

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

You Have Been a Gift to My Life. Thank you!

Colossians 3:12–13

¹² *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.* ¹³ *Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

In this time of change Zion Lutheran Church has been a faith home for me. You have welcomed me over and over again in so many ways. At Zion, I've come to know people of forgiveness and patience. As a church, you have held together even through the restrictions of a pandemic that have stressed us all. I've witnessed the cards that have been sent to one another. I've heard about the phone calls that have been made when people couldn't come together face to face. I've seen some hurtful things responded to with kindness. Your wisdom and patience make this a resilient church. Your roots go deep.

Colossians 3:14–15a

¹⁴ *Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.* ¹⁵ *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.*

Zion is a place of beautiful people. Some years ago, I went to photography exhibit. It was made up of unforgettable portraits of elderly people. The thinning grey hair and all of the wrinkles were there. The eyes were distinctive, sometimes soft and glowing, and other times filled with energy that was direct and intense. The mouths gave expression to the whole of seriousness, joy, or determination. Each face emitted character, personality, and undeniable beauty. It's been my privilege to spend time visiting face to face with many beautiful people from Zion. It was difficult to make the transition to make those visits via the phone, but those conversations were also deeply satisfying. I have been blessed by those relationships.

Colossians 3:15b

And be thankful.

The pandemic helped me to become profoundly thankful for things that I took for granted. I have lived my whole life with church and Sunday morning worship. At times, there would be cancellations due to winter storms, but never anything like the last months have been with the pandemic. I have learned how much I miss the Sunday worship services and the people that gather there. I miss the time lingering over coffee with conversation. Christianity is more than individual spirituality that we apply to our private lives. Christianity calls out community. or places of senior living. They have been so gracious to welcome me into their lives.

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Come-and-Go Communion:

**Tuesday, June 17
12:00-1:00 pm**

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).

**COME-AND-GO
COMMUNION**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17
NOON-1:00 PM
ZION SANCTUARY
NO RESERVATION REQUIRED**



**OUR
FREEZER IS
STOCKED**

KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED?

Do you have family or a friend who recently became ill, experienced a death in the family, or had a baby?

Stop in to the church office to take them one of our freezer meals

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

SD Companion Synods!

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

The ELCA Companion Synod Program forges relationships between the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and companion churches around the world, fellow members of the Lutheran World Federation. The South Dakota Synod is in companionship with two churches, one in Cameroon and one in Nicaragua.

Donations are used to support our missionaries and their work in these congregations.



Thank you for your continued giving!

Zion remains active in ministry and mission, and the church's ministry depends 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 zionlutheranaberndeen.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

Primrose Cottages

Charleen Hargens
Frances Wolff

Groton Health Care

Leon Tobin
Marge Rhodes
Joe & Ruth Bosmoe

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach

Idaho

Marvin Bucholz



GRATEFUL FOR YOU

☺ Thank you to all who donated geraniums or funds to purchase flowers. We had a beautiful sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday! The geraniums were planted in front of the church to help beautify the grounds.

☺ Thanks to the Education Committee and Confirmation students for organizing and helping teach Sunday School this year.

☺ Thank you to all who have donated sheets to the quilters and yarn for prayer shawls.



SUNDAY RADIO BROADCASTS

Will you consider sponsoring a Sunday Radio broadcast? Radio sponsorships are \$110.00 and we have several openings coming up. (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 vital ministry.

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park!!

Hello from Noah's Park!! I think it's only fitting that I share with you, what I shared with all of my preschool families as I am wrapping up another year of preschool...

Dear Families (and Zion Church Congregation),

We made it! We did it with masks, with both uncertainty and excitement and most importantly...together!!

Your children mean the world to me and I thank you for trusting me to keep them safe, happy and very, very loved!!

.. it's short and sweet but I feel like it captures the past year perfectly...
enjoy your summer!! ~Jami



Faith and Family

Summer Education Update

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held on **Tuesday, June 1st**. A meal of hotdogs, chips, drink, and dessert will be served outdoors starting at 5:45 pm. Activities for the evening will start at 6:15 pm and will be centered around the theme "Celebrating God's Creations".

Full details can be found in the letter that was mailed the first week of May. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the church office (225-6755) and talk to Sandra.

Sunday Van Rides Now Available!

