ZION’S JOURNEY
Rooted in Faith * Growing in Spirit * Reaching Out to Those in Need

Lent, Holy Week & Easter at Zion

Wednesday Night Worship: The Voice of God
March 4 ~ Judas / March 11 ~ Peter / March 18 ~ Pilate
March 25 ~ Barabbas / April 1 ~ Dismas
5:00 PM ~ Soup Supper
5:55 PM ~ Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 29
Fifth-graders receive First Communion at the 10:45 service

Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, April 5
Our worship at both services will draw us into the story of Jesus’ last days. The Sunday School children will process with palms at the 10:45 service. Join us for a Palm Sunday breakfast served between services hosted by the Men’s Group and Zion Youth.

Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
The Voice of God continues ~ the centurion
Thursday, April 9 at 5:55 PM

Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 10
Noon ~ ELCA Community Good Friday service at Zion
5:55 PM ~ Good Friday Tennebrae service at Zion
The Voice of God continues ~ Mary, the mother of Jesus

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 12 ~ 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Zion will once again award two $350 scholarships for the coming academic year. One will go to a 2020 high school graduate and one to a continuing college student.

See the application for full instructions. Printed applications are now available in the fellowship hall. Completed applications should be returned to the church no later than April 1, 2020. You can also find the application on our website at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/signupcentral.

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 sheet in your bulletin during worship. Then, you will be contacted by Zion’s Welcome & Outreach Committee who will answer any questions you might have about Zion.

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 brings strength,

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

UPCOMING FAITH MILESTONES

Families, mark your calendars for these upcoming Faith Milestones! Stay tuned for more information - we’ll send you details in the mail and announce in bulletins and upcoming newsletters:

March 1, 8 & 15: First Communion Class for 5th graders and parents
March 15: Prayer Pillow Milestone for 3-year-olds and parents
March 29: First Communion Sunday for 5th graders
April 19: Image of God milestone for 6th graders

Watch for a rescheduled “Opening Your Bibles” milestone for 4th graders!

PRAYER PILLOW MILESTONE FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS

All 4-year-olds and their parents are invited to join us for a Prayer Pillow Faith Milestone event on Sunday, March 15.

We will present Prayer Pillows to our 4-year-olds at both services, so families can still attend the service of their choice.

These children and their parents are also invited to a special event at 9:40 AM that day in Classrooms A&B. We'll have a lot of fun learning about prayer together!
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.

Sundays are currently open for 2020. Sign up to get your special dates today.

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 on March 7th at 9:00 AM

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.

Thank you to Gary & Kathy Job for supplying the office with tape and post-its.

Special thanks to Sonya Kempf for all of her years of service as our organist and choir director. Also thanks to all who made her celebration possible and to all those who came to share in the special day.

Thank you to all of you who volunteer each month with Sunday Worship Services.

Thank you to everyone who brought bars for the Table of Plenty meal.

* If you see someone around Zion doing something you think should be mentioned in the “Grateful For You”, please come into the church office and add it to our notebook on the cabinet. Thanks!

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

“GRATEFUL FOR YOU”

THANK YOU - As I roll back the years, I am reminded of my mother, my aunt, many of my first cousins being organists. Ironically that line of relatives playing the organ has come to the inclusion of my granddaughters. I, very clearly, remember long stretches of time on both the piano and organ until perfection, or something close to that, was achieved with that goal being everlasting. And remember, organists play their instrument with both hands and feet all working together in splendid coordination for the outflow of melody and harmony that brings our convictions of faith even deeper into our hearts and lives.

For the past 50 years, I have, lovingly, tried to bless you with precious gifts of sacred music in every season and every occasion. At this point in life, the journey, very joyfully, continues. I am ever so grateful for this musical opportunity in the LIFE of Zion. The Lord hasn’t given me a timeline for stepping back. Guess it’s not up to me, anyway, “You serve and you serve until God gives you the go-ahead to stop.”

The Open House was sensational. My jaws never got tired of flapping up and down. Hugs were abundant. To see and visit - secretaries from the past, church friends of all ages, friends of every walk of life walking around the corner with smiles was THE BEST!!!!! The music was awesome – of course, I am prejudiced. SPECIAL THANKS to the committee (Sue Gates, Carmel Heyd, Nicole Kempf and Donna Steckler), for organizing the casual time of sharing moments with others and the final touch of coffee and cake was THE BEST!!!! The gifts of all sorts, cards filled with events that others remembered which brought tears, occasionally, are going to be treasured today and everyday. EVERY MOMENT was remarkable. Thanks to Zion for hosting.

Oh Lord, please bless Zion’s music that it might glorify your name. May the talent that you have bestowed upon me, Sonya Kempf, be used to serve you.”
MARCH SERVING GROUPS

Each person at Zion is valued, and the work of our congregation is a group effort. To help in that important work, all of our congregation members are part of a monthly Serving Group, which shares in the responsibilities in our life together as a church.

The two main areas that volunteers from these groups are responsible for are:

Readers – read the Scripture lessons during Sunday morning worship.

Fellowship Hosts – provide treats and prepare coffee and treats for the congregation as a ministry of hospitality during our Sunday morning fellowship time.

