

APRIL 2021

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN-BETWEEN TIME

In the church, we often talk about living in an “in between time”. We are in between the time when Christ ascended to heaven and a future time when Christ will return again, when all things will be put right and sin and death and dying will be no more. This is a promise God has given to us. Sin, death, and evil are very present realities. But one day, they will no longer be. In the meantime, though, we live in a kind of holy waiting time, an interim time, when we are at work in the world, continuing to proclaim God’s unconditional love and mercy, and also living into the hope of all that God has promised is in store for us.

Debie Thomas wrote about interim time a couple years ago in *The Christian Century*:

Though the life of faith is often described in terms of joyful arrivals and culminations, in reality we spend a lot of our time in between. Though we know that Good Friday gives way to Easter, we live our lives on Holy Saturday, waiting for the fullness of resurrection’s promise to unfold. Sometimes it feels as if the whole planet is straining with impatience, yearning for something better. Sometimes I wonder if in-betweenness is the quintessential human condition. (<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/faith-matters/learning-embrace-between-time>)

As a church, we are experiencing a kind of in-between time right now, between the usual patterns of our congregational life together as we experienced them before the pandemic and what those patterns will look like once all of our pandemic concerns have finally eased. Even though it sounds like kind of a contradiction, this is an active waiting time. And during this time, we continue to have an opportunity to experiment with new things.

One thing we’re “trying out” during the Easter season is a Wednesday evening service. The praise band has been leading music for our midweek evening services during Lent, and they will continue to lead at a Wednesday contemporary service in April and May. This will still be a shorter service—about 35 minutes long. The worship time will shift to 6:15 p.m. and the Zion women/fellowship group will continue providing grab-n-go meals after worship.

This gives us a chance to gauge if there is continued interest in and need for a Wednesday evening service. At the end of the May, our worship committee and council plan to evaluate to determine if the midweek service should continue or not. Of course, our Sunday morning traditional service at 8:30 will continue during this time as well.

In God’s Grace + Peace,
Pastor Erin

Come-and-Go Communion:

**Tuesday, April 13
Noon-1:00 p.m.**

Come to the sanctuary anytime noon-1:00 PM and you will be able to partake of the Lord's Supper individually or with your family group in a brief service (about 5 minutes).



THANK YOU

Special thanks to Ed Suchomel and Millie Suchomel for purchasing the air purifiers for the sanctuary.



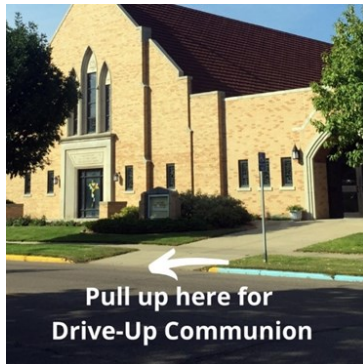
**Special Offering for the
Month of April
is
Lutheran Social
Services**

Please see the bulletin board for more information.



Strengthening Individuals,
Families & Communities

DRIVE-UP / COME-AND-GO COMMUNION IN APRIL



Because of scheduling constraints, our alternative Communion dates and times will look a little different this month. We'll offer one Drive-Up Communion time and one Come-and-Go Communion time.

Drive-Up Communion: April 4 (EASTER SUNDAY) 10:45-11:30 (Note the time change)

You can listen to the 8:30 service or watch it on the livestream before coming to the church between 10:45-11:30 to receive Communion. Just pull up to the front of the church anytime between 10:45-11:30, and Pastor Erin will bring Communion to you. We'll have proper protocols in place to administer Communion to you while you remain safely in your vehicle.

Thank you for your continued giving!

Zion remains active in ministry and mission, and the church's ministry will depend on your support. Checks can be mailed 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
Ben Schroeder
Carol Knispel
Jane Fischer
Janice Peterson

Bethesda Town Sq.

Meta Vetter
Shirley Wagemann
Viola Tetherow
Gladys Voegele

Minnesota

LeRoy Buechler

California

Erna Schmierer

Groton Health Care

Leon Tobin
Marge Rhodes
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach

Primrose Cottages

Charleen Hargens
Frances Wolff

Arizona

Hazel Martell

Idaho

Marvin Bucholz



"GRATEFUL FOR YOU"

☺ Special thanks to Zion's prayer shawl group for making, blessing and giving prayer shawls to those who need them. Special thanks to you from Joyce Mentzer for the shawl she received.