Our van ride service is now available on Sunday mornings for the 8:30 am traditional worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, please call the church office @225-6755 and talk to Donna.



Rides Available

Council Highlights

May 2021

* Council approved a motion to be voted on at the special congregational meeting held on June 6th in reference to the organ revitalization. This motion includes a capital campaign and financing options to pay for the repairs: \$50,000 funds needs to be raised up front and pledges for the remaining \$200,000 before work can start and the bank will approve a loan. More information will be presented at the organ forums on May 23rd and 26th with more details.

* Covid responses were updated: as of June 1st masks will be optional, indoor fellowship and eating can resume (although there will be spacing between tables and fewer numbers of people at each table), and a section of the sanctuary will remain spaced out while the remainder of the seating will go back to normal.

* Pastor Tim submitted a letter in April that he would be moving when his house sold. His house has now sold, and Tim will be finished with his pastoral duties at Zion as of the end of this month.

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:

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



COVID RESPONSE UPDATE

Just a couple weeks ago, we all received some very welcome news: the CDC announced that Covid vaccines are making it possible for many of us to return to life as we lived it prior to the pandemic. Fully vaccinated people can now safely take part in most indoor activities without the need to wear a mask or maintain social distancing. Thanks be to God for the vaccine and this development in our pandemic life!

In light of this and the decreasing numbers of Covid cases, active cases, and hospitalizations in Brown County, the Zion council has moved to relax most of our Covid restrictions. This brings some welcome changes to our congregational life:

- * Masks will now be optional for all indoor activities, including worship services.
- * We will not require social distancing in the whole sanctuary but will still provide a section of pews where people who choose to can space further from others.
- * Indoor fellowship time with beverages and food can resume. We'll still have a limited number of tables and chairs at each table in the fellowship hall for the time being.

Please keep in mind that children under 12 cannot yet be vaccinated. Unvaccinated adults, those who are immunocompromised, and children are encouraged to continue wearing masks.

THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE AS OF JUNE 1st.

2021 Confirmation Sunday



**June 6th, 2021
10:45 am**

Confirmation Sunday will be on June 6th with a special service for our confirmands and their families at 10:45 am. This year, there will be eight students affirming their baptisms:

Courtney Bjorgaard
Quintin Fischbach
Kasia Heidelberger
Jenna Otterstetter
Liz Schauer
Masyn Schutter
Grace Schwan
Faith Spitzer

Please help us congratulate these students as we celebrate this faith milestone with them!

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.

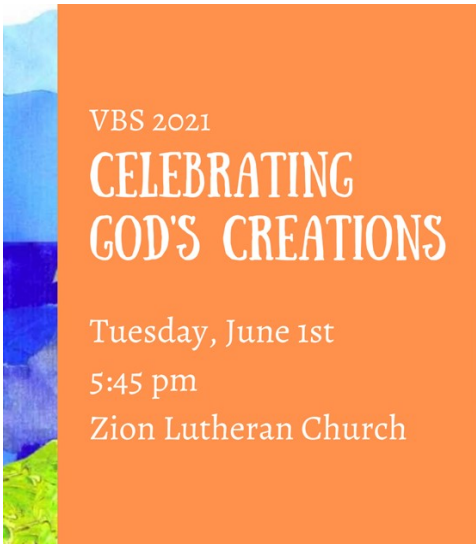


STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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

PASTOR'S CONTACT #
Pastor Erin - 605-252-0320

Faith and Family



What You Need to Know

- Tuesday, June 1st
- Meal starts at 5:45 pm of hot dogs, chips, fruit snacks, applesauce, dessert, and drink (if you can't make the meal—no worries! Join us for the activities)
- Activities start at 6:15 pm in the North parking lot
- If raining, activities will be held in the Fellowship Hall

Middle School and High School Youth Groups



Join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun! Middle school and high school youth groups start this month. Below is the schedule for the summer. We will look at schedule changes in the fall when school resumes.

For the middle school time, Sandra will be offering van rides and will pick up and drop off your child from youth group. Please let her know if you would like to take advantage of this option!

For the high school time, Sandra will be offering van rides home, if requested (none before as it directly follows Wednesday worship).

Middle School: second & fourth Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
High School: second & fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Progressive Supper

The first progressive supper will be on **Sunday, June 27th at 4:00 pm**. Our "appetizer" will be mini golfing at Thunder Road, followed by our main dish at Pastor Erin's house and dessert at Sue Gates' home.

