

NOVEMBER 2020

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

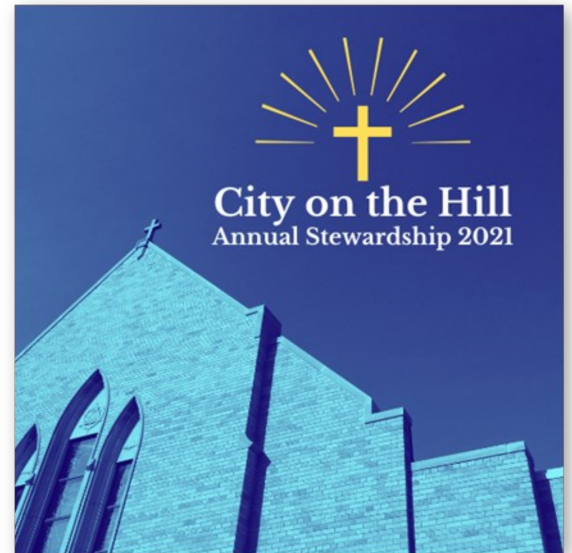
"... that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever." Psalm 48:13-14

Dear saints of God,

We are celebrating our annual stewardship focus in November with the theme "City on the Hill." On Nov. 8, 15, and 22 we'll take a closer look at what our congregation's name "Zion" means and build on the significance of that name for ministry in the coming year. We'll also celebrate God's faithfulness to us in 2020.

During our annual stewardship focus, we always begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us. And we joyfully respond to God's gift of grace to us in Jesus Christ and to God's work in our midst at Zion Lutheran. Our stewardship focus is a joyful and generous response to God's gracious gift to us.

During this stewardship focus, you will be invited to make a pledge of giving to Zion for 2021. We also have a brand new ministry guide where you'll be able to read about all of the volunteer opportunities to give of your time and talent to ministry at Zion...and, of course, a chance to complete a plan for involvement as well. Your investment in the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church celebrates God's abundant faithfulness in sustaining ministries for the future.



November 22 will be Commitment Sunday, and we'll welcome Pastor Jonathan Steiner as our guest preacher. Pastor Jonathan is the Associate to the SD Bishop for Stewardship and Outreach. He will join us by video since we'll be worshipping from home on Nov. 22 and not in the sanctuary (Enclosed in this newsletter are details about the change in our worship schedule starting November 1).

We've had to be innovative and creative in all aspects of ministry over the last several months, and we will do that when it comes to our stewardship focus, too. One of the ways we'll do this is to make our stewardship materials like the giving pledge and ministry guide and survey available on our website.

Look for the Stewardship page to include these materials in early November.

You'll be able to visit it at this link: bit.ly/Stewardship2021

Join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness and take a closer look at what it means to be the "City on the Hill" as we steward our gifts and share our lives for the sake of the world.

Together with you in Christ,
Pastor Erin

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for your cards & prayers while I was in the hospital & rehab.

God bless you all.

Lyle Chapin



SALSA FOR SALE!

We have mild, medium and hot salsa for sale in the church office. Cost is \$3.00 a pint and all money collected will be for the Zion General Fund.

Thanks to Mary Jane Kabrud for making the salsa which she makes each year for the Women's bazaar. Stop in and purchase yours today.

Special Offering for the Month of November is SD Multicultural Ministries!

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

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

THANK YOU!

The Social Concerns committee held a bedding drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which is a non-profit organization which provides twin beds for children in our area who do not have a bed of their own. Thanks so much for your donations, as you can see from the picture this was a huge success.



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.

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

Primrose Cottages

Charleen Hargens

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter
Shirley Wagemann

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 sending or bringing in your offerings.

☺ Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with Sunday services in any way!

☺ Thanks to Lois Sollie for all of her years of proofing our newsletter. We appreciated it so much.

SUNDAY RADIO BROADCASTS

Will you consider sponsoring a Sunday Radio broadcast?

Radio sponsorships are \$110.00 and we have several openings. (You may also sign up for half a broadcast and share with someone for \$55.00). November 29, December 13 and all remaining dates after that are available.

