

ZION'S JOURNEY

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Beloved People:

1 Corinthians 1:1-2 The Message (MSG) *I, Paul, have been called and sent by Jesus, the Messiah, according to God's plan, along with my friend Sosthenes. I send this letter to you in God's church at Corinth, believers cleaned up by Jesus and set apart for a God-filled life. I include in my greeting all who call out to Jesus, wherever they live. He's their Master as well as ours!*

Thus begins Paul in his correspondence to these churches in Corinth. In other translations, as in other emails of the day, he calls the members of these churches "saints". Guffaw!!.... because if you read on, you will discover that their behavior was anything but "saintly". Just check it out for yourself. Discover who they are, and discover what God's ideas about "Sainthood" are really all about...

...because dear Friends in Christ, God has different ideas about what make us "saints" than our common stereotypes are: may I suggest that to be a "saint" is something that is **given** to you and me, and is something we become, we journey into in our life with Jesus the Deliverer and with each other. You know, it's an "all about the journey, not destination" thing. With God in God's Fullness as the tour guide, equipper, encourager, trainer, advocate, comforter, etc....well, you get my drift!

How does this happen? Revisit again what we just celebrated Reformation Sunday, focusing on some guy named "Luther":

...Above all, Luther was a teacher of the Divine Word who, along with his contemporaries, wanted to bring the church of his day back to the core of the Good News (**Ephesians 2:1-10**: in summary that says, "*We are dead in sin...but God in his mercy through Jesus Christ made us alive again*")

In other words, Jesus didn't come to reform the "reform-able" or improve the "improvable (as opposed to some the stereotypes of "church" as simply a good morals society! I hear this so much!!.... eesshhh!!!!!!)" or make "bad people" into "good people" ...he came to raise the dead (including you and me!) to walk in newness of life!

Dead sinners can't "make a decision for Jesus"...my repentance or faith doesn't save me. The Faithful One (Galatians 2:16) does! The fact that I can smile and say yes to this incredible Good News is proof that The Divine Word is already having its miraculous way in me.

And we see, we laugh and we dance, because "sainthood" isn't a goal to be achieved; it is to me celebrated, basked in, embraced, and lived out, because GOD is good; not because we are good.

So dear Saints of God, get up, smile, sing, dance and walk in newness of life, as all those great and holy saints have, because of Jesus, you are declared a saint, too!

In Partnership,

Mark Galbraith~ Intentional Interim Pastor

October 2021 Council Highlights

Confirmation for 7th & 8th graders will begin in January.

Pastor Mark and Saundra are looking into the possibility of having a zoom option for at least one session of the Divine Drama.

There will be a trunk or treat for all ages held on Sunday, October 31st from 12-1 pm. Walking tacos will be available for lunch for a free will donation. There will be a prize for best decorated vehicle.

The German Dinner for the Organ Restoration committee has been postponed. They are working on rescheduling to a later date.

For pastor appreciation month, Zion calendars (like those used by Altar Guild) will be mailed to pastors who have previously served at Zion.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30th, 2022.

Special Offering for November is SD Multicultural Ministries: Woyatan and Pine Ridge

Woyatan

Woyatan Lutheran is a diverse congregation in Rapid City focusing on ministry by and with Lakota people. This faith community invites and welcomes everyone. Woyatan Lutheran serves as vibrant place of worship Saturday evening and Sunday mornings for community members and residence of Community Alternatives of the Black Hills.

Pine Ridge

The ministry of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center fosters mutual trust, respect, and understanding, while addressing the deep poverty that exists on the reservation.

Noah's Park Preschool

Hello from Noah's Park!! - We have been preparing for

Halloween and doing all sorts of fall-themed activities! We have our apple orchard and pumpkin patch dramatic play area open and have been making spider crafts and candy corn torn paper art. I also picked up a really fun game where the children roll the dice and then try and complete the challenge on the activity card. It's been a big hit so far and will work well when it's too cold to go outside to play. We had our first show and tell of the school year, and it was a smashing success! I always like to see what they decide to bring because it's such a big decision! We had a great variety – from favorite books to toys and even some pheasant feathers! We're bringing back cooking day this year so the children are eagerly awaiting that along with pajama day!! I'm excited too! Happy Fall! ~Jami



Thank you for your continued giving!

