Announcements for February 14, 2021

Leading Worship Today:

Leading worship & preaching: Pastor Erin Heidelberger

Organist: Sonya Kempf

Song Leader: Zach Anderson

Lector: Sue Gates

Zion's Radio Broadcast is heard each week at 8:30 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's broadcast is sponsored by family & friends of LaVonne Peterson in her memory.

Zion Worship Opportunities

Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM 5:30-5:50 PM Kid's time with Pastoral Assistant Saundra in Fellowship Hall Both services will be in-person (with masks and social distancing), livesteamed, and on-demand after the livestream. In-person worshippers will pick up prepackaged Communion and ashes as they enter the sanctuary.

Worship in the Sanctuary: Traditional worship on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. (during Lent) and praise band-led worship on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. with face masks and social distancing at all services.

Livestreaming of all worship services begins on Ash Wednesday. These services will be available at

- www.facebook.com/ZionAberdeen
- zionlutheranaberdeen.org

Kids' Time from 5:30-5:50 p.m. with Pastoral Assistant Saundra will be available in fellowship hall.

During Lent, we will have take-out meals ready for you to grab as you leave worship at both Wednesday services. Freewill offering (suggested donation of \$5 per meal).

MENU: February 17 (Ash Wednesday): goulash, corn, bun & dessert February 24: scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans, bun & dessert

March 3: BBQ, chips, salad & dessert March 10: macaroni & cheese, hot dog & dessert

March 17: stroganoff, salad & dessert March 24: chicken hot dish, bun & dessert

March 31: TBA

Sign up for meals by calling the church office at 225-6755 or online at bit.ly/WedMeals

Thursday Communion Service – Our next "Come and Go" Communion Service will be held Thursday, February 18th from Noon-1:00 PM and again from 5:00-6:00 PM. Come anytime during the scheduled time for a brief (about 5 minutes) service of Holy Communion.

Noah's Park Preschool

Mark your calendar to support Noah's Park Preschool @ Taco Johns: Wednesday, February 24 from 4-8 pm for a preschool fundraiser. The Preschool will receive 25% of all sales during this time, so let Taco Johns take care of cooking for you that evening! Thanks for your support!

2021-22 Preschool Registration is open! Our 3- and 4-year-old class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. (Tuition is \$90 per month) The 4- and 5-year-old classes meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:45-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:15 p.m. (Tuition is \$120 per month) Contact Jami Ringgenberg at 225-6755 with any questions. Preschool registration forms are available at the church and on our website at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/preschool.

Ways to Give

Zion radio broadcast - Generous sponsors provide for each Sunday's radio broadcast. Would you consider donating either the whole cost or half the cost of a Sunday broadcast? A whole Sunday service is \$110.00 and one half is \$55.00. You are welcome to donate in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion to support this ministry. To sign up as a sponsor, contact the church office at 225-6755.

Electronic Giving - 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. This allows you to easily give online while sitting in the pew or later at home or when travelling. 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! Do you need an easy, convenient way to contribute to the church? Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to (844-771-9058). It's simple and secure.

The February Special Offering is for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps people in our community and around the world build or improve a place they can call home.

Our Noisy Offering collection (goes to the special offering of the month) will be available for you to leave on in-person Sundays at the back of the church.

Sheets Needed – Our quilters are in need of sheets. They can be brand new or gently used. Please bring to the church office if you have any that you can donate.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING MEETINGS will be held for youth and parents of the youth interested in attending the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2022. Meeting dates:

- Sunday, February 14th at 1:00 pm on Zoom.
- Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 pm in person

MARDI GRAS STROLL-THROUGH

Tuesday, February 16, Noon-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall - Stop in to the fellowship hall anytime between noon and 8:00 PM on "Fat Tuesday" to stroll through our stations as we get ready for Lent! This will be self-guided, so that all are able to stroll through in a safely-distanced way. A few of the stations:

