us can predict what this new year holds but we do know who holds this new year – God. Some of us may find ourselves faced with an illness we are not prepared to face. Others of us might find ourselves welcoming a new member by birth or marriage into our family.

As a church family, we also look forward to a new year. We anticipate with excitement what God has planned for this congregation. What new neighbor-helping-neighbor projects will God present to us? What missions will be opened to us for our support and participation? Who will be our second pastor? What new ministries will he or she bring with them?

All of these, at this moment are unanswerable. Therein lies the excitement and anticipation. With God all things are possible and God asks only that we have open hearts and minds. As we begin 2014, I ask you to be in prayer for all that God has planned for us at Zion. May we respond to his call with gladness in our hearts and joy in our serving. Have a blessed New Year!

Your sister in Christ,
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.

December 1	\$ 5,305.00	81/80
December 8	\$ 4,724.00	85/84
December 15	\$ 5,623.00	94/110
December 22	\$ 5,154.00	80/303
December 29	\$ 5,007.58	56/44
Christmas	\$ 3,529.00	209/135/31
Advent	\$ 712.00	40/61

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.

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 for-

gives our sins

*** My Faith Looks Up to Thee** - Faith



spotlight



"Get to Know You"

Spotlight Person

For the Month of **January 2014**
"Lois Chapin"



*** Born and raised:** Mellette-Brentford area on a farm.

*** Education:** graduated from high school in 1969 and had one year of business college in Watertown, SD.

*** Family history:** Mom & Dad & Brother are deceased. I have 5 stepchildren, 10 step grand children, & 12 step great grand children, but they are all my children.

***Member of Zion for how long:**
4 months.

*** What I like about Zion:** it feels like a family.

*** My favorite part of Zion is:**
Family-like atmosphere.

*** What my Church means to me:**
friendly people & fellowship.

*** Best time of year at Zion:**
Christmas.

*** My favorite ... Color** - blue, pink
- Sport - baseball - **Hobby** - embroidery & watching bowling - **Travel** - going to Alaska - **Music** - Country. - **Proudest moment** - getting married.

*** If I could change things in this world it would be** - 1 to have Peace, no more wars. 2. Everybody getting along.

*** The one thing people don't know about me is:** I became wife, mother, & grandma when I said "I do."

***A perfect day is when:** Nothing goes wrong & everybody feels good.

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



Sixth grade Lord's Prayer Class

The Lord's Prayer Class for sixth graders and their parents will be held Sundays, January 12-February 2 from 9:45-10:30 am in the Friendship Room upstairs. Please bring your Bible to the first class.

Special Offering for the Month of January is Salvation Army Food Pantry
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 not meet In January.



Annual Reports

Just a reminder that all committee reports that are included in the Annual Report are due into the office by January 9th. Please email a copy-ready report to Donna if you could. That will save Donna hours of retyping!

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

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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Donna will be on vacation from Monday, January 20 thru Thursday, January 23. Volunteers are needed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please call the office at 225-6755 if you are available to answer the phone (half of a day or a whole day). Thanks so much! 😊

SIMPLY GIVING ELECTONIC OFFERING

We thank everyone who has supported Zion this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information or to sign up. **See our new website for easy online donation capability!**



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
Ruth Leicht

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

Cohasset, Mn

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, January 9th at 7:15 pm.
Contact Person: Vicki Carlson

Zion Men's Group:

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

Zion's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, January 6th, 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 January 9th 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, January 23 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!

February Fellowship Service List

*** Altar Guild Co-Chairs**

Dawn 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**

Steve Harrison
*** Kari Harrison**
Jackson Harrison
Estelle Harrison
Art Heinrich
Harold Hoffman
Hilda Hoffman
Fred Johnson
Danielle Johnson
Jami 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
Linda Schweigert
Ketih Trinko
Brenda Trinko
Daylon Spellman
Dessa Spellman
Destin Spellman
Dana Trumm
Cathy Trumm
Lorraine Wasem





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**Noah's Park Christian
Preschool Classes
Christmas Programs! (Above)**



**Zion Sunday School Christmas
Program! (Below)**



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Noah's Park Preschool



Hello from Noah's Park Preschool! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We had a very busy month and are enjoying a little Christmas break now. Each of the three preschool classes had their own Christmas program.