Cost for mini golf is \$5/person, and the Zion Youth committee will pay the rest! Open to middle and high school youth. **Bring a friend!**

We will meet at Zion at 4:00 pm, and we will take the church van to our different locations. Kids will be returned to the church for pick-up or can be dropped off at home after the event upon request.

The next progressive supper will be **Sunday, July 25th**.



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Staff

Rev. Erin Heidelberger.....Pastor
 Saundra Anderson.....Pastoral Assistant
 Donna Steckler.....Office Manager
 Sonya Kempf.....Director of Music
 Sue Gates.....Assistant Director of Music
 Stephanie HawkinsonPraise Band Director
 Jami Ringgenberg.....Preschool Director/Teacher
 Art Ketterling.....Maintenance

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.

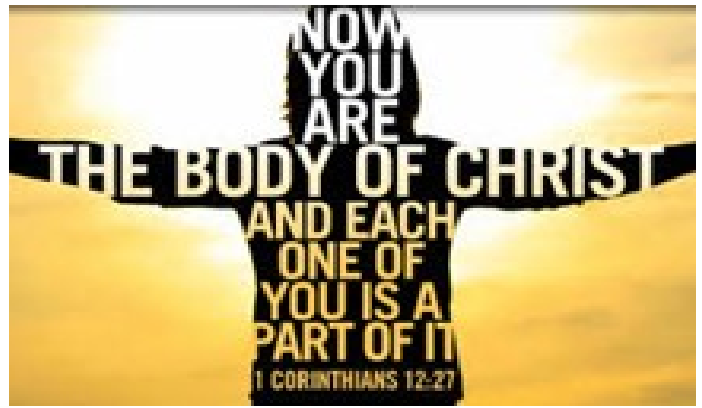
CHURCH COUNCIL

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



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$31,010
 Actual March income: \$35,600
 Actual March expenses: \$32,585

YTD budgeted expenses: \$93,030
 Actual YTD income: \$91,386
 Actual YTD expenses: \$99,017

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

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 Reuben\Ruth
 Beitelspacher

For:

Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Organ Fund
 Sunday School
 Zion Youth
 Radio
 Sunday School
 Organ Fund
 Altar Guild
 Altar Guild
 Quilters
 Prayer Shawl

From:

Carmel Heyd
 Sue Gates
 Ray\Marcie Andersh
 Delores Anderson
 Gladys Melcher
 Education Committee
 Education Committee
 Judy Albl
 Lorraine Wasem
 Karl\Sonya Kempf
 Rod\Rose Wiedrich
 Wilma Zimmerman
 Neal Beitelspacher
 Marian Geist
 Rod Beitelspacher &
 Sid Beitelspacher

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

We have several openings in the summer: June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday!

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

Call the office at 225-6755 to sign up

\$110 for whole broadcast
 \$55 for half



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6 at 9:45 a.m. to vote on the proposal of the Zion Council to make needed repairs to the church organ and to approve a financing plan and capital campaign.

You will have the option of attending online via Zoom. If you plan to attend online, please contact the church no later than **Thursday, June 3**.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in becoming a member of our faith family, or do you know someone who is? 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



Noah's Park Preschool Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our May bake sale by ordering rolls or stopping by our booth to pick up some goodies!!

We literally sold out of our baked goods!! We raised \$500 and consider that a smashing success!!



Paints, play-doh and plates... oh my!!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the preschool's wish list table!! I was actually able to add

a few more requests because the first batch just flew off the table so fast!! The children had a blast helping me stock our room and of course trying out all of the new "stuff"! I really appreciate it!

~Jami

THANK YOU

Dear members of Zion,

Thank you for supporting Lutherans Outdoors recently with your special offering gift. Your incredible support allows for the nurturing and strengthening of the faith life of thousands who come to camp. Thank you for understanding how critical your gift is this year to our ministry.

Lutheran Outdoors

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser!! We raised almost \$400! Our top sellers were Hunter Hawkinson and Adalyn and Olivia Moser!! They each earned a gift card to Twist Cone!! Way to go kiddos... and enjoy your ice cream!!