Zion is 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 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

Primrose Cottages

Frances Wolff

Mother Joseph

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Charleen Hargens

Angelhaus

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Marge Rhodes

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California

Erna Schmierer

Colorado

Ella Aipperspach



Grateful for You!

- ☺ Thank you to all who helped pack and load LWR boxes. A special thanks to Norma Miller for organizing and scheduling a truck to haul the items.
- ☺ Thanks to all who helped Pastor Mark unload his U-Haul.
- ☺ Thank you to Glenn Denning, Wilma Zimmerman, and Lyle Chapin for placing new plastic coverings in the chancel.
- ☺ Thanks so much to all of those who made calls, brought bars, & volunteered their time for the October funerals at Zion.
- ☺ A big thanks to all the pastors: Anne Knighten, Ray Heidenson, Robin Schaunaman, Lon Kvanli, & Ann Fortin who filled in for pulpit supply in August and September; and Pastor Jeff Whillock for presiding at a baptism for a Zion family .
- ☺ Special thanks to Zion's prayer shawl group for giving shawls to all in need of prayer.

Pastor Mark's Installation



On Sunday, October 10th, we officially welcomed Pastor Mark Galbraith as Zion's interim minister.

He was installed at a special blended 9:30 AM worship service by Council President Jena German, and he shared with Zion members his vision for interim ministry for his time at Zion.

Following Pastor Mark's presentation, a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all through a potluck dinner. THANK YOU to all who made this day so special!

Organ Restoration Fundraiser

The Organ Committee will be taking orders for caramel & cinnamon rolls now through November 10th. Pickup will be on Saturday, November 13th from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Rolls can also be picked up on Sunday morning, November 14th, until 11:00 AM.

Cost for a single caramel roll is \$3.00, 1/2 dozen; \$15.00, dozen; \$30.00.

Cost for a single cinnamon roll is \$2.00, 1/2 dozen; \$10.00, dozen; \$20.00.

Get your orders in and help support this important fundraiser. Thanks!



Men's Pancake Breakfast

Join us Sunday, November 7th at 9:30 AM as the men of Zion prepare a breakfast of pancakes & French toast, sausage, milk, coffee, and water.

Come eat and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

Special thanks to the men of Zion!

The men serve breakfast the first Sunday of the month.



Freezer Meals

If you know of anyone in need of a meal, please stop in to the church office.

We will assist you in getting meals from the freezer to give out.



Pastor Mark's Office Hours and Contact Information

***Monday-Thursday – office hours** are 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. For all church business, emails, meetings, scheduling appts., etc., please call the church office or email me @ pastormark@nvc.net.

***Monday-Thursday outside office hours** for those "when-it-just-can't-wait moments, please email me at the above address or text/call my cell 360-325-2651.

*** Friday and Saturday – days off –** please reserve contacts for true emergencies only.

Faith and Family

Tree of Saints

\$5 PER ORNAMENT

ORNAMENTS WILL BE
CUSTOMIZED WITH YOUR
LOVED ONE'S NAME

Tree of Saints

This year, our youth will be putting up a Tree of Saints to remember all of our loved ones during this holiday season.

Ornaments are \$5 each and will be customized with your loved one's name; they then will be placed on the Tree of Saints at the back of the sanctuary and will be displayed through the Christmas season. You are welcome to take the ornaments home at any time, but we encourage you to leave them through the season.

Sales will start Sunday, November 28th and go through Sunday, December 19th. All proceeds from the ornament sales benefit the youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Youth Group

Join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for a time of fellowship, service, faith, and fun!

Both Middle School and High School students will meet together every Sunday from 9:45-10:30 AM in the Youth Room.



ELCA Youth Gathering

We have three students who will be attending the Youth Gathering next Summer in Minneapolis: Grace Schwan, Kaelyn Schutter, and Kaylee Efraimson. We ask that as they begin this journey towards Minneapolis that you will pray for them and support them in their efforts!



Starting this month, there will be a bulletin board set up with envelopes you can use to fund portions of the trip. There will also be a mileage container that you can donate dollars and loose change to help fund the gas cost to Minneapolis, as we have made the decision to take our church van for transportation purposes. Other fundraisers will be happening in the coming months!

For more information, please see the weekly bulletins and the bulletin board in the Narthex.

7&8 Grade Confirmation Classes

Wednesday evening confirmation classes with Pastor Mark will begin after the new year in January. 7th and 8th grade students and their families will be receiving a letter with the schedule for these classes soon.