The children sang four songs and retold how Jesus was born in a stable with Pastor Marcia and Miss Alyssa. Afterwards, their families were able to join us for some Christmas treats in the fellowship hall. What fun! We also read several different versions of the Gingerbread Man and the children voted for their favorite. We didn't like the traditional story where he gets eaten – most agreed they liked it when the gingerbread tricked the fox at the end for a fun twist! We made tissue paper wreaths and also a handprint Christmas tree or glitter snowflake. We are still finding glitter everywhere but our snowflakes were beautiful!! We are hoping for some nice weather in January so we can play outside on our snow hill. It takes us a while to bundle up but it is worth it!! Happy New Year! ~Jami

Prayer Shawl

As this new year begins the ladies of the prayer shawl group wanted to remind you that the shawls they knit and crochet are made stitch by stitch with prayers of comfort, love, and joy. We pray that you be enfolded in the love of God this year. If you or someone you know is in need of the physical embrace of God through tough times as well as joyous ones we invite you to inquire about a prayer shawl. Please speak to Alyssa or Kathy Brumbaugh.

Prayer Of Blessing (*blessing for a completed shawl*)

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By: Janet Severi Bristow - 2000

May God's grace be upon this shawl...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and well-being... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.

Blessed Be!

CONFIRMATION RESUMES

Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm.



Winter Men's Retreat

The Men of Aberdeen have 15 spots booked at NeSoDak on Friday, January 24-25 for a Winter Men's Retreat. They will leave on Friday, January 24th at 5:30 pm and return after supper on Saturday.

The group is hoping to have men from each of the ELCA churches in town attend the retreat. Contact Garry Johnson with questions or to register, 605-225-8632.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council Highlights from Dec. 17, 2013



- * Treasurer's report showed a checking account balance of \$1,263.02.
- * The council moved to approve the 2014 Budget.
- * The Church's new website is up and running!
- * Zion Youth will be serving the Table of Plenty on Monday, Dec. 30. 10th grade Confirmation and mentors will be cooking the meal.
- * All Annual Committee reports are due to Donna before January 8.

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.



DECEMBER INCOME:

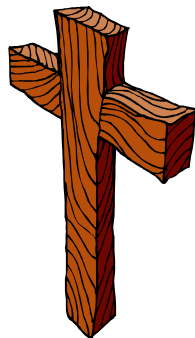
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12/1 - 4,659.00 - Sunday
12/8 - 216.00 - Simply Giving
12/8 - 250.00 - Thrivent
12/8 - 4,434.00 - Sunday
12/8 - 400.00 - Simply Giving
12/11 - 455.00 - Advent Worship
12/13 - 616.00 - Simply Giving
12/15 - 1,403.97 - Preschool Sal. & Exp.
12/15 - 4,647.00 - Sunday
12/16 - 380.00 - Simply Giving
12/16 - 1,618.00 - Thrivent
12/18 - 232.00 - Simply Giving
12/20 - 416.00 - Simply Giving
12/22 - 4,472.00 - Sunday
12/25 - 3,529.00 - Christmas
12/25 - 266.00 - Simply Giving
12/29 - 4,746.58 - Sunday
12/27 - 1,012.27 - Preschool Sal. & Exp.
12/30 - 20.00 - Simply Giving

TOTAL - 34,265.82

December Bills Paid

Total - \$30,383.99

**Checking account balance
as of December 30th is
\$1,257.00**



David Ramsey FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY coming to Zion in February!

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

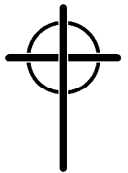
Financial Peace University (FPU) Class workbook

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.



**Northern Plains Conference Women's Executive Board meeting -
January 11th at 11:00 AM at Zion Lutheran Church in Aberdeen.**



Memorial Gifts

For

From

Marion Becker	Sanctuary Renovation	Roger\Wilma Zimmerman
Thank you for your ongoing gifts in memory of loved ones.		



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Relationships are what stewardship is all about. There are times of scarcity and abundance in all of our lives and stewardship calls us to creatively use God's gifts to follow Jesus' command to love God and our neighbor. Stewardship is a commitment of time and talents and if necessary, money.