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Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

During this pandemic, I've been reminded of the healing power of singing. Singing is good for all of us. It's good for the voice. It's good for the whole self physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Church is the place where I can sing. Singing exercises the lungs bringing air into the whole body. Singing with others, as in a choir enriches our lives through community. It's a natural anti-depressant. It lowers stress levels. It sharpens your mental alertness. It widens your circle of friends. It's another one of the many gifts that come our way through Zion.

Colossians 3:17 (NRSV)

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

At least once a day I take time to intentionally reflect on what God is doing in our lives to become mindful of how much I have to be thankful for. It's because of God and his Son Jesus Christ that I have had the opportunity to be drawn together with you. It's been a joy working with Pastor Erin who empowers grace in natural but powerful ways that can stick with us through a week. I've enjoyed Zion's staff who have acted as friends to me, and not just co-workers. I'm grateful for those who provide our music experience, especially Sonya Kempf and Sue Gates. I recently attended a Wednesday evening service where I'm continued to be impressed with our contemporary music team. They are a fine resource that illustrate the depth and diversity that our church has in giving us many musical ways to connect with God and our community. I've never been to a Zion church council meeting, but I know that they have been foundational in authorizing the ministry that I've been honored to do here. Thank you! The people that I get to meet and work with on the visitation committee inspire me with their faithful service working that no one will be passed over, forgotten, or left behind. I've enjoyed my brief contacts with the children and youth. Too often they don't think that they matter or make a big difference in the life of an old guy like me but over and over they make my day! So many people have sent cards of encouragement that are like little surprises that pop out of our mailbox now and then. I'm thankful for the people who have provided coffee and treats between the worship services and for those I have been able to visit with over a cup of coffee and crackers and cheese, or a cookie. I'm especially enriched by those people that I've met in the hospital or the shut ins in their homes or places of senior living. They have been so gracious to welcome me into their lives.

I know that there are many people that I have left out. There are so many who make significant contributions to our faith life. These are experienced in acts of simple kindness, faithful people with attention to detail, people sharing of themselves as they prepare food for times of fellowship, people who are so faithful with their financial gifts, and so many more! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Pastor Tim



Happenings at Zion



WELCOME TO ZION!
Gene & Marilyn Bender joined our
Zion family in May!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy 80th birthday to
Elaine Schumacher.



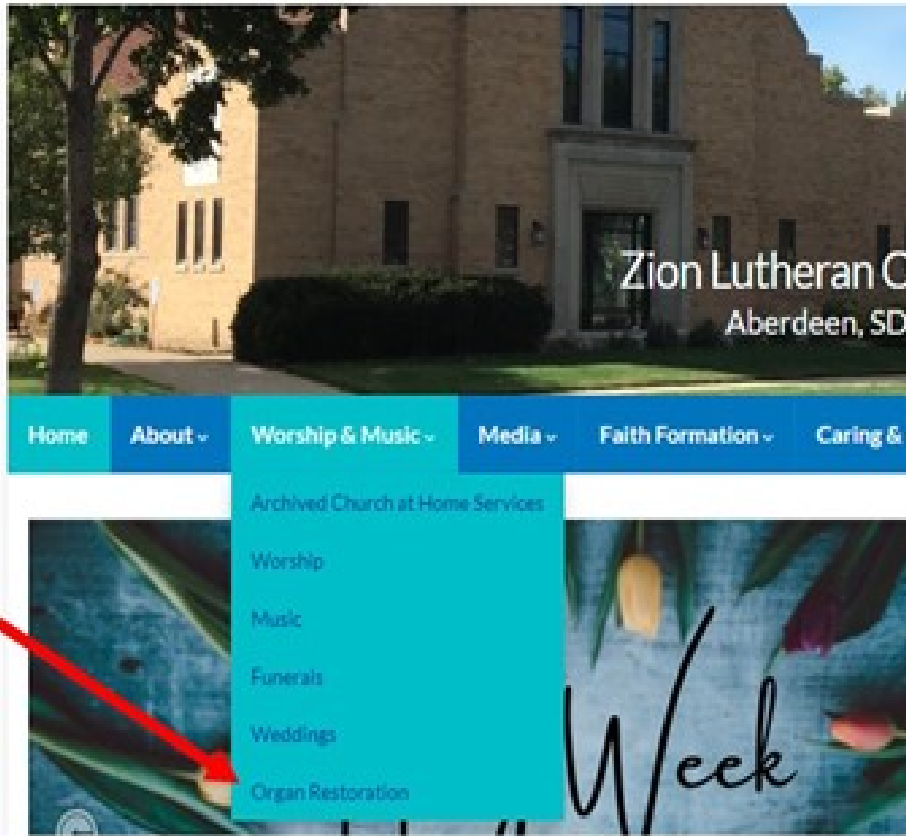
Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors! They were recognized during worship on May 16th. Pictured here (from L to R): Estelle Harrison, Emily Efraimson, Alecia Morehouse, and Paige Madsen. Not pictured are Tessa Gustafson, Paige Heintzman, Lexi Olson, Austin Wagemann, and Vanessa Wagemann. Each graduate received a copy of "Oh the Places You'll Go" signed by congregation members, a devotion booklet and LED candle. Best wishes on your next adventures!