☺ Special thanks to the quilters for all the quilting they do and for making the prayer pillow covers.

☺ Thanks to Zion's cardmaking group for the beautiful cards.

☺ Thanks to all who have designated your Thrivent Choice dollars to Zion.

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).

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

Hello from Noah's Park!! I hope you had fun with the children's book puzzle that I put in the last newsletter! The answers are posted on the kiosk just in case you missed them! In keeping with the puzzle theme I have another one below. This time you need to unscramble the words to complete the sentences. Good Luck!!

Here are some of the super fun things we experienced in March!!

*We had a visit from some sneaky ceprlnuesah that left our room a mess!

*Luckily, we all remembered to wear ernge so we didn't get pinched!

*The children have really enjoyed painting with our new olwtreoarc sets!

*We were able to run off some energy during the nice weather on the gpunydtrao which was fabulous!

*The children are testing out their green thumbs by planting sgsar deses in little cups to water! We hope they grow fast so we can "mow" them when they get tall enough!!

*Our dramatic play is now an cie remca rlorpa where you can order treats with chocolate sauce and sprinkles!

**Answers will be on the kiosk again!

Happy Easter!! ~Jami



Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY; RADIO BROADCAST ON KSDN 930 AM AND 102.1 FM

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:15 PM PRAISE BAND-LED CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP; KIDS TIME DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE, ALONG WITH A SUPERVISED PRAYGROUND AREA DURING THE SERMON

ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



TO GO MEALS

Available following Wednesday evening services

MADE BY THE ZION WOMEN

After Easter, we will have worship opportunities available on **Sundays and Wednesdays**. Traditional worship will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday mornings at 8:30 am** and can be heard on the radio on KSDN 930 AM and 102.1 FM. Praise Band-led contemporary worship will be on **Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm (note the time change)**. This service will feature a kids time during the service, along with a supervised prayground area during the sermon. There will also be meals available following the service to take with you.

All services will be broadcast on our Facebook page and website. Recordings of the broadcasts will also be available after to be viewed at any time on our Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

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.



STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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

PASTOR'S CONTACT #'s

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

Join us.

If you aren't already getting Mailchimp emails, go to bit.ly/zionmailchimp and sign up.

FAITH & FAMILY

Sunday School Update

In person: Our next in-person Sunday School time will be Sunday, April 11th at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Masks will be required for all over the age of two, and physical distancing will be practiced between family groups.

Packets: There will be two packets available for at home Sunday School in April. These packets will be available at the in-person date or in the church office throughout the month. These packets are available to all kids, whether they were officially registered for this Sunday School year or not. Please feel free to pick up packets to take home to your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, etc. Materials, along with a video of the story and musical selections for each packet will be available on the Zion Youth Facebook page on April 18th and April 25th. <https://bit.ly/zionyouthFBpage>

Vacation Bible School: Plans are currently in the works for summer VBS. We will have a final decision made by the end of April. Stay tuned!



Council Highlights

March 2021

- * Zion received a gift from the estate of Alegra Fischer. The title of this gift will be split between Journey Home, Safe Harbor and DTOM 22/0.
- * Pastor Erin will be on vacation from May 19th -31st; Pastor Tim will preach and cover pastoral responsibilities during this time.
- * To help regulate temperatures in the sanctuary while still keeping safety in mind, air purifiers have been purchased. These will help circulate and clean the air without having to turn on the outside air.
- * Congregational singing and the "normal" way of doing communion can resume.
- * There will be a Congregational Assessment done to determine the needs of the congregation.
- * DTOM is hosting a BATTANN Memorial Death March on Saturday, April 10th. The congregation is welcome to participate and support the cause. Information will be included in an upcoming bulletin.