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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Monthly budgeted expenses:
\$32,731

Actual September expenses:
\$32,775

Actual September income:
\$25,664

YTD budgeted expenses:
\$294,579

Actual YTD expenses:
\$277,807

Actual YTD income: \$298,346
(includes \$57,900 in Payroll
Protection Program funds)

Actual YTD income without
Payroll Protection Program
funds: \$240,446

Hello from Noah's Park!! We have been cruising right along this fall in preschool. The children are still very good about wearing their masks and have become experts at making lots of bubbles when washing their hands. ☺

We switched up our themes and spent the first several weeks learning about oceans. We added polka dot fish and torn paper turtles to our ocean. Recently we switched gears and have made some fall crafts and are learning about spiders now.

We did a great science experiment about spider webs – it was a hit! We have our first pajama day before Halloween and plan to watch a movie and have some yummy Halloween snacks.

We hope you are staying warm and healthy!

~Jami



STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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

Council Highlights - October 2020

- *The Education committee will be holding in-person Sunday School once a month on the first Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.
- *We are pursuing making the preschool secure by installing new doors, which will cost approximately \$10,000.
- *The Worship committee is working with Pastor Erin and Sandra on Advent and Christmas Eve services. They are looking at possibly doing Advent at Home packets with Holden Evening Prayer and in-person Christmas Eve services, with an online option available, as well.
- *In person worship services have been moved to only the first and third Sundays of the month to help ease the workload of volunteers. Radio and online services will still be available each Sunday.

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS

8:30 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE
SANCTUARY WITH HOLY COMMUNION
(AND LIVE RADIO BROADCAST)
11:00 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ONLINE

2ND, 4TH, AND 5TH SUNDAYS

8:30 RADIO BROADCAST AND
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ONLINE
10:00 FELLOWSHIP TIME OVER ZOOM
11:00 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ONLINE

PASTOR'S CONTACT #'s

Pastor Erin - 605-252-0320
Pastor Tim - 605-290-6297

THURSDAY EVENING COME AND GO COMMUNION SERVICE

NOVEMBER 19
5:00-6:00 PM

NO RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Call the office at
225-6755 to sign up

\$110 for whole broadcast
\$55 for half

IN PERSON OR
ON VIDEO

LECTORS WANTED

If interested in reading,
please contact the
church office

FAITH & FAMILY

Sunday School Update

In person: Sunday School will be in person the first Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. One table will be provided per family group to promote physical distancing, and masks will be required.

Packets: For two Sundays a month, packets will be provided to kids to continue faith formation at home. The ones for November are done and ready for pickup in the church office! The materials, along with a video reading of the story and musical selections will be available on the Zion Youth Facebook page on Sunday morning: <https://bit.ly/zionyouthFBpage>

Christmas Program: This year, we will be doing the ABCs of Christmas program, which will then be incorporated into a Sunday service in December. Recording of the kids for this Christmas program will happen on Sunday, December 6th during our in-person Sunday School day. Plan on attending!

Schedule for Remainder of 2020:

November 1st: In-person Sunday School in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am
November 8th: Online Sunday School at 9:45 am
November 15th: No Sunday School
November 22nd: Online Sunday School at 9:45 am
November 29th: No Sunday School



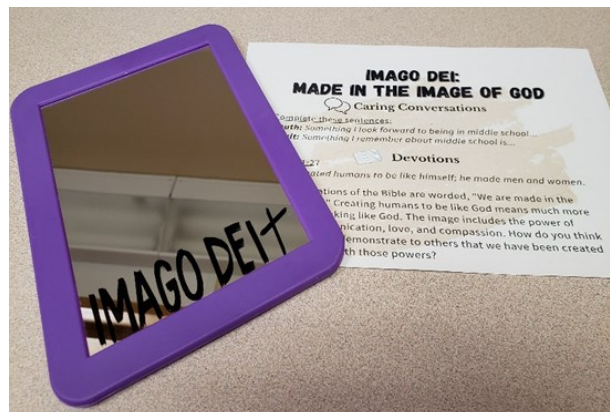
December 6th: In-person Sunday School in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am; will be recording for the Sunday School program
December 13th: Online Sunday School at 9:45 am
December 20th: No Sunday School

S'MORES WITH SAUNDRA
— 7:00 PM —
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
NORTH PARKING LOT

Join Sandra for smores, faith, and fellowship on the following dates:
November 1st
November 15th

Open to middle school students grades 6-8.