New members are added to these groups as they join in the ministries of Zion. And of course, children are welcome to read Scripture and help with fellowship time, too! If you have a preference for what you would like to do when it’s your month to serve, please contact Donna in the church office at 225-6755 or Carmel Heyd at 229-1360.

March Serving Group

* Altar Guild Co-Chairs

Ed & Pat Ackerson
Delores Anderson
Ruth Bonnet
Cody & Sara Dvorak & Brant
Mitch & Megan Friedt
Barb Gardner
Steven & Pam Gehring
Lester Harty

Kathy Heffernan
Michelle Heyd
Robin Kaul
Keith Larson
Chad & Patti Luitjens & Hailey
Marlyce Luitjens
Kacie Miller
Jim & * Norma Miller

Kyle & Denielle Olson
Grayson. Bennett, Layken
Shane & *Cyndi Schauer
Liz, Sam & Eli
Julie Schorg
& Jordyn
Doug & Ronda Smith
Wanda Wagemann

BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Zion’s Prayer Shawl Ministry
The Prayer Shawl group will meet Monday, March 2nd
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, March 12th at 9:30 AM.
Fellowship Circle will meet on Thursday, March 12th at 2:00 PM.

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

“All Are Welcome to Join the Discussion!”
Contact Person: Virginia Tobin

“READING TOGETHER”

ZION’S BOOK CLUB, will meet on
Tuesday, March 10th

Our book for the month of March is
“The Japanese Lover”
By: Isabel Allende

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

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!
Keep saving those coins as we will be collecting them on Sunday, March 8th! All $ collected will be going to CICS (NSU Campus Ministry)

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### BETHESDA BINGO

Zion helps with bingo every second Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM. Wilma Zimmerman is the contact for this fun ministry. If you would like more details or to volunteer, call Wilma at 225-4486. Adults and youth are welcome.

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

We are collecting receipts for the current school year now thru May.

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!!!**

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### TABLE OF PLENTY COMMUNITY MEAL

The next meal will be Monday, March 23rd 5:30-7:00 PM.

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**Noah’s Park Preschool**

Hello from Noah’s Park! February was a great month in preschool! We started with our Open House and had quite a full house. I was able to visit with a lot of returning families as well as some new ones. It was a great time. The preschool children learned about hibernation and learned some new songs and games. They have also been busy working in the bakery making donuts, cinnamon rolls, cookies and cupcakes. We made Valentine bags with hearts, stickers, stamps and glitter. Just as we were ready for our parties – the weather took a turn and we had two snow days!!! We recovered after the long break and each class was able to have their Valentine party. The children passed out Valentines and we made “love bugs” for snack. They were cute and delicious! Now, we’ll have to be on the lookout for leprechauns!! ~Jami

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**The Concordia Chapel Choir** from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., will present a concert at 7:00 pm Friday, March 20th, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A free will offering will be accepted. The Concordia Chapel Choir is made up of a blend of more than 80 voices. Originally created to enrich the music of Concordia's morning chapel services. The ensemble now performs in concert and tours annually. The ensemble represents students in their sophomore, junior or senior years, covering wide variety of majors and co-curriculars. The choir is an integral part of the much-loved annual Concordia Christmas Concerts.

The Choir is looking for host families to house choir members on the night of March 20. If you're able to provide a place for a couple of choir members to stay, please contact Wyatt Steinke, Manager of Choral Activities at Concordia at (218) 299-4886 or wsteinke@cord.edu.
Java with Jesus

Meet Pastor Erin and Saundra Anderson for Java with Jesus! Join us for fellowship, faith conversation, and fun! Your coffee drink is on us, and friends are always welcome.

High School date: Thursday, March 12th @ 3:45 pm
At The Red Rooster

Middle School date: Sunday, March 15th @ 3:30 pm
At Caribou (in the mtg room)

Fort Sisseton Escape Room

Join Saundra Anderson and Monica Tietz in escaping an Easter-themed escape room! Meet on Saturday, March 28th at 10:30 am at Zion. We will take the church van to Fort Sisseton, stopping for lunch along the way. The event is open to middle school and high school students.

EASTER GOSPEL READING

We’re looking for families, couples, and individuals to video record (on your phone is fine) yourselves in your home (or somewhere else outside of the church) reading the Easter Sunday Gospel reading. We’ll compile the videos into a video Gospel reading for Easter morning! If you’d like to be included, please let Pastoral Assistant Saundra Anderson (saundra.anderson@nvc.net) or Pastor Erin (pastorerin@nvc.net) know.

Throughout the coming year, members of the Zion council will open forums called “Common Grounds” to encourage discussion of recent council items and how the congregation is carrying out our vision for mission. Our first Common Grounds will be Sunday, April 5 during the Palm Sunday breakfast. Bring your coffee and pancakes and spend some time with your leaders!

ADOPT A SUNDAY: BE A GREETER!

