



January 2019

## ZION'S JOURNEY

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

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*Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-6)*

We'll read these words from Isaiah in worship this Sunday, Epiphany Sunday. They are life-giving words for a new year, and they are also foundational words for us as we head into an exciting and eventful year in the life of our congregation. Isaiah reminds us of our purpose as a church: bringing Christ's light—a light that God has given us and sustains for us—to a world that needs it.

A quick update on what's coming up for us at Zion. Our original intention was to form a call committee after the first of the year, and that is still our intention. This month the Zion council will be working to form that team. But this group will also function as a visioning task force. We have a number of questions to ask and conversations to hold as we discern over the next several months the future ministry God is calling us into at Zion.

So, here are some things I'm asking you to do in 2019. Please be in prayer for the direction of ministry for Zion and our staffing needs for that ministry. As a church, our discernment for ministry is rooted in prayer and Scripture.

Please also stay informed and involved in the process. You can begin doing that by attending the **Annual Meeting**, which is scheduled for **noon on Sunday, January 27**. There will also be an annual meeting open forum in the fellowship hall between services on Sunday, January 20. These gatherings will be your first opportunities to find out more about the call/visioning process. Come with your questions and ideas!

Finally, if you are discerning that God is calling you to be a part of our call committee/visioning task force, please talk to me or our council president, Hugh Dahme.

In the peace of Christ, Pastor Erin

## Financial Stewardship Snapshot

Zion's General Fund needs to take in an average of \$36,000.00 each month or around \$9,000.00 per week to meet monthly obligations.

### November 2018 General Fund:

Actual monthly income: 28,756.00  
Actual monthly expenses: 26,700.00  
Monthly budget: 36,328.00

Actual YTD income: 345,492.00  
Actual YTD expenses: 348,758.00  
YTD budget: 399,608.00

\*Attendance #'s: Total Nov. Worship attendance ~ 604  
\*Average Sunday attendance in Nov. ~ 151



## NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining the congregation, contact the church office, 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.



### Card Recycling

Zion's card makers meet each Wednesday at 1:00 pm in Classrooms A&B to recycle greeting cards. The finished products are available in the Narthex for only \$.50 a piece! Feel free to join them as they create, chat, and have snacks!

**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



## COMING UP AT ZION

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| January 6  | Sunday School starts  |
| January 9  | 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation   |
| January 10 | Peace & Fellowship Circles  |
| January 15 | Council meeting   |
| January 16 | 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation   |
| January 20 | Annual Meeting Open Forum<br>Middle School Youth Night  |
| January 23 | 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation   |
| January 27 | 6 <sup>th</sup> grader + Parent Prayer Milestone<br>Annual Meeting<br>High School Cookie Ninjas Night |
| January 30 | 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation   |

### **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

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, contact Donna in the office and she can get you set up.



Special Offering for the Month of

January  
is  
Journey Home!

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 Narthex. We are heard at 8:30 am on KSDN radio (930 AM). The cost of sponsoring a week's broadcast is \$110.00. 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.**

**Several Sundays for 2018 are currently open!**

## 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. (in the fall) Or 9:30 am (summer). 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  
Saturday, January 5th  
at  
9:00 AM



## "GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

Thank you to all the people who help out at Zion. If we have not seen you or you know of anyone who should be listed, please call the office and we will put them in the next time. Thank you.



- ☺ Thanks to Monica Tietz & Zach Anderson who continue to be adult confirmation guide for our 9th & 10th graders.
- ☺ Thanks to all who have shared their musical talent with us thru our special music during worship.
- ☺ Thanks all who helped decorate for Christmas: Stacy Geffre, Elsie Geffre, Shane & Eli Schauer, Elissa, Jack & Ernie Dickey, Andrea & Alecia Morehouse, Mike Bretsch, Curt Suedmeier, Kasia Heidelberger, Deb Hardy & Sandra Anderson.
- ☺ Thanks to all of our Sunday worship volunteers: worship assistants, lectors, acolytes, deacons, altar care & communion, ushers, coffee hosts, money counters, sound and power point operators.
- ☺ Special thanks to Zion's Prayer Shawl group. So many are so appreciative to receive a shawl to comfort them in prayer .
- ☺ Thanks to Karen Dahme for baking communion bread for the past five years.
- ☺ Thanks to all who volunteered and worked in the office while Donna was on vacation.
- ☺ Thanks to Mike Bretsch, Shanae Wagemann & Judy Albl for portraying saints, Nicholas, Lucy & Katie Luther for our Wednesday Advent Worship services.