So far, two S'mores with Sandra events have been held on October 4th and October 18th. On October 18th, those middle school students in attendance received an "Imago Dei" locker mirror as a faith milestone to remind them that they are made in the image of God.



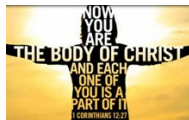
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Staff

Rev. Erin Heidelberger.....Pastor
 Rev. Tim Sersen.....Visitation Pastor
 Sandra Anderson.....Pastoral Assistant
 Donna Steckler.....Office Manager
 Jami Ringgenberg.....Preschool Director/Teacher

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:

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



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 of South Dakota

your life can make a difference

ZION MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Gene Reich	General	Family & Friends
Milbert Schaffer	Radio	Family & Friends
Curt Suedmeier	Building	Lorraine Wasem
Violet Walth	Building	Kathy Franz
Curt Suedmeier	General	Family & Friends
Ed Raile	General	Loren\April Nehlich
Curt Suedmeier	General	Loren\April Nehlich
Gene Reich	General	Loren\April Nehlich
Vi Rich	General	Loren\April Nehlich
LeRoy Friedrichsen	General	Loren\April Nehlich
LaVonne Peterson	Radio	Ed\Pat Ackerson
LaVonne Peterson	ZLCW	Delores Anderson
Iris Thoreson	Preschool	Lois Sollie
LeRoy Friedrichsen	Preschool	Lois Sollie
LeRoy Friedrichsen	Preschool	Kathy Heffernan
Allen Gates	Music	Gladys Melcher
Allen Gates	Altar Guild	Wilma Zimmerman
Gloria Lauinger	Altar Guild	Wilma Zimmerman

SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD CONNECTIONS

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

Just like the world around us, LPGSD has a new look! Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota is now Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota.

You might ask, "Why bother? It's just one word!" But changing just one word to include a scriptural fruit of the Spirit was intentional. With great respect for our history and in recognition of a new era, it is our hope that the message of this ministry will be enveloped in **generosity** as a spiritual act and a way of living that leads to growth and new life in the church and for the benefit of our neighbors.

When you see our new logo, I hope you'll recognize uplifted hands creating a deep-rooted trunk that supports new growth centered in the Cross. As you share your resources of time, talent and treasure, know that those acts of generosity, in all forms and at all stages of your journey with Christ, are a vital part of this tree of life.

In this season of gratitude, we offer great thanks to those whose legacies continue to support God's work in new and exciting ways across South Dakota and around the world.

If you'd like to know more about how your life can make a difference with planned generosity, visit our website at www.lpgsd.org or contact Kathy McHenry at 605.274.5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org.

New Worship Schedule

With our current small volunteer base, Sunday worship in the sanctuary will not be possible every week. Starting November 1st, in-person worship will be held on the first and third Sundays only, with both traditional and contemporary worship services being offered online on the weeks we aren't meeting in person (along with our normal radio broadcast at 8:30 am).

A Zoom fellowship hour will also be available at 10 am on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays.

This change will be effective at least through November and December.

If you would like to volunteer at our in-person worship services, we are currently in need of PowerPoint operators, sound board operators, and ushers.

Please contact the church office if interested.




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FAITH & FAMILY



*Congratulations to our
2020 Confirmants!*

**Claire Bretsch, Nickolas Clemens, &
Kiera Weisser**



First Communion students (October 4, 2020)
Pictured: Pastor Erin, Ridgly Wasem, Lauren Sahli, Ella Kempf,
Cadynce German, Avery Efraimson, Eli Schauer



**MESSY
CANVASES**

NOVEMBER 29TH | 2:00 PM
ZION FELLOWSHIP HALL

Open to grades 6-12 | Take home kits available



The Zion Youth are putting together a church cookbook as a fundraiser for the upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering, which has been postponed to Summer 2022.

We are in need of your family favorite recipes! Write them down on a recipe card and mail to or drop off at the church; or take a picture of the recipe and email them to Sandra at the address listed above.



HYMNAL CHECKOUT

If you would like to borrow a hymnal to help enhance your at home worship time, please call the church office at 225-6755 to check one out.