Volunteers Needed!—Volunteers are currently needed for both Sunday and Wednesday services. If you can help with any of the areas listed below, please call the church office. Training is provided for all positions and will be a once-a-month commitment:

Sunday and Wednesday

Deacon - distributes communion
Sound board operator
PowerPoint operator
Usher



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would be willing to help with ushering, sound, or PowerPoint for either Wednesday or Sunday services, please call the church office at 225-6755



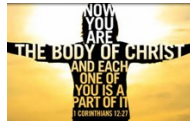
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Staff

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:

Jena GermanPresident
 Sharon Paranto.....Vice President
 Ed Suchomel.....Treasurer
 Nancy Schmidt.....Secretary

Council Representatives:

Kelly VanderWeyst.....Education
 Kathy Johnson.....Fellowship
 Rod Wiedrich.....Finance
 Shane Schauer.....Properties
 Nicole Schutter.....Social Concerns
 Mary Kost.....Stewardship
 Virginia Tobin.....Visitation
 Norma Nielsen.....Welcome & Outreach
 Kathy Heffernan.....Worship & Music
 Vacant.....Youth

ZION MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Sally Isaacson Howard Nelson	Preschool Organ	Gary\Wanda Morehouse Mary Jane Kabrud

Thank you for your ongoing gifts in memory of loved ones.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT
THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$31,010
 Actual February income: \$26,420
 Actual February expenses: \$33,616

YTD budgeted expenses:
 \$62,202
 Actual YTD income: \$55,786
 Actual YTD expenses:
 \$66,432



Holy Week at Zion



Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion (Fifth-Grade First Communion)

Thursday, April 1 at 6:00 PM + livestream

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 2 at 6:00 PM + livestream

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 4

7:15, 8:30 & 9:45 AM (8:30 service will be livestreamed)
 Reservations will be required for each of these services.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

SYNOD ASSEMBLY this year will be held virtually June 4-5, 2021. Registration opens April 1 and closes May 10.

If you are interested in serving as a voting member for Zion, please contact Pastor Erin at 225-6755 or pastorerin@nvc.net.



FAITH & FAMILY



It's Time for a Makeover!—The Youth Committee wants to update the youth space and needs your input! On Wednesday, April 21st following the worship service (about 6:45 pm), the committee would like to meet with all students and parents in grades 5-11 to propose options for the youth room refresh. We will show you the room, explain different color and paint options, and look at different furnishings and layouts for the space. We will also share other updates and youth activities we have in the works. If you cannot make it to the meeting but would like to see the options, please call the church office (225-6755) and talk to Sandra.

Summer 2021 Registration Now Open!



Summer 2021 Registration is Open!

Parents, if your child(ren) is currently in third grade or older, talk to Sandra if you'd like to get signed up for camp and be a part of our fundraising this spring and summer.

Registration prices increase on April 15th
for all LO Summer camps.

Thank you to all who supported the caramel roll fundraiser for Church on the Street. Our youth are able to participate in mission trips like these because of your generosity!

We donated the remaining caramel rolls to the Aberdeen Police Department, who were thrilled for some homemade treats 😊

**PALM SUNDAY TO GO
BREAKFAST**

**THANK
YOU!**

THANKS – We would like to thank all who participated in enjoying our delicious Wednesday Lenten meals.

We would like your input for next year! Would you like meals like the ones that were made this year? If not, what else would you like to see cooked? Please let us know by calling the church office @ 225-6755 or Carmel @ 229-1360.

A special thanks to Carmel Heyd, Norma Miller, Elaine Schumacher, Deb Graves, & Lyle\Lois Chapin for preparing the meals during Lent.



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



**GOD DOESN'T WANT ANYTHING FROM YOU,
BECAUSE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE
IS ALREADY HIS.
BE GRATEFUL.**

Bob Goff, Live in Grace—Walk in Love

*He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:17*

There it was—the loud, bold heading of my devotions for the day from a favorite book. It's never a deep theological discussion, but always challenging and straight to the point. And that day wasn't any different. "At every point, whether we've known it or not, God has protected us and sustained us. Our good behavior didn't earn it, and our failures haven't ruined it.....We wake up to new days, we take our next breath, we dream some dreams because of God's grace. We did nothing to earn any of this.

"God doesn't want anything from you, because everything you have is already God's. If you want to dazzle God, give thanks by sharing what you've been given. Freely, with gratitude. No strings attached."