- <u>"Lent to Go" station</u>--pick up your take-out church box, which will include a variety of things to help you and your family observe the Lenten season at home
- Noisy Offering station-- drop your loose change in support of Habitat for Humanity, our monthly special offering ministry
- <u>Donation station</u>--bring in household cleaning supplies and liquid dish soap to benefit Journey Home
- <u>Kids' station</u>--this one is for all grade levels! There will be age-appropriate activity books for younger kids and a wreck it journal for teenagers to help them observe the Lenten season. There will also be a faith craft to be completed at home, along with a couple of other surprises!
- We are also collecting liquid dish soap and household cleaners to donate to Journey Home.
 Please bring your donations with you to the event; there will be a table available to leave donations on.

CAFÉ GROUP - Women of all ages are invited to join Pastor Erin for Café Group. *Café* is an on-line magazine that shares stories written by young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of *Café* include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use *Café* as a Bible study resource individually or with a group. Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, *Café* can be used and shared by women of all ages. Because of our current pandemic concerns, the Zion Café Group will start online over Zoom. But we hope to move to local restaurants and/or coffee shops in future months.

Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 PM BYOD (Bring Your Own Dessert!)

Just go to this web link and follow the prompts: bit.ly/ZionCafe Meeting ID: 873 2618 2589 Passcode: BOLDCAFE

CROSS YOUR FINGERS & WISH FOR SNOW! - People usually don't wish for a bunch of snow, but we are! The next time we have a good snowfall, we want to get congregational members of all

ages together to go sledding. Be watching our Facebook pages and Instagram for all the details after the next significant amount of snow.

JOIN THE ZION LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP FACEBOOK GROUP

We have a new way of connecting with one another! All are invited to join our new Facebook group that's designed to let us interact with one another throughout the week online. This private Facebook group will be for members and friends of our congregation. Join us to get to know one another better, engage with each other in some fun ways, and share prayer requests. Go to this link to join: bit.ly/ZionFBFellowship

2021-22 ZION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the narthex and on our website at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/signupcentral. Two \$350 scholarships will be awarded to Zion members for the 2021-22 adademic year: one to a graduating high school senior and one to a current college student (for undergraduate studies). Applications are due April 1, 2021.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS - Are you interested in becoming a member of our faith family? Or do you know someone who is? Or are you wondering what it means to be a member of Zion? Let Pastor Erin know of your interest! We'll be deciding soon how to hold our New Member Welcome sessions in the months to come (possibly over Zoom), so we'd love to know if you're thinking about becoming a member. You can reach Pastor Erin at the church at 225-6755 or by email at pastorerin@nvc.net

Praying for One Another

As a community of faith in Christ, we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below:

This week we pray especially for God's comfort, healing, protection, strength, and peace to be with: Duane Mullner, Harold Hoffman, Phyllis Gab, Beth Walth, Kathy Johnson, Ernie Kusler, Joey Kusler, Pastor Heidi Kvanli - (mother of Kara Pies)

For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness:

Tammy Paulsen, Duane Wagemann

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY - February 14

8:30 AM Traditional Worship online & Radio Broadcast

11:00 AM Contemporary worship online

1:00 PM ELCA youth gathering parent and student meeting via Zoom

MONDAY - February 15

Presidents Day - Office Closed 1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY - February 16

Noon – 8:00 PM Mardi Gras event

6:30 PM Church Council on Zoom

WEDNESDAY - February 17

12:15 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

5:30-5:50 PM Kid's Time

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

6:30 PM ELCA youth gathering meeting

8:30 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY - February 18

Noon-1:00 PM Come-and-Go Communion

1:00 PM Quilters

5:00-6:00 PM Come-and-Go Communion

SUNDAY – February 21

8:30 AM In-person Traditional Worship with Holy Communion (livestreamed)

9:45 AM Youth Committee 9:45 AM Online Sunday School 6:00 PM Education Committee