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.



December Worship at Zion

Plans are already underway for our Advent and Christmas Eve services!

Advent Services

To allow for a meaningful experience full of Zion tradition, Advent Take Home boxes will be available with a recording of Holden Evening Prayer, along with a Zoom option for those who wish to worship together.

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve services will be held in the Zion sanctuary, along with an online option. Times are yet to be determined. The service will conclude with the singing of Silent Night outside, so bundle up!

Your 2020 Pictures are Needed!



We are working on our Stewardship Focus for the month of November, and we need your pictures from church activities for this year!

You can email them to Sandra at:

Saundra.Anderson@nvc.net or submit to our Facebook page.

BAKE SALE

The NeSoDak Scandinavian Holiday Bake Sale Fundraiser will occur in place of our annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord (Lutefisk Dinners).

This new event will feature a fantastic selection of holiday goodies and Scandinavian favorites – available for online and phone orders.

Pickups of your tasty treats will be on-site at NeSoDak or at specific locations in area communities.

All dollars raised through this bake sale support the life-changing ministry of NeSoDak and the great need of financial support due to the closure and cancellation of camping programs in 2020.



Thanksgiving orders must be placed by Saturday, November 14th.

Christmas orders must be placed by Saturday, December 12th.

You'll be able to pick up your order(s) right here in Aberdeen on these dates:

Thanksgiving Orders: Monday, November 23rd
Aberdeen (11am – 2pm) - Bethlehem Lutheran

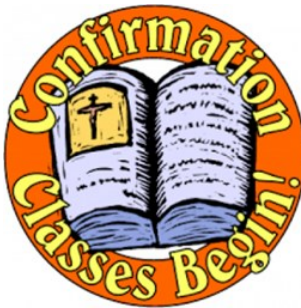
Christmas orders: Monday, December 21st
Aberdeen (11am – 2pm) - Bethlehem Lutheran



Available items and additional info is available on the LO website: www.losd.org/bakesale

Available items are also posted on the kiosk in the Zion narthex.

FAITH & FAMILY



7TH & 8TH GRADERS

7th and 8th graders will continue Confirmation classes with Pastor Erin on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in November.

We are holding our classes ONLINE using the Zoom platform this year. You can get to any one of our meetings using the same link: bit.ly/ConfirmationOnline

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/>

Our November meeting dates are Nov. 4, 11, and 18

9TH GRADERS

9th- grade families, Pastor Erin will be contacting you soon to talk further about Confirmation plans for this year.

10TH GRADERS

10th-graders and parents, please plan to attend one of two online Zoom meetings for planning and orienting to the 10th-grade Confirmation year. (The same info will be presented at both—you can pick the one that fits into your schedule.)

Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 PM

(NOTE the date change; this was originally scheduled for Nov. 1)

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For ALL Confirmation students and parents, the most up-to-date Confirmation information will be posted to our website (including links to any of our online meetings). Here's a short link to that page:

bit.ly/ZionConfirmation2020

You can also get to this page by going to our website: zionlutheranaberdeen.org and clicking on the "Faith Formation" tab, then clicking on "Confirmation 2020-21".

From the Bishop's Desk ~ "Come and See!"

In John 1:39 Jesus invites two of John's disciples to find out more about him after John the Baptist sparked their curiosity. Jesus simply says; "Come and see." I extend the same invitation to YOU. "Come and see" how we are synod together and why it matters. On November 7th the people of the South Dakota Synod, and those who are curious about us, are invited to gather for a day of celebration. Best part, you may come as you are. Your commute will be short as you will be joining us via Livestream for a day of worship, celebration and learning.



Please watch for details as they are forthcoming and share this opportunity widely. YOUR invitation YOU extend to others matters. "Come and see" can come in the form of a text you send to someone that always wondered about the ELCA and the South Dakota Synod. "Come and see" can come in the form of a social media post where you share the information about how to join from all ends of the world by staying where you are. "Come and see" can come by an old fashion phone call you initiate with someone that is lonely and needs a sense of community. "Come and see" what God's done in South Dakota through your community of faith and what the Spirit is leading us forth to be next. I am looking forward to being with you on November 7th. **Come and see, you will not be disappointed.**

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