Thanks to all who volunteer and give of your time so generously.

## God's Work Our Hands

*(We will be sharing any acknowledgments and thank yous we receive each month. God is busy using our congregation to touch the hearts and minds of so many.) These cards will also be posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.*

- The Wednesday Night Group of AA would like to express our gratitude for your hospitality. Please accept this check as a Christmas gift as we want to do our part in helping fix the boiler. The church is an absolute blessing to our group and we truly appreciate you supporting our outreach. God Bless.
- Thank you so much for once again allowing our group to hold our holiday potluck in your Fellowship Hall. Please accept this donation from our membership as a token of our appreciation. Aberdeen Area Gift of Life

**Bethesda Home**

Martha Zimmerman  
Ida Fauth  
Ben Schroeder

**Mother Joseph**

Hazel Martell

**Aberdeen Health & Rehab**

Lenora Schweigert

**Groton Health Care**

Leon Tobin  
Marge Rhodes

**Eureka**

Alegra Fischer

**Idaho**

Marvin Bucholz

**Minnesota**

LeRoy Buechler

**California**

Erna Schmierer

**Colorado**

Ella Aipperspach



**BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Zion's Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Monday, January 7th  
2:30 for knitting and crocheting together;  
3:40 for prayer and blessing of shawls.  
*Contact Person: Kathy Brumbaugh*

**Fellowship Circle and Peace Circle**

Peace Circle will meet on Thursday, January 10th at 9:30 AM.  
Fellowship Circle will meet on Thursday, January 10h  
at 2:00 PM.

Bible Studies are found in "Gather" magazine, the magazine of Women of the ELCA.



**January Fellowship Service List**

**\* Altar Guild Co-Chairs**

Mitchell Aman  
MakliaWhitten  
Elliot Aman  
Lyle Chapin  
**\*Lois Chapin**  
Milbert Dais  
Brett Dinger  
Michelle Dinger  
Shaine Dinger  
Brody Dinger  
Mike Geffre  
Jeff Goreham  
Nick Guthmiller  
Christy Guthmiller  
Charleen Hargens

Steve Harrison  
**\*Kari Harrison**  
Jackson Harrison  
Estelle Harrison  
Erin Heidelberger  
Kasia Heidelberger  
Jon Heintzman  
Missy Heintzman  
Kelsea Heintzman  
Paige Heintzman  
Connie Kaul  
Corey Klatt  
Kayla Sproles  
Brad Krueger  
Paula Krueger  
Maxine Lammle

Dodie Nelson  
Lois Obenauer  
Jason Parks  
Nicki Mack  
Gloria Rudolph  
Walt Schaefer  
Jan Schaefer  
Joy Schmidt  
Ed Suchomel  
Russ Sukut  
Shirley Wagemann



**RECORDS UPDATE** - If you have moved or changed your phone number, dropped your landline or could add a cell number or email to the church records, please call the church office at 225-6755 so we can have the most up to date contact for you.

**"READING TOGETHER"**



**ZION'S BOOK CLUB, will meet on Tuesday, January 8th**

Our book for the month of January is  
**"Leadership in Turbulent Times"**

By: Doris Kearns Goodwin

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION!**

**Contact Person: Virginia Tobin**

**QUILTER'S**

The Quilters meet Monday & Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM in the South room of the basement. We would love to have anyone who wants to come ~ to come and join us. No experience necessary.  
**Contact person: Norma Miller**

**TABLE OF PLENTY COMMUNITY MEAL**

The next meal will be Monday, January 28th  
5:30-7:00 PM.



## Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota

**A way to give and receive.** When you use highly appreciated assets (stocks, bonds, real estate) to fund a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, you'll receive lifetime income for you and/or your spouse, an income tax deduction, capital gains tax savings, and a way to create a legacy that benefits the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of these tools and the services offered by Lutheran Planned Giving--605.274.5030 or [lpgsd@sdsynod.org](mailto:lpgsd@sdsynod.org).



### Ken's and Kessler's receipts for Noah's Park Preschool.

We are again collecting receipts for the current school year.



We really appreciate you and hope you continue to save these receipts for us. With your help, the Noah's Park Preschool gets extra funds to purchase supplies needed in our preschool.

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

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

**Thank you! Thank you!** We have had a tremendous response from so many of you donating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion. If you have Thrivent dollars, please let them know where you would like those dollars directed. These dollars are used for building repair and maintenance.

Again, thank you for designating your dollars to Zion! God is so good!

*Thrivent Choice*

## Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that you are staying warm! By the time Christmas vacation started the preschoolers were almost bouncing off the ceiling. Between pajama day, programs, crafts, presents, cooking day and other treats and our goofy elf on the shelf they were giddy with excitement! We did manage to make beautiful handprint Christmas trees for their families and decorate our own tree with handmade ornaments and paper chains.

The gingerbread cafe was a hit but I will be switching that area out over break. I am thinking the pizza parlor would be fun...

We will be welcoming a student teacher in January and are looking forward to that. She visited the last Friday before break and is willing to come back so that's a good sign! Happy New Year!

Jami



## ANNUAL MEETING & FORUM

\*The Annual Meeting Forum will be held on Sunday, January 20 at 9:45 between services in the fellowship hall. This will be your chance to take a look at the printed annual report and ask your questions before the annual meeting.

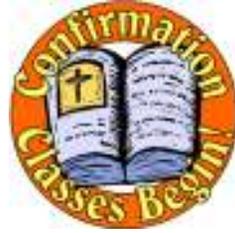
\*The Annual Meeting will be at noon on Sunday, January 27 in the fellowship hall.

*COMMITTEE CHAIRS, don't forget the deadline to submit your committee report to Donna for the annual report is January 4. Please email them copy ready to Donna at [zion@nvc.net](mailto:zion@nvc.net).*

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Confirmation Schedule Reminders:

**Grades 9 & 10** will begin meeting again on January 9, 16, 23, & 30. We meet in the Friendship Room on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM.



**Keep saving those coins as we will be collecting them on Sunday, January 13th! All \$ collected will be going to Journey Home.**



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT Faith, Fun, & Fellowship!

Sunday, January 20 at 6:00 PM (on the third Sunday of the month through May). Remember that you will attend four of these nights as part of your Confirmation requirements.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: COOKIE NINJAS!



**The cookie ninjas will strike on Sunday, January 27 from 6:00-8:00 PM!**

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to make cookies and other treats to deliver to people who serve our community by working the night shift at places like the hospitals and fire station. Join us for an awesome night of baking and fun.

Any contributions to the cookie-making stash (cookie/brownie mixes, decorations, etc.) are greatly appreciated!



GIFTS THAT GIVE TWICE

Zion Lutheran youth are heading to camp and on a short-term servant trip this summer! Some of our kids will get to experience camp for the very first time at NeSoDak Bible Camp. A group of middle schoolers will be walking and worshipping alongside Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. COTS is a ministry of the South Dakota synod with the unhoused in Sioux Falls.

To help raise funds needed for these trips, we have created a fundraiser on Boon Supply, where 50% of every purchase you make goes back to the Zion Youth.

Boon Supply offers a variety of high-quality, affordable gifts and household items like jewelry, kitchen tools, and home organization items. Perfect for those upcoming graduation and wedding gifts!

To shop and benefit Zion Youth, just go online to this link: [www.bit.ly/zionyouth](http://www.bit.ly/zionyouth)

Remember, 50% of the price of each item purchased through this site benefits our Zion Youth!



