

# ZION'S JOURNEY

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Zion family,

We have missed gathering together for worship! No doubt that is as true for you as it is for me. The Zion leadership and I have been working to develop a plan to return to worshipping in our church building while taking effort to gather as safely as we can during this time. Right now we are called in service and love to all of our neighbors by taking care to minimize the risk of spreading the coronavirus, especially to those who are most vulnerable. In light of that, our return to worship in our building will take on several changes and adaptations for the time being. We expect worship to look like this for some time to come, but we are grateful that we can offer this way of worshipping and being church together for now.

**Beginning with Sunday, August 16, here's what worship will look like:**

**We will have one service in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m.** (with the live radio broadcast at that time)



**Limited attendance** – We will reduce the number of people who can worship indoors to about 30% of our seating capacity while also allowing room to space household groups by a minimum of 6 feet. That means our limit is approximately 70 people or 17 household groups (anyone who lives in the same house can sit together), dependent on the spacing needs between households.



**Parking lot worship** – If you are not yet comfortable gathering in the building but would still like to listen to worship while on the Zion campus, you are invited to park in the parking lot and listen to the 8:30 service on KSDN in your car. On Sundays when we offer Communion, Pastor Erin can bring Communion out to the parking lot after the service has ended for anyone who would like to take Communion but does not want to come into the building.



**Worship reservations** – In order to keep our worship capacity at the level where we can maintain safe spacing, we ask you to sign up to attend Sunday worship. Please call the church office at 225-6755 by **Friday at noon before the Sunday you plan to attend.**



**Physical distancing** – Please respect six feet of distancing throughout the church, especially when entering and exiting the building. For those wanting to visit, please do so outside while maintaining safe distancing from other families. Greet one another with a wave rather than a hug or a handshake.



**Face masks and hand sanitizer** – All who come into the church building (except for children under the age of 2) will be required to wear a face mask that covers both nose and mouth. If you forget to bring one, a limited number of disposable masks will be available. Please also clean your hands at the hand sanitizing station available in the narthex.



**Ushers** – When you come into the church, ushers will seat each household group beginning with the front rows and working toward the back. After worship has ended, ushers will dismiss from the back to the front and you are asked to exit the building as soon as you are ushered from the sanctuary. **Ushers will not hand out bulletins**, so we will have everything needed to follow along with worship on our screens. You can also print worship bulletins and children's bulletins at home and bring them with you or access them during the service with a mobile device.

**LUTHERAN WORLD  
RELIEF ITEMS NEEDED:**

\*We are in need of flannel material to make diapers

\*We are also in need of all school supplies. Please bring any items to the church and leave on the table in the entryway of the front door.

Thanks for your donations to this important ministry.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Shirley Wagemann will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Greetings may be sent to Bethesda Towne Square, 1425 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Apt. 105, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

**Special Offering for the  
Month of  
August  
is**

**ELCA Hunger  
Appeal!**

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

# Zoom Coffee Fellowship Sundays

We continue virtual coffee fellowship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. using the Zoom online meeting platform. Just go to this web link and follow the prompts: [bit.ly/ZionSunday](https://bit.ly/ZionSunday) - Meeting ID: 703 126 885 - Password: 038719.

What if you don't have internet access? You can still join us by phone for audio access. Just dial 1-312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID and Password above if asked.

If you've never used Zoom, you'll need to download the application to your computer or smartphone, which only takes a minute. You can sign up for a free account and download the app here: <https://zoom.us/>



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY PICTURES

Create a message of encouragement to share with the members of Zion. Then, Sandra will come and take your picture (from a distance).

**TIMES AVAILABLE BY REQUEST!  
CALL/TEXT SAUNDRA AT: (605) 881-5629  
EMAIL AT: SAUNDRA.ANDERSON@NVC.NET**

**OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF ZION**

## ZION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**Bethesda Home**

Martha Zimmerman  
Ida Fauth  
Ben Schroeder  
Carol Knispel  
Jane Fischer  
Janice Peterson

**Angelhaus**

Hilda Hoffman

**Primrose Cottages**

Curt Suedmeier  
Charleen Hargens

**Groton Health Care**

Leon Tobin  
Marge Rhodes  
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe

**Idaho**

Marvin Bucholz

**Minnesota**

LeRoy Buechler

**California**

Erna Schmierer

**Colorado**

Ella Aipperspach

**Arizona**

Hazel Martell

## "GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

☺ Thanks to all who have been involved in recording and getting the Sunday services on line.

☺ Thanks to all who have been sending or bringing in your offerings. Our church bills continue even if the church is less active than usual.

