

# ZION'S JOURNEY

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

### ***Psalm 90:1-2:***

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Dear saints of Zion,

It has been quite a time of change for us, hasn't it? In many ways, it feels like life is very much the same as it was a year ago. But, of course, in other significant ways, we have experienced incredible changes as we navigate the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

What has not changed for us is that we are still in need of being able to worship together (in one form or another!) and we still need to hear Christ's words of grace, love, and forgiveness. And, of course, God's steadfast love and faithfulness to you and me has not changed either. It never will, thanks be to God!

As we move into fall, we will see some more changes in our life together at Zion.

- \* We just had our first Sunday School gathering of the year that included meeting in-person while being safely spaced apart and all wearing face coverings (good job, kids!) and starting off our year with the story of God creating the world. We are finalizing Sunday School plans, but will likely have a once-a-month in-person gathering, followed by at-home-Sunday School for a couple weeks.
- \* Confirmation will be held almost entirely online to accommodate for students who may need to quarantine throughout the school year.
- \* An adult education class over Zoom is in the works, so people can continue to grow in faith.
- \* We will try to keep worship as consistent as possible but may need to make some changes to our worship schedule, depending on the number of volunteers who can assist each week.

Change is often challenging and difficult....and we tend to want it to happen slowly. We have not had that luxury over these past months! We have had to change and adapt quickly to our current situation, as you no doubt have had to do in other areas of your work, school, and family lives. But change—even when challenging—can also bring growth, new perspective, and fresh insight. And God is certainly able to bring growth through the challenges of change here in our congregation.

So in this present moment, I invite and ask you to pray for God's ministry through Zion. Pray for the staff, for your leadership, for the ministries we carry out. Pray for the Holy Spirit's discernment and guidance as we look not only to maintaining ministry but growing and stretching in our vision for the ministry of Zion Lutheran.

In the name of the One who is our dwelling place,  
Pastor Erin

## THANK YOU!

A big thanks to Ed & Millie Suchomel for donating all of the ingredients for the fundraiser to raise fund for the air handling system.

Thanks to anyone who helped in any way with this fundraiser .

All your time and talents are appreciated!



**THANK YOU** - We would like to thank the family of Zion Lutheran Church for all the kind words, stories shared and cards for our brother Curtis Suedmeier. We know you will miss him, as we do.

Yours in Christ,  
Karen Johnson & Ilene Olson

**Special Offering for the  
Month of  
October  
is  
ASPIRE!**

Please see the bulletin board  
for more information.

## BEDDING DRIVE

The Social Concerns committee will be holding 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. They are in need of brand new (no used items) twin bedding sheets which include a flat sheet, fitted sheet, and pillow case. They are also in need of twin-sized comforters and quilts. The Zion Bedding Drive will be held from September 27 through October 11, and items can be brought to the church.

### 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

### 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"

☺ Welcome back to all who have been joining us for church. Also welcome to the Quilter's, Card makers and Prayer Shawl groups. It's good to have you here!

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

## 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). October 18th & 25th and November 1, 8, & 29 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 AUG. 31, 2020

Monthly budgeted expenses:  
\$32,731

Actual August expenses:  
\$33,415

Actual August income:  
\$26,625

YTD budgeted expenses:  
\$261,848

Actual YTD expenses:  
\$245,032

Actual YTD income: \$272,682  
(includes \$57,900 in Payroll  
Protection Program funds)

Actual YTD income without  
Payroll Protection Program  
funds: \$214,782

Hello from Noah's Park! Although our year will be very different, we have officially started preschool!! The kiddos have been great about wearing masks and we are washing our hands a bunch and taking advantage of nice weather to go outside for breaks and fresh air! I have much smaller classes this year – hopefully by next fall we will be back to normal.

We are starting the year learning about oceans – usually its apples, pumpkins and leaves but since everything about 2020 has been kind of crazy – I figured we would switch our themes up too!! We are making torn paper turtles this week to add to our ocean board and the plan is jelly fish next week. We might have to listen to some ocean sounds for some relaxation, too.