## SIXTH GRADE PRAYER MILESTONE

Sixth graders and their parents are invited to join us for the sixth-grade Prayer Milestone. You'll meet with Pastor Erin in Classroom A during the Sunday School hour on January 27 and February 3. Students will help to write the prayers of the church for worship and will be recognized in worship on Sunday, February 10.



## FAMILY FAITH NIGHT – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 5:00-7:00 PM

Kids and parents, mark your calendars for this evening of food, fun, and faith! Stay tuned for more details.

**Christmas Flowers** - Thank you to the following people who donated poinsettias and flowers to decorate for the Christmas services.

**In Memory of:**

Kenneth & Keith Kabrud  
Marvin Franz  
William Wasem  
Walter & Wayne Wagemann  
Friends & Family  
Ellen Johnson  
Jordan Daniel Heyd

**Given by:**

Mary Jane Kabrud  
Kevin & Tina Franz  
Lorraine Wasem Family  
Shirley Wagemann  
Wanda Wagemann  
Garry & Kathy Johnson  
His family

**With Thanks For:**

The blessings of the Christ Child & Family & Friends      Martin & Judy Albl

**In Honor of:**

The Burgards  
The Brinkmans  
The Kabruds  
Our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
The Christ Child

**Given by:**

Mary Jane Kabrud  
Mary Jane Kabrud  
Mary Jane Kabrud  
Karl & Sonya Kempf  
Ray & Marcie Andersh

**Plants by:**      Peace Circle & Millie Suchomel

***In Memory of*                      *For*                      *From***

Dick Lauinger	General	Glenn\Barb Imberi
Art Bretsch	Boiler	Bretsch Family & Friends

**Thank you for your ongoing gifts in memory of loved ones.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!**

The Noah's Park Preschool committee is asking you to prayerfully consider being a part of their committee. We are looking for one or two individuals to join this dedicated group. Our committee meets once a month during the school year and does two fundraisers a year.

Contact Julie Beusch at 228-4944 if you are feeling called or have further questions. **We would love to have you!**

**GARAGE & BOILER REPAIR FUND**

As many of you already know, the steam boiler that heats our sanctuary and education wing recently broke down. It has lasted for its expected lifetime, (or longer) so we don't have the option of repairing it.

The new boiler is installed and working great. The cost for the boiler payable to **Aberdeen Plumbing** is **\$38,545.54** and the electrical cost payable to **Schwan Electric** is **\$1,172.84** for a total of **39,718.38**. To date we have received a total \$21,759.00 in gifts and pledged gifts, leaving a balance due and payable in January of **\$17,959.38**

A **huge** thank you to all of those who have already contributed gifts toward the new boiler!

We will also be making some much-needed improvements to our garage. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of either or both of these projects, you can do so through your offering envelope. Just be sure to indicate how much of your giving is for the general fund and how much is for the garage or boiler repairs.



**GIVING COMMITMENTS FOR 2019**

As 2018 comes to a close, the Finance and Stewardship Committees would like to thank everyone who has submitted an estimate of giving pledge for 2019. So far we have a total of 105 giving units returning pledges. **The current total from these commitments is \$221,121.**

If you have yet to complete a commitment card, it is not too late! Just let our secretary Donna know (225-6755) and she will make sure you receive one. Please pray for God's guidance as you discern the amount of offering God is asking of you to help fulfill his ministry through Zion in 2019.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Don't forget to pick up your 2019 offering envelopes on the table in the narthex. While you're at it, peruse the envelopes and if you find a family member, neighbor, or friend who hasn't picked theirs up yet, take it to them. It's a great excuse for coffee!

## Happenings at Zion



Above: Mike Bretsch, Shanae Wagemann & Judy Albl were our saints for our Wednesday Advent Worship. Mike ~ Saint Nicholas, Shanae ~ Saint Lucy and Judy ~ Katie Luther.



Above: Sunday School Christmas Program.

## Happenings at Zion



A great time was had after Wednesday Advent Worship. We shared cider, cookies and craft time.



Noah's Park Preschool Christmas Program