Kensi Diane Jensen was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday, May 16th. Pictured here with Kensi are her parents, Kellye and Tyler; siblings Aubrey, Kailey, and Greyson; and baptismal sponsors, which are her grandparents.



Organ Update

THANK YOU to all who attended and participated in our organ forums. We appreciate all who voiced their questions!



We are having a special congregational meeting on June 6th at 9:45 am (between services that morning) to act upon the recommendation from the Zion Council to approve needed repairs to our organ and the financing plan to pay for these repairs.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to cast your vote, a Zoom option is available. The link and all of the login information can be found on the Zion website on the page "Organ Restoration". More detailed information about the bid and financing can be found on this page, along with a video from JF Nordlie, which will be handling the restoration of the organ if it is approved at the congregational meeting.

FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

Siblings in Christ,

Grace and Peace in the name of the RISEN CHRIST! - As I am writing my May greetings to you I am looking outside the window, watching the rain fall. And, I give thanks for God's nourishing waters unto the parched land. Thanks be to God! Every year this time I pray for those who are called to steward the land and livestock that will bring nourishment to our tables. How long has it been that you gathered with those you love around a table for an in person meal? Many of us long to be together in person, especially in worship and fellowship. The CDC released new guidelines, which allow for small group gatherings, but caution us yet to gather in large groups especially without any safety measures or protection. I have released new recommendations concerning in person gatherings.

While you have heard me say it many times, I will say it again, I cannot tell you what to do; BUT I appeal to you to continue to use caution when gathering for worship and fellowship for the sake of protecting your neighbor. We are currently seeing an increase, not as steep as before, but nevertheless an increase in new infections, and this time around it affects young adults and children worse than before. Please, be good stewards of each other and wear masks, continue to physically distance, refrain from singing and gathering in large groups over coffee in your fellowship areas and continue to practice good hand-washing.

I fully recognize and acknowledge that living with COVID 19 remains a challenge as it robs us of what we hold dear, gathering in person, but if we are all disciplined, we will soon be able to gather in person. Until that day comes, be good stewards of each other by loving God and loving neighbor above self.

Journeying in Christ with you,
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA



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



DINE IN DINNERS

Available before Wednesday evening services, starting at 5:15 pm

Currently, we 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. This service will feature a kids' time during the service, along with a supervised prayground area during the sermon.

****CHANGE**** Due to council's relaxing of the Covid protocols, meals will now be served before worship, starting at 5:15 pm. Come anytime after 5:15 pm to enjoy a meal and fellowship before Wednesday evening worship. This change will start on Wednesday, June 2nd.

All services will be livestreamed 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.



Our Education wing is looking even brighter! Thank you to Jess Moser for your outstanding work in the Sunday School classrooms. We can't wait to welcome kids back in the fall!



FUNDRAISER FOR THE ZION YOUTH

DINNER SERVICE

Friday, June 25 • Pick-up from 5:30-6:00 PM
Zion Lutheran Church
1732 S. Main St.

2 LBS. BBQ, BUNS, FAMILY-SIZED CHIPS,
1 GALLON PUNCH: \$30
1 LB. BBQ, BUNS, CHIPS,
BEVERAGE: \$15

LET US COOK FOR YOU!

On Friday, June 25th, the Zion Youth will be holding a Dinner Service fundraiser. Meals will be ready to be picked up at the church between 5:30 and 6:00 pm that evening and will be served hot for you to take home and enjoy right away! To preorder, call the church office (225-6755), sign up on the table in the narthex, or go to: bit.ly/ziondinner-service by Wednesday, June 23rd at 5:00 pm.