Our Welcome & Outreach committee invites committees, groups, Confirmation classes, families, couples, and individuals to be a part of a new greeter ministry at Zion. Greeters provide a simple but impactful ministry of welcome and hospitality to both newcomers and long-timers. You can sign up for a Sunday of your choice, and you’re welcome to greet as a group. Look for the sign-up sheet available in the narthex or sign up online by going to our website at zionlutheranaberdeen.org and clicking on the “Sign Up Central” tab.
If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code you see here and it will take you directly to our “Giving” page on the Zion website. Here you can donate to the vital ministries of Zion Lutheran Church directly from a checking or savings account or by using a credit or debit card.

You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and give!

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**HOPE GROWS IN THE NORTHEAST**

Mark your calendars to attend the Lutheran Social Services South Dakota Benefit Dinner on Saturday, April 18 at the Dakota Event Center to celebrate and support the mission of LSS. Contact Pastor Erin if you would like to be a guest at her table (she will pay for dinner for the first 5 guests).

LSS Hope Grows in the Northeast annual dinner event is held to raise funds to support LSS services in the Aberdeen area. All funds raised help LSS care for individuals and families in northeast South Dakota.

The event will feature ACT Improv Troupe Entertainment.

**Silent Auction, 5 pm**

Dinner & Program, 6 pm / ACT Improv Troupe Entertainment, 8 pm

Limited seating, reserve seats early.

**Ticket Options:**

Dinner: $15 / ACT Improv Troupe Entertainment: $25 / Dinner & Entertainment: $35

A pledge or contribution to support LSS services will be requested.

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**In Honor of:**

| Sonya Kempf 50th | Organ Fund | Karlon\Sonya Kempf & Allen & Sue Gates |

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

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**DON’T FORGET…ZION IS ON FACEBOOK!**

At times we need to get information out more quickly than the weekly bulletins or the monthly newsletter will allow. If we have a sudden event cancellation or building closure because of weather, we’ll post it to our Facebook page as well as on our website.

To get all our latest information, be sure to “like” our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ZionAberdeen

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Christ
The Way, the Truth, and the Life.
John 14:6
Happenings at Zion

Thanks to Sonya for her 50 years of service!

A great time was had by all who attended her celebration!
CONFIRMATION UPDATE
9th GRADE CONFIRMATION

9th graders continue meeting with Pastor Erin for Confirmation in February on these dates: February 5, 12 & 19

QUILT MAKER NEEDED

We are in need of someone to make the quilt that we will raffle off at our Bazaar on September 19th (tentative date).

If you are interested, we will figure out what we want to make. Contact Norma Miller at 380-2599 or Donna in the church office.

FREEZER MEAL PREP DAY

We are also planning on a Freezer Meal prep day on Sunday, March 22nd following the church service. Be looking for ingredient cards in the Narthex to make a food donation in the weeks prior.

These freezer meals can be taken and delivered to someone who is homebound, had a death in the family, has a new baby, in need following a surgery, a loss in the family, etc. or has been hospitalized. You can even pick up a meal for yourself or your family if needed.

If you would like to make a monetary donation instead of donating ingredients, please see Pastor Erin or Donna.

REMINDER TO 3RD GRADERS

When you complete your “My Bible Book” be sure to show Pastor Erin, and you will receive your own Bible tabs and be recognized in church!

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

Sunday, April 5th at 9:40 AM the Youth and the Men of Zion will be hosting a Palm Sunday Breakfast with the proceeds going to the Youth Fund. Join us for great food and fellowship on April 5th

Bethesda Home
Martha Zimmerman
Ida Fauth
Ben Schroeder
Carol Knispel
Jane Fischer

Mother Joseph
Velma Scheid

Angelhaus
Hilda Hoffman

Primrose Cottages
Curt Suedmeier
Charleen Hargens

Groton Health Care
Leon Tobin
Marge Rhodes
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe

Bethesda Towne Sq.
Meta Vetter

Idaho
Marvin Bucholz

Minnesota
LeRoy Buechler

California
Erna Schmierer

Colorado
Ella Aipperspach

Arizona
Hazel Martell
**Youth Mental Health First Aid Class**

Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ($20, lunch included!)  
Zion Lutheran Church Aberdeen  

For parents, grandparents, teachers, nonprofits and anyone with an interest in helping students, this day long workshop will give you new understanding and tools to help. Led by Northeastern Mental Health counselors and funded by Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s Making All Things New Grant program.

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**Why Youth Mental Health First Aid?**

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to sings of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This 8-hour training gives adults who work with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to adolescents (ages 12-18) who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

**WHO SHOULD TAKE IT** - Teachers, School staff, Coaches, Camp Counselors, Youth Group Leaders, Parents, People who work with youth

**WHAT IT COVERS** - Common signs and symptoms of mental illnesses in this age group, including: Anxiety, Depression, Eating disorders, Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Common signs and symptoms of substance abuse ~ How to interact with an adolescent in crisis ~ How to connect the adolescent with help.

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**SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETARY PLOTS**

Zion has two plots at Sunset Memorial Gardens for sale. The lots are located in Plot 85, Unit C, Section Good Shepherd, Graves 3 & 4.

The price has been reduced to $4,442.00. (Total retail cost is $8,884). Call the church office at 225-6755 if interested.