Faith and Family

S'MORES WITH SAUNDRA

— 6:15 PM & 7:00 PM —

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
NORTH PARKING LOT



S'mores with Sandra

Join Pastoral Assistant Sandra for some yummy treats in the north parking lot on the following Sunday evenings:

November 7

November 21

6:15 PM Elementary youth—grades 3-5

7:00 PM Middle School & High School

Bring a friend, and don't forget to dress warm! Hotdogs will also be available to roast over the open flame for supper.

Progressive Suppers

Our next progressive supper will be on **Sunday, November 28th**. Open to middle and high school youth. **Bring a friend!**

This month will be a little different—it's cooking lessons! Meet at Zion at 4:30 PM, and Pastoral Assistant Sandra will be teaching and helping those who attend with the making of a meal to share together, including appetizers, dinner, and dessert.

There will not be a progressive supper in December.

THANK YOU to those who have already opened their homes to our youth! Progressive suppers are held on the last Sunday of the month, and we are always in need of hosts for either appetizers, dinner, or dessert. If you would be interested or would like some more information, please contact Sandra at the church office (225-6755).



Youth Room Update

We continue to make improvements to our youth space! During our youth group time, kids picked out several pieces of new furniture for their space (a couple of pieces are pictured to the left).

Next up is to paint some accent colors and continue to make the space feel welcoming and inviting!



Youth Fundraiser

The Youth committee are selling Christmas/Holiday wood rounds as a fundraiser. Proceeds from the sales will be used for youth programming and youth room updates. Sales will run through November 7. All signs will be made and ready for pickup by Sunday, November 28th, just in time to decorate for Christmas! There are four different designs and wording options, so you will be able to customize what you would like, including size! To order, complete an order form on the table in the narthex.

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Staff

Pastor Mark Galbraith.....Interim Pastor
 Saundra Anderson.....Pastoral Assistant
 Donna Steckler.....Business 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, church and unchurched, welcoming all into the family of God.

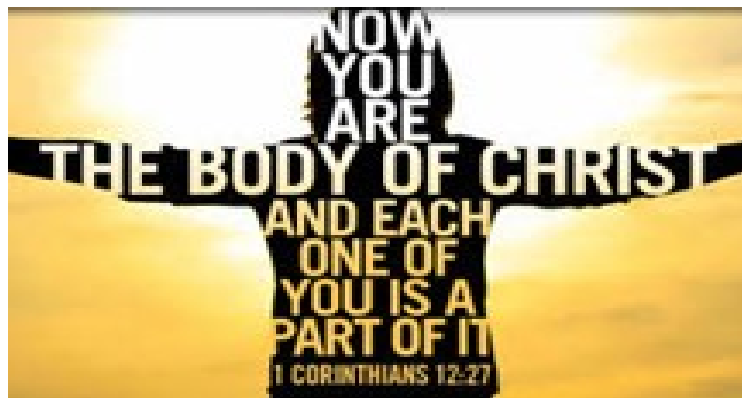
CHURCH COUNCIL

Officers / Executive Committee:

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

Council Representatives:

Kelly VanderWeyst.....Education
 Kathy Johnson.....Fellowship
 Vacant.....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 September 30, 2021

Monthly budgeted expenses: \$33,000.00

Actual September income: \$25,585.00

Actual September expenses: \$23,800.00

YTD budgeted expenses: \$264,000.00

Actual YTD income: \$266,407.00

Actual YTD expenses: \$276,461.00

ZION MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Darrell Sorensen
 Marvin Bucholz
 Karl\Sonya Kempf

For:

Organ Fund

From:

Ray\Marcie Andersh
 Organ Fund



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

Sponsor a Broadcast

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please see the sign up board by the restrooms or call the church office to pick your Sunday!

Thanks to our October sponsors: Robert & Janice Patterson; Elaine Schumacher & Norma Nielsen; Kathy Heffernan; Viola Tetherow; and the Zion Lutheran Church Women.

We have openings for the remainder of the year: December 12 & 26. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office to pick your Sunday! Thank you to those who have sponsored radio broadcasts this year!

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS NEEDED

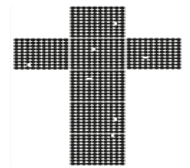
Call the office at
 225-6755 to sign up

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 \$110 for whole broadcast
 \$55 for half

Happenings at Zion

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation



"Because of God's Great Mercy" is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is I Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title "Because of God's Great Mercy." God has made us God's own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Zion is an important part of our Christian faith, and how Zion uses our offerings to do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to Zion by at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program that Zion already has in place for your giving.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation's life.