☺ Stay Healthy! ~Jami

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://instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)

### Council Highlights - September 2020

- Last year's Confirmation students will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday—October 25<sup>th</sup>
- AA, GA, and Girl Scouts will be allowed to meet once a week with special requirements in place. Music lessons will be allowed to continue only if they use the fellowship hall.
- Worship discussion – Services are dependent upon a certain number of volunteers for sound and ushering – these volunteers have been harder to acquire, sound people are also needed for weddings and funerals. There's a possibility of having in-person worship only on certain weekends, with the virtual option occurring on the opposite weekends, if volunteers don't come in.
- An external microphone was purchased for the iPad to help with sound quality when services are recorded.
- Special congregational meeting discussion—An amendment is proposed to change the Constitution to allow for electronic congregational meetings and voting. The annual meeting may not be able to take place as normal this upcoming year. A resolution was proposed by Council to allow congregational meetings to be held by remote means, including electronically and telephone conference. This special meeting to vote on the resolution proposed will be on **October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.**



## Current Worship Schedule

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.**  
**Traditional Worship**  
**in the sanctuary**  
*with face coverings, limited seating, and physical distancing*

**Sunday 10:45 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
**online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org)**

### PASTOR'S CONTACT #'s

Pastor Erin - 605-252-0320

Pastor Tim - 605-290-6297

## Bedding Drive

The Social Concerns Committee is partnering with the local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace to collect the following items. All items must be

### NEW:

- Twin bedding sheets (fitted, flat, and pillow case)
- Twin-sized comforters
- Twin-sized quilts

**Donations can be left at Zion Lutheran Church through October 11th.**



For more information on this organization, visit: [www.shpbs.org](http://www.shpbs.org)

## 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



IN PERSON OR ON VIDEO

## LECTORS WANTED

If interested in reading, please contact the church office

# FAITH & FAMILY

## Sunday School Kickoff



On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, several family groups came together to celebrate the beginning of the faith formation year. The windy South Dakota morning put a damper on the original plans, so the event was moved indoors. Kids heard the Bible story of creation, heard some Bible songs, decorated animals, and played a matching game between the days of creation and what was made on that day. That morning, we were also able to celebrate faith milestones with our three year olds and third graders. Story Bibles were presented to the three year old children, and the third grade students got their NRSV Bibles and highlighters.



*Stargazing*

8:00 PM

KUHNERT ARBORETUM

*Open to middle school and high school youth*

## Sunday School Update

**Registration:** If you haven't registered your child(ren) for Sunday School, use the camera on your smart phone and hover over the QR code to the left to bring up the registration form. You will need to complete one form per child; or, you can use this link:

<https://bit.ly/zionssregistration>



**Packets:** For two Sundays a month, packets will be provided to kids to continue faith formation at home. The ones for October 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>

**In person:** The Education committee is exploring the option of having Sunday School 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.

Stay tuned for more information in November!

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
 1732 South Main Street  
 Aberdeen, SD 57401  
 (605) 225-6755 zion@nvc.net  
 zionlutheranaberdeem.org

**Staff**

Rev. Erin Heidelberger.....Pastor  
 Rev. Tim Sersen.....Visitation Pastor  
 Saura 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, churched 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

**September Pastoral Acts**

- Sept. 13 - Baptism of Harper Leann Gardner
- Sept. 3 - Funeral of Gene Reich
- Sept. 17 - Funeral of Curt Suedmeier



**RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED**

Call the office at 225-6755 to sign up

\$110 for whole broadcast  
 \$55 for half

**ZION MEMORIALS**

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Idelette Rath	Organ Fund	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Robert Johnson	Organ Fund	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Idelette Rath	Preschool	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Idelette Rath	Security Sys.	Carmel Heyd
Idelette Rath	Radio	Eldean\Lynae Poel
Alegra Fischer	Security Sys.	Wilma Zimmerman
Iris Thoreson	Security Sys.	Wilma Zimmerman
Iris Thoreson	Security Sys.	Carmel Heyd
Alegra Fischer	Security Sys.	Sandra Brick
Idelette Rath	Concrete	Ella Aipperspach
Velma Scheid	Security Sys.	Carmel Heyd
Velma Scheid	General	Milbert\Lavern Albrecht
Keith Larson	General	Milbert\Lavern Albrecht
Velma Scheid	Security Sys.	Family & Friends
Alice Schumacher	Security Sys.	Family & Friends
Alegra Fischer	Building	Lynn Kallas
Milbert Albrecht	Building	Rod\Rose Wiedrich
Milbert Albrecht	Security Sys.	Myron\Sheila Fauth
Milbert Albrecht	General	John\Dianna Jorgenson
Jordan Heyd	Radio	MaryJane Kabrud
Bill Pesicka	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Delores Sumption	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Gene Reich	Organ	Dale\DebAman
Gene Reich	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Gene Reich	Organ	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Bill Pesicka	Concrete	Lavina Nelson
Gene Reich	Organ	Lavina Nelson
Gene Reich	Security Sys.	Carmel Heyd
Annie Olson	Security Sys.	Carmel Heyd
Gene Reich	General	Gerhard\Martha Marx
Gene Reich	Organ	Robert\Jan Patterson
Gene Reich	General	Chuck\Robin Haagland
Gene Reich	General	Kathleen Getty
Gene Reich	General	Brent\Shauna Klipfel
Curt Suedmeier	Security Sys.	Alan\Kari LaFave
Curt Suedmeier	Organ	Karl\Sonya Kempf
Curt Suedmeier	Security Sys.	Keenan\Donna Steckler
Gene Reich	General	Scott\Julie Kusler
Curt Suedmeier	Building	Ray\Marcie Andersh
Kenneth Kabrud	Advocacy	MaryJane Kabrud
Arlene Bain	Advocacy	MaryJane Kabrud
Velma Scheid	Security Sys.	Family & Friends