☺ Thanks to Mike Bretsch for supplying the flatbed trailer for our outdoor communion service!

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

#### JUNE 2020

Monthly budgeted expenses:  
\$32,731

Actual monthly income: \$51,045  
(includes \$26,456 in Payroll  
Protection Program funds)

Actual monthly expenses:  
\$31,084

YTD budgeted expenses:  
\$196,386

Actual YTD income: \$211,578

Actual YTD expenses: \$180,184

## SUNDAY RADIO BROADCASTS

Even though we are not in church together, we are still in need of families to sponsor Sunday broadcasts. During this time of recording our services we are still live on the radio on Sunday morning.

Radio sponsorships are \$110.00 and we have several openings in August & September. (You may also sign up for 1/2 a broadcast and share with someone for \$55.00).

Please call Donna in the office @ 225-6755 to sign up and let her know what you would like it to be in honor or memory of. Thanks for your continued support of this important ministry.

### Parking Lot Communion Service



On Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Zion hosted a parking lot communion service. Just over 50 congregation members worshipped and communed together in Zion's south parking lot while staying physically distanced in their vehicles. Thank you to all of the volunteers and musicians who made this service possible!



## Prayground Area



One of the projects that we have been working on over the last few months is the Prayground area for kids to use during worship. Here is a picture of the cute new rug for the area which shows some key verses to Psalm 23, along with the Worship Toolboxes. Toys and infant seating will be coming soon!

## Worship Toolboxes

The worship toolboxes are included in the Prayground area. Inside these boxes are tools to help kids participate in worship, including: stickers, a cross, a light, a story Bible, a ribbon wand, and other tactile items. An instruction sheet to help explain to children what each item is used for is also incorporated.



### Council Highlights—June 2020

- There will be a book discussion with Pastor Erin on July 8<sup>th</sup> for our church common read, “Everything Happens for a Reason”
- There will be a worship service from the SD Synod on July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Our online services are connecting with people from different places and states!
- Council decided to open the church to small groups with 10 members or less. Letters will be sent to these groups to notify them of the decision and what precautions need to be taken when meeting in the church.

### Council Highlights—July 2020

- There will be a Picnic in the Park event on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm at Wylie.
- The Social Concerns committee collected items to be donated to Safe Harbor through July 19<sup>th</sup>. These items will be delivered this week.
- Preschool will begin after Labor Day with enhanced safety measures in place.
- In person worship was discussed and will begin on August 16<sup>th</sup> with limited capacity and safety measures in place.
- Short communion services will begin in August, as well, on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 pm.



## Modern Day Healthcare - providing nursing and therapy in your home.

Hello friends,

We would like to take a moment of your time to inform you of a new business in the Aberdeen area. We know SD weather can be difficult, cold and hard to drive in. We also know not everyone has the ability to drive or has family and friends that are available all the time, and with this troubling time with COVID it is not the easiest or safest to leave your home to come to the clinic to receive therapy or perform simple doctor visits or even to complete testing at walk in clinics; so we are providing the service at your home. We offer an all cash option for payment or we can bill straight to your insurance providers. We offer physical therapy from head to toe and anything in between. We specialize in women's health for issues of pain or urinary incontinence, and on falls/balance, chronic or acute pain, and headaches. We also can help with simple strengthening and endurance if you are having trouble with transfers (chair, car, shower or toilet) or overall decrease in independence. With our company you can video chat directly with our providers and discuss your sore throat, headache, aches and pain, possible UTI, strep throat or ear infection. Starting soon you can even request that a nurse come to your home to conduct an appointment and get your back to feeling great. We provide these services and more ALL within the comfort of your home. We appreciate you taking the time to read our article and getting to know us. If you would like more information or to start any services today, please give us a call at (605)-250-1200 or go to [www.ModernDayHealthCare.com](http://www.ModernDayHealthCare.com). We look forward to serving you.

## Storybook Land Bible Scavenger Hunt

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS?

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO TAKE A TRIP THROUGH STORYBOOK LAND. ALL YOU NEED IS A BIBLE AND YOUR PHONE!

[BIT.LY/ZIONSCAVENGERHUNT](http://BIT.LY/ZIONSCAVENGERHUNT)

## Thank you for your continued giving!

Zion remains active in ministry and mission, and the church's ministry will depend on your support. Please mail in checks (rather than dropping them off) to the church office: Zion Lutheran Church, 1732 S Main St, Aberdeen SD 57401.



Or give online today (multiple ways) by going to [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving). Or just scan this QR code with your smartphone and it will take you to our giving page.

## ZION 2020 BAZAAR!

The Zion Lutheran Church Women are still planning on having the Bazaar on **Saturday, October 3rd**.

We hope you have been working on your items for Grandma's Treasurers and the Craft Room. Save them until October and watch the newsletter for dates to bring them to church. Thanks!

The picture to the right is the quilt that will be raffled at this year's bazaar. Watch for ticket sales in the near future.



## THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who sent me cards for my 85th birthday. God Bless. Lyle Chapin

## PASTOR'S CONTACT #'s

Pastor Erin - 605-252-0320

Pastor Tim - 605-290-6297

## WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICES



We will offer Communion services a couple of times each month on **Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 beginning with August 12 and August 26.** Future dates are TBD.

Here's how it will work:

Please enter through the east main doors (the doors on the north side will be locked from the outside). If there appears to be a line, wait outside appropriately distanced from others.

- A greeter will welcome you in (individual or family group) and ask you to put a face mask on. (Bring your own or one will be provided at the door.) Masks can stay on except for taking Communion.
- We will allow a couple households at a time into the sanctuary. You can pick up prepackaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and can sit in the front pews or stand if you're more comfortable doing that. We'll share in a brief prayer of confession, share the Lord's Supper, and share in a blessing.
- Depart out of the sanctuary through the side door on the north side of the sanctuary and depart the building out of the northeast exit door (next to the kitchen) to make way for the next group. It will take about 5 minutes per group.
- Anyone who has felt under the weather or is not wanting to take the risk of coming into the building should not feel compelled to come. It's OK to continue to feast on the Word!

God's grace and peace to you as we continue caring for one another and our neighbors while also hearing and receiving the great promises of God. For it is Christ who has the final word over each one of us, and it is indeed a word of grace and mercy and love!

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34-35

In Christ, Pastor Erin

## CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, several congregation members gathered to participate in our Picnic in the Park event. Family groups gathered for fellowship and challenged each other to see who could build the tallest free-standing straw tower, solve word puzzles, and build a boat that could hold the most weight without sinking. We had a blast!





**Pastors and musicians** – All worship leaders will remain either up front in the chancel or in the balcony where they can lead worship safely distanced from congregants (pastor will not be masked in order to be heard clearly). There will be no hand shaking / greeting before or after worship in the narthex.



**No congregational singing and minimum congregational speaking** – Music is a vital part of our worship services, but we now know that congregational singing carries a significant risk for transmitting the coronavirus. We cannot safely sing together at this time. We invite you instead to listen as our musicians offer hymns and songs of praise.



**Communion** – Communion will be offered on the first and third Sundays of the month. Those who wish to take Communion will be able to pick up prepackaged wafer and grape juice as you come into the sanctuary. We will take Communion while remaining in the pews. There will also be an opportunity to take Communion twice a month in small groups on Wednesday evenings.



**Offering** – We will not have any physical contact during the peace or pass offering plates, but there will be offering baskets available as you enter the sanctuary. Please leave your contribution in one of these baskets on your way into worship. You can also donate online or mail in your offering.



**Nursery** – The nursery will **not** be available during this time of modified worship gatherings. We will also not have children's bulletins (but you can print from home from our website) or busy bags available.



**Fellowship Hour** – We will not have in-person fellowship on Sunday mornings at this time and no food or beverages are currently served in the church at any time during the week.



**Cleaning** – Disinfecting procedures will be done by our building maintenance person on Mondays. The sanctuary, narthex, bathrooms, and all other high-touch areas will be thoroughly disinfected.



**If unwell** – Please stay home if you are not feeling well or if you have been exposed to a COVID-19 situation or person in the last 14 days. A full list of symptoms can be found at the CDC's website here: [bit.ly/covid19symptoms2020](https://bit.ly/covid19symptoms2020)



**Online only** – We will return to radio/online only worship for a minimum of two weeks if there is a positive COVID-19 case among those who have attended worship in the building.

So that the sanctuary may be a safe place for all, if you are unwilling to worship with these restrictions, please continue to worship online or with our radio broadcast. Also, if you are not yet comfortable coming to worship in the building, please do what is best for you and your household. Our first priority is to keep you safe and Zion will still be here when you are ready to come back!



**10:45 service online:** We will continue to offer an online video worship service on Facebook and our YouTube channel for any who prefer to or need to stay home for worship. The 8:30 service will be video recorded and available on Facebook and YouTube to watch by 10:45 each Sunday morning (and available anytime after that as well) with some changes to the music to allow us to provide a blended or contemporary service each week.