Baptisms



On Saturday, September 25th, we welcomed Octavia Rayne Sitter into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. The baptism was performed at Zion by Pastor Jeff Whillock from Bethlehem Lutheran. Octavia is the daughter of Jeremy and Ashley Sitter and sister to Katarina & Sklyr.



On Sunday, October 3rd, we welcomed Cailin Mirabel Pies into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Cailin was baptized at the 10:45 service by Pastor (and grandpa) Lon Kvanli. Cailin is the daughter of Dean and Kara Pies and sister to Linnea.

TAKING FAITH HOME

The *Taking Faith Home* sheets will now be available each week on a table in the Narthex. 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: facebook.com/zlcaberdeenyouth
Instagram: [@zlcaberdeensd](https://www.instagram.com/zlcaberdeensd)

CHURCH PHONE
225-6755

PASTOR MARK'S #
360-325-6328

Happenings at Zion

The Divine Drama

The Divine Drama begins this month! Classes are held every Sunday evening from 6:00-8:30 PM and on Monday mornings from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM. A fellowship time with snacks will begin a half hour before class. Materials are encouraged but not required to participate. Don't think you can make every meeting for 30 weeks? That is A-OK! You will still get a meaningful experience out of the time you are able to join in!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE DIVINE DRAMA

with Pastor Mark Galbraith



Zion Prayer Shawl Group

Thanks to our prayer shawl group: front (L to R) JoAnn Heiser and Trudy Didreckson; back (L to R), Lorraine Wasem, Sue Gates and Kathy Brumbaugh.

Special thanks to Trudy for the Thrivent Choice Dollars to use for purchasing yarn for the making of prayer shawls.

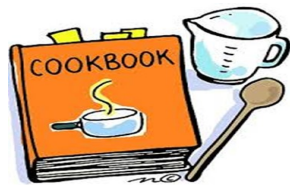
You ladies and these shawls are a blessing to all!

Thanks to all who have been a part of the prayer shawl group.

Organ Restoration Quilt winner

Congratulations to Gladys Melcher who won the quilt. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Presenting the quilt to Gladys is Ed Suchomel, organ committee member.



Cookbooks for Sale

Zion cookbooks are available! Cost for a cookbook is \$20, and all proceeds benefit Zion Youth programming. You can purchase your copies from the church office during the week.

Noisy Offering

We will collect noisy offering during the worship service during the offering time on the second Sunday of the month. Don't forget your coins!

A bucket will remain at the back of the sanctuary on the offering table for you to use to donate noisy (or quiet) offering on the other Sundays of the month.



Advent Decorating

The Christmas season is almost upon us! We will be decorating our building in celebration of Advent and Christmas on Sunday, November 21st at 12:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers of all ages who are willing to help put up trees, wreathes, nativity sets, etc. Lunch will be served to all helpers!

Worship Schedule

8:30 AM	Traditional worship with radio broadcast
9:30 AM	Fellowship hour
9:40 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Contemporary worship

We currently have two services available on Sunday mornings. Traditional worship will be held in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and can be heard on the radio on KSDN 930 AM and 102.1 FM. Praise Band-led contemporary worship will be at 10:45 a.m. Both services will feature a kids' time during the service. Sunday School is held in the Education wing upstairs in between services, starting at 9:40 AM.

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.

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 Mark or Pastoral Assistant Saundra know of your interest! We'd love to know if you're thinking about becoming a member. Or you can call the church at 225-6755 or by email: zion@nvc.net.



Lutheran World Relief Update

We will still take donations of sheets, hand soap & school supplies to be used for local charity and quilt making.

If you have questions about the LWR or quilting at Zion contact Norma Miller at 380-2599 or 605-439-3124. Thank you to all who have donated and helped in our efforts!

Quilt Sale

The Zion quilters will be selling some of their homemade quilts. On Sunday, November 7th, quilts will be on display in the sanctuary and then available for purchase on November 14th and 21st. Prices will be on the quilts. Please take a look at the quilts to see what you would like to purchase.