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!!!



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

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.

Zion Skating Night

All Children of God young and old are inviting to come out for an evening of skating at the Odde Ice Arena Sunday, January 12 from 6:15-8:45 pm. Bring your mittens and fanciest moves for a day of Wintery play. We hope to have many people from every age out for this fun night.

An **Annual Meeting Open Forum** will be held on **Sunday, January 19 between services** for any questions or comments folks would like to make prior to the annual meeting January 29.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Zion Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 26th at 12 noon** (following the second service). Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 19th and throughout the week. 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, January 27 - 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!

☺ I love December! So many treats and parties at the church. I hardly have a spare moment before I need to be at the next event! And food, food, food...ahhhh...

☺ Not only did we celebrate Jesus' birth in Dec. we also had a really unique birthday party in honor of what would have been Lexy Becker's 10th birthday. All the birthday presents came in the form of blood donations. And what a lot of gifts people gave - 48 donors and 59 total blood products! Lexy was smiling in heaven!

☺ Advent services were beautiful once again - even though there were only two. A big thank you to all the choir members and the soloists who made Holden Evening Pray so meaningful. And to Alyssa and Pastor Marcia for their dramas - so good.

☺ Wow! We did it! We surpassed the challenge made by the Church Council to match the \$500 estate gift from Elaine Milbrandt. \$1,015.00 will be given to the West River Ranchers Relief Fund. I am so proud to be a part of this church family!

☺ Did you see the 38 pairs of mittens and the 39 hats that were collected for Simmons Elementary students? So many generous members gave hats and mittens that we had to start collecting them in a basket. Too many for the clothes line! Thank you from the bottom of my little mouse heart. ☺

☺ Speaking of fun with children. The Sunday School program - was the best ever! That Stacy Geffre sure does a great job. And what singers!! Oh my goodness the rafters shook they sang so loud! I was so proud of all the children and I am sure Jesus was too.

☺ Noah's Park Preschool Christmas program wasn't one to be missed either. I never knew little ones could sing Away in a Manger with such feeling! I'm so glad they know the real meaning of Christmas.

☺ And of course I can't forget to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Eve services so beautiful. I found what I was looking for - the newborn king!! Thank you, God for the greatest Christmas gift of all.



" MUSINGS from SEEMORE CONTINUED...."

☺ A big thank you to the 10th grade confirmation students, their mentors and the Zion Youth Group for hosting and serving the Table of Plenty meal in December. Scalloped potatoes, corn, bread and Christmas goodies were a perfect menu for a cold December night. (At least I thought so!)

☺ What fun was had when 14 middle school youth and 2 shepherds from NSU gathered on December 6th for the Christmas lock-in. I was pleased as punch to be able to ride along to Wal-Mart to buy Angel tree gifts with the ladies and the guys even let me have some of their cookie dough! ☺ It was a wild night and I think I am finally recuperated.

☺ I had such fun bowling with Shelley and Quintin Fischbach, Brian and Isaac VanderWeyst and Deb and Christopher Weber. Boy can those guys bowl. I almost fell into one of the finger holes and went for a wild ride!

☺ Did you hear the Sunday School Kids singing on December 22? They did such a good job! My friend Freddy the Field mouse said he could hear them over by CHS! Way to go guys!

☺ The Mission Trip Youth and their families sure did a good job with the goodies for the Christmas Treat Sale. Those were the tastiest crumbs I've ever eaten, and they sure were pretty too.

A note From the Assistant:

2013 has flown by so quickly and now we are into 2014. It is hard to believe that the time has gone so quickly and that I have already been with this wonderful congregation for 4 months and only have 8 more to go.

At the coming of the New Year many make New Years Resolutions. What have you resolved to do this year? Eat better, exercise more, be more patient? My resolution to you is to seek to bring fun and exciting family activities to the Family of Zion. I would love to see our Zion Family continue to work together to grow and play, to discover new things about one another and to grow in love for God and each other. I think it would be tremendous to get members of all ages from our tinniest members to our most seasoned to join together in the service and care for this family of Christ!

May you have a blessed year!
Alyssa