## FAITH & FAMILY Continued

### Outdoor Movie

The Youth committee took advantage of nice September weather to offer an opportunity for fellowship! On Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, an outdoor movie was held in the south parking lot. Trolls: World Tour was shown on a home-made projector screen and was even broadcast through the FM transmitter for the drive-in movie feel. We had several families take advantage of the cool evening and even had non-Zion community members join in the fun!



### S'MORES WITH SAUNDRA

— 7:00PM —

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NORTH PARKING LOT

Join Sandra for smores, faith, and fellowship on the following dates:

October 4th  
October 18th  
November 1st  
November 15th

Open to middle school students grades 6-8.

### Backpack Tags

Another faith milestone we celebrated in September was the Blessing of the Backpacks. This looked a little different than normal due to limited capacity in the sanctuary. Sandra made backpack tags and packaged them with pre-addressed post cards into bags for each family with school-aged children.

The Education committee members delivered these bags to the youth of our congregation. We asked the kids to color these post cards and mail them to our members to spread a little cheer, so be sure you check your mailbox!





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 Saundra at the address listed above.



#### 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.

#### Coming October 4, Adult Sunday school: Food in Scripture and Today.

This will be an online course using video and Google Classroom. There will be links on the homepage for Zion to get into the class. The class can be accessed at any time. We will look at passages on food starting in Genesis, then look at food and the Jewish law, see an erotic application of food in the Song of Solomon, consider meals of the prophet John of locusts and wild honey (what was that all about anyway?), famine versus manutritian in the story of the Prodigal Son, food and the Passover remade into Holy Communion, Jesus' parables of food, like weeds growing with wheat, and eating in paradise. We will cover biblical topics of food as blessing, hospitality and Holy Communion: ethical eating, the poor at our tables; and food and nutrition.

This course will also feature recipes and cooking techniques. We will cover texts written by Galen, a Roman doctor who studied food and nutrition in the second century. This gives a picture of what food was like in the time of Jesus. I also make use of the book by Peter Garnsey, *Food and Society in Classical Antiquity*. We will look for possibilities in learning how our eating is connected to our following Jesus. I invite you to join this online class. Look for details of how to find the class on our church website.



# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 25

There will be a special congregation meeting on Sunday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to act upon recommendation from the Zion Council to amend Zion's Constitution to allow future congregational meetings to include remote participation. All voting members of Zion are encouraged to gather in the north parking lot for this brief meeting (will take 5-10 minutes).

The Zion Council recommends the congregation approve this resolution:

**Be it resolved that Zion Lutheran Church amend the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions to change the number of the current provision C10.08 to C10.09 and to add C10.08 of the Model Constitution for Congregations, stating:**

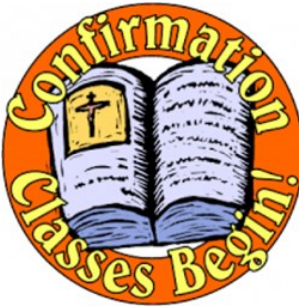
**C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.**

(Provision C10.08 of the current Zion Constitution states: A meeting of the congregation may by majority vote recess to reconvene at a specified time and place. A meeting may also recess to reconvene upon call, provided, however, that the time and place of such a reconvened meeting must be announced at a public service of the congregation, and not less than three days' written notice posted on the church property to be given of the reconvened meeting.)

When people arrive for the meeting on October 25, they will be given a registration form. Voting members will write their names on the form. When it is time to vote, members will exchange their registration form for a ballot to then cast their vote.

Please plan to attend this brief meeting on October 25 to ensure that we can continue carrying out the ministries of Zion Lutheran. Thank you for participating!

# FAITH & FAMILY



## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin Confirmation classes with Pastor Erin on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 PM. We will do our classes ONLINE this year. We will have our first gathering over the ZOOM online platform and you can get to the meeting by going to this link:

[bit.ly/ConfirmationOnline](https://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/>

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

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

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

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

Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 PM

Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 PM

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/>

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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](https://bit.ly/ZionConfirmation2020)**

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