Lutheran World Relief Truck

We had our LWR truck here on October 1, 2021. It was a two-year collection of different kits from 16 churches in our conference. We charged .15 cents per pound. We used Midwest Motor Express, and they charged \$950.00 for the trailer. We shipped out 12,674 pounds. We collected \$2,071.69. We will send a check to LWR for \$1,103.34.

Our church had 739 pounds @ .15 for a total of \$110.85

We had: 100 quilts from 2020 - 100 quilts for 2021

25 baby kits - 9 personal care kits - 9 school supply kits

We took the left over children's clothing, hand towels and toothbrushes to Journey Home. The school supplies will go to the school drive within our church for later!

Thanks to the following who helped to load the truck: Jerry Gehring, Dennis Beusch, Ron Kost, Mike Brumbaugh, Dean Click, Kacie Miller, Scott Geffre, Lyle\Lois Chapin, Deb Hardy & Kathy Heffernan.

Organ Restoration Update

The Organ Restoration Committee has good news to report! We have raised the initial \$50,000 cash necessary to begin this project. Many generous donors helped us reach that goal. Our cash on hand currently is \$54,002.38.

Now, we are working on raising the remaining project cost through pledges. We currently have commitments of \$50,926.24, leaving a balance of \$104,928.62 needed to cover the repairs and restoration. We hope you have been prayerfully considering your support to our Organ Restoration project. We ask if you have not yet returned a pledge card for this project to please get yours in as soon as possible. This will give us the opportunity to assess where we are at in the fundraising process and to make calls to those who have not returned a pledge card. Thank you so much for your support!

Organ Committee Members

Zachary Anderson: 252-1229; Sue Gates: 290-1684; Nicole Kempf: 228-5218; Sonya Kempf: 228-2490; Sharon Stroschein: 228-1299; Ed Suchomel: 380-6375; Millie Suchomel: 380-6373

Organ Restoration German Dinner

The German Dinner that was going to be held in October was postponed; the new date for the event is Sunday, December 12th from 4-7 PM. Details about this event will be made available in the coming weeks through the announcements and Zion's social media pages. Stay tuned!

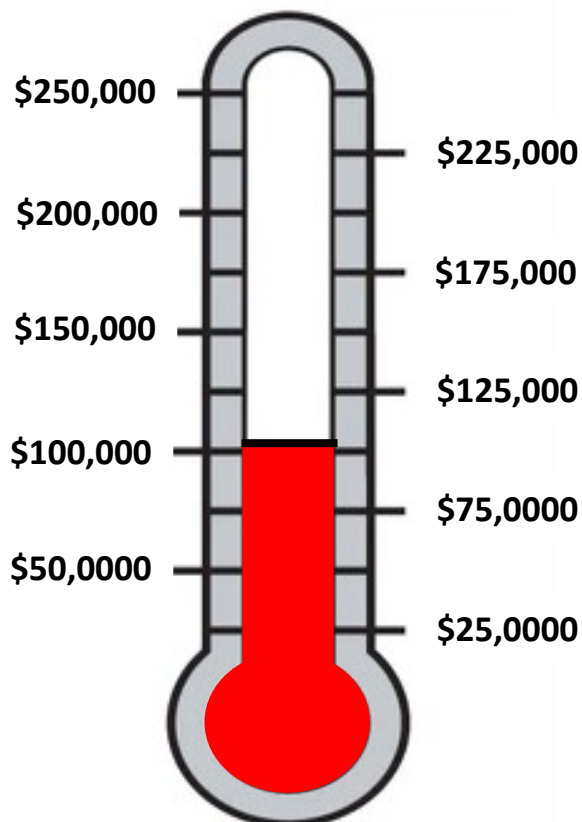
Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$54,002.38

Unpaid pledges - \$50,926.24

Total project funds - \$104,928.62

Our Goal: \$250,000



Remaining pledge amount needed
\$145,071.38



common grounds

JOIN THE COUNCIL FOR COMMON GROUNDS

Members of the Zion council will hold a monthly open forum called "**Common Grounds**" to encourage discussion of recent council items and how the congregation is carrying out our vision for mission. Our next Common Grounds will be **Sunday, November 7th at 9:45** in the fellowship hall.

Bring your coffee and snacks, and spend some time with your leaders!

IN THE
WORKS

Advent Worship Services

Plans are in the works for Wednesday evening Advent worship services, starting December 1st. Plans are also in the works for Christmas Eve worship services, as well. As soon as details are finalized, we will share this information with you through the announcements, social media, and the December newsletter!