So.....what if I didn't earn it? What if my hard work doesn't mean I deserve it? Why did God choose me as manager of the resources I've been chosen to steward? What if God put me in this place and position for a purpose? If you're asking some of these same questions and thinking about how your life can make a difference, Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD was created as a resource for you. We have tools and information to build a plan that honors your faith and your family, and expresses your gratitude through generosity. For more information, call Kathy McHenry at 605.274.5030, email kmchenry@sdsynod.org or visit our website at www.lpgsd.org.

NOAH'S PARK PRESCHOOL



Above: Enjoying the paints and other supplies donated by the congregation.



Look at us Grow!

All three classes planted grass and are having fun watering and watching it grow.

Right: The kiddos enjoying the ice cream parlor. All sorts of pretend sweet treats!



Pizza

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Order a make-at-home pizza kit from Little Caesars from now until April 21st to support our Noah's Park Preschool



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Our Noah's Park Preschool is teaming up with Little Caesars for a make-at-home pizza fundraiser. Between now and April 21st, order a kit using the link below, and a portion of the proceeds benefit the preschool. They have many different options you can order, including regular pizzas, mini pizzas, and even dessert pizzas! And the best part--it is shipped directly to you! No need to stop at the store to pick anything up. Not sure you'll need it right away? No problem! It comes to your door frozen, so you can bake it for supper or save it for your next family game night.

Prayer Pillow Milestone

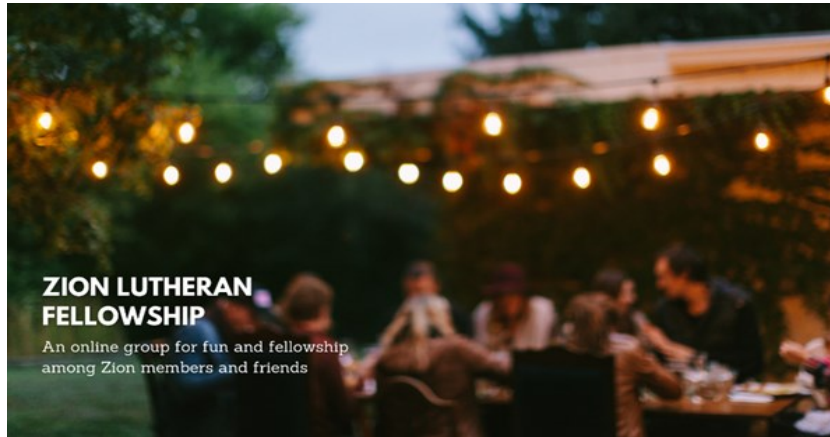
Seven 3-and 4-year olds were recognized in worship on Palm Sunday and received their prayer pillows. After, the kids and their parents met with Pastor Erin and Sandra in the Fellowship Hall for an hour of activities related to prayer, including a story, a snack, and blowing bubbles! Several prayer pillows were also delivered to children who could not make it to the event.



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.

Our Zion Facebook page is a great "bulletin board" but this new group will be more of a virtual "living room". 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.



FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

Siblings in Christ of the South Dakota Synod,

He has risen! He has risen indeed! - You may hear others say about us that we are "Easter People". What does that mean? It means that we believe and trust that death does not have the last Word. And that is true for all areas of our daily life. As Easter people we know that death never has the last Word. In fact as Easter People we come to know death as painfully excruciating because of Good Friday, but in spite of our pain we know and believe that in the midst of our pain God is at work calling forth life where the world has closed the book and calls it quits.



When others walk away from the grave, Easter People stay and wait for it only to become witnesses to God's amazing power and then we go tell. As we marked the anniversary of the Coronavirus pandemic last month and reminisce about last year's unorthodox Easter celebration, we have been presented with an opportunity to show up as God's people outside our buildings. We have not turned away from those who have died or experienced losses of all kinds. No, we have shown up in many ways. Thank you, dear South Dakota Synod, for showing up, for being Easter People who trust and believe, that life is already waiting to spring forth when all we see is loss. Faith is to hope for things that are yet unseen. South Dakota Synod, we will not need to "go back to normal", we will not even try to find a "new normal". But we will boldly live into God's future by continuing to show up proclaiming the good news of Jesus, the Christ. Alleluia!

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA