

SEPTEMBER 2020

# ZION'S JOURNEY

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**It has been so good to gather together for worship in our sanctuary once again!**

Now that we have begun in-person worship at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays, here are a few reminders:

We will promote maintaining appropriate physical distancing between household groups (members of a household or family can be seated together in the sanctuary, but should maintain six feet of social distance from others).

You will need to pre-register prior to **each** service you plan to attend. Just give the church office a call at 225-6755, preferably before noon on Fridays. However, if you call after that time, just leave a voice mail message, and we will put you down for the service you want to attend.

All worshippers are required to wear a face covering inside the church building. If you don't bring your own, there will be some disposable masks available.

Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. Please use this before entering the sanctuary.

We have marked off pews in the sanctuary to allow for physical distancing, so finding a place to sit should be easy. Please do not sit in the pews with yellow signs.

For the time being, we will only be using the screens to follow along with worship.

We will not gather offering during the service, but you can leave offerings in the basket provided at the back of the sanctuary in front of the cross stained-glass window.

**Please note that our current worship plans are subject to change, depending on the status of virus spread in our community and also depending on the number of volunteers we have available to assist with in-person worship.**

**WELCOME  
BACK**  
*See you at church!*

**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.

**ZION LUTHERAN PEACE CIRCLE** will no longer be meeting, but all members of the Peace Circle have been invited to join the Fellowship Circle. Also any ladies wishing to join the Fellowship Circle are also welcome! They meet the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM. Watch for start up date as we are not meeting yet due to Covid.

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

**Safe Harbor!**

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

**AUGUST 16, 2020  
In Church Worship!**



**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 HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

**Bethesda Home**

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

**Angelhaus**

Hilda Hoffman  
Howard Nelson

**Aberdeen Health &  
Rehab**

Curt Suedmeier

**Primrose Cottages**

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 brought garden produce to share with members and staff.

☺ 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.

☺ Thank you to our Properties committee for replacing the edging around the preschool playground

## **SUNDAY RADIO BROADCASTS**

**We are still in need of families to sponsor Sunday broadcasts.**

**Radio sponsorships are \$110.00 and we have several openings. (You may also sign up for 1/2 a broadcast and share with someone for \$55.00). September 6th & 20th and all remaining dates after that are available. SIGN UP TODAY! 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.**

## **Noah's Park Preschool**

### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT**

#### **THROUGH JULY 31, 2020**

Monthly budgeted expenses:  
\$32,731

Actual July income: \$34,478  
(includes \$8,062 in Payroll  
Protection Program funds)

Actual July expenses:  
\$31,433

YTD budgeted expenses:  
\$229,117

Actual YTD income: \$246,056  
(includes \$57,900 in Payroll  
Protection Program funds)

Actual YTD expenses:  
\$211,617

Hello from Noah's Park! I hope this article finds you healthy!! It certainly has been an interesting summer – instead of pool days, hotel stays for tennis tournaments and relaxing trips to Target to browse over school supplies and flip flops my summer days have been filled with finding and purchasing disinfectant in bulk, trying to score hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes one blessed container at a time and making plans for the most safe and secure way for all of my sweet little preschoolers to return to the classroom!! I know most of you are dealing with new ways to navigate through this twilight zone we know at Covid-19 so my thoughts are with you!! While some changes are not fun or easy, there have been some really cool things that have come about...one of my favorites was our "drive by end of the year preschool celebration" we had in early June.

We had a great group of preschool committee members and staff (spaced six feet apart J) along Main Street in front of Zion to wave to the preschoolers as they drove by... this might become a tradition at the end of each school year! I am also excited about supply "buckets" for each child to avoid community supplies and think they will work well. I am excited to work with another great group of families – even in these more challenging times. Stay tuned for more updates on our year.

Take care!! ~Jami



## STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Web: [zionlutheranaberdeen.org](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org)  
YouTube: [bit.ly/ZLCYouTube](https://bit.ly/ZLCYouTube)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/ZionAberdeen](https://facebook.com/ZionAberdeen)  
Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://www.instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)

### Council Highlights - August 2020

- **\*\*NOTE:** there was not a quorum, so no business was voted on at this meeting. **\*\***
  - 38 parishioners attending our first in-person worship service
  - We have had several responses and compliments about our online worship services
  - The air conditioner unit needs repair and possible replacement
  - Early service sound board operators and lectors are needed
- \* The lease to the parsonage will be updated to allow the tenant to have a roommate with a small dog. The roommate will pay an extra \$500 deposit for the dog and will move in in October.



### PASTOR'S CONTACT #'s

Pastor Erin - 605-252-0320

Pastor Tim - 605-290-6297

# HELP NEEDED

## SOUND BOARD OPERATORS FOR 8:30 AM WORSHIP

HANDS ON TRAINING WILL BE  
PROVIDED

CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE AT  
(605) 225-6755 IF INTERESTED

We are in need of sound board operators for our 8:30 am in person worship service. No experience required--we will train you!

The commitment would be one Sunday a month. If interested, please send us a message or call the church office at (605) 225-6755.



FAITH & FAMILY

# Parking Lot Movie

Now Playing: Trolls World Tour

Bring your own lawn chair and snacks  
Vehicle parking will be available with an FM radio  
broadcast

SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 • 8:00 PM • ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



After much prayer and consideration, the planning committee has decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, still in Minneapolis.

**Some things you may be wondering:**

***Who is eligible to attend?***

Youth who are in 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of registration (Fall 2021) are eligible to attend.

They are not making exceptions to the age range because of the pandemic.

***When will the next national youth gathering be held?***

Even though they are postponing this gathering, the next gathering will still be held in 2024. We will be contacting families later this fall for those who have students eligible to attend the even with more information. Stay tuned!

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## FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

9:45 AM

• OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

• CONFIRMATION INFORMATION  
HANDOUT

• PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3 YEAR  
OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS



## ZION'S KEY MISSION

Rooted in faith + Growing in Spirit + Reaching out to those in need

## ZION'S MOTIVATING MISSION

+ Centered in prayer, nourished through the Sacraments, empowered by God's Holy Spirit, Zion is spreading the Good News through new and innovative ministries.

+ Rooted in a strong heritage, Zion focuses on developing ministries of caring to help those in need.

+ Zion opens her doors to singles, families, special needs, young and old, church and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### Officers / Executive Committee:

Mike Bretsch, President  
Jena German, Vice President  
Ed Suchomel, Treasurer  
Lisa Lambrechts, Secretary

### Council Representatives:

Education: Kelly VanderWeyst  
Fellowship: Kathy Johnson  
Finance: Rod Wiedrich  
Properties: Shane Schauer  
Social Concerns: Nicole Schutter  
Stewardship: Chastity Madsen  
Visitation: Sharon Paranto  
Welcome & Outreach: Phyllis Gab  
Worship & Music: Monica Tietz  
Youth: Jennifer Wagemann



## TAKING FAITH HOME

The *Taking Faith Home* sheets will now be available each week inside the front entryway of the church. You can pick up a copy if you attend Sunday worship or anytime during the week. We'll also include these with Sunday School packets that families will be receiving.



## August Pastoral Acts

- August 8 - Funeral of Keith Larson
- August 16 - Baptism of Lily Nelson, daughter of Melissa Miller & Sean Nelson.



**Open to whole Congregation**

**Shelter A**

**BYO Supper**

**Join us for an evening of safely distanced food & fellowship!**

## FAITH & FAMILY Continued



### 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING

**Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 PM**

**Melgaard Park Shelter A (northeast side of park)**

11<sup>th</sup> graders and parents, it's time to regroup! Confirmation Sunday has been rescheduled from the spring to October 25 (also Reformation Sunday). Let's meet (safely-distanced outdoors) to plan your Confirmation service and wrap up any loose ends from your 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation year. Pastor Erin will bring the ice cream bars!

(This would also be a great time to meet with your Confirmation mentor if you still have any meetings to finish.)

### FINISHING FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

**Tuesday, September 22 at around 6:30 PM**

**Melgaard Park Shelter A (northeast side of park)**

Our First Communion classes with last year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders—now 6<sup>th</sup> graders!—got interrupted by COVID-19. Kids and parents, let's finish up that class with Pastor Erin on September 22. That's the same evening as our FALL INTO FALL FAMILY NIGHT at Melgaard Park. We can have some food (bring your own supper) and safely-distanced fellowship time before regrouping to finish up our First Communion class and decide when to have First Communion Sunday.



IN PERSON OR  
ON VIDEO

## LECTORS WANTED

If interested in reading,  
please contact the  
church office

## 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!

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